

JOHNSTON TOBACCO COOP ASSO. MEETS

Goes On Record In Letter to Federal Trade Commission Against Combine Against Coop Association

REGULAR MEETING WED.

The members of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association of Johnston County at their regular meeting on April 15, went on record concerning the attack which has been made upon the effectiveness of their organization. They requested the secretary to communicate with the Federal Trade Commission of Washington, D. C., and the following letter was sent to those gentlemen:

Gentlemen: We noticed an article in the Raleigh News and Observer, dated in Washington on April 2nd, in which it states that we, the tobacco growers, who compose the Tri-State Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association, are losing a trick by not making themselves heard by your distinguished body, and that various Chambers of Commerce and citizens of North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, and other states are sending in commendations and compliments to the Imperial Tobacco Company and others. We wish to impress upon the minds of the Federal Trade Commission that in our judgment the recommendations, which are being forwarded according to the article referred to above, are coming from sources entirely antagonistic to the interest of farmer controlled and farmer developed business organizations, such as we are now trying to set up for ourselves.

We are further convinced that the Imperial and American Tobacco Companies are boycotting our Association for the sole reason to destroy the same, and still leave the tobacco producers a prey to practices unfavorable to their social, economic and educational welfare. Without profit to the producers they must fail to keep pace, in general development, with the growth of our national life. Without profit we become economic slaves and to avoid such a catastrophe we implore you to lend us every aid possible to make our co-operative association a success, thereby assuring us a fair profit above cost of production of our tobacco, and freeing us of the incubus of unfair dealings and profitless years. We are confident that the very companies, Chambers of Commerce and others, who shout their praises to the world of the Imperial and American Tobacco Companies are either dominated or largely influenced by these aid companies, and towns have been built, and by the poverty of the farmers their organizations have been made possible. All we ask is a square deal.

We have the utmost confidence in the fairness, unbiased and unprejudiced judgment of your honorable body, and do not desire to convey to you that we are antagonistic to the development of manufacturing interests or other businesses as long as they are not in conflict with the best interests of the tobacco farmers of North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. We do feel, however, that we have a just complaint to make, when having grown tobacco for many years and have found ourselves under the old auction system further away from success than we have any right to be, and realizing this fully, we have attempted to apply to the sales end of our business the same kind of big business methods, which the manufacturers use and have found profitable.

The companies referred to in the "Ernst Resolution to Congress", bought our tobacco prior to the organization of the Co-operative Association, and since we are growing the same types now, we are at a loss to understand why the same companies have refused to purchase these same types from us, and taking other things into consideration, it looks to us, as producers of tobacco, that the effort on their part not to do so is an effort to defeat our own business enterprise. They can still get our tobacco and get it in the green or redried state, which ever they prefer, through our own organization, and buy in large quantities, thereby effecting a saving in our opinion under the present cost to them per one hundred pounds of purchasing as they do.

It is needless to call your attention to the fact that the deflation of 1920 hit the producers in farm commodities in the United States harder than any other one class of people, and this was probably so because of the lack of organization on the part of the producers, and it is our earnest desire that we put ourselves in position, through a business organization,

of circumstances of this kind, not to be chosen again to bear the burden of a right to set up our own business organization, and handle our own commodities in a business-like way, and we do not feel that any line of big business has a right to object to us as producers if we see fit to apply the same kind of business methods in the sales end of our agricultural commodities that they apply in the sales end of their manufactured products. We only hope for fair and unbiased consideration of our case, and are confident that we will get it at the hands of impartial bodies, such as the Federal Trade Commission.

Respectfully submitted from Johnston County, North Carolina, representing 1,300 members of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association.

Signed by JOHN A. SMITH, County Chairman.
J. W. STEPHENSON, Acting County Secretary.

COUNTY EXHIBIT IS MUCH ADMIRER

(Continued from first page) a superintendent of public welfare and a county home demonstration agent. Interesting facts concerning the schools were: "Sixty-one school buses carry 3,600 children to school each day;" Johnston first in number of children enrolled in rural schools—10,900.

