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Sweet Potato House In Tarboro Assured

LARGE GATHERING OF BUSINESS MEN MEET AT THE KIWANIS HALL AND POTATO STORAGE WAREHOUSE IS NOW A CERTAINTY—REQUIRED STOCK TAKEN IN LESS THAN 20 MINUTES AFTER BIG DINNER.

The invitations sent out by R. B. Josey and Milton Brown bore good fruit on yesterday. At one o'clock more than fifty men had gathered in the Kiwanis Hall in the first place to eat a good breakfast, as that was the first thing on the program. After this repast, Mr. Milton Fountain explained the purpose of the meeting, which was this, to sell sufficient stock to insure the erection of a sweet potato house. He stated that some time ago a committee of ten men from the Kiwanis club and the Nechan's association had been appointed to canvass the town to dispose of the storage warehouse stock, but they had failed to sell a specified amount. And it was thought that if the business men of the town could be gotten together the required stock could be disposed of.

He then asked Mr. W. A. Hart to speak to those present on the subject of the stock to be taken as a commercial proposition.

Mr. Hart said that this gathering meant a get-together meeting of the business men of the town and in truth he was glad to be present. He said that great problems are confronting us, the biggest of all these is the boll weevil, and it is a pest which will not wait till he gets here in all his power to do us any harm.

Edgewood county is almost anything, he said, and is one of the best agricultural counties in the state, but we get too little from it. The county used to be third in cotton in the state but now it is sixth. And peanuts have been practically abandoned. He urged the business men to use their influence to get the planting of too much cotton this coming year. Mr. Hart stated that in raising potatoes there was a good deal to be done.

Mr. M. G. Mann told the audience how the warehouse was to be built and by whom. There would be two corporations, a lot of corporations and a growers corporation. These would be separate organizations but working together. He told those present that the farmers had had to induce the farmers to agree to plant potatoes for a commercial crop, but said that at this time the farmers had agreed to plant sufficient acreage to produce a surplus which is the present capacity of the house. Mr. Clarence Johnson and his associates indicated themselves to build this house and they had been in the field on everything would be ready to receive the crop, to store and grading.

When Mr. Mann concluded his remarks, Mr. Fountain asked Mr. Hart to make some suggestions for stock. He had no sooner made the suggestion than Mr. Hart was on his feet and at it went. For he said there was but one way to get it and that was to go at it at once. In less than ten minutes by the watch the whole was subscribed as described.

The following are those who subscribed for stock and the number of shares taken: W. A. Hart, 20 shares; Geo. A. Holderness 1 share; W. B. Henry 4 shares; V. H. Creech 1 share; Arthur H. Hise 1 share; Bruce Fountain 1 share; Milton Brown 1 share; R. B. Hove 12 shares; W. H. Killebrew 1 share; Paul Lawrence 1 share; Charlie Saied 1 share; R. B. Josey 5 shares; W. F. Barden 1 share; Martin Carstarphen 1 share; W. C. Clark 1 share; J. A. Weddell 1 share; Arthur Fountain 1 share; E. V. Ziegler 2 shares; W. R. Worsley 1 share; J. W. Toole 1 share; S. N. Clark 4 shares; W. D. Leggett 2 shares; C. A. Johnson 7 shares; John R. Pender 5 shares; Dr. S. N. Hurrell 1 share; H. G. Proune 1 share; W. O. Howard 5 shares; R. E. Sordella 1 share; W. R. Powell 1 share; R. B. Peters 3 shares; R. B. Bowers 1 share; J. M. Spragins 1 share; Dan Lawson 1 share; T. H. Roberts 2 shares; R. B. Hyatt 2 shares; L. H. Beck 1 share. In about the time it takes to tell it, the required amount was taken and there was much applause.

What Tarboro want to do, they can do.

WORLD CRIMINALS DIRECTED BY ABLE LEADER IN LONDON

LONDON, Oct. 5.—The police are seeking in this city the head of what is said to be a remarkable group of international criminals. A veritable "Napoleon of Crime" is believed to have established his headquarters in this city. He is alleged to command a well organized band of international crooks, every one of whom is a past master of every form of nefarious graftsmanship known in the underworld. They include men of education, scientific attainments, and social charm.

Under the leadership of their mysterious chief they are credited with conducting burglaries, cracking safes and committing costly jewel robberies that baffle detection. They are declared to work in accordance with plans of campaign prepared by the master mind with all the skill of a great military strategist.

