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Incorporate New "Co-Op" To Serve Farmers Of State

Organization Will Absorb Functions Of Three Purchasing Agencies Which Are Now Operating

Raleigh, Mar. 20.—The Farmers Cooperative Exchange, a State-wide cooperative organization which was incorporated here last week with an authorized capital stock of half a million dollars, will be in active operation by May 1, according to M. G. Mann, general manager.

The new organization will take over the functions of the three purchasing organizations that have been operating in the State—the Cotton Growers Supply Company, of Raleigh, the Producers Mutual Exchange, of Durham, and the Southern States Cooperative.

The initial working capital will be furnished by these three organizations and it is expected that additional capital will be secured through the Farm Credit Administration's Bank for Cooperatives at Columbia, S. C.

The new cooperative, the services of which will be available to every one of the State's more than 275,000 farmers, will serve as a cooperative purchasing medium for feeds, seeds and fertilizers and other farm supplies and equipment, and will also provide a cooperative marketing outlet for poultry, eggs, and livestock and for crops not now handled by commodity cooperatives.

Under the plan local distributing points will be set up all over the State—probably one or more to a county—and the organization will operate on a cost basis with patronage dividends being paid back to members.

Although comparatively new in the South, the idea of cooperative purchasing has been successfully practiced by Northern and Western farmers for some time.

The Farmers Cooperative Exchange is patterned after the Grange League Federation of New York State which has been in successful operation for 10 years and which does an annual business of more than \$30,000,000.

Leaders of farm life in the State have unanimously endorsed the cooperative, pointing out that it will eliminate competition, pass on to farmers the benefits of large scale buying and tie together more closely the various agencies dealing with farm betterment.

W. W. Eagles, of Macesfield, is president, and Dudley Bagley, of Moyock, vice-president of the cooperative. E. S. Vanatta, of University Station, is secretary-treasurer, and B. W. Haigh, of Raleigh, is assistant secretary-treasurer.

The directors are: U. Benton Blalock, Raleigh; C. W. Tilson, Durham; W. E. Funderburk, Monroe; J. W. Albritton, Calypso; and J. W. McCorkle, Kernersville.

INCOME TAXES IN STATE FOR 1933 SHOW DROP

Raleigh, Mar. 20.—Income tax collections in North Carolina for 1933 were approximately \$2,000,000 below the previous year, according to an announcement issued yesterday by Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell. It was pointed out that the drop in the collections was due to the decreased earnings of tobacco companies in the state.

The income tax collections through March 17 were \$433,312.15 lower than those for the same period last year.

Maxwell explained that the reduction in income taxes from the tobacco companies had been partially off-set by increases from other sources.

The diminished income receipts have about blasted hopes for a surplus in the state general fund. Hope for salary increases for state employees in the near future were also smashed.

It has been estimated that the 1933 income tax would yield the state around \$6,500,000.

Maxwell said that although the reduction in revenue from the tobacco companies was estimated at \$2,000,000, the total income tax would probably be less than the \$6,500,000 anticipated.

Doughton Opposes House Silver Bill

Washington, Mar. 20.—With the exception of Representative Doughton, the North Carolina delegation presented an unbroken front in approval of the Dies silver bill which passed the House yesterday. Representative Doughton explained his vote in opposition to the bill with a statement that he has confidential and definite information that the President is opposed to the measure, and that the administration believes its passage will interfere with the recovery program.

Doughton said the "ayes" that passed the bill in the House were "a mere gesture."

The North Carolina delegation voted solidly for the Bankhead cotton control bill, which was passed by the House yesterday, also. The passage of this bill augurs well for the Kerr measure, which would impose a similar tax on above-quota tobacco.

Higgins Will Not Be Candidate For Solicitor Again

Reidsville Attorney Is First To Announce Intention Of Seeking Office. Other Names Mentioned

Attorney Carlisle Higgins, Sparta, Solicitor of the eleventh judicial district of North Carolina, has announced that he will not enter his name as a candidate to succeed himself. So far as is known, only one candidacy for the office has been announced, that of Allen H. Gwyn, widely known Reidsville attorney, who made known Saturday night the fact that he is seeking to become Solicitor Higgins' successor. Attorney Gwyn announced his candidacy as subject to the Democratic primary to be held in June. The fact that no other candidacy has been announced is believed to have been brought about by others waiting for Solicitor Higgins to make the first move. Solicitor Higgins was elected to succeed Solicitor S. Porter Graves, who served the district for a quarter of a century.

The Solicitor declined to discuss the accepted fact that he is to be named to succeed J. R. McCrary as United States District Attorney for the middle district of North Carolina. McCrary has tendered his resignation to become effective June 30. Those who are familiar with the inside plans of the party are of the opinion that if Solicitor Higgins is appointed District Attorney that Attorney Gwyn will be named to take his place. His term does not expire until December and Governor Ehringhaus, in case of his appointment to the Federal office, would appoint someone to succeed him on July 1, when he would begin his work as District Attorney.

