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## MEEKINS NAMES RECEIVERS FOR TOBACCO ASSOCIATION

M. L. Corey, J. H. Pou and Hallett S. Ward Are Named Receivers

Elizabeth City, June 19.—Federal Judge I. M. Meekins late today announced the appointment of M. L. Corey, of New York City, James H. Pou, of Raleigh, and Hallett S. Ward, of Washington, N. C., as receivers for the Tri-State Tobacco Growers Cooperative Marketing Association.

Counsel for the association and for the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Baltimore, a co-defendant in the suit, gave notice that an appeal would be filed in the circuit court of appeals for this district.

Both Sides Satisfied. Attorneys for both sides expressed themselves as entirely satisfied with the personnel of the receivership.

The receivership order cites as reasons for the receivership that, from the facts presented, it appeared to the court that the directors and officers of the Association have so managed its affairs that it is either insolvent or in imminent danger of insolvency. It, the order, further sets out that the organization's directors, "high salaried officials," and other agents and employees entered into contracts with themselves or with firms in which they were financially interested for redrying much tobacco, and made large profits; that such acts were approved by the directors; that certain of the directors and officers bought warehouse properties at exorbitant prices; that salaries were paid in excess of the value of the services rendered, and sometimes for unnecessary services, in disregard of the rights of the members.

As a result of the actions of the board of directors, the order declares, the Association is being liquidated by a joint committee of three directors and two representatives of large creditors.

The Association "has failed of its purpose, and such purpose has been rendered impossible," due to the fact that the management has lost the confidence of the membership, it is asserted. As a further result of the way the affairs of the Association have been handled, the members have sustained heavy losses, and the Association's assets have fallen far below an amount sufficient to pay a fair market value for the tobacco delivered by the members.

Large Bond Required. The court did not fix the amount of compensation to be received by the receivers, Judge Meekins stating that he would have to consider that further. The receivers were directed to give bond of \$250,000 each.

M. L. Corey makes it his business to act as financial and business adviser to Co-operative marketing associations, and was recently appointed to that capacity by the directors of the organization, at the suggestion of the Baltimore Credit Bank, the Association's largest creditor. The other two receivers are widely known.

Mr. Pou is credited with being one of the outstanding lawyers in North Carolina, and Mr. Ward, who formerly represented the first North Carolina district in Congress, is a prominent eastern North Carolina lawyer and business man.—Associated Press.

## MOVE OFFICES

The remodeling of the T. C. Jordan's building, formerly known as the Jones-Cotter building on Market street, for the use of the Hudson-Belk company has made it necessary for those occupying offices on the second floor of this building to move to new quarters. Mr. J. A. Narron has moved to the Davis building over the Jordan Jewelry company. Mr. Charles H. Grady has moved his office to the hotel building, to the rooms formerly occupied by the May-Sans Tea room, and the State Highway Commission offices have been moved to the Hood building.

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BASEBALL LEAGUE IS NOW COMPLETED. Pine Level has entered the Johnston County Baseball League and will meet Four Oaks at Four Oaks today. Smithfield plays Clayton here Friday at 4 o'clock on the high school diamond. A battle royal is expected between the local nine and Clayton, the visiting team being one of the strongest in the State. The local club won two games from Four Oaks last week.

## Mr. Chas. Wellons Is Fatally Injured

Succumbs to Injuries Received at Railroad Crossing Friday

Selma, June 21.—News has reached relatives here of the death of Mr. Charles Wellons, a well-known farmer of Micro township. Mr. Wellons had purchased some property in Micro and had driven over in his car early Friday morning to have some repairing done on the buildings. As he was crossing the Coast Line railroad the fast Northbound Train No. 34 struck him, demolishing his car, while he miraculously escaped instant death. He was taken on board the train and carried to a Rocky Mount hospital, where his injuries were found to be of a very serious nature. He succumbed to his injuries Saturday morning at 5 o'clock. No one was with him at the time of the accident and why he did not see or hear the oncoming train will always remain a mystery as there was no obstruction on the tracks and no nearby curves.

Mr. Wellons is survived by his widow and five children. He was about 70 years of age. Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 1 o'clock at the Micro Free Will Baptist Church, Rev. S. H. Styron, officiating.

