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COUNTY FARMERS MEET —ORGANIZE EDGECOMBE BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

Purpose of Association is to Foster Cotton Growing With Pure and Untampered Seed

CAPITALIZE COMPANY FOR \$50,000—SHARES TO SELL FOR \$10 EACH

Enough Stock Was Subscribed At Meeting To Apply For Charter—Mass Meeting Of Farmers To Be Called Soon

Edgecombe farmers met in a body yesterday in the rest rooms of the First National Bank and organized what is to be known as the Edgecombe Mutual Benefit Association, or some other similar name, the purpose of which is to foster the cotton growing with pure and untampered seed.

It was determined to incorporate a company with a capital of \$50,000 and sell the stock to the farmers of Edgecombe county at \$10 per share the whole proceeds of which shall be devoted to the purchase of land near Tarboro, situated on the railroad, and to erect a seed gin where the stockholders can have their cotton ginned and be sure of getting their seed that they want to use for planting, to have same pass state inspection for the purpose of selling seed at good prices; further to erect a modern seed house and to invite the larger buyers to come to our market.

The incorporators to this movement are: Mrs. M. G. Mann, B. F. Shelton, W. W. Eagles, M. P. Edwards, Capt. Paul Jones, T. A. Wiggins, E. B. Howell, L. J. Cherry, D. M. Andrews, F. J. Dozier.

A membership committee to explain the features of this new departure in culture and selection of pure cotton seed was appointed as follows: Township No. 1, Capt. Paul Jones; No. 2, C. M. Thigpen; No. 3, B. F. Shelton and John Cherry; No. 4, D. H. Andrews; No. 5, T. F. Savage; No. 6, H. L. Bippin; No. 7, W. W. Bullock; No. 8, W. W. Eagles; No. 9, John Hearn; No. 10, J. E. Cummings; No. 11, T. A. Wiggins; No. 12, C. B. Barnes and John Daughtridge; No. 13, J. D. Lanester; No. 14, S. H. Lanier. This committee was given power to add to its number.

Mr. B. F. Shelton was appointed chairman of the by-laws committee and given power to select his own assistants, and Mr. R. G. Shackell, as chairman of the publicity committee, was given the same power.

The meeting, which was the outcome of considerable thought on the part of Mr. Zeno Moore, the county demonstrator, and Mr. M. G. Mann, vice-president of the First National Bank, was well attended and throughout maintained an enthusiasm that bids fair to make the new organization a tremendous success.

By motion Mr. R. G. Shackell was appointed chairman until the election of the proper officers of the company and Mr. D. H. Andrews was appointed temporary secretary.

Mr. Zeno Moore emphasized the necessity of the organization and Mr. M. G. Mann outlined the plan of organization, which was followed out.

The speakers were Mr. L. M. Johnson, who advocated the planting of Cleveland Big Boll cotton; Captain Paul Jones, who was just back from the meeting of the American Cotton Association, spoke of the advantage of having an association such as this to supply the boll weevil section with seed free from disease; Mr. Otis T. Hallman, of the Country Gentleman staff, spoke of the necessity for better staple cotton in Eastern North Carolina.

Dr. R. Y. Winters, of Raleigh, was the principal speaker and spoke strongly for the organization, which, he said would do so much for this part of North Carolina and would be an advertising feature of inestimable value from the seed selling point of view. He told of the methods used at the experiment station and test farms; as to the selection of pure bred seed, giving incidents where the acre of improved cotton exceeded considerably that of unimproved, and proved the fact that the best cotton is not a late variety. He spoke highly of the Cleveland and the Mexican Big Boll varieties in that from the first picking of these varieties more cotton can be produced than from the first two pickings of the early small boll varieties.

Dr. Winters also impressed upon his audience the importance of growing a seed patch every year in order to keep cotton to the highest standard, and in selecting the best plants

THREE STATES ARE SWEEPED BY TORNADO

Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee Lose Life, Property and Crops

(By The Associated Press)
Birmingham, April 21.—One hundred and eighty-two are dead, and scores injured, with property and crop damages running up into the millions is the estimated toll of the tornado which yesterday swept parts of Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee. Sixteen bodies were brought in to Hamilton, Alabama today. Red Cross relief parties and special trains rushed to the stricken sections carrying doctors, nurses and food.

