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KENTUCKY WILL CUT OUT TOBACCO NEXT YEAR

Dr. T. B. Hill Tells a Wonderful Story.

Editor Public Ledger: With great interest I am reading every word said about tobacco in North Carolina. I want to assure my fellow farmers in Granville county that Kentucky farmers will not stand for such prices this year as they received last year. Since the 26th day of last July we have been steadily organizing to protect our present crop of tobacco. Indiana and Ohio have joined with us. The warehousemen of Missouri and farmers are organized and fighting with us against starvation prices. Our Burley Tobacco Growers Association is about completed, with every county raising tobacco, organized, in Kentucky and Indiana and Ohio. I was living here when the cut out was perfected before. It was a success then. But now we have dollars to fight with, where as before we had only cents. We had no experience then. But now we have the same men, who a dozen years ago won their fight for living prices for their tobacco. And we are going to fight the Lennies and Tronisky's who propose to take our tobacco from us. Those men may terrorize Russia, and bulldoze it. But old Kentucky has never bowed her knee to any being but God. And we have not done that as reverently as we should have done.

Our Association here has found out a great many things about tobacco. Let the propaganda "too much tobacco" in 1914 was the slogan by which our tobacco was stolen from us. We now know when it is too late, that tobacco was very scarce at the time. The same propaganda, "too much tobacco," is a hoax. Not a word of truth in it. Tobacco in Europe is as scarce today as food was during the war. Who believes that there is an over production of anything in the world today, except millionaires, and profiteers?

Europe raised no tobacco during the war. The United States did not increase the production of tobacco for the period of the war. The consumption of tobacco in cigarettes has increased about thirty five percent since 1912. Other uses of tobacco have increased about twenty five percent. We know that for the last six years, that the production of tobacco has fallen below the consumption. We know that the price of manufactured tobacco is mounting skyward every day. I heard a tobacco drummer selling tobacco to one of our merchants here last week, and here is a part of the conversation. Merchant (after giving order) What is the price of these cigars, and when may I expect to receive them. Drummer. All that I can tell you is, these cigars are seven dollars higher than the others were. They may be ten dollars higher per thousand by the time this order sets to the house. And speaking sorter low with a white, said tobacco is as scarce as hens teeth, be glad to get any sort of tobacco. And yet the propaganda "too much tobacco" is hurled at the farmers every day. We farmers of Kentucky have called the bluff. The dark Burley belt called it last winter, and are now equipped with every essential for the manufacturing of tobacco. Have taken care of last years tobacco; and ready to handle this years crop of tobacco. They are selling all that they can put out without trouble. And we farmers of the bright belt will be ready to take care of our tobacco, by the time it is stripped and ready for the dry press.

The growers of tobacco today are between the upper and neither millstones. The enfranchisement of women, spelled in great big letters the death bell of the cigarettes, sometimes called coffin tracks. There are three states now where cigarettes are not allowed to be sold. The death of cigarettes also spell the going of big tobacco trusts. That would be fine, but in the mean time, with the trusts fighting down prices and the women fighting cigarettes we farmers are in hard luck. It is a plain case of organize and fight or be crushed to poverty by powerful monopolies, that consider the farmers fair game for their slaughter.

Let me say to my fellow farmers of Granville Co., that the farmers of Kentucky will surely put up a fight for a reasonable profit on the cost of the production of their tobacco. I am certainly in position to know just how many thousand farmers have joined our organization. I also know how many thousand dollars we can now draw on. Call the bluff of the propaganda "too much tobacco." Just do like our fathers used to do. Wait until next spring to sell tobacco. Don't be in a hurry. Give the tobacco trusts time to clean up and unload. And mark my word the trusts will be calling for more tobacco, any old tobacco. I cannot give all the reasons now. This article is already too long. And before publication, we are getting them ready to place before our Governor if necessary, and from there to the Congress of the United States.

