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Tobacco Growers Meet In Raleigh

Steps Taken For Organizing Cooperative Association—Stone, Vice President Federal Farm Board Speaks

Johnston county was fairly well represented at the meeting of North Carolina tobacco growers which was held at Stato College, Raleigh, Tuesday for the purpose of discussing the advisability of reorganization of a cooperative association.

Probably 1000 tobacco growers were in Raleigh to hear James C. Stone, vice president of the Federal Farm Board, who pointed out some of the advantages of an association, and also some of the things to be avoided. Mr. Stone does not think a cooperative association will be a panacea for all ills, but he does believe that organization will help to stabilize the price. A cooperative association, he said, is not a price fixing organization, it is a merchandising association, and set up on sound business principle, it will be the means of avoiding wide fluctuations in the price. Too high a price for tobacco, he stated, is just as harmful as too low a price.

Mr. Stone believes that a cooperative association, to be successful, must be constituted of growers who believe in the principle of cooperative marketing and who are willing to give their time and energy in making an association a success. He does not believe in coercing farmers to join. He thinks the contracts should be of indeterminate terms. If a farmer wishes to get out after he has signed, he should be allowed to do so, but should not be allowed to go back into one association under two years.

One very favorable factor in reorganizing an association, thinks Mr. Stone, is the change in the attitude of the United States government toward cooperative marketing. Ten years ago no one in Washington would even listen when the subject was brought up. Now the government is behind cooperative marketing, a fact that should mean the cooperation of the tobacco manufacturers instead of their antagonism.

He brought the big crowd to cheers when he declared for government grading. He smiled a dawning when asked to say what would be the government's attitude toward free grading, but thought the board at Washington would be willing to grade at a nominal price. The farmers would thereby get uniformity and that is what they miss now. The Smithfield market has had the opportunity to try out government grading this year, and whether there is an association or not, government grading is taking well with the farmers.

When Mr. Stone had made his speech, Dean I. O. Schaub, of Stato College, who presided over the meeting, took a vote to ascertain the sentiment for or against the organization of an association at this time. The voting took place after quite a number had left the hall for lunch, but even then, 479 voted for organizing with only three negative votes.

The organization will proceed along state lines instead of grouping several states, though after the state organizations are perfected, it is likely that an all embracing sales organization will be formed.

After a number of suggestions as to the procedure for organizing, it was decided that the chairman name a nominating committee of five which shall name an organization committee of fifteen to report back to a mass meeting to be held early in January.

The organization committee is composed of the following: Dr. S. H. Crocker, Wilson county, a former president of the Farm Convention; L. O. Mosely, Lenoir county, a State College Master Farmer; M. L. Adderholdt, Davidson county, a past president of the Farm Convention; E. G. Moss, Granville county, Superintendent

Missionary Society Elect New Officers

Mrs. J. H. Strickland Elected President of Four Oaks Organization; Personals

FOUR OAKS, Dec. 19.—The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist church met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Jesse Stanley, Mrs. J. H. Strickland presided. The subject for the afternoon was "World Fellowship." A very interesting program under the direction of Mrs. J. W. Sanders was given. The nominating committee brought in their report, and it was acted upon making Mrs. J. H. Strickland, president, and Mrs. Alton Massengill, vice president. Other officers elected were: recording secretary, Mrs. Jesse Stanley; assistant secretary, Miss Pauline Lee; treasurer and corresponding secretary, Mrs. Gilbert Creech; pianist, Mrs. Ralph Canaday; superintendent of mission study, Mrs. A. L. Brown; superintendent of social service and education, Mrs. Jeff Lassiter; chairman of personal service, Mrs. Roy Johnson; chairman of stewardship, Mrs. J. W. Sanders; leaders of Sunbeam Band, Miss Catherine Barbour and Miss Thelma Daughtery.

The society was divided into three circles with Mrs. Joe Richardson, chairman of circle number one; Mrs. S. M. Boyett, chairman of circle No. two, and Mrs. E. B. Johnson, chairman of circle No. three. The circles will meet on Monday after the third Sunday and the regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday after the third Sunday as usual.

During the social hour the hostess served a delicious course of chicken salad and coffee.

Personals

Rev. and Mrs. N. C. Yearby spent Wednesday in Raleigh. Mr. Hubert Allen, of Wilson, spent a few days at his home here last week.

Mr. James Adams, of Richmond, Va., is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Adams.

