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Person's Latest Action Vs. Coops

Alleges Fraudulent Methods and Says Contract Is Invalid

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—One thousand complainants will add their testimony in a new action against the Tri-State Tobacco Growers' Co-operative association, Senator W. M. Person said this evening as he laid the text of a complaint and bill in equity before the Daily News bureau and asked it to go for the latest move to bust up the co-operatives.

The law firm of Jones and Horton will be associated with Senator Person in the fight which will be carried on in Franklin county. J. M. Sykes, T. W. Boone, J. A. Morgan, W. A. Jones, Arthur Strickland, J. L. Bynum, P. E. Dean and others are named in the complaint. The purpose is to go to the jury on six causes of action in which are allegations that the contract made with the tobacco association by the growers was violated by the association in its agreement to sign up by January 1, 1922, one-half of the aggregate crop of tobacco in the three states, and that if the association failed the contract would not be binding. The plaintiffs charge that this 50 per cent sign-up never took place; that thousands of the signatures secured were gained by fraudulent methods; that agents of the association pledged a 75 per cent first advance, and that agents, among them negro preachers, were paid \$1 a signature for each man signed up. The association representatives "falsely and fraudulently reported to these plaintiffs and other farmers who had signed said marketing agreement," the complaint charges.

Fraudulent Methods Alleged. The complaint then sets out the legal controversies of 1922 fell when many complaints testified that they had signed these contracts through fraudulent representations, and others refused to comply with the contracts because their signatures had been procured by fraud. The result of this alleged fraud, the complaint says, was to place a disproportionate overhead expense on the local members of the association. By reason of these allegations, the plaintiffs say their contracts should be in equity cancelled.

The complaint then reiterated the charges of waste and extravagance detailed in the first action instituted to throw the association into a receivership and to dissolve it. The allegations renew the attack on the policy of redrying, of paying exorbitant fees to lawyers. Special mention is made of the Sapiro \$98,000 fee and the \$53,000 paid to W. T. Joyner and Burgess and Joyner. It is observed that 100 others, lawyers, were employed. Senator Person charges that the officials voted themselves salaries ranging from \$40,000 down to \$4,000 per annum, and that directors were paid big salaries in violation of the by-laws of the association, which rules hold compensation to railroad fares and actual days of work. Further allegation is made that large numbers of people were employed in the several states for the purpose of stifling competition. The redrying activities get a good write up again.

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AUNT ROXIE SAYS

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Amnesia Victim in Amazing Recovery



While going to see his sick mother, John White of Bridgeport, Conn., was knocked unconscious by thugs, who stole his money and threw him into a freight car. He regained consciousness in Atlanta, Ga., but his memory was gone. Newdigate Owensby, alienist, has succeeded after weeks of patient work, in bringing White's memory back.

Cows Mean Extra Money To Farmer

Fertilizer Valuation of \$20 Per Animal Means Over \$70,000 in Johnston

An added income of \$74,840 a year is enjoyed by Johnston county farmers indirectly as a result of keeping cows, according to the Larrowe Institute of Animal Economics. This income is in the form of a more fertile soil due to the manure of the dairy cows in this county. On the basis of practically a \$20.00 fertilizer valuation per animal per year, this means a total of \$74,840 added to the richness of the soil in this county every twelvemonth.

Manure is a source of the most valuable plant food obtainable, says the Institute, but to preserve it at its highest value or efficiency, it should either be put directly to the fields each day or conserved until such a time as the opportunity offers itself to spread it. Feeding trials have proven that an ordinary cow, while putting from 15 to 18 per cent of the total energy of the feed she consumes into milk, actually returns to the soil 80 per cent of the elements of soil fertility in her feed in the form of manure. This had led many dairymen to discover that the purchase of good concentrated feeds for their cows not only more than pays for itself in increased milk production but that it also supplies necessary food to farm crops that are expensive when purchased in the form of commercial fertilizer.

Klansmen Active

Some twelve or fifteen members of the Ku Klux Klan, dressed in the full regalia of the Klan were abroad in Clayton during the early part of last night. The Klansmen visited two negro sections of the town, where the negroes have not been conducting themselves as they should. At both of these places a red cross was burned and notes of warning left.

