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TWO MILLION DOLLAR TOBACCO CONCERN FORMED WITH OFFICES IN HENDERSON

C. D. Riggan, R. J. Corbitt, S. T. Peace Are Announced as the Incorporators—Will Build Plants in Henderson and Other Cities of North Carolina, and also in Virginia and Kentucky.

(Henderson Daily Dispatch)
Farmers Leaf Tobacco Company a corporation with an authorized capital stock of \$2,000,000 was chartered yesterday by the Secretary of State at Raleigh, report showing that \$100,000 has already been paid as capital. It was learned here today on good authority that more than \$200,000 in cash money has been put into the business, and that the amount is being added to rapidly.

Just who the stockholders are other than the three named and one more, could not be learned today, but it is learned that some of the stock has been placed with business men in other cities and towns in this and other sections of the State.

Organization of the company was affected several days ago, with the election of C. D. Riggan as president, R. J. Corbitt, vice-president; C. M. Cooper, Jr., secretary; S. T. Peace, treasurer. A meeting of stockholders has been called for January 22, when further details of organization will be arranged.

It is a known fact that Mr. Riggan and others had their plans laid for this venture for more than a year. Business and financial depression have interfered to some extent, but some of the money that has been in seclusion has come forward for investment in this corporation, which is distinctly a Henderson concern.

Stockholders are issued preferred stock, which is \$100 at par, and with each share a half share of common stock is given this having no par value, but earning whatever the yield may be.

It is learned that work will begin at once on the plant to be built in Henderson, which is the first in a chain of factories that will be erected. Where the site is has not been revealed. Mills will be erected from time to time in other cities and towns in North Carolina, and also a number of them in Virginia and Kentucky. The plan, as far as could be learned today, calls for sales abroad, as well as in this country, and the tobacco growing sections of the United States will be drawn upon by the factories for the raw material in which they will deal.

A number of farmers are investing in the company, it is rumored, in the hope of finding something of a panacea for the conditions they have encountered in marketing their crop this year.

TO REGULATE AUTO ACCIDENTS A Heavy Penalty Should Be Attached To Violations.

Editor Public Ledger:
We are starting a new year, and with the prospects of having an increased number of automobile accidents. The figures for last year are appalling in the number of deaths that resulted from automobile. This is terrible when we consider how easily it can all be avoided. I have frequently read in the papers suggestions as to how to prevent these accidents, but no one seems to have done anything about them. Surely we have lawyers and legislators sufficiently interested in this thing to draw up and provide means for the enforcement of a law that would curb our wildness. I am familiar with the Maryland law, and while it is not yet perfect, it is years ahead of ours, and it is actually enforced.

