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## OFFICERS OF N. C. "TB" ASSOCIATION

### Mrs. Finger Re-elected Pres. Clinics Discussed at the Meeting of Board

At the annual meeting of the Board of Directors held at Sanatorium Thursday of last week, Mrs. Gordon Finger, of Charlotte, was again elected President of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association for a term of one year. The other officers elected were Mrs. Chas. R. Whitaker, of Hendersonville, Vice President, and Dr. L. B. McBrayer, of Sanatorium, Managing-Director and Treasurer. Dr. R. L. Carlton, of Winston-Salem, was elected Representative Director to the National Tuberculosis Association and Mrs. Whitaker was named as alternate. Mr. R. B. Wilson, of Raleigh, was elected a member of the Executive Committee to serve with the above-named officers. The Board cheerfully reviewed the work for the past year and decided to continue the present methods of combatting tuberculosis in so far as the assets of the Association permitted.

The tuberculosis clinics which are held upon request at any point in North Carolina, came in for considerable discussion. It was hoped that sufficient revenue would be obtained from the sale of Tuberculosis Christmas Seals that were placed on sale last December to extend this work. The Association has only one clinic physician at present, and it is extremely difficult to supply an examiner promptly when requests are made. This is an important phase of tuberculosis work. An early diagnosis is the first step toward recovery and this service, which is given to white and black alike without charge, enables many to secure a thorough examination by a specialist and thus receive the benefit of expert advice. The clinics also make possible consultation service for the local physicians, and have been the means of arousing public interest to the extent of building County Tuberculosis Sanatoriums.

Considerable educational work was done last year among the negroes by means of moving pictures and lectures on health and the prevention of disease. His work will be resumed the first of June. The Association will continue to sponsor and direct the teaching of health habits to the school children through the medium of the Modern Health Crusade. It is now known that a large number of cases of tuberculosis develop in adult life as a result of infection during childhood and the Crusade aims to teach the children by practice how to develop robust bodies and thus repel the germs before activity begins.

The Board allowed a grant to continue the research work that is being done under the direction of the Association. While considerable knowledge of tuberculosis has been gained in recent years, there are still many details which have not been cleared up. It is hoped that these studies will bring results of a practical value to the medical profession.

It is worthy of note that during the last 8 years the death rate from tuberculosis has been cut in half—which is the length of time that the Association has been working in the field. Every one interested in finding the solution to the tuberculosis problem which confronts us, and in enlarging the work as enumerated, should support their State Tuberculosis Association by purchasing Tuberculosis Christmas Seal generously when they are placed on sale next December.

### Republican State Convention.

The Republican State Convention was held at Winston-Salem Wednesday at which Charles A. Reynolds, of Winston-Salem, was elected National Committeeman to succeed John Motley Morehead, of Charlotte. W. G. Braham, of Durham, was chosen to succeed Mr. Reynolds as chairman of the State Executive Committee. A platform was adopted drawn up by a committee composed of John J. Parker, George Butler and W. G. Braham, in which the Republicans pledged themselves to enact the Australian ballot law and to reform the absentee ballot.

## NEW STATION FOR SELMA

### Will Be Located on Same Site of Present Depot, and Will Be Completed in Six Months

The town of Selma has not let up in their demand for a new union station at that junction of the Southern and A. C. L. railroads, and their efforts are to be crowned with success. The Raleigh correspondent to the Greensboro News says in yesterday's paper:

"While Greensboro is reveling in a passenger station by plebiscite, Plymouth, Kinston, Selma and Newton get theirs by order of the corporation commission today.

These are old orders which have not changed "giving place to the new." The commission understands perfectly that the carriers are in no shape and perhaps never will be again to build expensive stations. In ordering depots for these cities the commission is carrying out a delayed program. The roads have pleaded poverty and made good cases before the state, but in the Kinston station the last word in ramshackleness has been spoken. The Norfolk Southern put up a beautiful port mouth and so did the Coast Line, but the commission could not stand the sight of it longer. All of these passenger stations are union houses and do not impose a heavy burden on either road. The Coast Line and the Norfolk Southern build at Kinston and at Plymouth, the Coast Line and the Southern construct the Selma station and the Southern and Carolina and North Western construct at Newton."

The conditions as imposed by the commission in regard to the Selma station are as follows:

"Town officers and citizens of Selma against the Southern Railway company and Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company, better depot facilities, ordered, that the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company and the Southern Railway company proceed with the construction of a union passenger station at Selma, in accordance with plans submitted by the A. C. L. Railroad company January 9, 1917, and substantially on the site of the present passenger depot at Selma, and that the construction of same be completed within six months from this date."

