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NINE MILLION TO BE PAID MEMBERS

War Finance Chairman Invited to be Present at Distribution
Lexington, Ky., May 6.—Growers of tobacco in Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio, who are members of the Burley Growers' Co-operative association, will receive May 20 another payment of approximately \$9,000,000 on their crops which they delivered to receiving plants of the association, the second payment to be of the same amount as the first, according to the decision of the board of directors of the association this week.

The manner of delivery of the checks to the growers is left to the directors in each district, to whom all the checks for growers in his district will be sent.

It is expected to make Saturday, May 20, a day of jollification in the district, with speeches at public meetings in most cases, followed by the delivery of the checks to the growers.

These details, however, are left to the discretion of the director in each district and no uniform method of delivery has yet been agreed upon. Each director will announce to the county papers the time and method of distribution to be followed in his district.

After thorough discussion of the outlook, with a review of sales already made and some others in immediate prospect, the directors were told that they could assure their constituents that those who had joined the association would receive more net money per pound for their tobacco than those paying expenses and the payments on the warehouses which are to be deeded to the association by June 15.

It is expected that the drive for new members will be started on the day of the second distribution and kept up for the following week, with the idea of signing up the organized part of the burley district 100 per cent strong. Clifton Roden reported favorable results in West Virginia, and Tennessee also is to be visited.

The directors adopted unanimously a resolution inviting Eugene Moyer, Jr., chairman of the war finance corporation, to come to Lexington and address a big meeting of the citizens of this section of the State at a date toward the last of May suiting his convenience.

Mr. Meyer will be in Atlanta about May 23, and it is planned to have him come to Lexington May 25 or 26, if he can come. Judge Robert W. Bingham, of Louisville, was appointed a committee of one to tender the invitation on behalf of the board.

Director of Warehouses, Ralph M. Barker reported to the board on his work so far in agreeing upon valuations for final taking over the warehouses, saying that in all but two cases no arbitration had been necessary, and in those two cases he had not been able to see the owners as yet. Some of the directors inquired what was being done in regard to the prosecution of violators of the marketing contract who had sold their crops outside the association. They were informed by President James C. Stone that cases would soon be filed against the contract breakers. It developed that opponents of the association in southern Indiana have been circulating a report to the effect that the association had filed suits and had lost them in the courts here. The directors were informed that no suits have yet been filed.

Fruit Crop Safe in Sandhills Country

Southern Pines, May 6.—Never in the history of the Sandhills country was the fruit outlook as promising as it is this evening. The crop has passed all danger of damage from weather conditions unless perhaps a local hailstorm might catch some of it, which would be of consequence only in the section visited. The trees are set full of fruit, and the growth already is up to the record. The new trees that are coming into bearing this spring will increase the total shipment of peaches probably twenty-five per cent. Selling arrangements are completed, with the prospects of the best market ever known in the district.

The dewberries are in the same excellent condition, with the fruit a full crop, and about half grown now.

Plans for new orchards are many, and money from outside the State as well as within the State is coming freely for orchard investment in all the territory around Aberdeen, Southern Pines and Pinehurst.

CAMPAIGN IN FIFTH DISTRICT

Mrs. Patterson Considers it an Honor to Run Against Major Stedman—Will be no Joint Discussion of Issues

Greensboro, April 29.—The Executive Committee of the Fifth District for the Republican party met in Greensboro on Friday with Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, of Winston-Salem, the recently chosen candidate for Congress in this district, and laid preliminary plans for a thorough campaign by the first woman candidate for the job North Carolina has ever had.

Mrs. Patterson is going into the fight with all her energy and enthusiasm. She will make a large number of speeches, and will endeavor to cover the entire district. She is approaching the campaign with delight, she said, and she welcomes the opportunity to work actively and in person for matters that she deems of vital importance.

The committee confined its meeting to a discussion of the coming campaign, and a call for another meeting in Greensboro. At that meeting more definite plans for the campaign will be made.