Several papers print his story with varying degree of sensationalism. Of late there has been an increasing number of jewel robberies. As a result an insurance company which insures a good deal of valuable jewelry has increased its premiums charged on this class of risks by 25 percent.

J. W. Bell, one of London's leading assessors, says that many recent big robberies have been so well planned and executed that the police can do little more than suspect the authors.

"The people who engineer these crimes are not the common, ordinary type of thief," Mr. Bell says. "There is more than one real Raffles in existence today. They haunt society gatherings, and in the hotels they are popular guests.

"I know one man who has a town address, a country house near Bournemouth, and two fine motor-cars, who is more than suspected of complicity in some of these great robberies, but up to the present time there has never been the slightest chance of connecting him with any of them.

"He is of good appearance, always well dressed, and would, in the ordinary way, be accepted as a guest at the houses of wealthy people.

"I know one instance in which a director of thieves is reputed to be worth \$150,000. Another successful director is a woman who has a university education, and is a cultured and charming personality.

"The victims, both in hotels and at private houses are often watched and shadowed for days before a suitable opportunity for the robbery occurs. It may easily cost \$1,000 or \$1,500 to meet the expenses of a successful haul, and the big thieves require frequent robberies to maintain themselves."

CIRCUS COMING TO TARBORO

The circus is coming—holds many interests for every member of the family. For example, the Willie's behavior has been beyond reproach. He has seen the flaring posters announcing the coming of the circus and nightly chores are done with a precision which has caused mothers to take particular notice. Willie has felt the thrill.

The circus is an American institution—it is a recreation for all classes. Seated side by side, the youngsters of the rich are just as delighted and can gain no more enjoyment than the poorest orphan, and the daring feats of the bareback riders, thrilling aerial acts and wholesome comedy of the clowns fall alike upon eyes and ears.

REACH AGREEMENT IN MUDANIA MEET

PARIS, Oct. 5.—An agreement has been reached at a conference of the allied and Turkish military leaders at Mudania and will be signed soon, according to private dispatches.

The main lines of the agreement, says Figaro, are that the British and Turks both withdraw from the neutral zone of the Dardanelles. The Turks agree for the allies to remain at Constantinople during the peace negotiations, and the Greeks are to evacuate Thrace within ten days.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 5.—British general headquarters reports the appearance of Turkish Nationalist cavalry at Kandra, 65 miles east of Constantinople, at the neutral zone.

SMYRNA, Oct. 5.—An agreement which has been reached at Mudania conference between the allied and Turkish delegates, according to message received here, was communicated to the Greek delegates, who expressed dissatisfaction, declaring themselves not empowered to reply and that they must have instructions from Athens.

GRADUATE NURSES EXERCISES HELD

The Sunday School Auditorium of the Presbyterian Church was comfortably filled last night, to witness the Graduating exercise of the Edgewood General Hospital.

Dr. J. M. Baker presided at these exercises and after a few introductory remarks asked Rev. Slaughter to have the Payer.

Mr. S. S. Nash introduced the Speaker of the evening, but before doing this he complimented the Graduates on having passed their examinations and reached that point in their life where they would be called upon for real service.

He presented each one of these Graduates with a present but it was not known what this present was. Mr. Nash requested the nurses not to open the packages at this time as it might be a disappointment to them an embarrassment to him.

He then presented Mr. Lyon Bond to the audience in a very flattering manner.

The address by Mr. Bond was well worded and nicely delivered. It contained much valuable information and was inspiration to the Graduates who heard him. He in a brief manner gave a history of the Art of Healing and Nursing and his words of advice and admonition will be long remembered by those who heard him.

The presentation of the Class Pins was made by Mr. M. G. Mann, who told the Graduates the great responsibility they had assumed when they received their diploma.

The diplomas were presented by Rev. Mr. Brown in a neat, graceful way. He told these nurses that they were not only to cure the body but they had great opportunity to carry comfort and joy and happiness to the souls of those whom they would have to care for in the future.

As Miss Midgette called out the names of the Graduates the diplomas were given to the following: Miss Cecil Bennett, Miss Grace Bennett, Miss Elizabeth Grantham, Miss May Fryer and Mrs. Eva Gray.

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After the exercises a reception was given in the Dining hall upstairs and the Graduates where the visitors were invited to enjoy the refreshments and the pleasures of the evening.

