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## TOBACCO FARMERS TO HAVE CHANCE

### Campaign on to Enlarge the Membership in the Carolinas and Virginia

The Directors of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association who met last week in Raleigh, are determined to give all tobacco growers in the Carolinas and Virginia a chance to sign the marketing contract in the campaign to enlarge the present majority membership in (96) counties of three States according to M. O. Wilson, Secretary of the Association and Director of Field Service.

Mr. Wilson gave out the following statement:

"Increased membership means increased power and profits for our Association, as proven by the success of Kentucky burley grower in marketing their crop for largely increased profits after attaining a great majority sign-up.

The success of tobacco growers in this movement means prosperity for all. A flourishing tobacco belt will bring us better homes, better schools, better standards of living and a civilization here in our Southland worthy of the great traditions of the past."

Rapid progress is being made by the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association in the plans for marketing the 1922 crop of the 65,000 organized tobacco farmers of North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina.

A large number of applications from marketing or storage centers in the three States have been received by the directors who met in Raleigh last week and elected T. C. Watkins, of South Boston, Va., manager of Warehouses.

Mr. Watkins who is vice-president of the Boston National Bank, a large tobacco planter and a director of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association said, in regard to the marketing of this year's crop:

"I am happy to report that the initial survey of warehouses in the Carolinas and Virginia gives splendid promise of success, provided we can count on the immediate assistance of our members in the important matter of economic production.

"Let us all remember that the quality of our tobacco rather than the quantity will measure our success as individuals and as an Association."

Oliver J. Sands, President of the American National Bank of Richmond, Norman H. Williams, President of the Virginia Bankers Association and J. M. Galloway, of Greensboro, N. C., the largest tobacco grower in the world, were among those present at last week's meeting of the Directors in Raleigh.

March 26th, World Sunday.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. March 18.—(Special).—A simultaneous effort throughout Southern Methodist territory, on March 26, to be known as "World Sunday," will, it is said, call the attention of delinquent subscribers to the Centenary of Missions movement of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to a shortage in collections on behalf of that movement.

It is expected that on "World Sunday" pastors of the 18,000 church congregations in Southern Methodism will revive the Centenary theme and portray the disastrous results to the big missionary program launched 3 years ago if the deficit is not made good. Cash payments on overdue Centenary subscriptions will be solicited on "World Sunday" and during the following week a church-wide canvass will be made to secure the payment of arrearages.

The original drive for the Centenary fund taken three years ago was for \$35,000,000, to be paid through a period of five years. It is announced that only 40 per cent of the amount due has been paid to date, whereas 60 per cent is now due. It is to meet this shortage that Methodists throughout the South are seeking to arouse the mind of the church along Centenary lines.

Preferred It.

Music Enthusiast: Didn't you think the barcarole the best thing at Mrs. Harmony's musical afternoon?

Mrs. Nuriche: I didn't take any of the rolls, but I liked the chicken salad.—Wayside Tales.

## MISSISSIPPI RIVER IS AGAIN RISING RAPIDLY

### It Has Passed Flood Stage At Memphis—Rains Are Reported Up Stream.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 19.—Flood stage on the Mississippi river at Memphis was passed early today, when the gauge topped the 35-foot mark. The river is rising rapidly with a stage of 40 feet here and 49 at Helena, Ark., predicted by the U. S. weather bureau for the latter part of this week.

The river here is rising at a rate of a half inch an hour, and this will probably be increased during the night, river men say, as heavy rains north of here last night and early this morning have been reported. The crest of the Ohio river flood passed Cincinnati last night and the river there has begun falling. The river is still rising at Louisville, while the Cumberland and Tennessee are both still climbing, and will continue to do so, on account of rains on the upper waters of both last night.

The gauge at Memphis stood at 34.8 at 8 o'clock this morning and a few hours later topped 35 feet, which is flood gauge here. From tonight until next Saturday or Sunday, when a stage of 40 feet here and 49 at Helena, Ark., is predicted by the weather bureau, the rise here will be rapid.—Associated Press.

### Business Men Asked to Affiliate

Letters are being received here by local business men from officers of the North Carolina Commercial Secretaries Association urging their affiliation with the proposed North Carolina Chamber of Commerce, according to secretary Mr. John Morris, of the Smithfield Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Morris states that an extensive advertising campaign for North Carolina is being advocated by this organization, which has the endorsement of Governor Cameron Morrison, Dr. H. W. Chase, President University of North Carolina, and others.

