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QUARTER MILLION TOBACCO CO-OPS

Great Gains in New Members—Carolina Growers Surpass Last Year's Deliveries

There are nearly 250,000 tobacco co-ops in the United States, according to membership gains recently reported among the organized growers of the Carolinas, Virginia, Kentucky and other states.

On June 1 there were 240,000 members of the five big tobacco associations, including those of the Virginia Carolina growers, the dark and burley growers of Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, West Virginia and Indiana, and the smaller organizations of Wisconsin and Connecticut. Since that date the tobacco growers of the Carolinas and Virginia have added over 1500 members to their organization.

A new high record for deliveries of the 1923 crop to the Carolina-Virginia association was established last week when the South Carolina and Eastern Belts together, added seven and a half million pounds to the receipts of the co-operative floors. South Carolinians and border county growers who are members of the association are expected to pass the total of last year's deliveries this week.

Large crowds of tobacco farmers are expected to greet U. S. Senator E. D. Smith, of South Carolina, at Danville, Henderson, Rocky Mount, N. C., and Wallace, this week, when the well-known leader of the farm bloc meets old Belt and Eastern Co-ops.

Senator Smith is scheduled to speak in Danville on Wednesday, at Henderson Thursday, at Rocky Mount Friday and will finish his tour of Virginia and Carolina at Wallace Saturday, September 15.

Every tobacco grower who started suit against the tobacco association in the summer of 1923 is now under an injunction of the court, according to Col. W. T. Joyner, its attorney at Raleigh headquarters, who recently stated that the association has employed local counsel at many points and will protect all loyal members against contract breakers by prompt legal action.

ABERDEEN REALTY TRANSFERS

Two real estate deals of considerable importance were consummated in Aberdeen last week. The larger one involved the passing of title from J. F. Allred to 7 acres of land in the town's limits to Irving Mangum, a tobacco man from Oxford for a consideration of \$8,000.

Mr. Doub will at once vacate the house, moving into his newly completed residence in Park Place, just opposite. Mr. Mangum will bring his family here by the 15th, establishing them here for the opening of school the 17th.

It is Mr. Mangum's plan to put the acreage into tobacco next year, continuing doing this until the time is ripe to subdivide the same into lots, which is the eventual object of his purchase. He will identify himself with the tobacco interests in Aberdeen, affiliating himself for the present with the Saunders interests.

In the other deal the new residence built by the late Dr. Tyler Campbell, but which he did not live to occupy, was transferred to E. L. Pleasants, who has been occupying and operating the Southern Hotel on Sycamore Street. The hotel building was recently purchased by the school board for a teachers' home.

VASS TO HAVE CAFE
Vass is soon to have an eating house other than the hotel. Mr. Gilmore will open the American Cafe here next Saturday. Watch for his ad next week.

BARBECUE DINNER AND TOBACCO OPENING

Aberdeen Preparing to Feast 1,000 Tobacco Growers and Visitors

Aberdeen is making preparations for a big day Tuesday, September 25th. While the date set corresponds with the opening of the Saunders Auction Market at Aberdeen, it is nevertheless to be an All-Tobacco Day for the Aberdeen business men who are behind the movement.

The large tobacco companies are concentrating on the markets that are producing sufficient volume, or that hold out future promises of doing so. Aberdeen has received sufficient encouragement from official sources to justify the expenditure of further sums in improvements and extended facilities, some of which will be completed for the season.

To bring people here to get acquainted with the advantages the Aberdeen Tobacco Market offers, they will give a big, free barbecue dinner to all out-of-town people that day. A good band will be on hand to furnish music before the opening of the market at 10 a. m., and during and after the barbecue. At night a big dance, or rather two big dances, are being planned for in the warehouses.

Everything will be done by the Aberdeen business men to make the visitors comfortable and happy. Preparations are being made to take care of a crowd of 1,000 people.

137 SPECIAL PEACH TRAINS OPERATED BY SOUTHERN

To put Georgia peaches on the distant markets of the east and west in the fast time necessary to insure their arrival in good condition, the Southern Railway System operated 173 special peach trains during the season that has just come to a close.

Of this total 5,312 cars were reiced at Inman Yards, the Southern's Atlanta terminal, at which peaches from South Georgia are concentrated; 3,250 were moved east through Potomac Yards, 1,792 north through Chattanooga, Cincinnati and Louisville; 4 west through Birmingham; 26 south through Macon; and 20 to connections and consignees at Atlanta.

In addition, 133 cars were moved north from Chattanooga and 255 cars were moved east, 229 from the Cornelia section in northeast Georgia, 22 from northwest Georgia, and 4 from Augusta.

Including August 18, the total movement from Georgia had been 8,559 cars, according to reports of the United States Department of Agriculture. This is the second largest crop ever produced by Georgia orchards, having been exceeded only by the crop of 1921, which ran to 10,468 cars.

During the entire 1923 season, the supply of refrigerator cars and ice was ample, this together with the excellent transportation service having contributed in largest measure to the satisfactory condition in which the fruit reached market and the good returns received by the growers.

