

**TOBACCO CO-OPS
OFF TO RALEIGH**

(By S. D. Frissell)

Raleigh, May 11.—Headquarters of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association at Raleigh promises to be the Mecca for members of the Association from three states next Tuesday, May 19, when the annual meeting of the Association will be held in Pullen Hall at the North Carolina State College.

Lively interest has developed among the tobacco farmers of Virginia and South Carolina in this annual meeting of the Tobacco Cooperative Association owing to the fact that the directors have urged attendance from every state and if possible from every county of the three states in which it operates.

The policy of wide-open publicity which the Tobacco Association has adopted since inviting and publishing the report of public officials from three states on its affairs and policies will be the feature of the annual meeting next week, at that time a full report by Richard R. Patterson, Manager of the Association, is to be followed by a frank discussion from members representing every tobacco belt in the Carolinas and Virginia, as to the plans and policies for the season of 1925-1926.

It is expected that next week's meeting will be the largest gathering of tobacco planters who have ever met together as representatives of the tobacco belts of the three states. It will unquestionably have much influence in shaping the policies of the new board whose election will be confirmed at this meeting, by the members.

This will be the first time in the history of tobacco growing when farmers from the swamps of the Pee Dee in South Carolina and mountaineers from the dark fired tobacco district of Virginia meet face to face with North Carolina growers, in large numbers to draw up plans for their mutual benefit.

It is known that numbers of delegations from Virginia and South Carolina are already being formed to attend Tuesday's meeting at State College, and as a majority of the Tobacco Co-ops live within less than a hundred miles of Raleigh there is every reason to expect a record breaking annual meetin gas the association starts its fourth year of operation.

May 1st, 1925 Farm Livestock Report

When North Carolina fell from a rank of fifth to twelfth in value of crops last year, the critic said, "Yes, that is the result of its being a cash crop state." And it is true. This state ranks twenty-second in the value of livestock. A study of the breeds and methods of handling stock over the state would convince a good livestock man that we rank low in these also.

Those acquainted with the livestock production opportunities of the Mid-West are convinced that, with our ample rainfall and large varieties of natural and cultivated grasses and legumes, as well as the ability to grow grain as bountifully as has been grown, North Carolina should be a good livestock state. Further evidence of this is brought out by the National report on the condition and mortality of livestock on May 1st and during the past year.

The average condition of livestock in North Carolina, according to more than 400 reports received by the Cooperative Crop Reporting Service, Raleigh, together with as many more reports collected by the Washington Department, shows work stock with 93 percent of a normal healthfulness in this state on May 1st, 1925 and 94 percent a year ago. Cattle of all ages showed a condition of 93 percent of ideal healthfulness for both this and last year. The condition of swine on the first of the month in all counties averaged 92 percent as compared with 93 a year ago. Sheep, not including lambs, showed 93 percent or a 3 percent better condition than a year ago.

As is generally known, the principal cattle and sheep counties are in the mountain area. It is interesting to note that the condition of all livestock in this area averages higher than in either the Piedmont or Coastal Plains counties. While hogs are grown most extensively in the Coastal Plains area, due to the heavy production of peanuts, soy beans, potatoes and truck, yet the average condition in that area does not show as good healthfulness of swine as in the Central and Western counties.

The mortality of livestock appears to run fairly low in North Carolina. According to many reports from all parts of the state, it appears that work stock had a rate of death from disease of only 1.6 percent during the past year; cattle of all ages showed 1.7 percent from disease and 1.2 from exposure, which includes starvation. The mortality of sheep has been 2.6 percent from disease and 1.3 percent from exposure; hogs showed 5.5 percent from disease; lambs showed 4.5 percent from both disease and ex-

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posure. Most of the livestock, except lambs, showed a better state of healthfulness or lower mortality than a year ago, according to reports. The contributing causes of this condition were the mild winter, early spring and freedom from disease epidemics.

