

Judge Meekins Signs Order Placing Co-op in Receivership

Co-operative Marketing of Tobacco Dealt Severe Blow—Action Has Been in Court for A Year.

James H. Pou, Raleigh; H. S. Ward, Washington, and M. L. Carey, New York, Named as Receivers.

Raleigh, June 19.—Cooperative marketing was dealt a body blow that may keep it on the mat permanently when Judge Isaac M. Meekins late this afternoon signed an order for the receivership of the Tobacco Cooperation Association and appointed James H. Pou, of Raleigh, H. S. Ward, of Washington and M. L. Carey, of New York as receivers for the now defunct association—according to a long distance telephone message from Elizabeth City where the decision was handed down. Thus ends the last round of one of the most spectacular pieces of litigation that has occupied public attention in recent years, especially in the south. That it is a well nigh fatal blow to cooperative marketing of any sort is readily admitted by the majority.

Final Order

In the final order which was executed late this afternoon, after another day of argument by attorneys for both sides, Judge Meekins directed that all the assets of the association be turned over at once to the receiver and an immediate audit made of the company's affairs. It was found by the court that the association had been mismanaged to such a degree that there were not sufficient funds left in the company to pay members for tobacco already delivered. It was also found by the court that R. R. Patterson, P. C. Watkins and 25 other directors and officers had entered into contracts with themselves to re-buy tobacco at a large profit. All members of the association are automatically released from making any further deliveries to the association under existing contracts as the result of the receivership order.

The newly appointed receivers will meet in Richmond Monday, where they will qualify and immediately proceed to take over the affairs of the association.

Is Surprise.

The decision came today as something of a surprise despite the fact that Judge Meekins has had the case under advisement for more than two weeks. Early in June formal hearing was held here in Raleigh and for a time it appeared as if a compromise might result without a receivership being declared. At this hearing Aaron Sapiro of Chicago appeared for the association, assisted by W. T. Joyner, of Raleigh as associate counsel. The hearing took up the bigger part of three days and was closed with more than three hours of able argument by Colonel E. P. Buford, of Lawrenceville, Va., of counsel for the complainants. Judge Meekins in deciding not to render an opinion at this time said that he wanted time to "recover from Colonel Buford's argument."

Is Year Old.

Nearly a year ago five Virginia farmers, becoming displeased with the manner in which the affairs of the association were being handled, began suit charging that the association was insolvent and inefficiently managed and that other conditions were not conducive to the profit of the members. The first time the case was heard Judge Meekins denied the receivership but the growing dissatisfaction that has resulted since that time, together with the fact he had been unable to secure adequate and satisfactory reports covering affairs of the association, prompted his decision today, he indicated.

Counsel for the five Virginia members of the association headed by Judge J. Loyd Horton, of Raleigh argued in favor of the receivership during the vigorous legal skirmish that preceded the decision while attorneys both for the association and the Federal Intermediate bank of Baltimore opposed the move. The Baltimore bank is the largest creditor of the association.

Many Present.

Attorneys present at today's proceedings were Colonel W. T. Joyner, of Raleigh; D. P. Whitehead, of Baltimore and a Mr. Hazelgrove, of Richmond for the association and Colonel E. P. Buford, Judge E. Willis M. Person and Judge J. Loyd Horton, of

Raleigh for the complainants.

Those familiar with the situation say that one of the reasons for the failure of the tobacco cooperative association is that it went at things in too big a way, spent too much money before any was in hand and made the mistake of paying its directors big salaries for services which its members felt should have been performed without remuneration other than for attendance at directors meetings. It is also pointed out that another error was in trying to become a price fixing body rather than merely a leaf dealer in the open market. It is pointed out that as long as cooperative associations attempt to become absolute monopolies demanding the contract and delivery of the entire crops of its members that they will be doomed to failure because the principal is economically unsound.

Will this action on the part of Judge Meekins mean the end of farm cooperative association in the south? At least indications certainly are in that direction.

Personal Mention of Siloam Residents.