Appeals were received from many small towns. Plans are now being made to rush tents and food to hundreds of people whose homes were completely destroyed.

Piano Contest Program

In an endeavor to win the state musical contest, a recital will be given at the school house Friday evening at 8 o'clock. The contestants who will compete at this contest will represent not only Tarboro but other schools of the county also. The winner will represent the county in the state contest. Following is the program for Friday evening:

1. Lina Porter Pitt, To Spring Grief.
2. Bruce Williams, Valse Poetique, Ludebuche.
3. Elsie Fountain, Huskin Time, Blake.
4. Katherine Howard, Forest Sounds, Dennee.
5. May Agnes Cooper, Woodland Rose, Op. 104 No. 2, Carl Heinz.
6. Nora Anderson, Mazurka Tomposo, Ralfe.
7. Agnes McLaughlin, Dana Caprice, Op. 28, No. 3, Grieg.

More Milk Produced In State Last Year

Raleigh, April 21.—North Carolina produced \$45,990,000 worth of milk in 1919, according to estimates compiled by the Dairy Extension Office at West Raleigh. This represents a total production of about 1,150,000,000 pounds of milk from 315,000 cows, which is an increase over 1918. Although these are large figures, they represent but a small part of what the State could produce, according to investigators, because estimates show an average of only 1.75 cows to a farm, while the daily consumption of whole milk in the State is less than one-third of a pint for each person.

More than a third of the total production, or 368,000,000 pounds of milk were made into butter, most of it on farms. Ice-cream manufacture took 72 million pounds; there were 304,200,000 pounds consumed as whole milk; and 40 million pounds were made into cheese. The balance of the milk was fed to stock, or lost in handling. The latter item represented 28,000,000 pounds, valued at about \$1,100,000.

PERSONALS

—Mrs. Hugh Bryan and son, Hugh, Jr., who have been here some time with relatives returned today to their home in Asheville.

—Quite a number of ladies, members of the Wm. Dorsey Fender Chapter, U. D. C., attended the district meeting in Rocky Mount today. The Bethel Heroes Chapter being hostess.

—Mrs. Mann of Petersburg, Va., is the guest of Mrs. H. C. Bridges.

—Mrs. B. F. Sharpe, of Greensboro, is the guest of Miss Nan Clark while here.

from the patch.

It is anticipated that the membership committee, composed of leading men in all the townships, will get busy with their friends and neighbors and that the completion of the organization will be hastened; however, members are not subscribed at the rate desired, to apply for a charter, which will be done at once and most members of all the farmers of Edgecombe county, added in the very near future.

LARGE CROWD HEARD MRS. M. S. SHARPE AT SUFFRAGE MEET

About 450 Persons Were Present to Hear Speaker From Greensboro Yesterday

FOURTEEN NEW MEMBERS ARE ADDED TO THE ROLLS

With between 250 and 400 persons present yesterday afternoon at the court house, Mrs. Mary Settle Sharpe of Greensboro was introduced to the local chapter of the Equal Suffrage League and its friends.

In honor of Mrs. Sharpe, the alumnae of the North Carolina College for Women attended the meeting in a body, and Mrs. Charlotte Dancy welcomed the speaker in the name of the alumnae. Mrs. Sharpe was the teacher of the local alumnae at the college, then known as the State Normal.

Miss Sally Stator, president of the Edgecombe Equal Suffrage League, introduced the speaker of the afternoon in her usual splendid way, telling of the great work Mrs. Sharpe had done not only in this state for the Equal Suffrage movement, but in other states as well. Miss Stator spoke of the good fortune of the local organization in being able to have the speaker with them for the meeting, and urged that all that follow the example and work already set by Mrs. Sharpe.

Mrs. Sharpe's speech dealt with the great need of the nation for the aid of the women, and of the many reasons why the women should be permitted to have a voice in the making of the laws and the conducting of the government in which they lived; and obeyed the laws.

"In the past," said the speaker, "it was permissible for a man to whip his wife, provided the switch was not too long. That day is past. Now the wife beater is scorned and despised by all alike, and it is no longer a day with the wife, but the chastity of the husband."