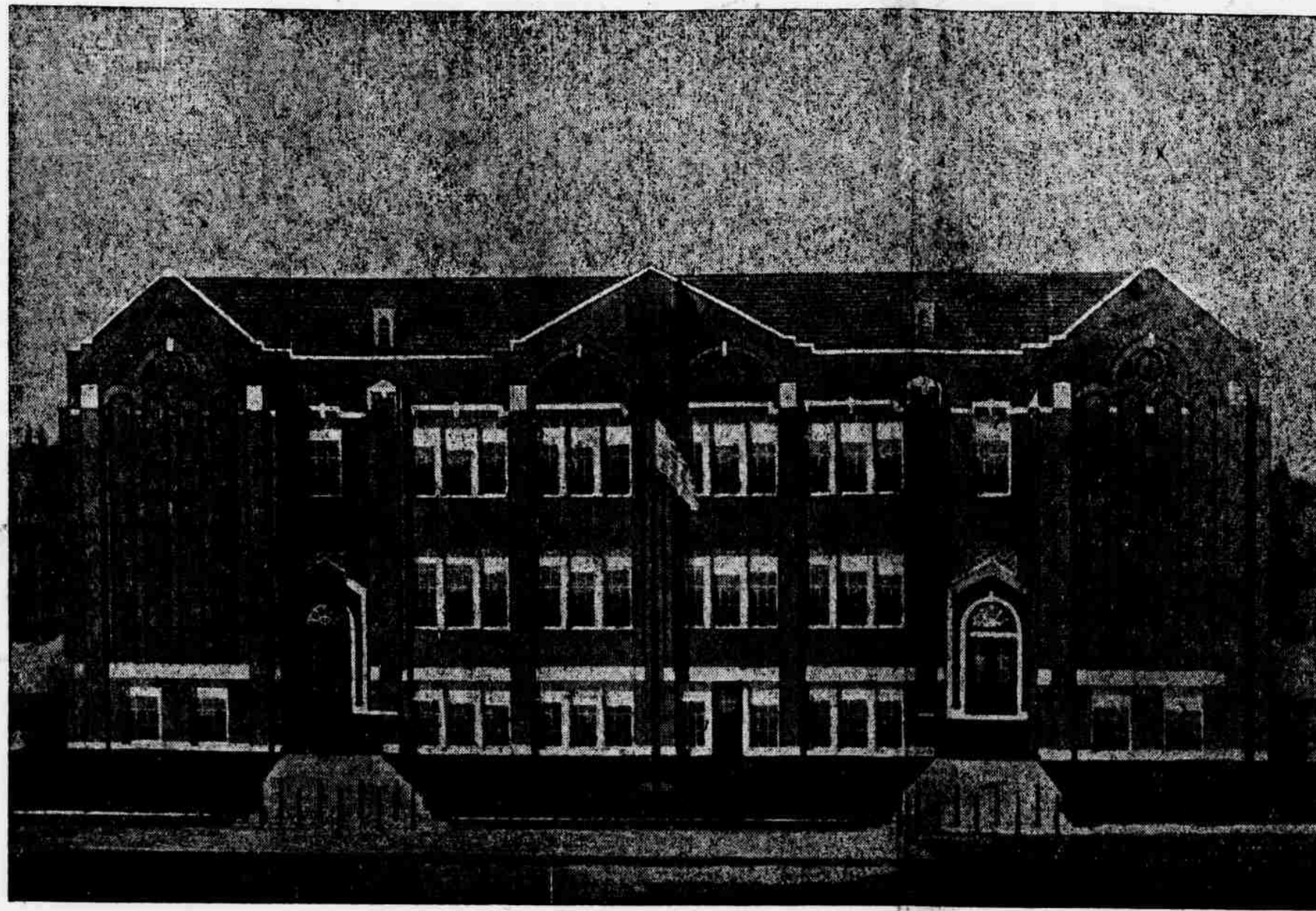
First of all a motor vehicle commissioner should be appointed by the governor and he should have complete control of all the cars in the state. He should receive a good salary and be above petty graft. His special investigators would be salaried police.

Before any one is allowed to drive a car he should be obliged to take an examination, both mental and physical, to prove his fitness. If he has never run a car he will be given a learner's license on the payment of a fee of \$1. This permits him to operate a car while accompanied by a regularly licensed driver, and is good for thirty days. At the end of that time he is examined mentally principally in relation to his knowledge of the rules of the road, a copy of the motor vehicle law having been given him with his learner's license. Should he pass this examination successfully he is given a license either as a driver or a chauffeur, on the payment of the requisite fee. A driver's license entitles him to drive only his own car.

SENATE MEASURE CUTS REGULAR ARMY FORCE Directs Secretary of War to Cease Recruiting Men.

Over the protest of the majority of its military affairs committee, the senate Saturday passed a resolution directing the secretary of war to cease army recruiting until the size of the regular army is cut down to 150,000 men.

THE PROPOSED HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.



The above is a picture of the proposed High School building for Oxford to be located on the crest of the hill on Williamsboro street. Several acres at the last end of building will be devoted to a park and play ground. The committee has in hand \$31,000 and a bond issue for \$75,000 is being waged today. The success of the enterprise means much to the children of Oxford school district.

