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COOPERATIVE PLAN PUT OFF FOR YEAR

Impossible To Put Marketing Plan
Into Effect This Season.

According to information which comes from an authority close to the leaders in the movement, the cooperative marketing plan for the selling of tobacco and cotton will not be put into effect in 1921. The reason assigned for the postponement is that the details of the arrangements are so great and so numerous that they cannot possibly be taken care of in time for the opening of the season this year.

The meeting of the leaders in the movement, held in Raleigh last week over the whole situation, and there was sentiment for making an effort to put the plan into effect this year, it is understood, but the predominating opinion is represented as having been that it could not be done, even if seventy-five percent of the entire three states of North Carolina, Virginia and Georgia had been already signed.

Much Detail Work.

There is much detail about the plan. In the first place trained executives will be required to handle the crop, which normally has a value of several hundreds of millions of dollars. Expert graders of tobacco would have to be employed; warehouses and storage plants would have to be either bought or leased; drying plants would have to be acquired; sales agencies would of necessity, have to be arranged, and the organization perfected to a far greater extent than has been done.

Cause Of Delay.

One obstacle to putting the plan into effect this year is said to be the delay in signing up the growers in South Carolina. Sentiment there, as in North Carolina and Virginia, is "heavily" in favor of the plan, but the season there opens about the middle of July, and that "me is so close at hand that it will be impossible to sign them and make the arrangements for taking over and handling the crop before the week is ready for marketing. Some eastern North Carolina counties also are understood to be behind in their quota of fifty percent.

Will Redouble Efforts.

The postponement of the effective-ness of the plan in 1921 does not in any wise mean that the cooperative system is to be abandoned. It is the view of many that it is better to wait for one year and perfect the organization, and then make the plan a success, rather than to go into it this year, with plans not wholly complete and make a failure of the venture both this year and for all time to come. Then, too, there have been some farmers, it is pointed out, who have held back on account of a conviction that the time was too short to put the movement across in 1921, and that the support and co-operation of this element will be assured if the delay of one year is granted.

Safe Go In 1922.

The campaign in Granville county and in the three states of Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina will not be slackened. On the other hand, it is understood, efforts of the leaders and the farmers themselves will be redoubled in order to make it a sure go in 1922. The farmers and business men feel that a movement of such magnitude as this one, involving crops worth up into the hundreds of millions of dollars, cannot be put through in six months. This element is understood to be of the mind that the postponement for this year is a very wise one, and that it promises success next year.

The Pledge.

Leaders are absolutely confident that the plan will be safe for 1922, but the contract provides that if the required fifty cent is not signed by January 1, next, any man who has pledged his crop for the five-year period will be at liberty to withdraw if he so wishes.

COL. W. T. GREGORY HEADS FAMOUS REGIMENT

Former Granville County Man Honored
By Canadian Military Depart-
ment.

The Mail and Express, published at Leamington, Canada, contains a lengthy article in reference to Col. W. T. Gregory, who was born in Granville County, North Carolina, on September 26, 1872, and was educated at Horner Military College at Oxford. The Mail and Express says: "William Thorpe Gregory, prominent Leamington man, has been appointed honorary lieutenant-colonel of the Essex Fusiliers (18th Batt. C. E. F.) according to divisional orders received by Lt. Col. Sydney C. Robinson, officer commanding.

"The Government has seen fit to make this appointment in recognition of Lt. Col. Gregory's magnificent service to Canada and to the Empire during the Great War." Col. Robinson said this morning. "There is no question but that this will be a most popular appointment, especially among returned soldiers from the Atlantic to the Pacific."

—Capt. John L. Roper, millionaire lumberman, railroad man, soldier and philanthropist, died Saturday in his 66th year, at Fredericksburg, Va.

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

TAR HEELS SPEND FOUR MILLION DOLLARS FOR GASOLINE IN SIXTY DAYS

The State Tax Of One Cent Per Gallon Netted the Highway Commission \$140,000.

