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## Co-Op Receivership Fees Now Total Over \$200,000

Amount Does Not Include Fees Paid Receivers and Attorneys of Subsidiaries; Some Doubt As to New Association.

Raleigh, April 8.—With final allowance not yet made to the receivers, allowances to receivers and attorneys for the Tri-State Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association, which has been in the hands of receivers since June, 1926, were yesterday increased to over \$200,000 by an order signed by Judge L. M. Meekins and filed yesterday in the United States District Court. The order follows an agreement by the three Federal judges in whose districts the association held property.

The sum does not include large sums which were allowed to the receivers for the five subsidiary warehousing corporations and their attorneys. The receivers recently distributed \$512,736.50 to grower members and most of these checks have been cashed, but it is anticipated that perhaps \$100,000 of the distribution will present some difficulty because of the deaths of members, the failure of joint beneficiaries to agree upon a division of the distribution and because of litigation of one kind or another.

The order filed yesterday by Judge Meekins contained no allowances for the receivers. M. L. Corey, who has already been paid a total of nearly \$85,000 has petitioned for more, but it is not yet definitely determined whether or not there will be funds on hand to pay the receivers more. They are now winding up their affairs and have arranged to turn over statistical records to the North Carolina State College.

In the mean time there is some doubt as to whether the new tobacco cooperative now in progress of organization will have a sufficient membership with which to function in 1931. J. R. Page, chairman of the organization committee, will go to Washington Monday for a conference with James C. Stone, chairman of the Federal Farm Board and after that conference will call a meeting of the organization committee to determine whether or not the organization will become effective this year. The decision must be made before May 1.

If continued until June of this year, the receivership will have lasted five years.

The attorneys allowed additional fees today were Henry Bowden of Norfolk, Va., \$2,500; Landon Lowry of Bedford City, Va., \$2,000; Aubrey E. Strode of Lynchburg, Va., \$10,000, and Arthur R. Young of Chester, S. C., \$5,500.

Bowden previously had been allowed \$10,500 for a total of \$13,000 for the duration of the receivership; Lowry, \$5,000 for a total of \$7,500; Strode, \$15,000 for a total of \$25,000, and Young, \$2,000, for a total of \$7,500.

This totaled \$48,000 for the four attorneys and with the \$12,500 previously granted W. B. Jones of Raleigh, makes \$60,500 for five attorneys. The late Wiley M. Person of Louisville, N. C., P. W. Glidewell of Reidsville, N. C., and E. W. Buford of Lawrenceville, Va., were paid \$5,000 for their connection with the receivership. This brought the total amount paid these attorneys to \$75,500 during the receivership. The last named unsuccessfully went to the courts for additional fees of \$25,000 each.

M. L. Corey of Richmond, Va., one of the three receivers, has been paid at the rate of \$1,000 a month plus \$5,000 a year and will receive lastly until June. The two other receivers, James H. Pou of Raleigh, \$85,000 from the receivership if it has been paid at the rate of \$5,000 a year and will have received \$25,000 apiece by June.

## LISTING COOPERATIVE COTTON FOR TAXES

The month of April is tax-listing time. Under the law, as interpreted by the Attorney-General, the Cotton Association is not liable for taxes on Cooperative cotton. The individual member, however, who has cotton in the Association, is liable for taxes on his equity in the cotton.

If cotton is appraised at 10 cents per pound and the member has been advanced 9 cents per pound on it, he of course would have an equity of 1 cent, or probably \$5.00 per bale, that would be subject to taxation.

If cotton is only being appraised at 9 cents per pound by the tax assessors and the member has already drawn 9 cents per pound against it, he of course would not be required to list any equity in the cotton.

The member also is entitled to deduct any indebtedness he might owe against his equity, should there be any equity. In other words, he is in the same position and entitled to the same consideration in listing cotton as the non-member. North Carolina Cotton Growers.

## Former Mayor Is Re-Elected

Chief Executive Receives The Necessary Majority in First Primary; And No Second Primary for Aldermen Expected.