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**TAKING NOTE OF
INTELLECTUAL LEADERSHIP**

It is an interesting and perhaps significant situation in which North Carolina finds itself when among the most important news it reads in its newspapers is the thought of its college leaders. That is something which could not have been said at various other periods in the state's history, possibly would never have been said with so much of truth as today. The time has not yet come, of course, when the predominant and therefore the most interesting problem of the state is not material. Few persons get far away from the process of making money and spending it and the eternal task of finding out how to make still more. A raw civilization can do no less.

Yet in these past few days the state has been concerned with whether President Chase would leave his adopted home, and with whether Dr. Henderson would forsake his native state, and with Dr. MacNider recognized at last by his own profession after most of the remainder of the world had recognized him, and now with what is possibly the swan song of that towering follower of truth, President William Louis Poteat. We may turn quickly to the next cotton mill, the next murder or the next international crisis, and base ball we have with us always and there are waters yet where the fish do bite. But it may be also that this spark of interest in the intellectual, well nigh smothered by the sheer rush of material growth, finds now fuel whereon to make a brighter blaze than this state has ever known.

Dr. Chase's decision to stand by the ship is so essentially the answer to the call of duty and of greatest service that North Carolina will rejoice. The state will hope also that

Dr. Henderson will understand how badly he is needed here, and it will find some satisfaction that the amalgamation of pure science and native Tar Heel that is Dr. MacNider can spend one week being crowned with the honorary position of physician-in-chief of the Peter Bent Brigham hospital of the sacred bean-eaters and the next elected chief of his own medical society with a few moments in between to tend to his garden. The state, furthermore, will stop to listen when this flaming Poteat stands up to talk, wherever he may be and regardless of whether this is his confession of faith. For the man breeds confidence. So staunchly has he stood by truth when truth had few to tell her teachings that his career has been one long triumph over bigotry and falseness and honest ignorance. North Carolina has never yet appreciated the sheer courage of this man, who has known how to lead without driving and to fight without giving quarter or leaving poisoned wounds. So closely do we live to the routine of our daily lives that we cannot always perceive the greatest movements that are astir about us. But some day the state will come to itself and when it does it will trace much of its intellectual freedom from Dr. Poteat.

If it be fantasy that today we have more of interest in the intellectual, it will certainly not always be fantasy. The rush of material development is in full tide and will be these many years. But if the state can recognize, by whatever means, something of its inner life that beats in tune with the fundamental harmony of the human mind and the divine soul, that will be an achievement greater than he that taketh a city.—Greensboro News.

A Fresh Rendering of a Stale Tale
Versions of the "sparrow-cigarette-fire" story recur with such persistence that it already promises to take its

place in the growing body of American folklore. Latest of these tales to attain the dignity of type is the following, extracted from the columns of the National Underwriter:
"Solution of the mystery surrounding a number of serious barn fires was believed to have resulted when a group of road workmen in Shelby county, Iowa, saw an English sparrow carry a lighted cigarette stub to a nest it was building under the eaves of a nearby barn. The stub had been thrown out by a smoker in a passing automobile.
"The men nifted the farmer, who procured a ladder, climbed to the nest and discovered a spark which if fanned into life by the wind would soon have had the nest on fire and the destruction of the barn would have been a natural result."

In the Washington Star appears the story of a friendly argument that arose between two young chaplains of different denominations, in which the senior chaplain rather cleverly got the better of his opponent.
"Let us bury the hatchet, my brother," he said. "After all, we are both

doing the Lord's work, are we not?"
"We certainly are," said the junior chaplain, quite disarmed.
"Let us, then, do it to the best of our ability, you in your way, and I in His."

Watch the date on your label.

The American heiress had just come back from her first trip to Europe. At dinner her neighbor inquired: "Did you see many picturesque old ruins during your trip?"
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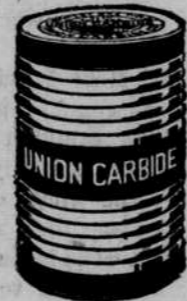
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