

Mr. Virgil Chapman Speaks Here Tuesday

There were a hundred or more of our citizens in the court house yesterday afternoon to hear the speech of Mr. Virgil Chapman.

Mr. Chapman is a Kentuckian and is a tobacco raiser himself. He raised the Burley tobacco before the co-operative association was organized in Kentucky and has been raising tobacco since.

Mr. Chapman was sent to North Carolina to tell the farmers of this state just how the Burley Tobacco Association has been operating and to tell them nothing but the truth.

Tarboro was the first place in eastern North Carolina where Mr. Chapman was billed for a speech.

In the beginning of his speech, he stated that he was glad to have the opportunity of addressing a North Carolina audience and that in coming to the state he was not prompted by reward or the hope of reward, but simply to carry the good news of what cooperative marketing had done for the tobacco growers in Kentucky.

He stated that in the present old system of selling his tobacco the farmer was not getting his part. He imagines, however, that he is the most independent man in the world.

In the fields on his farm, in the preparing of the plan beds, in the cultivation of the plant, in the housing of his produce, he works alone and it may be truly said that he is independent, but when he enters the warehouse door he is told what time to come to the market and just how much his tobacco is worth and from that moment on he is the most dependent man in the world.

The tobacco farmer and all farmers are face to face with a great crisis. Mortgages on the farms in this country have increased 500 percent within the last few years, and about 50 percent of the farmers of this country are struggling under mortgages on their lands.

He gave an instance of the suffering he saw in the blue grass country of his own home. But said that these things are so familiar that he have in the past allowed them to pass by unheeded. But, he said, there came a time in Kentucky when men like Judge Bingham and others said that this condition must exist no longer. In making an inventory of these conditions they discovered that the great trouble was with the marketing system of their tobacco.

In California they found a man by the name of Sapiro, whom they consulted, and when the farmers started this great work it was said that they could not organize and they could not get the required percent to perfect their organization, but, said he, it is a fact that on November 15, last, the organization had been put over, and it is now in good working shape.

In his argument for the cooperative association he stated many reasons that had been advanced by the opponents of the system who said the organization could not be made effective.

He said these people put out the report that the association could not get the warehouses, but he stated that at this time out of the 130 warehouses in Kentucky the association now has 120 of them and they are all running without a hitch. And said he, to perfect the work of the organization after the warehouses had been obtained the farmers had a law passed through the legislature of his state that gave to these houses certain rights and privileges, and this law passed both houses without a dissenting vote.

Another objection to this new system as advanced by the opponents was that it would not be financed. He said the farmers applied to the War Finance Corporation and upon investigation the commission granted the requests of these producers under the contract that had been prepared by Mr. Sapiro of California.

He said these opponents of the farmers declared they could not get the money in time as the selling of the crop was right on them at that particular time. The law required certain things to be done and we did not have time to do them.

Mr. Stone, the president, called together the bankers of the state and laid the matter before them, and these bankers granted them five millions more dollars than they asked for. So, he said, this objection was overcome.

He said that ever since the association was perfected there still are many knockers and would be for sometime to come. But he stated they were mostly speculators and warehousemen.

Mr. Chapman explained how the pooling of the tobacco eliminated competition among the producers, and said this pooling keeps the farmers out of politics and speculation.

He added with much emphasis that the heart of the whole association was what he termed the internal pool when all the tobacco delivered to the association loses its identity and does away with all discrimination as has been the case in the past.

Another objection was the grading of this tobacco. But this had been all attended to and the grading was done by experts who have so far given perfect satisfaction.

He explained how the long term contracts were feasible and the work of the association could not become effective if these contracts were for one year.

The tendency of the long year contract is to stabilize the prices for the producer which could not be done under a contract for a year or two. Mr. Chapman said that from the figures that had been given him by a reliable authority, under the old marketing system the farmers were paying for the warehouses in the Burley district of Kentucky every three years, and this in the form of commissions and action fees.

He said the cost to the farmers for selling his tobacco under the old system was \$1.02 per hundred, while under the new system so far in his state it has cost only 40c per hundred.

The individual farmer is ignorant of the market conditions and the prices and can not dispose of his produce as well as the men who are employed for this purpose. He stated that one seller can do better than 60,000 sellers. Mr. Chapman said this was an age of cooperation, and everything the farmer buys for his farm is sold under the cooperative plan and in order to meet this cooperation the farmer must cooperate in what he has to sell. He said the biggest thing of the cooperative marketing was not the dollars and cents in it for the farmer, but that the thing that gripped men's hearts most was their consideration for their homes and the homes and comforts of others beside himself, and this is the spirit that will always make this great movement a success.