WAR FINANCE CORPORATION NOW READY TO CONSIDER ANY LOANS

Was Revived By Act of Congress, Which Was Passed Over Veto of President Wilson, Who Had to Land His Assistance In Reviving It.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The War Finance Corporation, revived by an act of Congress which was passed over President Wilson's veto, is now functioning. It is now prepared to consider applications for loans to finance exports in the same manner that it considered advances prior to the suspension of its activities last May.

Insofar as necessary, the corporation said, personal hearings will be given to prospective borrowers. In submitting applications for loans, applicants should set forth in detail all facts relating to their financial conditions, the purposes of the proposed advances, and full information to enable the corporation to determine whether the applicants are eligible under the law to receive loans.

The corporation said it was authorized to make advances to American exporters to assist in the exportation of domestic products to foreign countries, if such exporters are unable to obtain funds on reasonable terms through banking channels or the American bank making loans to American exporters for the purpose of assisting in the exportation of domestic products.

LEE'S BIRTHDAY WILL BE OBSERVED TOMORROW

Active Chapters of Daughters of Confederacy To Honor Southern Generals.

Whenever there is an active chapter in the United Daughters of Confederacy, they will do honor to the world's greatest warriors and the South's greatest Generals, Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, on Wednesday, January 19th, that day being the anniversary of the birth of General Lee and Gen. Jackson's birthday being the 21st of the month, the Daughters observing the 19th, for both anniversaries. Some chapters have Lee-Jackson programs, with readings and music, placing portraits of these great generals in schools, some have distinguished orators, and serve the veterans in their communities with dinners, while other chapters will celebrate the day with silver teas, bazaars, etc., to raise funds for U. D. C. work.

The Public Ledger is not advised as to what extent the day will be observed in Oxford. Gen. Lee's favorite hymn, "How Strong a Foundation," and Stonewall Jackson's favorite song, "Jesus Lover of My Soul," were sung in the churches here last Sunday.

STEDMAN HAS TWO VACANCIES AT ANNAPOLIS TO FILL

Greensboro, Jan. 17.—Congressman Charles M. Stedman, writing here from Washington, says that he is very anxious to appoint two young men to vacancies in the Naval Academy at Annapolis, to be filled, if possible by boys from the fifth congressional district. "I am very anxious," Major Stedman wrote, "that these vacancies be filled by worthy boys. There will be two examinations, one on February 16, and the other on April 20. I shall be very glad to recommend for the two vacancies which I have applicants who can furnish recommendations as to their character and fitness."

Unless the appointments are filled by March 4, the secretary of the navy will appoint two boys. Any one who wishes to apply should get in communication with Major Stedman.

MORRISON TO APPOINT MANY WOMEN TO HOLD OFFICE IN THE STATE

Says He Will Lead All Other Governors of the Country

Governor Cameron Morrison is going to be known as "the woman's governor of North Carolina." He is to call on them all and sundry to help him to beat those who would destroy the primary and he is going to summon them often and oftener to his conferences. "I am going to appoint more women to office than any governor in the United States," he told a bevy of them last week at the Woman's club reception, "and if you don't believe what these newspaper men say about me you are going to find that I am your best friend."

HEAR HARDING OVER WIRELESS TELEPHONE

Amateur Wireless Apparatus Can Be Readily Equipped.

Washington, Jan. 16.—You need not come to Washington to hear President Harding's inaugural speech. Merely install a wireless receiving telephone and "listen in" at noon on March 4.

A committee headed by Rear Admiral W. H. Bullard and Maj. Gen. George O. Suter is working out a system of wireless distribution for the inaugural speech. They expect to make it audible to every person with proper receiving apparatus anywhere in the United States.

Special wireless equipment belonging to the army and navy will be set up at the inaugural stand. This will be strong enough to transmit the voice of the President to all parts of the country and to vessels at sea.

It is suggested that "inaugural parties" be held by all persons who have wireless equipment able to pick up the waves from Washington.

Amateur wireless apparatus can be readily equipped and tuned to hear the President.

