



HIGH HONORS CONFERRED ON NASHVILLE CITIZEN

In State Council Meeting Junior Order
At Asheville Local Man Receives
Second Highest State Honor.

M. W. Lincke Made State Vice-Councilor

Sidelight on Greatest Meeting
Held in State Within Recent
Years.

Messrs. Archie D. Odom, V. H. Hamlet and M. W. Lincke, representing Nashville Council Jr. O. U. A. M., J. D. Bissette, of Magnolia Council; J. W. Colston, of Momeyer Council and representatives of various other Councils of Nash County, have returned from the State Council meeting held in Asheville during the past week and which was one of the largest and most enthusiastic meetings held within recent years.

The daily sessions were held in the handsome and well-appointed city auditorium and when State Councilor Sharp called the session to order and the roll call of districts concluded approximately all of the districts in the state and representatives of about five hundred Councils were shown to be in attendance, some of the Councils sending several representatives.

Besides the state officers in attendance upon the sessions National Councilor Tunison, National Council Representatives and distinguished Junior Order men from throughout the nation were present and many most excellent addresses and discussions of questions pertinent to the workings of the order greatly inspired the assemblage during the day and night sessions.

During the entire session there was a spirit of brotherly feeling and a manifestation of cooperation among the brethren and all who took part in the transaction of the great amount of business before the Council that marked the gathering as being one of the most inspirational it has been the pleasure of the delegates to attend.

In the election of officers for the ensuing year following the usual custom of ascendancy, former State Vice Council R. M. Gant, of Durham, was unanimously placed at the head of the organization in the state as State Councilor. Hon. Samuel F. Vance, of Kernersville, was re-elected State Secretary; J. H. Gilley, assistant secretary; Gurney P. Hood, treasurer, and Rev. C. A. G. Thomas, State Chaplain.

It will be of interest to the members of the order in Nash County, and especially to the membership of Nashville Council to know that in the contest for the high office of State Vice Councilor and wherein five entrants for the second highest honor to be conferred by the State Council, M. W. Lincke, of Nashville Council, was elected to this position, only lacking seventeen votes on the first ballot to win out over the four other distinguished gentlemen who aspired to the office of State Vice Councilor. On the second ballot there was a landslide for the Nashville man and the move to make his nomination unanimous precipitated a rousing demonstration and showers of congratulations coming from representatives both State and National.

For several years Mr. Lincke has represented the local Council and in the State Council has taken an active part in the various discussions and matters coming before that great body, and throughout Eastern North Carolina he has rendered distinguished service to many districts and subordinate Councils for the past several years. He is a charter member of Nashville Council which he was largely instrumental in organizing in this city about eighteen years ago with only twenty members. The membership now numbers about four hundred and fifty.

On Wednesday afternoon of the State meeting the representatives and many especially invited guests were taken to Sunset Rock and the peaks of the "Land of the Sky" where a very delightful luncheon was given in their honor. Many other places were visited by the representatives before adjournment was taken after a short business session of the Board of Officers held on Thursday.

Now is the time for Club encampments throughout the State, and reports from Stanley, Vance, Guilford, Rockingham and many other counties show the good these "get-together" meetings are doing.

The Mangum Warehouse To Open At Rocky Mount.

No man who has come to Rocky Mount recent years and who in the very short space of a few months has drawn to himself a larger cord of friends both among the citizens of Rocky Mount and all surrounding country, especially the tobacco farmers, than has Mr. I. W. Mangum who becomes the proprietor of the Mangum Warehouse, which will on next Tuesday, Sept. 2nd, throw open its doors to the tobacco farmers of Nash and adjoining counties for the sale of their tobacco.

Mr. Mangum is originally from Oxford, where he has been in the tobacco business for nineteen years and has made the study of tobacco in all its various phases of cultivation, growth and sale a close study. He has linked his destiny with the tobacco market at Rocky Mount and for the purpose of serving the tobacco growers in making Rocky Mount one of the largest and most dependable markets in the state. His affable and courteous bearing and strong personality will draw scores of friends to him from among the tobacco growers and all classes of people with whom he is thrown in contact.