The purpose of the organization of the state group, Mr. Morris states are "to bring about a greater knowledge and better appreciation of our State's resources, products and opportunities; to systematically advertise our State, communities, products, resources and opportunities to our own people and to the World at large through a monthly magazine, making and displaying motion pictures, conducting advertising trains, and other methods; to encourage North Carolinians to demand, purchase and use North Carolina Products; to bring into the state desirable persons to assist in our state development."

It is hoped by the members of the organization, of which Mr. Morris is a member to perfect this organization without delay.

## VOCAL TEACHER BURIED ALIVE IN INDIAN MOUND

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., March 17.—Miss Emma E. Boyd, a vocal teacher at the Florida State College for Women here, was buried alive while searching for historic relics in an Indian mound, seven miles from here today. Recently Miss Boyd, it is understood, and other young women of the college had engaged workmen to excavate the mound, and while the men were still engaged, Miss Boyd, accompanied by two other curio hunters, went there today. While standing in one of the clearings lateral earth suddenly gave way and buried her. Physicians who arrived after the body had been recovered, said her death had been caused by suffocation. Miss Boyd was a native of Iowa and had been a member of the college faculty for four years.—News and Observer.

## THREE THOUSAND BALES COTTON ARE DESTROYED

GOLDSBORO, Mar. 20.—More than 3,000 bales of cotton were burned here last night when Bobbitt's tobacco warehouse was destroyed by fire, the cotton was owned by H. Weil and Brothers local cotton merchants. It is estimated the loss will reach \$500,000 and believed to be fully insured. How the fire started has not been determined, but the authorities are investigating reports that the blaze was of incendiary origin.—Wilson Times.

## C. I. PIERCE SEC. OF COUNTY FAIR

### J. W. Stephenson Re-elected President; C. V. Johnson Treasurer; Date Set

The directors of the Johnston County Agricultural society met here Friday afternoon, and set the date for the 1922. October 31, November 1, 2, and 3 are the days set apart for this coming event. The directors were all present except four, Mr. J. W. Stephenson, who has served as president of this organization for several years, tendered his resignation, but upon a motion by Mr. W. D. Avera, seconded by Dr. R. J. Noble, he was unanimously re-elected to this position.

At this meeting the office of Secretary-treasurer was separated, Mr. C. V. Johnson being made treasurer and Mr. C. I. Pierce, secretary. The treasurer will receive a salary of \$100 per year, and the secretary \$50.

The president selected the following executive committee: Dr. R. J. Noble, Messrs W. D. Avera, F. H. Brooks, C. M. Wilson and B. L. Jones. The finance committee was named as follows: Messrs C. M. Wilson, F. H. Brooks and Dr. R. J. Noble.

We are informed that this will be the last year the Fair will be held at the present location, and the association bespeaks the co-operation of Johnston County for the biggest and best Fair ever held here. With the agricultural resources that Johnston County affords, the very best County Fair in North Carolina could be staged here. The organization effected here Friday is ready to begin work, and if everybody lends a hand a Fair worth while next Fall, will be the result.

### Julian S. Carr, Jr., Dead.

DURHAM, March 17.—Julian S. Carr, Jr., president of the Durham hoisery mills, known as the "hoisery king," died at the Pennsylvania Hotel in New York City at 7:30 o'clock this morning. He had been in failing health for more than a year.

Mr. Carr was the son of General Julian S. Carr, commander in chief of the United Confederate Veterans, who himself has been very ill with pleurisy at his home in this city. Mr. Carr's wife and his brothers were with him when he died.

He went to New York about five weeks ago on business. Last Monday he was taken with a severe attack of heart trouble and his brothers were summoned to his bedside, his wife having gone with him when he left this city. They were with him when death came. He had previously suffered an attack of heart trouble about three months ago.

Mr. Carr was 45 years of age and was born and reared in Durham. He was a graduate of the University of North Carolina and an alumnus of Harvard. Immediately upon the completion of his education he came home and took charge of a small hoisery mill here, and his energy and superior business acumen made the industry one of the largest on the South. He was president of the Durham Hoisery Mills Company, with a string of 11 mills throughout the State. He was one of the best known young business men in the South.—News & Observer.

### Villa Wants More Ground.

TORREON, COAHUILA, Mexico, March 16.—Francisco "Pancho" Villa, former rebel chieftain, who has a 200,000 acre farm near here, at Canutillo, wants more ground and has petitioned the Federal Government for it, it was learned today. He has with him nearly 500 of his former followers and their families, and he says his farm is not extensive enough. With his petition for more land, Villa assured the Government that he and his followers are ready to take the field at any time against bandits who harass the community or against revolutionists opposed to the established Government.—Philadelphia Record.

### Bright Johnny.

Father: When you see one Ford after another, what time is it, Johnny?

Johnny: Tin after tin.—Monroe Journal.