During the past several weeks, a number of names have been mentioned as possible candidates for the solicitorship. In addition to Gwyn, J. M. Sharpe, Reidsville, and Felix L. Webster, Winston-Salem, have been spoken of in this connection.

EXECUTION OF NEGRO IS OPPOSED BY PLAYWRIGHT

Chapel Hill, Mar. 20.—Paul Green, noted playwright, said here recently that if Spice Bittings goes to the electric chair without any more effort to save his life, it will simply mean another black mark against the state of North Carolina, already marked by two executions Friday.

Bittings, convicted of killing his white landlord in Person county, has been sentenced to death.

Green, who interested himself in the Negro's case even before he saw its parallel to the plight of Abraham McCranie, hero of Green's Pulitzer prize-winning play, "In Abraham's Bosom," is heading a defense committee of prominent white and Negro leaders.

Green said he and Professor Phillips Russell would appear before Parole Commissioner Edwin Gill and Governor Ehringhaus to intercede for the Negro.

Lindbergh in Washington for Air Conference



Upon the invitation of Secretary of War, George H. Dern, Colonel Charles Lindbergh came to Washington to confer with the Secretary concerning army aviation matters and also the airmail flying, it was reported. Photo shows Secretary Dern greeting Colonel Lindbergh when the tall flyer arrived at the Army building, hatless and without overcoat.

Judge Delivers Solemn Discourse Before Sentencing Negro To Death

Tells George Keaton He Should Seek Mercy Of Omnipotent Judge, Whose Laws He Has Offended

"God grant that the example of your punishment be a solemn warning to all, and especially to the youth of both white and colored races. May it bring home to all the certain assurance that there is no sin without its wages, that there is no vice without its penalties, just as there is no virtue without its reward."

This excerpt is from the talk made by Judge Felix E. Alley in Forsyth superior court Sat. afternoon, just before he pronounced the death sentence upon George Keaton, Negro, found guilty of killing Annie Lee Thigpen, young Negro high school girl. His talk was heard by a crowd that taxed the court room to capacity. The life of Keaton is to be ended in the electric chair on April 27, 1934, between 6 a. m. and 3 p. m., according to the sentence pronounced by Judge Alley. Silence that one usually observes around the dead was conspicuous during Judge Alley's talk.

James Brown, Negro, convicted of burglary, was also sentenced to give his life. This judgment was entered immediately following the one pronounced upon Keaton.

The full text of Judge Alley's talk preceding the sentence of Keaton, made immediately prior to the adjournment of court, and postponed until the last minute because of his sincere dislike for the task he must perform, followed the citation of the case—State vs. George Keaton. He said:

The law has imposed upon me a duty unspeakably painful—that of pronouncing the sentence of death against a fellow mortal—an utter stranger to me and a member of a different race, but who, as a citizen of our state, is amenable to its law.

At all times and under all circumstances, a feeling of indescribable solemnity attends the utterance of the stern voice of that retributive justice that consigns a fellow being to an untimely and ignominious death against the crime of willful and deliberate murder; a crime at which humanity itself shudders and recoils; a crime everywhere regarded with deepest abhorrence, the law has denounced its severest penalty—death by electrocution.

On the afternoon of the 19th day of January, 1933, according to the evidence introduced at your trial, without the semblance of justification or mitigation or excuse, you shot and killed Annie Lee Thigpen in the presence of two of her schoolmates while she, innocent and offending, was returning from school to her home. According to the evidence, without a moment's warning, and without giving her a moment's time to send a last farewell to her family and friends, or to utter a parting prayer, you

sent crashing through her body the swift and cruel messenger of death; and as she fell, mingling with the report of your deadly pistol as it echoed through the streets, was her piteous prayer for mercy, which you refused to hear. Human aid and medical skill could not save her, and on the morning of the 2nd of March, 1933, faster than the fleeting shadow of the swiftest wing; faster than the passage through space of the rays of light, thrown by the strong arm of the newborn morning, and fleetlier of foot than the lightning's steeds, the spirit of Annie Lee Thigpen took its flight into the mysterious realms of the great unknown.

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Supplementary Gym Projects Approved

Attorney Sidney Gambill, C. A. Miles, local CWA Administrator, Prof. Charles R. Roe, principal of Sparta high school, and J. E. Joines, Sparta, and L. K. Halsey, Piney Creek, were visitors in Raleigh from Sunday to Tuesday. While in the capital city they obtained approval of supplementary projects for both the Sparta and Piney Creek gymnasiums, which are now being constructed under the CWA program.

The supplements call for an additional expenditure of more than \$5,000 on each of the gymnasiums. Each of the buildings will be brick-veneered and the flooring is to be of maple. As originally planned, the buildings would have been left with rough floors and metal siding.