The demonstration of the Klansmen caused a good bit of excitement among those who were aware of their presence in the town and there are exaggerated tales this morning of what they did, and of innumerable warnings they left at the homes of both whites and blacks.

The places actually visited by the Klan, we are reliably informed, were the negro settlement near the Oil Mill and the settlement just at the rear of Joseph Milad's store. There was no disorder at all, the Klansmen transacting their business quietly and in a systematic manner.—Clayton News.

Only a few of us can have our faces on coins. The rest are content to get their hands on them.—Exchange.

District Rally For Boy Scouts

Troops From Smithfield, Selma, Benson, Kenly and Princeton To Take Part In Contests

A district rally for Johnston county Boy Scouts will be held in this city on Friday, March 5, troops Nos. 1 and 2, Smithfield, Selma, Benson, Kenly and Princeton to take part. The rally will include various contests, racing, first aid, etc., and will be of interest to all boys. Those who have charge of the rally are as follows: F. M. Waters, of Selma, chief; F. H. Brooks, Smithfield, scorer; Dr. I. M. Mayerberg, Selma; T. C. Young, and W. H. Lyon, Smithfield, judges. The following program will be carried out:

Inspection, Whole Troop (Neatness, uniformity, attendance and appearance).

Fire-by-Friction. (1 Scout from each troop) any method of fire by friction.

Knot Tying. (Scouts from each troop) knots to be used—square, sheepshank, clove hitch, bowline, Figures of 8, overhead, timber hitch, two half-hitches. Each team to furnish own rope.

First Aid. (2 Scouts from each troop) patient has broken forearm, compound fracture. Broken collar-bone, simple fracture. Broken left leg above knee. Simple fracture. Patient has fainted from loss of blood.

Signaling. (4 Scouts from each troop; sender, reader, receiver and writer).

Rescue Race. (5 Scouts from each troop).

Song Contest. (whole troop, troops to select own song.)

Yell Contest. (Whole troop, troops to select own yell.)

Closing Ceremony. (Pledge to flag.)

POSES AS CONVICT GUARD; GETS \$50 AUTOMATIC GUN

Mr. Amos Johnson, of Smithfield route 1, was in town yesterday in the interest of the recovery of a gun which belonged to his son and which was taken from him by false pretense yesterday morning. According to Mr. Johnson, a man rode up to his house about nine o'clock stating that he was one of the prison camp guards, and had broken his gun. He asked the loan of a gun, and Mr. Johnson let him have an L. C. Smith 20-gauge automatic belonging to his boy. It was valued at about \$50.

According to reports the man, who was driving a Ford coupe, went on to the U. C. Capps filling station, bought five gallons of gas and a quart of oil, which he had charged to Charley Johnson, superintendent of the Smithfield road force. After procuring the gas he made his getaway toward Raleigh.

NEVER WILL!

Some ruralites were talking of the strange sights to be seen in a great city, and one paid tribute to New York. "I don't believe any one of you could think of any combination of circumstances that hasn't at some time occurred on the streets there," he said. "I reckon I know of one that's never occurred there," said Si Wilson. "What's that?" asked the other curiously. "I guess," said Si slowly, "that you've never seen, nor ever will see, a brass band that's going in one direction and the heft of the folks goin' in the other."—Everybody's Magazine.

HON. C. L. WILLIAMS TO SPEAK AT MEADOW

Hon. Clawson L. Williams, solicitor of this judicial district, will address the Meadow community Law and Order League on Friday night, February 26, at 7:30 o'clock in the high school auditorium. The subject of his address will be: "Law Enforcement By Community Co-operation." Every body is invited to attend, ladies and the younger people especially invited. Please tell your neighbors, and all coming out and help make the undertaking a success. To be informed is to back the movement. W. V. BLACKMAN, V. Pres.

Royal Teacher



Baroness Eika von Eghardt, is teaching in Wittenburg College at Springfield, Ohio. The practical "red blooded" American students take "blue blooded" teachers as a matter of course.