RESEARCH IS MADE EASY BY THE USE OF MODERN MACHINES

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 5.—When work begins October 15 in exploring the dust buried ruins of the city of Ur, ancestral home of the Patriarch Abraham, by a joint expedition of the British Museum and the University of Pennsylvania Museum, the archaeologists will have to contend with few of the extraordinary difficulties which hitherto have hampered work of the sort in Southern Mesopotamia.

"That country is now under a British mandate. Hence the first difficulty—that of sharing the best of the discoveries with the museum in Constantinople—is removed. Then, before the war virtually everything had to be done by hand. The expedition now on its way will be the first to utilize a complete modern mechanical equipment. Streets once thronged with men and women, silent now and buried for three thousand years, will echo the roar of locomotives and motor trucks.

"The expedition will start work under the most favorable auspices," said Dr. G. B. Gordon, director of the University Museum. "Since the British Museum is a governmental institution it was a simple matter to obtain equipment. The Colonial Office gave the utmost cooperation. A military railway and motor lorries have been provided to maintain communication with headquarters of the expedition, which will be at Bagdad."

Dr. C. L. Wolley, who has been at work recently on a Hittite site on the Upper Euphrates river, has been selected by Dr. Gordon to head the expedition, the British Museum having asked him to name a chief. Colonel E. W. Lawrence, a war hero and explorer of international reputation, will be second in command. Colonel Lawrence is credited with winning the Arab tribesmen over to the allies in the world war. He was captured by the Turks and spent two years in a prison camp.

Sidney Smith, a young archaeologist of the British Museum staff, will go along to decipher cuneiform texts. John Newton will accompany the expedition as an architectural expert, and Paul Hunter as a representative of the University Museum.

URGES GOVERNMENT MONOPOLY TO STABILIZE RAW SILK TRADE

YOKOHAMA, Sept. 30.—An increasing amount of attention has been paid to the important of stabilizing the raw silk trade that the market may be free from the violent fluctuations to which it is frequently subject says Diamond, a financial newspaper.

When the market slumps the merchants and manufacturers try to keep the price of raw silk at a certain level and among these means a certain figure, says the newspaper.

"If these devices fail, they ask for government assistance on the ground that raw silk is the most important article of export in the country. The government has been doing everything to propitiate them.

"As the 1920 stock is being disposed of a new situation has arisen which promises to develop into difficulty as the season advances. When the spring cocoons appeared on the market the raw silk market at Yokohama maintained great activity and high price with the consequence that manufacturers brought cocoons at a very high price. The market, since has suffered a decline and raw silk is now quoted in the neighborhood of 1,800 yen. The cutting down of output and the restriction of shipments to Yokohama have been agreed upon, but it is thought doubtful whether these artificial means will be effective in turning the tide of a declining market in the manufacture.

Coastal Plain Fair Opens October 31st

REPORT OF FARM DEMONSTRATOR

Early in the month, had a pathologist from the office of extension, Raleigh, to visit all farms doing seed breeding work in cotton, to pass upon the percentage of prevalence of any disease that might be transmitted by seed. His findings will later be published in bulletin form, by the extension service, for the protection of prospective purchasers of planting seed.

I shall not anticipate his statement further than to say that these investigations reassure us we are making considerable progress in this manner of disease control. Especially is this so of what is known as anthracnose, or pink boll rot.

Later in the month, had Mr. Nelson, sweet potato specialist, with the same idea as applied to cotton, to visit farms specializing with improved stock in sweet potato plantings. We think we shall have in that line some as good as there is in the country. We arranged with Dean Oke, and Tar River Livestock Association to hold a special meeting to consider matters pertaining to the swine industry. It was held in the courthouse, about 40 present. We have heard various comments about its success, but inquiries for breeding stock, about feeds, pastures, bulletins, and market information, has increased.

Have made 17 special visits, besides the drop-ins, to choose stock, or other things for fair exhibits, or to advise about preparation. Three special calls to advise about remodeling old poultry houses.

Have distributed 53 bulletins, state and federal.

Since my last report, the cotton boll weevil has been identified all along the northern border of the county, which means of course the whole county is infested.

I have written a few short articles for local publication. In these, I try to state only such facts as any citizen could well afford to know. Not of the scare-head kind. I would call upon all true citizens to avoid everything that might cause panic.

Considerable time has been taken to make up shipment of picric acid for blowing up stumps.