T. B. HILL, President Burley Tobacco Association of Montgomery Co., Ky.; Member of Ex. Com. of Ky., Ind. and Ohio.

FARMERS' MEETING NEXT SATURDAY AWAITED WITH INTEREST

Big Crowd Expected To Be In Attendance Upon Court House Gathering.

What the farmers of the county will do at their meeting here next Saturday afternoon at the court house is a matter that is being awaited with great interest by both farmers and business men. The gathering has been called for the purpose of discussing and mapping out plans for the marketing of the 1920 tobacco crop, first prices for which on Eastern North Carolina markets have been greatly disappointing to the growers who have thus far offered their weed for sale there.

The sober second thought that has followed the excitement brought on by the reports from the east has shown an inclination toward optimism, and wiser heads are counseling deliberation in whatever course will be pursued. They say there is a chance for tobacco to sell as high this year as it did last year, that is, on the average, and that the farmers will probably not better themselves by taking snap judgment on the situation. The general opinion seems to be that the market will improve as the season advances, and that prices will gradually climb higher.

There seems to be some divergence of opinion as to what the meeting really ought to do. Some feel that the weed will sell well here; even better than on the Eastern North Carolina markets, and are urging caution in not "hollering before being hit." The great quantity of good tobacco that will be marketed is expected to bring up a fair average for the season when the crop has been sold. Others want to go ahead and give expression to an ultimatum to the buyers that certain prices must be met before the weed will flow freely to market. There is much sentiment among the conservative element that the proper way to sell the crop is to offer it in little mites day by day, and not flood the warehouses beyond their capacity and that of the buyers to handle it. This is pointed to as being one of the surest methods of holding up the averages.

MR. D. G. BRUMMITT IS DISTRICT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR

Chosen By Party Leaders From the Counties Of the District—Mayor T. G. Stem, of Oxford Was Present.

(Greensboro News) Representatives of the Democratic party for the counties in the fifth North Carolina congressional district, 11 in number, met at the O. Henry hotel yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and elected D. G. Brummitt, of Oxford, speaker of the house of representatives, as presidential elector for this district, in the place of Gen. B. S. Royster, of Oxford, who was unable to serve.

Besides selecting the elector, the party leaders discussed the political situation in its various phases. Speaker Brummitt will have as one of his important duties as presidential elector canvassing the district and speaking in the interest of Cox and Roosevelt, the Democratic candidates for President and vice-president, respectively. He is an orator of force and ability, and his work in this connection is expected to get good results for his party.

A majority of the counties in the district were represented at the meeting. Congressman Stedman was also present.

DON'T RUSH THE WEED TO THE MARKET

It is to be hoped the tobacco growers in the Old Bright belt will take to heart the lesson from the opening of the Eastern Carolina tobacco markets and not rush the weed in too rapidly when our markets open. The present tobacco crop is a large one and conditions will be vastly different this year from those of last year. Prices will not be as high this season and the market will be a "buyers market" instead of a "seller's market" as was the case in 1919. It is probable that the low grades will be in poor demand and it is up to the sellers to use discretion in feeding the crop on the market and avoid glut. Much will depend on the proper handling and marketing of the 1920 crop. Those who have succeeded in getting a fair to good quality, who handle their tobacco nicely and use judgment in marketing their crop will doubtless receive a fairly profitable price.

MESSRS CREWS AND BRADSHAW HAVE GONE TO EUROPE

They Will Visit London and Paris.

Messrs. Lewis Crews, veteran of the World War, and G. S. Bradshaw, who was working in the Eddystone ammunition plant near Philadelphia when it blew up two years ago, left for New York City last Friday. After spending a week in New York and Boston they will sail for Liverpool. They propose to walk from Liverpool to London, a distance of 150 miles, and hope to reach Paris by the first of November.

A very exciting Fox Hunt was held on Friday night near Tar River by people from the home of W. M. Bullock Route 1. A fine fox was caught and an exciting time had.

OXFORD ORPHANAGE GETS QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS FROM A BOY IT RAISED

Oxford and Methodist Children's Home Named As Beneficiaries In Neal Will.