Among his associates will be the unapproachable and inimitable Geo. W. Smithson, who is well known to the tobacco growers of Eastern Carolina. George has become disassociated with the Cooper Warehouse and will be floor manager for the Mangum Warehouse. He has a fine record in such capacity and by reason of his position will render great service to the growers by looking after their needs and in displaying their offerings to the very best advantage.

Joe E. Cuthrell, who is a "chip off the old block," will be auctioneer for the Mangum Warehouse. Joe knows his business and stands as a past-master in the art of selling tobacco. He appreciates the responsibility resting upon him, yet he measures to the situation in a most admirable manner. Tobacco farmers know of his unquestionable ability along this line.

Among the office force will be found such capable gentlemen as Dock Harris and J. A. Strickland, of Rocky Mount; George F. Tucker, of Whitakers, and D. S. Harris, of Enfield. Altogether from proprietor down to floor attendants it is a strong force and the tobacco growers of Nash may be assured of the very best treatment and service during the season just opening.

Humorist Writes Road Signs.

"Bugs" Baer, a well-known newspaper humorist, has written and published a series of "road signs," probably merely intended to entertain. But many of them might be erected with benefit to the safety of traffic. "Don't run up your mileage with aids," contained a lot of real caution in tabloid form. "Don't do your thinking with brakes," will strike a responsive chord in every man who has had near-nervous prostration at the sight of the reckless driver stopping in a hurry. "There are three grades of eggs, but only one grade of crossing and that's dangerous," ought to be pasted in the hats of all those who try to "beat the train" across its right of way.

"The glass in our windshield is the same stuff they put in hospital windows. Which will you look through?" is a very pertinent query, and "Fifteen miles an hour may be a chill, but fifty is fever," is not too medical to be understood.

Two towns troubled with too much speeding by tourists, Mr. Baer suggests "Speed limit in this town fifteen miles an hour. One day for every mile over that," or "We have seven hotels and one jail, take your pick!"

"Don't try to scare locomotives with your horn," "The minute you save may be your last one," "You wouldn't travel on a freight train, so don't try to travel under one, are all good to be remembered.

Mr. Baer intended to be funny, and succeeded; he may not have intended to be serious, but many can take his cleverness seriously with benefit to themselves and the general public.

In other words (Mr. Baer once more), "Accident insurance is a good thing to have without the accident."

TOBACCO CO-OPS MAKE HUGE SALES.

Sell More Tobacco to Europe
Establish Foreign Agency
Open in East Sept. 2.

Over 23,000,000 pounds of tobacco has been sold by the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association since August 1, and this new record for rapid sales will be followed by a payment of \$2,300,000 to association members in the old belt of Virginia and North Carolina on September 15, according to announcement made at today's meeting of the directors of the tobacco cooperative in its Raleigh headquarters.

The payment of \$2,300,000 to association members in the old belt next month will bring their total receipts in cash from the 1923 crop to approximately \$14,000,000 or seventy-five per cent of the bankers' valuation on their deliveries.

According to A. R. Breedlove, general manager of the leaf department, the success of the association in selling its 1923 tobacco may be judged by the fact that only 17,000,000 pounds of bright fine cured tobacco from the 1923 crop now remain unsold by the association as compared to 50,000,000 pounds of the 1922 crop which it held at this time last year.

Beneficial results of the commission sent by the associated growers to European countries were reported by General Manager Richard R. Patterson at today's meeting of the board. He stated that the association has now secured one of the largest and best known concerns in continental Europe to act as its exclusive selling agency for the foreign trade. The association has also completed shipment of its tobacco to the Austrian Government, resulting from the visit of the official commission from that country who supplied their entire needs for Virginia-Carolina tobaccos by purchases from the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association. It was also learned today that the Austrian officials took back with them a formula for the manufacture of cigarettes from American tobaccos which was supplied to them at their request by General Manager Patterson of the tri-state association.