Mesdames Nathan Keene, Ransom Strickland, W. J. Lewis, Carl Lewis and Ralph Canaday spent Wednesday in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Penny, of Fayetteville, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Stanley Sunday.

Mesdames J. W. Champion and Alton Johnson, of Raleigh, visited relatives here Wednesday.

Mr. Hubert Massengill went to Raleigh Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Canaday and children spent Tuesday afternoon in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Creech and son, James Bryan, went to Raleigh and Coats Tuesday.

Mrs. William Sanders, Mrs. Carl Lewis and Mrs. Ralph Canaday attended a tea given in honor of Miss Alene Cotes, bride-elect, Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. R. Denning at Benson.

Miss Janie McNeal spent the week end at her home in Kenly.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lewis spent Sunday in Kenly with relatives.

Mr. Valton Stephenson who is attending school in Chicago, Ill., was called home last Thursday en account of the death of his mother, Mrs. Floyd Stephenson, who died suddenly last Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Canaday and children visited relatives at Newton Grove Sunday.

Mr. Marion Stanley, who is receiving treatment at Johns-Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md., is improving.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Allen on Friday, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee Jr., on Monday, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Matthews on Wednesday, a daughter.

of the Tobacco Experiment Station and a large tobacco grower, and A. D. Smith, a county commissioner of Cumberland county.

In organizing the state cooperative there will be fifteen districts based on a production of 50,000 pounds of tobacco in each. Johnston county would be in district No. 7 together with Harnett and Sampson counties.

Regular Sessions Recorder's Court

Many Criminal Cases Tried During Past Two Weeks; Court Held In Commissioners Room

Because of a two weeks recess of Superior court which is in session here, Recorder's court has been held in the commissioners' room the past two weeks. During this time the following cases have been tried and disposed of:

Preston Peedin was found guilty of abandonment and non-support. Prayer for judgment was continued until the third Tuesday in January, 1930.

Walter Davis was sentenced to the roads for 90 days for violation of the prohibition laws. The sentence is to be suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and the cost.

John Bryant was convicted of possession and transportation of resisting arrest. A four months road sentence is to be suspended at the end of 60 days provided the cost is paid.

John Campbell was found guilty of possession and transportation. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of the cost.

T. W. Edwards, charged with giving worthless check, and Andrew Tart, charged with beating board bill, were found not guilty.

James Smith received a six months road sentence for abandonment and non-support. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of the cost and upon further condition that the defendant provide adequate support for his wife and children.

William Reeves was sentenced to the roads for four months and taxed with the cost. He is to be discharged at the end of sixty days provided the cost is paid.

Willis Ferrell was convicted of abandonment and non-support. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of the cost.

Randy Wells was sentenced to the roads for a term of 90 days for giving worthless check. He is to be discharged at the end of 30 days provided the cost is paid. On another count charging worthless check the defendant was sentenced to the roads for 30 days, this term to run concurrently with the first sentence. The defendant was taxed with the cost in this case.

Bernard Allen was convicted of abandonment and non-support. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of the cost and \$10 per month to his wife and child.

R. A. Baker was sentenced to the roads for 30 days for possession and transportation. The sentence is to be suspended upon the payment of the cost.

Menroe Baker was convicted of the larceny of a coat and shoes valued at less than \$20 and was sentenced to the roads for six months. The sentence is to be suspended upon the payment of the cost.

G. R. Turner was sentenced to the roads for 60 days for possession and transportation. The sentence is to be suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and the cost. He was given time in which to pay.

Rastus O'Neal was convicted of removing crops. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of the cost and upon payment of \$30 to J. P. Glover.

Mack Young was found guilty of the larceny of chickens in the value of less than \$20. He was given 60 days on the county roads, to be discharged at the end of 30 days provided the cost is paid.

R. E. Stanley, Lettie Hayes and Wiley B. Hayes were convicted of prostitution. Lettie Hayes was sentenced to jail for a term of 30 days to be worked as the sheriff sees fit, and Wiley B. Hayes was sentenced to the roads for four months. His sentence is to be suspended upon the payment of all the cost. R. E. Stanley was ordered to serve a sentence of eight months as set out in a previous judgment.

Miss Rochelle Breedlove, sister of the defendant, testified that she heard Thurston make some angry remarks about his father taking his child off with him. She saw him take a gun and start off in the direction that had been taken by her father and Fred Blake. She followed him until he stopped to shoot his father. When the gun fired this witness was at a short distance from her brother. She had begged him to go back to the house but the only remark he made was for her to come no closer to him.

