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BANKERS TO MEET IN PINEHURST

The twenty-seventh annual convention of the North Carolina Bankers Association will be held at Pinehurst, Carolina Hotel, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 3, 4, and 5th, according to an announcement made through the Raleigh headquarters by C. E. Brooks of Henderson, president of the association.

In selecting Pinehurst again as a meeting place President Brooks acted upon requests from members scattered throughout the entire State. Pinehurst has splendid facilities for such meetings and is unusually accessible. Last year the association's convention at Pinehurst was attended by a larger number of members and guests from outside the county in which the convention was held than ever before in the history of the N. C. B. A.

Special hotel and railroad rates have been secured for the May meeting and a very large attendance is expected. Announcements as to the program will be made later.

TOBACCO CO-OP ONE YEAR OLD

The thousands of tobacco growers in three states who are members of the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association are asked to celebrate the birthday of their association next Friday, February 9th, just one year after its incorporation.

The Carolinians and Virginians who formed their marketing association for tobacco one year ago have seen it forge to the front as the largest of all co-operative marketing associations in America.

Next Friday they will celebrate its growth within a year from 65,000 to over 85,000 tobacco farmers; the acquisition of the majority of warehouses in three states, the marketing of close to 140,000,000 pounds of tobacco; cash payments to its members of close to \$20,000,000 and the assurance of future cash payments, which begin this month in South Carolina.

Organized tobacco growers of the South Carolina belt, who are now engaged in a successful campaign for new members, are being urged to make a special birthday present to the association, which many claim has doubled their receipts within a year, in the form of a new member.

George A. Norwood, president of the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association, in a special birthday message to its members this week, says: "Millions of dollars added to the incomes of farmers this past year is your work. Let there be some question as to who gets the most benefits. I believe there is no one who questions the fact that the price of tobacco is higher and that you made it higher. Business may in the main be done for again to the doer, but we must take a broader view and see that the gain of one is the gain of all and the gain of all is the gain of each."

"Your directors feel that the requirement of the warehouse for you on easy terms, the financing and sale of a large part of the crop already is a success. More uniform and profitable prices are now sure. Nearly everybody will get more good out of their income if it is in installments rather than all at once. Co-operative marketing makes for thrift."

You can't tell the size of results by the size of the man. The melon vine raises bigger fruit than the oak tree does.

Get our price on Tobacco Cloth. McKeithan & Company.

CAMERON NEWS

February! The month that heralds Saint Valentine with his thousands of little loves a piercing hearts with cupid's darts, and the air is brushed with the hiss of the rustling wings of the Immortal Go-Between. What Santa Claus is to the children, is St. Valentine to youth and maiden. It is a pretty custom of refined sentiment, the sending of Valentines on February the 14th.

I am pleased to acknowledge an exquisite calendar of artistic beauty, entitled "Mother and child." Compliments of Graham Brothers, Vass, N. C.

Mr. Laurence McNeill, of Raeford, who is spending some time at Union Home farm, was in town Tuesday on business.

Sunday morning at the Baptist church, Rev. O. B. Mitchell presented to Miss Minnie Johnson on route one, a diploma for Bible study graduates.

The Rev. and Mrs. F. B. Noblett, have found their lost cat. After many wonderings, trials, and tribulations, of which her catship bore traces, "Nig" was located at the home of one Peter MacMillan. A cat answering to the description of Nig was reported to Rev. and Mrs. Noblett, by Mrs. Thomas who lives on route one. Mr. and Mrs. Noblett repaired at once to the home of Peter the colored, and found Nig dozing under the stove. The recognition of mistress and cat was mutual; and Nig is now at home sleeping on her soft cushion by the stove. Verily, it pays to advertise through The Pilot.

Mr. Flint Loving is visiting at Smoaks, S. C.

Messrs. Clyde Gaddy and Wate, of Sanford, were supper guests Sunday evening of Miss Myrtle Gaddy.

Mr. J. L. Thomas has a new Ford. Mr. A. B. McDonald on route one, Cranes Creek, is visiting in Concord.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones, of Edge-wood, were dinner guests, Sunday, of Mrs. Laura Rogers.

The Young Ladies Auxiliary met last week with Mrs. Jewel Hemphill, with the following program: Called to order by the president, Mrs. Hemphill. Repeated the Lord's Prayer in concert. Scripture reading, Acts, 10th chapter, by the president. Secretary, Miss Vera McLean, read the minutes of last meeting and called the roll. Monthly topic: China; a very interesting talk by Miss Annie Borst. Present, eight; absent, ten. Absence caused by the members being school teachers away from home. Guests of honor, Mesdames Lula Muse, J. D. McLean, Misses Jacksie Muse and Collins and little Miss June McIver Hemphill. Refreshments: chocolate cake, gelatine and whipped cream. Next meeting will be with Miss Kate Arnold at her pleasant home, Rotherwood.

Misses Chrissie and Vera McLean, Margaret Thomas and Mr. Milton Thomas, attended services at Union Sunday.

Messrs. John Blue and Laurence McNeill, of Raeford, were dinner guests Thursday of last week of Rev. and Mrs. M. D. McNeill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hardy and little daughter spent Sunday with Mrs. Hardy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Doss.

Mr. A. Cameron and nephew, Mr. Neill McLean, of Vass, were callers Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McLean.

Mrs. W. G. Ferguson was a supper guest, Sunday evening, of Mrs. W. G. Parker.