"If \$4,200,000 in currency was piled in a heap and literally burned to the ground during these so-called dull times, the press and the public of Uncle Sam's domain would set up a howl the like of which has never been heard before," says the Raleigh Evening Times.

"Well, North Carolinians burned exactly \$4,200,000 in gasoline the last two months and figures compiled from the records of the State Automobile Department show that 147,000 motor vehicles used 14,000,000 gallons of gasoline in April and May. Placing the average cost of gasoline at thirty cents per gallon the consumption gave the several oil companies receipts for \$70,000 a day.

"Each motor vehicle licensed by the State during the two months averaged \$14.25 a month for gasoline consumption which amounted to 47 1-2 gallons. This was for commercial and pleasure cars. The State tax of one cent per gallon netted the Highway Commission \$140,000, which will use in linking up the highways of North Carolina into modern paved roads.

"The money spent in the operation of motor vehicles during the two months, which experts say is a fair average of the gasoline consumed every thirty days, would build 168 handsome rural schools at a cost of \$25,000 each. At the present pace, a year of gasoline consumption would represent an expenditure of \$25,000,000.

"The big work in the State Automobile Department now is the registration of motor vehicles for next year, but Saturday only 50,000 cars and 5,000 trucks had been licensed. The owners have only one more week in which to register their machines. The registration has been surprisingly slow, stated Chief Clerk J. Sawyer of the automobile department."

WAR FINANCE CORPORATION TO ADVANCE MONEY TO FI- NANCE TOBACCO EXPORTS

A Big Slice Of the Wind Goes To China.

Washington, June 27.—The War Finance Corporation announces that it has agreed to make the following advances: \$1,000,000 to finance the export of cotton under contract to be exported at a later date to England, Germany, Spain, France, Japan, Belgium, Italy and China; \$1,400,000 to finance the export of American built freightcars to China; \$1,600,000 to export American tobacco to China.

It also announces that the Southern Railway has repaid to the War Finance Corporation \$5,000,000 on account of the advance of \$7,400,000 made to the Southern Railway in 1919.

LADIES OF THE COUNTY INVITED TO ATTEND MEETINGS

Editor Public Ledger:

Recognizing the influence and worth of the ladies of the county, we extend to them an invitation to be present at all the future meetings of the cooperative marketing plan. This is the biggest step forward the South has ever undertaken. It will not only bless this generation, but generations to come.

Ladies of Granville County, get behind this movement. We recognize your worth. It means better things for you and better advantages for your sons and daughters. Wives ask your husbands to give this contract serious attention. Young girls, ask the young men when he calls if he has signed the contract. If he says "no," tell him to get busy. Your presence at our meeting will be an inspiration. P. W. KNOTT.

YOU MAY SEE

SHOOTING STARS TONIGHT
AND TOMORROW NIGHT

Meteoric Shower May Be Intense Or
Scattering—Only Sign Of Pons-
Winnecke Comet.

Visible scenes in the form of "shooting stars" of the passing of Pons-Winnecke comet, whose appearance has been watched for by the guys with the big telescopes, may be staged in the heavens tonight. Again the "hobo of the solar system" may not leave his card until tomorrow night.

Pons-Winnecke's tail is scheduled to pass near the earth's orbit today and the result of its visit to the man on the street will be a brilliant "meteoric display." The comet itself, is said to have come nearest the earth's orbit June 1 but today it is due to switch its tail in the face of the earth and speed laughingly on to re-appear about five and a half years hence.

—Mrs. Sallie H. Hamme, Assistant Secretary for the Equitable Life Assurance Society, of Raleigh, spent the week end with relatives near Oxford.

—Now is the time for all would-be wits to start asking, "What day of the month does the Fourth of July fall on?"

ST. JOHN'S DAY DREW RECORD BREAKING CROWD TO OXFORD FRIDAY

There Was No Accident and Every-
thing Was Harmonious.