To the men, that have sided, and who are aiding the movement for woman's rights, Mrs. Sharpe paid the highest of tributes, and in behalf of the women of the state thanked them all for their splendid and earnest efforts in trying to have the Susan B. Anthony amendment a fact, and not just a matter for the discussion and criticism of the pro and con politicians and people.

With some further business the meeting was adjourned with the knowledge that it had been the most successful in the history of the local organization, and especially as several new members had signed the rolls of membership.

The meeting yesterday was the regular session of the local organization, and it was with pride that the president announced the fact that fourteen new names had been added to the membership rolls.

Mrs. Hyman Phillips was introduced and spoke of the work of the suffrage leagues in Utah. She was originally a Tarboro girl, but now lives in Utah. She is among the most enthusiastic and earnest workers for the organization.

Palmer Leads In Georgia

(By The Associated Press)
Atlanta, April 21.—Returns from Georgia's Democratic presidential primaries show Attorney General Palmer leading with 140 votes from the State Convention, Thomas E. Watson, second with 120 votes; and Senator Hoke Smith third with 100 votes.

Michoacan Joins Rebels

(By The Associated Press)
Agua Prieta, Sonora, April 21.—The whole state of Michoacan has joined the rebels, according to the Mexican general Paniquera. Obregon commands the Michoacan revolutionary troops, according to American army intelligence reports.

Strikers Refuse To Vote

(By Associated Press)
Chicago, April 21.—The striking railroad men here still refuse to vote on the question of returning to work. The efforts of the committee of strike leaders to obtain any action has completely failed.

Women Don Overalls

(By The Associated Press)
Washington, April 21.—Six young women, congressional secretaries, donned overall trousers here today.

TODAY'S NEWS OF TARBORO 20 YEARS AGO

The old mine, under the chaperonage of Almon Hart went this morning to Rocky Mount to play a club match.

All the rivers are rising and damaging freshets are not improbable.

Mr. Shannon wants some more money to help run the campaign. He should have it.

A paper will be taken to all the merchants in a few days with a view to getting all to agree to early closing on and after May 1, next fall.

There is here all the lumber needed for a bath, door and blind factory, and there is enough demand for these building materials to make the investment profitable.

Senator Butler remained in Raleigh Monday to preside at a meeting of new Populist state committee of which he is chairman.

On May 2 the Republican state convention will meet at Raleigh.

Mr. Editor: All street talk of my being a candidate for mayor is unwarranted. I have not been, nor will I be a candidate for this or any other office.—Geo. A. Holderness.

Mr. Editor: I understand that I have been mentioned as a candidate for the chief of police. While I thank my friends very much for the support they have given me in the matter, I desire to state that I am not, nor will I be a candidate for this office.—R. B. Hyatt.

New Credit Unions Organized In April

Raleigh, April 21.—Three new credit unions have just been organized in the state at Chadbourn, Delco and Wilmington. This makes a total of 33 credit unions organized since 1916 under the state credit union law. Their combined resources have doubled each year and now stand at \$90,000. Three more unions are being organized in Robeson, Bladen and Columbus counties, and Gorrell Shumaker of the Division of Markets states that they will be transacting business this summer.

Credit unions are proving a great help to farmers who desire short time credits to produce and handle their crops, according to Mr. Shumaker who is enthusiastic over the success they have already achieved in North Carolina. The loans are made on a conservative basis and there have been no failures among organized unions; although credit is extended to individuals that ordinarily would not be able to obtain loans at local banks.

Passengers Safe

(By The Associated Press)
Triste, April 21.—All the passengers of the American steamer "Susquehanna," which went ashore on the Dalmatian coast are safe, according to messages received here today.

Clue May Solve Mystery

Toledo, April 21.—Police here are working on a clue which is expected to solve the mystery surrounding the disappearance of Anna Moffard two years ago. After arresting a restaurant keeper here the police will start excavating as the clue calls for.

"POOR MAN'S LAWYER" HAS ITS FIRST WOMAN ATTORNEY

"Legal advice," said Miss Dorothy Fooks, attorney for the Salvation Army, at National Headquarters, New York City, "ought to be given away as it serves as 'The Poor Man's Lawyer.' That is the reason why, armed with a legal degree, dated 1918, an admission to the bar, on which the ink was scarcely dry, 22 years of youth and more than ordinary good looks, she opened her office at Salvation Army Headquarters, 122 West Fourteenth Street, New York City.