Winston-Salem, Sept. 11.—By the will of the late John Neal, who died last week at Omaha, Neb., the Methodist Children's Home here and the Masonic orphanage at Oxford, this state, will receive the income from at least \$500,000. It is estimated that the estate will total perhaps \$800,000. A copy of the will was filed here today. It names the Wachovia Bank and Trust company, of this city, executor, with Judge Franklin A. Shotwell, attorney of Omaha, associate counsel. One-fifth of the large estate goes to personal friends of the deceased, Judge Shotwell sharing largely in the distribution.

Mr. Neal spent his early boyhood days at the Oxford orphanage, coming to this city to complete his high school education. For the past 13 years he had been connected with the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company, holding a large block of stock in same. For six years he had been division sales manager for the company, two years of which he had his headquarters at Omaha. The body was brought back to this city for interment.

TOBACCO GROWERS HELD BIG MEETING IN HENDERSON TO DISCUSS TOBACCO PRICES

Immense Gathering On Courthouse Lawn At Henderson Calls On Farmers To Market Crop Slowly and To Make Preparations For Other Crops Next Year.

Large number of tobacco growers from the surrounding counties gathered in Henderson last Saturday to find out what the Vance county farmers would do. Oxford sent a delegation of representative business men and farmers. Representatives from Wake, Franklin, Warren and Virginia to the number of 5,000 were present.

Strong Resolutions Adopted.

That tobacco now in the hands of the growers must be marketed slowly till such time as the market shall call for it at prices commensurate with not only the high cost of production but the still higher level of prices now being asked for manufactured goods of every kind.

Want State Organization.

That we earnestly beg our brethren, the tobacco growers throughout the tobacco districts of the country, to come to our aid in this action. The growers of the bright leaf belt now occupy the front line trenches against the octopus of greed. They shall not pass.

ROCKY MOUNT REPORTS LIGHT TOBACCO SALES

Rocky Mount, Sept. 13.—The Rocky Mount tobacco market opened last Tuesday with 250,000 pounds that averaged \$25-15 which was only \$3 below last year's opening sale. Sales were light throughout the week owing to the unsettled conditions, while prices have advanced slightly on all the better grades. While farmers are very much disappointed at prices, they have resorted to no such drastic measures as were in effect at other places.

MAY MAKE GAS FROM FIELD STRAW FOR OUTS

A Washington dispatch says: "Gas which possesses explosive qualities sufficient to drive an automobile and which may also be used for purposes of illumination is being produced at the Arlington, Va., experimental farm for the Department of Agriculture from the destructive distillation of ordinary field straw. A special force has been detailed to the Arlington station to continue the tests with various straws."

LARGE CONGREGATION HEARS DR. TYREE AT HESTER

Several members at Hester Church have called at the Public Ledger office to say that the sermon preached by Dr. Tyree at their church last Sunday morning was the best they have ever heard, and that the church was packed to the doors. Dr. Tyree is pastor of a church at Greenwood, Miss. He and Mrs. Tyree are spending a few weeks here, the guests of Mrs. J. M. Currin, mother of Mrs. Tyree.

EDITOR T. J. LASSITER DEAD

The State Loses One Of Its Best Newspaper Men. Mr. T. J. Lassiter, one of the editors of the Smithfield Herald, was stricken down with paralysis last Thursday in the Court House in Smithfield while taking notes of the Democratic County Convention.

Mr. Lassiter was one of the best newspaper men in the State. He was by nature a scholar, loving literature with an eager and dominating affection, and possessed the modesty, broad sympathy and compassionate consideration of others, which go with best scholastic type.

More than 100 towns and villages were destroyed or badly damaged in Italy by the earthquake last Tuesday morning.

THE RESERVE BOARD PROMISES AID TO MOVE THE TOBACCO CROP

Senator Overman Brings Information to Cabarrus Convention.

