

HORTON SPRINGS A REAL SURPRISE IN CASE CO-OPS

Suggests if Judge Meekins
Deems Receivership Inad-
visable Appoint Commission
to Probe Association

MOTION IS DENIED

Judge Meekins Also Refuses
Grant Plea of Plaintiffs
For Receivership But
Case Not Yet Settled

Raleigh, N. C., April 3.—A decision placing the Tri-State Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association in bankruptcy was denied, but causes were retained until further orders in an order signed by Federal Judge Isaac M. Meekins last night.

The association was ordered to refrain from transacting any extraordinary business which would unduly affect the assets or liabilities of the organization in the interim.

Court was adjourned late yesterday after five days of evidence and argument, the court had before it not only the bill of complaint, asking that the association be dissolved and a receiver appointed, and the defendant's motion to dismiss, but a proposal from the plaintiffs that the whole matter be submitted to a referendum of the members of the association.

The second real surprise of the receivership hearing came at the closing session yesterday afternoon when Attorney J. Lloyd Horton of counsel for the plaintiffs, suggested to Judge Isaac M. Meekins that, if he considered a receivership inadvisable, that he appoint a commission of three business men to look into the affairs of the defendant association.

The commission, according to his suggestion, would examine the affairs of the association, make what recommendations as to further steps it might take, and then submit its recommendations to a referendum of the 37,000 growers and report back to the judge at the June term of Federal Court.

The suggestion was made during the course of the attorney's closing argument and was considered by many in the court room as something akin to an admission that the plaintiffs considered their chances for a receivership as slight. The judge seemed impressed by the suggestion and declared his intention to give it serious consideration while he had the petition for a receivership, the motion for dismissal and the several other motions, and petitions involved under consideration. An early ruling was expected, as the judge gave assurance that he did not expect it to take him "very long."

The suggestion for an alternative action came on the heels of a most persuasive and convincing argument by Attorney Sapiro. That argument and the previous submission of an affidavit from the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Richmond to the effect that the association had \$9,000,000 in assets over all liabilities and that it considered its chances of getting back the huge sum it had loaned to the association much better under the present management than under a receivership, were serious blows to the plaintiffs' case and the suggestion of Attorney Horton was taken as an effort to retrieve as much as possible out of a wrecked proceeding.

Appointment of such a commission, it was explained, would go toward re-establishing the association in such a better financial position as to be able to pay the tobacco growers and, instead of having co-operative marketing, would give the growers accurate information as to the exact standing of their association, with recommendations of men who, in all probability would be experts, as to how best to continue, if they thought it best to continue at all.

Attorney Sapiro, seemingly, was taken by surprise by the proposal of appointing counsel and had little to say on the matter. He was urged in a request that a sufficient bond be filed by the plaintiffs to protect the association from any damages due to inaction by the injunction still in force. He suggested a \$100,000 bond and, when the opposing counsel laughed outright, explained that, unless new leases could be signed within the next 30 days, an entire year's rental on some of the properties might be lost. The judge intimated that the injunction order might be amended, in case it were kept in force, to obviate any such excessive damage.

Attorney Sapiro's closing argument was considered by many in the court room as a masterpiece (Continued on Page 4)

HOLDS CO-OPS UNDER THE WING



Here is Judge Isaac M. Meekins of Elizabeth City, upon whom the eyes of the State have been this week as he has presided over the receivership hearing in the Raleigh Federal Court against the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association. While denying the motion for a receivership, Judge Meekins reserved the right to change his decision.

Court Hits In-Laws As Main Cause Of Wrecked Homes

"More homes, both white and colored, have been wrecked by the meddling of in-laws than from any other cause," declared Trial Justice P. G. Sawyer, waxing philosophical in recorder's court this morning, in passing on the case of Johnnie Coffield, colored, charged with having abandoned his wife. Coffield was put under suspended sentence of 60 days on the roads, suspension conditional upon his taking care of his wife.

"Having seen so many instances of such meddlesomeness, I can understand why every now and then somebody slaps over one of his in-laws," Mr. Sawyer continued. "In fact, I'd do it myself, if any of mine interfered in my family affairs."

The trial justice then congratulated Prosecuting Attorney J. H. LeRoy, Jr., on having turned to the court in fees a larger amount in March than had been turned in for any month since the prosecution attorney was placed on salary. Mr. LeRoy's fees for March amounted to \$223.75, and under the old arrangement, this sum would have gone into his own pocket. As it is, he received a salary of \$150 a month, and the balance, \$73.75, goes into the County treasury as "profit."

