

CHAMBER COMMERCE MEETING

Goes on Record as Favoring Co-operative Selling of Cotton and Tobacco

Co-operative selling of cotton and tobacco was the theme of the Chamber of Commerce meeting held at the Opera House Monday evening. Mr. T. S. Ragsdale who has spent some time investigating the tobacco association in Kentucky was present and gave the findings of his trip. He was convinced of the effectiveness of the plan and gave those present the benefit of his interviews with farmers and business men in Kentucky.

Mr. W. H. Austin, has recently spent ten days in Texas learning the results of cooperative marketing of cotton in Texas. The Chamber of Commerce was glad to hear him on this subject, his investigation being in accord with that of Mr. Ragsdale.

Messrs A. O. Alford and J. Homer Mann of the State Headquarters at Raleigh, were present and added words of commendation.

After discussion of the matter, the organization went on record as heartily endorsing the plan. Volunteers from the chamber of commerce will assist in signing up new members in various parts of the county, and will aid all they can.

Committees appointed by the local Executive committee of the County Association in cooperation with the secretary, Mr. S. J. Kirby. The following in each township have been appointed:

Clayton Township—J. M. Peele, L. F. Austin and Ramey Ellis.

Cleveland Township—A. M. Johnson, Dr. G. A. McLemore, C. L. Sanders.

Pleasant Grove—W. J. Barbour, Claude Stephenson.

Elevation—J. S. Johnson, John A. Smith and Paul Johnson.

Banner—S. P. Honeycutt, N. H. Lucas.

Meadow—W. V. Blackman, Ellington Tart, Zero Parker.

Eentonville—Kirby Rose, W. H. Upchurch, E. T. Westbrook.

Ingrams—J. H. Austin, Perry Johnson.

Boon Hill—P. H. Joyner, Geo. F. Woodard, D. T. Creech.

Pine Level—W. T. Woodard, D. B. Oliver, B. Godwin.

Micro—W. B. Barden, C. S. Fitzgerald, I. V. Pittman.

Beulah—E. G. Holland, J. L. Rogerson, J. M. Woodard.

Oneal's—Cullen Creech, A. D. Oneal and J. W. Bailey.

Wilders—Julian Williamson, J. W. Barnes.

Selma—B. F. Barnes, C. F. Kirby, Thos. H. Atkinson.

Wilson's Mills—C. M. Wilson, A. V. Woodall.

Smithfield—J. W. Stephenson.

County Chairman Makes Last Call.

The Directors of Cooperative Marketing of cotton and tobacco of North Carolina have let down the bars for new members to the association for two days: April 10 and 11. This will probably be the last opportunity to join this year.

As chairman of Johnston County I take this means of calling to duty all the township officers for these two days service to give every producer of cotton and tobacco a chance to come with us. Let no man say he did not have a chance.

To the charter members the responsibility is none the less, in seeing his neighbor in person about how he will market his stuff from now on. You are your neighbor's keeper.

To any one who wants to sign up in Smithfield, there will be contracts at my office. And finally, I will hate to see any of my friends outside the organization getting less than a profitable price for their products next fall. I believe in Co-operative Marketing, do you?

A. M. JOHNSON, County Chm.

Captured a Still Court Week.

Mr. J. J. Batten attended Federal Court at Wilson this week and returned home yesterday morning. He was discharged as a witness Wednesday afternoon about 3 o'clock and at once went to the Lucama neighborhood where he captured a man and a small still complete. He also captured two barrels of beer and two gallons of whiskey.

TOBACCO WAREHOUSEMEN PRESENT THEIR VIEWS.

Editor Southern Tobacco Journal Says Warehousemen Best Friends of the Farmer.