MRS. SARAH BALLARD PASSES AT HOME OF SISTER. Selma, June 21.—Mrs. Sarah Ballard, widow of the late James Ballard, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. John H. Parker, Friday. Interment was made in the family burial ground near Sanders Chapel Saturday evening. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. J. H. Parker of Selma, and Mrs. H. A. Peterson of Smithfield. Funeral services were conducted by Elder Jesse Barnes, of Smithfield. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist church and held her membership in Smithfield. She was 80 year old.

COMMUNITY MEETING AT CARTER'S SCHOOL HOUSE. A meeting of very great importance to the farmers and their wives will be held in the Carter school house, Boon Hill township, on Friday evening, June 25, at 7:30 p. m. A prominent speaker of the state will be on hand to make a short talk that will interest all who come out.

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AUNT ROXIE SAYS—By Me—  
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## An Old Landmark Is Being Removed

The Removal of "The White Rock" On Fourth Street Is Proving A Big Task

One of the landmarks of Smithfield—the Old White Rock—is being removed on Fourth street to make way for the street paving now in progress. This natural formation on Fourth street showing a circular area above ground thirty or forty feet in circumference has been a favorite playground for children for many years. A companion rock about the same size though oblong in shape still remains in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Henry.

It has been an almost Herculean task to remove this huge rock which weighs thousands and thousands of pounds, and numerous blastings with dynamite have not yet served to break it up sufficiently to be removed. The removal is entailing patient, hard work and the cost has been estimated at perhaps a thousand dollars.

Those who have grown familiar with it through the years rather regret to see it removed and would like to see its pieces preserved in some sort of memento—for instance a rock wall or seat similar to the rock seat recently built at Chapel Hill out of the Freshmen rock pile.

The removal of this familiar object has caused some little comment as well as much hard labor. The other day an old colored woman passed by the workmen, and, stopping to pay tribute to the passing of the old rock, she told them that when she was a small girl she used to chop cotton along there and she was always glad when she got a row across which this rock lay, as it helped her to finish her row ahead of the others.

Another very able discussion which the old rock has called forth came from two of the negro laborers whose task it has been to remove it from its ancient bed. The question they were heard to discuss was: Do rocks grow? This discussion took place while they were delving around it with pick and hoe. Needless to say they were both on the affirmative.

## Mrs. W. R. Brannan Dead

Mrs. Malinda Brannan, wife of Mr. W. R. Brannan, of O'Neals township, died at her home on Tuesday, June 15, after a lingering illness. The deceased was taken sick on last December and on February 3 underwent an operation at Rex hospital, Raleigh. She returned to her home and was able to be up around the house, but never finally recovered from the operation, passing away at her home last week.

Mrs. Brannan was born December 5, 1860, this being her sixty-sixth year. After a long, busy and useful life she died as she had lived—honored, trusted and loved. She reared her own monument as she lived in the hearts of all in her community. Her life was completed if work all done and well done constitutes completion. She was the daughter of the late Jesse and Elizabeth Brown, and lived all her days in O'Neals township.

On Wednesday afternoon Elder Jesse Barnes conducted the funeral services and interment was made at the Price burying ground. The flowers were many and beautiful, emblems of love and sympathy from the friends of the family. At the funeral a favorite song was sung: "Come My Dear Friends and Mourn With Me." A large crowd of friends and relatives were present to pay a last tribute of respect.

The deceased is survived by her husband and seven children as follows: Mrs. Lula Hatcher, Mrs. Ella Wilder, Mrs. Paul Whitley, Mrs. Jonah Parrish, Jesse Brannan, Eddie Brannan, all of O'Neals township, and B. M. Brannan, who holds a position at the post office in this city.

Top dress cotton and corn with quick acting nitrogen fertilizers before it is too late and win back the growth lost during the drought, say agronomy workers at State College.

## Bryan Luck?



Despite the fact that early returns showed Ruth Bryan Owen, daughter of the famous late Wm. J. Bryan, a winner of the Democratic nomination for Congress from the Fourth Florida district, it would seem she lost as the final official count is being tabulated.