Oakland Scene Pretty Wedding

Miss Elsie Barber Becomes Bride of Mr. Page Taylor, of McCullers

A number of close relatives and friends witnessed a scene of picturesque simplicity and reverent beauty at Oakland Presbyterian church last Saturday evening when Miss Elsie Barber of the Polenta section and Mr. Page Taylor of McCullers were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The church was tastefully decorated with cut flowers in silver holders, and evergreens. The vows were spoken under an improvised archway of white gracefully draped with trailing English ivy, and the beauty of the scene was greatly enhanced by the artistic arrangement of many lighted candles.

Preceding the ceremony, "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms," was rendered by Miss Mary Lee, of Benson, at the piano accompanied by Miss Sallie McCullers, of Garner, on the violin. Miss Lee was attractively attired in a costume of pinks and purple, while Miss McCullers' dress was of blue and silver.

The bride entered with her sister, Miss Charlotte Barber to the strains of Lohengrin's bridal chorus. Her costume was of blue, gray and silver with corresponding accessories. She carried an arm bouquet of bride's roses interspersed with sweet alyssum and valley lilies. The maid of honor's dress was of smoked gray crepe under silver trimmed with rhinestones and her bouquet was of old fashioned mixed flowers. Mr. Taylor entered with his best man, Mr. William Parker, of Smithfield. "To a Wild Rose," was softly rendered during the ceremony which was performed by Rev. A. T. Lassiter. The ushers were: Messrs. Claude Taylor, of Raleigh; Charles McCullers, of Garner; and Durwood Johnson, of McCullers.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barber, of Clayton, Route 1. She possesses those traits which makes the true woman, and she has endeared herself to many by her congeniality and amiableness. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. Dick Taylor, of McCullers, and he is a prominent farmer of that section. His sterling worth and genial disposition have won for him a host of friends. He served through the World War.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor left immediately after the ceremony for Washington, D. C., and other points on a bridal trip. They will be at home to their friends after March 1 near McCullers.

The teacher was using a phonograph to make the children familiar with good music.

Two famous opera singers had just finished a duet, and the teacher said: "Now, children, who can tell me the names of the singers we have just heard?" "Caruso," replied a small boy. "Yes, and who was singing with Caruso?" "His man Friday," was the disconcerting answer.

TOWN OFFICIALS VISIT WASHINGTON

Impressed With Type of Asphalt Streets Inspected in National Capital

Mayor John A. Narron, Commissioners J. D. Underwood, R. P. Holding, W. H. Lassiter, W. F. Grimes, City Clerk W. L. Fuller, W. B. Wellons of the law firm of Wellons and Wellons, city attorneys, and H. N. Morgan, superintendent of Water and Lights, made a trip to Washington, D. C., Monday night upon the invitation of the Barber Asphalt company, of Philadelphia, Pa., to inspect and see some of the oldest asphalt streets in America.

While there the officials of the Barber Asphalt company conducted a city-wide tour and the commissioners were shown streets that were laid with this particular kind of asphalt in the year 1880 with a maintenance cost of 4 cents per year or practically no cost whatever. Mr. J. A. Narron, a member of the party, tells us that the commissioners were taken to the National museum where an exact reproduction of the Trinidad asphalt and Bermudez asphalt lakes were shown, the lakes are natural deposits of asphalt with seemingly inexhaustible supply. The Trinidad Lake lies off the coast of South America. It is handled by the Caribbean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean on the north; on the south by a narrow channel into which flow the waters of northern and most westerly mouths of the Orinoco; and on the west by the Gulf of Paria, the two latter bodies of water separating it from the mainland of Venezuela. The island has an average length of 48 miles and breadth of 36 containing about 1750 square miles and being one-fifth the area of the state of Vermont. Trinidad was discovered by Columbus on his third voyage in 1498 and possession taken in name of Spain, which colonized it about 90 years after. It was later conquered by Great Britain and is still controlled by her. The lakes, according to United States facts, is always in constant motion, due to evolution of gas at the center, the lake. It covers about 114.67 acres and is about 138 feet above sea level, from the center of which the asphalt rolls over toward the edges. In 1915 in the center of the lake a depth was reached of 175 feet below the original surface by means of a wash drill, the entire distance being through asphalt of the same character as that at the surface. The material forming this deposit is an emulsion of water, gas, bitumen and mineral matter, the latter consisting largely of fine sand and lesser amount of clay. It is in constant motion, owing to the evolution of gas and for this reason wherever a hole is dug in the surface whether deep or shallow, it rapidly fills up, and the surface resumes its original level after a short time. While sufficiently soft to accommodate itself to any change of level and to slow movement, it can readily be flaked out with picks in large masses weighing from 50 to 75 pounds. It is honey-combed with gas cavities and resembles in structure a Swiss cheese. The ductility of this asphalt is very high and is capable of applying to streets without any great degree of heat and the lasting qualities of this asphalt as has been shown in Washington, is certainly for a long time and with practically no maintenance cost.

