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BIG COMPANIES ABSENT AT WINSTON GATHERING OF TOBACCO PRODUCERS

Three Thousand Farmers Hear No Explanation of Low Prices—Gov. McLean Not There—Tam C. Bowie and Frank Linney Principal Speakers—Talk of Price Fixing—One Uninvited Speech—W. B. Taylor Independent Tobacco Manufacturer, Leads Off—Tam Bowie is Suggested As Governor—Linney Talks Well.

Winston-Salem, Oct. 15.—Out of the several outlying hill counties about friends descended upon Winston-Salem today with hopes of hearing representatives of the leading tobacco companies explain why their buyers were getting this year's crop at such low prices. Such hopes died quickly, although a bit reluctantly, as request after request for their appearance thundered out into the crowd on the Liberty warehouse floor to gain no inkling of response.

The tobacco companies' representatives along with the specially invited governor and candidate for governor were all conspicuous by their absence.

In their stead were Tam C. Bowie, former Jefferson judge, and Frank Linney, who both spoke at length to the farmers with honeyed words, the latter warming up right enthusiastically in his discussion of fixing prices.

And also in their place, one might say, was W. B. Taylor, president of the Taylor Brothers Tobacco Manufacturing Co. who climbed aboard the stand on the rear of the tobacco truck for an uninvited, although much applauded, speech.

His talk, coming several minutes before the meeting had been called to order, was crammed full of political, economic and spiritual advice, the core of which was co-operation among the farmers in decreasing their tobacco acreage.

Mr. Taylor was interrupted by the appearance of the men who were running the meeting along with their chairman, M. O. Jones, who was calling for a minister to sound the invocation.

Following a few preliminaries, in which H. McGee, of Germantown, was elected permanent chairman with N. E. Pepper, of Danbury, secretary, the meeting got underway.

Telegrams were read from two of the five tobacco companies invited to send representatives, the American Tobacco company wiring that the matter would be referred to their officers, while R. J. Reynolds company informed the farmers that they would be glad to have a representative meet with a "farmers committee." The Imperial, Export and Liggett-Myers companies made no reply to the invitations.

Tam Bowie was then introduced by O. E. Snow, Pilot Mountain attorney, and speedily began sympathizing with the farmers. Mr. Bowie admitted that he knew little about tobacco farming or its problems, but went on to say that, in general, all farmers were touched with the same problems.

His principal advice was the selection of more capable representatives in their government, both county, state and nation, holding up to them deeply studied legislation for the farmers as a final solution of their problems.

His address was well received, hearty applause being brought forth on more than one occasion, but it was not listened to with near the rapt attention as that which met the subsequent talk of Frank Linney, who in his first few sentences explained that he was speaking as an individual and not as a federal officeholder.

Following a few remarks about the law against price-fixing, and an explanation of the legal steps to be taken in action under the provisions of the Sherman Anti-trust law, Mr. Linney strode straight away into the question of the guilt of the tobacco interests along that line.

While never for a moment openly accusing the tobacco interests of such practices, his illustrations and intimations were of such character as to cloud the farmers' minds with no doubt as to his own opinion about such matters.

He roundly rapped the cries of overproduction by the tobacco interests, saying that more sins had been committed in the name of over-production than any other word he knew.

Mr. Linney suggested reorganization of agriculture so as to detect price-fixing and find markets for goods as well as increase production.

"The best remedy, he continued, "is to go in for a living price, and if you can't gain that by supplication, it is our power to create by law a force that will give you what you need."

The meeting was not without political expressions, prominent Republican joining with insurgent Democrats as Mr. Linney closed his speech with the words that brought the most hearty round of cheers. Regretful of Mr. Gardner's refusal to attend the meeting, Mr. Linney had stated: "We would like to know what he thinks about tobacco, and if he doesn't think that we might have Tam for our next governor."

Following short talks by W. Reade Johnson, Winston-Salem attorney, and John Folger, assemblyman from Mt. Airy, five names were added to the executive committee, these being John Folger, W. Reade Johnson, Tam C. Bowie, Frank E. Linney and R. W. H. Stone, Greensboro. The original committee was made up of N. E. Pepper, J. L. Christian, J. C. Frans, H. McGee and M. O. Jones.

A call for contributions to finance the work of the committee was generously responded to by scores of the farmers present.

The meeting was then adjourned until 2 o'clock in the afternoon, when about two-thirds of the crowd returned.

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TO LET CONTRACT FOR SCHOOL HOUSE

Board of Education Calls For Bids On Building For Sandy Ridge—Award Contract Oct. 31st.

The Stokes Board of Education announces that bids will be received up to Oct. 31st for the construction of a school building at Sandy Ridge.

