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## Tobacco Co-ops Begin Election

**Meet at County Seats April 10 To Name Electors of Board for Tri-State Association**

Raleigh, March 31.—The first step in the election of directors to conduct the affairs of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association for the coming year will take place on Saturday, April 10 at the county seats of tobacco growing counties in the Carolinas and Virginia. Members of the marketing association have been called to meet at their county courthouses on that date and select the names of those to whom they will entrust the election of their directors for the coming year.

The importance of electing strong directors to meet the problems of the tri-state association in its fifth and last year of operation has been urged upon the members of the association in letters mailed last week to the local and county units of the tobacco coops in three states. As the present association holds large stocks of tobacco, valued at millions of dollars and the present membership have considerable financial investment both in the warehouse properties and the reserve funds of the present association, they have been urged to take a very active part this year in choosing and naming the men who will direct their business at a time when their organization is undergoing the most severe attacks in its history.

Following the meetings of tobacco growing members of the association which are called for April 10, the names selected by the growers in open meetings will be placed upon ballots and mailed to every member of the association in the three states with instructions to scratch such names as the member may desire from the ballot, choosing one half of the nominees from his county for the task of elector of the new director, or scratching all names if desired and adding new names as his choice in their place. These ballots to be effective must be cast in person or by mail at the county seats on or before May 8. By this means the members will be given the opportunity of carefully choosing the electors of the new board which will this year largely determine the fate of the present association. The delegates who are elected at this meeting will meet in each of the 22 electoral districts on May 15th to nominate the directors for the coming year from each district.

The final step in this year's election of directors for the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association will be the big annual meeting at Raleigh which is scheduled for May 18. United States Secretary of Agriculture William Jardine has been invited to attend the annual meeting of members of the association at Raleigh and has signified his desire to be present.

**Methodist Church**

Sunday to be a high day at the Methodist church 11 a. m. Easter sermon by the pastor, Rev. A. J. Parker and special music by the choir. Service at night at 7:30. At the beginning of the eleven o'clock service the pastor will baptize any infants presented. At close of the service will baptize and receive candidates for church membership. The public is cordially invited.

**AUNT ROXIE SAYS—**

By Mc—



Fat crops, lean market; lean crops, hungry market.

**BOY SAVES HIMSELF FROM DROWNING IN DEEP WELL**

Pine Level, March 31.—The eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rae of this city had a miraculous escape Thursday afternoon when after having fallen into a well, he drew himself out. He clung to some wood attached to the curb, and when he reached ground, he was exhausted with the exertion and also with fear of drowning. No one was near when he fell in, to hear any call for help.

## C. W. Langston Dies At Home

**Substantial Citizen of Bentonville Township; Funeral Yesterday Afternoon**

Mr. C. W. Langston, of Bentonville township, died at his home near Newton Grove early Wednesday morning. He had been ill for about two weeks suffering from pleurisy. During his brief illness he has been under the constant attention of physicians who considered his condition grave from the first.

Mr. Langston was a good and substantial citizen. He was well known here where several of his relatives live. He is survived by a widow and four small children, his mother, Mrs. Marcelline Langston, one sister, Mrs. Fred Gregory, of Newton Grove, and four brothers, Messrs. O. B., Norman, and Conley Langston, of Johnston county, and Mr. Cowyer Langston, of Sampson county.

Mr. Langston was a member of the Catholic church at Newton Grove and his remains were laid to rest in the Catholic church cemetery in that village on Thursday afternoon, April 1. Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Westbrook and Mr. H. V. Rose, of this city, attended the funeral and burial services.

**IMPRESSED WITH JOHNSTON COUNTY AND FARMS**

"I have been enjoying your good roads," said Dr. C. E. Burts, of Nashville, Tenn., in charge of the co-operative program of the Southern Baptist Convention. "North Carolina has a right to be proud of its road system," declared the Baptist leader. "And you showed good judgment in the manner in which they have been financed. Rich Northern tourists are paying a goodly part of the cost of the roads through the tax on gasoline and it is right that they should."

Dr. Burts had just returned from Smithfield and he praised warmly the appearance of the farms and homes of old Johnston. He said he could well understand that the county is ranked agriculturally as one of the best in the country. Dr. Burts is attending a number of rallies which Dr. Charles E. Madlry, Baptist State Secretary of missions, has arranged at different places in the state.—News and Observer.