The following editorial taken from the Southern Tobacco Journal of April 4 sets forth the position of the tobacco warehousemen as to the co-operative marketing system, now so prominent before the public:

"Whatever may be said to the contrary, by a lot of 'hot air artists' and those whose hearts are full of bitter prejudice, the tobacco warehouseman is and has been all the time the best friend the tobacco farmer has, or has had, or ever will have. After close observation of the warehouse business for nearly a half century, and during all these years standing by his side on the warehouse floors, I am fully prepared to say that if the so-called co-operative marketing plan shall have succeeded in eliminating the warehouseman, it will be a bad day for the grower of tobacco. Many people there are who believe that leaf tobacco warehouses reap a rich harvest from the farmers. We are quite sure that here are many who are honest in their opinion in this matter, and yet we know that but few warehousemen make any money at all. More than this, we are fully prepared to say that as a class of business men, warehouse folks take more risk and make less money than any other class of business men. But the thing that 'gets my goat,' is that so many unkind things are said now and then by newspaper correspondents and frequently the poor hard working, poorly paid auctioneer comes in for his share of ridicule and abuse. The astonishing thing is that papers published in tobacco centers will permit such rot to fill their columns. We have recently seen articles in papers that come dangerously near being libelous. Now why should reputable men indulge in such 'stuff.' Many good honest men believe that the co-operative marketing plan is the finest thing imaginable for the tobacco farmers, and these men have a perfect right to their opinion and to give expression to what they believe. There are thousands who do not believe the plan is workable, and they also have a right to say so, and believe me they are saying it. In the long fight that I have made against the pooling plan, I have endeavored to be fair and in all the arguments that I have used, I have not indulged in bitterness or unfairness.

There are many thousands of intelligent tobacco farmers who are seeing the matter in the same way we are—many men signed up without much thought or investigation and now we know of some who are not only sorry, but indignant, and again we want to declare that we can not quite understand why such strangers as Sapiro (little Aaron) should be taken up and fondled and petted and praised, with ducats pouring into his pockets transferred there from the pockets of the hard working farmers, finally landing a great big high salaried job, while the best friend the farmers ever had or ever will have is denied, criticised and virtually commanded to stand aside and hand over their business and their property to this new crowd. Well, by George! If it was not to some extent pathetic and serious it would be 'but to laugh.'"

Micro Literary Society.

MICRO, April 4.—The Micro Literary Society met last Friday, March 31, and a good program rendered. As this was the last meeting it was decided beforehand that he 7 and 8th grade should join in a debate, the 8th grade debating against the 7th. The question for debate was: Resolved, That the world is growing better. The 7th grade took the affirmative of the query and the 8th grade the negative.

The judges were Messrs Charlie Batten and Clifton Pierce of this town. Both judges made their decision in favor of the affirmative side. The speakers came in the following order: Affirmative: Louise Moser, Erdell Corbette, Irene Pittman, Carl Hatcher, George Barden; Negative: Gold Barden, Walter Holland, Lola Godwin, Hazle Smith, Coy Smith.

When the Colonists came to New England, in the time of the Pilgrims, they found numbers of wild turkeys in the woods.

RECORDER'S COURT HERE THIS WEEK

The Docket Has Been Heavy For the Past two Weeks Cases Disposed of

For the last two weeks the docket of the Recorder's court has been heavy. Judge Brooks held Court four days of last week and two days this week.

In the Recorder's Court held here this week the following cases were tried:

State vs B. T. Thompson, charged with passing a worthless check, plead guilty and judgment suspended upon payment of costs including the amount of the check.

State vs B. T. Thompson and Mrs. M. F. Thompson, where she stood his bond. Discharged upon payment of costs.

State vs Glenn Wood, false pretense. Not guilty and discharged.

State vs Jacob Coley, embezzlement. Prayer for judgment continued upon payment of costs.

State vs James Raynor, Ira B. Raynor and George Raynor, affray. Ira B. Raynor and James Raynor, not guilty. George Raynor guilty. Judgment suspended for two years upon payment of costs.

State vs Harvey Creech, Elton Hudson and J. G. Allston, affray. Harvey Creech not guilty; Hudson fined \$100 and half of the costs; Allston fined \$25 and half costs.

State vs Leslie Burgess, cruelty to animals. Guilty and fined \$20 and costs.