RALEIGH WAREHOUSE WANTS SANDHILL TOBACCO

The Raleigh Tobacco Warehouse has an ad in this issue of The Pilot calling attention to their facilities for handling tobacco. Johnson & Johnson, the managers of the house have had a wide experience in the tobacco business and they guarantee a square deal to all who should want them to handle their crop.

"RED LIGHTS" SEEN BY PACKED HOUSE

Manager Picquet, of the Carolina Theatre at Pinehurst, again gave his patrons another good mystery picture last Tuesday night. "Red Lights" was seen by a packed house. Mr. Picquet always shows good pictures and says when better pictures are shown he will show them.

Pumps, Piping and Fittings at McKeithan & Co.

FACULTY OF ABERDEEN SCHOOLS COMPLETE

Schools Open 18th With Dedicatory Exercises in New Building—List of Teachers for Coming Year

Superintendent Redfern has completed the selection of his faculty for the school year to begin on September 18th. Twenty-five teachers in all have been employed, and all come to Aberdeen with highly satisfactory credentials.

On the 17th the new teachers will meet in conference with the superintendent for the arrangement of schedules and the discussion of preliminaries. On the morning of the 18th, at the regular school hour all pupils will assemble at the new school building just completed. A short dedicatory program has been arranged with addresses by the local pastors and songs by the children and audience.

After the conclusion of these exercises teachers and pupils will retire to their assigned rooms to open school. Below is a list of the teachers:

High School Faculty: Prof. C. P. Ashley, principal, A. B., Trinity College; Miss Lela Wade, A. B., N. C. College for Women; Miss Alma Wolfe, A. B., Converse College; Miss Mary Sullivan, A. B., Winthrop College; Miss Marion Clark, Normal and Industrial College, Ga.

Graded Schools: Miss Emma Pharr, Hunter, 7th grade; Miss Naomi Saurdifer, 6th grade; Miss Gussie Jones, 5th grade; Miss Freddie Stokes, 4th grade; Miss Ruby Walden, 3rd grade; Miss Lillian Mattison, 2nd grade; Miss Josephine Calhoun, primary grade; Miss Lela Pardue, Music; Prof. C. V. Kelly, director of orchestra; Miss Eleanor Herndon, piano and voice.

Pinebluff School: Miss Annie Clegg, grammar grades; Miss Elizabeth Wadsworth, primary grades.

These with the teachers in the colored schools bring the total up to 25 teachers employed for the ensuing year.

MR. HARDING'S EXAMPLE

Shortly after the death of President Harding it was announced that he had drawn a new will just before leaving on the journey to Alaska. He had prepared one some years before, but conditions in his own private affairs changed, so he changed his will to meet them.

His example is worth something to everyone who has any property, or whose financial or domestic affairs have changed since their will was made. The prudent man knows and does not put off making a will or keeping it up to date once he has made it.

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RECOGNIZING MEXICO

There are few men in the Sandhills, and few in the whole United States, for that matter, who do not welcome the bright prospects of a lasting friendship with our neighbor, Mexico.

Americans have in recent years made a fine record of carrying aid and comfort into every part of the world and now that we have laid aside old animosities and extended a helping hand to the struggling Republic on the south it is still more to our credit. Mexico has been a seething cauldron of trouble for a good many years, but more recently has settled down and for once shows an honest, sincere desire to lift herself to the high plane of other civilized nations.

MR. GIBBON WRITES FROM VERMONT

Spending His Vacation Near President Coolidge's Old Home—Gives Some Interesting Facts

Editor The Pilot, Vass, N. C.

Since the recent promotion of Mr. Coolidge to the presidency, much has been written and published regarding his native state of Vermont, and it will doubtless be of interest to your readers to know something of the country from which our president came and where his father now lives.

The writer has spent about three weeks vacation within a few miles of the small village of Plymouth, Vermont, where we saw the old home of "Silent Cal," as they call him. The village is no larger than Manley, N. C., being a typical farming community center as will be seen in all parts of New England.

The town (county) of Plymouth contains 27249 acres of land and boasts of having 449 inhabitants, a majority of whom are elderly people.

The question of keeping Vermont boys and girls in their own state is a widely discussed one, largely because of the large number of abandoned farms which one finds in all sections of the state and particularly in the hilly sections, to say nothing of the mountains.

There are not many contented farmers in Vermont; they have almost no help outside of the family. The women and girls may be seen almost any day driving a hay rake during haying season, which is the principal crop, the most of which is consumed in the state. Some of the people claim that Vermont farms, as in other states, are being "run out," and contend that the state does not need more farms.

The summers are short and cool, so that corn never ripens, while the winters are long and severe, making traveling over country roads almost impossible. Those who chance to live in the mountain sections have no opportunities whatever for enjoying modern life even in a simple way.

The small cultivated farms in the valleys are fertile and produce large yields of hay, and potatoes, while nearly ever farmer has a "sap orchard," from which he could produce the famous Vermont maple syrup and sugar, but they are allowing other states to supply the demand for maple sugar, Vermont turkeys, Vermont cheese and butter.

