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# THE FARMERS HAVE GATHERED

### Annual Meeting of the Farmer's Convention Is Being Held This Week.

## IT OPENED YESTERDAY

### The Morning Session Was Devoted to Discussion of Healthy Conditions

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 24.—The State Farmers' Convention opened at the A. & M. college this morning with quite a good attendance for the first day and farmers and their wives and daughters continue to come in on every train with indications that there will be one of the very best records for attendance in the history of the organization.

The farmers were welcomed by President D. H. Hill, of the college, numbers of the farmers in addition to President B. F. Shelton, of Speed, expressing their appreciation for the privilege of coming to the state capitol and the college for such a conference of farmers on practical everyday subjects of agriculture.

There was a practical address by Dr. Francis E. Harrington, of the United States public health service on the conditions as to health that exist in the rural life of the state, including especially the present state of lack of sanitation and general health precautions. This was followed by a talk by Dr. W. S. Rankin, of the state board of health, on methods of remedying the conditions pictured and what is being done now in this direction. He enumerated the practical methods that are being applied by the state board of health in its campaigns, which must be largely through a campaign for education.

There was a helpful and illuminating address on the medical inspection of school children as leading toward the general improvement of health conditions in the rural as well as the city schools. This was by Dr. G. M. Cooper, chief of the United States Bureau of Sanitation.

President B. F. Shelton, of Speed, delivered his annual address, which he made intensely interesting by paying special attention to the method by which he has secured such a signal success in developing the plantation he now operates so successfully at Speed from the poorest farm in the county to the really most model and fertile anywhere around. At the conclusion of his address President Shelton was called upon to answer many questions that indicated that his story of farm development had made a lasting impression.

This afternoon the convention divided into three sections. One, with Agronomist C. R. Hudson in charge, heard an address on the preparation of land for seeding, by F. T. Meacham, of Statesville; one by B. F. Everett, of Palmira, on small grains to be grown in the coastal plain section of the state; another on grass mixtures for different soils, by C. B. Williams, of the experiment station. There was a most interesting discussion of these subjects, led by J. M. Hendrix, of Caina; G. T. Richardson, New Bern; R. W. Scott, Haw River, and E. D. Weaver, of Weaverville.

There was another conference section on livestock, conducted by Prof. Dan T. Gary, in which A. L. French, of Cascade, talked of pastures as the basis of profitable livestock growing; Prof. J. E. Rice, of Cornell University, on the place of poultry husbandry in diversified farming; Pat Johnson, of Pantego, on pasture making in eastern Carolina; B. B. Miller, of Salisbury, on pasture making in central Carolina, and S. G. Parsons, of Grassy Creek, on pasture making in western Carolina.

Prof. J. P. Pillsbury was in charge of another section of the convention that considered problems of horticulture. Prof. Pillsbury discussed at much length orchard pests in this state and the best means of combating them. The importance and methods and the expense of spraying were treated by R. G. Hill. The importance and best methods of thinning apples and peaches on the trees was discussed by C. D. Matthews. The conference closed with excellent talks by Professors Newman and Sherwin on corn raising, this being really a demonstration through direct inspection of the corn fields of the college and comments by the leaders as the inspection proceeded.

Tonight the convention heard an address on the importance of the poultry husbandry in modern agriculture by Prof. J. E. Rice, of Cornell University and an address on the value of forage crops, by Dr. C. V. Phipps, of the United States department of agriculture.

The Wednesday session opens at 5:30 a. m. with a visit to the station farm to study the results of experimental work being done there. The separate sessions of the convention of farmers' wives opened this afternoon with an address of welcome by Mrs. G. M. Garren, of this city, which was followed by the annual address by the president of the convention, Mrs. J. G. Boyle, of Wadesboro. An hour was devoted to

the reports on club work among the women and progress being made in this direction in this state, including an address on organization of clubs, by Mrs. Josephus Daniels. Community welfare work was discussed by Mrs. John Robinson, of Hickory. Mrs. J. W. Jones, of Sampson county, told of club work being accomplished in her county. The convention will continue in session through Thursday.

### THE TRAND TOMORROW.

Ethel Kaufman in William Fox Picture, Wormwood.

The delicate, flower like character of Miss Kaufman's beauty and her dainty, girlish charm combine to render her, probably the only actress so perfectly endowed by nature to depict the unfortunate little heroine of the Corelli books; whose life ends in the night-shrouded Seine. Miss Kaufman comes of a theatrical family and was born in Germany. She played many important child parts in the kaiser's realm and achieved quite a little fame as a juvenile actress. When her family came to this country, Miss Kaufman deserted the stage and devoted herself to educating her voice and to acquiring perfection in her profession. She has played in several companies headed by well-known stars, but it was in the motion picture field, which she only recently entered, that this newest and daintiest of screen stars was destined to attain the summit of her ambition.

### Women Smoking.

Are you expecting to marry a young lady of fashion, and do you object to women smoking? If so, it would be well to pop a question with reference to the young lady's use of cigarettes before popping the usual question. Otherwise there may be had disputes in the future household, and, if you are sufficiently illogical to indulge in the weed yourself, you may find it necessary to forsake the habit in order to produce a similar reform on the part of your better-half.