This exhibit was made possible by the co-operation of a number of individuals. The committee that had the planning and arrangement of the exhibit in hand included Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, chairman, Mrs. T. C. Young, Mrs. N. B. Grantham, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, Mrs. E. S. Edmundson and Miss Virginia Puckett. The buildings were made by C. M. and W. G. Wilson, of Wilson's Mills, and were painted by J. A. Bradley, of this city. C. E. Higgins painted the large sign on cloth while the posters were made by Mr. Thayer, of South Carolina, who was in this city arranging a sale for W. J. Huntley. Mrs. J. H. Woodall, who is an artist in paper flowers, made a number of flowers and plants to adorn the grounds. The exhibit created quite a little comment and the committee has been asked to have it shown at the State Fair next fall. The County Board of Commissioners financed the proposition.

H. P. STEVENS TELLS OF COTTON PROSPECTS

(Continued from first page) and rains are urgently needed. West Texas, scattered light rains. This moisture very quickly evaporated, owing to extreme drouth. Some plowing here has been done. Much more land will be broken if they can get the rains. Should these rains come at this time the acreage will be materially increased throughout that entire section.

Rains have been very general throughout the state. However there has been a drouth covering a period of six to eight months and this moisture has been absorbed and wasted away very much as a pint of water would fill a sponge of a bushel capacity. This very light rainfall has created a great deficiency in the subsoil moisture. The rainfall in the Eastern half of Oklahoma compares favorably with that of East and North East Texas. While West Oklahoma is yet very dry and urgently needs rain.

It is doubtful if very much of the grain lands will be fallowed for cotton as the small amount of moisture has in a measure brought the crop through.

There is a great scarcity of spot cotton at interior points.

"I shall be in Texas and Oklahoma for the next two or three weeks. If I may serve you, write me Dallas, Texas, care Jefferson Hotel.

PUBLISH A DAILY FOR EXPOSITION

In order that the public might be kept posted as to the wonderful developments during the preparation of the Smithfield Exposition which will begin there Monday, the Smithfield Herald has been publishing daily and will continue to do so during Exposition Week.

The fact that this thriving little paper has been doing this is one of the most gratifying assistants to the promoters. The paper has kept the public informed as to the progress and has been a stimulant to public interest in the good old county of Johnston.

This paper deserves much credit for the splendid co-operation those in charge have had in making this the biggest event of eastern Carolina. This, however, is nothing uncommon for the editor and staff of the Smithfield Herald. They are always ready and willing to boost things that are calculated to stimulate the public and do good. We need more Smithfield Harlds.—Carolina Jeffersonian, April 10.

Spilona

A very interesting event of the week was Field Day at the Spilona school Friday afternoon which was attended by a number of visitors. Those pupils winning laurels were: high jump, Tessie Blackburn; running broad jump, Blonnie Barbour; 50-yard dash, William Barnes; chinning the pole, Thomas and Otis Lassiter; three-legged race, Walter and Horace Langdon; tennis, Beatrice Langdon and Florence Hill. Their opponents Eula Barnes and Violet Langdon played a good game nevertheless.

Mr. Frank Honeycutt had the honor of being the most accurate target thrower.

Besides the athletic stunts there was a short program and refreshments.

Miss Martha King spent last week in Smithfield attending the exposition. She returned to her home Sunday afternoon, reporting a very delightful time. Quite a few others from this community also attended the Exposition at least one day of the week.

Mr. John King, of Rockingham, spent the Easter holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. King.

One of the most beautiful and popular of the natural features of this neighborhood is King's pond. This is especially true as spring opens up and many visitors may be seen directing their footsteps in that direction. In fact so alluring is this spot that the owner has been forced to have it posted in order that the fish which were placed there two years ago may not be entirely exterminated. These fish are not yet full grown, and fishing to any great extent is not approved of.

Four Oaks, Route 4, April 18.