Each Person Cost Government \$58.71

New York, Feb. 20.—Each man, woman and child in the United States cost the federal and state governments approximately \$58.71 in 1923, it was revealed by figures made public today by the National Industrial Conference board. Of the \$58.71, \$16.69 went for education and libraries, \$12.03 for highways; \$9.69 for interest and amortization charges, 97¢ for protection of persons and property, \$2.83 for general health and sanitation purposes, \$3.24 for administration and general government expenses, \$2.74 for charities, hospitals and correctional institutes, \$1 for recreation and \$3.60 for public service enterprises.—Associated Press.

Kenly Boy Selected For National Organization

Wilbur Alford, the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. B. Alford has just been notified of his selection for membership in The League of Curtis Salemen, an honor organization maintained by the Curtis Publishing company, for boys who sell its publication. Admittance to this organization depends upon regular school attendance and a record of efficient service to customers. Through this training, teachers very generally report that boys gain a sense of responsibility that tends to make schooling more real to them. As Wilbur's friends know, he is developing a sense of self-confidence and an ability to make decisions quickly. That is one reason he is proud to show his badge of membership to his friends and is now looking forward to advancement to the next higher degree in the organization.

Mr. Wilbur Turner went to Macesfield Sunday afternoon.

Holt Lake Grade Crossing Is Scene Tragic Accident Sunday

Hero Captain Returns



Photo shows Captain and Mrs. Frief being given a riotous ovation upon the former's arrival in New York. Captain Frief, together with his men, performed one of the most daring rescues in the annals of the sea, when they fought mountainous waves for three days, finally saving the entire crew of the sinking steamer Antinoe. Two of Frief's own men lost their lives in the rescue.

J. C. CLIFFORD IS NAMED REFEREE

To Make Decision in Case of Shortage in Funds of Former Register Deeds

The outstanding case in the special civil term of Superior court in session here last week and this, came up yesterday, the defendants being W. T. Adams, former register of deeds of Johnston county, and J. A. Keen, who was county auditor, charged with shortage of funds and negligence respectively. The matter was disposed of by naming a referee, J. C. Clifford, of Dunn, who will make a report on March 29, as to the amounts to be paid by the persons involved. An audit of the books when Mr. Adams went out of office after serving two terms, showed a shortage of \$12,208.40. He was bonded each term for \$5,000. Mr. Keen, charged only with negligence, in checking the shortage, was also bonded for the same amount.

Kenly Girl Weds Littleton Lawyer

Kenly, Feb. 20.—The many friends in this state and through the south of Miss Inez Edgerton and Mr. William James Cromwell Daniel of Littleton, will learn with interest of their marriage Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the handsome home of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Edgerton.

The wedding was beautiful in every detail and one of the most impressive weddings ever witnessed in Kenly. The ceremony was performed by the bride's pastor, Dr. W. B. North, the ring ceremony being used. Preceding the ceremony Mrs. H. M. Grizzard, cousin of the bride, sang "The Sweetest Story Ever Told" and "At Dawning," accompanied by Mrs. J. J. Edgerton.

