

MR. T. B. YOUNG OF S. C. SPEAKS TO COOPS

Numbers of Tobacco Association Hear Him With Much Interest

Between two hundred fifty and three hundred tobacco growers, most of whom were members of the Cooperative Association, were present in the court room yesterday morning and heard Mr. T. B. Young of Florence County, South Carolina, talk on the present status of the tobacco association. Mr. Young is a director of the South Carolina association and according to his own statement is giving his time free to the furtherance of what he believes to be the savior of the tobacco grower—the Cooperative Association.

The speaker was introduced by a member of the local association, Mr. J. P. Parker.

Mr. Young stated that his speech would be based upon experience. He had come up from a poor farm in South Carolina—a farm too poor under the old way of marketing to give him and his brothers and sisters the education and advantages they longed for. He spoke of this, however, as an advantage in the work in which he is now engaged for the association, since it enabled him to understand the farmers' problems from a sympathetic experience.

Mr. Young recalled the time when the first tobacco was grown in South Carolina, in his home county. He described conditions before a cooperative association was organized. He pictured the indignation meetings when the price was so low that the crop was practically given away. He cited instance after instance of disappointed farmers under the old system. Sometimes they would yield to the smooth tongued pin hooker; some time the buyers on the auction floor failed to give an adequate price.

Mr. Young then told of what the Cooperative Association has meant to South Carolina. He said it had redeemed the farmer there. It had revived business, restored confidence, and had finally commanded the respect of those not members of the Association. He stressed the fact, however, that the farmer must stand by the association. "The farmer is the only man who can help himself," he said. "You cannot legislate prosperity to a people." The farmer must work out his own salvation, and developing this point he was anxious that the members prove loyal.

He is concerned over the loyalty of the members. "Judas," he said, betrayed his Master for thirty pieces of silver, and just so traitors are betraying the tobacco growers association by breaking their contracts. Mr. Young stated that the association has reached a critical stage. Last year they thought they had 65 per cent signed up but when the show down came only about 35 per cent proved faithful. He urged the necessity of 100 per cent being loyal. He told the coop members that if they would stand true to their contract the organization would bring success they had never dreamed of. "Let the membership of the Association stand square, and this year will be the last of your trouble," he said. He did not promise a fabulous price but he did promise that a fair price would be the result.

In speaking of payments yet due on last year's crop, he explained that the association had had to borrow money to finance the movement and it was now necessary to pay back that loan. When the balance of tobacco on hand has been sold the payments would be made. He quoted an old negro in South Carolina who asked the coops, "What in the name of goodness are you fussin' about, 'became well Accordin gto Mr. Young you?"

Mr. Young described the situation as a case of Cooperative Colic. He told the story of the man who became ill and sent for the doctor. The doctor diagnosed the case as colic and prescribed castor oil as the remedy. Because castor oil is had the patient did not wish to follow the physician's prescription. He did, however, and became well. According to Mr. Young the coops offer a parallel situation.

TUBERCULAR HOSPITAL MOTHERS' MEMORIAL

Norfolk, Aug. 29.—The veterans of Foreign Wars will foster a movement to erect a gigantic tuberculosis hospital somewhere in the United States as a memorial to war mothers and to other women in America who made sacrifices for the cause.

A resolution placing the organization behind this movement was presented to annual encampment here today by J. H. Toulouse of Albuquerque, New Mexico, the commander of the department of New Mexico and the United States. The veterans adopted the resolution with a cheer.

Drawings showing the proposed memorial hospital which is to cost \$12,500,000 were presented. They showed an enormous institution, so constructed as to cover many acres of land and equipped to care for hundreds of tubercular patients in comfort and with efficiency.

The veterans of foreign wars will appoint a strong committee to handle the details of the movement. Mr. Toulouse, who has spent 18 months in travel and study of the problem disabled veterans are confronted with will be a member of this committee.

IMPROVEMENT TO BE MADE IN THE KENLY SCHOOL

We are going to have quite an improvement in the high school this year, and the committee is making arrangement to have the building equipped to take care of the increase which we understand will be about one third larger than it was last year and we will have 14 teachers to take care of them.

A Miscellaneous Shower

Mrs. Thel Hooks was hostess to a number of friends Tuesday morning at her attractive home in Brooklyn in honor of Miss Bessie Coates who became the bride of Mr. George T. Whitley Wednesday afternoon. The spacious porch proved to be a delightful spot to play rook, which game occupied the guests until the hostess announced that she wished each one present to help make a souvenir for the bride-to-be. Each guest was asked to write a favorite recipe or helpful household hint. These suggestions were attractively bound and presented to the guest of honor. A most delectable salad course with iced tea was then served by Misses Arah Hooks and Mary Holland.