"This is an indication of the efficient manner in which the prosecuting attorney is handling his job," Mr. Sawyer concluded, in his tribute to Mr. LeRoy.

RELIEF BY FEE ALL FARMER CAN GET NOW

Washington, April 3.—Resuming his testimony before the Senate Agriculture Committee, William Hirth, head of the committee from the corn belt, declared today that the bill to handle surplus problem by levying a fee on agricultural products was the best that could be obtained at this time by the farmer.

AMERICA DECLINES TO ATTEND WORLD COURT

Washington, April 3.—A note declining the League of Nations' invitation to the World Court Commission at Geneva will be forwarded early next week by Secretary Kellogg. Instead of meeting other nations to discuss American reservations the United States will continue direct negotiations on the subject with signatories to the court protocol.

BIG BAKING COMBINE ORDERED TO DISSOLVE

Baltimore, April 3.—The Ward Food Products Corporation, incorporated under the Maryland laws with an assessed capitalization of \$2,000,000,000, is ordered to dissolve within 30 days and surrender its charters to the State under the consent decree issued by Judge Morris A. Soper in Federal District Court today.

TO HOLD CONFERENCE

A joint conference between rural ministers with charges in Pasquotank County, and the County Welfare Board will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday morning at 10:30, for a discussion of city and rural problems. It was arranged at a meeting of the Welfare Board Saturday morning, which was attended by Miss Mary Frances Camp, of Raleigh, State director of the bureau of county welfare organizations.

Dawning of Easter Morn, Annual Debut of Spring, Is Awaited Eagerly Here

Special Program in Churches and Annual Fashion Parade Are Main Features of Day; Post-Lenten Social Season Begins Monday Night

Eagerly anticipant, Elizabeth City today is awaiting the dawning of the glad Resurrection Morn. Easter Sunday, bright festival which marks the passing of the four winter months, and the real beginning of spring, regardless of what the calendar may hold to the contrary, is ever a day of rejoicing. Celebrating, as it does, the resurrection of the Savior, it is a day of reverence, too—the most momentous of all anniversaries of the Christian faith.

The weather man was cautiously optimistic concerning Easter Day in North Carolina, predicting generally fair and colder weather, with moderate to fresh winds, shifting to northwest.

Easter carols in churches decked with a brilliant profusion of flowers tomorrow will add their note of joyousness to the day. The bright faces of children, their joy reflected in the smiling happiness of their elders, also will serve as a reminder that a world caught in the modern swirl of commercialism has not forgotten tender sentiment, reverence, and the other non-materialistic things that make life worth while.

For the ladies—and scarcely less for the men—Easter Sunday inevitably provides the occasion for a display of glad raiment. Even the most hard-boiled individuals among us concede a little to the day, all managing somehow to brighten up their attire before setting forth to mingle with their fellow beings at church or elsewhere. The annual Easter parade is as much an established institution, providing the weather permits, as is the annual spring housecleaning. Spring styles are displayed, and spring flowers in as handsome bouquets and corsages as beaux can afford their belles.

Candy on Demand
Drug stores in Elizabeth City report an unusually heavy sale of Easter candies, too, and many were busy filling belated orders today. Candy and flowers, as tokens of affection, are as much a part of Easter as the browned and steaming turkey is a part of Thanksgiving Day.

The gladness of the Easter holidays is heightened by returning throngs from colleges and universities in this and half a dozen other States. The boys and girls have been arriving in steadily increasing numbers these last few days, to spend Easter with their parents, and to enjoy the round of social festivities which follow immediately after it.

The post-Lenten social season in Elizabeth City will open in appropriate fashion Monday night with the Easter Dance of the Cotillion Club, to be given in the Masonic Hall. The hours for dancing will be from 9 to 2 o'clock, and music will be furnished by an outfit of town orchestra. In all, about 100 couples are expected to attend. Anticipating an unusual demand for tickets, the committee in charge of the dance has requested that all expecting to attend procure theirs at once.

Snappy Bathing Suits
The next important social function of the week after Easter will be a cabaret dance and fashion show to be given at the Elizabeth City Country Club Wednesday night, beginning at 8:30 o'clock, to which the entire club membership has been invited. Tickets for the event have been selling so fast that members of the committee in charge are finding it necessary to increase the number of tables.

The fashion show will comprise a display of the season's latest in dresses, hats and coats—and an assortment of the snappiest bathing suits ever exhibited here. Elizabeth City girls carefully chosen for their attractiveness will be the models, along with possibly one or more each from Hertford and Edenton. Local dealers in ladies' wear will furnish the costumes and accessories.