**OFFER UNIVERSITY EXTENSION COURSES**

Mrs. A. R. Wilson of Selma, will be glad to hear from any and all in the county who will be interested in taking university extension courses, one in dramatic literature conducted by Prof. Koch and one in social problems by Prof. S. H. Hobbs. These courses give A. B. M. A. and state teachers certificate credit, and if there are enough in Johnston county interested, these courses will be given. The plan is to give two lessons a week for four weeks. In writing Mrs. Wilson or the extension department at the university at Chapel Hill, state the course desired, and the most convenient time and place for attending.

**Herald's "Devil" Goes To Norfolk**

Mr. Frank Morgan, the efficient "devil" at The Herald office, left last Tuesday night for Norfolk, Va., where he will visit his uncle. He will return to the city Sunday night.

## School Trucks To Stop After Today

**Districts With Special Tax Wishing To Pay For Trucks Will Be Considered by County Board Separately**

After today trucks which have been carrying children to the eight months schools in the county will cease to operate, inasmuch as the Northeastern Special School Taxing District election failed to carry some time ago. The county board of education in a meeting held here last Tuesday in discussing whether school districts with a special tax would be allowed to operate trucks at the expense of the districts from their local taxes where the district was not financially able to operate trucks and pay tuition from the local tax, decided to take up each district separately, requesting the committee interested to be present at a meeting of the board to be held next Monday, April 5. They are requested to come with facts as to those that are able to pay and those that are not able to pay tuition, and each district will be passed on separately, according to the merits of the case.

At this meeting Corinth-Holders, Hales and Emit districts were consolidated into one district with a special tax rate of twenty-five cents, this being the lowest rate of any of the three districts. This consolidation means that next year a school will be operated for eight months to the end that an accredited high school may be run in this district. The board of education will be asked for four additional rooms to their building.

Two new members of the board of trustees at Princeton were named at this session of the county board, namely: Dr. B. L. Aycock and Mr. Andrew Brewer. The other member of the Princeton board is Mr. A. F. Holt. A new member of the school committee in the Corinth district named at this session was Mr. C. B. Thomas, who succeeds Mr. George Phillips, who has moved from the district.

An order was passed that the old school building at Princeton be sold at auction. This building has been put up at the courthouse door and offered for sale once, but no one made a bid. This time the property will be sold in Princeton, and it is understood that chief among the prospective bidders are the Methodist and Baptist churches which expect to bid jointly. The churches need new Sunday school rooms, and are said to be interested in the old school building in order to help out this project.

The county board went to Cleveland township and visited several school sites, in view of locating the new Cleveland high school. A decision was deferred until the center of population and other necessary facts may be determined.

**CAR WASHED FREE**

Mr. Finch, proprietor of the Highway Service station of this city, in order to show you that they do the best car washing in the county, states that they are making a special introductory offer, and will wash all cars brought to this station this week free of charge. Stickers have been placed on quite a number of cars in the city this week bearing this announcement, but Mr. Finch suggests that whether a sticker has been placed on your car or not to come anyway. Absolutely, no red tape, your car will be washed free of charge if carried to the Highway Service station this week.

**Baptist Church**

Sunday school 9:30 a. m., the Baraca class at the same hour in the Victory theater. Easter musical program at 11 a. m., with sermon by the pastor, "The Power of the Resurrection." At 4 p. m., program of Easter music under the auspices of the music department of the Woman's club, singers from all the churches taking part. 6:30 p. m. Intermediate B. Y. P. U. 7:30 p. m. worship and sermon by the pastor, "The Resurrection as the Key of Destiny."

**Football Czar**

Big Bill Edwards, former Princeton football star is now czar of the "Red" Grange, professional league, which sought his services as a guiding influence similar to that which Landis exerts over baseball.

## Country Shivers As March Departs

**Many Sections In Knee Deep Snow; Mercury Tumbling**

Chicago, March 31.—The March Lion roared a departing farewell tonight and left large sections of the country knee-deep in snow.

The departing month left the Middle West, Northwest and Southwest in the icy grip of a 72-hour blizzard which was tearing Eastward in the teeth of a powerful wind.

While the storm of three days' duration partly paralyzed all forms of transportation and wire communications, caused heavy property loss and resulted directly or indirectly in upwards of a score of deaths, weather bureau forecasts indicated some relief tomorrow in the form of colder weather, gradually decreasing precipitation and abatement of the wind.

In Texas high winds accompanied by heavy rains cut a swath through the oil fields, leaving four dead and several thousands of dollars in damage was left.

Farmers derived both benefit and damage from the storm. Agricultural reports indicate that wheat and oats acreage might be decreased, but that fruit would be benefited.

The Easter finery display is likely to be curtailed by the blizzard even as it subsides immediately as far as Chicago is concerned, for Miami will be forced to parade on the boulevards between banks of snow and possibly with slush under foot, according to indications tonight.