About the time the refreshments were finished, a rose colored fairy in the person of little Miss Dorothy Hooks, made her appearance. The hostess explained her presence in the following lines addressed to the honoree:

Here's a love fairy to start you on a journey where you will find happiness I trust.

When one as worthy as you Falls victim to Dan Cupid's art, The next thing for a friend to do, Is to show what's in her heart. May all good fairies watch o'er you And bring sunshine and happiness To brighten your path, new. This love fairy will start you on your journey Follow her carefully and obey her command

That's wisdom for soon you'll be obeying a man (?)

The fairy led the bride-to-be into the living room followed by all the guests. She waved her fairy wand and with her magic released a shower of lovely articles from the big rose lamp shade suspended from the ceiling. It was a delight to watch the bride-to-be as she opened the packages. All of which will find a place in her new home.

Those present were as follows: Misses Mattie Wellons, Corinna Sanders, Virginia Puckett, Dora Coates, Vara Smith, Ava and Irene Myatt, Bettie Lee Sanders and Bessie Coates, Mrs. L. T. Royall, Mrs. M. B. Strickland, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, Mrs. N. B. Grantham, Mrs. E. L. Woodall, Mrs. H. C. Woodall, Mrs. Ina Aycock, Mrs. L. L. Ennis, Mrs. J. W. Keene and Mrs. T. R. Hood.

They are going through a bad period. They are finding all sorts of fault, but if they will take their medicine and stand by their contract, they will soon be in healthy condition.

REBUILD WRECKED SCHOOL HOUSE

County School Authorities Not to Be Deterred by Dynamite Explosion

The following interview with Supt. H. B. Marrow in regard to the rebuilding of the Corinth-Holders school published in Wednesday's News and Observer, gives additional light on the situation.

"We are going to rebuild the house and conduct a school there at whatever the cost," declared County Superintendent H. B. Marrow, of Johnston county, who came to Raleigh Monday to discuss the dynamiting of the partially completed Corinth-Holder school in O'Neal township. "There is nothing else for us to do," he added.

Every effort has been made to reach an agreement with the dissenting element in the Holder district over the location of the school building he declared. Between the time the bond issue was proposed and the beginning of construction the General Assembly passed the act enabling counties to reorganize their school systems on the county-wide basis, and the row grew up out of a decision to operate under that law.

The County Board determined to combine five school districts instead of two and allow the one new school house to serve the entire territory, Mr. Marrow says. The plans for the building were enlarged and the \$25,000 bond issue augmented by other funds, totaling about \$20,000, and the building located at the center of the proposed district to be consolidated.

The plans for the building were submitted to the citizens of the Holder district and their approval asked. When they refused to assent to the central location for the five districts, an agreement was drawn up relieving the Holder district of liability for the bond issue, and agreeing to establish them a separate school. They declined to accept it, and the Board proceeded anyhow.

No clue has yet been developed as to the identity of the men who blew up the building in dispute. No accurate estimate to the damage has been made, but Mr. Marrow and his board are confident they will be able to find the money with which to continue construction, and that eventually they will be able to effect a consolidation in that community, although it may not include the Holder district.

BIG BANK ENDORSES CO-OP ASSOCIATION

Raleigh, Aug. 30.—The biggest bank in this country, The National City Bank of New York, goes on record endorsing without qualification the management of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association. A. E. Bing, secretary and treasurer of the association and John H. Boushall representing the Citizens National Bank of Raleigh have returned from New York City where they concluded arrangements with the National City Bank for a line of credit for the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association for the coming season of \$8,000,000 and at a very satisfactory rate. The officials of the bank expressed their vital interest in the cooperative marketing organization and stated that they were glad to aid financially in every way possible the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association. They also told Messrs. Bing and Boushall that if they need any more money to come back to them. The extension of this credit in New York is an endorsement of the management of the Association and speaks emphatically for its financial standing in the metropolis.

SERVICES AT SPENCE CHAPEL AND PROVIDENCE

Rev. J. R. Wood will meet his regular first Sunday appointment, preaching at Spence Chapel Sunday afternoon and at Providence church Sunday night.

SCHOOL WILL OPEN NEXT WEDNESDAY

Hot Lunch Will Be Served at the School This Year; Splendid Faculty

Next Wednesday will see the children of this district with their books under their arms wending their way to the school house. Trucks from neighboring districts will roll in bringing high school pupils to swell the number which increases each year. Probably only one innovation will mark the new school year. Hot lunch will be served at the noon hour to those who wish to buy.