Deliveries to the association's warehouses in South Carolina have increased rapidly, and are considerably in excess of those which marked the opening of the 1923 season in that state.

The following association markets will be opened in Eastern North Carolina on Tuesday, September 2, according to announcement of the board: Ahoskie, Ayden, Clinton, Farmville, Fremont, Goldsboro, Greenville, Kenly, Kinston, LaGrange, Mayaville, Nashville, New Bern, Pinetops, Richlands, Robertsonville, Rocky Mount, Smithfield, Snow Hill, Spring Hope, Tarboro, Wallace, Warsaw, Washington, Wendell, Williamson, Wilson, Windsor and Zebulon.

No tobacco of the 1924 crop will be received from new members who sign the marketing contract in Eastern Carolina after September 2, but farmers of the Central Belt Markets in North Carolina may sign up their 1924 crops with the tobacco association until September 16, when most of its warehouses will open for the season in that district, according to the announcement that was confirmed at the meeting of the board.

The opening date for the cooperative warehouses at Raleigh, Fuquay Springs, Sanford, Apex, Vass and Aberdeen has been advanced to September 2.

Bloomer Girls Beat Local Ball Players.

After wading through the Small Town League and defeating practically every amateur team in Eastern North Carolina the Oaks were stopped Saturday afternoon before fifteen hundred fans by the American All-Star Athletic Girls. The score was 7 to 6 and eleven innings of tense and exciting baseball were required to decide the fray.

Young Mr. Bill Collins, who just passed his nineteenth birthday and flings 'em from the wrong side stopped the Oaks murderous row and struck out nineteen men in addition. He came to the bat in the ninth inning with his club one run behind and promptly sent the first ball pitched over the left field fence tying the score. Miss Billie Burke, who plays centerfield for the Athletic Girls, broke up the game in the eleventh on a sharp single to right field her third of the afternoon scoring Hall who was hit and had advanced to second on an infield out. After the third inning Collins settled down and Nashville had only one more chance to score.

In the tenth inning T. Faulkner opened with a single and was thrown out at the plate in attempting to score on E. Faulkner's double to center. The victors had in their line up five girls who played a snappy head up game.

Battling For Highest Honors

Nashville And Selma Fighting
For Small Town League
Championship.

Having won out in the first half of the series played by the Small Town League, the Nashville Oaks are now contesting against the Selma team which captured the second half of the series, the lid in the post series of seven games having been prized off at Tar Heel Park in Rocky Mount on Tuesday afternoon and wherein the ball fans of Rocky Mount, Nashville and Selma and many from surrounding territory saw the Oaks come out victors in the first game wherein for nine successive innings Selma chalked up a string of goose eggs, Nashville breaking the ice in the fourth inning by sending one man across the plate. In the fifth inning the Oaks annexed five more runs and in the eighth took on a couple more.

Lefty Strickland pitched one of the best games yet to his credit and throughout the contest there was no let-up in the effectiveness of his rifle-like shots, while the entire team gave him excellent support. Carson being the rubber caught a great game. With two men on bases Tommie Faulkner pushed out a hit over the left field fence for a home run and for a few moments pandemonium reigned among the fans.

Selma put up a game fight and for the first three innings Dew on the mound was going good but in the fifth he was unable to steer the ball out of reach of the weak end of the Oaks' sticks, who pounded him almost at will. A couple errors by his team mates and six runs to the credit of the Oaks made hope for victory on the part of Selma but a simple ray.

Seven games are to be played in the post season series four of which must be won by either the Oaks or Selma to decide the championship, the first game being played at Rocky Mount on Tuesday, in which the Oaks were the victors. The second game was staged yesterday at Selma, this game going to the "Oaks" by a score of 7 to 6.