AWFUL PUNISHMENT TO BE VISITED UPON SINNERS

Out at Zion, Illinois, where a dozen or more Granville county people are basking in the sunshine of a strange religion, Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva has issued advance sheets on a "handbook and guide to Hell" based on what he termed Hellgrams, recently inspired. He says:

"Every sinner is going to be punished with an over-dose of his own sin," volvia declared. "A tobacco smoker will be locked up in a den full of tobacco smoke. A chewer of the filthy weed will be immersed in his neck in a vat of tobacco juice. A drinker will pass his own term of purification in a natorium filled with beer, wine and whiskey."

THE SOUTH IS SEEKING NEW YORK EXPORTS

Business of several Southern ports are planning to compete for trade with the port of New York, officers of the National Marine League declared in a statement here today. The ports which are seeking to wrest business from New York include Wilmington, N. C., Savannah, Ga., Charleston, S. C., Brunswick, Ga., and Jacksonville, Fla., the statement said.

A delegation of business men from the Southern cities has been visiting Middle Western States, the League declared, in an effort to urge inland manufacturers to divert overseas shipments to their ports.

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

MR. E. G. MOSS EXPLAINS BENEFIT OF CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING ASSOCIATION

The North Carolina Tobacco Growers Association held their first annual meeting in Raleigh, January 12. The majority of the counties were represented and all agreed that for immediate relief a curtailment of acreage in 1921 crop was essential. Some sections of the State, especially the New Belt, wanted to reduce the crop 50 per cent, but they finally adopted a resolution insisting that a reduction of at least 33 1-3 per cent be enforced and urged that wherever individuals, communities, or counties could do so, to reduce their acreage one-half. The indications are that there will be a "carry over" of about 300 million pounds of flue-cured tobacco, most of it common tobaccos. So if a large crop of tobacco is produced in 1921, there will be no market for common tobacco. For that reason it was decided to finish the campaign for signing the reduction of acreage pledge before beginning the "sign up" campaign for the Cooperative Marketing Association.

The plan for organizing a Cooperative Marketing Association, which was unanimously, and I might say enthusiastically, adopted at Raleigh, also at Lynchburg, by the Virginia growers and at Florence by the South Carolina growers is the only plan which is workable, practical, and feasible that has ever been presented to the tobacco growers. It is so simple and so manifestly fair and just that everybody can understand it. It is the only plan by which the grower can have some say about the price of his commodity, and at the same time show the manufacturer and the buyer every consideration. It will go far toward stabilizing the price of tobacco; it will mean that one manufacturer will get his tobacco grade for grade as cheap as his competitor; that the producer will get the same price for the same grade as his neighbor. It will also mean that the growers will get the information as to the amount of tobacco required to meet the trade demands from year to year, and this information will be given to the producer so he can arrange his farming operations based on facts.

This contract which will be submitted to the growers after February 1 will explain in detail the plan of operation and will be the same contract submitted to every flue-cured tobacco grower in the district. It is the only chance the tobacco grower has ever had to put his operations on a business basis, and he can sign this contract with the positive assurance that it is absolutely binding when 50 per cent of the flue-cured tobacco growers of Virginia and North Carolina and South Carolina have signed, and the association cannot begin to operate until 50 per cent have signed.

I am therefore appealing to the tobacco growers of Granville county to put your shoulders to the wheel and be the first county in the flue-cured district to agree to reduce your acreage and then sign the Marketing Contract. If 50 per cent of the tobacco growers have signed by June 1, the Marketing Association will be in position to take care of the 1921 crop.

THE LATE JAMES CREWS

He Reared Nine Children and All But One Had Large Families.

There appeared in the Public Ledger recently an interesting sketch of the late James Crews, written by Hon. T. T. Hicks of Henderson. Mr. Hicks said that his grandfather, the late James Crews, reared nine sons and all but one left large families. The Public Ledger made Mr. Hicks say "large fortunes."

