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TOBACCO GROWERS CELEBRATE AGAIN

The Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association established another record last Monday when it made the biggest payment ever distributed in a single day to tobacco farmers in Virginia and North Carolina.

Members of the association doubled their money at 54 towns of the old belt and carried home the best part of seven million dollars in cold cash. This week's sudden tidal wave of prosperity has caused wide spread satisfaction among the organized growers and the merchants, bankers and fertilizer men who have reaped a rich harvest from the second cash payment of the association in Virginia and Western Carolina.

Celebrations and mass meetings at several points marked the second distribution. Oliver J. Sands, executive manager of the association, addressed a mass meeting of growers at South Boston where the farmers of Halifax county received \$800,000 as the second advance and members of the association declared their average of \$18.80 per hundred received to date was as much as they got for last year's crop.

"Co-operative marketing last July was a prospect and a hope," said manager Sands, "today it is an actual fact and will progress improve with time. The statements of its opponents have been repeatedly disproven. They will no whave to find new points to attack."

Similiar enthusiasm among association members marked the great gathering of members who come to the co-operative floors early last Monday to receive their checks at Danville, Winston-Salem, and other large markets. The assurance given the growers last Monday of more payments to follow their second cash disbursement increased the satisfaction and confidence of the members of the big co-operative. Backing up the policy of the association to call upon all land owning members to deliver all tobacco grown upon their land to the association in 1923, thousands of growers have taken contracts to their homes with the determination to aid the membership campaign and increase the sign-up in America's largest co-operative marketing association to 100,000 growers.

Hundreds of merchants and bankers are rallying to the support of co-operative marketing for the coming year. Stating that their dealings with the members of the co-operative associations were entirely satisfactory in 1922, from 30 to 40 merchants of Eastern North Carolina have advertised their desire to extend aid to all worthy member of the association since its markets reopened this month. Influential merchants of Rocky Mount, Kinston, Fremont, LaGrange, Deep Run, Snow Hill, Smithfield and other points of Eastern Carolina have advertised their support of the tobacco and cotton associations during the past ten days.

Scarcely a town remains in the tobacco and cotton area of the Carolinas and Virginia where the members of the marketing associations will fail to find the support of friendly bankers and merchants in markeeting their next year's crop.

The third cash payment of the association will begin next month with its members in South Carolina.

DANCE AT LILLINGTON

The early Spring Dance will be held at the New Hotel Killiegrey, Lillington, Friday evening, January 26, from 9 to 1 o'clock. Music by the Dixie Serenaders. Buffet. Script.

CAMERON NEWS

Mr. J. E. Phillips who has been at the C. C. Hospital for the past week for treatment, is reported improving and expects to be home by the latter part of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Atkinson and sons, J. W., Jr. and Thomas Keith, and Mrs. W. T. Shaw and daughter, Miss Edna, of Southern Pines, motored to Cameron last Sunday afternoon, returning for a call at the home of Mrs. Atkinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Keith.

Mr. Jack Phillips attended the funeral services of Miss Redfern at Monroe last week.

Mr. Benton Pierce, a highly respected citizen on Jonesboro route, passed away at his home last week, after a lingering illness. At his request the funeral services were conducted by Rev. M. D. McNeill, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Ray of Jonesboro, from St. Andrews church of which he was a member. Interment at the Pierce family burying ground.

Mr. Clifton Cameron, who is chief clerk in the store of his uncle, Mr. Donald McDonald, spent the week-end at his home near Timberland.

Messrs. Clyde Gaddy, of Sanford, and Jim Hinston, of Moncure, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Gaddy.

Mr. Clyde Gaddy visited his little sons, Sunday afternoon, at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Richardson on route 2.

Rev. M. D. McNeill went to Cypress, Monday afternoon, to conduct the funeral services of Mr. William Johnson, son of W. J. Johnson who died about two weeks ago. The young man was a member of Cypress church, having joined during a meeting held there in the autumn of 1922. Both father and son died of pneumonia following an attack of influenza.

The family of Mr. J. J. Irvin have a mild case of influenza.

Pleased to report Mrs. E. M. Borst improving from influenza. Mr. Borst spent Sunday at home.

Mrs. Laura Rogers was a dinner guest, Sunday, of Mrs. J. W. Hartsell.

Miss Eva Graham spent Saturday night with Miss Mollie Reed.

Misses Frances and Norman McKeithen, of Carthage, called Sunday at the home of Mrs. D. S. Ray.

Miss Rebecca Ray, student of Carthage high school, who spent the past week at her home here, returned, Monday, to Carthage.

January 10th, little Miss Lula Gaddy celebrated her sixth birthday, by giving a party to twenty little boys and girls. Games of all kinds were played. A player piano furnished music for the game of "steal partners." Fruits, candies and nuts were served. The little hostess received many presents. The guests departed wishing her many happy returns of a joyous birthday.

Miss Cattie McDonald returned, Monday, from Waxhaw, where she had been in attendance at the bedside of her brother, Mr. Duncan McDonald.

The handsome and stately home of Mr. D. D. Kelly, near Carthage, was entirely destroyed by fire on Thursday of last week. The fire caught from the roof, and a high wind blowing, the house was soon burned to the ground. Mr. Kelly, who, with his family were living with their father, was some distance from the house when he discovered the fire. His first thought was for his aunt Kate, who for many years had been an invalid, entirely helpless. Rushing in he lifted his aunt in his arms and carried

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FARM LIFE NEWS

The home of Superintendent J. C. Kelly's father, which is situated about half-way between Carthage and Sanford was destroyed by fire Tuesday, January 17. There were scarcely anything saved.