The required majority of votes given Robert E. Belcher, elected him as Mayor of Farmville for a second term on Tuesday, and eliminated automatically the holding of another primary.

Two opposing candidates, George W. Davis, Jr., and Robert Lee Smith, made the contest most interesting, especially as the latter is one of the younger men of the town, and counted many loyal supporters among the young people. Of the 584 votes cast, 383 were reported for Belcher; Smith 179; Davis 72. Davis announced his candidacy at the last moment and did his campaigning through the mail.

Mayor Belcher, who is a familiar figure in local politics, having served the town efficiently in various capacities of municipal government since becoming of age. He held the offices of police chief and town alderman respectively for several years, and upon organizing the fire department in 1914, he was elected its chief, and served for ten years. He was elected mayor in 1905 and served 7 terms. In 1929 he was again elected to the office, and his re-election at this time bespeaks his efficient service and popularity.

The town Commissioner candidates numbered ten. Dr. W. M. Willis receiving the largest number of votes cast, 508 out of a possible 584. J. R. Davis who has served five terms and L. W. Godwin, with three terms to his credit were re-elected, with Dr. R. Willis, T. W. Lang, and J. T. Bundy as new additions to the board.

## DR. FRANK DEAN TO PREACH SUNDAY

Dr. Frank Dean of Wilmington, rector-in-charge, will preach at the Episcopal church, Sunday morning, April 12th, at 10:00. A special Easter offering will be taken at this time.

The Sunday School superintendent, J. L. Shackelford, wishes all the mite boxes to be in hand by Sunday, so an accurate report may be made of Lenten collections.

## Women Given Prison Terms

Two Young Bladen County Girls Plead Guilty To Breaking In Store in Raleigh.

Raleigh, April 8.—Two young Bladen county women, charged with breaking into an A. & P. store here several weeks ago, pleaded guilty in Superior Court yesterday before Judge M. V. Barnhill and were sentenced to six months each in state's prison. The women have been in jail since the robbery occurred.

Mrs. A. L. Baker and Clara McKines, sisters, who claimed they owned a farm in the Eastern section of the State, were arrested by city policemen at midnight as they were making a meal from crackers and jelly in a store on East Martin street. Neither attempted to escape when officers forced their way into the store.

As the officers flashed their lights on the two young women, the fair robbers announced that they had entered the store to get something to eat, and that they intended to keep eating until they had had enough. Even as the officers placed them under arrest, they continued to eat rolls and jelly.

The two women yesterday asked that they be sent to the Federal prison at Atlanta, but Judge Barnhill informed them that he had no authority to grant their request.

## Wants Things Changed

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, told a California audience that America must return to the old principles of democracy and abolish the spoils system.



Baby Weighed 45 Pounds at Birth. The youngster shown above, just two weeks old, weighed 45 pounds at its birth. He is a member of the zebra family in the winter quarters of a circus in Los Angeles, Cal. It is expected he will be big enough to barstorn with the circus this summer.

## Says Women of Country Will Repudiate Hoover

MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES TO RECEIVE BENEFITS

Indianapolis, Ind., April 9.—Benefits under the pension system recently inaugurated by Disciples of Christ for ministers and missionaries of Christian churches in the United States and Canada will begin immediately, it was announced here today by trustees of the Disciples of Christ pension fund, and certificates of membership dated April 1st are now being mailed to more than 2,000 participants.

Response by both ministers and congregations to the appeal for an earned pension plan, and the response by individual members of congregations to the call for subscriptions toward a reserve fund of \$8,000,000 according to pension fund trustees, have both been so satisfactory that the actuary of the pension system will now permit the payment of benefits covering the disability of members and pensions to widows and children of deceased members.

Sunday, May 17, has been designated as mobilization day when church members will begin a nationwide canvass to complete raising for the Pension Fund an initial reserve of \$8,000,000 toward which \$1,500,000 already has been subscribed. This effort will be led by 1,000 selected leaders who have volunteered their services.