Siloam, June 21.—Miss Hazel Wolfe, of Winston-Salem, is spending her vacation with her aunt, Mrs. W. W. Ashburn.

G. P. Stanford has returned to his home in Florida after spending some time in this country.

W. H. Ashburn Federal Prohibition Agent is at home with his family for a few days—will return to his work about July 1.

Rev. E. J. Key, pastor of Pine Hill Friends Church filled his regular appointment the 2nd Sunday. He delivered an interesting sermon from the subject: "The importance of reading the Bible."

There will be preaching at Hills Grove Church next Sunday by the pastor Rev. Geo. Oakley, of Mount Airy. He is a good preacher. Come and hear him.

Claude Fincham visited his brother Edgar Fincham of Pilot Mountain Saturday afternoon.

Misses Mamie Bryant and Irene Burrus, of Rockford, spent the week end with Miss Eva Snow of this city.

Mrs. Lucinda Ashburn, 89, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. R. Reeves of this place, Sunday. Her death was due to the infirmities of old age. Rev. E. J. Boiling, her pastor conducted the funeral services Monday afternoon at Old Siloam Church, of which she was a member and had been since early childhood. She was well known throughout Surry County. Interment took place in the church cemetery. Surviving are four sons and four daughters.

Funeral services were conducted at Union Sunday for "Aunt Surry" Vaughn, aged 75, mother of the late John Vaughn.

The crops of this section were looking badly and were not growing much, until the showers which visited this section Saturday night and Sunday and now there are better hopes of the crops.

Messrs. Dewey and Roscoe Hill, two fine musicians were invited down to the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Fincham Saturday night for the purpose of making string music for the family. About fifteen were present and all reported having a good time.

Mr. Sam Peele, of Moore County, visited relatives of this section last week.

A large quantity of wheat was harvested in this section last week and the balance yet standing is expected to be harvested this week.

Mrs. E. G. Fincham visited her father Rev. Geo. Denney, of Pinnacle, Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Whitaker and family spent the week end with relatives at High Point.

E. J. Fincham, proprietor of the West-End Filling Station at Pilot Mountain was the guest of his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Fincham, Thursday.

DROUGHT BROKEN BY RAIN IN STATE

Parched Crops Are Refreshed And Dust Laid, Many Localities Without Rain for Two Months.

Raleigh, June 20.—

Relief from what appeared to be a prolonged period of drought came Saturday when light showers to drenching rains fell in practically every section of North Carolina, curbing a period of extreme heat, reviving parched vegetation and possibly saving millions to farmers of the state.

Saturday morning in most sections of the state it was raining. In those sections where no rain fell, indications were that it would before the day was over. Last night stations throughout the state reported rain.

In Charlotte and vicinity a good shower fell early in the morning with a proportional decline in temperature. Last night a slow, steady drizzle of rain covered the section.

A considerable drop in temperature accompanied the rain, cooling off the entire parched area.

The Cape Fear section of the state, it is said, has not been hurt excessively by the past dry weather, although a light shower which fell there late Saturday afternoon benefitted the section noticeably.

The fasting and prayers of thousands of persons apparently answered, steady rains fell over the North Carolina and South Carolina piedmont country yesterday, breaking the long disastrous drought.

Many localities had no rain for two months past. At Chester, S. C. rain fell yesterday for the first time since early in April. Citizens there met twice daily in prayer the past week and many had resorted to fasting.

Damage to growing crops, though unestimated, has been enormous. Farmers hoped the rains came in time to insure the maturity of cotton and corn which in some sections had not come out of the ground though planted several weeks ago. In the tobacco belt the crop conditions were believed improved by the rain.

Cooler Weather.

Over most sections last night the weather was cool and skies overcast. The forecast was for more rain during the week end.

The first rain of consequence at Greensboro, S. C., since April fell yesterday, but was not general and many sections of the county were still parched. However, indications were rain would come within a few hours.