The third game is scheduled for Thursday afternoon at Griffin Park, Nashville, and on Friday the scene of battle will be shifted to the ball park at Wilson. The scrappers will again meet in Nashville next Saturday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock at Griffin Park and one of the largest crowds of the season will witness this bout which promises to be the most sensational game of the season.

Whatever may be the outcome of the post season series, for the past few weeks the Small Town League have been putting up as fine exhibitions of skill and furnishing the highest degree of amusement and enthusiasm for ball fans throughout all this section as could be witnessed among the big leaguers.

COMMISSIONERS RE-ELECT SPRUILL.

Next Annual Meeting Will Be
Held at Blowing Rock.

Wilmington, Aug. 23.—The final business session of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners was held Friday morning at the Oceanic Hotel, Wrightsville Beach instructive addresses were delivered by Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, State Commissioner of Welfare; Dr. A. T. Allen, superintendent of Public Instruction, and Mrs. Effie Vines Gordon, home demonstrator of Nash County.

The election of officers resulted in the re-election of Frank Spruill, of Nash county, as president, and J. L. Skinner of Warren county, as secretary and treasurer. The other officers elected are: Addison Hewlett, of New Hanover county, vice president-at-large; vice president from the first Congressional district, Dr. W. W. Dawson, of Pitt; second J. B. Cobb, Edgecombe; third L. A. Roney, Wayne; fourth, Millard Mial, Wake; fifth, J. A. Rankin, of Guilford; sixth, W. N. McCaskill, Cumberland; seventh, vacant; eighth, H. E. Rofly, Rowan; ninth, R. L. Stone, Gaston, and tenth, E. M. Lydis, Buncombe.

The next annual meeting will be held at Blowing Rock. The delegates were given a complimentary auto ride to Fort Fisher during the afternoon, and supper at the Hotel Breakers, Wilmington Beach.

Wheat grown on limed land averaged waist high with heads about three inches in length; on unlimed land, the wheat was only about knee high and the heads only half as long as that on limed land. The owner states that he will make about three times more grain where he limed, reports County Agent H. A. Edge, of Harriet County.

COMMISSIONERS HEAR ADDRESS BY SPRUILL.

President of State Association
and Auditor Durham Ad-
dress Convention.

Wilmington, Aug. 21.—With over 80 delegates in attendance, representatives of 39 counties, 13 not represented last year, today's session of North Carolina Association of County Commissioners convention, was featured by the annual address of President Frank P. Spruill, Nash county, reading of a paper, and extemporaneous discussion by State Auditor Baxter Durham, and a paper prepared by John A. Orrell, New Hanover county auditor, read by County Attorney Marsden Bellamy, because of Mr. Orrell's absence from the city.

President Spruill said the office of county commissioner is one of the most responsible in the state, and he narrated the tax powers and powers of legislation and regulation lodged in a county board. He discussed the school question showing that in 1900 the state spent less than a million dollars and last year spent \$23,000,000 on schools; \$40,000 for school buildings in 1900 and over \$6,000,000 last year. The percentage on literacy has been cut from 39.4 in 1900 to 13.1 in 1920, the white percentage being only 7.1, and he gave all the honor and praise to the counties and not to the state, for, he said, 75 counties making a report showed that they incurred a debt of \$2,555,119.49 to operate the six months' school term, a deficit, he said the state should pay and not the counties.

He rapped "pauper" counties that won't levy sufficient school tax and draw down unmerited sums from the state, and, in conclusion, said, "I repeat the office of county commissioner is one of the most important in the state and the people of your county should not place you in this powerful place, just because you are a good fellow, one of the boys and popular with a certain set."

Maj. Baxter Durham discussing county auditing said that an idea was abroad in regard to county government that something was wrong. Bills had been offered the legislatures of 1916, 1917 and 1919 providing for an audit of the books of every county, but it was defeated until 1919, when this work was placed in the hands of the state auditor.