SLOW TO PARDON MOONSHINER

Governor Morrison Says 12 Months Is Moderate Sentence for Violation of Prohibition Law

Declining the recommendation of the judge who tried the case and the solicitor who prosecuted, Governor Morrison yesterday laid down the proposition that the crime of manufacturing or assisting in the manufacture of whiskey is a deliberate offense and that he will be very slow to "pardon anybody else for this offense." The application in question was made for William Edwards, of Johnston county, sentenced in August 1921 to 12 months on the roads for manufacturing whiskey.

In his statement of reasons Governor Morrison said:

"The prisoner in this case, William Edwards, was convicted at the August term, 1921, Johnston superior court, of manufacturing whiskey and sentenced to 12 months on the county roads.

"His pardon is recommended by the solicitor who prosecuted and by the judge who tried and sentenced him. Ordinarily upon these recommendations I would parole or pardon the prisoner; I have done so in several similar cases, but the crime of manufacturing whiskey, or assisting in doing so, is in its nature a very deliberate offense. It has worked great demoralization in many communities in this State. I think the sentence of 12 months for this offense moderate. There are many others on the roads of the State for the same offense whom I am not going to pardon and I must decline to pardon this defendant. The manufacture of whiskey and the operation of distilleries must be broken up. It is seriously interfering with many communities and I am going to be very slow, and will have to have most excellent reasons to pardon anybody else for this offense."—News and Observer, 6th.

SELMA MAN HAS NARROW ESCAPE.

SELMA, April 4.—J. D. Reynolds narrow escaped with his life when a Southern freight train struck his automobile and overturned it at Webb street crossing. The approach of the train was obscured by the freight depot and freight cars on the side track.

Mr. Reynolds' car and the train reached the crossing at the same time, but the car had almost cleared when the engine struck the rear and knocked it over. Mr. Reynolds was painfully but not seriously hurt.

And yet, you'll seldom find a man who is too busy to stop and tickle his vanity by giving you a little free advice.—News and Observer.

A LETTER FROM WILSON'S MILLS

Birthday Party an Enjoyable Occasion; Missionary Meeting Held

WILSON'S MILLS, April 4.—Rev. Charlie Stevens, of Kentucky, recently visited his sister, Mrs. Clair Wilson.

Miss Maggie Parrish of Selma spent the week end here with relatives.

Miss Bessie Rouse of Raleigh, was a recent guest of Mrs. W. G. Wilson.

Miss Margaret Wilson, of Smithfield, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wilson.

Mr. Andrew Vinson, of Clayton, was here on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Davis of Micro, visited relatives here on Sunday.

Mrs. E. E. Parrish is spending several days with her daughter, Mrs. L. C. Davis in Micro.

Mr. Paul Harty of Waverly, Va., visited friends here during the week-end.

Miss Lott'e Wilson, Mrs. P. H. Massey, Mrs. Carl Parrish, Messrs. Aubrey Massey and Paul Hartz shopped in Smithfield Friday.

On Saturday Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Barbour and Miss Mable Barbour shopped in Smithfield.

Mr. C. K. Parrish made a business trip to Kenly on Thursday.

Miss Elizabeth Wells of Smithfield Floyd of St. Pauls, visited Miss Evelyn Wilson during the week end.

Miss Ellabeth Well of Smithfield, visited the school on Tuesday.

Messrs Carl K. Parrish, John Tomlinson, S. L. Barbour and Joe Parrish went on a fishing trip to Cox's Ferry on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Gaskins and Mrs. J. W. Vinson visited relatives in Goldsboro Sunday.

Miss Helen Dickson spent the week-end in Raleigh.

Rev. Lee Saddle of Wilson conducted an inspiring service on Sunday at the Christian Disciple church.

Mr. Willie Wilson was the leader of a profitable Christian Endeavor service on Sunday evening.

The Easter Week (April 10-12-14) of Prayer will be observed by the Christian Woman's Board of Missions. Splendid and appropriate programs will be observed. On Monday all who will be requested to meet at the home of Miss Bettie Vinson with Mrs. Harry Wilson as leader; on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Dock Jones with Mrs. S. L. Barbour as leader; on Friday at the home of Mrs. W. G. Wilson with Mrs. Carl K. Parrish as leader.

Mrs P. H. Massey Entertains.