St. John's Day, which was celebrated here last Friday, was in many respects unlike St. John's Day in former years. There were more visitors here than ever before, the floating population being estimated at 15,000. Granville county, outside of Oxford, was well represented in the great throng, and Oxford turned out stronger this year than ever before, which goes to prove that the annual celebration is growing in interest as the years come and go.

There were at least 2500 cars parked on the streets and in the grove at the Oxford Orphanage, representing an investment of more than \$2,000,000. The poor old horse was not in evidence this year, and there were no accidents or arrests for disorderly conduct as in former years.

One of the most accurate methods of estimating the number of visitors here on St. John's Day is to find out how much barbecue was consumed. One thousand pounds of barbecue feeds 4,000 people. There was 3000 pounds of barbecue prepared and served last Friday. The supply gave out and they were unable to serve a large number who called for the rare dish.

At the Orphanage.

The exercises of the day began with a special communication of the grand lodge of Masons of North Carolina in the Masonic hall at 11 o'clock, presided over by Grand Master J. Bailey Owen, of Henderson. After this meeting the body of Masons marched to the large pavilion in the grounds where the exercises for the public began with prayer by Rev. S. R. Oglesby.

The immense crowd joined in singing "Come Thou Almighty King." The address of welcome was delivered by Rev. S. R. Oglesby, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Oxford, who in most pleasing style, welcomed the large crowd. Response was made by B.nette Perry, of Henderson, in a few chosen words. After which "America" was sung. Mr. B. W. Parham introduced the head orator of the occasion, Dr. Herbert M. Potat, of Wake Forest, who chose as his subject "Masonry Militant," and in a powerful, forceful oration made a wonderful plea to the Masons of the state to fight the hostile forces now existing, socialism and political and secular Romanism.

The crowd scattered. Three thousand people attended the ball game between the Oxford and Durham teams in the forenoon at the new ball park, and fully that number witnessed the contest between Oxford and Henderson in the afternoon.

On account of the Orpheum Theatre being the coolest place in town, and the special program for the occasion, the house was packed from 9:30 in the morning until 10 o'clock at night.

GOMPERS ELECTED BY A BIG MAJORITY

President Of American Federation
Of Labor Wins By Overwhelming
Majority.

Denver, June 27, President Samuel Gompers and his entire administration was returned to office for another year by the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, after overwhelmingly defeating opposition for the presidency, and one of the vice-presidencies.

Daniel J. Tobin, of Indianapolis, was re-elected treasurer and Frank Morrison, of Washington, was re-elected secretary.

Cincinnati, Ohio, was selected as the place for the 1922 convention.

OXFORD STORES TO BE CLOSED JULY FOURTH

The Chamber of Commerce, through their Secretary Miss Cycle Marr, announces that all stores in Oxford will be closed on the Fourth of July.

TEN YEARS AGO

Gen. B. S. Royster Was the Orator
Of the Day.

The Charlotte Observer carries a department entitled "Looking Backwards Ten Years." The following item appeared under the heading last Saturday:

"Gen. B. S. Royster was the orator of the day at the St. John's Day celebration held yesterday at Oxford. R. N. Hackett, grand master, Masonic lodge of North Carolina, presided at the exercises."

PUEBLO FLOOD VICTIMS TOTAL SIX THOUSAND

Red Cross Issues Statement Of Suf-
ferers In Pueblo Inundation.

Pueblo, June 27.—More than 6000 persons suffered as a result of the flood here, according to an official statement issued by the Red Cross today. That number includes dead, injured, homeless and persons lost property. Among the number were 800 foreigners.

Up to June 20, the statement said, 1702 families registered for assistance and 383 homeless men applied for aid. Six hundred houses were destroyed.

—The fattest calf is not worried by the prodigal Sims' return.

MR. I. W. MANGUM TENDERS USE OF HIS WAREHOUSE FOR REVIVAL SERVICES

The Brilliant John W. Ham, Of At-
lanta Will Lead the Meeting.

Beginning Monday evening, July 11, and running through Sunday July 24, the West Oxford Baptist Church is to conduct an evangelistic meeting.

