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Agricultural Demonstration Agent Will Be Employed

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE JOINT STOCK LAND BANK AND REPORT BACK WITH RECOMMENDATIONS TO A LATER MEETING.

A meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday afternoon at four o'clock at the Mayor's office at which time two propositions were presented for consideration.

The first was the employment of an agricultural demonstration agent for the intensive development of an agricultural demonstration agent for the intensive development of the community immediately surrounding Scotland Neck through local and State and Federal aid. After much discussion and consideration the following resolution was offered by Mr. Henry T. Clark and passed:

Resolved: That the Chamber of Commerce go on record as favoring the proposition of employing an agricultural administration agent, and that three committees be appointed to raise \$50.00 per month each with which to maintain said agent.

The State Agricultural Department will furnish a man and contribute a like amount, the amount required locally being guaranteed and paid through the Chamber of Commerce.

The following committees were appointed: H. T. Clark, T. B. Wheeler, G. Hoffman; second committee: R. C. Josey, Jr., R. L. Hardy, S. B. Edwards; third: C. S. Alexander, W. E. Smith, S. A. Dunn.

The second proposition was the organization of a unit of a Joint Stock Land Bank with a capitalization of \$27,500.00. The central bank would have a capital of \$250,000 with ten units. Each unit would have a loaning capacity of \$400,000, or about fifteen dollars for each one put up. Much interest was manifested in this proposition and the chair was requested to appoint a committee to investigate this matter thoroughly and report back to a called meeting at an early date. This committee was as follows: G. Hoffman, J. H. Alexander, Jr., and S. A. Dunn. It was the consensus of opinion of all present that these two undertakings would revolutionize conditions locally and throughout this immediate section and that any sacrifices would be justified in order to put them through.

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSO. ASKS FOR CHANGE IN WHISKEY DISTRIBUTION

(By Associated Press)
St. Louis, Mo., May 23.—A resolution appealing to congress for relief "from the present unsatisfactory conditions" regarding the distribution of whiskey, asking that governmental distribution for medicinal purposes be only in sealed packages, was adopted by the American Medical Association.

NOBEL FOUNDATION GIVES LARGE PRIZES

Meibourne, May 23.—The Imme last year of the Nobel Foundation, which annually distributes cash prizes for outstanding individual achievements in literature, art, science and politics, was equivalent to about \$471,945. Five prizes will be distributed during 1922 and the total sum paid out to each winner will be 122,432 kronor (about \$22,500).

SINS OF HOLLYWOOD TOO SCURRILOUS TO ADMIT TO THE MAILS

(By Associated Press)

Los Angeles, May 23.—A book called "The Sins of Hollywood," supposed to expose the lives of certain picture stars, is too scurrilous to be admitted in the mails according to a ruling of Mark Herron, Deputy United States District Attorney. The frontispiece is a picture of Mephistopheles, a beautiful girl and a motion picture camera.

UNITARIANS MEET IN CONFERENCE

Boston, May 22.—Churches throughout the United States and Canada were represented at the annual Unitarian Anniversary Week exercises which opened here tonight. The program will include the annual meeting of the American Unitarian association. Rev. Dr. Charles E. Park of the First Church in Boston, a pulpit which has had a continuous ministry since 1630, preached the anniversary sermon. Tomorrow morning the sessions of the 16 auxiliary agencies will get under way. Of particular interest to the 2,000 delegates will be the results of the recent church membership campaign which, it was announced, brought 10,000 new members into Unitarian churches of North America.

The Unitarian Campaign Committee, under the leadership of Chief Justice William Howard Taft, was announced tonight as having, in the first two years of a five-year program, obtained 80 percent of its ultimate goal of \$3,000,000.

Of \$2,387,516.37 pledged to date, \$1,431,715.14 has been paid in by 24,694 individuals, with a loss from death, insolvency, change of heart and other causes of less than 2-100 of one percent, it was said.

Interest in tomorrow's session will be divided between an open meeting of the Unitarian Temperance Society, which will present special reports on "prohibition results" and the Unitarian Laymen's League sessions.