Heavy rainfall was had in the tobacco district of North Carolina virtually all yesterday. Raleigh, Winston-Salem and High Point reporting hard downpours after which the precipitation settled to a steady drizzle.

High in the mountains at Asheville, sufficient rain fell for most needs, though some foothill localities of North Carolina have had a threatened water shortage which was relieved by the recent rain.

Personal Mention of Route 2 Residents.

Mount Airy, Route 2, June 22.—Forest Franklin, of Richmond, Va., is visiting in the home of his uncle W. C. Baughan.

The Bible Classes of the Flat Rock Baptist Church and Flat Rock Presbyterian Church will have a joint meeting Friday night at 7:30 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Midkiff.

Mrs. Ada Walker has returned to her home here after spending some time with her son, Mr. Jim Walker and family of Paison, Va. Walker and daughter Edith accompanied her here, Edith remaining for a visit.

Messrs. Bobby Loftus, Ural Ayers and Ed Davis attended the opening dance at Piedmont Springs last week.

Misses Vannie and Mollie Smith gave a "wino's Roast"—at Browsers Spring Friday evening in honor of Miss Grace Marshall, of Richmond, Va., who is visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Albert Beer, of Pulaska, Va., spent the week end here with their parents.

Miss Lettie Gwyn is attending summer school at N. C. C. W., Greensboro.

The teacher was giving the class a lecture on "gravity."

"Now children," she said, "it is the law of gravity that keeps us on the earth."

"But, please, teacher," inquired one small child, "how did we stick on before the law was passed?"

MORAVIANS START WORK IN MOUNTAIN SECTION.

Have Provided Workers With New Hut Near Mount Bethel Church. Work in Charge of Trained Nurse and Welfare Worker.

The Home Mission Board of the Moravian Church last week opened its newly erected hut near Mount Bethel Church on the Wards Gap road and it is now in charge of three trained ladies who will spend several months every summer in the mountains of that section rendering such aid as they can to the people among whom they come in contact. The church has erected a log hut with three large rooms, and a front and back porch, for the use of the workers, the labor on the building being donated by people of that community and the house furnished by ladies of this city and Winston-Salem, who are interested in the work.

To prepare for the coming of the three workers, who will spend the summer in that section, three ladies from Winston-Salem, Mrs. Frank Stockport, Mrs. H. L. Trotter and Mrs. H. A. Pfohl, spent several days at the hut last week setting things in shape and getting acquainted with the people. These ladies cleaned out the undergrowth in the woods that surrounded the hut, planted flowers and shrubbery at points about the building and grounds, set up the furniture, stocked the pantry with quantities of canned goods and other good things to eat, and made things in readiness as only the ladies can do for the coming of the workers.

Miss Mamie Thomas, of Winston-Salem, will have the work in charge and will be assisted by Miss Augusta Brown and Miss Craver. Miss Thomas is a trained nurse and has had several years experience in welfare work in New York City and other large centers. She and her co-workers will visit among the people of that section and render them such aid as they can, in matters of sickness, sanitation, household duties and home economics.

The people are deeply appreciative of the establishment of this work and are already making frequent visits to the hut and consulting with Miss Thomas on various matters in which they are interested.

One of the first services the young ladies were called upon to render was to give first aid to the wounded officers who were shot in that neighborhood several days ago. Their wounds were dressed, the flow of blood was stopped and they were put in condition to be brought to this city for further medical attention. Just the other day a farmer while working in his wheat field made a bad wound in his knee with his wheat cradle. To the hut he went, where the ladies sewed the wound up, dressed it and sent him on his way thankful for the service that had been rendered him.

In the erection of the hut the men folk of the neighborhood freely donated their labor and when the building was finished they were surprised that such a comfortable place of abode could be erected with so little cost and effort. There are many people in the mountain coves who live in homes the year round far less comfortable than the hut would be and several of these people already have plans under consideration to provide themselves with better homes and more of the conveniences that they can easily secure once they are shown.