LIQUOR TRAFFIC MAY REQUIRE FORMATION OF STATE POLICE

Widespread Increase of Illicit Distilling Too Much For Federal Agents

Organization of a State Constabulary to supplement the forces of the Federal Prohibition Agents and county officers in suppressing the widespread manufacture of liquor in North Carolina is likely to be one of the early developments in the General Assembly. Federal authorities are ready to admit that the job has grown too big for the limited staff of 46 men at work in the State, and the suggestion has been made the Legislature to lend a hand.

Reports of the operations of the 46 prohibition agents and of the sheriffs of 59 counties in the State during the year ending December 1, 1920, make the total number of illicit distilleries captured at 4,686, and the number of men and women arrested on charges of violation of the prohibition laws 2,317. Two thirds of this number were taken by the Federal agents. But with this amazing total of destruction and arrests, both sheriffs and prohibition officers realize that they have barely denting the manufacturing capacity of the moonshiners.

More Liquor Than Ever

During the year 8,257 gallons of liquor were seized by the Federal agents, and half that amount by the sheriffs of the counties. Federal agents seized and destroyed 13,405 fermenters, 21,953 gallons of apple cider, 4,500 gallons of molasses, 3,070 pounds of sugar, and 1,048, 264 gal of beer.

All of this property except the sugar and molasses was destroyed, and the metals of the stills sold. Horses and mules seized and sold at auction numbered 46, automobiles 91. The total value of the property seized and not destroyed was \$65,047 and the value of the property seized and destroyed was valued at \$412,947. Taxes and penalties assessed against violators totaled 1,153,181.

Million Dollar Profit

These values do not include the values and penalties imposed upon violators taken by the county authorities. The cost of administration of the law in the State was less than \$150,000, leaving the Federal Government a net profit for the year work in the State of \$1,074,328.

Transmitting his annual report to R. S. Brame, supervising agent of the prohibition forces, H. G. Gulley, chief of the North Carolina division declares that a conservative estimate would show an increase of 100 per cent in illicit distilleries in the State during the past year. He sees a little hope in the fact that the moonshiner is not as flagrant in his defiance of the law as he was a year ago.

MR. WILLIE HOWARD DEAD

Father and Child Laid to Rest in Same Casket.

After a lingering illness of two weeks, Mr. Willie Howard, of Oxford Route 4, died last Friday night in the 21st year of his age. The funeral and burial, conducted by Rev. George T. Tunstall, took place at Hester Church Saturday afternoon. The deceased was a son of Mr. Dudley Howard and was a very promising young man, his mother having died some time ago. He is survived by a wife and one child 21 months old.

Two or three days before his death Mr. Howard realized that he was approaching the end of his earthly career. He was aware that his little child, who had been sick for several days at the home of a relative, was dead. He called the family about him and requested that the child be placed in the casket with him. The family promised to do as he requested, and the child was placed in the arms of his father, the lips resting upon his cheek.

The active pallbearers were: Joe Gooch, Willie Critcher, Lowering Hobgood, Davie Adcock, W. Alfred Dean, B. Pruitt. The flowers carried were: Ernest Pruitt, Fred Curran, Charles Adcock, Elvin Dean, J. R. Pruitt, Mark Frazier, Lem Curran, G. Evans.

REPORT OF DECEMBER SALES

Oxford Market Compared With Henderson and Durham Markets

The following figures are taken from the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service for the month of December last: Total sales of the five Oxford warehouses 2,468,425; 1920 price \$20.98; 1919 price \$57.57.

Total sales of the six Henderson warehouses 2,542,242; 1920 price \$17.16; 1919 price \$57.30.

Total sales of the four Durham warehouses 7,775,382; 1920 price \$21.19; 1919 price \$62.49.

CHOOSING A WIFE

One Of Oxford's Best Business Men Goes a Courtin'.

Madame rumor has it that one of Oxford's best business men—a well-to-do widower—is on a still hunt for a soul mate. The rumor was confirmed, more or less, one night last week when he attended the Orpheum with a half dozen pretty girls. The title of the picture was "Choosing a Wife," which enabled the theatre party to get a few pointers.