The 97th annual meeting of the American Unitarian Association will occupy Tuesday, with Rev. Dr. Minot Simons, head of the department of church extension, reporting detailed findings of the committee which had charge of the join-the-church campaign. The Women's Alliance has been assigned Wednesday for its 32nd annual meeting.

The May Week festival, the social event of the annual meeting, is scheduled for Thursday evening in the Copley Plaza Hotel. The program for Friday will be devoted to the affairs of the Young People's Religious Union.

COTTON MARKET

TODAY'S MARKET

MAY	21.32
JULY	20.07
OCTOBER	19.91
DECEMBER	19.84
JANUARY	19.72
MARCH	19.55

YESTERDAY'S MARKET

MAY	21.53
JULY	20.30
OCTOBER	19.06
DECEMBER	19.09
JANUARY	19.81
MARCH	19.68

POLICE ROUND UP HUNDREDS OF SINN FEINERS

(By Associated Press)

Belfast, May 23.—The greatest raid in recent history of Ireland was carried out today. Swarms of police are sweeping through Ulster and have rounded up two hundred Sinn Feiners, most of whom are Irish Republican army officers.

The Northern government's action was taken in an effort to suppress all Sinn Feinn organizations in the six county area, following their raids and the burning of buildings culminating in the murder of W. J. Twaddell, a member of the Ulster parliament.

Any Other Than "Live-at-Home" Program Suicidal

By John Paul Lucas

Raleigh, May 23.—In analyzing the economic situation in the farming sections of North Carolina, it is interesting to contrast the results that have come from the farming practices in the rich Eastern counties with their large plantations and scores of negro tenants, and those in the mountain and western counties where there has been comparatively less tenant farming and where all farmers, land owners and tenants alike, have had greater encouragement in, as well as necessity for, producing their actual living from the land.

In the East and in some counties in the central part of the State a few plantation owners and supply merchants have grown wealthy at the expense of tenants and small farmers. Not all, but many, of these plantation owners and supply merchants have discouraged, even by drastic means, the growing of food for the family, the keeping of cows, hogs, and even the growing of corn and other feed for work stock, for the very simple reason that they have made constant and large profits from the handling of these supplies.

In 1920 these folks were caught in their own trap and hundreds of plantation owners and supply merchants in Eastern Carolina today would be bankrupt if they were forced to liquidate under present conditions.

I know one man who was worth more than \$250,000 two years ago. He told me a few days ago that if he were sold out today he would probably not have his home left. This man is a good farmer and a good man not the sort to take selfish advantage of his tenants. His case is rather typical, but not as aggravated as that of hundreds of plantation owners who supplied their tenants when prices were high constantly encouraged them to make large purchases in order to swell their own profits. This type is the worst hurt of all, but every farmer in the cotton sections of Eastern North Carolina is hurt.

Applying The Remedy

Now throughout the cotton counties land owners, supply merchants and others are realizing that their only salvation under boll weevil conditions is to encourage every farmer, land owner and tenant alike, to produce on the farm their own living and the feed for their livestock. This doctrine has been preached by agricultural leaders for the past 15 years, and yet there were fewer chickens raised in North Carolina last year than there were ten years ago. There was an increase of only five per cent in number of cattle in North Carolina during the last ten-year period, and a small

AVIATORS TO ATTEMPT TO FLY AROUND WORLD

(By Associated Press)

London, May 23.—In an attempt to fly around the world, Major W. T. Blake, of the Royal Air Force, and Captain Norman MacMillan, plan to hop off from Croydon at noon tomorrow. They expect to complete the trip in two months.

COLONIAL COSTUME

BALLAT VA. PAGEANT

(By Associated Press)

Richmon, Va., May 23.—The Virginia Historical Pageant program for the remainder of the week will be carried out as scheduled despite the damage the rain did to the amphitheatre where the pageant drama was planned. The Colonial costume ball will be held tonight.

The Chamber of Commerce Committee Approves Joint Stock Land Bank Today

490 F. N. Y. POSTAL EMPLOYEES HAD CRIMINAL RECORDS

(By Associated Press)

Washington, May 23.—The discovery through finger printing that forty-nine of the four hundred and sixty employees of the registry division of the New York Postoffice had criminal records was reported to President Harding by acting Postmaster General Bartlett. All forty-nine were discharged.

