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## WILLIAM GREEN EXPLAINS COOP ORGANIZATION

### Assures Farmers New Organization Will Be A Successful Venture

### TELLS OF DRAWBACK Growers In Present Movement Have Backing of the Federal Government Through Board

In a letter addressed to county agents and agricultural teachers in the tobacco growing counties, Mr. W. S. Green, field representative of the Federal Farm Board, points to one of the main drawbacks in perfecting a tobacco cooperative marketing association. While Mr. Green states there is some excuse for the attitude entertained by the farmers, he goes ahead and assures them of the possible success of the proposed association. The letter, brief and explanatory, will probably be of much interest to our farmers, and is reprinted here:

"In my talks with approximately 7,000 North Carolina tobacco farmers during the past two months in the work of educating them to the merits of cooperative marketing of tobacco, I have found the most apparent handicap to the formation of a new association to be the remembrance of the Tri-State Association. Many farmers have quoted to me the old saying that 'The burnt child fears the fire.' There is some excuse for this attitude, but it should not be allowed to prevail under the present circumstances. The tobacco associations that are being set up are far different from the Tri-State organization.

"Let me point out important ways in which the new associations differ from the old Tri-State.

### Federal Farm Board Aid Assured

"The growers in the present movement have the backing of the Federal Government through its agency, the Federal Farm Board. The board stands willing and ready to assist the farmers in organizing. The board can help by (a) lending money at a low rate of interest to carry on business operations; (b) by giving expert advice and assistance in managerial and marketing problems; (c) in supervising the affairs of the association so that the danger of graft is removed; (d) by helping associations to make friendly contacts with tobacco companies.

"North Carolina tobacco farmers have never before had such assistance offered to them.

### Withdrawal Privilege Guarantees Satisfaction

"The new contracts given the grower the privilege of annual withdrawal. The 'iron-clad long-time contract with teeth in it' is not a part of the new movement. If a member becomes dissatisfied, no matter whether or not he is justified in this attitude, he may get out of the association. In this withdrawal provision, the organization committee has gone the limit in safeguarding the rights and privileges of tobacco growers.

### Contract Provides for Efficient Marketing, Not Monopoly Control

"The new association is organized to effect economies in handling and marketing the product. It is designed to render services to both growers and buyers. It will endeavor to merchandise tobacco in the same way that other commodities are efficiently merchandized at prices in keeping with supply and demand. The Tri-State Association made the mistake of endeavoring to operate as a monopoly. Growers should realize right now that the successful cooperative organizations of the country are based on efficient marketing, not on monopolistic control of supply. I do not mean that a large control of the supply is not desirable, such control is very desirable to secure bargaining power and efficiency in marketing. The new association will not, however, try to club tobacco companies into paying prices out of keeping with conditions of supply and demand.

### Different Associations Guarantee Growers' Rights and Interests

"The Tri-State Association endeavored to bring together growers with different interests into one organization. The problems of South Carolina tobacco growers are not entirely similar to the problems of Virginia tobacco growers. Nor are the problems of the old belt tobacco growers in North Carolina the same as problems of new belt growers in North Carolina. The present provision for two associations for North Carolina provides for organization of those tobacco growers having similar interests. The idea of cooperation might prove a great success in one belt, but have little support in the other belt. That being the case, the present set-up provides for an organization to function where there is a real support for cooperative marketing. Cooperating tobacco farmers in one belt will not have to bear the burden of any lack of cooperation in the other belt.

"For the above reasons and many

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## Complete Arrangements for Roanoke Fair Next Month

### Messrs. Dave Leonard, of Lexington, and Jack B. Liles, of Tarboro, Lease Grounds and Will Manage Ninth Annual Fair Here

Following an announcement made several weeks ago by the president, Mr. J. G. Staton, that the Roanoke Fair association would not hold its annual event here this year, Messrs. Dave Leonard, of Lexington, N. C., and Jack B. Liles, of Tarboro, yesterday completed arrangements with the owner to conduct a fair here beginning November 4th and continuing through the 8th.

The grounds were leased last week by Messrs. Leonard and Liles last week, and yesterday many arrangements for holding the ninth annual Roanoke fair had been made. Definite announcements will be made within the next few days, the two new managers stated this morning.