On Friday evening Mrs. P. H. Massey entertained at her home, the occasion being the birthday of her daughter, Miss Odessa Massey. The spirit of gayety and youth was evident. Spring flowers off-set the attractive living room and hall, while a chandelier effect of pink carnations, festooned with green foliage was suspended over the dining table with a pasture scene of Bo-peep and Little Boy Blue as a center piece.

Additional variety and pleasure were found when Mrs. Lois Massey Bass of Clayton rendered several beautiful vocal numbers.

The numerous guests were made happy when requested to write telegrams expressing birthday greetings to the guest of honor.

A Mother Goose Nursery Rhyme contest recalled the scenes of one's childhood, and thus again was the spirit of youth everywhere.

Refreshing punch, sandwiches and brick cream were served.

The birthday cake with pink candles was as pleasing to the guests as were the favors of May basket with mints to the young ladies and the button-hole bouquets of pansies to the young men.

Out-of-town guests present were: Mrs. Lo's Massey Bass of Clayton; Miss Margaret Wilson, Ruth Brooks, Sarah Patterson, Arah Hooks, Rose Grantham of Smithfield; Messrs Paul Hartz, of Waverly, Va.; William Massey and Leonard Massey of Clayton; Norwood Holland, Edward Patterson, and Thel Hooks of Smithfield.

Christian W. B. of M. Meets.

On Tuesday afternoon the Christian Woman's Board of Missions met in the home of Mrs. J. A. Wilson. Mrs. D. O. Uzzle was the efficient leader of the following program:

Bible Reading—Timothy VIII—

SMITHFIELD WOMAN'S CLUB HOLDS MEETING

Delegates Elected to Federation; Misses Swain and Bridge Make Talks on Milk Campaign.

Wednesday afternoon the Woman's Club held its regular monthly business meeting at the Woman's Club room, with the vice-president, Mrs. L. T. Royall presiding. The usual reports were called for all of them evidencing a spirit of activity in the various departments.

It was announced that the chairman of the Music Department is at work on an Easter vesper service which will be looked forward to with pleasure.

The Chairman of Civics, Mrs. F. H. Brooks, stated that work in the cemetery would be resumed about May 1st and continued as long as funds were available.

Mrs. H. L. Skinner, librarian, reported about a hundred new books added to the library since she began her campaign, but she still wants the good work to go on.

After hearing the reports, delegates were elected to the Federation which meets in Greensboro in May. Mrs. J. J. Broadhurst and Mrs. W. N. Holt were elected with Mrs. H. G. Gray and Mrs. Harry P. Johnson as alternates. The president or one appointed by her will also be an official delegate.

At the close of the business session, the club had the pleasure of hearing Miss Bridge of Harnett county and Miss Swain of Nash county who are in Johnston this week assisting Miss Minnie Lee Garrison in her "More Milk" week. They presented charts and posters which were convincing as to the desirability of including milk in the diet. Bulletins along this line were given out and plans discussed for the more intensive work to be done in the school today.

The meeting was quite interesting and though the attendance was hardly so large as usual all present considered it a profitable afternoon.

DR. LANDRITH WILL BE AT BENSON EASTER MONDAY

Plans Changed and Dr. Landrith Goes to Benson Easter Monday Instead of This City.

An announcement sent us from the National headquarters of the Anti-Saloon League of America as to an address scheduled to be delivered in this city Monday night, April 17, was published in our last issue. Leaders in the county who have charge of the matter have seen fit to change the program, and Dr. Ira Landrith will speak in Benson Monday night instead of here.

Dr. Landrith will use as his subject, "To-day and The America For It." Dr. Landrith, who is a native Texan, is said to be an effective speaker. He was for 14 years a religious newspaper editor and for ten years a college president. He has been on the Chautauqua platform and devoted a good deal of his time during the war to speaking at army camps cantonments and naval training stations.

Supt. Franks Re-elected.

At a meeting of the school board of the Smithfield district last Monday evening, Supt. Thos. H. Franks who has been at the head of the Smithfield schools for the past year, was re-elected for another term. Mr. Franks has been here for two years, having been principal one year prior to his election as superintendent. He has given the district a good school and is laying plans for a still better school in the future. The superintendent of the Smithfield schools has under his supervision about a thousand pupils, and the position is a responsible one. Smithfield is fortunate in having Mr. Franks at the head of its school system.