Misses Lillie and Nettie Oneill Beam returned, Wednesday night from Statesville, where they had gone to see their invalid brother, who is ill with influenza. He was much improved on their arrival.

At a call meeting of the Page Literary Society Friday afternoon the following officers were elected for the spring semester: President, Irma Bost; vice-president, Sallie Green; secretary, Nelie Shields; treasurer, Georgie Wilson; critic, Pearl Ray.

Mr. Rufus Morgan, of Carthage, and Miss Myrtle McCaskill were at Christian Endeavor Sunday night.

Miss Doris Mills spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Mary Askew, of Carthage.

Miss Janie McLeod spent the week-end at her home in Carthage.

Miss Janie Dalrymple spent the week-end with Miss Ethel Dalrymple.

Our music teacher, Miss Rosa Taylor, was in Carthage Saturday morning.

Prof. Dudley Robertson, of Glendon, spent the week-end at the home of Prof. and Mrs. R. G. Hutcheson.

Miss York had as guests for dinner Sunday, Rev. Mr. Clark and Mrs. Martin Blue.

Mrs. Bertha Freeman was in Carthage Monday afternoon.

Miss Carrie Wilkes spent Sunday afternoon with Myrtle Ferguson.

Sunday afternoon Miss Pearl Ray had a large crowd of young people at her home. The singing especially was enjoyed by every one.

A number of people from Eureka attended the square dance in Carthage Friday night. The first prize was won by a student of the eleventh grade, Worth Blue.

The people from Eureka are glad to find that the road to Vass has been improved recently in several places.

Messrs. R. E. Boyd and Garrett Dawson were in Vass Sunday afternoon.

Misses Catherine Crocker and Sallie Green and Mr. R. E. Boyd attended the movies at Pinehurst Saturday night.

Ernest Horne and Mabel Rourk and Lee McDonald and Katie Lee Rice motored to Pinehurst Friday night to the movies.

Misses Catherine Crocker and Nettie Oneill Beam and Mr. R. E. Boyd were in Carthage Thursday afternoon.

Misses Florence Beam and Thelma Dunlap and Mr. R. E. Boyd were in Carthage Saturday afternoon.

Miss Armesia Harrell, a nurse at the hospital, was in bed several days last week with tonsillitis.

Rev. Mr. Clark announced Sunday that a new church would be built at Eureka as soon as arrangements can be completed. As yet it has not been decided whether a frame or brick veneer structure will be built. The people of the community have used the auditorium of the school house as a church for years and so it is gratifying to know that they will soon have a separate place of worship.

DIED

At his home near Lobelia on January 21, Willie Johnson. Just twenty-four hours later death claimed his brother, Archie Johnson. The funerals were conducted by the pastor, Rev. M. D. McNeill and the bodies laid to rest in Cypress cemetery by the side of their father who died a short time ago.

TO RAISE \$100,000 FOR ELON COLLEGE

The citizens of Alamance county are doing a fine thing for Elon College, whose Administration building was destroyed by fire on January 18, by undertaking to raise \$100,000 to aid the college in rebuilding. A mass meeting was held in Burlington the day following the fire and a committee appointed to undertake the work at once. Alamance citizens, regardless of church affiliations, are enthusiastic over the movement and invite any person interested in aiding the college to join them. C. B. Riddle, Burlington, N. C., is secretary of the committee, to whom any donation may be sent.

THE RURAL CHURCH

Prof. Burr, of the Kansas Agricultural College, is pessimistic about the future of the small church in rural communities. He fears that what the auto has begun the radio will complete, and points out that within the last five years 200 rural church organizations have been abandoned in Kansas.

The automobile has taken the worshippers away from the neighborhood church and carried them to the more pretentious churches of the neighboring cities, he says. Now that the radio has made it possible to sit comfortably at home and hear some of the best sermons being preached, he fears that more people will be won away from the little institutions which have been such a big factor in keeping American standards of life so high, for both the inconvenience of travel and the necessity of contributing something for the upkeep of the church are avoided.

But his fears are groundless. In the community around Vass the rural church is far from being down and out, and we can't believe that in this respect this particular community is any different from thousands upon thousands of other communities in these United States. The rural church still remains the major American institution. Dwellers therein seldom go to the theatres, and to the courts even less frequently. But they go to church as a rule almost every Sunday in the year. The radio is something too new to permit of sound predictions as to its future.

THE KING COMES BACK

Kaisers and kings are not very popular in the world these days, but Peter J. Lux has demonstrated that a real king can come back. Peter was the champion corn man back in 1919 and now he is Corn King of the world again, having been recrowned at the International Hay and Grain Show in Chicago a few weeks ago. His ten cars of Johnson county white dent were not only declared the best ten ears exhibited at the show, but in the opinion of several of the exports no finer corn was ever grown in the world. The Junior King of the show—the heir apparent, so to speak—was Glenn Phares, fourteen years old, of Shelbyville, Indiana. Glenn produced 115 bushels to the acre, at a cost of less than thirty-two cents the bushel. It is great to be a king, but surely to be a Corn King is to lead the eroyalties of the world.

These young men were quiet, honest and industrious, and had won the esteem and love of those who knew them.

The sympathy of the whole community goes out to this bereaved family in this hour of trial.