For, if constant rumors from reliable sources are to be accepted, it is becoming the general custom for society women in Baltimore to smoke. Of course there have probably been isolated cases of women smokers ever since Sir Walter Raleigh received that douche of water from his horrified valet. Then 15 or 20 years ago single women above the 20-year mark who wished to assume an attitude of worldly wisdom began to partake of cigarettes and highballs instead of the rather domestic tea and plum cake. And now, rumor has it, the debutante of a year ago has begun to add her own share of Egyptian or Turkish aroma to the atmosphere of the dressing room. The younger married women, too, have succumbed to the charm of tobacco and frequently join their husbands with a cigarette after dinner. And, so it is said, the young husbands are not at all opposed to it.

"I think it may be said that smoking has become the rule with the society girls of Baltimore; those who don't smoke are exceptions," said a debutante of a winter or two ago who had just refused a proffered cigarette. "At a reception not so long ago, refreshments were served at little tables and at every single one of them girls were smoking with the men. And the habit is rather general in the women's dressing rooms at dances and clubs."

So far apparently the young ladies have confined themselves to smoking in private and have contented themselves with cigarettes—not the ordinary domestic variety, but those Turkish and Egyptian brands with gold tips which come in brilliant scarlet and vivid purple boxes.

One young woman, however, seems to be on the verge of setting a new style. Talking to a friend the other day she remarked with a smile: "Uncle Dick has offered me a \$10 gold piece if I can smoke a whole cigar. Do you think it will make me ill?"—Baltimore Sun.

## FRANK MENKE'S SPORT LETTER

By FRANK G. MENKE.

New York, Aug. 21.—\$30,000 is what it cost an owner because he had supreme confidence in his race horse.

Eddie McBride is the owner and two year old George Smith is the horse that figures in this story.

George Smith went to the Saratoga (N. Y.) track with an unbeaten record. There was much speculation as to the value of the horse. Finally McBride put a valuation of \$30,000 on him.

John Sanford, the millionaire, who has a string of speedy horses, became interested in the George Smith horse and looked him over, the day before George Smith was to run his first Saratoga race—the Sanford memorial stake.

"You want \$30,000 for him now, but how much will you want if he wins tomorrow's race?" asked Sanford.

"He's yours for \$30,000 now or after the race," said McBride.

Sanford hesitated for a moment, and McBride taking the hesitancy to mean that Sanford wasn't sure about the qualities of the horse, burst out with:

"I believe you're skeptical—and other are skeptical—about George Smith. He's run on all kinds of tracks, against all kinds of horses and under all kinds of weather conditions. And he's never been beaten. That ought to be proof that he's a real race horse, but I'll go farther. I'll run him tomorrow—and I'll beat the field with him."

"Oh, that's not necessary. I like that horse and I'll buy him right now. Make out the bill of sale and I'll make out the check."

And right there is where McBride made his \$30,000 error. Instead of accepting the proposition he answered:

"Let's put the sale through tomorrow night. I want to run George Smith under my colors tomorrow for the last time. I want to run him against this classy field and demonstrate to all that he's the greatest two year old in the world. And if he doesn't win you don't have to buy."

George Smith ran that race. He was a favorite in the betting. And George Smith, the hitherto unbeaten finished a miserable sixth—finished behind a lot of horses of the selling platter variety in comparison.

Oh yes, the \$30,000 sale is off.

### INDIANS HAVE JINX CHASER.

The improved showing of the Indians is due largely to the fact that they are now equipped with one of the best little jinx chasers in baseball in the person of a youth named Southworth, an outfielder and pinch hitter, recently secured from the bushes.

Southworth performs more jinx chasing tactics than any player since the days of Josh Devore. He's a superstitious as George Stallings and he never misses a chance to jinx the opposition.

Whenever he goes to bat he spits on his bat. He claims that will bring a hit. If he's on the coaching lines and a batter steps up to the plate in a pinch, Southworth rushes to the plate, takes the bat out of the batter's hands, spits on it, makes a few mystic signs over it and then hands it back.

Southworth believes that crossed fingers—on his part will cause the opposition pitcher to issue a base on balls. If Southworth stands on one foot, after one of his teammates gets on the bases, that man will score provided Southworth can stand on that foot long enough.

The kid may never develop into a Ty Cobb, but the fans consider him worth the price of admission as a side issue of the straight away baseball. And furthermore, the New York fans who saw him in action here were delighted with his "pep" and his enthusiasm and they're hoping they'll see a lot more of him.

### RECORDER'S COURT.

One Defendant Sent to Jail and Roads for Vagrancy.

Pleading guilty to the charge of vagrancy, Joseph Ruffin was in yesterday morning's session of the recorder's court sentenced to thirty days in jail and assigned to work on the roads.

Joseph McAlister appeared upon three charges. For carrying concealed weapon, and for house breaking and larceny, the defendant was given a suspension of judgment until August 28. The case charging an assault with a deadly weapon was continued until August 28.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pettigrew, who have been the guest of friends in Burlington, spent a portion of yesterday in this city while returning to their home in Roxboro.

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