Wilkes Resident Dies As Result Of Automobile Crash

Coupe Driven By Lonnie Busic, Galax, Collides With "Pick-Up" Car In North Wilkesboro

Mack Felts, 27, resident of the Hays community, near North Wilkesboro, died Monday morning at 4:30 o'clock in a hospital in North Wilkesboro as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident Saturday night in that city when the light "pick-up" car he was driving collided with a coupe driven by Lonnie Busic, of Galax, son of J. F. Busic, of Piney Creek, Alleghany county. The collision took place at the intersection of Main and Sixth streets. A skull fracture and internal injuries were said to be the causes of Felts' death.

The truck is said to have been knocked from the street into the side of a grocery store, throwing the occupants to the pavement. Mrs. Felts sustained severe injuries and was badly lacerated but chances for her recovery are thought to be favorable. Ervin Vinchett, Raymond Hayes and Levi Hutchinson, the other occupants of the truck were also painfully injured. The coupe was occupied, it is said, in addition to Busic, by Nancy Busic and Beulah Parsons, North Wilkesboro, and Hale Halsey, also of Galax, none of whom were injured.

Busic was arrested by Patrolman R. I. Moore but was released Sunday under bond of \$1,000.

Felts was a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Felts, of Hays. In addition to his parents, he is survived by the widow, Mrs. Willie Felts, and the following brothers and sisters: Tom, Bruce and Oscar Felts, Mrs. Monroe Myers, and Misses Dorothy and Hazel Felts, of Hays, and Mrs. E. M. Lowe, of Saxapahaw.

Funeral services for the deceased were conducted at Mountain View church Tuesday.

Dry Law's Support In State Is Urged

Raleigh, Mar. 20.—The United Dry Forces of North Carolina which recently formed a permanent state organization with Dr. William Louis Poteat, president emeritus of Wake Forest College as president, today adopted a resolution appealing to all voters, regardless of political affiliation, to cast their votes only for those candidates known to favor retention, strengthening and enforcement of the prohibition laws of this state.

The meeting also adopted resolutions of respect for Dr. James A. Campbell, dry leader, who died Sunday.

Members of the board of trustees from mountain and seashore counties were here for the first meeting, and their reports indicated that most of the state's counties have perfected permanent organizations and begun campaigns in behalf of prohibition and temperance.

A tentative budget, calling for annual expenditures of \$10,917 was adopted. The greater portion of this fund will be used to finance an educational program stressing the evils of alcohol and intemperance which will be launched at an early date.

Easter Sunday To Bring End Of All CWA Employment

Relief Activities To Be Carried On Under President Roosevelt's New Three-Point Program

Washington, Mar. 20.—Easter Sunday, April 1, will mark the cessation of an emergency program through which the Roosevelt administration provided necessities of life to millions of Americans for almost a year at a cost of more than \$1,000,000,000. Relief workers will no longer be Federal employees after April 1. They will receive benefits through local sources under President Roosevelt's new three-point, long term relief policy, which has been underwritten by Congress with a \$950,000,000 appropriation.

Civil works, through which the government fed, clothed and housed 4,000,000 Americans during the winter months, no longer will exist. The CWA ranks will have been reduced by approximately 2,500,000 persons.

Federal pay checks will be dispensed with. Approximately 1,500,000 persons who will survive the CWA demobilization will receive a minimum wage of 30 cents an hour for work from officials of the particular community, or county, in which they live.

The Federal government will continue to contribute resources to aid the unemployed and destitute, but its activities will be supervisory rather than direct.

The President's three-fold relief program was conceived on a long-time planning rather than emergency basis. Under its terms, states, cities and counties will administer aid on the basis of need under the following interpretation by Federal Emergency Relief Administrator Harry L. Hopkins:

"A person in need is one who has no resources, with no member of his family employed, and who, unless he gets a job, cannot pay his rent or buy food."

The President's new policy will benefit these groups:

- 1. Needy city dwellers. 2. Farmers. 3. Families "stranded" in single industry communities.

GREENSBORO MAN SUPPORTS SALES TAX IN THIS STATE

Durham, Mar. 20.—Candidates for the 1935 General Assembly who oppose the state sales tax must find something as feasible to take its place, George P. Geoghegan Jr., of Greensboro, chairman of the legislative committee of the North Carolina Real Estate Board, told board members meeting here this afternoon.

"A workable system as adequate as the sales tax must be suggested before we can dispense with it," he said.

He added that the three per cent levy kept North Carolina's schools open and dragged the state out of the depression.

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"Many bring their clothes to church instead of themselves."

MARCH 19—William Jennings Bryan, political leader, born 1860.

20—"Uncle Tom's Cabin" appears in book form, 1852.

21—New Orleans practically destroyed by fire, 1788.

22—Germans fire on Paris with 75-mile guns, 1918.

23—Philippine Aguinaldo surrenders to Funston, 1901.

24—Indians sell Rhode Island for \$0.15, 1638.

25—"Full Dinner Pail" becomes Republican symbol, 1900.

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