Concord, Sept. 13.—Senator Overman opened his speech Saturday to the Cabarrus democrats by dissipating, to begin with, republican propaganda about the failure of the federal reserve system, a democratic measure, in the present crisis of low prices.

"There is now no question," Senator Overman read from the letter he has just received from W. P. G. Harding, governor of the federal reserve banks will be able to render all the assistance to member banks in moving the crops which would be reasonably asked of them and the board is advised that there has also been an improvement in the transportation situation.

Eight years of democratic prosperity were recounted by Senator Overman as he passed to national issues, charged the republicans with defeating the one measure that can restore the country to a normal basis, and pointed to the election of Cox and Roosevelt as the only way of regaining for the United States its rightful place among the nations of the world.

The hand of Marion Butler, the senator informed his audience, is already to be seen in the political campaign the republican party of the state is making. Parker is handicapped and Butler did the picking. He lauded the reevaluation law and dared the republicans to specify their charge that it has been unfairly administered in North Carolina.

THERE IS NO STATE TAX LEVY FOR 1920

Under the New Levy Thirteen Cents Goes To The State Schools.

The tax levy for Granville county for 1920, as fixed by the county commissioners, is 5% cents on the \$100. Add to this .13 cents for state schools you have a total of .66 cents, as stated in the last issue of the Public Ledger. The following figures were taken from the minutes of the county board:

Tax Levy For 1920.	
State School	.13
County School	.21
General County	.10
Roads	.22
Total	.66

Poll Tax.

State School	.39
County School	1.50
County	.09
Total	\$1.98

Last Year's Taxes. The taxes last year in Granville county was \$1.60 on the \$100, and the poll tax was \$2.00.

MR. THOMAS W. ALLEN WEDS SOUTH BOSTON LADY

Mr. Claud Allen, of Brassfield, returned Saturday from the marriage of his brother, Mr. Thomas W. Allen, which was solemnized in South Boston early Saturday morning.

The bride was Miss Julia Farmer, a young lady of rare beauty and culture. The happy couple are now in the northern cities, and after their return this week will be, at home in Brassfield, where she will receive a most cordial greeting by the good people.

THIEVES TAKE HORSE AND BUGGY AND FORD CAR

Henry Boston, a hard-working colored man on Route 5, is minus a horse and buggy. While in town last Saturday night some one got into his buggy and drove away. The horse has white stocking feet and a white spot in forehead.

While Will Harris, colored, of Route 4, was attending to some business here last Sunday night some one stole his Ford car. He does not remember the number of his car.

Dahlia Display.

The ladies of Oxford are cordially invited to meet with the Garden and Forestry department of the Woman's Club, Wednesday afternoon 4:30 o'clock in the Oxford Library. There will be a display of dahlias and interesting talks on the proper culture of dahlias.

There will also be talks on fall planting of tulips, jonquils, hyacinths lilies, etc., for spring blooming. A cordial welcome is extended to all interested in flower culture.

MRS. M. C. LASSITER, Ch'r Forestry Dept.

REPUBLICANS WILL HOLD MEETING IN COURT HOUSE

On Friday, September 17, Constitution Day, all of the Republican candidates, ex-commissioners and friends will meet in the court house in Oxford at 2 o'clock in the afternoon to arrange for coming campaign.

G. T. SYKES, Chairman.

W. S. PEACE, Secretary.

MRS. ANDREW WILLIFORD'S MOTHER DIED IN GREENSBORO

Mrs. John Coleman died last Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Luther Veasey, in Greensboro. She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Andrew Williford, Mrs. Luther Veasey, Mrs. T. B. O'Brian, Mrs. Charles Veasey and Mrs. Henry Coleman.

AIR MAIL ROUTE FROM NEW YORK TO ATLANTA PRACTICALLY ASSURED

Alfred W. Lawson Makes Bid Within Maximum Allowance—Will Carry 1,500 Pounds Of Mail Between New York and Atlanta 300 Days a Year.