The Edgcombe people have never heard a stronger speech on the co-operative marketing system than the one delivered here yesterday by Mr. Virgil Chapman of Kentucky.

This speech did great good, and after the meeting many men went up and signed the contracts.

Mr. Chapman is an eloquent speaker and has a splendid delivery. He understands the cooperative marketing system thoroughly and met every objection that had been raised by the opponents in his state.

Mr. Chapman and Mr. Foster left here this morning for Enfield, where Mr. Chapman will speak today.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Mrs. Nicholson and daughter Miss Bernice Nicholson, of Washington are visiting relatives here.

THE MEN'S CLUB OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOLD MEET

The Men's Club of the Howard Memorial Presbyterian church held its regular monthly meeting and banquet last night in the Sunday school building in honor of Rev. Daniel Iverson, of the Tenth Avenue Presbyterian church of Charlotte.

Mr. Iverson was here as a guest of the church, to investigate the work of this church and look the field over. The purpose of the banquet was to outline to Mr. Iverson in a brief manner the work of the church, and the many promising features offered in this county for the growth of Christianity in this section.

The banquet was prepared and served by the ladies of the church, which speaks for itself, as the ladies of the Presbyterian church are noted for adding the much-needed touch to an occasion of this kind. After the supper, President Todd called the meeting together, stating the purpose of the meeting, and asked Mr. W. A. Hart, to give an account of his trip to Charlotte. Very briefly Mr. Hart told of his purpose in going to Charlotte which was to secure "The man" as he put it, most needed by this church. On his arrival in Charlotte in conversation with a friend he asked what type man Mr. Iverson was, the reply was, "He is about seven feet tall, wears a number ten shoe, and his heart is as big as he is." I find him just that way, Mr. Hart said, and I believe he is the man of whom we are in search.

Mr. R. G. Allsbrook, next speaker, told of how the men of this church supported a pastor, and that Mr. Iverson need have no fear of that should he locate here.

Mr. Harry Smith gave an account of the missions of this church and the possibilities of a large growth with the right man behind the work.

Mr. John R. Pender, Jr., told of the splendid work of the Sunday school, but also stated that something was lacking, and that was a man on the throne. Several speakers from the William and Mary Hart chapel of Leggetts made short talks. Mr. Henry Keehn represented the Vanguard Bible Class, of which Mr. Lapsley was the teacher. Our class is hard working, but hard to hold together, said Mr. Keehn, what we need is a leader, and there is no doubt in my mind that Mr. Iverson is the missing link.

Mr. R. B. Peters gave a united account of the work at Runnymede, in the past 17 years, was an asset to any church and the people of that section will welcome you, Mr. Iverson, he said.

Mr. George Howard then told Mr. Iverson that he need not fear having enough work to keep him busy if he should come here, as there is ever ceasing work to be done in the gospel in Edgcombe county.

In closing, Mr. Todd asked Mr. Iverson if there was anything he wished to say to the men. Mr. Iverson then told of his work in Charlotte, and his desire to locate there was enough work to keep a preacher busy, but said, as yet I have not been called by this church, but merely came down to look over the field. "I am thoroughly convinced there is enough work to be done here," he said, and you need a good man, but think you people have most overwhelmed me tonight, as I had no idea there was so much work here and

Mr. Iverson, as yet has not been called by this church, but indications point very strongly that way. He is a middle aged man with wonderful ability and the 85 men present at the supper last night, as well as all who met him yesterday were favorably impressed by him and expressed themselves as very much in favor of the church calling him.

TARBORO DEFEATS WENDELL 10 TO 0, BRADLEY'S HOMER

Wendell was disposed of yesterday afternoon at Bryan Park by the Tar Babies hit in splendid style, meeting the old onion squarely on the nose for a total of 15 safeties. Harris, a right-hand slab artist, traveled the entire route in good form, donating 3 lone safeties, and turning away 6 by the strike-out route. Wendell never threatened to score.

Bradley hit for the circuit when he parked the ball over the left grand wall in the first canto. Marable secured a doubt and two singles during his five trips to the plate. Carpenter hit safely two out of his three times at bat. The box score:

Table with 5 columns: Player, AB, R, H, O, A, E. Rows include Tarboro players (Gillette, Bradley, Kroger, Marable, Crump, Shaner, Carpenter, McQuinn, Harris, Hayes) and Wendell players (L. Richardson, Creech, Bane, Branch, Wilkins, A. Richardson, W. Richardson, Faulkner, Parker, Watson).