Mr. J. E. Phillips has returned from the C. C. Hospital much improved.

Rev. M. D. McNeill conducted the funeral services of Miss Levana Johnson. (Continued from first page)

JACKSON SPRINGS NEWS

The score of the basket ball game between the local and Ellerbe highs, given in last week's issue, should have been 36 to 16 instead of 36 to 6. The locals, with a crippled team in the last half, more than doubled the score against some of the old Ellerbe stars who have found themselves playing on the second team.

Farmers are well pleased with their tobacco sales in the co-operative houses. Checks of the same amount of their first payment brought many smiles, and will bring many more into the Co-operative Association. There is high praise for the Association, and practically every farmer who raises tobacco is a member; quite a number signed up last fall after selling some on the open warehouse.

Carlton McDonald was host to a large number of boys on Saturday afternoon; the occasion was his 12th birthday. After many games the youngsters were served with refreshments. Not many boys have Carlton's weight and physique at eleven years of age.

The boys literary society of the local high school entertained the girls society on Friday evening in the home economics building. The girls are at a loss to know how to bring laughter as the boys did in their evening of fun.

The local highs defeated the Biscoe high school boys in a game of basket ball on the local court Friday afternoon. The score was 22 to 16. The locals showed superiority in passing but were weak on shooting. Stuart led his team with five field goals, while every boy had two points to his credit except Carter, who was substituted for McDuffie in the last few minutes of play. Lee Thomas was also given a chance, and showed signs of a good player.

Prof. Geo. Neal was called to his home in Mecklenberg county last Friday on account of the illness of his father.

There are too many accidents with guns and too many going hunting in crowds; one young fellow here accidentally shot another while hunting with a crowd last week. It was not serious, but could easily have been fatal.

Mrs. J. T. Ellis has returned from Carthage, where she has been at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Geo. Muse, who is not improving very fast.

Miss Maude Poole spent the weekend with her people in Raeford.

Miss Agnes Graham is visiting relatives in the Cameron vicinity.

His many friends will be pleased to learn that Alton Smith is back in Kings business college after a siege of influenza. Mr. Smith graduated from the local high school last spring. Eubert Styres is at home from a few weeks visiting in Greensboro and other towns.

Some of our farmers did not wait for the boll weevil before raising more livestock. Charles Dilling, who raises a variety of crops, recently had three brood sows to bring litters of pigs; one of the sows is the mother of fourteen. Mr. Dilling was surprised at the number, but never finds trouble in selling pigs. Usually he has nearly all engaged.

Miss Crafts, county health nurse, was here one day last week.

The correspondent paid the cemetery at Cypress church a visit Sunday afternoon, and was very much surprised at the way the burial grounds were kept up. The people in the community are to be commended for the care of the graves; every grave can be found. There are many graves that will become extinct some day, where they are not given attention.

BOLL WEEVIL INJURY THIS YEAR

All of the area north of a line drawn through from Hickory in Catawba county to Salisbury in Rowan, across to Raleigh in Wake and to Washington and Belhaven in Beaufort and straight through Hyde county to the coast was first invaded by boll weevil in 1922 and is due for only light injury this year, says Franklin Sherman of the Division of Entomology, N. C. Extension Service. Mr. Sherman says that the injury will be heavier near the line and to the eastward but it will be in 1924 before this section will be seriously hurt and that the cotton grower has this one other chance to make nearly a full crop of cotton if he uses good cultural methods and picks up the fallen squares.

The heavy damage of 1923 will be south of the line mentioned. West of a line from Monroe to Raleigh the cotton farmers will lose from 10 to 20 percent of their crop, with heavier loss to the south. There good cultural methods, picking squares once each week to the end of July and use of the dust poison in the more heavily infested areas should be practiced.

West of the line from Lumberton to Greenville, the injury will probably run between 20 to 30 percent, and east of this line, the injury will be from 30 to 50 percent. On the west side, good cultural methods should be practiced to the fullest extent and the dust method used. East of this line, though the farmers do not depend so greatly on cotton, they should make still further reductions in acreage and fight the weevil for the remaining acreage by using the dust method, better seed, better cultivation and fertilization and pick the fallen squares and burn them.

Mr. Sherman will be glad to furnish information about the boll weevil to any farmer who will write him at Raleigh or who will call at his office. He states that now is the time to make preparation for fighting the pest and the farmer should inform himself correctly about the best methods.

NIAGARA ITEMS

Mrs. George R. McDermott spent the day, Monday, with her son, George M. McDermott, at Cameron.

Mrs. J. V. Snipes and little daughter, Evelyn, spent a day or two in Durham the past week.

Mr. M. J. Clark, who works as extra operator for S. A. L., has been on the job at Fleet telegraph office near here the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Brown, of Winthrop, Mass., but who are now stopping at Southern Pines, were very pleasant visitors in our town Monday.

Rev. Dr. Green, of Star, was in town Sunday morning and preached a very interesting sermon at the Congregational church.

Misses Laura Warren and Maude Stuart, who have spent the past month visiting the places of interest in the state of Florida, returned to their home here Sunday night. They report an excellent trip.

A CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for the kindness and sympathy shown us during the sickness and deaths of our dear father and brothers. May God's blessings rest upon each one who so kindly gave us aid in our great trial.

Mr. and Mrs. I. A. JOHNSON, Miss KATIE JOHNSON.

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