It has to date cost \$95,000 but the audits have uncovered half a million dollars due various counties, showed who owned it and advised how to get it.

President Spruill recommended that the county auditor keep a complete record of all outstanding bonds, notes or indebtedness of any kind, so any obligation of the county may be met promptly.

This afternoon the delegates enjoyed themselves surf bathing, boating and fishing, and tonight a dance will be given at Lumina in their honor.

Former Citizen Visits Nash After Absence Many Years.

Mr. Rex S. Strickland, of Seattle, Wash., and a brother of the late Norman Strickland whose tragic death in Lake Washington at Seattle, some weeks ago, was a visitor in Nashville yesterday while returning from a pleasure trip through Georgia, Florida and other Southern states.

Mr. Strickland is a son of former County Commissioner A. T. Strickland, of the Mount Pleasant section of Nash, and left the old home some twelve or fifteen years ago for the Northwest, finally locating at Seattle, where he is engaged in the importing and exporting business. While in the city yesterday he expressed himself as being surprised at the wonderful transformation that has taken place in Nash and the Southland during his absence and declared that in no part of the country had there been greater advancement and general improvement than in North Carolina and that Nash County had kept the pace and, in many respects, was leading other counties of the state. He declared that no section of country offered greater opportunity for the industrious and thrifty than right here in his native county and state.

Judge Barnhill Makes Fine Impression.

Judge Barnhill has been on the bench only five weeks, but if one were to watch his manner of handling the routine of the work that comes under his supervision, and hear his summing up of a case to the jury, they would imagine that he had had years of experience.

Judge Barnhill has already proven popular with the bar and with the people of Wayne, and his visits here will always be looked forward to with pleasant anticipation.

NO MORE LOW PRICED COTTON, SAYS RODMAN

Union Trust Company Official Takes
This Optimistic View of Future
Status of Cotton Situation.

Surprise Marriage Solemnized Early Sunday Morning.

At the home of Mrs. L. H. May, on Virginia Ave., last Sunday morning about 6:30 o'clock, Rev. Eugene C. Few, pastor of Nashville Methodist Church, united in marriage Mr. J. A. May with Miss Ila Stone, only a few intimate friends of the contracting parties witnessing the ceremony, after which Mr. and Mrs. May motored to Rocky Mount where they boarded the Northbound train for Richmond, Washington and other points of interest where they will spend a few days before returning to Nashville about the first of next week.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stone, prominent family residing near Nashville and for several years she has been associated with the Jones-Sherrord Co., of this city. The fortunate groom is a son of Mrs. J. H. May and is also associated with the above-named firm and has scores of friends who will learn with interest the fact that he has given up the idea of bachelorhood and secured as a life partner a young lady of finest character and possessing many admirable qualities. To both the happy groom and his charming bride the congratulations and best wishes of hosts of friends is extended.

Dramatic Recital Tuesday Evening in High School.

Circle No. 3, of the Missionary Society of Nashville Methodist Church, have been fortunate in securing Miss Beulah Elwood McNemar, monodramatic entertainer, who will appear in the Nashville High School auditorium next Tuesday evening, Sept. 2nd, and give one of her splendid recitals.

The pulpit and press give Miss McNewer highest endorsement and some of the leading educational institutions of the country likewise acclaim this charming entertainer as being one of the best appearing before the people today. Doubtless those who are so fortunate as to attend upon the entertainment next Tuesday evening will spend a pleasant evening.

Programme of Worship in Nashville Methodist Church.

The following programme has been announced for service at Nashville Methodist Church next Sunday, Aug. 31st:

10:00 A. M.—Well regulated Sunday school with especially features for each department.

11:00 A. M.—Preaching by the Pastor.

7:30 P. M.—Preaching by President Elder, Rev. S. A. Cotton. Immediately following the preaching service the fourth quarterly conference of the year will convene, and the officials of the church are expected to be present that all necessary business may be properly attended.