## Mail Bag Found In Well Bottom

Lost From Station Here Last Fall: Contained Over 1000 Pieces First Class Mail

The cleaning out of a well last Saturday in Belmont, a negro section just east of the railroad, cleared up a mystery that has gone unsolved since last fall. Last fall, a mail bag was stolen at the station here, and all efforts to locate it had proved futile until W. L. McMillan, a well-known, reliable colored man, found the missing sack Saturday in the bottom of his well.

For some time, McMillan states, the water in his well had been bad. It had caused his family to be sick, and they stopped drinking it. Last Saturday he decided to clean the well out in an effort to find out what was causing the water to be bad, and found the mail pouch. It had been weighted down with several bricks, and when McMillan saw the sack sticking up in the mud at the bottom of the well he thought it was a man's shirt. He fully expected to find a dead man.

The sack was carried to the postmaster, Mrs. Sarah A. Luncford, and over a thousand pieces of first class mail were brought to light. The writing is legible, and as soon as the mail has time to dry, it will be sent on to its destination.

## NORTH CAROLINA

By BERTON BRALEY  
As soon as you get to No'th Carolina

The roads and the towns get newah and finah, The people walk with a brisker step, And even your motor has more pep. The hobkorm's banished, the country has, A lot more energy, pep and jazz, The livest Northerner couldn't design a Livlier State than No'th Carolina.

The farms look fatter, the Hamlets ain't, Quite ignorant of the sight of paint, They're building roads, and they are not content With sand and clay, but they use cement. And the schools look good, and the mills are busy And each inhabitant owns a Lizzie, Or a big twin six or something finah, As soon as you get to No'th Carolina!

This State's not dreaming of going by And the village belles and village beaux Are as smartly dressed as the crowd which flows On Gotham's streets. You must give 'em credit, These folks are fully awake, you said it! You meet the "boostah"; you lose the "whinah." As soon as you get to No'th Carolina!

## Officer Arrests Deputy Sheriff

Pittman Pleads Guilty To Violating Prohibition Laws in Mayor's Court

The second officer within ten days was arrested in Smithfield Sunday night when J. F. Johnson, plain clothes officer, served a warrant on Forest L. Pittman, deputy sheriff, the warrant charging the operation of an automobile while under the influence of liquor. The car belonging to Mr. Pittman was found between eight and nine o'clock ditched on North Third street. He had before this happened, run into a car driven by Mr. Horace Smith who lives on the edge of town, somewhat damaging Smith's car. This wreck took place near the new cemetery.

Pittman was tried in the mayor's court yesterday and the defendant pleaded guilty to the charge. Two witnesses, R. E. Holt and Horace Smith, were put on the stand besides Mr. Johnson. Mayor Narron deferred sentence until today.

## Laundry To Open At An Early Date

Roxboro Citizen Coming Here To Operate Laundry; Machinery Has Been Shipped

Smithfield is to have a fully equipped up-to-date laundry. For some time the Oak City Laundry of Raleigh, has operated a damp wash here, but for complete laundering, citizens here have had to send to neighboring towns or depend on local wash-women. Arrangements have been made to turn the brick building on Johnson street next to H. C. Hood's residence into a laundry that will do a complete job.

Mr. Bennie Clayton, of Roxboro, has secured from the city a permit to open up this establishment and machinery which represents a value of about \$11,000 has already been shipped. The laundry will give employment to about twenty negro women and about ten men.

The proprietors state that the equipment is thoroughly modern, and they expect to serve not only Smithfield but the surrounding towns and country. The venture is not an experiment with Mr. Clayton. He is experienced in the business, and expects to make the Smithfield laundry fill the needs of this section.

## A GOOD RECIPE FOR USING WHITENASH

Raleigh, N. C., June 18.—Numerous inquiries are received by the extension division of State college about the best whitenash to use for the hen house or other outbuildings. The requests are particularly numerous during the early spring and summer. The following directions used with success in another state may give an effective whitenash for use in North Carolina:

"Slack a half bushel of quicklime or lump lime with boiling water, keeping it covered during the process. Strain this and add a peck of salt dissolved in warm water, three pounds of ground rice boiled in water until it is a thin paste, a half pound of Spanish whiting and a pound of clear blue dissolved in warm water. Mix together well and let the mixture stand for several days. Heat it and apply as quickly as possible with the whitewash brush.