Pastor C. A. Upchurch, on his way to the recent convention in Chattanooga, succeeded in inducing John W. Ham, the brilliant, consecrated and fearless pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Atlanta, Ga., to do the preaching in this meeting.

Having secured Mr. Ham and knowing his reputation for attracting large crowds to hear the gospel, Mr. Upchurch at once set about the task of arranging for a tent or a warehouse large enough to seat 2500 to 3000 people. Mr. I. W. Mangum kindly volunteered the offer of his large new warehouse and it is now being put into shape.

The people of the community will appreciate the statement of pastor Upchurch when he says "I got a bigger man than I had hoped to get. I knew he would draw enough people to more than double the capacity of our house and West Oxford Church is grateful to Mr. Mangum for furnishing us the room."

A conference of leaders from the churches of Oxford was held at the First Baptist Church recently, in which a good healthy interest was shown and cooperation assured the West Oxford people of those present.

Committees are being formed and plans perfected for a meeting in which it is hoped much good will be done.

Prayermeetings are being held and interest in the revival grows each day.

The Knotts Grove Church postponed her meeting so as to avoid a conflict and her people will cooperate heartily with their pastor in this effort.

All the churches in this section, their pastors, their choirs and their people are expected to enjoy this season with the good people of West Oxford.

OFFICERS CAPTURED BIG STILL IN OAK HILL LAST SUNDAY EVENING

There Was Seventy-Five Gallons Of
Whiskey and Three Thousand
Gallons Of Beer On the Grounds—
A Warrant Has Been Issued For
The Arrest Of A Prominent White
Man Who Was Seen Working At
The Still.

Officers Hutchins, Chief Hobgood, Capt. Bowling, Conrad Walters, Deputy Newton, assisted by a half dozen loyal citizens of Oak Hill, captured a 150 gallon capacity still on the banks of Boshen Creek, Oak Hill township, late last Sunday evening.

The still was located in a thick growth of underbrush. The officers crawled to within a few feet of the still and saw a white man and a negro at work. Officer Hutchins made a lunge for the negro and both rolled down the bank into deep water, the negro making his escape into the thick underbrush, and the white man likewise disappeared from the scene.

The officer took a long look at the white man, and they are able to identify him. They know where he lives and a warrant has been issued for his arrest. He is said to be a man of means and lives in Virginia near a city about the size of Oxford.

The still is the largest one ever captured in Granville county. The whole outfit is of copper and the boiler holds more than 150 gallons. Judging from the size of the ash heap at hand, the still had been in operation at that point for some time.

There was 75 gallons of high-grade corn liquor at hand. There being only two men at the still, Hutchins is of the opinion that two or three other men had left the still to get a wagon to haul the liquor away. The still was warm and there would have been 60 gallons more liquor by 9 o'clock, said Officer Hutchins. The officers destroyed the liquor and upset the retainers which held 3000 gallons of beer.

STATE AUTOMOBILE LICENSES

Send To Raleigh Today For Your
New Tag.

State automobile licenses must be displayed on the machines by July 1, says I. H. Hobgood, chief of police. Cars on the streets of Oxford after that day without the new license tags will be deemed in violation of the law and the drivers summoned into court, the chief declares. The time is sufficient for owners to get the 1921 tags and Chief Hobgood avers that the excuse of application made and tag not arrived will not be accepted this year. Moral: Mr. Auto Driver, get your application for the new license tag off to Raleigh today and avoid being hauled into court and fined for a violation of law.

MERCHANTS ADOPT CLOSING HOURS FOR THE SUMMER

The merchants of Oxford have agreed to close their stores during July and August at 5:30 o'clock every day except Saturday. The closing hour on Saturday will be 9 o'clock, except the grocery stores, which will remain open until 9:30. This notice does not apply to drug stores.

BASE BALL TWO VICTORIES FOR OXFORD ON ST. JOHN'S DAY

Oxford 4; Durham 3.