At the sound of the Bridal Chorus the doors on either side of the arch were opened, and the minister entered, followed by the maid of honor, Miss Miriam Edgerton, sister of the bride, who wore a gown of bois de rose charmeuse. The bride, who wore a lovely gown of gray flat crepe with accessories to match, entered with her brother, Mr. Yates Edgerton, of Charlotte. Her flowers were pink roses and lilies of the valley.

Mr. Daniel had as his best man Mr. Harrison, of Littleton. Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel drove to Wilson where they took the train for Washington and New York for a few days honeymoon.

The bride is a lovely brunette, possessing a wealth of charms of personality, and a host of friends who will be interested to learn of her marriage. She is the daughter of Mr. H. T. Edgerton, a prominent business man and a niece of Mr. J. E. Edgerton of Lebanon, Tennessee, president of the Manufacturers Association, and secretary of the Centenary Fund.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Daniel, of Littleton. His father is a prominent member of the Bar Association of North Carolina. The groom is also a member of the bar and is a partner of his father.

Oyster Supper in Four Oaks

The Pou-Parrish Post of the American Legion will meet in Four Oaks Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock. At this time they will be served an oyster supper by the members in Four Oaks.

Mr. K. C. Burgess from Raleigh will be there to give the boys a real talk on the American Legion. Each member is urged to be present and bring a new member with him. The members that live in Smithfield will meet at the Sunday Shoppe at 7:15 and there will be provided cars to carry every one.

Elbert Mitchell Is Dead and Two Benson Ladies Are In Hospital Seriously Injured

MAY RECOVER

The grade crossing at Holt Lake, three miles south of Smithfield, was the scene of another tragic accident Sunday night at eleven o'clock when train 85 going south struck a Chevrolet coupe, killing outright Mr. Elbert Mitchell, of Fairmount, and seriously injuring Misses Minnie Bryant and Mary Lee, of Benson.

The young people, according to our information, had been out riding and were returning home. As they approached the railroad crossing they saw No. 82 coming in the distance. They had ample time to cross in front of that train. Evidently they failed to look in the opposite direction and did not note the approach of train 85 which struck them. The trains stopped and medical aid was summoned from this city. Mr. Mitchell was found to be fatally hurt, passing away in a short while. His body was taken to Rocky Mount on train 82 where it was prepared for burial and sent to his home at Fairmount yesterday.

The injured were also taken to Rocky Mount to the A. C. L. hospital, Dr. W. J. B. Orr, of this city, accompanying them. The latest information is to the effect that Miss Lee is suffering from a sprained back and bruises, but her recovery is expected. Miss Bryant was found to have a fractured shoulder and a fractured limb. She is still in a precarious condition.

Miss Lee is the daughter of Mrs. Cassie Lee and is quite popular among the younger set in Benson. Miss Bryant's home is near Wilson, but for a number of years she has held a position with Mr. Alonzo Parish, Chevrolet dealer in Benson. Mr. Mitchell was the guest of Miss Bryant for the day and they had gone driving in Miss Bryant's Chevrolet coupe. The car was completely demolished. The sad affair has cast a gloom over Benson, where two of the victims are so well known.

Myrtle Beach, S. C., Sold

Myrtle Beach, Estate, South Carolina's well known seaside resort, which consists of more than 65,000 acres in Horry county, was recently sold to John T. Woodside, of Greenville, S. C., and associates. Myrtle Beach is said to have varied and unlimited possibilities, offering inducements for both a summer and winter resort. Wild game abound in the undeveloped portions and fishing is engaged in the year round. The large estate is divided into farms for truck and farm crops, and stock raising is said to be profitable there. Development on a large scale is expected to be the result of the recent purchase of this vast Carolina estate.

Wanted—Man to work in bird store. Must be able to make cages for customers.

The Mirror

IS THIS YOU?

If the person who answers this description will call at The Herald office they will receive a free ticket to the Victory Theatre.

You were seen in front H. C. Hood's residence at 4:30 p. m. yesterday. You wore blue sport dress, grey coat with black fur on collar and cuffs, tan sport hose and oxfords. You have light hair and it is lobbed.

Miss Sarah Adams failed to recognize herself in last Friday's Mirror.