Evangelical Services at Pine Level

Rev. Russell C. White, pastor of Clayton Baptist church, will conduct a series of evangelistic services in the Pine Level Baptist church, beginning next Sunday night, April 26th, continuing about two weeks. Preparatory to these meetings there will be held this week two union evangelistic services, as follows: on Wednesday night in the Free Will Baptist church, Rev. Jas. W. Rose, pastor of the Baptist church, will preach. On Thursday night, another union service will be held at the Baptist church, and Rev. S. H. Styron, pastor of the Free Will church will preach. The entire town is specially invited to attend these services, and all the other services that will follow, entering heartily into the campaign of soul-winning, by prayer, aiding in singing and in personal work. Between Sundays services will be held during the day on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 3:00 p. m., and every night at 8:00 o'clock.

On Friday night of this week a cottage service will be held at the home of Mr. C. Y. Evans in the country. Let everybody pray for the success of these meetings in soul-winning.

JAS. W. ROSE, Pastor.

SILVER JUBILEE ORGANIZE CLASSES

Raleigh Apr. 20.—The Silver Jubilee of Baraca-Philathea bible classes in North Carolina will be held in Raleigh June 11-14, it was announced during the week. Marshall A. Hudson, of Syracuse, N. Y., organizer of the class which is nation-wide in scope, will be present. Other religious lead-

ers of note are expected.

Governor McLean announced the appointment of the following as members of the Equalizing Fund Commission authorized by the recent General Assembly: Dr. E. C. Brooks, Raleigh; Chas. A. Webb, Asheville; W. C. Feimster, Newton; E. D. Broadhurst, Greensboro; Mrs. W. J. Jones, Salemburg. It will be the duty of this commission to distribute to the best advantage approximately \$350,000 amongst the counties entitled to share in it under the new basis of appointment.

The Governor has also appointed Capt. Nathan O'Berry, of Goldsboro; Dr. H. V. Horton, Winston-Salem; Dr. J. E. Hart, Wadesboro; Dr. R. C. Beaman, Tarboro and Dr. John D. Robinson, of Wallace, trustees for the State Hospital for the Insane at Goldsboro. For trustees of the State Sanatorium for Tuberculosis: John R. Jones, Sanford; Jones Oettinger, Wilson; Dr. J. C. Braswell, Whitakers; W. E. Harrison, Rockingham and A. B. Croom Jr., of Wilmington.

The wheat acreage in North Carolina has decreased during the past year, and this year the Department of Agriculture looks for a crop of not more than 5,137,000 bushels. Ten years ago North Carolina was growing ten million bushels annually.

Plans for the endowment fund drive of the American Legion in Raleigh are going ahead steadily, the hope being to raise the local quota in a day.

Miss Martha Haywood, Armstead Jones and William J. Andrews, of Raleigh, and Mrs. R. E. Little, Wadesboro, have been appointed trustees of the Soldiers' Home board by the Governor. These will select three others.

The Grand Council Royal Arcanum is to meet here in annual conclave on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Miss Vanderbilt A Perfect Lady

New York, April 18.—Fred Cameron Church, Jr., of Boston, who is to wed Miss Muriel Vanderbilt, will obtain a perfect wife among the 400, it is said among those familiar with New York social circles. Miss Vanderbilt is said to have none of the habits which cause comment among modern girls. She discourages smoking and drinking, and at Palm Beach wears conservative bathing suits and uses neither lipstick nor rouge.

Agnes Marie Fitzgerald, of Micro, was the heroine of the Eastern Carolina Exposition. Acclaimed as the finest baby in Johnston county, she has already gotten a good start in life. A good reputation goes a long way toward success and happiness.—News and Observer.

A negro went fishing. He hooked a big catfish which pulled him overboard. As he crawled back into the boat, he said philosophically: "What I wanna know is dis: Is dis niggah fishin', or is dat fish niggerin'?"

The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts, therefore guard accordingly, and take care that you entertain no notions unsuitable to virtue and unreasonable to nature.—Marcus Aurelius.

WANTED AT ONCE—HAND TO help on farm. See or write Lester W. Lassiter, Four Oaks, N. C., R. 4.