**OLD ATLANTIC WHIPPED INTO FRENZY BY STORM**

New York, March 31.—(AP)—March died on the Atlantic ocean tonight in a mighty convulsion of storm tossed waters which sent one coast guard seaman to his death, sank a dredge off the Delaware Capes and crippled two luckless freighters.

After several weeks of comparatively quiet, a snow, sleet and rain freighted gale swept down from the Northeast sending inshore shipping scurrying for shelter. From mid-ocean ships' radios stuttered messages of distress and threatened disaster.

**Band Concert at Erwin**

The Erwin concert band will open the season of Sunday concerts in the park at Erwin on Easter Sunday, April 4, at 4 o'clock. The following program will be presented:

- March, Olympia Hippodrome.
- Greetings to Easter Morn.
- Waltz, Teroro Mio.
- Medley Overture, Living Pictures.
- Cornet Duet, Call of the Sea.
- Sketch, A Bunch of Rosebuds.
- Fox Trot, Yearning.
- Intermezzo, The Flower Girl.
- Overture, The Mountebank.
- Characteristic Dance, Peculiarity.
- Patrol, Spirit of America.
- March, The Conqueror.
- Arthur Whitley, Bandmaster.

A car of hogs was shipped recently by Gibson Brothers, farmers of Robeson county, for which they received 14 cents per pound.

**CAROLINA PLAYMAKERS HERE MONDAY, APRIL 12**

The Carolina Playmakers from the State university, Chapel Hill, will give a performance in Smithfield on Monday evening, April 12 at the high school auditorium. A brand new three-act play will be presented. The Playmakers have played in this city once, and their program was so well received that news of their coming again will be heard with pleasant anticipation. They are coming to this city under the auspices of the Business and Professional woman's club, and the proceeds will be used to furnish a room at the Johnston county hospital.

## Micro School To Stage Two Plays

**Local Actors To Present Mock Trial and Womanless Wedding**

Micro, April 1.—The public is invited to Micro high school auditorium Thursday evening, April 8, to spend an evening of real fun. There will be presented a mock trial, a one act play "Fooling with the Wrong Man," and a Womanless Wedding. Cast of characters for mock trial: Prof. Shacklett, presiding judge; Willie Wood, lawyer; Prof. Moser, lawyer; Ed Watson, lawyer; H. J. Corbett, lawyer; Walter Batten, sheriff. Miss Mary Kittrell has sued Mr. Bud Holland for damage in a breach of promise case. The juror will be selected from the community. The witness will be from Selma. Kenly and other places, and a good deal of excitement created over this trial.

Cast of characters for womanless wedding:

- Bride, Prof. Shacklett; groom, Wade Pearce; father of bride, Stradford Batten; bride's mother, Millard Wheeler; maid of honor, Mr. Paschall; dame of honor, A. E. Fitzgerald; ringbearer, Oscar Hinnant; flower girls, W. C. Pearce and Jim Corbett; bridesmaids, H. J. Corbett, Ed Watson, Algram Peole, Joe Gregory, Jim Hill, Ira Creech, Henry Talton; attendants, Clarence Wellons, Willie Wood, Hubert Smith, Spurgeon Creech, Wiley Wall, Charlie Fitzgerald, Walter Batten; officiating minister, Prof. Moser; soloist, Noble Hinnant; pianist, Luby Smith.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE OF B. AND P. WOMEN'S CLUB**

The nominating committee of the B. & P. Women's club, composed of Miss Cherry Gurley, chairman, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, Mrs. Cora Belle Ives, Miss Ruth Wilson and Miss Mary E. Wells, met Tuesday night and nominated officers which will be presented for election at the April meeting. The ticket nominated is as follows: president, Mrs. Clifton Beasley; vice-president, Mrs. Vera Sanders; recording secretary, Miss Corinna Sanders; corresponding secretary, Miss Mary Hill; treasurer, Miss Ida Batten; chairman of education committee, Miss Minnie Lee Garrison; chairman ways and means committee, Mrs. Jesse Coates; chairman of legislative committee, Miss Mildred Young; chairman of membership committee, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter; chairman of research and personal committee, Miss Cherry Gurley. The last committee was just formed at the February meeting, and Miss Gurley was chosen by the club at that time as its chairman. These names will be voted on at the April meeting but other nominations from the floor will be in order.

**TO AUCTION CITY STONE MOUNTAIN COIN OFF**

At the close of the illustrated lecture by Prof. A. Vermont at the courthouse tonight, Smithfield's Stone Mountain Memorial Coin will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Individuals will be privileged to bid, but Mrs. W. M. Sanders, chairman of the campaign in this city, is desirous that organizations bid also. The lecture which will be on a "Trip To France," will start at eight o'clock.