Mr. Leonard has been secretary and manager of the Davidson County fair for several years and assisted in the organization of the Moore County fair. He is well experienced in the business as well as is Mr. Liles who has been in the business for several seasons. The new managers stated that while

the fair would be limited in size because of the late date, they were planning to give the county and adjoining ones a clean one. A varied program of amusements and free acts will feature the fair, it was stated, and a mid-way, the best that can be secured, will be brought here, according to the managers.

The fair will be without horse racing this year, but the managers are planning an automobile racing program and other feature races. A premium list will not be published in book form as has been the custom, but a list of premiums will be published and placed before the public within the next few days, it was stated. The short time makes it impossible to include the premiums in book form, it was stated.

Messrs. Leonard and Liles were in charge of the Kings Mountain celebration last week where it was estimated that more than a hundred thousand people assembled in one day to witness the parade and celebration and hear President Hoover's speech.

## H. C. HEMBY DIES AT WILSON HOME

### Was Williamston Resident For Many Years; Burial In Pitt County

Mr. H. C. Hemby, a citizen of this place for many years, died in the Carolina General hospital, Wilson, last Tuesday afternoon after an illness of several years. He had suffered with cancer, but pneumonia developing a few days before, was assigned as the cause of his death.

Mr. Hemby, 76 years old at his death, was a native of Pitt county where he spent his early youth. Fifty-five years ago, he married Miss Mary Etta Baker, who with seven children survive, Mrs. J. H. Rotroff, of Richmond, Ind.; Capt. Cleveland Hemby, of Jacksonville, Fla.; Ben L. Hemby, of New York; Mrs. W. W. Ellis, Wilson, with whom he lived; and Mrs. N. Moore, Mrs. W. S. Moye and Mrs. Ruby Duncan, all of Greenville.

During his stay here, Mr. Hemby made the acquaintance of a host of friends, and he often referred to Williamston as his home after moving to Wilson to make his home with his daughter. He was well-known in Pitt county where he lived a number of years.

## POUR LIQUOR IN STREET GUTTER

### Chief Daniel Opens Fire Hydrants To Drive the "Spirits" Away

Some members of the little crowd stood by and looked on as the hired mourner views the lowering of a dead body into an open grave, but still other members of the little group smiled and talked when Federal Prohibition agents poured a gallon of red whiskey out on the main street here last Saturday afternoon. When the on-lookers learned that the liquor was captured from a man by the name of Barnes in Ahoskie, they were apparently satisfied, for they asked no more questions.

The little group had hardly dispersed before pedestrians smelled the odor sent up by the "spirits" and the question were fired in rapid order; so numerous were they, that Chief W. B. Daniel opened fire hydrants and washed the few remaining drops down the gutter and lifted the disagreeable odor.

## Locals Lose Hard-Fought Game To Morehead City

Facing a heavy and experienced team, the local high school football eleven lost to Morehead City there last Friday afternoon by the close score of 6 to 0. With the bracks against them, Coach Bouknight's boys led in the statistics and lost in the score by a close decision. In first downs, Williamston doubled the number made by Morehead City.

Friday of this week the team plays Beaufort at Beaufort.

## Volunteer Firemen Answer Call Here Sunday Morning

The local fire company answered a second call within the past few days last Sunday morning when fire threatened the house of Lula Respass, on Sycamore Street. Mattie Brown, colored tenant, stated that the blaze started when a spark fell from the chimney on the shingled roof. Damage was limited, the fire records show.

## CHAS. A. BAKER DIES SUDDENLY IN SMITHFIELD

### Resided Here for a Number of Years; Funeral Near Robersonville Today

Mr. Charles A. Baker, former Williamston resident, was found dead in bed in a Smithfield hotel last Sunday morning, death resulting from heart failure.

Sunday morning, Mr. Baker, who was manager of the Smithfield hotel, did not arise at his usual hour and hotel employees, upon entering the room about 10:30 found the body cold, indications leading them to believe that he died soon after retiring the night before. Although he had high blood pressure, Mr. Baker was said to have been feeling as well as usual when he retired late Saturday night.