Other witnesses testified that immediately after the shooting Thurston Breedlove got on his car and took his child and made a hasty flight from the community. He left the child at the home of Rev. S. P. McGregor. The shooting took place about 8:30 in the morning and the same day at eleven o'clock the defendant was arrested in Wilson.

The defendant was represented by Attorneys E. J. Wellons of Smithfield and James Raynor of Benson. The State had rested its case by noon yesterday and two p. m. the defendant began to produce evidence. A plea of in-

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Commits Suicide

News Reached Here Yesterday That Willie Wood, Whose Home Was About Four Miles East of Benson, Had Committed Suicide on Wednesday by Drinking Carbolic Acid

According to Dr. Parker, county coroner, who made an inspection of the body, the tragic occurrence took place between one and two o'clock Wednesday afternoon. About 12:30 o'clock, Mr. Wood bought a bottle of carbolic acid at the Peacock Drug company in Benson. It is thought he drank it on his way home. Road hands discovered him about a mile from his home, but at first did not know that anything was wrong. Later they found him in a dying condition. A bottle with about a half teaspoonful of carbolic acid in it was found about his person.

Wood leaves a wife and five children. He was 43 years of age. The father of the dead man told the coroner that financial troubles caused him to commit the act.

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Recent Activities Of Local School

Christmas Celebration Different; Play by Grammar Grades Succeeds; Attendance Record For 3rd Month

The Smithfield school this week celebrated Christmas in a little different manner from the usual Christmas trees with the pupils drawing names and giving each other presents, the pupils this year brought gifts including canned goods, potatoes, fruits and other things, which they have turned over to Mrs. D. J. Tharston, county superintendent of public welfare, to be used in carrying Christmas cheer to needy families. The entire school participated in this Christmas program, which emphasizes giving rather than getting.

Santa Claus Comes to School. Last Tuesday morning Old Santa came down from Raleigh and visited the grammar school. Fifteen minutes before noon the pupils assembled in the auditorium and after singing "Jingle Bells," Santa Claus walked out on the stage. It was quite a surprise to a great many and it was an unusual experience to watch the little ones who saw Old Santa for the first time. For a few minutes Santa Claus entertained the children by telling them what he was going to do Christmas and what he expected them to do, and then left.

Play by Children's Theatre. On Friday afternoon, Dec. 13, the Children's Theatre of the Smithfield grammar school presented the play "Silver Thread" by Constance D'Archy MacKay. Nearly all pupils attended and a number of the parents were present to enjoy the first presentation of the Children's Theatre under the direction of Miss Vivian Burton. The play, "Silver Thread" is a play of a very high order and very difficult to present, but these grammar grade pupils presented it in such a manner as to cause one to think that they were in the habit of taking part in plays every day. The total proceeds amounted to \$31.85 which will be used toward buying stage scenery. The pupils who took part in the play were: Cubert, Creighton Sossamon; Dame Norma, Josephine Phillips; Gwendia the Princess, Leah Myatt; King Radnor, Lindsay Ellis; Mabina, Mary Noble; Alice, Pauline Johnson; Guilden, Glenn Grier; Solberg, Julian Hamilton; Thorwald, Roderick Whitehurst; King Shad-cowef, Carl Pugh; Shag, Alex Ziad; Mole's Ear, Doris Johnson; Mottlesnout, Marjorie Jones; Ratkin, Bill Hood; Frolly, Joe Grimes; Slumpkin, Betty Norcross; Koll, Charles Pierce; Clawfoot, Madeline Matthew; Woman from Beyond the Hills, Adelaide Pierce.

Attendance For Third Month. The total enrollment for the third month was 815 ranging from 31 in the 11th grade to 58 in the eighth grade. The enrollment by grades with the percentage attendance follows:

Grade	Enrollment	Per Ct.	At.
1A	49	94	
1B	49	98	
2A	43	98	
2B	37	93	
2C	36	95	
3A	56	95	
3B	51	94	
4A	43	92	
4B	47	92	
5A	34	97	
5B	33	93	
6A	45	96	
6B	49	93	
7A	38	92	
7B	33	92	
8	58	97	
9	38	96	
10	48	95	
11	31	97	

Sophomore Class Puts on Play. The sophomore class under the direction of Miss Gertrude Taylor put on the Zander-Gump Wedding recently for the purpose of raising money to beautify the school grounds. The wedding is based on the comic section of the newspapers.