The abandoned farms, with large farm buildings, beautiful old colonial houses, going to ruin, is a sad site to look upon.

Take the neighborhood of "Five Corners" near the village of Plymouth for example. This was at one time a very prosperous farming and lumbering section; while now one sees a tumble-down sawmill, houses with the roofs rotted and falling in, surrounded by brush wood, briars and grass. In this section there are seven abandoned farms in a row, one after another.

About five miles from Five Corners is the town of Bridgewater which, with an area of 28,659 acres and only 309 souls, also has many abandoned farms. Briggs is in what is known as the Chatangay Valley and is another deserted location. There was once a thriving lumber business carried on here, but now for six miles through the valley there isn't a soul to be found except one lonesome man who lives near what is called Bull Hill, about two thousand feet above sea level.

A few miles over northwest in the Stockbridge section will be found the remains of a once thriving village called "Notown." It is now no town at all, and a pitiful sight.

Vermont has another section, called the town of Stratton, famed because of its deserted farms. About eight-three years ago Stratton was an important prosperous center in the southern part of the state. It was here that Daniel Webster made a speech to 15000 of the townspeople on the occasion of the Whig convention. Today there is a row of deserted houses, a boarded up church, and a marker to commemorate the spot where the great statesman spoke.

NICHOLAS L. GIBBON, Aug. 25, 1923 Reading, Vt.

Get your cotton sheets and cotton scales at Vass Mercantile Co.

ALL ROADS WILL SOON LEAD TO VASS

A. Cameron is Doing Some Important Road Work—New Business Going Up

Vass is doing its share to keep up the stride that is about to be set by the changes that have taken place at Lakeview. Possibly the most unique development in progress is the new road now building out into Hoke county, so far almost wholly by Mr. A. Cameron, member of the County highway commission from McNeills township. For sometime Mr. Cameron has been impressed with the necessity of better road facilities for that section of the township out across the river to the south, and as his efforts in highway commission have not availed much he has had a survey made, a road cut, and is now busy on the south side of the river cutting ditches and making a grade on a stretch of nearly a mile from the river out toward the county line.

He has a force of men at work out in that section, and one of these days the county will find that a new road has been opened that will connect Vass with the territory out at Sweetheart Lake, and the Priest settlement near the county line. The road will open a lot of good country, and make several farms out that way accessible to Vass. It is expected that the county will take up the new road in a short time and complete the work on it as Mr. Cameron has shown that it is a road much needed to let that part of the township have some touch with the developed villages.

He has also given a good start to the road that runs out past Lakeview toward Knollwood Village and the Midlands farm, and has done a lot of work on it at his own cost. This road is another that the highway commission is expected to reach this fall, and open so it will enable the folks in the section out toward Knollwood to get into Lakeview and Vass. Considerable tobacco and cotton is made out in that neighborhood, and the farmers want a way to get their stuff to the markets, Vass especially being a desired point to reach as both cotton and tobacco can be marketed here to the best advantage.

Things continue to move in the Village. Last week J. W. Beasley purchased a lot almost opposite The Pilot office, on which he will at once proceed to put up a building 60 by 100 feet for a garage and Ford station. He will have the Ford agency for Vass and vicinity, and will handle new cars, supplies, and do repair work and look out for Fords in a general way. He will make this a central point for his line of cars and all that goes with them. He expects to have the building up at the earliest possible minute, and begin business as soon as he can assemble his material and supplies.

To further help things along the Standard Oil Company has bought a site near the railroad station for a storage depot for oil, gas and similar supplies. This will be made a distributing station for Standard products in the territory from Overhills to Cameron, Niagara, and the eastern side of Moore county. The company looked over the field for a place to put a new station that would care for this part of the counties cornering close by and decided on Vass without any hesitation.

Jo Parker and W. J. Allen have bought farm tracts near Vass on the road leading to Carthage, and they will each proceed to build houses and establish farms. The purchases are on the McDonald lands and were bought from A. Cameron. They have secured tracts of about twenty acres each.

The Vass Mercantile Company is figuring on an addition to the store building opposite the hotel. It will run back toward the highway, reaching to the alley just across from the New Beasley garage building, and the two new structures will thus close up the open space between the present store building and the present garage building opposite The Pilot office. All of this means a big lot of new building in Vass for the fall and winter, which will keep things as active or more so than during the summer.

SAFETY IN THUNDERSTORMS

Danger in a thunder storm is never as great as most people imagine, those of course is always a hazard. A person is safer from lightning in some places than in others. The towering steel buildings in the cities, for instance, are practically lightning proof so far as its occupants are concerned. The current follows the steel framework of the building and those within it are never aware of it. It is safer in a house during a thunderstorm than to be out in the open. In the open one should avoid high ground, and especially isolated trees and the edges of woods on the side from which the storm is approaching.

Mr. W. J. Harrington and brother, Roy, of Glendon, were in town for a short while today.