EASTERN CAROLINA FINDING ITSELF

The spotlight has centered a week on Smithfield, but illuminating all Johnston county and the 45 others of the eastern sisterhood, there represented in person and deed. "Your committee believes that the right kind of publicity will sell Eastern North Carolina not only to ourselves but to outsiders as well," says the secretary of the Eastern North Carolina Chamber of Commerce in a report for its publicity committee.

The emphasis is rightly placed. If in the sense the secretary means the eastern Carolinians can sell to themselves and what they have, the big idea behind all this exposition activity will march to triumph.

They have the goods. Everybody who is at all informed about the eastern half of the state knows that. There is Johnston county with its proud position in crop production. There is Wilson, with its colossal agricultural achievements. There is Lenoir, with its enormous level fields of richness—to mention but three of the big ones, and omitting the great area of alluvial garden more directly under the influence of the Gulf stream, which is capable of feeding no telling how many millions of people.

At the heart of what the eastern leadership is attempting is the development of a community consciousness of power—the power of natural resources intelligently acted upon by human industry and ingenuity; acted upon in a prouder cooperation. Such conditions engender an enthusiasm which of itself increases power is it gives zest to labor and sweetens the repose of slumber after.

The people assemble the records and symbols of their achievements in industry, the proof of the resources of their soil and their skill. They gather the throngs of children from the schools, a quickening, inspiring demonstration of progress in the cultivation of the greatest resources of all. They get glimpses of glorious realization of their own possibilities, together with something of what posterity is to accomplish.

In the process of finding itself eastern Carolina reveals itself to the outside world. The world cannot overlook or ignore it.—Greensboro News.

Young chicks are killed by kindness when they are fed before 48 hours after hatching. Nature has provided that they live on the yolk of the egg during this time.

NOTICE The undersigned having qualified as administrator on the estate of Rozze Boykin deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 20th day of April, 1926 or this

notice will be plead in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.

This 20 day of April 1925.
G. W. BARHAM, Executor.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE CITIZENS BANK

at Micro, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, April 6th, 1925.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$ 80,385.91
Overdrafts, unsecured	47.36
U. S. Bonds and Liberty Bonds	4,650.00
Banking Houses, \$1,994.80.	
Fur. & Fix. \$2,189.69	4,184.49
Cash in vault and net amt. due from Banks, Bankers, and Trust Companies	48,042.32
Total	\$137,310.08

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 5,000.00
Surplus Fund	5,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	1,761.81
Dividends unpaid	12.00
Deposits subject to check	
Individual	101,704.24
Cashier's Checks outstanding	5,052.28
Time Certificates of Deposit, Due on or after 30 Days	18,779.75
Total	\$137,310.08

State of North Carolina—County of Johnston, April 16, 1925.
I, H. M. Fitzgerald, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. M. FITZGERALD, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 17 day of April 1925.
D. N. HOLT, Notary Public. My commission expires Feb. 25, 1927.
Correct—Attest:
C. A. FITZGERALD,
M. HINNANT,
W. N. BARDEN,
Directors.

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EVERY day some tired, prosperous or otherwise travel-inclined man says to his wife, "Let's go to California!" And such is the power of advertising that, although neither of them may have ever been there before, they know just how to go, approximately what it will cost, and where they will want to stay.

The same with anything you may need or want. You already know all about it, by whom it is made, what it costs, and where it is for sale. Advertising is the modern intelligencer. It keeps you informed, advises you of new things, suggests new uses for articles you already own, and prepares you today for wise and useful purchases tomorrow.

It does all this for you, almost unconsciously, as you read. Little by little—the best and surest way to learn—advertising makes you informed of what is going on in the world that is useful to you.

Read the advertisements; get ready for tomorrow



FIRST SHOWING

Straw Hats

Not just a "straw"—but a hat made with all care as to head conformity and summer comfort. Such are Austin's straw hats, combining style and comfort; and at a reasonable price. You must put one on to know just what we mean. Illustrated here is the new rough-braid wide boy all good dressers will be wearing this year. It may be had with black or fancy band.

\$1.65 \$2.85 \$3.45 \$5.00

Panamas in many soft sport or dress shapes. We have them in several widths of brim and heights to crown.

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EVERYTHING FOR EVERYBODY