Besides Mrs. Patterson those attending the meeting were: Mrs. Alice Joyce Nutt, of Greensboro, C. M. Jones, of Stokes county; O. B. Webb, of Surry county; J. R. Joyce, of Reidsville; J. T. Salmon, of Durham; A. F. Young, of Forsyth county.

"I do want to say that I consider it an honor to run against so fine and honorable a gentleman as Major Stedman," Mrs. Patterson said after the meeting. "I have known him for a long time and there is not a more splendid man anywhere. The very fact that he is in the campaign will insure the high plane on which it will be conducted and I welcome such a fight."

Mrs. Patterson said there was no possibility of a joint debate between her and Major Stedman. "I don't think it would do any good," she said. "In fact, I believe it might easily do harm to both sides. But of course I plan to speak all over the district. I want to go everywhere and meet as many of the people as possible. That will come later. It is too soon for that now."

Looks Like Landslide for Tobacco Marketing

Raleigh, May 6.—A landslide in favor of cooperative marketing of tobacco has started in Eastern North Carolina, according to Dr. J. Y. Joyner, director of the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association who is accompanying President G. A. Norwood and T. S. Ragsdale on a campaign among the farmers and business men of Eastern Carolina.

A telegram from James C. Stone, President of the Kentucky Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association, reaching Raleigh headquarters of the Carolina-Virginia Association this week, stated that during the month of February sales of the organized growers through the Burley Association averaged twenty-nine dollars per hundred pounds, as compared with the average of twenty dollars and two cents unorganized growers on the auction floors of Kentucky.

Reports to headquarters here from Dr. Joyner tell of enthusiastic conferences of business men at Chadbourne, Fairbluff, and Proctorville. The business men of Lumberton, pledging active support of the cooperative marketing movement pledged their aid in the canvass for new members.

Two hundred business men of Rowland and Fairmont, the leading tobacco market of Robeson county unanimously endorsed the movement pledged an active canvass for members and will furnish all necessary facilities. With three-hundred farmers and the leading business men of Spring Hope present a special committee was appointed to carry on the campaign for a large majority sign-up in that community.

All places of business at Nashville, were closed for yesterday's meeting, which overflowed the court house resulting in the decision of Nashville business men to build warehousing facilities to lease to the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association.

The Beauty of the House is Order; The Blessing of the House is Contentment;

The Glory of the House is Hospitality;

The Crown of the House is Godliness. Amen.

ROAD PROGRAM IS 200 MILES AHEAD OF PLAN

Bids to be Opened May 25 For 171 Miles in Seven of the Road Districts

Raleigh, May 6.—The state highway commission conference Friday and today with Southern railway and other roads relative to eliminating grade crossings, got far enough to arrange a conference Wednesday of next week at Cary when the crossing in that place will be discussed.

The Southern presented a distressful story of hard times without bragging about it. It has 7,000 miles of track in the 13 states which it traverses. If it had sixteen millions of ready money and the public an equal amount, grade crossings would be abolished by it in a year and all other roads similarly blessed would do the same, the Southern officials declared.

But money is tight. The highway commission is following the Supreme court lead in requiring the roads to pay half the cost of these grade crossings. For that reason the highways cross tracks as seldom as possible. There will be a survey Wednesday of next week at Cary.

While discussing other things today the commission dropped the glad news that it is 200 miles ahead of its half-way mark on the 1,000-mile program for this year.

Bids for roads in the first, third, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth districts May 25 will call for 171 miles of which 101 is for hard surface. This will represent at the end of the fifth month 600 miles for the year, more than three-fifths of the projected work.

This will be the biggest award, 18 projects in all, costing in round numbers \$3,000,000. It will bring the total to \$9,900,000.

HIGH POINT BANK CLOSED

Shortage of Approximately \$102,000 Revealed by Audits

High Point, May 5.—Following the discovery of an additional shortage of \$35,000 in the accounts of the Home Banking Company, the doors of the institution were closed today by Clarence Latham, chief State bank examiner. The investigation being made at the instance of the bank examiner has now revealed missing funds to the amount of approximately \$102,000 and the audit is far from being completed, it is announced.