## COTTON PRICES CHANGE LITTLE

### Continuance of Narrow Movement, with Absence of Aggressive Speculative Operations.

Nothing has yet occurred to break the deadlock that has existed in the local cotton market during recent weeks. Developments this week have not called for extended comment, fluctuations again being confined with in a narrow range and prices up to the close of Thursday's session being only a few points above or below last Saturday's final quotations. The weather news worked both ways, causing alternate advances and declines, and other factors carried no great weight. While the bull movement in progress on the Stock Exchange was not without influence on cotton, the response to the action of the Wall Street market was only moderate, as there were offsetting elements. Continuance of the New England textile strikes is not being disregarded in the cotton trade, and the coal strike, if not having an immediate decided bearing on the general situation, is obviously an unfavorable feature. Some reports from the South indicated rather more disposition there to sell cotton, and the spot basis was lower at a number of centers on Monday. On the other hand, cloudbursts in Texas early in the week imparted temporary firmness to prices, while some support was also derived from encouraging trade advices from Manchester, England. Toward mid-week, however, prices eased off a little on long liquidation and moderate professional pressure, and there was some further yieldings in May in the subsequent dealings.—Dun's Review.

One can never tell what he will come to. A former surgeon of several years ago, bank president and worth a million dollars, died in a Chicago jail Wednesday. He was awaiting trial for passing \$123 worth of bogus checks.

## JUDGE BINGHAM BE IN GOLDSBORO

### Will Speak Monday Evening On the Cooperative Selling of Tobacco

(Special to The Herald.)

RALEIGH, April 11.—Judge Robt. W. Bingham, leader of the Burley Growers of Kentucky will speak at a mammoth mass meeting in the Opera House of Goldsboro at 8:00 o'clock Monday evening, April 17. It was Judge Bingham, who, as leader of the Kentucky Burley Growers Association, helped to achieve the miraculous success by which 47,000 Burley Growers of Kentucky gained a \$10,000,000 credit with the War Finance Corporation and received loans \$4,600,000 from Kentucky banks which they repaid completely and to the last cent within forty days, or less than half the time of the loan.

At the recent meeting in the Capitol Building at Raleigh where the sign up of 80 North Carolina warehouses was completed with enthusiasm for the new plan of marketing on the part of warehousemen, Aaron Sapiro in speaking of the warehousemen of this state who refused to meet with the leaders of the Co-operative Marketing Association to discuss fair terms, said of Judge Bingham, "You can tell these men in their towns that they may not be good Carolinians but that here is a good North Carolinian in Kentucky who is feeling for the people and is not always feeling for his pocketbook."

Within less than a week Judge Bingham has pledged the tobacco growers of North Carolina, his native State all or any part of the \$300,000 needed by July 1, to finance the movement for Co-operative Marketing of tobacco, at the meeting last Monday which filled the Wake County Court House in Raleigh to overflowing.

Next Monday night the tobacco farmers of Wayne county and adjoining counties will have the opportunity to hear how the Burley Association of Kentucky growers handled last year's crop of 120 million pounds at a total expense of 40 cents per hundred or for half of the fee heretofore paid by farmers for the privilege of selling in a warehouse.

Judge Bingham will also tell why it was that the organized growers of Kentucky could sell 30 million pounds at one time to one company for a price which brought a higher average for every pound sold than unorganized farmers could get on the open market.

President George Norwood of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association and other directors and officials of the Association, will be present at the meeting to welcome this North Carolinian who has led that economic revolution in Kentucky by which the growers of that State are recovering from their grievous losses suffered under the auction system and are, in many cases, receiving more from the first advances upon their delivery of tobacco than they had from the entire crop of 1920.

## WILSON TOBACCO BOARD OF TRADE GIVES FIGURES

WILSON, April 12.—The Statisticians of the Wilson Tobacco Board of Trade says that some of the automobiles with their crews, who went to advertise the opening of the Wilson Tobacco Market on August 8, with Auction Sales as heretofore, gives the following percentage as having signed up for Co-operative marketing, using the percentage of last year's tobacco acreage as a basis: Wilson county, 7 per cent; Nash 21; Johnston, 37; Wayne, 24; Warren, 20; Pitt, 31; Lenoir 30 per cent. In every instance where a man had stated he signed some kind of a paper about tobacco but didn't know what it was, the co-operatives were given the benefit of it in calculating as above.

The crews from the other sections have not returned at this writing.

### Mr. Henry Hood to Be Here

Mr. Henry Hood of Dunn will address the adult classes of the Methodist Sunday school here next Sunday morning. Mr. Hood is teacher of the men's class at Dunn Methodist church which class numbers about 160. He is one of the ablest Bible teachers in the State.