The mercury stood at 102 when the game between Oxford and Durham was called on the local diamond last Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock. It was a hard fought battle, in which Oxford defeated West Durham by score of 4 to 3.

Score R. H. E.
West Durham 3 6 3
Oxford 4 7 4
Cheek and Dennis; Coffey and Cutchins.

Oxford 10; Henderson 6.

Fans from all of the towns covered by the Central Carolina League were here Friday to witness a battle royal between the Oxford and Henderson teams. When the game was called at 3 o'clock there was "standing room only" in the park.

Henderson led off with three runs in the first inning. Something got the matter with Bealton, Henderson's pitcher, in the second innings and he quit the game. Moore took his place and in the sixth inning Finch relieved Moore. Commeminating upon this phase of the game, the Henderson Daily Dispatch says:

"The play of the game that apparently has caused so much talk, and which has evidently been misunderstood, was when Bealton threw away a ball in the second inning. After he had walked a batter and forced in a run, he went over to Manager Knott and asked that he request Playing Manager Hatcher to catch Powell behind the bat, and Knott referred him to Hatcher. Bealton said that he could pitch better baseball to Powell than to Dewey, and so informed Hatcher in the forenoon. When he walked out of the box to make the request of Mr. Knott, he had in his hands a ball which he claimed was heavier than regulation size, and which he had asked Umpire Caddell to put out of the game. As he turned back toward the diamond, he saw Alex Moore going into the pitcher's box, and he threw the ball away in order to get it out of the game. This is the way it all happened, as Bealton is said to have explained it."

Score by innings: R. H. E.
Henderson 301 011 000—6 14 4
Oxford 140 120 20x—10 11 5

SUMMARY:
Hits: off Bealton 3 in two innings; off Moore 5 in 3 innings. Off Finch 3 in three innings. Base on balls: off Bealton two; off Moore 2; off Krepps 1. Hit by pitched ball: Berhle. Sacrifice hits: by Bealton 1; by Moore 1; by Finch 3; by Krepps 7. Stolen bases: Berhle, Andrews, Holden, Hale. Left on bases: Henderson 8; Oxford 7. Time of game 2:25. Umpire: John Caddell.

Where They Play.

Roxboro at Oxford today.
Henderson at Oxford Wednesday.
Oxford at Henderson Thursday.
Durham at Oxford Friday.
Oxford against Brook Neat at So. Boston Saturday.

THE EXCHANGE HOTEL BEAUTIFIED BY PAINT

Ever once in a while the exterior of the Exchange Hotel receives a fresh coat of paint, but many people in Oxford who do not frequent the hotel have no conception of the beautiful interior. Painters and decorators have been at work for some time on the interior, and the dining room is now one of the most pleasant and handsomest in the State, being finished in buff and brown and the air cooled by electric fans.

The State examiner having placed the Exchange Hotel in "Class A," the Public Ledger made a tour of inspection to see what a neat and clean hotel looks like, and we were delighted to find everything so neat and tidy, especially the hallways, sleeping apartments, beds and towels. The hotel lobby has also been beautified by paint.

Mr. L. F. Smith—the traveling men call him Landlord Smith—is highly pleased to know that the Exchange Hotel stands at the head of the list of neat and clean hotels in the State. He said: "The only way to get into 'Class A' and maintain the high standing is by employing good help and keeping everlastingly at it."

ANOTHER REDUCTION MADE IN PRICE OF GASOLINE

Chicago, June 27.—The Standard Oil Company in Indiana announced an average reduction of 2 cents a gallon on gasoline throughout the eleven middle Western States in which it operates. Gasoline has been selling in Chicago at 22 cents.

HIGH COST OF LIVING NOT GONE BUT GOING

While the cost of living is 6.19 per cent higher now than it was in July, 1914, it has declined a total of 20.8 per cent since July of last year, according to figures made public by the National Industrial Conference Board, which show that the cost of living in the United States, on the average, dropped 2.3 per cent during the month of May, last.

—A savings account is like a fish story—the longer it lives the larger it grows.