The Moravian Church expects to continue this work among the people along that section of the Blue Ridge country and will make it a field where permanent work will be carried forward as the needs are developed.

Hickory Will Don Her Best Bib And Tuckers.

Hickory, June 20.—"Made-in-Hickory" goods will be displayed in practically every store in the city when the North Carolina Press convention comes to Hickory on July 21.

Secretary Adolph, of the chamber of commerce, has made arrangements whereby practically every window in the business district will show Hickory made articles with signs explaining their source of manufacture.

Hickory is a manufacturing center and it is the purpose of the chamber of commerce to give the visitors an idea of the diversity and the kind of articles made here.

Traveler: "Can I catch the New York train?"

Ticket Agent: "It depends on how fast you can run. It left ten minutes ago."

Talks By The County Agent

By H. E. White, Surry County Farm Demonstration Agent

Mr. C. T. Hall of Oak Grove section told us last week about his experience in dairying in a small way. He is milking five cows, one of which is fresh and the other four were fresh last winter. He is making sour cream and is shipping to the Greensboro Creamery from one to two cans of cream per week. The creamery is paying now about .35 per pound for butter fat and pays the express on the cream cans each way. He had to buy his own cans but they are not so very expensive and has a good cream separator to skim the milk. As soon as the cows are milked it is then separated and the skim milk is fed to the pigs and the cream is put away until shipping day. Mr. Hall says, "the skim milk is certainly fine to feed to pigs and makes them grow rapidly. I usually mix some shorts with the skim milk and you ought to see my pigs grow." He has pure bred Duroc Jersey and is well satisfied with them. Of course Mr. Hall is making this as a side line with his other farming he is developing a nice cash income which comes in regularly and not all at once like tobacco crop. We need a lot of farmers to start in the same way.

If this dry weather continues we will likely face a serious shortage of soy beans and cowpea seed for another year. Many farmers have not planted and are waiting for rains. We should plant as many as we can this month for it helps the land, makes good hay and the seed promises to be a good price. Some of the soy beans planted in the county looks good despite the unfavorable weather. We should make every effort to save all the seed in view of the impending shortage.

If you want a quick hay crop sow Sudan grass broadcast. If we get plenty of moisture and have fertile land some report 3 tons per acre. If soil is poor sow in rows and fertilize with complete fertilizer rich in ammonia. Use 5 pounds of seed in rows or about 25 broadcast. The seed now is real cheap, less than ten cents per pound. You can also sow in addition to the above crops sorghum and make splendid hay.

The question often comes as to what can be planted on stubble land, many things can be planted and grown successfully. All the different kinds of beans, peas, sweet clover, Spanish peanuts, corn, milo maize, pop corn, kafir corn, millets, buckwheat, melons, rutabagas, Irish and sweet potato. By all means plant crops so we will have plenty of feed for live stock.

Last week the Piedmont district had a meeting of the County Agents at Salisbury for two days. Many things were discussed but one of the most interesting topics was the discussion on the growing of barley and vetch for hay. Some of the counties have been trying the different barleys for several years and have had some real good results. The variety that is especially good to grow with vetch is the Tennessee Barley No. 6 which is a smooth or beardless barley. This variety on average upland will yield from 30-60 bushels of trashed grain or an average of about twice the number of bushels as corn can be produced. In some instances yields of 90 bushels per acre are reported.

These are good yields but you know we have been having unfavorable weather for a long time. One man had 25 acres planted this year to barley and vetch and cut over 100 tons of hay. It seems that a larger number of farmers should give this combination a trial in a small way. Very little barley has ever been grown in this county. I am of the opinion that we can successfully grow barley yet I am not recommending that any one man plant a big acreage until he has tried it in a small way and has found out that he likes the crop. If you want hay sow 2 bushels with a peck of hairy vetch and both will mature at the same time. Sow in September and October. Barley will not winter kill as easily as oats and you are almost sure of getting a good crop of both. Vetch of course must be inoculated as it is a legume. If you plan to try the above suggestion I will be glad to put you in touch with parties who have good seed for sale. We should start now to make our plans so when the time comes we will have the seed and

inoculating material on hand and get it in time for best results. I have made arrangements with the two drug stores at Elkin to handle the calcium arsenate and magnesium arsenate to be used against the Mexican Bean Beetle. The Park store at Mountain Park and W. E. Reid & Co. at Dobson has a supply of Magnesium arsenate on hand so you will be able to get your supplies without traveling so far. If there are other dealers stocking these compounds I would be glad to have their names so I can give the information to the growers.