"Alum added to whitewash will make it stick better. Use an ounce to a gallon. Molasses makes the lime more soluble and makes it penetrate the wood or plaster more deeply. Use a pint of molasses to a gallon of whitewash. A pound of cheap bar soap dissolved in a gallon of boiling water and added to five gallons of thick whitewash will impart a gloss like that of oil paint."

Renew your subscription.

## Threats Against Elevation Citizen

Anonymous Note Tells Ruffin Barbour His Day Is Near At Hand

Mr. J. Ruffin Barbour, who lives in the Smith's school section in Elevation township a few miles from town, found in his yard Saturday a sheet of tablet paper on which was printed with a pencil the following note:

"June 5.  
"Mr. Barbour:  
"It seems as if you can't let other folks business alone. Are you ready to meet thy God? Your day is near at hand and you sure will get what we have in store for you.  
"Z. Z. & Y."

Mr. Barbour has been active in helping to rid his community of whiskey and he thinks that explains the note which was placed in his yard. Mr. Barbour states, however, that he is not afraid.

It will be recalled that in April, an attempt was made to dynamite the house of Mr. E. N. Jones, a neighbor of Mr. Barbour, and this occurrence was thought to have been caused from the fact that a whiskey still had been captured in the neighborhood.

Mr. Barbour is a reliable man who lives on the farm of Mr. W. S. Smith. He bears the reputation of attending to his own business, but is fearless when a principle is involved. He does not seem to be greatly disturbed over the threat which has been anonymously made concerning him.

## WOMAN NEARLY CHOKED BY LARGE BLACKSNAKE

York, Pa., June 21.—Attacked by a big blacksnake at her home yesterday, Mrs. Cynthia Chanceford ran a mile over the hills for aid with the snake girdled around her neck and almost choking her. She was near collapse from pain and shock when the reptile was killed by men who went to her assistance. The snake was seven feet, four inches long. Mrs. Chanceford had gone to the chicken house and reached into a nest above her head. The snake darted out and entwined itself about her neck and arms.

## BETTER NOT SAY IT

Bad news travels faster than good news. There is an old saying, "No news is good news." Let a man be converted at a church service and there is not much of a stir, but let a resident be convicted of crime and the news leaps by word of mouth from one end of the community to the other.

How thoughtlessly unkind we sometimes are when acquaintances of ours suffer misfortune! Troubles are bound to come to us all in some shape or form, and what we say about others today may apply to us tomorrow. News is no respecter of persons.

We are prone to consider the ways of others not our ways when we should be watching our own step. What folks say of one another sometimes hurts more than anything they could have done. News, either good or bad, grows and becomes exaggerated and distorted with peddling. When the news is good it makes no material difference how it is exaggerated or distorted—it can never do anyone any positive harm. But bad news given wings, may bring sorrow and ruin upon people who certainly are not deserving of a punishment beyond the penalty of their mistake.

More charity for others will mean charity for ourselves and we will gradually come to take a keener delight in reporting something good of some person than something bad. Good is constructive, bad is destructive. Just before you are about to let out a bit of "bad news," stop and think for a moment. See if you can't think of something good to say in place of it. The chances are ten to one that you can and that you will.—Red Springs Citizen.

Club boys and girls will gather at State College for their annual short course on July 5 to 10.

## Papal Legate



Latest photo of Cardinal Bonzano, Papal Legate to the International Eucharistic Congress, being held in Chicago. The Congress is attended by high church dignitaries from all over the world.

## Good Program Farm Convention

Dr. Soule To Speak On Community Building; Hog Calling Contest A Feature

Raleigh, June 21.—A feature of the State Farmers' Convention to be held at State College July 27, 28 and 29 will be an address by Dr. Andrew M. Soule, President of the State College of Agriculture at Athens, Georgia, on "Community Building." Dr. Soule is one of the well known educators of the South and is an unusually forceful speaker. His address will probably be set for the general meeting on Wednesday night, July 28.