To each of our services we offer a most hearty welcome to visitors and strangers.

E. C. Few, Pastor.

County Development

The county system is a wholesome and wise provision made possible by our forefathers, the advantages of which have not been given fullest mention. The development of our political subdivisions known as counties has gone forward at a rapid pace during the last few years. County fairs, county farmers' and other organizations, county Sunday school associations, in addition to county government, have all contributed to these ends.

The idea of county cooperation gives all of us a broader view and tends to knit together our multitude of necessary relationships. The various communities of the county are given opportunity to put their forces for good into the common pot thus building up the outlying districts in a broad spirit of unity. The Graphic stands foremost for any and all movements for the advancement of Nash county as a whole. In doing this we help ourselves materially because we get the advantage of the other developing factors and forces of the entire county. This is the spirit of big business and Nash county is a big business—a big business institution for promoting prosperity and happiness.

New Methods To Be Discontinued

Lame Mule And One Gallus
Farming Will Have to
Give Way.

E. J. Bodman, writing in Commerce and Finance, predicts that "the days of low-priced cotton in America are gone." Mr. Bodman is vice-president of the Union Trust Company of Little Rock, Arkansas, and chairman of the Agricultural Committee, Arkansas Bankers' Association. The Union Trust Company operates as trustee will several large plantations growing cotton. Therefore, it is to be supposed that Mr. Bodman speaks with knowledge on cotton conditions, and the following from his article is of interest because it should carry weight:

"Cotton farming in the South is changing. The 'lame-mule negro cotton farming' methods will have to give way to an entirely different system. The big plantation is doomed. Its days are numbered. Cotton has been raised on it up to today practically under slavery conditions. Conditions of slavery, either real or economic, can no longer be maintained.

"Two factors are contributing to the change. First, the increasing ravages of the boll weevil now make it impossible to raise cotton by shiftless easygoing methods. The typical plantation manager or 'riding boss,' and the typical, ignorant, careless negro tenant are a combination that make rot picking for the boll weevil. Second, industrial activities and high wages in the North have drawn and are drawing the pick of the negro cotton labor to Northern cities. They will never return. Their insight into better living conditions and high wages will make them permanently unfit to be tenant cotton farmers.

"Equally the day of the 'one-gal-lus hill-billy' cotton farmer is about gone. The only cotton farmer who is going to win the fight against the boll weevil is the intelligent, trained farmer, who applies brains and scientific methods to the cultivation of cotton on a farm of reasonable size. Needless to say, this kind of farmer will never endure slavery conditions for himself and his family.

"What does all this mean? That the days of low-priced cotton in America are gone. If we ever get back to crops of old-time size, the type of farmer who gets us back will do so only because he makes a fair profit on his year's work."

Farming, including cotton raising, of course is more profitable if conducted on business principles. And the positive statement made by Mr. Bodman, whose banking company also is engaged in cotton growing, points to the fact that business men will in the future actively control the cotton plantations; and as business men sensibly do nothing without there is profit in it, it is safe to assume that the days of low-priced cotton are passed.

With business methods on the farm and business methods in the way of cooperation on the market, a condition of steady, unchanging prosperity in the land of cotton may be looked for. Cotton is called "King" because it controls the markets of the world; but the signs of the times are that the cotton growers, the men behind the plow, are going to control "King Cotton" and the price through a wise system of cooperative farm marketing and a thoroughly business-like system of diversified farming.

The swivel-chair farmers have been writing high-sounding articles about the slavery of the Southern farmer to "King Cotton," calling on the slaves to assert their manhood by throwing off the chains—abandoning cotton. But cotton is the world's greatest product. It is the heritage of the Southern farmer, left to them by Nature, and it is cheering to know that in the future its culture and marketing are to be done on strictly business principles.—Fayetteville Observer.

A few trees, flowers and shrubbery around any house help to make it a more attractive home and add to its value.

Remember the Road! Next Tuesday evening at 8 P. M.