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A Kaleidoscope of Human Nature

It is awesome to look into the faces of the amazed human beings present at the trial now in progress and wonder exactly what their minds are registering. Curiosity or interest such as would be evidenced at a thrilling drama or movie is recognized in the faces of eighty per cent of the audience. Despair and hope are written legibly in the sunken eyes and twitching muscles of the friends and relatives of the accused, and they themselves, like a revolving light, reflect hope, despair, misery, expectation, confidence, and unhappiness. The attorneys, like physicians, have become hardened by necessity to the passions of the human heart, and all more or less interested from a standpoint of winning or conquering. Studying the mental ability, con-

victions, and sympathetic trends of heart of the jurors, there is a means of livelihood at stake, of lives influenced in a measure by personal belief and faith in a client.

The reporters—bored by the long proceedings of court and the rehearsing and repetition of testimonies and lack of news for their respective organs of information to the scandalizing public—are tired of reading old papers and smoking cigarettes. Then there is a small percentage of persons attending the court with prejudice in their hearts, forgetful for the moment the heart pang of those in trouble, and of the fact that there are two sides to every trouble, they smile at a sally partial to those they favor and frown at a counterpoint.

The Elder Stands Up

Mark's Comment, in the Greensboro Daily News

When the name of a minister of the gospel appeared among those listed as members of the Martin County mob the general assumption was that the man couldn't be a real minister; that he was passing under false colors or had fallen from high estate and the title was worn unworthily. Not every one who attaches "Rev." or "Elder" to his name really belongs. But the testimony throws new light on the matter and to the preacher-mob member's credit. The man is E. C. Stone, an "Elder" of the Primitive Baptist faith. He is a native of England, 17 years in this country and for 12 years bearing a commission as a preacher of the Primitive Baptist denomination. Asked on the witness stand why he participated in the mob activities, he answered:

"I do not know. I fell into temptation. The girl was my stepdaughter, and she was very near and dear to me. I can not explain why I did not back out. Words are futile when I attempt to use them to express the sorrow and regret that fill my soul."

Doubtless believing that a heinous crime had been committed against his stepdaughter, Elder Stone ceased to be a preacher and became simply a man, with an overpowering desire for revenge possessing him. He can't

Fathers of Great Men

FATHERS OF GREAT MEN
(Published by request)

Mr. S. S. Visser, the geographer, has taken the trouble to determine the occupations of the fathers of 18,460 persons who figure in the last issue of Who's Who in America. According to him, men of ability are born much more frequently in the families of professional men than in any other. Differentiating among professions he found that one hundred fathers in each of the following groups average a certain number of distinguished sons thus:	
Engineers	6
Physicians	1.0
Methodist clergy	1.0
Lawyers	1.9
Baptist clergy	2.3
Sea captains and pilots	2.4
Universalist clergy	3.0
Presbyterian clergy	9.0
Episcopal clergy	11.7
Congregational clergy	12.5
Unitarian clergy	15.0
	—Current Opinion.

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THE DARKEST DAY IN HISTORY

By A. B. CHAPIN



TOBACCO CO-OPS BOOST BUSINESS

MERCHANTS AND TAX LISTERS PROVE ASS'N MEMBERS FREEST FROM DEBT

Keep the Price Up

Since the investigating committee of agricultural leaders of three States has submitted its report on the operations of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association, stressing particularly its relations with member growers, more interest on the part of the general public has been shown in the results of cooperative marketing of tobacco.

The following article is based on information gathered by one of the Virginia members of the committee after a careful study of the growers' association:

There is every reason why business men in the tobacco territory should support cooperative marketing, according to the present situation. The first reason is that it has brought more money into the territory, and the second is that it has caused tobacco growers to pay their debts more promptly.

It can be proved beyond question that the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association has caused more money to be put into circulation in the tobacco belt than would have been in circulation had there been no association. Figures taken from the Division of Agricultural Statistics show that from 1913-16 the average annual production of tobacco in Virginia was 135,250,000 pounds, which sold at an average price of 12 cents a pound, or a total average value of \$16,075,000 per year. From 1922-24 the average annual production of tobacco in Virginia was 148,666,000 pounds, which sold at an average price of 23 cents per pound, or for a total average value of \$32,933,000 per year. There was no cooperative association operating in Virginia from 1913-16. There was a cooperative association operating from 1922-24 which handled nearly half of the tobacco grown in the State for these years. There is no other large crop in Virginia that has sold for double pre-war prices during 1922-24. Is it worth something to business men for farmers to have twice as much money to spend? If so, no business man can afford not to support an organization which helps bring about such a condition.