Had some seed of an improved strain of yellow sweet clover sent me from Tennessee.

Have arranged with Mr. Curran to have some of them planted at Edgewood Test Farm, to compare with other legumes. ZENO MOORE.

WILL TACKLE BOLL WEEVIL.

(Rocky Mountain Telegram.) At Tarboro today they have a hundred business men gathered for a barbecue dinner after which they are going to tackle the problem of what to do about the boll weevil. It is true the pest has appeared in Edgewood county and that in some fields he is being very much felt in the damage which he has done to the staple, and these Tarboro citizens are now considering what is to be done about the matter. There have been many measures suggested by means of which the pest may be curbed, some tried and some untried, but all without an effective result and he continues to puncture the bolls in his onward march over the belt. The Edgewood citizens are going to consider a diversification plan and the sweet potato may be given a little attention in the discussion of a substitute while a further effort to induce live stock raising may be undertaken. At any rate the people of Tarboro are to be commended for their efforts to solve the problems of the farmers, and even if they fail in the state should

SPLENDID FREE EXHIBITIONS FOR THE PEOPLE; GOOD RACING ASSURED; BUILDINGS ARE CLEANED AND MADE READY FOR EXHIBITS; WITHIN FEW WEEKS GATES WILL BE OPEN.

Tarboro people, listen— Do you realize that it is not quite one month before the gates of the Coastal Plain Fair will be thrown open and the folks will be pouring in? You should know that everything is about ready for the opening of the gates and soon you will be pulling for the fair grounds.

Mr. Peters wants this to be the largest and best fair the association has ever had, and it is natural that he should want it and that should be the aim and purpose of every president, but Mr. Peters can not do all by himself, nor can the fair officials either.

This association is straining every effort and working day and night to give to the town and county a fair of which every one will be proud.

If you have any exhibits to bring to the fair do not wait till the last day, but be in time so that those who have charge of the different departments can give you all the needed attention.

There will be splendid free attractions and first class racing is assured. The directors have held one meeting to which many outsiders have been invited for advice and conference, and in a few days there will be another similar meeting.

Let everybody get their exhibits ready, get themselves ready, and make their neighbors also get ready for the fair.

NOT ALL AMERICANS LAVISH WITH TIPS

LONDON, Oct. 5.—An opportunity for Americans to see themselves as at least some others see them, is afforded by an English correspondent who comments on the number of American tourists he has met in his travels through the country recently.

"At Chester," he writes, "one would have thought that the Mayflower's passengers had all taken a dateless return ticket and sent the whole of their descendants back to the old country in a bunch.

"The hotel where I stayed was full of sharp-faced men, elastic girls and shrivelled old ladies with eyeglasses and a drawl, who drank their water hot at breakfast and cold at dinner with an air of trying to believe, for the credit of the Stars and Stripes and the laws of the United States, that they preferred it to wine.

"On the city walls, in the cathedral by the pleasant Dee, everywhere one heard the Chicago burr, the Western nasal twang, and what I beg leave paradoxically to describe as the long drawn snappiness of New York.

"There never were more Americans here," a resident told me, "but they are mostly middle class people who have been induced by the European rates of exchange to take cheap holiday across the pond, as they don't lavish money like the millionaires of pre-war days.

"This comfortable assurance," said the writer, "enabled me to leave the city without ruining myself in tips.

AT GREENSBORO THIS WEEK Miss Emily Austin is in Greensboro this week attending the Founder Exercises at the North Carolina College for Women.

OBJECTION TO RATE BIG FOUR AND RAIL IS HEARD BY I. C. C. HEADS FIX WAGES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—The general freight rate board convened yesterday by the Interstate Commerce Commission will meet for today's session on Oct. 15 and 16, it was announced.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—Officials of the railroads of the southeastern section of the United States and the heads of the trainmen, conductors' brotherhoods began a conference today to consider contracts governing wages and working conditions. The conference is expected to continue for several days.

QUEEN PLANS TO SUE MISSION TO EUROPE

LONDON, Oct. 5.—With the approval of the department of common law, the queen is to sue the mission to Europe for damages for the loss of a crown jewel.

U. S. DESTROYER SHELLED BY TURKS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—Report that an American destroyer was bombed by the Turks while taking off refugees at Aival, in north Smyrna, first carried in a Reuters dispatch from Athens and repeated in a dispatch from Athens, has been received by the Greek legation here. No details of the affair are given.