The names of the girls who will appear as models are being kept a profound secret. Also, nothing is divulged as to other features of the entertainment, except that there will be several distinctly original stunts, and dancing for those who care for it.

Thus, with two social occasions of the first order, and a number of smaller private affairs, the after-Easter season in Elizabeth City will begin under brightest auspices.

A clause which may well strike dismay in the hearts of those "late birds" who drive automobiles in Elizabeth City, is embodied in the city ordinances covering the operation of motor vehicles. In substance, it sets forth that automobiles must not be parked continuously on the streets between the hours of 2 and 7 o'clock in the morning.

Rule of Road Explained As Main Safety Measure

If It Were Observed Generally, Probably There Would Be No Need for Stop Corners in Elizabeth City; Other Disregarded Laws

Automobile owners are given fair warning that if they leave their cars parked all night in the downtown business section from now on, they may as well be prepared to face the music in recorder's court next day. Chief of Police Holmes today issued an ultimatum on the subject, declaring that henceforth, members of the night force would "pull" all who violated this particular city ordinance.

Motorists Warned About Parking And Procuring Permits

The law prohibits the parking of cars continuously from 2 to 7 o'clock in the morning. It has not been enforced strictly in recent months, on account of the torn-up condition of the streets; and Chief Holmes and his men declare they will observe a degree of leniency in enforcing it in those residential districts in which automobile owners are unable to drive into their garages, because of excavations for sewer and water mains.

U. S. Officer Hangs Self From Transom

Savannah, April 3.—The body of United States Commissioner Richard M. Lester was found hanging from the transom over his office door in the Savannah Bank and Trust Building here today. The discovery was made by the janitor on his usual morning rounds.

He's World "Rabbit King"

P. P. Doss of Norwich, Va., might be called the world rabbit king; at least, he expects to sell about 20,000 rabbits this year. He sells jack rabbits to race course promoters and colportage men, preserves, and has \$5000 invested in traps and nets to catch them.

EASTER PUZZLE PICTURE Find Missing Chicks And Bunnies



Here you are, kiddies. A heap of fun for Easter morning. Hidden in this picture are three Easter bunnies and two chicks. Maybe these're the ones who brought you your Easter eggs this morning. Anyway, turn the picture around and around until you find them. Then get out your crayons and color the picture up nicely. After it is finished give it to mother as an Easter gift.

Last Hope Chapman Pardon Or Reprieve Driver Naps; Truck Overtakes In Ditch

Hartford, April 3.—Judge Jennings destroyed Gerald Chapman's last hope of escaping the gallows Monday night through a court action today by a ruling that the new evidence presented by his attorneys was not worthy of hearing in the formal motion for a new trial.

Chapman's only hope now is the Pardon Board or an executive reprieve. Judge Jennings said that he would see the Governor this afternoon and "talk the case over."

Because he took a little nap of the long, lonely stretch of the George Washington Highway between Deep Creek and South Mills, the driver of the truck which brings bread and newspapers from Norfolk each day, failed to reach Elizabeth City Saturday morning. Instead, he "parked" his truck, half turned over, in a ditch near Culpepper's Locks about three miles above South Mills. He escaped injury, except for a slight wrench of the left knee.

The bread and papers were brought to this city by B. L. Morris, driver for McPherson Brothers' Bus Line, arriving about 11 o'clock—several hours behind schedule, as far as his extra load was concerned, but on time for his passengers.

Mr. Morris stated that the truck had escaped damage apparently, through the fact that it partially overturned where the earth was soft. He left the driver to procure help and extricate the truck, and follow later.

Stato and city regulations are in harmony on the "rule of the road," which gives the vehicle at the right the right of way at all intersections in Elizabeth City, that is perhaps the most often violated of all traffic laws, the general practice here being for drivers to pay no more attention to motorists approaching from the right than those coming from the left.

The "rule of the road" requires that when a driver approaches an intersection, he must stop if necessary, to permit another coming on the right-hand side to cross ahead of him. This is covered by both city and State laws, and is enforced rigidly in the cities. If thus enforced here, there are many who think that it would make altogether unnecessary the two stop corners on Main street.

An ordinance to which small attention is paid requires that no motorist, except by direction of the chief of the fire department, or his representative, may approach closer than 100 feet in the vicinity of any fire at which the department is at work. Another, which is better observed, directs that upon the approach of fire apparatus, the motorist shall stop his car on the extreme right of the street, and remain until the apparatus has passed.

Calcutta, Ind., April 3.—Rioting between Hindus and Moslems broke out in Calcutta again this morning. The situation appears to be serious. More persons were killed or injured today than yesterday.