## BREAKS IN LEVEE FLOODS 25 MILES

### No Lives Lost But the Farm Damage Heavy Through The Flooded Area

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 11.—

Flood water held within bounds along the Mississippi, was taking its toll in southern Arkansas tonight as a result of a break in a levee along White river, which let in water which ultimately will engulf upwards of 25 square miles of cultivated land and dozens or more towns and rice farming settlements in what is known as Laconia circle at the confluence of the White and Mississippi rivers, in Desha county. Thus far no loss of life has been reported, but heavy damage to farm property was anticipated as a result of the force with which the flood was driven through the gap in the embankment by high winds which prevailed last night and today.

According to dispatches received here, the break occurred last night near the town of Snow Lake, Henrico, Lanconia, Knowlton and Ferguson are among the towns within the circle over which the water is spreading.

Reports received over railroad wires indicated that the water late today had reached a depth of from five to eight feet in the flooded area.

Reports from points along the Mississippi river tonight indicated that the levees on that waterway, menaced for nearly a month by high water and facing a prolongation of the flood as a result of heavy rains over the northern water sheds, were intact at all points, with no more serious trouble developing thus far than wave wash and minor slides.

Rising stages were reported in the Mississippi today from New Madrid, Mo., 174 miles above Memphis, to St. Louis, while the Ohio, which empties into the Mississippi at Cairo, was either falling or stationary. At Memphis the Mississippi is falling.—Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS, April 12.—Reports from Helena, Ark., that approximately 235 square miles of land in the lower part of Phillips county were covered by flood waters from the White and Arkansas rivers, which are backed up by the high stage of the Mississippi river, gave a more serious aspect to the flood situation today.

The village of Melwood, in the flooded area, was reported covered with from 8 to 10 feet of water, while Elaine is comparatively surrounded by water, with water a few inches deep in the streets.

Railroad and all traffic has been stopped in the flooded area few people remained in their homes to take chances with the high water. Practically all livestock has been removed to higher ground.

A hurry call for levee builders was sent out from Arkansas City today and 300 men were rushed to that point to aid in strengthening a one-mile stretch of the Desha county levee along the Mississippi river. The levee is holding, but is being raised to a greater height to meet the increasing floods expected.

In the Helena district scores of houses which were flooded by backwater, have been washed off their foundations and a number demolished by the high waves resulting from the winds, which have contributed largely to the present higher river stages by preventing the water from flowing southward.

At Old Town, Ark., where a serious break was successfully overcome about 10 days ago, renewed sloughing was reported today at the southern end of the old slough.—Greensboro News.

## FATTY ARBUCKLES GOES FREE: JURY OUT ONLY SIX MINUTES

Fatty Arbuckle charged with the murder of Miss Virginia Rappe, motion picture actress, was acquitted in San Francisco Wednesday. The jury was out six minutes. The case has been in the lime light for sometime, the papers carrying full details of the trials, he having been tried three times.

Luck never comes to the thinker— it always comes to the worker.

## POSTMASTER FAVORS THRIFT

### Young Ladies Buy Treasury Savings Certificates at Local Office; Good Investment.

Postmaster Mrs. Sarah A. Luceford of the Smithfield post office is cooperating in a nation wide campaign of the Government to protect the American people against fake and unwise investments and to bring hidden surplus funds into circulation.

The Government is warning people against financial transactions with strangers and advising them to put their money in good securities, place their funds in banks, or invest in Treasury Savings Certificates at the Post Office. It is difficult to convict swindlers who obtain money from unsuspecting people in this manner until some of the federal laws have been broken.

Department officials say they are amazed that people will pass by a bank or post office which offers protection of funds and safe investment to hand their money over to some smooth-talking swindler about whom they know nothing. Postmasters have been called upon by the Department to use their influence in every way possible to prevent the loss of millions of dollars each year through unscrupulous promoters and swindlers.

Postmaster Mrs. Luceford says: "I am sending letters to the patrons of this office, even to those of limited means, calling their attention to an investment guaranteed both as to principal and interest by the U. S. Government and which will increase 25 per cent in five years. Through this post office it is possible to purchase a \$25 Treasury Savings Certificate for \$20, a \$100 Certificate for \$80 and a \$1,000 Certificate for \$800, representing an investment yielding, at purchase price, 4 1-2 per cent interest, compounded semi-annually. If the purchaser wishes to cash his certificate before the end of 5 years, he can get his money back with interest figured at about 3 1-2 per cent, compounded semi-annually. I am hoping the people of this community will take advantage of this offer or put their money into a bank as a protection against possible loss."