## 2 MURDER CASES TRIED LAST WEEK

### Satterfield Acquitted; Davis Given 20 Years; Report Of Grand Jury

Our last issue gave the proceedings of the Criminal court held here last week up to Thursday noon. Thursday afternoon and Friday morning were taken up with the case of K. J. Satterfield, charged with killing Richard Starling in Cleveland township a few months ago. The result of the case was the acquittal of Mr. Satterfield.

Next came the case of Oscar Davis who killed Lonnie Messer with a gun a few months ago in Four Oaks. He was given twenty years in the state prison.

Court adjourned Saturday having disposed of quite a number of cases during the week. The next term of criminal court will be in August.

The following report was made by the Grand Jury:

To His Honor, Thomas H. Calvert, Judge:

We the Grand Jurors, beg to submit the following report:

1. We have carefully considered all the bills of indictment sent us by the court, and have made true returns on the same, in accordance with the evidence in each case. We have disposed of all matters presented to us according to law.

2. We have inspected the various offices of the county and find all in good shape as possible under adverse circumstances of being scattered in temporary location, pending the erection of a new court house.

3. We find all officers are efficient and capable with all records well kept and all their reports in conformity with the law.

4. We have visited and inspected the convict camp near Smithfield and find the same in fairly good shape. Additions are being made that will freely provide for the health and comfort of the prisoners.

5. The County Home Keeper is fully competent and efficient, and recommend that buildings be repaired, as we find some in a very dilapidated condition. We recommend that the buildings be repaired so that they will be more comfortable and convenient for the afflicted and infirm of the county.

6. We congratulate the citizens of the county upon the fact that they will soon have completed a large, conveniently arranged and handsome court house and we endorse the action of the present board of commissioners in erecting the same.

We recommend that the chief guard at the convict camp be looked after as to his treatment of the prisoners under him.

This March 16, 1922.

JOHN A. WILSON,  
Foreman Grand Jury.

## WILSON MAY FURNISH LIGHTS FOR JOHNSTON TOWNS

WILSON, March 18.—Wilson owns all of its public utilities—water, sewerage, electric lights and gas and consumers get bed rock prices.

Besides furnishing lights, etc., for the city, the towns of Elm City, and Stantonsburg get their "juice" from the Wilson plant.

The towns of Bailey and Middlesex on the Norfolk-Southern railroad will soon sign contracts for lighting and negotiations are now going on with Lucama in Wilson county, and with Kenly, Micro, Four Oaks, Pine Level and Princeton in Johnston county.

## JAPAN'S TOTAL WEALTH ABOUT \$43,000,000,000

TOKIO, March 15.—Japan's total national wealth amounts to 86,077,000,000 yen (a yen is worth normally 50 cents), according to a report made by a statistics committee in response to inquiry by the Secretariat of the League of Nations.

The committee based its total on estimated values of lands, rivers, harbors, buildings, furnishings, industrial machinery, railway, canals, ships, bridges, forests, industrial mine and marine production, imported articles, gold and silver coins, and bullion, together with all property belonging to the Government and the Imperial family.

## LOAN FUND BONDS UPHELD BY JUDGE DEVIN

### Holds Obligation of State Are Valid But Question Notes Given By Counties.

Validity of the \$5,000,000 bond issue for loans for school buildings authorized by the 1921 General Assembly was upheld yesterday by Judge W. A. Devin, of Wake County Superior Court, in a judgment signed in the agreed case brought to settle doubts raised by purchasers of the bonds. The court, however, takes occasion to question the obligations that are being accepted by the State as security for loans made from the proceeds of the bonds.

Validity of the bonds was attacked under Section 4, Article 5 of the constitution which prescribes conditions under which the credit of the State may be pledged and Section 7 of Article 7 which requires a vote of the people as a prerequisite for the contraction of any debt or the levy of any tax by any political subdivision of the State.

"The provisions for repayment to the State of these loans present several constitutional difficulties and it may be the State Treasurer could lawfully have declined to issue the bonds and accept the notes of the county boards of education as security," declares Judge Devin in his opinion.

The court holds, however, that the questionable features of the bill are all involved in the validity of the notes accepted by the State as security for loans made from proceeds of the notes, and that there is no question about the validity of the bonds themselves.

"There is no suggestion that the bonds were purchased as other than obligations of the State of North Carolina and the provisions of the act would seem to amply assure the purchaser that he has a valid obligation of the State," concludes the opinion of Judge Devin.

The State Department of Education has already received application for more than the full amount of the loan fund created by the act authorizing the bonds and a number of school houses have already been built or are under construction in anticipation of the loans to be derived from the State, which are payable in 20 annual installments.