Betsy Jordan as Ella Cinders was the broadcaster and let the school

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Convict Breedlove Murder Of Father

Thurston Breedlove Draws Sentence of From 25 to 30 Years in State Prison

Thurston Breedlove, charged with the murder of his father E. L. Breedlove, last August, was sentenced to 25 to 30 years in the state penitentiary yesterday afternoon after the state agreed to accept a verdict of second degree murder. This took place after the defense had put on a number of witnesses. The case started Wednesday afternoon. A jury was selected from a special venire of 50 men and yesterday morning the court began to hear the evidence.

Solicitor Clawson L. Williams, prosecuting for the State, put the defendant to trial for first degree murder. Fred Blakes, a negro, was the first witness called by the state. He testified that on the morning of the murder he and the elder Breedlove left home on a Ford car and drove down a plantation path to where Gilbert Breedlove lives. They did not stop at Gilbert's house but turned around and started back home. On the way back they were confronted by Thurston Breedlove with a drawn gun in his hand. At this point the negro sprang from the car and in doing so he heard the report of the gun. A little later he returned to the car and E. L. Breedlove was dead, the load of shot having entered the dead man's neck where it joins the body. The negro testified that just prior to the firing of the gun, Thurston Breedlove and his father had exchanged some words over Thurston's child, who was at the time of the shooting seated on the older man's knee.

Miss Rochelle Breedlove, sister of the defendant, testified that she heard Thurston make some angry remarks about his father taking his child off with him. She saw him take a gun and start off in the direction that had been taken by her father and Fred Blake. She followed him until he stopped to shoot his father. When the gun fired this witness was at a short distance from her brother. She had begged him to go back to the house but the only remark he made was for her to come no closer to him.

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Dr. Duncan Heads Medical Society

Benson Physician Elected President of Johnston County Medical Society At Meeting Held Here Wednesday

Dr. S. A. Duncan, of Benson, was elected president of the Johnston County Medical Society at the regular monthly meeting in Smithfield Wednesday evening. He succeeds Dr. W. G. Wilson, Jr., of this city. Dr. W. J. Masey, Jr., of this city was elected first vice-president and Dr. F. M. Aycock, Princeton, second vice-president. Board of Censors: Dr. B. A. Hocutt, Clayton; Dr. A. H. Rose and Dr. J. H. Fitzgerald, Smithfield; Dr. C. C. Masey was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

The new president is a graduate of Tulane Medical College of New Orleans, class of 1924. He practiced medicine in Harnett county for two years before moving to Benson where he enjoys a splendid practice.

Dr. Vartan Davidian, surgeon of this city, and Dr. C. W. Sanders, young dentist of Benson, were elected members of the county society at this meeting.

An excellent turkey dinner was served at the Woman's club of the physicians' wives. This was followed by a program consisting of a number of interesting cases reported by different members of the profession.

It is to the mutual benefit of the society that the dentists meet with the physicians and comprise a goodly portion of the membership.

Presbyterian Services. Oakland Sunday 11 a. m. Community 3 p. m. Congregational meeting and sermon, Sunday night at 7:30—union service at the Baptist church. Public invited.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church. There will be services at St. Paul's church Sunday night at 7:30. Rev. Duncan Thomas, rector. The public is cordially invited.

Centenary Methodist Church. The usual Sunday school services 9:30 a. m. and preaching at 11 a. m.

A White Gift service at 4 p. m. The public cordially invited to all these services.

Business Meeting at Hopewell. There will be a call meeting at Hopewell on Saturday, December 21 at 2:30 o'clock to attend to some important business. All of the members are urged to attend.

W. J. ALFORD, Clerk.

Misses Ida and Mary Talton, of Fine Level, route 1, were in town Wednesday and renewed their subscription to the Herald.

audience know just when each comic guest would appear. William Wright as Major Hoople from Our Boarding House performed the coronation. His eloquence and word mastery impressed everyone.

the bride, Widow Zander and Uncle Bin, the groom. Nellie Stephenson as Miss Jiggs sang "I Love You Truly." Charles Parrish as Sunshine deserved the praise Barney Google gave him because he can do the "Charles-ton." Each of the 52 pupils taking part in the wedding did his part well and received warm praise from the director, teachers and audience.