Totals: Tarboro 39 10 15 27 14 4; Wendell 29 0 3 24 14 2

*Went in beginning of 7th. *Relieved Parker in 6th with 1 out.

Summary: Home run, Bradley; 2-base hits, Marable, Kroger, Branch; stolen bases, Gillette, Marable, A. Richardson; sacrifice hits, McQuinn, Branch; double play, Carpenter to Crump; base on balls, off Harris 2, off Parker 1. Struck out, by Harris 6, by Parker 1. Hits off Parker 13 in 6 1-3 innings, off Watson 2 in 1 2-3 innings. Balk, Watson. Hit by pitcher, Branch (by Harris). Wild pitch, Parker. Time of game 1 hour 45 minutes. Umpires Hart and Earnhardt. Attendance, 250.

Lynchburg fans report receipt of letter from Norman Y. Chambliss, business manager of the Rocky Mt. club, offering to sell the Rocky Mt. franchise to that city.

A recent rumor has it that Roanoke, Petersburg and Lynchburg will replace Wilson, Rocky Mt. and Newport News in the Virginia League.

Alford, an outfielder, and Bates, a pitcher, are expected here today. Zellers, a portsider recently cut loose by Norfolk, joins the locals today.

Bradley kissed one over the fence in the first frame. This is the first public exhibition of the feat, it having been done several times in practice.

Harris looked good. His control was of stellar variety and was never threatened at any stage of the game.

Avery, a shortstop from the American Association, is expected to join the local aggregation today.

ENGLISH LAWYER PAYS THE PENALTY

LONDON, England, May 31.—Major Herbert Rova Armstrong, leading Welsh solicitor, convicted of poisoning his wife, was executed here this morning. He is the first member of the English bar to be executed for murder.

BANDITS GET \$15,000.

NEW YORK, May 31.—Seven auto bandits held up three men at Long Island City today and robbed them of a \$15,000 payroll belonging to silk dealers.

TOMORROW IS THE DAY, THE KIWANIS HALL IS THE PLACE

For those old clothes to be gathered to keep thousands of Near East sufferers from freezing to death this coming winter, and dying with rheumatism and pneumonia contracted for lack of clothing.

The following can be used: Coats, trousers, sweaters, dresses, boots, shoes, wool shirts, blankets, heavy hosiery, wool gloves and mittens, shop-worn garments, sheets, new cloth, and any warm clothing in which there is still some wear.

The following is not wanted: Silks, laces, veils, satin slippers, evening clothes, muslin underwear, silk stockings, and frame or straw hats.

If the boys and girls do not call for your bundle, please call phone number 334. B. B. Slaughter, County Chairman.

STORES TO CLOSE MONDAY WHEN LID COMES OFF BALL

The following was published in the Scotland Neck Commonwealth today:

Tarboro, May 30.—As June 5 approaches, final touches are being gradually applied to the new baseball park in Tarboro. The park has been dubbed Bryan Park, in honor of Mr. H. T. Bryan, who has long been the dominating worker, promoter and enthusiast of the national pastime in this section of the state.

The stands provide a seating capacity for two thousand. The field is exceptionally fast. No less than two thousand five hundred fans are expected here for the lid opener of June 5. All business houses will be closed during the afternoon of that day, and superior court, in session at that time, will be adjourned by the presiding official, His Honor, Judge J. Lloyd Horton, president of the East Carolina League, the Landis of independent baseball.

The Tarboro team, with sixteen aspirants already here, is conditioning itself by morning and afternoon workouts, with practice games sandwiched in. The personnel of the club has been garnered over several states and includes college and professional performers of stellar rank.

The East Carolina League will exhibit the fastest brand of real red blooded baseball that has been unraveled in this state. Intense rivalry of the towns and splendid teams, fighting to win, should satisfy the most exacting fan. The personnel of the teams will contain just enough college stars to lend an air of the collegiate fight-for-blood and enough professional players to round out the whole into heady, steady organization.

CANNIBALS START WORK IN HUNAN

SHANGHAI, May 31.—Six million people, of the 27,000,000 in the province of Hunan are starving, and hundreds of thousands are certain to die before midsummer, according to an estimate of mission workers. Cannibalism is rampant.

COTTON MARKET.

Table with 4 columns: Date, Close, Open, Close. Rows include July, Oct., Dec., Jan., Mar.

Panicky Condition of The Republican Party

WASHINGTON, May 31.—President Harding, apparently, does not intend to accept the verdict that the recent republican primaries in Illinois, Indiana and Pennsylvania, where old guard reactionaries and defenders of the administration went down in defeat, were a repudiation of the executive or his administration, for the administration organs are boldly charging that the verdict was a repudiation of the republican congress and not of the administration.