The agreed suit was brought by B. R. Lacy, State Treasurer, against the Fidelity Bank of Durham, purchaser of \$500,000 worth of the bonds. Attorney General Manning appears for the State and Fuller Reade and Fuller for the Durham bank.

The case will be expedited in the Supreme court in order to settle finally the validity of the bonds as soon as possible.—News and Observer, March 17th.

### School Children Deposit \$4,000,000.

According to the American Bankers' Association, the children of the country deposited in banks over \$4,000,000 the last school year which was the first full year of Prohibition. In the preceding school year the amount deposited was \$2,800,000. The number of depositors increased from 462,000 the last wet year to 802,000 the first dry year. It is a good guess that no little part of that increase came from children whose fathers formerly contributed to the wealth of the brewers and liquor dealers instead of the school bank deposits of their own children.—American Issue.

## THERE ARE FIFTY-THREE SUNDAYS IN THIS YEAR

The Public Ledger recently stated that there are 53 Sunday in 1922. Dr. Horsfield kindly explains the phenomena as follows:

"Any year beginning on Sunday has fifty-three Sundays as this year, and 1911, etc. Translated in terms of the Christian Year, any year on which the Feast of Circumcision falls on Sunday, Ash-Wednesday will be March 1st., Eastern, April 16th, and Sunday after Christmas the fifty-third Sunday of the year. The five Sundays will occur in the first month of each quarter, and December."—Oxford Public Ledger.

Nails and screws dipped in grease, wax, or soap will drive more easily, particularly in hardwood.—Popular Mechanics.

## SPECIALIST TO AID IN THE CAMPAIGN

### E. D. Bowditch is Added to Staff N. C. Agricultural Extension Service

RALEIGH, March 20.—A garden specialist who will devote his entire time to the promotion of more and better gardens in North Carolina has just been added to the staff of the division of horticulture, of the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service, whose new project will be in co-operation with the "Live-at-Home" campaign. Mr. E. D. Bowditch, the new expert, is a native of Mitchell County, a graduate of A. & E. College and a county farm agent with a creditable record behind him.

It is estimated by experts that there were in North Carolina last year approximately 200,000 farm gardens of a value of \$10,000,000, an average of \$50 each. There should be 300,000 gardens of an average value of \$150, making a total of \$45,000,000. It is to reach this goal that the new specialist has been employed.

Mr. Bowditch will devote practically all of his first year to work in the cotton counties infested with boll weevil, the greatest and most pressing need being in this section. Mr. Bowditch has already entered the field, his first itinerary embracing the counties of Columbus, Pender, Robeson, Bladen, Sampson, Cumberland and Brunswick. County organizations will be perfected, largely co-incident with the organization for the "Live-at-Home" campaign and the work will be put upon a permanent basis.

"One thing we will emphasize in our new project," stated Mr. C. D. Matthews, acting chief of the division of horticulture under whose direction the new work is undertaken, "is the fact that a garden is not a seasonal proposition. The late summer, fall and winter garden is just as important as the spring and early summer garden. The farm family can secure just as large a proportion of its living from the winter garden as from the summer garden if it is properly planned. And from the standpoint of health the winter garden is also important, especially to families with growing children."

Two new bulletins, "The Farm Garden" and the "Garden Manual" will be found of much value to the family which desires to secure best results from their garden. Another bulletin, "The Home Garden" was prepared especially for the garden in town or city where different methods must necessarily be followed. These bulletins may be had without cost by addressing the Agricultural Extension Service, Raleigh, N. C.

## HEAVYWEIGHT HIRED CRIPPLES AS BEGGARS

### Admits Paying Them Three Dollars a Day and "Liquor When They Wanted It."

NEW YORK, March 16.—Two crippled women, a little crippled boy and an armless man appeared in a Brooklyn court today as witnesses against John Stefan, who admitted that he employed the four to beg for him.

Their wages, he said, were \$3 a day, board and liquor, "when they wanted it." They agreed to give him all the money that tinkled into their tin cups.

Stefan, who is six feet tall, and a heavyweight, had distributed his beggars at advantageous points in the shopping district and was encouraging them to greater activity when a policeman sent them all to the station. A search of Stefan's pockets netted two bank books, showing recent deposits of \$250, —\$63 in pennies, nickles and dimes and \$11 in bills. All were charged with vagrancy and sent to the work house pending investigation.

## Uniform Fire Call Adopted By Canadian Communities.

All the cities, towns, and municipalities of Canada have agreed to adopt the number "100" for telephone fire calls. Henceforth when the operator gets this number, no matter whether there are exchanges in the city or not, she will know immediately that a fire call is wanted.—Popular Mechanics.