DR. PEACOCK IS PLACED IN STATE PRISON ON LIFE SENTENCE

Judge T. B. Finley Holds Public
Ought To Be Protected From Doc-
tor—E. E. Raper, Of Lexington,
Makes Unavailing Plea For the
Immediate Release Of Peacock.

Raleigh, June 27.—Dr. J. W. Peacock, of Thomasville, who was ordered by Judge T. B. Finley at Greensboro last week to be confined in the State hospital for criminal insane at the State Prison here for life or until he shall have been declared entirely rational by a properly appointed board and this board's decision shall be accepted by the plaintiff, was brought to Raleigh Thursday night and placed in the State Prison.

Dr. Peacock was convicted two weeks ago by a Rowan county jury at Lexington on the charge of having slain Chief of Police Taylor, of Thomasville on April 16, last, and was held to be suffering from paranoia and to have been insane at time of the killing.

(Greensboro News)

Judge T. B. Finley, presiding over a special inquisition held here last week to determine what should be done with the Thomasville doctor decided that in the best interest of the public safety, that Dr. Peacock should be sent to the hospital for the criminal insane and kept there for life, or until, released by a special act of the General Assembly, or until such time as he shall have been declared entirely rational by a properly appointed board and this report shall have been accepted both by the plaintiff and the defense.

Will Protect Public.

In ordering Doctor Peacock confined to the hospital Judge Finley held that the jury returned the verdict of acquittal after the testimony of the experts had been offered showing that Doctor Peacock was suffering from an insidious disease of the mind known as paranoia, which was said by the experts to be long lasting and which might break out at any time.

E. E. Raper, of Lexington bar made a strong speech for the defense declaring that Dr. Peacock is now sound of mind and should not be confined to the State hospital for the criminal insane.

Judge Finley held that the inquisition was held as provided by law in such cases and that the burden of proof rested on the defendant to show that he is not of unsound mind. Judge Finley does not believe that the law means that a man may raise and lower the curtain on his mentality and commit a crime and then return to normal.

In common with the testimony of the experts he held that paranoia is an insidious disease and believes that the law is plain on the point that when a man has committed a crime and is pronounced insane at the time of the commission of the crime that if it is not proven beyond a shadow of doubt after the commission of the crime that he has returned to a normal status that he should be committed to the hospital for the criminal insane.

Strong and impassioned speeches were made by Solicitor J. C. Bower and by H. H. Sink, of the Lexington bar. Mr. Bower characterized the crime as the "foulest that has ever been committed in the State of North Carolina." He further declared that he was shocked and surprised that Mr. Raper should come into the court and try to get his client off after the commission of such a crime and it had been proven to the satisfaction of a jury that he was an insane man.

Dr. Peacock was in the courtroom throughout the trial and was never moved by the talk. He heard the order of Judge Finley with the utmost calm and appeared absolutely uninterested in any of the proceedings.

A HOT CONTEST

All-Star White Defeats Roger Lanier Team.

The All-Star White crossed bats with the Roger Lanier team at Horner Park Monday afternoon, the score being 24 to 4 in favor of the All-Star team. The feature of the game was the two-3-bagger hits by Willie Millis and Ray Garman, and the home run of Garland Moore.

The pitcher—Garland Moore for the All-Stars, and George Bullock and Alfred McFarland for Roger Lanier. Charlie Gray, of Louisville, was the special umpire.

Landis & Easton's Big Sale.

The big sale that Landis & Easton inaugurated last week is still in full blast and the buying public is taking advantage of this great saving opportunity. In the advertisement that appeared in the last issue of the Public Ledger the printer in correcting made it appear that every article in the store had been cut in half. This was a mistake and should have read millinery reduced to half price. On another page of this paper you will find the page advertisement of Landis & Easton with a list of seasonable merchandise that has been reduced 35 percent. At this sale everybody who spends a dollar in trade or pays on account get a coupon entitling them to a chance on a handsome kitchen cabinet and a cedar chest. Every dollar purchase entitles you to one chance.