

CO-OPS WILL NOT DELIVER 1926 TOBACCO CROP

TRAGEDY STALKS IN MIDST OF BIG FAMILY RE-UNION

All Tobacco Can Now Be Sold On The Open Market By Former Co-op Members

Wade Wooten, 6 Years Of Age, Is Drowned In Lake At Hillcrest

Legal Responsibility Of All Members of the Tri-State Tobacco Growers Co-operative Marketing Association to Deliver Their Crop to the Organization Came to An End Yesterday - Association Not To Appeal From Meekins Decision

Raleigh, June 30.—Members of the Tri-State Tobacco Growers Co-operative Marketing Association will not be required to deliver their 1926 crop. Their legal responsibility to the association in this regard when Federal Judge I. M. Meekins tonight signed an order releasing them.

Under the five years contract, which expired at the end of 1925, the thousands of members of the organization in Virginia, North and South Carolina were required to deliver their crops to the association and failure of members to deliver have resulted in numerous suits brought by counsel for the co-operative association against its members.

Signing of this order followed announcement late today that the board of directors had decided not to take an appeal from Judge Meekins' order signed at Elizabeth City recently which threw the association into receivership.

With the members relieved of making deliveries to the association under a receivership and with the decision of the directors not to carry the case further, early liquidation of the assets tonight appeared probable but the receivers so far have declined to sue.

The organization's board of directors, in a meeting lasting the entire day, in addition to deciding not to take appeal, named a committee to co-operate with the receivers.

The board issued a statement setting forth its reasons for not appealing and calling on "all friends of this association and of co-operative marketing" to do everything possible under the receivership "to benefit the members of this association and help serve the interests of the members of this association."

The question of throwing the subsidiary warehouse corporations into receivership will come before Judge Meekins at New Bern next week, he said tonight. Motion for appointment of receivers, however, is believed.

TREAT TWO CASES

KEROSENE POISON Atlanta, Ga., June 30.—Within 24 hours Grady hospital treated two small children for kerosene poisoning, and in both instances the parents of the little ones declared they did not know how the liquid was obtained.

Sixteen-month-old Helen Ford was treated first and allowed to return to her East Point home shortly afterward.

Little Helen Sweet, 19 months old, swallowed quite a quantity of kerosene. Hospital physicians pronounced her complete recovery within a few hours.

SECOND ANNUAL RE-UNION OF WOOTEN FAMILY HELD

Four Hundred Members Gather At Hillcrest From All Sections of the State To Attend Annual Event—Program Rendered Was Enjoyable and Inspirational—Dr. J. Y. Joyner Speaks—Frank M. Wooten, of Greenville, New President

Gathered together from the four corners of the state, nearly four hundred members of the Wooten family in North Carolina held their second annual meeting at Hillcrest, near Kinston, yesterday, enjoyed a program of musical and vocal selections heard some splendid speeches, elected officers for the ensuing year, shook hands all around, wished each other Godspeed during the intervening twelve months and adjourned, each declaring that the day, barring one tragedy, had been a most successful, enjoyable and inspirational one and that it had drawn the members of this great family into closer unity than had ever before been the case.

Early yesterday morning the members of the Wooten family began to gather at Hillcrest and at 11:30 o'clock the meeting was called to order by Rev. J. C. Wooten, president of this district of the Methodist Episcopal church, who resides at New Bern and who was the first president of the organization.

The principal speaker of the occasion was Dr. J. Y. Joyner, himself a descendant of the Wooten family and who also married into the family. Dr. Joyner was introduced to the assembly with a few well chosen words by Rev. J. C. Wooten and his talk was one which inspired his hearers, and made a most lasting impression upon them. In part he said:

DR. JOYNER'S SPEECH "Kinsmen, Kinswomen and In-laws of the clan Wooten: "I am proud and happy to meet and greet so many of you here today at this family reunion. I rejoice to see family reunions increasing in number and popularity in the state. "The family is the unit and the foundation of society and civilization and government. The structure is never stronger than its foundation. Society, civilization, government, can be no stronger than the family units upon which they rest. The ties of brotherhood, of family obligations, of family pride that bind families together and hold them to their best are essentially the same as those that bind together and hold to their best the larger families—community, state, nation, world.