Mr. Latham ordered the arrest of Basil H. Hedgecock, cashier of the bank, Tuesday at which time the auditors had shown a shortage of over \$67,000. At that time three of the strongest men behind the bank gave a \$100,000 bond, which it was believed at the time, would cover all the losses. Hedgecock, who is said to have made a written confession at the time he was relieved of his duties, turned over to the bank property and guaranty bonds worth about \$45,000. This is still sufficient to protect the depositors, Mr. Latham says, if no other large amount is found missing.

When it became rumored yesterday that the known shortage had increased considerably, there was a mild run on the bank, which resulted in the doors being closed today.

Hedgecock who has been trying to make the \$45,000 since his arrest Tuesday night was placed behind the bars for the first time this afternoon. He spent the last three nights in local hotels in company with a police officer, but this morning Prosecuting Attorney T. W. Albertson issued instructions that he be put in jail to insure his safe keeping. He was carried to Greensboro, where he might confer with his attorneys, and locked up in the county jail there. He will be brought to High Point in the morning for his preliminary trial.

The audit of the books was not begun at the request of the bank's officials, as was at first reported but was the result of discoveries made by the bank examiner's force. Herbert Newbold, assistant bank examiner was sent here by his chief on April 19 and unearthed a shortage in the accounts, according to Chief Examiner Latham.

Mr. Latham stated today that he had tried every way in the world to keep from closing the bank, but that at last it became necessary to do so.

The Home Banking Company was capitalized at \$30,000 with deposits of approximately \$200,000, according to its last report.

A fellow takes a girl a bunch of flowers now and she's got to keep a bee to find out whether they're real or not.

WOMEN ARE ACCORDED RECOGNITION

Methodist Quadrennial Assembly Refuses to Lift Prohibition of Tobacco as to Young Ministers

Hot Springs, Ark., May 6.—The first legislation enacted at this session of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, was that adopted today when the conference declared the president of the Woman's Missionary society in the local churches becomes a member of the quarterly conference of the church.

The church also went on record as strong against educational features as qualifications for ministers since a bill providing that every applicant for admission on trial must have spent at least two years in a college was rejected. This memorial was reported adversely by the committee on revisions and the conference was almost unanimous in its verdict.

The request of certain members from Texas to remove the prohibition against tobacco by young preachers was not permitted by the general conference. The committee reported adversely on the proposal, and it was defeated by a wholesome majority.

Other items which were rejected as proposed were:

To prohibit district conference from fixing the salaries of presiding elders on a percentage basis and force them to specify a fixed sum.

To require churches to pay the moving expenses of the pastors:

To abolish the ad interim committee of the district conference which may license persons to preach:

To name a commission to study the matter of pastor's salary with a view of fixing the minimum for married and unmarried preachers.

One of the conflicts of the coming week will be the matter of the disbursement of the funds remaining from the activities of the war work commission. This commission has several hundred thousands of dollars unspent, and the amount will be increased from the Centenary collections.

The war work commission has made no report but is in favor of spending the money to erect churches or dormitories in connection with the state universities. This program seems likely to be challenged by the committee on education which will insist that a part of the money be used for churches or dormitories in connection with certain colleges of the church.

Undertaker is Holding Corpse

Laurinburg, May 5.—No difficulty will be laid in the way of relatives or friends of Conceppe Formita, 22-year old Italian, clubbed to death with a tent spike just across the South Carolina line 13 years ago yesterday, when they come here to claim his body. All that is needed will be \$135 to pay for embalming him, and for storage that has piled up against him.

D. A. McDougald, owner of the undertaking establishment where the body has been in storage all these years, will be more than glad to part with him. Conceppe wore out his welcome the day after he was brought here, and his relatives refused to pay for his funeral. His father did come down and enter into negotiations with Mr. McDougald, but he was unwilling or unable to pay.