A Washington special says that a airplane deliveries of mail between New York and Atlanta, with stopovers at Raleigh and Columbia, was practically assured.

Twelve Hour Trip.

The bidder on the New York-Atlanta route not only plans to carry 1,500 pounds of mail daily between these points but will put into operation such large planes that 10, and possibly more passengers, may be carried on each trip. The flight time between New York and Atlanta will be 12 hours at the maximum.

The Promoter.

Alfred W. Lawson, the only bidder, who is scheduled to receive the contract as soon as formalities regarding a bond and other details are reserved, is constructing airplanes with a capacity of 12,000 pounds and not only intended to transport mail from New York south but to establish a passenger service.

100 Miles Per Hour.

The North Carolinian, for instance, who wants to get in a hurry from Raleigh to Washington or to New York, or to Columbia or Atlanta, may hop into a Lawson plane and travel north or south at a speed of about 100 miles an hour. Mr. Lawson said that the planes he is now constructing would have a maximum speed of 120 miles an hour.

Make Trip 306 Days a Year.

The specifications call for transportation of 1,500 pounds of mail, 306 days per year, which eliminates Mondays and days following holidays. The \$300,000 bid is the maximum allowable under the regulation of the postoffice department and the law passed by Congress.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE TO BE HELD IN GRANVILLE

Prof. E. L. Middleton, Baptist State Sunday School Secretary, assisted by W. S. Olive, of Apex, will conduct a Sunday School institute for officers and workers in Granville.

On Tuesday, September 22, the institute will be held at Stovall Church and will be attended by the school people and neighboring churches. On Thursday, September 30 and Friday, October 1, the institute will be held at the Zion Church, Berea, at which the people in that section will attend.

PROTRACTED MEETINGS NOW IN PROGRESS AT SALEM CHURCH

Dr. T. A. Sykes is assisting Rev. B. C. Thompson.

The first of a series of revival services were held at Salem Church, three miles east of Oxford, on the Deberry road, last Sunday. Dr. T. A. Sykes, a strong revivalist is assisting Rev. B. C. Thompson and much interest is manifested. There will be two services daily beginning at 11 o'clock and followed by a second service.

MEETING OF DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SEPT. 16

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Democratic party of Granville County at the Court-House in Oxford on Thursday, Sept. 16th, 1920, at 11:30 o'clock. Each Precinct should be represented and the members for each Precinct are urged to attend or send a representative Democrat in their places.

J. C. HOWARD, Chairman.

OXFORD TOBACCO BOARD OF TRADE ELECT OFFICERS

At a meeting of the Oxford Tobacco Board of Trade Monday morning the following officers were elected to serve 12 months:

President—S. H. Pritchard.

Vice-P.—W. Z. Mitchell.

Sec-Treas.—J. C. Howard.

Sales Supervisor—W. W. Devin.

MRS. SALLIE F. CREWS

Funeral and Burial at Salem Church This Afternoon.

Mrs. Sallie F. Crews was the daughter of the late Joseph Penn, and Martha Crews Hunt. She was born Nov. 23, 1840, and died Sept. 13, 1920. She would have been 80 years old her next birthday. She leaves to mourn her loss two brothers, one sister, and three daughters, namely: Mrs. B. I. Breedlove, of Salem; Ira T. Hunt, of Kittrell, and D. N. Hunt of Oxford. The daughters are Mrs. Cora Ellis, of Oxford; Mrs. Mattie Fleming, of Wilson; and Mrs. Lillie Hicks of Stovall.

She joined the church at Salem at the age of 12 or 13 years. She leaves a number of grand-children and great-grand-children, also a host of friends and relatives. She was a good woman, who tried to live, a true Christian. She was loved by all who knew her.

Funeral and burial at Salem this afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. B. C. Thompson, assisted by Rev. S. R. Oglesby.

Your battery should have water about every two weeks. Stop at Willard Service Station.

MANNING READY TO GO AFTER TOBACCO TRUST

Will Do Some Trust-Busting Provided Chief Justice Will Call Some Names.