Age retirement benefits under the pension plan, fund officials explain, depend largely upon the raising of this reserve fund. When age retirement become effective the entire pension system as approved by members of Christian Churches in the United States and Canada will be in full operation.

## Maury High School Junior-Senior Banquet

Among the most important social events of the Maury High school, was a Junior-Senior banquet, held in the school building Friday evening.

The guests were received by Misses Edna Skinner and Sarah Carr and served punch by Mrs. R. F. Coats, Mrs. Mary Moye Patterson, Misses Evelyn Nethercutt and Mattie Edwards and directed to the banquet room, which was decorated with spring flowers and streamers carrying the senior class colors of lavender and white. A folder containing the program and menu served as attractive place cards. The tables arranged in horseshoe form was decorated with spring flowers. A three course dinner was served by six girls of the sophomore class.

Miss Addie Lee Vandford, president of the juniors, was toastmistress and gave the address of welcome, in addition to which she introduced each speaker with a short, witty, character sketch. Howard Carr toasted the seniors, with Robert Moore responding; Miss Lucille Albright toasted the county superintendent. H. G. Robertson, who arose and responded; Miss Bernice Boone toasted the trustees, and L. L. Hardy, Sr., responded; Miss Evelyn Nethercutt toasted the teachers, with reply by Rev. J. E. Johnson; Miss Sarah Carr toasted Maury HI, to which R. F. Coats made response. The fortunes of the seniors were told by a witch who made a timely appearance. Contests and music with instrumental selections by Ralph Bowen, furnished additional entertainment during the evening.

Those present were; H. G. Robertson, county superintendent, J. B. Vandford, J. E. Frizzelle, W. M. May, and L. L. Hardy, Sr., trustees; R. F. Coats, principal, Mrs. Coats, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson and Mrs. Mary Moye Patterson, teachers; Misses Helen Hardy, Helen Williams, Rivers Vandford, Robert Moore, Carlton Mooring, seniors; Misses Edna Murphy, Bernice Boone, Elver Carr, Mattie Edwards, Evelyn Nethercutt, Sara Carr, Edna Skinner, Willie Grimley, Lucille Albright, Mattie Oliver, Bruce Nethercutt, Addie Lee Vandford and Howard Carr, juniors.

## Rum Maker Fires Upon Pitt Officer

Deputy Sheriff Harris Escapes Uninjured and Gets Distiller and The Still; Distiller is Released Under \$1,000 Bond.

Greenville, North Carolina, April 6.—Deputy Sheriff Herbert Harris was fired upon by a whiskey distiller during a raid by county officers in the Winterville community Saturday afternoon, it became known today. The officer escaped without a scratch and the rum-maker was captured after a sprinting contest of several hundred yards.

The distiller, Skilton Dennis, was brought to Greenville and lodged in jail on charges of assault with a deadly weapon and manufacturing whiskey. He was released yesterday under bond of \$1,000. He will be given preliminary hearing in the regular weekly session of county court tomorrow.

In addition to the capture of the operator, the officers also destroyed a steam distilling plant, several hundred gallons of beer and about two gallons of whiskey. The plant was in full operation when the officers arrived. Dennis was said to have been devoting his attention to pouring of the beverage when Officer Harris ordered "hands up." Instead of obeying the command, the distiller was said to have reached around for his rifle, fired upon the officer and fled in the direction of home.

Although rather short-legged, Deputy Harris distinguished himself as a sprinter and captured his prey before he could make a getaway.

This was the first time county officers have been fired on by members of the illicit whiskey traffic in some time, and the subject was a matter of considerable discussion and speculation along the streets today.

## \$23,800 Uncle Sam's Split In Prize Contest Of Reynolds Tob. Co.

Uncle Sam has profited by about \$23,800 in the \$50,000 prize contest being conducted by R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, makers of Camel cigarettes, it was announced today.