Specifications for the building are now on file in the office of the county Supt. of Schools.

News and Personals Of Walnut Cove

Walnut Cove, Oct. 19.—Dr. C. J. Helsabeck and small son, Joe, spent the week end in Richmond, and was accompanied home by his mother, who has been visiting her son.

Misses Blanche Boyles and Eunice Isom, students of the Guilford hospital in High Point, spent Sunday here with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Fowler and little son spent the week end here with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fowler.

Friends will be glad to learn that Mr. Jim Voss, who has been seriously ill, has returned home from the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Williams and daughters, Carrie and Mary Sue, attended the funeral Sunday of Mrs. Williams' niece of Madison.

Mr. and Mrs. John Redmon gave a surprise birthday dinner in honor of their son Troy, Sunday. A large number of relatives and friends attended.

Misses Claudia, Bertha, Annie Kate and Evelyn Neal spent the week end here with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore and daughter, Marie, of High Point, spent Sunday here visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Myers recently moved to Winston-Salem.

Friends will be glad to learn that Mr. C. M. Jones has returned home from the Baptist hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Blum and little daughter, Peggy Jane, spent the week end here with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mitchell.

Mrs. Johnson, of Quaker Cap, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. J. Helsabeck, here.

Friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. Joe Isom has returned home from the city hospital after a serious operation.

Mrs. John Fulton, of Winston-Salem, was visiting relatives here Sunday.

The B. Y. P. U. will give a social Friday night at the school auditorium. All members are urged to attend.

Mr. John Bailey is seriously ill with pneumonia at the Burton hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Adams spent the week end here with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morefield.

Funeral Services For Mr. Petree

Funeral services for Francis E. Petree, 78, who passed away Wednesday of last week at the home on Germantown Route 1, were held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Corinth church of Christ. Rev. W. L. Reeves and Rev. R. A. Helsabeck conducted the services. Interment was made in the church graveyard. Grandsons of the deceased acted as pallbearers.

WILSON MARKET AVERAGES \$28.83

Greenville Gets \$27.22 For Tobacco, Rocky Mount \$23.20, Goldsboro \$22.01, Winston-Salem \$21.07—Wilson Handles Most Pounds.

Wilson, Oct. 18.—Tobacco prices here Monday made an average of \$28.83 per hundred weight and 1,447,728 pounds of the bright golden weed were sold. Receipts for the day almost reached the half million dollar mark and swelled the season's gross receipts to more than seven and a half million dollars. Many of the growers were paid averages ranging upwards of \$70 per hundred for their offerings of the day.

Unofficial sales figures show that thus far this season 37,943,192 pounds have been sold, for which the growers received \$7,577,523.92 or an average price of more than \$20 per hundred pounds.

AVERAGE AT GREENVILLE \$27.22

Greenville, Oct. 18.—The local tobacco market reached the peak of the season on yesterday in price when 1,088,520 pounds sold for \$296,326.64, an average of \$27.22, which is about two cents above the average for any day since the opening of the market. According to statement of K. W. Cobb, secretary to the tobacco board of trade, today's average may exceed that of yesterday.

AVERAGE OF \$23.20 AT ROCKY MOUNT

Rocky Mount, Oct. 18.—The highest average price of the season was recorded on the Rocky Mount tobacco market yesterday when offerings were heavier than any other day except the opening sale early last month.

A total of 707,960 pounds was sold here yesterday, according to official figures announced today by J. L. Farmer, secretary of the tobacco board of trade.

The heavy offerings, which resulted in a block, brought \$164,254.06, or a general average of \$23.20.

\$22 WAS RECORDED AT GOLDSBORO

Goldsboro, Oct. 18.—Sales on the three floors of the Goldsboro tobacco market on last Wednesday averaged \$22.61 per hundred. Last Friday's sales were 211,186 pounds, said to be as large a sale as ever recorded here except on days of the opening week. The total sales for last week was 576,398 pounds for which was paid \$109,948.20.

Sales through last week totaled 4,256,592 pounds for which was paid \$678,062.91. The big breaks here so far this week indicate that the total might not be far short of five million pounds by the end of the week.

WINSTON-SALEM MARKET GOT \$21.07

Winston-Salem, Oct. 18.—The highest average price for tobacco for this season was paid on the market yesterday, (Monday) when 962,148 pounds brought \$209,319.38, an average price of \$21.07. The most popular price for the better grades was 30 cents, few piles running above that figure.

