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MR. AARON SAPIRO ADDRESSES FARMERS

Makes Convincing Co-operative Marketing Speech To A Big Crowd

"Crop liens are the most pathetic things about Southern agriculture," declared Aaron Sapiro, of California, in an address here Wednesday to farmers who crowded the opera house to the utmost capacity. And it was in the interest of relieving this "economic bondage" that Mr. Sapiro came to this section to discuss co-operative marketing.

Mr. A. M. Johnston made a brief introductory speech in which he announced that as in the days of old wise men from the East proclaimed a Savior for the world, now a wise man had come from the West to tell of a savior for the southern farmer. Mr. Sapiro then addressed the people holding their attention for fully an hour and a half.

Beginning with the discouraging statement that Johnston county was far behind in signing up for cooperative marketing having signed only 40 per cent, he urged the necessity of signing at least 80 per cent, and stated that one of three things must have happened to cause such a poor showing. Either cooperative marketing had been represented as some new scheme which had not been tried out, or the people do not understand how it works, or enemies have been spreading colored statements as to the efficiency of the plan.

Mr. Sapiro undertook to offset the above reasons. He showed beyond question that co-operative marketing is not a new thing, but that the plan has been used in Denmark for 60 years. For a generation or more it has been in use in Northern Germany, and parts of Italy and France. But it is unnecessary to go to Europe for an example. The plan has been worked in California since 1894 and has been a perfect success since 1906. Commodities such as milk, cheese, butter, prunes, raisins, and other fruits and nuts are marketed through cooperative associations there and Mr. Sapiro emphasized the fact that there is not a single problem in North Carolina that has not already been solved in California.

Having shown that the system has passed the experimental stage, the speaker proceeded to make plain the terms of the contract using the one in reference to tobacco only, time not permitting a discussion of both cotton and tobacco contracts. He made a comparison of the two methods of marketing tobacco, characterizing the present method as "dumping the products" on the market, whereas a cooperative association would "merchandise" it. In other words, cooperative marketing would move products on the market at such a time and in such quantities as would warrant a fair price for the farmer. He used prunes as sold in California by an association as an example of effective marketing, perhaps taking this dried fruit because of the varying grades presenting more nearly a parallel to the different grades of tobacco.

Following this discussion, Mr. Sapiro summarized the contract, telling who may become members of an association, who runs the association, what the directors do, what is done with the tobacco when it is turned over to the association, and where the money comes from to finance the movement.

Mr. Sapiro then presented several reasons why some farmers have not yet signed up, one being the report that the Kentucky association had "blown up." He corrected that error and told something of how the plan is now working in the Burley tobacco territory. The association is using facilities already at hand for handling the weed, 109 warehouses out of 130 in Kentucky being in use. Only six warehouses, he stated, are now open under the old plan. He repudiated the report that the big companies would not buy from the Association, by telling of the visit of the Kentucky representative to four of the big tobacco companies of the world including Liggett & Myers and R. J. Reynolds Co., the result of which was a statement to the effect that these companies would be glad to buy from the Associations. Mr. Sapiro then pointed out where the money would

FORMER GOVERNOR T. W. BICKETT DEAD

Passed Away Following A Stroke of Paralysis at His Home in Raleigh

Thomas Walter Bickett, Governor of North Carolina from 1917 to 1921, died at his home in Hayes Barton, yesterday morning at 9:15, a little more than 12 hours after he had been stricken with paralysis Tuesday evening. He died without regaining consciousness, with all members of his family at his bedside except his sister, Mrs. F. B. Ashcraft, of Monroe, who reached Raleigh two hours later.

The going of the War Governor was peaceful. Throughout the night he struggled for each breath, but toward morning the flickering pulse grew weaker, the labored breath fainter. From the moment they reached him physicians held out no hope and as dawn grew on, the family realized that he would not live. At nine o'clock the breathing was almost imperceptible, the pulse was almost gone. Presently he ceased to struggle. North Carolina's beloved citizen and friend was dead.

This morning the body will be removed from the residence to the Rotunda of the State Capitol, there to lie in state for two hours so that the thousands who would look for the last time upon his face may see him. At 11 o'clock the cortage will be removed to Christ Church, just across the Capitol grounds, where the Former Governor was a member, and brief funeral services will be held at 11:30 o'clock. The body will then be taken to Louisburg, his former home, for interment.