"You can measure the strength and character of communities, states and nations by the strength and character of the families that compose them. "Behold what manner of love, the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God" and commanded to call Him Father—one family, one father, one brotherhood.

"In the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man Divine wisdom

has interpreted through the symbol of the family the strength and tenderness of his love and has idealized and sanctified and glorified forever family bonds, family obligations and family relationships.

"It is well, it is wise, it is needful in these to gather at the rallying cry of the clan—the call of the blood in these family reunions to knit closer family ties, to fan brighter the fires of family affections, to keep alive family pride, to inspire each generation to emulation of all that was noblest and best in the lives of their ancestors, and with a desire and determination to live worthily of them.

"For centuries before the settlement of America, the Wooten family, apell them Wotton, was one of the most distinguished and prominent families in English history, numbering among its members Barons Bishops, Scientists, scholars, poets, diplomats.

"The ancestral seat of the family was Boughton Kent.

"The founder of the family in America was Dr. Thomas Wooten, fourth son of Thomas Wooten of Boughton described as a man of great erudition and wealth and religion, a Patron of learning and Protestantism. He encountered Queen Elizabeth in 1573 at Boughton and declined at that time to offer of Knighthood though three of his five sons were afterwards knighted. Dr. Thomas Wooten was the physician to the first Jamestown settlement and was doubtless the first doctor of medicine in America. He died in Isle of Wight Co., Va., leaving one son, Richard, who died in 1687 mentioning in his will two sons, Richard and Thomas. The Isle of Wight Co., then included what is now Halifax county, N. C., which probably was the first home of the H. C. Wootens.

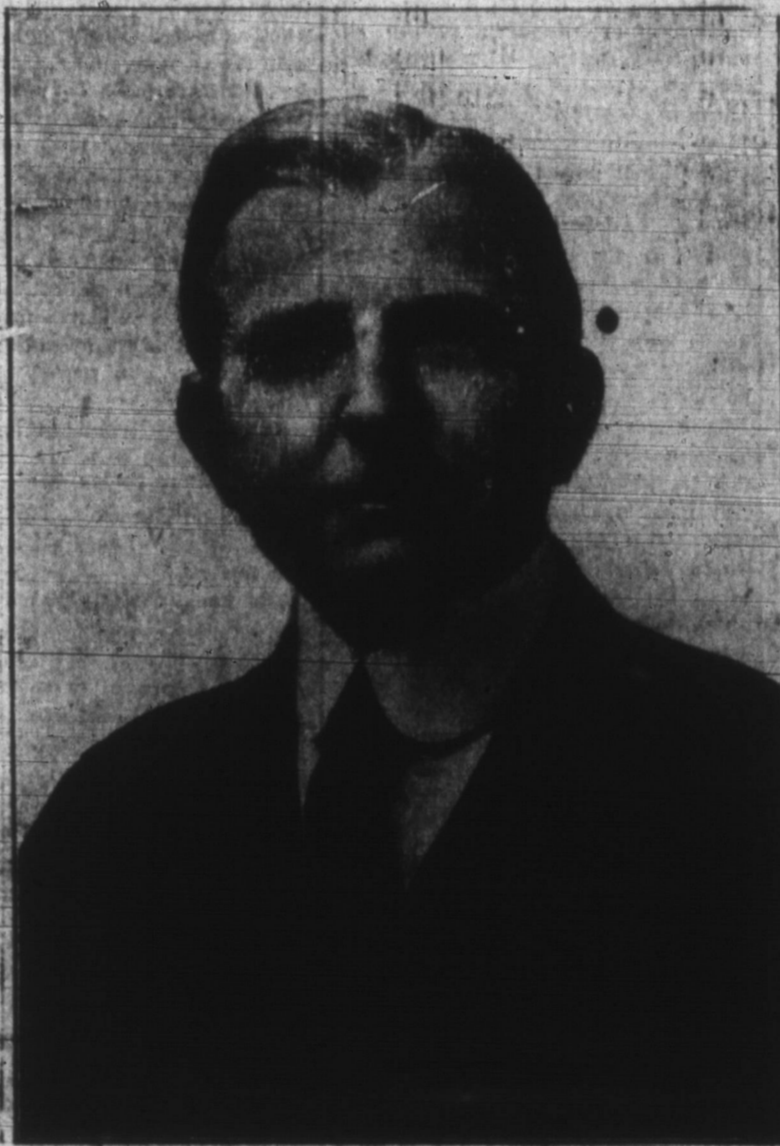
"Council Wooten was the progenitor of our branches of the family Shadrack Wooten born 1760 died 1812 settled in Lenoir county after the revolutionary war and resided there till 1805 where removed to Columbus County. (He married Elizabeth Allen, a Massachusetts school teacher. Their children were John, Thomas, Charity, Robert, Shadrack Jr., and Richard.)