Miss Fooks has made good. She has untangled many family snarls without resorting to the divorce courts. She has obtained justice for tenement dwellers who have been preyed upon by landlords, installment collectors and loan sharks. She has helped pay off mortgages, settle wills and draw up contracts. She has defended criminal actions in court and protected the rights of men and women who were prevented by iron bars and prison gates from managing their own affairs.

But that's not all. It was found that an additional legal adviser was needed by the Salvation Army to look after its \$10,000,000 worth of property— orphan asylums, maternity hospitals, industrial homes, day nurseries, schools—scattered throughout the length and breadth of the land. Miss Fooks was given the work. Again she waded triumphantly through the task.

It is no uncommon thing for the Salvation Army to receive urgent calls from the poor for legal advice and assistance, and when the cases are worthy the Army obtains competent lawyers and sees that justice is obtained. This is one of the incidental developments of the Army's many activities which bring it into intimate contact with the poor, the unfortunate and the misfit of the country over.

Attorneys in many cities make it a practice to give their services free to those recommended by the Salvation Army. Miss Fooks is the first woman lawyer to "hang out her shingle" with the Army.



MISS DOROTHY FOOKS

PHILADELPHIA NOW BUILDING HOMES TO FIGHT HIGH COST

Six Months' Building Program Is Planned To Stop Profiteering

CANAL BOATS ARE USED AS TEMPORARY HOMES

(By The Associated Press)
Philadelphia, April 21.—A campaign for the building of homes is Philadelphia's answer to the question of how to keep rents down to a reasonable basis. The tenant population is in desperate straits for rents have been going higher and higher and no end seems to be in sight. The scramble for homes in the suburbs is so acute that when one woman moved some of the furniture out of her home, the other day, in order to clean the house, 25 persons tried to rent it from her within a few hours.

To stop the profiteering in rents and homes, several organizations are attempting to unite on a program of house building to continue for at least six months or until the shortage has been relieved. These organizations include Associations of Tenants, Trade Unions, representatives of the building trades and mortgage companies. They have been asked to undertake this work by the Department of Public Welfare.

Meanwhile camping ground accessible by street cars is in great demand. Tent manufacturers say more orders have been placed for tents this month than ever before in Philadelphia's history.

There is an unprecedented amount of building of cheap cottages and bungalows within a radius of 30 miles of Philadelphia to accommodate the rush of tenants that is expected when mild weather comes. Those erected in one community cost about \$600 each and are eagerly rented at \$350 for the season.

Old canal boats lying along the Schuylkill river are being fitted out as dwellings and families are glad to rent them as temporary homes.

Unions Announce That Agreement Is Reached

(By The Associated Press)
Washington, April 21.—An agreement with the railroad brotherhood unions under which the striking railroad workers will return to work has been announced by their spokesman. He said they had abandoned all efforts to have the case taken up as a separate issue by the railroad labor board.

More Carranzistas Desert

(By The Associated Press)
Washington, April 21.—Further defections from the ranks of the Carranzistas are reported in official and unofficial advices from Mexico. Private advices said that General Eral Gomez with 3,000 men had occupied Tuxpan and was even now threatening Tampico.

House Will Consider Soldier Relief May

(By The Associated Press)
Washington, April 21.—Republican leaders, following a conference here, announced today that the house would take up and consider the soldier relief legislation on May 3.

One Killed When Batteau Sweeps Over A Big Dam

(By The Associated Press)
Anderson, S. C., April 21.—W. L. Conwell was killed when the batteau taking him and E. C. Partain across the Savannah river became unmanageable and was swept over the Greer Shoals Dam. Partain escaped injuries by grabbing a friendly rock when the craft was demolished.

Ciaxton Calls 11 Meets

(By The Associated Press)
Washington, April 21.—Commissioner Ciaxton has called eleven regional conferences in various parts of the country to consider commercial training in schools.