Mr. Baker, a native of Pitt county, was nearly 50 years of age at the time of his death. He was the youngest of a family of nine children, and the first to die. He was the son of Abram Baker and wife, Melvina Hardison Baker. When a young man, Mr. Baker came to Williamston and worked in a store for several years. He then engaged in the hotel business for a few years here, operating the one known now as the Britt. About 15 years ago he moved to Dunn and managed a hotel there until three years ago when he moved to Smithfield and accepted the management of the hotel there.

Mr. Baker is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Della Whitehurst, Pamele; Mrs. Geo. L. Roberson, Robersonville; Mrs. Mamie Anderson, Williamston; and Mrs. Lucy Ross, Smithfield; and four brothers, Abram Baker, of Robersonville; James Baker, Baltimore; William Baker, Bethel; and Joseph Baker, Pactivol.

Mr. Baker was an active church member and worker. He had never married.

The funeral was held at the home of George L. Roberson, near Robersonville, at 2:30 this afternoon by Rev. W. F. Wiegmann, of the local Christian church, followed by a Masonic service. Burial was on the Roberson farm.

## NEGRO BADLY CUT IN AFFRAY

### Jesse Wiggins Stabbed by Henry Jefferson Last Saturday Night

Jesse Wiggins, colored man of this place, was seriously cut in an affray with Henry Jefferson, colored employee of the Clark Paving Company, at the home of Wiggins last Saturday night.

According to information coming from police headquarters, Wiggins was stabbed in the shoulder by Jefferson while trying to maintain the dignity of his home. For a time, it looked as if Wiggins would bleed to death, but two doctors finally checked the flow of blood, and it is now believed that the wound will not prove fatal.

Jefferson is being held in jail without bond pending the outcome of the man's wound. The hearing will likely be arranged this week if Wiggins' condition permits.

Chief Daniel stated yesterday that it was difficult to determine the cause of such happenings, that various versions were generally offered and each often varied greatly. It is understood that a fancy party had been in progress in this particular case at the home with several visitors present, that when Wiggins and his wife, who are getting along in years, objected to certain activities, the affray started. Jefferson is said to have become greatly frightened after the stabbing and asked that a doctor be called.

## Fertilizer Officials Hold Meeting Here Today

A meeting of the owners and managers of the Standard Fertilizer Company, here, is being held today in the offices of the local plant, many distinguished visitors coming here for the annual meeting. Those attending include, Mr. George A. Whiting, president of the Standard Wholesale Phosphate and Acid Works, of Baltimore; Mr. E. T. Eichelberger, secretary-treasurer of the Standard Fertilizer Company; T. H. Wills, superintendent, and Mr. A. H. Gischel, engineer, all of Baltimore, and Mr. C. G. Crockett, of the local plant.

## Colored Teachers Hold County Meeting Here

Approximately 75 colored Martin County school teachers attended the first of the six scheduled county meetings here last Saturday afternoon. The organization for the current term was perfected, and a regular program of work will be followed during the remainder of the year, it was stated. The last of the 23 colored schools in the county the 1930-31 session yesterday.

## Farmers Set Up Machinery to Wage Coop Educational Drive

### AVOWED THIEF IS JAILED HERE

### Wm. McCullins Shop Lifts In Several Stores; Breaks Door Glass In One

Wm. McCullins, middle-age negro believed to be of Beaufort county, was jailed here last Friday night by Officer J. H. Allsbrooks to face the courts on a charge of attempted robbery. Shortly after his arrest, McCullins denied the charge, but an investigation proved that he not only forced an entrance to the store of B. F. Perry, but also succeeded in lifting several articles from stores here during the day.

It was only a short time after 10 o'clock that the man kicked out the \$18 glass in the Perry store door, and walked away, apparently with the intention to return later and complete the robbery. Officer Allsbrooks heard the crash and overtook McCullins at the tobacco warehouses.

At the time of his arrest, McCullins was wearing a lumber jacket stolen by him from the Perry store at the noon hour, Friday. Officers also found a hat stolen from the Margolis Brothers and several articles that were lifted from the counters of the Value and Youngs stores. The negro was described as one of the biggest liars ever placed in the jail, and it was impossible to gain worth-while information from him. Continuing the investigation last Saturday, Sheriff Roebuck learned that McCullins had served 60 days in the Pitt County jail for stealing and escaped from the Beaufort County chain gang before completing a six-months sentence there for stealing.