"He was an ensign in the Revolutionary war in Col. Caswell's regiment volunteering in one of the first independent companies in the New Bern district taking part in the Battle of Moores Creek and serving with distinguished gallantry throughout the war. He represented Lenoir county twice in the legislature.

"He removed to Columbus county in 1805 and bought 10,000 acres of land, living there in peace and plenty until his death in 1812, leaving to his children valuable landed estates.

"His oldest son John, remained in Lenoir county, John Wooten, left two sons, Shadrack and Council Wooten, my grandfather and father of Council Wooten who is with us today, the oldest living representative of the Wooten family. Uncle Council to us all cultured Christian gentleman, thinker philosopher, honored and useful citizen, incarnation of the finest and strongest traits of this old and distinguished family. I pause that we may all clap our love and appreciating prayer that he may be spared to him and send up a silent loving prayer with the benediction of his many more presence of our family reunions. (Continued on Page Four)

Former Governor Puts "Pep" In Smithfield People In Drive For Funds For Memorial



HON. CAMERON MORRISON

Ex-Governor Cameron Morrison came back to Eastern Carolina last night and made what was said to be the most brilliant and finest speech ever heard at Smithfield when he started that town off on a drive for funds to erect a bronze statue as a memorial to Johnston county boys who died in the World War.

GLORIOUS 4TH MIND OF HUMAN TO BE OBSERVED BEING RESTORED

Many Merchants in Goldsboro Plan to Close Stores On That Occasion

Many of Goldsboro's merchants have already announced their intention of closing up shop and taking a holiday next Monday, in celebration of "the glorious fourth" and indications are that the day will be more or less of a general holiday in this city.

Quite a large number of people have made preparations to motor down to the seashore and spend the day in and with the surf, while others will remain at home but have just as enjoyable a day.

Under the direction of the Daughters of the American Revolution a splendid program is to be put on Monday afternoon out at Herman Park and it is expected that this will be a day of drawing card for many. The girls' groups are to participate in this event and the occasion, it is predicted, will be one which will be long remembered.

ACCUSED OF GRAVE CRIME

Asheville, June 30.—Willie N. Ruffelt, 18-year-old barber, of Swannanoa, was arrested by members of the sheriff's department yesterday and placed in Buncombe county jail to await trial on a charge of assaulting a 12-year-old girl at Swannanoa. The crime is said to have been committed three or four days ago. The little girl, it was stated, feared to tell her parents of the alleged act, until today.

Cow Takes Drink Of Wayne County Booze; She'll Drink No More

That much of the corn liquor manufactured and sold in Wayne county is just about as deadly as arsenic or strychnine or some other poison, was demonstrated by the fact that when Deputy Sheriff "Chink" Rhodes raided an illicit stilling plant in Fork township yesterday he found a lame and apparently healthy cow lying dead beside one of the beer vats.

The cow had, presumably, munched by the beer vat, stepped for a quart or two of the same and ere being able to move on had tropped dead in her tracks.

For the benefit of the uninitiated it might be stated that from this beer is distilled the corn liquor that is parveyed hereabouts by bootleggers.

TRIO BIG BOOZE MAKING PLANTS ARE DESTROYED

Deputies From Sheriff Grant's Office Out On Trail Of The Moonshiners

Locating and destroying illicit distilling plants has become almost a mania with deputies in Sheriff W. D. Grant's office these days and rarely a day passes now but that one or more of them are not found and the axe put to them.