Honorary pallbearers will be Members of the Council of State who are in the city, State Auditor Baxter Durham, State Superintendent of Education, E. C. Brooks, Attorney General J. S. Manning, Chief Justice Walter Clark, Associate Justices Adams, Hoke, Walker and Stacy, and Former Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, and members of the Wake County bar. Active pallbearers for the services here will be W. B. Drake, Jr., K. P. Hill, William Bailey, Ben Dixon MacNeill, John Davis, Murray Allen, Dr. W. S. Rankin, and B. H. Griffin.

The State is stunned by the terrible suddenness with which death has struck down the Former Governor. Yesterday he was to have started on a little journey over into South Carolina, to Florence, where, with his close and lifelong friend, Dr. E. W. Sikes, he was to address the North Carolina Society of the Palmetto State. But yesterday he was dead, and instead of journeying to Florence with him, Dr. Sikes was hastening alone to Raleigh to stand beside the bier of his friend.

A stranger within the gates of the Capitol City needed not to be told yesterday that sorrow had laid heavy hands upon its people. It was written in every face. Men and women moved along the streets more slowly. They stopped to greet one the other in hushed, sorrowful voices. But yesterday they had seen him just yesterday, smiling, keenly happy overflowing with that spontaneity of joy that won back to him a thousandfold the love that he had for every living thing.—Ben Dixon MacNeill in News and Observer.

Germany used to want to write her name on the world. Now the best she can hope to do is to make her mark.—Rochester (Ind.) Sentinel.

come from to finance the proposition. He stated that \$150,000,000 was available from the War Finance Corporation and that the National City Bank of New York was ready to back up the movement, the money to be secured at a low rate of interest. Having presented his subject in a forceful entertaining manner, Mr. Sapiro reached his climax when he made an appeal for cooperative marketing in order that a better type of rural civilization might be the result. He said the plan had been a success in California not only from a standpoint of dollars and cents, but it had entirely changed the rural sections of that state. He predicted the same improvement for North Carolina if cooperative marketing goes over the top.

YE HAVE NOT PASSED THIS WAY BEFORE

By

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What way? The way of 1922. In one sense it is a long way. It leads through 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 1/2 days 8,766 hours, 525,960 minutes, 31,557,600 seconds. Through four seasons of alternate sunshine and showers, clear weather and cloudy. Thank God! With the past to judge by, more clear with sunshine than cloudy with showers. What a blessed mixture in that after-the-flood promise: "While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." (Gen. 8:22). Connect this by faith with Rom. 8:28, and believe with all thine heart remembering that "faith worketh by love." (Gal. 5:6). However this long way comes within the words of the Psalmist: "We spend our years as a tale that is told." (Psalm 90:4-9).

Then it is not only a long way, but to us an unknown way. "Ye have not passed this way before." Reader, hast thou considered that, "thou knowest not what a day (only one day) may bring forth?" (Prov. 27:1). Walk softly before the Lord, for in the near future it may read, -----day of ----- month A. D. 1922, such an one was numbered with the group of mortals that are passing into eternity at the rate of more than fifty to the minute. Since the way is unknown—leads on as in a fog,—do we not need a guide? Is it not right that we confess with Jeremiah, the humble prophet of old, "That the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." (Jer. 10:23). How beautifully Psalm 37:23 fits right in here. Look it up, read and ask yourself, can I claim the promise?

Friend, the way of 1922 is not only unknown but it is dangerous. Therefore you need the safety and protection of God's guidance. Ask and you shall receive; "For thy name's sake lead me, and guide me." (Psalm 31:3). Has not God said, "thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way walk ye in it?" (Isa. 31:21). Again, "In all thy way acknowledge him, and he will direct thy ways." (Prov. 3:6). There is a perfectly safe way through all the way of 1922. It is fully described in Isa. 35:8-10. "And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those; the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

There is a great promise that will provide assurance of victory over every temptation and in every test of patience by affliction or adversity.

It is found in I Cor. 10:13. Get your Testament, read and mark it now. As for the past, in many things, be a free forgetter, and for the future looking upward and onward "press toward the mark," to excel in self-sacrifice, in diligent doing, lifting up others by lifting up yourself in conversation, conduct, Christ-like character. Christ is the perfect character, therefore the perfect leader. Follow Him and the very best of fellowship both human and divine will be yours all through 1922. Now get your Bible and start the New Year by reading Col. 3:1-4 and Philippians 2:5-16.

Elect Officers and Teachers for 1922.

Last Sunday Smithfield Baptist Sunday school elected officers and teachers for 1922 as follows:

T. S. Ragsdale, Superintendent; L. T. Royall and H. P. Johnson, assistant superintendents; J. M. Beaty, treasurer; John Ives, secretary; Paul Brown, ass't. secretary; Miss Ruth Brown, organist; Mrs. J. M. Beaty, superintendent Primary department, assisted by Mrs. Harry P. Johnson and Mrs. Henry H. Johnson; Mrs. D. H. Creech, superintendent Home Department and Cradle Roll.