Notice To Subscribers

The policy of The Southerner is that all subscriptions shall be paid in advance, at this writing we want to say that within the past two months the price of the paper that we use in publishing The Southerner has more than doubled. In order to meet this additional expense and to enable us to continue to publish a paper, it is very necessary that we have funds to purchase paper. We want to ask that each subscriber look at their label on the paper and see if the subscription is paid in advance and if not, you will do us a very great favor to let us have your check for a year or more in advance. On June 1st, 1920, we will be forced to take all names off of our mailing list that are not paid in advance, we have not taken this step in order to save paper, as it is now so high that we cannot afford to send out any free copies or to carry your account on our books.

FIREMEN HAVE BIG TIME AT BARBECUE

Tarboro Fire Fighters And Guests Enjoy Old Time Barbecue Feast

Talking about a good time, and a regular old time, jolly, fun filled barbecue brings to mind the Firemen's Annual Barbecue dinner at the fair grounds today. At exactly one o'clock the guests, consisting of the county and city officials, and the Tarboro firemen were called to the dinner.

At many a dinner there is silence, and a great deal of it, but at the barbecue dinner of the Tarboro firemen this is not so. The hosts and guests forget that they are grown-ups, and returning to the days of their childhood, throwing formality aside, they just pitch in and have a good time.

Many barbecues are enlivened (?) by long and short wined speeches. Not so the good time today. The only speeches made were those from friend to friend, host to guest, and everybody to everybody. The laughter and good cheer was all that was needed, and there was the greatest abundance of these present at the 1920 Tarboro Firemen's Barbecue dinner.

Nationalist Army Turks Are 'Opening Smuggling' Arms

(By Associated Press)
New York, April 21.—Mustapha Kemal Pasha's Turkish Nationalist Army, which has been a disturbing factor in the efforts of the Allies to solve the Turkish peace problem, is being regularly supplied with arms and ammunition from Constantinople through Trebizond, a Black Sea port, according to information received here from J. P. Ryan, of Muncie, Ind., a Near East Relief worker in that district.

"Arms are smuggled in regularly, and with almost no attempt at concealment," writes Mr. Ryan. "A Turkish schooner makes a trip every few days from Constantinople, and anchors right here in Trebizond. The cargo is discharged at night, and loaded into Turkish army wagons, that you can see almost any night following the same road out of town, that the lines of Greek refugees were driven to their death in 1915 and 1916. They pass right by the Near East Relief orphanage on their way to the interior."

"I have no way of being certain where they go but most probably to Erzingan and Sivas, where Mustapha Kemal, in spite of the French Mission, is very strong. There is a British control officer here of course, but he would not believe that arms were being shipped into the country until he happened to be out here one night, and I showed him the wagons passing. He has stopped a few of them, but the smuggling still goes on, just the same."

"The Turks realize that most of the hinterland of this country, if not Trebizond itself, is bound to go to Armenia, sooner or later; and they are preparing to resist Armenian rule, and to try to discredit the Armenian government by inspiring disorder just as soon as the Armenians take charge."

"It is a pity that Admiral Bristol and the American Navy are not charged with the surveillance of this hole coast, from Bajum to Beyouth. The trouble with France and England is that the Mohammedans are them bluffed, on account of their Mohammedan colonies, and the Turks are putting it over on them right along. The only nation the Turks respect is the U. S. A."

Royal Arch Masons

Last night Concord Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons met and elected the following officers: J. D. Foster, High Priest; John A. Weddell, King; M. S. Brown, Scribe; H. L. Laughlin, Captain of Hosts; W. Cotten, Principal Sojourner; E. L. Cook, R. A. Captain; W. L. Adgers, Master Third Veil; S. J. Inthannon, Master Second Veil; W. T. Felton, Master First Veil; B. Benjamin, Treasurer; Alfred Tait, Secretary; G. B. Andrews, Sentinel.

Years J. W. Cotten, W. R. Felton, B. Benjamin, Alfred Tait and G. B. Andrews were re-elected.

Merchants Meet

Thursday evening at 8 o'clock the Merchants' Association will meet in the Chamber of Commerce offices at which business of an important nature will be discussed. All members are urged to be present.

By order,
R. B. Peters, President.

NOTICE

The Merchants' Association will hold a meeting in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce tomorrow night, Thursday, at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

NOTICE

The Chamber of Commerce has called a meeting of all the citizens at the court house at 8 o'clock on Friday night, April 24, to discuss an consider Hard Surface Roads for Edgecombe County.