Demonstrations estimated that each of a million entries cost the sender a two-cent stamp, or \$20,000, and that the 20,000 special delivery and 10,000 registered letters brought in the government an additional \$3,800. If the mail had been delivered to Winston-Salem, N. C. contest headquarters by carriers carrying their normal loads, approximately 2,500 letter carriers would have been required. In addition there were three truckloads of bulky exhibits, each of which carried additional postage but postage varied so as to defray liability.

The approximately million contestants used 13 tons of paper. If the letters were stacked one on the other, they would make a column 3.15 miles high. In opening the letters, numbering letter and envelope together, the judge's staff used 3,000,000 inches of stapling wire. After exhausting the Winston-Salem supply and the North Carolina supply, the staff was forced to send direct to the manufacturer in New York for more wire.

It was further estimated that one man, working at top speed to open, staple, and number the entries, would be at work two years and three months if he tackled the job single-handed.

Because of the scrupulous care that is being exercised in studying the entries it will be several weeks before any announcement of the prize-winners can be made.

At no time during the judging will the names and address of contestants be known to the judges, Charles Dana Gibson, Ray Long and Roy Howard. All marks of identification are deleted before the entries are submitted to the judges.

## FOUNTAIN DEBATERS WIN BOTH CONTESTS

Greenville, April 6.—The Fountain high school negative and affirmative debaters defeated the Leggett high school debaters Friday night and are thereby granted a chance to defend themselves again April 16-17 at the University of North Carolina. The affirmative debaters remained at home, while the negative debaters went away. The debaters for Fountain were: Affirmative, Miss Elizabeth Smith and Miss Juanti Cook; negative, Miss Katie Peoples and Miss Gately Killebrew.

Fountain was supposed to have debated Calypso negative and Leggett was to have sent its negative team to Calypso, but the Calypso school was unable to participate on account of an epidemic of measles.

A special radio station, with a world-wide range, for emergency use, will be established at Geneva, Switzerland, by the League of Nations.

## Defeat Seen For Luxury Tax By Close Vote

### Gen. Butler Is Headliner

Will Lead The Parade at The Eastern Carolina Exposition To Be Held in Greenville The Week of April 27th.

Major General Smedley D. Butler, who has been in the public eye for the past several years, especially recently, has been engaged as the headliner for the opening day of the Eastern Carolina Exposition to be held in Greenville the week of April 27th. General Butler will lead the parade and all military and semi-military organizations of the section will be invited to join in on this occasion to make it a gala day in the history of Eastern North Carolina. The parade will begin promptly at 2 P. M., with Chief Marshal Sammie T. Carson, of base ball fame, in charge. Major Butler will make a short address in the afternoon and will deliver his complete lecture in the evening. The Committee feels indeed fortunate in being able to secure General Butler for this occasion. It is the belief that thousands will motor to Greenville on April 27th to see and hear this distinguished American citizen.

Senators in The Doubtful Class Expected to Decide Whether Senate Will Adopt or Reject Tax on Luxuries. Raleigh, April 8.—The clash of arms that struck from the House revenue bill the Day general sales tax by a vote of 36 to 8 Tuesday afternoon, swelled Wednesday into the turmoil of a bitter contest. Lines were drawn close as the battle raged in the Senate over the Hinsdale selected commodity or "luxury" tax. The issue, whether the State should adopt a luxury, more generally called the "nuisance" tax, to relieve ad valorem taxes of support of the six months schools, pushed itself prominently to the front. The outcome rests uncertainly by the very narrowest margin.

Straw polls about the Capitol predict the defeat of the Hinsdale luxury tax by three to one votes. Tabulation place 25 Senators against the tax; 22 for and three doubtful.

How They May Vote. Observers of the contest list the following Senators opposed to the luxury or nuisance tax: Bennett, Barnard, Burrus, Campbell, Clement, Dunlap, Folger, Gower, Grant, Gravelly, Grier, Harmon, Hatchett, Haywood, Hendren, Horton, Johnson, of Moore; Jones, Lawrence, McSwain, Nixon, Powell, Rankin, Umstead, Whedbee and Williams.