The crops in this county look as well as the crops in the adjoining counties. If we could get a good rain soon we would still have a pretty good crop. We should increase our feed crops as much as possible and then get in a large small grain crop this fall. Our small grains promise a good yield and this will help out besides the poultry. V. L. Lewis, of Division of Markets Reports, 19 cent shipped from Mount Airy and about 7 or 8 by express.

1925 REVENUE NEAR TWICE THAT OF 1924

Present Total \$11,059,174 Without Auto and Gas Taxes.

Raleigh, June 21.—With the end of the present fiscal year only ten days away, North Carolina's revenue collections are almost double what they were for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1925.

Last year's total collections were \$6,246,816.26, while collections for the present fiscal year, through today, total \$11,059,174.29. These figures are exclusive of automobile licenses and gasoline taxes.

This month's collections to date total \$484,882.96, with inheritance and Schedule B (license) taxes making up a big portion of the total, figures compiled by A. S. Carson, cashier of the State Department of Revenue, show. Collections for the whole of June, 1925 totalled \$318,031.17.

The inheritance tax collections this month so far amount to \$112,825.80, as compared with \$39,295.17 for the entire month of June, 1925. This difference is largely accounted for, however, Mr. Carson said, by the recent settlement of a big estate.

The license taxes collected this month amount to \$292,654.87, as compared with \$203,942.76 for the whole of the month of June last year.

Recipes by Miss Lowen.

In last week's paper we stated that other recipes used by Miss Lowen in her cooking demonstration would be published later and below we give the white sauce recipe, one half which is to be used in the croquettes the other half in the souffle, or the quantity may be doubled and the remainder used another day.

White Sauce.

One fourth cup flour, one fourth cup butter, one pint milk, melt butter, blend in flour, add milk gradually, boil in double boiler until the mixture is done, (has a glassy look), salt to taste.

Tuna Fish.

Use one half the above quantity of white sauce or prepare white sauce, using two tablespoons butter, 4 tablespoons of flour, 1 cup milk, 1 teaspoon salt. Flake large can of tuna, combine, shape croquettes, roll in flour, dip in diluted egg and roll in shredded wheat crumbs.

Pre-heat deep fat on surface heating unit "high" until bread crumbs become a golden brown in 40 seconds, reduce unit to "medium." Fry croquettes, place on brown paper to absorb fat.

Rice Souffle.

To white sauce add two cup of cooked rice, 3 egg yolks, season with a little paprika, onion, celery salt and pepper. Beat the three egg whites fluffy yet moist—fold into the mixture. Turn into buttered casserole. Pre-heat electric oven to 350 deg. turn upper unit "off." Place souffle ring or casserole in oven. Use lower unit "high" for 20 minutes then "off" into stored heat for 15 to 20 minutes. Remove from oven and serve immediately. If ring is used fill center with peas, creamed shrimp, croquettes, etc.

Hard Cooked Eggs.

Place 1 quart boiling water in sauce pan on surface unit on "high." Place eggs in boiling water; continue "high" until boiling is reached, then reduce heat to "off." Cover pan and simmer 20 minutes.

Grille.

3 chops or cutlets (remove spinal cord), 6 wieners, several bacon strips, 3 tomatoes, 3 bananas, place chops or cutlets on broiling rack using only top oven unit with tomatoes cut in half and wieners laid on rack turn wieners and chops, lay on bananas, cut in half lengthwise leaving on the skins, add bacon strip when nearly done.

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