Chief Justice Walter Clark has the evidence and if he furnishes it, Attorney General James S. Manning will use it to do some corking trust-busting in the North Carolina tobacco panic, according to the news coming from Raleigh.

It is easy enough to name the names of the tobacco companies, who, according to Judge Clark, met recently in Petersburg, Va., and there set the prices on North Carolina leaf. The fitness of Petersburg as hatching place for a conspiracy against tobacco is evident. Virginia has grown immortal on Virginia Brights, made in North Carolina, shipped out of Virginia with railroad favoritism, and sold to the world at enriching figures.

Notwithstanding Judge Clark's ability to call names, until he does, Judge Manning hasn't the procedure. He is quoted as being ready to start suits so soon as Judge Clark starts something. Judge Clark generally needs little cranking to make such a start. The chief justice will be in position to tell on the four parties to this unholly action against North Carolina and Judge Manning has the conspiracy statutes well oiled for the rgeat occasion.

But notwithstanding the jeopardies that attend too easy calling of names, the state departments which know Judge Clark's views believe he has distinctly damaging evidence against the octopus and that publication of it would help mightily. Everything that stabilizes the people and would tend toward loosening up tight money would help. Both senators are being urged to make for North Carolina the best possible appeal to Secretary Dave Houston of the treasury department. Tobacco farmers are near the riot stage. Money that ordinarily came so freely to the independent buyers cannot be borrowed now and the big dealers have both money and control over the sale and supply of tobacco.

NO INTEREST HERE IN LORD TERENCE McSWINEY

In almost every paper you pick up you will see something about the condition of one Terence McSwiney, lord mayor of Cork, Ireland, who is starving himself to death in an English prison. Three tempting meals are set before him every day, but he has made up his mind that he will not eat a bite so long as he is in prison. If McSwiney had not executed several policemen he would not be locked up in a prison dungeon.

As a matter of fact nobody here is interested in his hunger strike. He has not even made a record as a hunger striker. He has taken no food for thirty-one days. He must abstain fourteen days longer to catch up with Succi, the Italian professional faster, who in November, 1890, in New York City, ate no food for 45 days. This man suffered no ill effects, the report said, although he had undergone six previous fasts in Europe ranging from 20 to 40 days each.

The most famous American volunteer faster was the late Dr. Henry S. Tanner, who first attracted notice in Minneapolis, Minn., in an effort to cure an ailment of the heart from which he suffered. So greatly was he benefited at the end of the tenth day that he continued the fast to 42 days.

Because of the skepticism in medical circles as to the genuineness of his fast, Dr. Tanner offered to repeat the exploit under whatever conditions might be named. It was finally agreed to hold the test under the supervision of a prominent New York medical college, and the official fast commenced on June 23, 1880, the subject being put in a bare room and watched constantly. The test, which attracted nation-wide attention, lasted 40 days. He broke both fasts by eating fruits and suffered no ill effects.

MAJOR HARRIS KILLED TWO SQUIRRELS WITH ONE BULLET

At An Interval of One Minute Between Shots.

Former Commissioner E. C. Harris, who was in Oxford a few hours last Saturday, was in a jocular mood. After giving out a few political pointers he said to the crowd:

"If I should ask you how to kill two squirrels with one bullet at an interval of one minute between shots, how would you solve the problem?"

No one present being able to solve the problem, Mr. Harris continued:

"I will tell you how Major Fletcher Harris of Henderson, accomplished the wonderful feat. The Major, according to his own statement, was out hunting one day and ran short of bullets, and while far afield discovered that he had only one bullet left, and that was in the barrel of his long, old-fashioned rifle. Being somewhat dismayed, he struck a beeline for home, and while passing through a heavy track of timber saw two squirrels in the top of a tall tree. He took deliberate aim and killed one, and when he picked it up he discovered that the ball penetrated its body and lodged under the skin. He cut the ball out, reloaded his rifle and killed the other squirrel."