Mrs. D. O. Uzzle.

Sentence Prayer—Members of Society.

Shall We Let the Strategy of Our Foreign Mission Work Break Down—Mrs. Carl K. Parrish.

Negro Education in the U. S.—Mrs. Willie T. Wilson.

Hidden Answers—Members of Society.

NEW MARKETING PLAN APPROVED

Mr. Austin Writes Article: Industrial Slavery or Industrial Freedom?

The Co-operative Associations of cotton and tobacco are about to launch another drive for membership.

It is the interest of every business and also the interest of the South that this movement should be a success, and with your co-operation it will. The banks should give loyal support to the movement; it means better and safer business for them and their customers. Unless the farmer gets a fair price for his crops it means every business becomes stagnant, suffers, topples and decays. Unless the banks can get good deposits it means that they soon will be running at a loss. It is to the interest of the banks to render every service they can to every industry and business consistent with safe and sound banking.

Read what Mr. Eugene Meyer, Chairman of the War Finance Corporation, has to say in regard to Co-operative Marketing: "The rapid growth and popularity of the movement for the co-operative marketing of cotton throughout the cotton belt is one of the most interesting and fascinating business romances of this generation." Theo. Price, the best posted man on cotton in the world, says: "I would not urge non-co-operation even if I could adduce a hundred reasons in favor of it. There is but one side to the question and that is affirmative. It is through co-operation that civilization has advanced and those who oppose it oppose human progress."

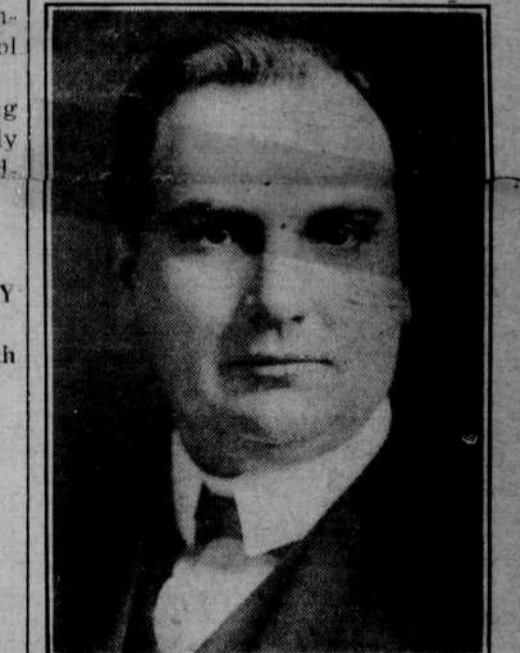
The merchant should be enthusiastic for the success of the Association, because it is upon the success of the farmer their success depends. If they prosper, we prosper; if they fail, we fail. The great army of consumers of the South are farmers; unless the farmers can be thrifty the business interest cannot be; unless the merchant can find a sale for his goods, wares and merchandise, and collect for the same, he is on the road to bankruptcy. It is the interest of the farmer to join the Associations. We have tried the old methods of every farmer being in competition with every other farmer in marketing his products, and as a result failed to receive anything like the cost of production, counting anything for the services of ourselves, wife and children.

Now, gentlemen, what is Co-operative Marketing? Concisely stated, it is simply organizing together and employing experts to market our cotton and tobacco on business principles.

Plans of the Associations

The Association employs the best and most experienced brains obtainable to handle the marketing of their products. Warehouses are provided for the storage of the cotton and tobacco of the Associations. The member delivers his cotton and tobacco to the warehouses, where it is weighed, graded, classed and a certificate given him for the same. Upon delivery the Association advances him a certain amount of money per pound for his cotton or tobacco. After delivering it the individual member has nothing more to do with his commodity it is handled entirely by experts of the Associations, and sold in the highest markets in the world, and the producer gets every dollar it brings, except the running expenses. The ignorant

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MR. W. H. AUSTIN