SUFFICIENT LIVESTOCK LEFT AFTER THE FAMINE

Samara, Russia, May 23.—(By The Associated Press.)—There is ample live stock in Samara province to work the fields and harvest the crop of 1922 despite the fact that it suffered most severely from the famine. The rugged, shaggy, little horses, great, groaning camels and slow moving oxen of the famine regions have withstood the winter's hunger as well or even better than the sturdy peasants.

In isolated spots totally lacking in food the livestock as well as the people has suffered tremendous mortality. Thousands of draft animals have fallen dead in the road while hauling precious food over the snows to the villages. Others have been slaughtered for food but by far the greater proportion have gone through the winter and now, with green pasture only a month or so off, are in fair shape for work.

M. Ryazonoff, Commissar for Agriculture of Samara province, says there are still more than 200,000 head of workable live stock left or 90 percent of those available in 1921.

Peasants who have seen members of their own families and neighbors die of hunger have saved their camels, horses and oxen. Except in villages where starvation knew no bounds, they have not killed their beasts, even when they knew that a few pounds of horse flesh might mean a week's life to themselves.

Horses were more precious than humans. Without livestock no food could be brought from the railways and the seed for next year's crop would be useless in the box cars far from the fields.

Ragweed and other vegetation ordinarily considered of no food value, have been used for forage. The animals have been able to do only about half the work that a well fed beast would do.

The committee of the Chamber of Commerce appointed at the meeting yesterday afternoon met this morning in the directors room of the Scotland Neck Bank in company with Mr. J. E. Pegram, of Durham, who is organizing the Joint Stock Land Bank for this section and who has offered a unit of the bank to Scotland Neck.

Mr. Pegram explained thoroughly the system under which this institution is operated calling particular attention to the fact that for every dollar put up locally a loaning power of fifteen dollars is created. Therefore, if a unit of \$25,000 is subscribed for here it would mean that \$400,000.00 would be available in loans.

All funds would be handled through local banking institutions for the full amount of this unit, or \$400,000.00, with a local board of directors and attorney who would supervise the loans.

After careful consideration the committee passed and signed the following resolution, which will be submitted to a called meeting of the Chamber:

Resolution:
The Committee of Chamber of Commerce appointed by the Chamber of Commerce of Scotland Neck have looked into the proposition of organizing a unit of Joint Stock Land Bank of \$25,000.00 plus ten percent surplus to be paid in a total of \$27,500.00 and the committee together with some other members of the Chamber of Commerce hereby unanimously recommend to the said Chamber to organize the proposition for Scotland Neck and proceed to solicit stock for the same.
Signed:
G. HOFFMAN,
S. A. DUNN,
J. H. ALEXANDER, JR.,
T. B. WHEELER.

Most of them, particularly the camels present a woe-begone appearance. These dromedaries groan continuously as they lumber along the snow roads at a rate of three to four miles an hour, protesting over every bump or snow drift in the road. Nevertheless, they drag loads of more than a ton to 20 miles a day. The horses pull at least half of this load.

Even with the scarcity and dearthness of forage, the peasants whom the correspondent encountered were not selling their live stock cheaply. Before the revolution, a good big work camel in Samara province could be bought for 40 to 50 rubles. This represented \$20 to \$25. The 30,000,000 to 50,000,000 rubles now asked for camels in this district represents only about half that amount when figured in gold but, compared with prices asked for other commodities, livestock is still held at a high figure.

WEATHER REPORT

For North Carolina—Generally fair tonight; Wednesday partly cloudy. Probably local showers in west portion. Little change in temperature. Moderate north-east and east winds.

Two Prominent Speakers Will Be Here Friday

The Secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce has arranged for two prominent speakers to talk to the farmers and business men of this section next Friday at eleven o'clock at the Dixie Theatre.

Mr. N. G. Bartlett, Vice President-Manager of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce will tell of the aims of that organization and what it hopes to accomplish for Eastern North Carolina, and Mr. G. A. Cardwell, Agricultural and Industrial Agent of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad will address the meeting on general conditions as they affect the farmer, and some remedies which might be proposed.

Both of these speakers will carry a message of interest and importance and it is hoped that there will be a very large audience of farmers and business men to hear them.