Other teachers elected were, Miss Bridgett Williams, Mrs. H. G. Gray, Miss Ora Cansler, Miss Annie Parker, Mrs. H. H. Radford, Miss Annie Lassiter, Mrs. W. N. Holt and Mr. Lawrence Brown. The organized classes will elect their teachers next Sunday.

Bakery in New Quarters.

The Smithfield Bakery has moved into its new quarters recently erected at the rear of Mr. J. W. Phillips' residence near the Telephone Exchange. The establishment is better equipped than ever before a portable oven having been installed. The bakery can now turn out four hundred loaves of bread per hour, or 4,000 loaves in a ten-hour day. The retail part of the bakery will be in the front of the "Shoe Hospital" on Third street.

Vesper Service.

The white gift vesper service given by the Methodist Sunday school Christmas afternoon was quite enjoyable. The program besides several musical numbers included a representation of the Christmas story. An offering was made for Russian and Armenian sufferers which amounted to over one hundred dollars.

City Postoffice Shows Town's Growth

We wish to thank the good people of Smithfield for the beautiful way in which they responded to the request to mail early. And above all we wish to thank THE HERALD for the sumptuous and delicious oyster supper which they gave us on Christmas Eve. This came as a happy culmination to a hard week's work which we had enjoyed, since it had been highly spiced with kindness on almost every side.

We handled, perhaps, a greater volume of mail than we have handled at any previous Christmas season, our sales on the 23rd being greater than any other day in the history of the office except on two former days when large lots of envelopes were delivered to the First National Bank. This quarter's sales in the postoffice have already exceeded those of any previous quarter by about two hundred dollars, and we have three more days to add yet.

This shows, perhaps, as well as anything else, the prosperity and growth of our town.

We wish for the patrons of this office a most prosperous and happy New Year, and we stand ready to do anything we can in accordance with postal laws and regulations to further that happiness and prosperity.

SARAH A LUNCEFORD, P. M.

At Barbour's Chapel.

The Sunday school at Barbour's Chapel will carry out the program next Sunday, January 1, 1922, that was expected to have been carried out on Christmas day. Rain hindered the program on Christmas day. The superintendent, Mr. L. B. Durham wishes it stated that he wants all the Sunday school there to get their treat. Also Extra presents for attendance and good lessons will be given.

PRINCETON ENJOYS A QUIET CHRISTMAS

No Accidents from Fire Works; Some Whiskey But Not Many Drunks

Princeton, Dec. 29.—Miss Lissie Pearce who is teaching at Thanksgiving is at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Barrett are visiting relatives at Burlington this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Godwin from Apex are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. George F. Woodard.

Mrs. Kirby Thomas and children of Apex, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Rackley are spending the holidays with Mrs. Rackley's parents at Parkton.

Miss Stella Mason from Mount Olive is at home this week.

Mrs. Bettie Pittman from Portsmouth, Va., is visiting relatives in town this week.

Mr. Luby Lynch from Wilmington has been spending several days with his father, Mr. N. B. Lynch.

Mrs. J. W. Odum and Misses Ila and Patsy visited friends at Fremont Wednesday.

Mr. Percy Sandlin, from Wilmington was a visitor in town Monday.

There was a special Christmas service at the Methodist church Sunday night. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Farrar, made a five minute talk and the remaining minutes were utilized in a song service.

Miss Lissie Woodard has returned from Clinton where she attended a silver wedding.

On the evening of Dec. 26th, Miss Bessie Mason entertained a few of her friends at a birthday party. After the usual games, a salad course was served, a large number of young people were present and enjoyed the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wrike and children have returned from a visit to relatives at Randleman and High Point.

Mr. P. H. Joyner is spending the day in Smithfield in the interest of the Farmers Co-operative Marketing plan.

A son of Mr. Bernie Peedin died at his home a few miles from town yesterday. The young man's name could not be learned.

Miss Theo Wooten, music teacher in the high school, is spending the holidays at Columbia, S. C.

Maxton Wells, from Hampton Roads, Va., is at home for the holidays. He is a member of the marine band at that place.

Doctors Bill and Moulton Massey are spending a few days at home. They are taking courses in the medical college in Atlanta, Ga.

David Massey and Miss Mary Massey from Buie's Creek are at home for a few days with their mother.

Dr. J. C. Joyner from Burlington was here a short while Sunday to see his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Joyner.