For sometime, at intervals the matter of serving hot lunch at the school has been discussed. Investigations as to how other schools in the state accomplish this have been made during the summer by the superintendent, and at a meeting of the board Tuesday evening it was decided to begin this service in the school here. Mrs. W. S. Ragsdale having expressed a desire to undertake this work upon her own responsibility so far as finances are concerned, the board approved the plan and will install at once such permanent equipment as will later be needed in a Home Economics department.

The basement rooms of the new high school afford ample space for serving hot lunches. While the undertaking may begin on a small scale, it will probably grow as the years go by. With more than a thousand pupils in school quite a number will patronize the lunch counter each day. No change will be made in the daily schedule on account of this arrangement. One hour will still be given at noon permitting those who wish to go home for dinner.

The various dishes to be sold will be priced reasonably, nothing, we understand, to be sold for more than five cents.

At the meeting Tuesday evening the election of two more teachers was approved completing the faculty for this year, which Supt. Franks considers the best he has ever assembled. The teachers for 1923-24 are as follows:

First grade—Miss Irene Myatt, Smithfield; Miss Sophia Smathers, Canton.

High first grade—Miss Ola Smathers, Canton.

Second grade—Miss Nettie Smoak, Wilkesboro; Miss Glenn Ward, Edenton; Miss Alice Edmundson, Smithfield.

Third grade—Miss Clota Edwards, Mars Hill; Miss Leah Love, Monroe.

Fourth grade—Mrs. L. T. Royall, Smithfield; Miss Ethel Craig, Gastonia; Mrs. Rosser, Lane, Smithfield.

Fifth grade—Miss Mae Pinson, Honea Path, S. C.; Miss Grace Grantham, Goldsboro.

Sixth grade—Miss Gladys Pierce, Ahoski; Mrs. Louise Bullard, Durham.

Seventh grade—Miss Lorene Leonard, Catawba, Mrs. Eunice Wellons, Penny, Smithfield.

High school department—Miss Evelyn Wilson, Dover; Miss Jessie Penny, Cary; Mrs. Margaret Franks, Smithfield; Mr. Walter Rice, Meadville, Va.; Miss Mamie Morgan, Fairview; Miss Allie A. Pierce, Gastonia; Miss Mildred Goode, Boiling Springs.

Music—Miss Emma Louise Kehoe, New Bern.

THERMOMETER SHOWS 48 DEGREES AT RICHMOND

Washington, Aug. 23.—The first tentative touch of winter brought friends of the late President to become his owner. The former red bow record low August temperatures early today at 48 degrees at Richmond and 46 at Pittsburgh, and Weather-bill breezes would spread through the next 24 hours through South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippian reports indicated that the sippi. The unseasonable weather is expected to relax somewhat tonight in the Ohio Valley and the lower Lake region and slightly elsewhere in the northeastern section of the country.

Remember the Thanksgiving service in Smithfield, Monday, Sept. 3.

MRS. VANDERBILT PAYS \$25,539 COUNTY TAXES

Asheville, Aug. 28.—Salaries of the three county commissioners, register of deeds, county treasurer, sheriff and county auditor can be paid and a margin left from the taxes that will be paid to Buncombe county this year by Mrs. Edith S. Vanderbilt, county tax books disclose. Taxes on the Vanderbilt property for 1923 will be \$25,539.

Mrs. Vanderbilt pays taxes on property valued for tax purposes at \$2,387,217. Biltmore House, one of the finest private homes in America, is on the tax books at a value of a million and a half dollars, in which is included 50 acres of land surrounding the mansion. In Biltmore ward is included 3,993 1-2 acres, on which is located the Biltmore farm and dairy. Other property is scattered over the county.

Personal valuation is \$160,692. The tax inventory includes 32 horses valued at \$4,620; 12 mules, valued at \$1,380; 227 milk cattle, \$16,180; 61 head of other cattle, \$4,315, and nine dogs \$90.

The only assessment here against Miss Cornelia Vanderbilt, heiress to the Vanderbilt millions, is on 69 acres of land valued for tax purposes at \$69,000.

Whitley-Coates

A marriage ceremony beautiful in its simplicity was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock when Miss Bessie Coates became the bride of Mr. George T. Whitley. Only a few friends and relatives of the contracting parties were present to witness the interesting event. The living-room had been converted into a bower of trailing vines and flowers with softly shaded lights, a lovely setting for the wedding scene.