Last month the Postmaster here sold to a young lady five \$25 Certificates for \$100 which will be worth \$125.00 in five years. This month, up to the present time two \$100 and four \$25 Certificates have been sold to another young lady for \$240.00, which will be worth \$300.00 in five years. How about some of our young men? Are they less enterprising than the young ladies? If you have some money which you do not need to use for some months, place it with "Uncle Sam" who will take care of it for you, return it just when you want it, with interest up to date.

## Big Attendance at S. S. Convention.

The attendance at the State Sunday school convention at Charlotte is said to be large and the interest keen. Fifty five counties have representatives present. Notable speakers have been on the program. Among whom was Dr. Plato Durham who made two addresses one on the "Objectives of Religious Education" and another on "Religious Education and Evangelism." Other speakers were: Gilbert T. Stephenson, of Winston-Salem, E. M. Broughton, Jos. G. Brown and J. B. Crow, of Raleigh; Dr. A. W. Plyler, of Greensboro; Prof. Harold F. Humbert of Boston, Dr. H. E. Tralle and Mr. D. W. Sims.

## Recorders Court.

The following criminal cases were disposed of here Tuesday in the Recorders court:

State vs. Bill Perry, Jno. S. Sims, John Sims, Frank Sims and Jim Newsome, charged with having on hand too much liquor. The Sims men made prayer for judgment to be suspended on the case two years, each paying one-fifth of the cost and \$20 each for still fee. Bill Perry and Jim Newsome were sentenced to 8 months each on the road but took an appeal.

Sam Jones, assault with a deadly weapon. Guilty, judgment suspended on the payment of cost and \$20 for still tax.

J. M. Howard, charged with having too much liquor. Guilty, judgment suspended for two years on payment of cost.

## THE FOUR OAKS BOND ISSUE VALID

### Supreme Court Passes On Curative Measures of the General Assembly

Validating a \$75,000 bond issue for the Four Oaks School District in Johnston county, the Supreme Court yesterday reaffirmed its ruling that the legislature can ratify and confirm the results of proceedings authorized by it under an act rendered ineffectual by reason of some defect in its passage.

The point was raised in the case of the board of Education vs. Board of Commissioners, a controversy without action. On April 12, 1921, a majority of the qualified voters of the township in question authorized a \$75,000 bond issue under Article 89, Chapter 95, Consolidated Statutes, Chapter 91, Public Laws Extra Session 1920, it was conceded, was not passed in accordance with the constitutional requirements. It was conceded further that Section 5678 Consolidated Statutes limits the amount of bonds for any township or school district to \$25,000. But the Extra Session of 1921 passed an act, valid in all respects, specifically ratifying and confirming the results of the election in question, and validating the issuance of bonds up to \$75,000. The only question presented to the court was whether or not the bonds in excess of \$15,000 and up to \$75,000 could be validated by curative act of the 1921 General Assembly.

On this point Justice W. T. Stacy writing the court's opinion says: "Where the legislature has undertaken to pass a law clearly within its power to enact and by reason of some defect in its passage the statute is rendered ineffectual we see no reason why the legislature in the absence of any opposite intervening rights could not by subsequent enactment ratify and confirm the results of such proceedings, as in good have been taken and had under the prior defective act."—News and Observer.

## Congressman Brinson Dead.

NEW BERN, April 13.—Representative Samuel Mitchell Brinson of the third North Carolina Congressional District, who had been seriously ill for several days died at 6:30 this morning. He was removed to a New Bern hospital suffering with organic liver complaint about a week ago after arriving here from Rochester, Maine, where he had undergone an operation. He had been ill for several months.

Representative Brinson was serving his second term in Congress and had indicated he would become a candidate in the primary to succeed himself. Mr. Brinson was born in this city March 20, 1870. He was admitted to the bar in 1895. He practiced law until 1902 when he became superintendent of public instruction for Craven county holding this office until 1918 when elected to Congress. He is survived by one daughter, Miss Mary Steele Brinson. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.—Wilson Times.

## The Home Merchant.

Mid pleasures and palaces though I may mend, I find the home merchant a much-valued friend—the mail-order catalog woos me in vain, for to pay without seeing may bring me a pain. The home merchant credits till payday arrives—he knows all the whims of his friends and their wives. His overalls wear like the buckskin of old, his buttons ain't glass, if he tells you they're gold! Of every community he is a part, and even the kids know the path to his heart. He boosts for the chapel, the lodge and the school—"Community uplift" is ever his rule—And even the football and basketball teams, look kindly on him, in their athletic dreams. I'd rather have him at my elbows each day, than to deal with a shark, many furlongs away. Let's make the thing mutual, and stand by our friend—there's no place like home, for the money we spend!—Pioneer, Madras, Ore.

People who sit around waiting for their ship to come in usually find that it was wrecked in a storm.