## Farmer Injured By Stalk Cutter

**Mr. Amos Allen In Hospital With Broken Foot Cuts and Bruises**

Smithfield, Route 2, April 1.—Mr. Amos Allen, of Parker's school section, is in the Johnston County Hospital. He was cutting stalks Friday and made an attempt to step down from the cutter when one of the mules became frightened and jumped, entangling his legs in the blades of the machine. The mules ran some distance before they were stopped, dragging Mr. Allen. One foot was badly broken and the other leg was badly cut and torn. He was rushed to the hospital for treatment. His condition was some better Sunday, says the report.

Sanders Chapel's entire community was saddened Monday morning when the news spread that Margaret Louise Hamilton was dead. Many did not know that she was sick. She was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. James Hamilton. She was born June 10, 1925, and died March 28, making her life on earth nine months and eighteen days. She was a much loved child and was the joy of her parents, grandparents, and relatives. Day by day the web of love grew denser until her going left their hearts crushed and bleeding. Louise had a cold but was taken violently worse Saturday morning with choking and gasping for breath. Dr. Hooks was summoned but could not give much relief. Dr. Fitzgerald and Dr. Wilson were also summoned, an operation was performed on her throat and a tube was inserted which gave a little relief, but her condition was so complicated that she grew worse until Sunday night her little life went out. She was buried Monday afternoon at three o'clock at Sanders Chapel cemetery. No funeral was held at the church, owing to the uncertain complications. Only a simple burial service was held by Mr. Z. L. Talton after which the little body was lowered to its last resting place. The sorrowing loved ones left the little flower covered mound with bowed heads. The grave will be a gentle reminder that they have a precious little flower in heaven that is blooming forever.

Mr. Leonard Woodard of this community recently visited his old home in Virginia. When seven years old Mr. Woodard's parents died. His father was Mr. Benjamin Woodard and his mother was Miss Loma Hill, Mr. R. L. Hill's sister. Mr. Leonard, with several brothers and sisters, were sent to Oxford Orphanage to be reared but after he had been there two years he was taken to Guinea Mills in Buckingham county, Va., to live with two sisters, Misses Annie and Adwerth Shepherd. Miss Annie was the eldest of ten children. Miss Annie is now 108 years old and Miss Adwerth seventy-three. Mr. Woodard came here on a visit when he was seventeen years old and by the persuasion of relatives did not go back. He made his first visit back last week as a surprise to these old ladies who had written him several times begging him to go back. He slipped in the parlor and was sitting on the piano stool before he was discovered, and when Miss Adwerth went in to investigate who was their visitor, she had a puzzled look on her face as she saw the stranger, not recognizing him until he stood up and smiled. Then she was overjoyed to see him and went to tell her "little sister" who is only 108 years old, who was also overjoyed at their prodigal foster child coming back. They have a nine-year-old boy that they have taken to rear which makes five boys in all they have reared and cared for. They are wealthy old ladies. Mr. Woodard said they did all in their power for his pleasure while there and want him to go back and live. He said he enjoyed taking the big well trained shepherd dog and roving the fields and woods of his former plantation. He said the people there were mainly big plantation owners and that they all joined the co-operative movement a few years

**HEALTH MOVING PICTURES IN COUNTY**

A two weeks program beginning April 5, consisting of entertaining and instructive moving pictures, suitable for the whole family, showing how to be healthier and happier will be given in as many of the public school buildings in the county as can be conveniently arranged. This program comes through the County Health Department in cooperation with the Bureau of Health Education, North Carolina State Board of Health. Admission free. Watch for appointments.

## C. D. Cook Gets Prize For Guess

**Clayton Gives \$20 to Person Guessing Nearest Amount of Cotton Ginned in County**

Clayton, March 30.—Mr. C. D. Cook, of Clayton Route 2, was the successful guesser in the contest conducted by J. G. Barbour and Sons, in which a prize of twenty dollars in gold was offered to the person guessing nearest to the number of bales of cotton ginned in Johnston county from the crop of 1925. Mr. Cook's guess was 74,000 bales, his guess being within 136 bales of the correct number, which was 74,136, as announced by the Government's final report made public on March 30. The contest was started on October 15 and closed on December 1st, no guesses being allowed after the final date. In all there was a total of 400 guesses registered in the contest.