Yesterday three big plants and hundreds of gallons of beer and other equipment were found and destroyed. The first plant, a sixty gallon copper outfit, was located in New Hope township by Deputies Gardner, Thomas and Kornegay. Along with this were sixteen gallons of beer ready to be made into whiskey. The entire outfit was destroyed.

The second still reported for the day was in Fork township and was found by Deputy L. O. (Chink) Rhodes. This also was a sixty gallon still and there were fourteen barrels of beer nearby. The entire outfit was cut to pieces.

The third and last still was found in the Saulston section. This was a fifty gallon outfit and along with the beer which was located nearby, five gallons of new-made whiskey was seized. There was a man at or near the still when Deputy Cokes arrived on the scene but he succeeded in making his escape.

BRYSON RELIEVED

Raleigh, June 30.—Governor McLean has commissioned Judge N. A. Sinclair, of Fayetteville, to hold court in Catawba county for two weeks beginning July 5. Judge Sinclair is to temporarily replace Judge T. D. Bryson, of Bryson City, whose resignation becomes effective on the first of next month.

Charlotte, June 30.—Dr. W. S. Rankin, head of the hospitalization section of the Duke endowment, injured two weeks ago in an automobile accident near Hamlet, has returned to his home here. Dr. Rankin sustained injuries on his head and a broken rib and breast bone when his automobile overturned near the Morrison bridge after skidding in the sand.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, June 30.—Spot cotton quiet, middling 18.50. Cotton futures closed steady at a net decline of 10 to 13 points. July 17.88; October 16.29; December 16.22; January 15.99; March 16.27.

Six-Year-Old Son Of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Wooten, of Greenville, Drowned Yesterday Afternoon in a Lake Near Kinston—Father Had Just Been Elected Member of Wooten Clan and Was Making Speech When Tragedy Occurred

Tragedy stalked about in the midst of the reunion at Hillcrest, near Kinston, yesterday while the Wooten family was holding its annual reunion and one of the speakers had departed it had selected a victim and the little lad fell in death, leaving a pall of gloom over the entire assemblage. What happened what otherwise would have proven to be a perfect day, to a sad and terrible one.

Among those in attendance at the reunion was Mr. Frank M. Wooten, of Greenville, who, incidentally, was elected member of the clan for the coming year. Mr. Wooten had planned to accompany the reunion but at the last moment found it impossible to do so. However, their two boys, the youngest about 6 years of age, went along with their father.

Father and sons enjoyed the various events on the program during the earlier part of the day, being together at the time the luncheon picnic dinner was served. Later came the business meeting of the clan and the two youngsters were off with other boys to amuse themselves while their fathers were attending the meeting.

During this time Wade, the younger of the two boys, decided to join others in taking a plunge in the lake which is one of the most noted spots on the property. Following a bathing suit was soon enjoying the aquatic sports afforded there.

On one side of the lake is a type of chute-the-chute to the top of which the bathers climb and plunge down to the lake. The water at the base of this is several feet in depth and it was from this chute and into the water at that point that Wade, six years of age, plunged. It is believed that at first it was not noticed that he did not re-appear and several minutes are said to have elapsed before one of the other boys noted that he was missing and the alarm was given.

As quickly as possible a lifeguard removed his apparel and, donning a bathing suit, plunged into the water and dived to the bottom in search of the body. He was fortunate in locating it at the first dive and brought it to the surface.

Full To Resuscitation Immediately efforts at resuscitation were begun by three physicians, members of the family, who were attending the reunion, but these proved of no avail. Then the child's body was taken to the hospital where resuscitation efforts were continued for more than an hour but the spark of life was extinct and could not be fanned back.

Late in the afternoon the body of the little victim was conveyed to Greenville where it will probably be interred today. A number of relatives and friends accompanied the grief-stricken father and his other son back to their home.

At the time the alarm of the drowning was given in the hall where the business meeting was being held, Mr. Wooten, who had been named as president of the clan for the year, was on his feet making a short talk. The entire assemblage immediately arose and rushed to the lake side, where the body was recovered. (Continued on Page Four)