More Than \$100,000 Now Raised In Campaign For This City's New Hotel

WORK BEGINS ON CONSTRUCTION OF HOTEL PROJECT

Completion New Hotel at
Carolina Resort to be
Completed by July 1, Op-
ening Season

TO HAVE 100 ROOMS And Thoroughly Modern in Every Detail Will be New Structure on Which Plan Is to Spend \$410,000

New Bern, April 3.—For immediate construction with completion guaranteed in time for opening July 1, contracts have been awarded by officials of Morehead Bluffs, Inc. of this city, for the new hotel on their development at Morehead Bluffs near Morehead City.

The main construction contract was let to the J. E. Beaman Construction Company, of Raleigh, for work to begin Monday morning with three eight-hour shifts working continuously on the project. A \$147,500 forfeiture bond was required for guaranteed construction and an additional forfeiture bond of \$50,000 was given for completion of the hotel by midnight of July 2.

Plumbing contracts were given to Stallings Brothers, of New Bern; heating contracts to E. L. Davis and company, of Beaufort; electrical contracts to the Thompson Electric company, of Raleigh; and contracts for three electric elevators and electric dumb waiters lying between Hindus and Moslems pany, of Danville, Va. The total cost of the building is estimated at \$410,000.

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General Executive Com- mittee Passes Quota, with Several Members Still to Be Heard From

Initial Response Taken as
Foreshadowing Early Suc-
cess in Drive to Meet
Community Need

LEADERS ARE ELATED

More than \$100,000 toward the cost of erecting Elizabeth City's proposed thoroughly modern fireproof hotel has been raised already, entirely within the ranks of the general hotel executive committee, it was announced today, the goal set for committee subscriptions having been passed by a substantial margin.

Encouraged by this preliminary success, W. G. Galtner, general sales manager in the financial campaign, in making this first announcement of the program of the drive, stated that the sales organization was ready to go out to handle the initial sales prospects among the general public here.

Although the original committee goal of \$100,000 has been passed, there are still two or three members of the committee to be heard from, it is stated, and Mr. Galtner and his associates anticipate that the present total will be increased substantially when they have taken stock.

As his assistants in the general sales campaign, Mr. Galtner has appointed L. R. Foreman and G. R. Pugh. These in turn have named four division sales managers, N. W. Daily, W. E. Griffin, R. S. Toxey and Buxton White. Each of these has chosen or will choose three group leaders, and each group leader will sign up ten salesmen. These details of organization are being worked out rapidly, it is announced, and the general stock selling drive probably will begin by the middle of the coming week.

The response of the general hotel committee in over-subscribing its quota of stock is taken as a most encouraging indication of the ultimate success of the campaign, and has given new impetus to the organization as a whole, committee leaders report.

Among the division managers, Buxton White today was the first to report having signed up his three group leaders, R. M. Cotter, John H. Hall, Jr., and S. B. Parker.

"The men in my division are going at the proposition on the basis that nobody can say, 'No,'" Mr. White declared. "We all believe in the hotel, know that Elizabeth City needs it, and the only way we can get it is for everybody to jump in and do his part of the work." He is leader of Division "W."

W. E. Griffin, leader of Division "B," later announced the appointment of J. Henry LeRoy, Jr., C. H. Twiddy and W. W. Woodley, Jr., as his group leaders. The others are expected to name theirs soon.

Investors in the hotel are reminded by the committee that no bonus or gratuity of any kind will be paid or given in the sale of stock, and that all will purchase it on exactly the same basis, and the same terms. The cumulative feature of the preferred stock means that, in the event of a possible unprofitable year of operation, whatever part of the 6 per cent interest remains unpaid will be carried over to the next year.

For instance, only 4 per cent would be paid that year, but the balance would be due the following year. It is explained, with reference to the common stock, which is issued free of charge on a basis of one share with each two \$100 shares of preferred stock, that the former may readily become much more valuable than the preferred.

The O. Henry Hotel in Greensboro had been financed on the same basis as that used here, the common stock would have been worth \$200 a share after the first year of operation, it is declared. However, the Greensboro investors demanded a guaranteed dividend of 6 per cent on their preferred stock, issuing no common stock. This guarantee was put up by the William Four Operating Company, in making over the management of the hotel.

The O. Henry Hotel cost \$650,000. After paying the required \$36,000 in dividends, Mr. Four announced in the course of his recent visit here that he made a net profit of \$75,000 to \$100,000 in the first year of operation.

The hotel here is to be run on a basis whereby the stockholders will receive 60 per cent, and the operating company 40 per cent of the net proceeds after all expenses have been met. Had the O. Henry member be urged to be present

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