**Selma Club Entertained**

Selma, March 31.—The members of the Chatterbox club were entertained by Mrs. W. W. Hare and Mrs. J. D. Massey at the home of the former Friday afternoon at a very delightful St. Patrick's day party. The home was tastefully decorated in keeping with the occasion, a color scheme of green and white being used. After the roll call and minutes of the last meeting were read, Mrs. W. B. Johnson sang "My Killarney Rose," accompanied by Mrs. M. R. Wall at the piano. A mock "potato digging" contest followed, with Mrs. C. E. Korngay and Mrs. J. W. Short tying for the prize. Mrs. Short drew the longest straw and was presented a prize.

Tables were then set for Heart's dice. Mrs. J. W. Short and Mrs. O. P. Fitzgerald tied for top score, the longest straw went to Mrs. Fitzgerald, the prize being a bottle of perfume. Mrs. J. C. Diehl was awarded the booby—a jar of mints.

The guests were then invited to the dining room where a salad course and iced tea followed by green and white block cream and decorated cakes were served. Each guest was given a St. Patrick's favor and green and white mints were passed.

Besides the club members the guests for the afternoon were Messdames Hunter Price, O. P. Fitzgerald, E. G. Richardson, S. W. Armitage, and R. D. Blackburn.

**Pine Level Baptist Church**

Next Sunday is regular services at the Pine Level Baptist church, morning and evening. Subject of sermons: 11 a. m. "Christian Lessons From the Fir and Myrtle Tree;" at 7 p. m., "The Devil's Cabinet and its Attack on Christianity." The pastor will also preach at Hepzibah Baptist church at 3 p. m. Revival services will begin at the Pine Level Baptist church on the fourth Sunday night in this month, conducted by Rev. J. E. Kirk, the new pastor of the Benson Baptist church.

JAS. W. ROSE, Pastor.

ago. Their tenants after trying the cooperative proposition, did not like it and moved out, leaving the landlords with vast acres of land untended and they are now up against it as taxes have to be paid and nobody to work their land. Some of them are talking of moving from their farms until things can be adjusted.

## Meadow Law And Order Club Meets

**J. D. Parker Chief Speaker; Mr. Marrow Discusses Standard High School For Meadow**

Benson, Route 2, March 31.—The Law and Order club of Meadow held its regular meeting last Saturday night. Mr. J. D. Parker of Smithfield made the address of the evening which was very interesting, helpful and inspiring. Everybody is urged to attend these meetings and help make Meadow community a morally clean community for both old and young.

The patrons of Meadow District Number 2 met in the Meadow high school auditorium Monday night of last week to discuss the possibilities of making Meadow a standard high school next year. Mr. H. B. Marrow was present and made a talk which was helpful to the people.

We are sorry to note the illness of little Billy Parker, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Parker, caused by burns received last Thursday when he turned a pot of hot water over on himself. We hope he will soon be well again.

The entire Meadow community was shocked last Wednesday to hear of the death of little James Hudson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. I. V. Hudson. James was seriously sick only about a day. The funeral was preached by Rev. P. A. Pridgen after which the body was taken to the Hood's Grove cemetery for burial. James was a loving child with a patient, cheerful disposition which made everyone who knew him love him. He will be greatly missed by both relatives and neighbors. The bereaved father and mother have the sympathy of the community.

Mrs. Smith, of Goldsboro, made a very interesting and helpful talk in the Meadow high school auditorium last Wednesday afternoon.

**COUNTRY STORE ROBBED**

Thieves entered the store of Mr. Russel Yelvington in the Polenta section Saturday night, according to news reaching here this week, and took ten dollars in money and a slot machine with whatever money was in the machine. The theft was discovered Sunday morning when Mr. Yelvington went in his store for something. A search for clues was made and the slot machine broken was found in the woods near a creek.

A second attempt was made to break in the store on Monday night but Mr. Yelvington was aroused and switched on the lights which caused the intruders to run.

**EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY BE SOUGHT FOR JESSE WYATT**

Raleigh, March 29.—Formal move for the pardon or parole of Jesse Wyatt, serving eight to 18 months for manslaughter in killing by accident Stephen S. Holt, of Smithfield, June 1, 1925, has been made.

Governor McLean will hear this petition about April 15. At that time Detective Wyatt will have served about 30 days. There was no effort to stand in the way of his going to the penitentiary when the Holt family declined to favor this clemency.

## The Mirror

IS THIS YOU?

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

You passed the courthouse yesterday afternoon at exactly two o'clock. You have a "boyish bob" and you wore a gray and tan mixed tweed coat, a blue and orange silk scarf, gray hose and brown walking shoes.

Miss Monevah Barbour, of the Polenta section, recognized herself in Tuesday's Mirror.