Dr. A. G. Glover, editor of Hoard's Dairyman, will use as the subject for his address, "Dairying as a Supplement to a Cash Crop." Dr. Glover is well acquainted with the dairy industry of the United States and is editor of the leading dairy publication in the world. His talk, according to Secretary J. M. Gray, will be one of the leading features of the convention.

The hog calling contest will be held from the porch of Pullen Hall at 12:30, Wednesday, July 28, according to Mr. Gray and will be judged by the following score: volume, 50 points; variety, 25 points; enticement, 10 points; musical quality, 10 points and facial expression, 5 points. The judges, as announced by Mr. Gray, are Earl Hostetler, swine investigator W. W. Shay, swine extension specialist and F. H. Jeter, agricultural editor.

The workers in the school of Agriculture are now making plans for a number of exhibits which will show how the college is working with the farmers of the state and is trying to solve some of the more perplexing problems of the day.

Mr. Gray states also that the new animal husbandry building, Polk Hall, will be dedicated to the service of the farmers during this convention. Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, will deliver the dedication address.

MR. MARROW TO BE AT OAK GROVE SATURDAY. Mr. R. W. Marrow, of the Oak Grove section in Bentonville township, was in the city Thursday. He asked that the announcement be made that County Superintendent H. B. Marrow will speak at Oak Grove Saturday afternoon, June 26, at four o'clock. Mr. Marrow will discuss a special tax for this district. Massey and Mill Creek districts are also given an invitation to be present.

PLEASED AT NEWS OF PROSPECTIVE HIGHWAY. Dunn, June 21.—Many Harnett people are pleased at the announcement that the county is to build a new highway from Erwin via Coats and Angier, connecting with State highway No. 21, near the Wake county line. The new road will traverse one of the best agricultural sections of Harnett, as well as touch two of its best towns.

## Benson Expects 15000 Visitors

Tri-County Singing Society to Give Annual Program on Fourth Sunday

Benson, June 18.—The Tri-County Singing Society will meet here in annual session on the fourth Sunday and will have a better program than it has ever had during the five or six years the singers have been meeting here. The Word comes from Greensboro, Henderson and from different towns in the eastern part of the state that choirs will be here that have never been on hand before.

All the choirs in Johnston and surrounding counties will be on hand and many new choirs from the same counties will be here also. Many of the old choirs have new music and some of them new leaders all of which points to a better grade of singing than has ever marked the annual meeting of the society.

A choir under the direction of Mr. S. P. Honecutt is being organized in Benson. This choir will not compete for the prizes but will open the contest for the loving cup which will take place just after the noon intermission.

The singers will meet at ten o'clock and Hon. John A. Oates, well-known orator of Fayetteville, has been invited to be here and deliver the annual address but it is not certain now that he can be secured.

Plans are being made to rebuild the band stand to accommodate larger choirs with less trouble. The Benson Concert Band has been secured to furnish a few selections consisting of quartets, choirs and probably solos will feature the program for the day.

The drug stores in town will be requested to remain open on that day for the convenience of the enormous crowd expected on that day.

Last year it is conservatively estimated that there were 40,000 people here. This year with the added attractions at least 15,000 are expected.

## PROLONGED DROUGHT IS BROKEN IN STATE

Relief from a prolonged drought came Saturday night when light showers to drenching rains fell in practically every section of North Carolina. Parched vegetation has been revived and possibly millions of dollars have been saved to the farmers of the state.

More than an inch of rain fell Saturday night and Sunday and it was a steady, gentle rain that soaked into the ground. The rain was accompanied by a drop in the temperature unusual for this section at this time of the year. People sat by the fire and found it comfortable.

The rain was general for the entire state, and crops in every section have been benefited. Cotton stands in the dry areas are reported to be about three-fourths of normal. The peach growers of the Sandhills say the rain came just in time to save their crop.

In many places people were praying for rain. The Durham Ku Klux Klan claim that their prayers may have been answered. Following the regular weekly meeting of the Klan Friday evening more than three hundred of those present remained in the lodge rooms and conducted a prayer service for rain to touch the parched land of the country.

## A Tantalizer

There is exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield, and if the right one deciphers their name and will present it to The Herald office, we will present them with a complimentary ticket to the Victory Theatre. You must bring copy of this paper in order to secure ticket.

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Chester Stephenson recognized his name in last issue.