It took Mr. McDougald three days to locate the young man's parents after the carnival management had brought him here. Two weeks later the father came to Laurinburg, and wanted Mr. McDougald to bury the body in the potter's field here, and refused to pay anything. Whereupon Mr. McDougald refused to bury the body, but did agree in writing with the father to hold it until it was called for. He made a payment of \$20.

The father went away and has not been heard from since. Some days ago letters were received from the Italian consulate in Philadelphia asking after the body, and Mr. McDougald has advised the Italian authorities that it is here, in perfect condition, and ready for immediate delivery upon the payment of the embalming charges, plus the accrued storage charges.

Laurinburg has never been greatly shocked over the proceeding, and it has gotten entirely accustomed to looking at Conceppe as he keeps his lonely vigil in the storage room of the undertaking shop. He is visible through the window, and can be seen, if one knows where to look, from passing trains. He looks thoroughly natural, except for the fact that the skin has turned appreciably darker.

FLOOD CREATES SEA 100 MILES LONG

Several Parishes in Louisiana Being Entirely Covered by Backwater

New Orleans, May 4.—Reports from the flood area of Louisiana today state that swollen streams in the northern part of the state, augmented by water pouring through the Ferriday crevasse from the Mississippi, are gradually inundating Caldwell, Quachita, Franklin, Natchitoches and La Salle parishes, and that the great inland sea, now more than one hundred miles long has reached the southern corporate limits of Monroe, less than forty miles south of the Arkansas line.

In addition, water continues to spread in those parishes already partially submerged, reports from Catahoula, Tensas, Aveyellan and Rapides indicating that the water is rising at the rate of two and three inches a day and continually spreading over more territory, driving more and more residents into the Red Cross, refugee camps or into the hills where an open air existence is made almost intolerable by the incessant rains so general over the flooded area.

All lowlands adjacent to the Quachita, Tensas, Red, Little and Black rivers, which center in the Quachita valley, in the vicinity of Harrisonburg, have been flooded for several days.

Water pouring through the Ferriday crevasse across Concordia parish which is entirely flooded with the exception of the town of Vidalia, around which a protection levee was built, is preventing these rivers from emptying, and as a result backwater is spreading rapidly in many sections believed previously to be immune from floods. The rise is particularly rapid along the Quachita river.

Although the water is now lapping at the outskirts of Monroe, it is stated the flood will not enter the city proper unless there is a break in the Mississippi levee between Arkansas city and Lake village, Arkansas.

The Quachita river has inundated the levees at Logtown, in the southern part of Quachita Parish, flooding a wide stretch of territory. The residential district of Columbia, Caldwell Parish, is flooded, but the business district has not been reached.

Schools have closed down in various parts of Caldwell, Franklin and other parishes. Preparations to meet still greater floods are proceeding through the entire section. Thousands of herds of cattle are being moved to the hills. Henry E. Turner, a well-known lumberman of Urena, has tendered the use of his game preserve of seven thousand acres in the western hills of Caldwell Parish for a livestock range as long as the flood prevails.

No loss of life has been reported since the two negroes were swept into the Texas river and drowned in Concordia Parish last week. Slow rise of backwater has given all ample warnings an opportunity to escape.

\$490,000 Purse is Offered to Dempsey and Carpentier

Paris, May 6.—A purse of \$490,000 seventy-five per cent. to go to the winner and 25 per cent. to the loser, was offered Jack Dempsey, world champion boxer, this afternoon for a return match with Georges Carpentier, the European champion, to be held in Pershing stadium sometime next autumn.

Correspondents were present in a hotel room here when Lewis Verande, representing a group of French financiers, made the offer to Dempsey. He also offered the champion \$10,000 a week to sign a six weeks' contract to appear in the largest music hall in Paris.