It is understood that arrangements will be made to try the thief here before returning him to Beaufort county to complete his unexpired road term there.

## WOMAN'S CLUB PLAY TONIGHT

### Reports from Last Dress Rehearsal Point To A Successful Production

"Oh, Doctor," a new and entirely different musical comedy that proves to be full of interest and mirth from the time the curtain rises in the first act until it falls at the end, is complete for a successful production by local talent in the high school auditorium here this evening. For several weeks, the cast of unusually talented members has practiced the play, and reports from the dress rehearsal last night point to a highly successful production.

Directed by Miss Anne V. Pullen, each member of the cast has carefully acquainted himself with and studied his part, and you will be most delightfully surprised when you cast your eyes on the well-trained choruses of little tots taking part in the play.

The production is being staged under the auspices of the Woman's Club, the officers of the organization stating after the rehearsal last night that every one should forget his worries by spending two hours witnessing "Oh, Doctor," that this life is too short to pass up such an opportunity.

## Organization of Extension Class Here Incomplete

The organization of an extension class in this county by the University of North Carolina was temporarily postponed yesterday when only 22 teachers came here to investigate the instruction offered. It is understood that a second meeting will be held next Monday afternoon, when the authorities will determine whether to continue the class.

According to unofficial reports there is a sufficient number of teachers in the county desiring the instruction to warrant the holding of the class, but for one reason or another several failed to report yesterday. The course is said to have been withdrawn from this county by the extension division last year when various factors opposed its successful operation.

## Two County Pupils on Institute Honor Roll

Of the five pupils making the honor roll at Washington Collegiate Institute, Washington, two of them were from this county, Clarence Griffin and Essie Peel making the required marks to attain the honor, it was stated. The requirements for the honor roll there are a grade of A on three major subjects and not less than B on any other one. This is very difficult to reach and there were only five lucky ones out of 100 the first month of school," it was remarked.

### Pour Water Into Well So Man Could Work

Had it not been for the light showers yesterday, there's no telling what type of stories or how many would have resulted from the drought. Here's one of the unusual type coming from Edgecombe.

Over in that county, the earth was so dry that workmen found it necessary to haul water and pour it into a well to keep down the dust so man could work on its bottom without being stifled by dust.

## NOMINEES PLAN COUNTY DRIVE

### To Start Democratic Campaign In the County Next Week

Carrying the Democratic banner on their shoulders, the several county nominees will wage a "hot" campaign in practically all the principal centers of the county beginning next Monday, it was announced today by the chairman of the County Democratic Executive committee, Elbert S. Peel.

Dates and places for the campaign are being arranged this week, and the several nominees will address the voters in as many places as possible during next week, it was stated.

In addition to the canvass by the county nominees, other speakers will take part in the campaign in behalf of the Democratic party, it was stated a few days ago. Hon. Harold Cooley, of Nashville, will address the voters at Bear Grass next Tuesday night and Josiah W. Bailey, Senatorial nominee, will speak here Saturday afternoon, October 25th, according to present plans. Other speakers will be in the county before the November election, but dates, in their cases, have not been determined at this time.

## FIRST RAIN IN A MONTH FALLS

### Lightning Bolt Strikes and Damages Water Tank In Griffins Township

The dry season, gripping this section during the past several weeks, was broken, temporarily at least, last Sunday when a light rain fell throughout the section. The fall was limited however, as it only wet the ground from two to three inches deep.

The sound of thunder and the sight of rain were greatly welcomed Sunday and yesterday morning, something that had not been heard during the past four months here. Not more than one inch of rain has fallen, on an average, in this county during the four months period.

The rain yesterday was generally light except in some sections where a fair-sized down-pour was reported. Even though limited in quantity, the rain greatly revived young plants and such grasses and vegetation as had survived the long drought.

Lightning struck Mr. J. J. Roberson's water tank in Griffins township and knocked the entire top off, but no other damage was reported as a result of the bolt.

## Roanoke Baptists Meeting In Roanoke Rapids Today

That the annual meeting of the Roanoke Baptist Association would be held here next year was indicated in an invitation to that body in session at Roanoke Rapids today by the local Baptist Church. The delegates, six of them, were instructed to invite the association here for its meeting next October.