Senators who are expected to vote for the Hinsdale proposal are: Baggett, Blount, Clark, Clarkson, Dorch, Gwyn, Hardy, Hinsdale, Johnson, of Duplin, Lindsey, Lovell, Lynch, McKee, McLean, Peel, Powell, Price, Powell, Uzzell, Ward, of Beaufort; Ward of Craven; and Pritchett.

Political Issue. If the doubtful votes are swung in favor of the tax, the vote will be a tie, followers of the contest reason. In this case, Senator Blount, chairman of the committee, a declared advocate of the sales tax, will have the opportunity of voting twice. His ballot to break the tie will, if a tie results, write the luxury tax into the revenue bill reported by the committee.

The two Republican members of the Senate, Grant and Harmon, are listed as opponents of the tax. It is predicted that Republicans will make the sales tax an issue in 1932 if one of any kind is written into the revenue bill this year.

## Money Bill Is Reported

Appropriations Committee Sends Measure To Floor; Holmes Attempts To Strike Out Equalizing Fund.

Raleigh, April 8.—Without reconsideration of contested sections, the joint appropriations committee reported Wednesday morning the appropriation bill carrying some \$380,000 more annual expenses than were provided in the original budget bill on which it is based.

While there was no contest at the Tuesday night meeting, when the bill was given final approval, on the appropriations to State institutions, which threatened last week to disrupt the joint committee, it is expected that House Chairman R. L. Harris will call a meeting of the House members who stand for small expenditures and seek to repudiate the joint appropriations bill by filing a minority report.

Representative Holmes, of Pitt, created a stir when he proposed to strike out the \$6,500,000 equalizing fund and substitute a new provision for a \$19,000,000 fund for the public schools. He and Mrs. McKee insisted that the MacLean law was a law, and that it was the committee's duty to provide for it.

Supplemental Bill. Finally, the committee voted to eliminate the appropriation entirely and leave it for a supplemental bill. The bill carries a 10 per cent cut

## Gets L.L.D. Degree

Willie Cather, famous American novelist, was given the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by the University of California.

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in the departmental salary appropriations and also a recommendation to constitutional officers that they accept a similar salary reduction. The Constitution prevents reductions in the salaries of the Governor, Treasurer, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Auditor and State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The Lieutenant Governor was eliminated from the recommendation since he has put in considerable legislative overtime and his salary is only \$700.

Recommendations to cut out the \$500 expenses allowed justices of the Supreme Court and the reduction of traveling expenses of Superior Court judges from \$1,500 to \$750 were also included.

A section cutting the automobile mileage allowance of State employees form 8 cents in some departments and 10 cents in the Highway Commission to a rate of 6 cents per mile. The appropriation of the Insurance Department was increased \$6,500 annually to take care of a bill already passed this session providing for State license and regulation of insurance agents.

## MARCH PRODUCTION OF CHEVROLET MOTOR CO. 79,603 CARS AND TRUCKS

March production of the Chevrolet Motor Company was 79,603 cars and trucks and brings the number of new 1931 models built up to April 1st to in excess of 326,000 units, W. S. Knudsen, president and general manager announced today.

March output was larger than in any month since May, 1930, and final figures for March exceed preliminary reports by more than 4,000 units.

The March performance represents a gain of better than 18 per cent over February production of 67,000 units, and represents an increase of 1,000 units over the number originally scheduled for March production.

While production of the company is being conservatively increased in line with the upturn of the sales chart, registration figures continue to show that Chevrolet is maintaining leadership as the fastest-selling automobile. In December Chevrolet led all other makes of passenger-cars in domestic registrations by 2,000 units, in January by 4,000 units, and the 43 states already reported for February show maintenance of that leadership by a comfortable margin.

A towel that disappeared 2 years ago from the Y. M. C. A. in Council Bluffs, Ia., has just been sent back to the institution by the conscience-stricken person who took it.