Prior to the ceremony, Mrs. Le Roy Parker of Goldsboro, sister of the bride, sang two appropriate selections, "Constancy" and "O Perfect Love." Mrs. Parker was attired in a blue lace dress and carried pink asters. Miss Irene Myatt wearing a gown of pink crepe de chine and carrying purple asters, played the wedding music.

The bride and bridegroom entered the room to the strains of the Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin and took their places before the minister, Rev. D. H. Tuttle, who pronounced the impressive ring ceremony.

The bride wore a becoming going away gown of midnight blue with brown hat and accessories. She carried a lovely bouquet of bride's roses showered with valley lilies.

After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Whitley received the congratulations of those present and left immediately for Wilson by automobile where they boarded a night train for New York, Niagara and Canada.

Before the departure of the guests, an ice course was served by Misses Edna Coates, Mattie Lassiter and Rose Grantham.

Mrs. Whitley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Coates of this city. She is a graduate of N. C. College for Women at Greensboro and has taught for several years in the graded schools of this city and in Greensboro. Her attractive personality and fine Christian character have endeared her to many friends.

Mr. Whitley is the son of Mr. A. J. Whitley who lives near town. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and has done past graduate work at Columbia University. He chose teaching as his profession and has taught for the most part in his native county. He was principal of the Clayton school before coming to this city where he has been principal for a number of years. Next year he will be superintendent of the Kenly schools, and he and his bride will be at home in that city after September the 10th.

Services at Live Oak.

There will be preaching services at Live Oak church Sunday night at eight o'clock. The subject for this hour will be: "The Sins of Today."

Remember the Thanksgiving service in Smithfield Monday, September 3rd.

OPENING TOBACCO SALE HERE TUESDAY

About 225,000 Pounds Sold On the Auction Floor in Three Days

The auction tobacco market opened here Tuesday and big breaks have prevailed every day since. Around ninety thousand pounds of tobacco was sold on the opening day; about fifty thousand pounds, on Wednesday and between eighty-five and ninety thousand pounds, yesterday. Sales on the opening day averaged from twenty-one to twenty-two cents. The highest price paid, so far as we have been able to learn, was received by J. B. Harper who got sixty cents per pound for some of his tobacco sold on the market here yesterday.

Trucks, automobiles, and wagons have hauled the golden weed here this week from far and near. Farmers from below Lumberton were here yesterday. Surrounding counties have been well represented.

Skinner and Patterson, who operate the only auction warehouse in this city, are kept busy from morning until night greeting the farmers and doing all in their power to make this market a success. They are prepared to handle as much as 150,000 pounds at a time, and their grading facilities are the very best.

It is expected that the opening of the tobacco market will prove an impetus to business, and that the busy street scenes of this week will be daily occurrences.

Myatt-Lee.

The following announcement has been received by friends here:

"Mrs. Julius Aaron Lee, Sr. announces the marriage of her daughter Annie Victoria to Mr. James Alfred Myatt on Tuesday August the twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church, Richmond, Va."

Enclosed card reads: "At home after September the first, Smithfield, North Carolina."

Mrs. Myatt and her sister, Miss Jessie Lee went to Richmond more than a week ago, where they were joined by Mr. Myatt this week. The marriage ceremony was performed Tuesday evening by Dr. J. N. Latham, pastor of Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church of Richmond.

Both of the contracting parties are well known in Johnston County.

Mr. Myatt lived in the Polenta section until five or six years ago when he moved to this city. He is one of Smithfield's best and most highly esteemed citizens. The bride who has lived here all of her life is very popular both in business and social circles. Her work for several years has taken her to several places where she has successfully and creditably represented different dry goods firms as buyer and lady manager.

Their many friends extend congratulations and best wishes.

GERMAN MARKS SELL FOR DIME A MILLION

New York, Aug. 29.—German marks, which made a new low record today, dropping to ten cents a million, were being sold by street vendors at twenty cents for 10,000. One of the vendors, making a neat profit of 20,000 per cent, had to make several trips to a foreign exchange counter to replenish his supply. Each trip he bought ten cents worth—one million—and on each dime invested he realized \$20. Even Wall street admitted that was a good margin.

BODY OF HARDING IN ASPHALT SARCOPHAGUS

Marion, Ohio, Aug. 29.—The casket containing the body of the late President Harding was placed in asphalt sarcophagus, weighing 2,600 pounds today. After the sarcophagus was sealed it was placed in the vault in the Marion cemetery where the body was entombed several weeks ago. Later it will be placed in a mausoleum which is to be constructed.