Rev. C. H. Dickey, Messrs. B. S. Courtney, J. S. Summerlin, J. H. Britt and Mesdames J. H. Edwards and Herbert Cowan are representing the local church at the two-day session of the association opening in Roanoke Rapids this morning.

## States Church Service Will Be Over In Time for Play

For those wishing to see the Woman's Club play, "Oh, Doctor," in the high school auditorium this evening, at 8:30 o'clock, the Rev. Mr. Smith, conducting the Methodist revival, states that the service will be over in plenty of time for them to see the play.

The pastor wishes to inform the public and especially those wishing to attend the revival, that Church Street will be opened to traffic today or tomorrow.

## DRIVE TOO LATE TO EFFECT 1930 TOBACCO CROP

### J. G. Staton Continues As County Chairman; E. P. Cunningham Secretary

### 75 FARMERS PRESENT Contract Generally Approved By Growers at Meeting Here Last Friday Afternoon

Machinery for the advancement of a cooperative association for the marketing of tobacco was set up here last Friday afternoon when approximately 75 farmers from all parts of the county met in the courthouse and elected officers and a committee of ten to head the movement locally. No contracts were signed at the meeting last Friday and no solicitations were made. Briefly speaking, the meeting last week effected an organization that will stress the educational side of the group marketing system, leaving to the farmer the duty of signing contracts and soliciting signatures. In other words, the proposed organization will be explained and if the growers want it they can sign, but the government will not make a drive for membership. It will assist, however, in any way it can in effecting the organization of the tobacco growers.

Mr. J. G. Staton, county chairman and member of the State Organization committee, presided and he called upon Messrs. T. B. Brandon, county farm demonstration agent, and W. T. Overby, agricultural teacher in the Jamesville Schools, to explain the contract for the proposed organization. Messrs. Brandon and Overby attended a meeting in Raleigh Monday of last week when they were acquainted with the contract and its details. The two men explained, in detail, the proposed contract which was discussed by members of the body. The agreement was generally approved by all present, but as a membership drive was not in order, no signatures were affixed to the contract at that time.

To conduct an educational campaign in the hope of perfecting a strong organization, the meeting last Friday selected Mr. E. P. Cunningham, of this place, as county secretary. Mr. J. G. Staton continuing as county chairman. A committee of ten, Messrs. J. F. Martin, of Jamesville; Lee D. Hardison, Williams; Chas. M. Peel, of Griffins; Asa Harris, Bear Grass; E. P. Cunningham, of Williamston; Chas. T. Peel, of Cross Roads; W. M. Green, Robersonville; L. G. Taylor, Poplar Point; Harry Waldo, Hamilton; and J. A. Everett, Goose Nest, was selected to carry on the business of the organization in this county.

While no date has been set for holding any of the proposed township educational meetings, it is understood that the chairman, secretary and members of the committee will arrange a campaign schedule within the next few days.

The meeting here gave promise for an organization, but limited time makes it almost impossible to complete the system for handling the present crop. Similar results have been announced following other meetings held in tobacco-growing counties. A report of the Edgecombe county meeting reads: "About all this agitation about tobacco cooperative marketing there are many men of many minds, some thinking one way and some another, but all seemed to be of one opinion that a reduction of tobacco acreage should be had for the year 1931. After all meetings in Raleigh and all the local assemblies this movement for tobacco cooperative marketing in Edgecombe will remain in 'status quo' for the present."

Continuing, the reporter said relative to the Edgecombe meeting held in Tarboro, "Anyway it remains to be seen what will happen to the tobacco growers for the year 1931, but it is our opinion that if something is not done the growers will again face the same conditions that confronted them this year and everybody will be the loser thereby."

Contracts were distributed at the meeting here last Friday, the farmers taking them home for a continued study of the contents.

## Several Men Carried Before Courts for Game Violations

With the hunting season for squirrels only a few days off, J. D. Bland and Reddick Griffin, of near here, decided to take chance and went hunting. They were caught. Squire Asa T. Crawford settled the case by charging each \$8.50, the costs in the case.

Yesterday, Willie Hardison and John Hoggard were up before Justice John L. Hassell for shooting squirrels out of season. Each of the two was required to pay \$9.50 costs.