Enemies of cooperative marketing will argue that increased demand is altogether responsible for the increase in tobacco prices, but figures gotten from the United States Department of Agriculture show that there has been no special increased demand for either Virginia Sun Cured or Dark Fired To-

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bacco. As a matter of fact, both production and consumption of these two types of tobacco have decreased during the past ten years. There has been a great increase in demand for Virginia Fine Cured Tobacco, but production seems to have at least kept up with demand during the last few years and the manufacturers are increasing their reserve stocks. The Brookline Economic Survey Service in New York in its bulletin of March 6th, writes as follows:

Tobacco Prices Double. "The past three years acreage of tobacco in the United States has averaged 44 per cent greater than in the five-year period, 1909-13, and the production 3 per cent greater. Consumption has been only 22 per cent higher than in the pre-war period and exports 25 per cent higher. In 1924 exports were unusually large, running 29 per cent larger than the pre-war average. Prices this year equal 198 per cent of the 1909-13 averages and the average price for the years 1922-24 is 204 per cent. Stocks of tobacco in manufacturers and dealers hands are heavy."

If these figures are approximately correct, what has caused the increased price for tobacco? Is it not logical to conclude that the fact that tobacco has been merchandised by cooperative associations instead of being dumped, as in the past, has had something to do with the situation? Cooperative marketing has made the price for both members and nonmembers during the past three years.

The Co-ops Pay Best. Enemies of cooperative marketing argue that cooperative marketing is not a good thing for merchants and other business men, because they say that the delay in payments prevents members of the association from paying their debts. Let us see whether this is really true.

A recent survey made in Dinwiddie County, Va., by John K. Abernathy among the merchants shows the following:

Sidney Young, a merchant in Butlerworth, Va., had 92 outstanding accounts, 85 of these being against nonmembers and 7 against members, W. Bolseau, Dewitt, Va., had 151 outstanding accounts, 150—nonmembers and one member. R. E. Baxter, Dinwiddie, Va., had 14 outstanding ac-

counts, 8 nonmembers, 6 members. J. W. Adkins & Company, Dinwiddie, Va., had 63 outstanding accounts, 50 nonmembers, 13 members. At least 90 per cent of the tobacco growers in Dinwiddie County belong to the tobacco growers' association.

Ask the Merchants. But let us go further and see if the same condition applies in other sections. John Cawthorne, a merchant of Zebulon, North Carolina, states:

"I am in a business that deals directly with farmers and during a year I will ordinarily get from 600 to 800 small accounts on my books. The record of my 1923 business of unpaid accounts up to November 13, 1924, shows that I had 95 delinquent accounts, 71 of the 95 were nonmembers of the tobacco association, 24 were members, and 17 out of the 24 were contract breakers."

Share Mercantile Company, in Stokes County, has on its books 14,400. Only \$1,400 of this is owed by members of the Tobacco Growers Association. One of the leading doctors in King North Carolina has \$7,200 on his books, only \$2,000 of this is owed by Co-ops. Either of these men will trade their non-member accounts for co-op accounts.

Helps North Carolina. But let us go further. Fifty per cent of the farmers in Surry County, North Carolina, are members of the association. In this county there are 200 farms advertised for sale by the sheriff for taxes. One hundred and eighty-four of the 200 are owned by nonmembers and 16 by members of the cooperative association. Of the 16 members whose property is being advertised for sale by the sheriff, 11 are known to be contract breakers. Of the remaining 8 owners, three were insolvent before cooperative marketing was organized. Five hundred thousand dollars has been loaned to Surry County farmers by Federal Land Banks. Four-fifths of the borrowers from this bank are nonmembers and one-fifth members of the cooperative association. The one-fifth that are members have borrowed only one-eighth of the total amount, or \$62,500.00.

From these figures it can be seen that the cooperative system encourages farmers to pay their debts rather than in this county there are 200 farms advertised for sale by the sheriff for taxes. The new system of payments at intervals during the year does not allow the farmers much surplus at any one time and discourages spending money for luxuries, and wasting it on nonessentials. Since cooperative marketing of tobacco causes more money to be put into circulation in the tobacco belt and encourage

farmers to pay their debts promptly, is there any reason why business men should not support it.—S. D. Friesell—Advertisement.

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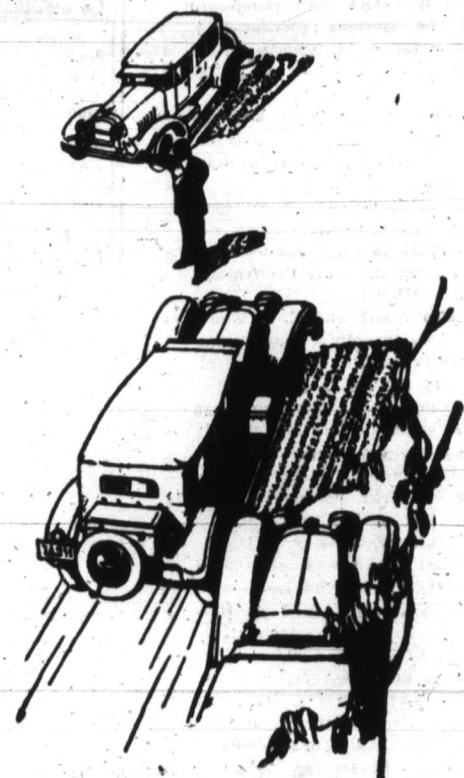
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