MOORE'S KNOB HIGHEST POINT

U. S. Geological Survey Says Pilot Mountain is Considerable Lower Than High Peak In Stokes.

The following bit of information given out by the U. S. Coast and Geological Survey to the Stokes County Chamber of Commerce will be of interest to some people of this section.

Washington, D. C., Sec. Chamber Commerce, Stokes County.

Dear Sir: In reply to your letter of Oct. 1st, I take pleasure in informing you that the elevation of our station on Moore's Knob is 2572 feet above mean sea level. The elevation of Pilot Mountain is 2415 feet. These are the only two elevations in your immediate section whose elevations have been determined by this bureau.

This office will be glad to be of further service to you at any time.

Yours truly, R. L. FAIRS, Acting Director.

To Discuss Leaf Prices With Reynolds Co.

Winston-Salem, Oct. 17.—The executive committee, chosen by tobacco growers at their mass meeting held here Saturday, of which J. L. Christian, of Stokes county, is chairman, is scheduled to meet here this week, when a committee from the executive board is expected to confer with one or more representatives of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company about leaf tobacco prices which the growers contend is below the cost of production.

The Reynolds company has consented to meet the committee and discuss matters.

Robert Lawson Held For Assault

Robert Lawson, of Lawsonville, charged with assaulting Joel Lawson, of the same community, last Sunday, was given a preliminary hearing here Monday before Justice N. A. Martin and placed under a \$250 bond for his appearance at the fall term of Superior court.

D. H. Carter Resigns As Member Road Board

D. H. Carter, of Pine Hall, who has been serving as a member of the Stokes County Highway Commission for a year or more, has tendered his resignation. Mr. Carter's successor has not been appointed at this time.

Sees Political Uprising If Coolidge Is Named

Madison, Wis., Oct. 19.—A political uprising in the middle west, "which will assume the proportions of a revolution," should the Republican party nominate a man whose views on the McNary-Haugen bill are the same as those of President Coolidge, was predicted by Senator Thomas J. Walsh, Montana, in an interview here today.

The weed being offered now has less of the poorer grades than were seen on the opening days. These grades are still going at one, two and three cents per pound.

HEAVY DOCKET FOR STOKES COURT

Only A Few Sentences Have Been Imposed So Far—Schools Given Boost By Fines—Term May Continue To Saturday—Homicide Case Continued Until Next Term.

With 134 cases on the docket to begin with and more being added by the grandjury each day, Stokes Superior court, with Judge T. J. Shaw and Solicitor J. F. Spruill in charge, is having a busy week. The first three days of the court have seen unusually large crowds in attendance.

The grandjury is also a very busy body and is finding a great many true bills. The following named gentlemen compose that body: G. F. Stone, foreman; L. J. Fowler, S. F. Hill, A. E. Southern, Foy Hartgrove, J. C. Amos, E. L. Dillon, J. T. Stephens, W. E. Lackey, J. R. Bennett, Judson Spainhour, T. O. Mickey, D. C. Cromer, J. R. Rhodes, C. S. Martin, E. L. Bullin, J. M. Vaden and S. J. Chapman.

Probably not more than half the cases on the docket have been heard at this time and it is likely that the court will continue in session until Saturday sometime.

The homicide case against Younger Owens, Dewey McDaniel and John Johnson, charged with responsibility for the death of Miss Sue Brown in an automobile accident near King some months since, was postponed on account of the fact that Miss Nettie Johnson, who was injured in the wreck, is still confined in a hospital and unable to attend court.

A considerable number of defendants who have been found guilty have not been sentenced but are being held in the county jail. The schools have been given quite a boost by the fines imposed.

Up to Wednesday the following cases had been heard by the court.

Burrell Overby, breaking and entering and larceny, guilty, judgment pending.

Charlie Taylor, operating car while under influence of liquor, sentenced to road for term of three months.

Will Brim, assault with deadly weapon, given suspended sentence of two years on road, and fined \$20 and cost.

Gaston, Ham and Reid Shelton and Frank Dodson, affray, fined \$100 each and cost.

Noah Mabe, affray and transporting, sentenced to five months on road.

Percy Morris, col., manufacturing liquor, guilty, judgment pending.

Oscar Gerry, operating car while under influence of liquor, judgment pending.

Luz and Hard James, affray, guilty, judgment pending.

Roy and Monroe Jackson, affray, fined \$20 each and cost.

Lester and Charlie Boies, affray, Lester fined \$35, Chas. fined \$30, and half cost each.

Bob Ziglar, retailing liquor, not guilty.

Hard James, operating car while intoxicated, guilty, judgment pending.

Geo. Fulton, col., manufacturing liquor, not guilty.

Nume Vaughn, col., manufacturing liquor, two cases, guilty, judgment pending.

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