The Chicago Tribune, the administration organ of the middle west, is positively denunciatory of the work of the present congress, in seeking to shield the executive from the consequences of old guard defeat. It declares that the president's record is clean and constructive, and then says: "We can hardly say as much of the present congress. If repudiation is seen in recent state primaries it is repudiation not of President Harding but of a congress which has been marked by delays, bickerings, private interests, injustice and lack of construction."

The cut given by the Chicago Tribune to place all of the blame upon congress and relieve the president of his share of the responsibility for the defeat of the supporters of his administration, is taken up by the president's organ and mouthpiece, the Washington Post, which editorially indorses the impassioned utterances of the Tribune to the extent of reprinting them with the added comment that "whether the voters of those states were primarily anxious to rebuke congress or not, the effect of their vote seems to be a rebuke which congress may heed."

After saying that "the situation in the senate at this moment constitutes an indictment of the good sense of the republican party," the Post charges the republican senate with "making a record of absenteeism and neglect of public business which will surely return to plague them." It points out that with sixty republicans in the senate there has not yet been present a quorum on any roll call during the tariff discussion, and asks: "How can any republican senate absent himself from the senate at this juncture and then ask his constituents to re-elect him on the theory that he has done good and faithful service?"

The panicky conditions in republican affairs have reached the stage, where it is evident that congress is to be made the goat if the administration mouthpieces can bring it about, otherwise why this concerted action on their part in contrasting the record of the president with that of congress in a way that eulogizes the executive and condemns the congress in language as strong as that used by democrats or the general public?

This attitude upon the part of the administration's organs raises the question whether or not the republican congress will silently bear the sole blame for the disaster which has overtaken the reactionary wing of the party, and thus admit that it is unworthy to be further trusted, and at the same time permit the president to escape his share of blame.

Admittedly this is a Do-Nothing congress, but might it not have done something if it had had aggressive and constructive leadership on the part of the president?

Admittedly the tax bill is a sad disappointment, but was it not an administration tax bill, and did not

the president plead for the kind of a tax bill the reactionaries voted for?

Admittedly the republican senate reduced the dignity and standing of that body to its lowest level when it seated Newberry, but was not Newberry the president's close friend and associate, and was the seating of Newberry any greater offense in morals than the appointment of Nat Goldstein or the appointment of men indicted with Newberry to be federal district attorneys in the state of Michigan?

These are some of the questions that will inevitably arise if the republican congress, now repudiated by the administration organs, including the one supposed always to speak the president's mind, shall decide that the administration must bear its share of responsibility for the repudiation of the reactionary congress and the reactionary administration.

ANGLO IRISH TREATY AFFECTED IN LATEST POLITICAL UNITING

LONDON, May 31.—Winston Churchill, secretary of the colonies, asserted in the House of Commons today that an agreement reached between the political factions of Southern Ireland strikes directly at the provisions of the Anglo-Irish treaty. It seemed probable, he said, that the Irish people would not be able to give free expression to their views as a consequence of the agreement.

SPOT COAL PRICES FIXED BY HOOVER

BELFAST, May 31.—Tension on parts of the Ulster Free State border still ran high today, although little additional fighting is reported up to noon. Each side is apparently occupied with taking measures for protection against possible attacks.

BELATED RECOGNITION.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., May 31.—Lieut. Col. Andrew S. Rowan, retired, the man who carried the famous "message to Garcia" in 1898, during the Spanish-American war, will receive a belated recognition for bravery, if Senator Samuel F. Shortridge of California can bring it about. The senator has received assurances from Secretary of War Weeks that he will take up with the army board having jurisdiction the granting of a medal or of a distinguished service cross.

CHINA TO CUT WORDS.

TOKIO, May 31.—With a view of setting a limit to the burdens imposed on school children, the education department has recommended that the Chinese characters in common use be restricted to 2000 words. At present the ordinary school grade of six years contains about 2,000 characters, higher grade 3,000 and middle school about 5,000. Besides English or German is compulsory.

First Scout Troop in China.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 31.—Credit for organizing the first Boy Scout troop in China is claimed by Boone University, a Protestant Episcopal institution at Wuchang, a representative of which, Rev. Alfred A. Gilman has arrived in this country. In the scout troops of the school the boys of official and well-to-do families are taught to use their hands in fire drills, bridge and hut making, fence and tree climbing, cooking and tent making, according to a statement from the department of missions of the Protestant Episcopal church.