Mr. Lester Mitchell and his sister, Mrs. J. C. Thomas from Apex, are spending several days in town with relatives.

Mr. P. M. Barnes, from Charleston, W. Va., is here visiting his sister, Mrs. L. D. Grantham.

Mr. Bob Wells, from Greensboro is spending several days here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Cox, from the Bentonville section were visitors in town Christmas week.

Citizens of the town admit that there was some whiskey handled here through the week, and what town in the United States was it that didn't have some drunks on Christmas. But ours were mighty nice and quiet and most of them actually waited until night to get drunk so as not to be seen, which was real thoughtful of them.

Jack Wooten and Miss Dixie Pittman were married on Dec. 21st. After the ceremony they left for a trip to New York City. On Friday the meanest man in the world came along and stole Jack's automobile while he was away on his honeymoon. Some of the boys say they know why Jack wanted to go to New York—the fact is—Miss Dixie is one of the most perfect specimens of feminine beauty and loveliness, that most any man ever looked upon.

NORWOOD SUCCEEDS MR. T. D. WARREN

State Democratic Executive Committee Met in Raleigh Wednesday Night

Acceptance of the resignation of Thomas D. Warren as chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee took place Wednesday evening when the committee met in the Hall of Representatives at Raleigh. Mr. J. Dave Norwood, of Salisbury, a member of the committee was named to succeed him. The election of Mr. Norwood appeared to be without opposition, and the successful banker, textile manufacturer, merchant and farmer took hold of his new job with little ceremony. Much of the time of the committee meeting was devoted to eulogy of the late T. W. Bickett, former governor of North Carolina.

The News and Observer writes of the retiring chairman and the new chairman as follows:

"Mr. Warren retires from the chairmanship after seven years of active service, during which time the party majorities in the State have grown steadily to last year's record-breaker of near eighty thousand. Mr. Norwood comes into service as head of the party machinery in the State after a tutelage of 8 years as a member from the Eighth Congressional District, and in the prime of his energies. His friends predict for him a very successful chairmanship."

Death of Mr. Julius A. Lee, Sr.

Mr. Julius A. Lee, Sr., came to Smithfield a few days ago to spend Christmas with his daughters, Mrs. Cara Lassiter, Misses Jessie Lee and Annie Lee. He had had a heart trouble for sometime but was not considered in a dangerous condition. He took pneumonia after coming here and died about 11 o'clock Christmas night. He was eighty-six years, two months, and twenty-eight days old. He was buried Tuesday afternoon in Smithfield's new cemetery by the side of his son, Mr. A. N. Lee, who died several months ago. The funeral was preached by Rev. D. H. Tuttle, Mr. Lee being a member of Smithfield Methodist church. The pallbearers were Messrs W. S. Stevens, T. R. Hood, E. F. Boyett, W. F. Grimes, J. D. Spiers and J. A. Keen.

He was one of the oldest men of the county. Mr. Lee was a good farmer, spending most of his time on his farm in the Bentonville section of the county. He was a man highly esteemed by those who knew him and one of the county's best citizens.

Mr. Lee leaves surviving him his widow, Mrs. Charlotte L. Lee and 11 children, his second son, A. N. Lee having died about a year or more ago. His children are: Robt. E. Lee, Julius A. Lee, Jr., Frances L. Mozingo, Miss Florence Lee, Miss Delia Lee, Mrs. Cara Lassiter, widow of Junius Lassiter; Mrs. T. Eldridge, of Mount Olive; Misses Jessie and Annie Lee and Lida and Victor Lee.

The treaty of peace between the United States and Hungary was ratified by Hungary Monday night.

Mrs. T. Walker and her son, Mr. J. T. Walker, from Charlotte and Miss Lillian A. Walker from Gibson are spending several days with Mrs. W. G. Farrar. Rev. Mr. Farrar is visiting his mother at Apex while Mrs. Farrar's mother and sister are here.

Mr. George Toler was taken seriously ill a few days ago and was carried to the hospital in Goldsboro where he is at present in a very dangerous condition and his chances for recovery are reported very doubtful.

Mr. W. D. Phillips died at his home near town on Dec. 21st. He was 85 years old. He was an old Confederate veteran and had been a Justice of the Peace in his neighborhood for many years.

No fireworks, no accidents, no cannon crackers, not a boy has been reported with his hand blown off or an eye put out as it used to be. The mothers are happy that none were allowed to be sold here.

Frank Pearce from Chapel Hill is at home for a few days with his parents.

Luther Pearce from Greensboro is spending a few days at home with his parents.