Georges Carpentier is an overwhelming favorite in the betting as his match with Ted Lewis approaches, odds of four or five to one being offered on the straight result, with no takers. Lewis' backers are desirous of betting even money that their man stays longer than the Australian, Cook, whom Georges knocked out in the fourth round, but Carpentier's followers are unwilling to take this chance.

\$435,000 Inheritance Tax Expected From Watts Estate

Raleigh, May 6.—At tax headquarters today it was estimated that the inheritance tax from the George W. Watts estate, Durham, would total \$435,000. How much larger, if any, this will be than the J. W. Cannon estate turns in, nobody seems to know. The state lost two of its richest men last year, Mr. Watts dying near the close of the legislature and Mr. Cannon during the special session.

FAMOUS ONE-GUN MAN IS TOO SLOW ON DRAW

Bud Ballew Shot and Killed in Texas by Police Chief, a Former Ranger

Wichita Falls, Texas, May 6.—Former Deputy Sheriff Bud Ballew, participant in numerous gun fights during his career as a law officer, and wounded on one or two occasions, was shot and killed Friday when police visited Domino Parlor, where a disturbance was reported to be in progress.

J. W. McCormack, former state ranger and now chief of police, who surrendered after the shooting, said he fired as Ballew was reaching for his gun. One of the five shots fired entered Ballew's head.

Two pistols were found on Ballew's body, one of 45 calibre, silver mounted and engraved with what appeared to be six notches cut under the barrel. The other was an unadorned 44 calibre.

Attorneys for McCormack waived an examination trial and his bond was set at \$10,000. Fifteen names were affixed to the bond and McCormack was released.

Famous as a Gun-Fighter in Southwest's Bad Days

Ardmore, Okla., May 6.—Bud Ballew, known for years as one of the fastest and one of the most fearless one gun men of the southwest, was borne home last night in an airplane, the victim of a man who beat him to the draw.

Ballew, former deputy sheriff here, the notches on whose gun bore testimony that he had killed at least eight men, and had been the victim of countless other gun fights, was reputed for his quickness on the draw in the early days of outlawry in the southwest.

Friday, J. W. McCormack, former Texas ranger, and now Chief of Police at Wichita Falls, Texas, drew and fired first.

"Bud took in too much territory and for once was too slow, on the draw," was the opinion expressed by many here last night.

Ballew's prowess with a six-shooter was reputed in this section as second only to that of his chief, former Sheriff Buck Garrett, under whom Ballew served as a deputy 10 years until Garrett was ousted from office several months ago. He was feared among the outlaws of the oil fields and cattle country in the early days when this section of the state was headquarters for notorious outlaws.

Ballew was afraid of only one man and that was his chief, Buck Garrett. When Bud went on a rampage here and in surrounding towns it was usually Buck Garrett that took away his guns.

About two weeks ago, while Ballew was still limping about he shot up two towns near here in daylight.

During the trial of Clara Smith Hamon for the killing of Jake L. Hamon, Republican national committeeman from Oklahoma, Bud was appointed by Garrett as the personal body guard of the defendant.

The night Clara Smith Hamon was acquitted a dinner was given by the defense and to celebrate the victory Bud shot holes in the ceiling of the restaurant, according to some of those present.

Ballew had a permit from the governor to carry a gun.

161,000 Acres are Planted to Watermelons This Year

Washington, May 6.—The acreage planted to watermelons in early producing states this year totals 161,000 acres in nine states as compared with 109,800 harvested acres in 1921, according to estimates made public by the United States department of agriculture. This is an increase of 47 per cent.

Georgia has 57,300 acres this year, a gain of 52 per cent. over the harvested acreage last year. Texas has 37,400 acres, or 29 per cent. more than in 1921. Florida has 35,400 acres, a gain of 89 per cent. Acreages have also increased in South Carolina, Alabama, New Mexico, Arizona and southern California.

A small decrease was shown in North Carolina.

The more editors write of short skirts the shorter they seem to get. But perhaps that is the reason we write.

Some people complain that they never get their just deserts, and yet if they did they would howl to beat the band.