MR. AND MRS. B. I. BREEDLOVE CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING

Just As Happy As They Were Fifty Years Ago.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin I. Breedlove of Oxford Route 5, was a scene of merriment on Tuesday Jan., 11th, 1921, when their children, grand-children, nieces, nephews and one brother of Mrs. Breedlove gathered there to celebrate their 50th marriage anniversary. The bride and groom of fifty years have seven children: Calvin H. Breedlove, Clarence J. Breedlove, Oscar B. Breedlove, Mesdames Eula B. Hart, S. D. Holeman, C. T. Hester and Miss Ada L. Breedlove; seventeen grand-children and two great-grand-children. All of their children were present and all of their grand-children except one. Mrs. Macon Barker, (nee Miss Mabel Hart) the eldest grand-child and her family were absent on account of her baby, little Roy Benjamin Barker, the eldest great-grandchild having received a burn a few days previous which prevented their coming.

Mr. Breedlove is the only living member of his family. Mrs. Breedlove before her marriage was Celestia A. Hunt, the daughter of the late Joseph Penn Hunt and Martha Crews Hunt. She and two brothers, D. N. Hunt, of Oxford, and Ira T. Hunt, of Kittrell, are the only surviving members of her family.

In 1863 Mr. Breedlove, at the age of seventeen years, left his lissie sweetheart, loved ones and friends to fight for his country. He was in the service until Robt. E. Lee laid down arms at Appomattox Court House. He then returned home healthy and hearty without a scratch. He wonders today if there is another Confederate Veteran in Granville county who has celebrated his 50th marriage anniversary.

The guests arrived about 11 o'clock and enjoyed games, music and other amusements until 2 o'clock when dinner was announced. All assembled in the dining room. On the center of the table was the wedding cake with 50 golden candles lighted, representing the number of years the couple had been wedded. After a sweet and appropriate prayer by Mr. D. N. Hunt the happy pair opened the packages by their plates which contained many useful and beautiful gifts. Among them was a wedding ring with this engraving: "B. I. B.—C. A. H. January 11, 1821." Everybody seemed filled with the spirit of the occasion, and many times during the day tears of joy were shed. Several wondered if the couple were not as happy as they were fifty years ago.

After expressing their thanks for the various surprises, some one in the presence called for a speech from B. I. Breedlove to tell us how to retain our health and youth as he had. He said: "My cup of joy is too full to make a speech, but for us to eat a plenty, sleep enough and live honest lives."

A four course luncheon was served. Several messages of love and good wishes came from nieces and nephews who were unable to get there, and from the brother who was detained at home on account of sickness.

Mr. Breedlove was 74 years old the 4th of last October. He says he feels 20 years younger since the anniversary. Mrs. Breedlove was 72 years old the 28th of last August. Both are wonderfully active for their years. May God bless and preserve their lives for many more celebrations.

THE SOUTHERN RAILROAD TO SUE THE GOVERNMENT

Will Ask \$84,000,000 Damages For Wear and Tear During Federal Control.

(Washington Special)

The Southern Railway is preparing to file suit against the government for \$84,000,000 in an effort to recover for all legal losses as a result of governmental operation of its lines. T. DeWitt Cuyler, of the Association of Railway Executives declared today in the course of an appeal before the house commerce committee for legislation to permit the treasury to make partial payments under the transportation act of amounts due the road for losses sustained during the first six months after government operation ended.

THE ORPHEUM THEATRE INSTALLS HEATING PLANT

The Orpheum Theatre has installed a heating plant at a cost of \$1800. It was necessary to dig a basement under the stage and wall it with cement to accommodate the big fire box. During the cold snap last week it required 20 pounds of steam to warm up the building. There are a number of thermometers in the building which the management frequently consults to see if the heat is properly distributed and of the right temperature.

WILLIS SUCEEDS HARDING

New Ohio Republican Appointee Sworn.

Former Governor Frank B. Willis, of Ohio took his seat in the Senate Friday the successor of President-elect Harding, who resigned for the remainder of his term expiring March 4.