

Extended To Feb. 15th For Cotton Sign-Up

Coming in Fast. Cottonmen Located at Side Pharmacy and Brothers Store. Don't Sign Up Today.

Deadline for the cotton sign-up has been extended to Feb. 15, the reason being in every farmer in North and Nash County to have thoroughly acquaint himself with the terms and at the same time to possible for all to join this drive for better cotton in 1934.

All this time the contracts coming into the office county agent at a fast clip urging that every farmer in the county get in touch with local committeemen who will be glad to go and explain the contract in detail if there is anything that is not understood.

The President is urging that the farmers of the South do this in order that the farmers of this state and other states will have some chance to get more than a mere living from the sale of the 1934 crop. The time has come when, if we as people, and the "Citizenship" is to live and prosper, then we must co-operate. The efforts put forth by the President, Governor, and farmers of North Carolina brought in nice dividends. This only goes to show cooperation is the only thing to put the farmers of our back on a paying basis.

Go, farmers. Make it 100 percent. Follow the motto of the and say one and all, "I do it."

CHURCH OF GOOD SHEPHERD IS DEAD

Announcement was received here of the death of Rev. Frederick Diehl, pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd here, at his home in Greenville, Va., on Thursday. He died from a heart attack. Funeral services will be held in Greenville on Saturday, according to announcement made here. Diehl was well known and respected in this community and his death comes as a shock here.

DEATHS AFTER CRASH

Rockholm, Sweden.—Eric Ericsson, aerial engineer, jumped an uncontrollable plane at a height of 4,000 feet. His parachute caught on the machine and he fell around and around and fell with it into the sea. Rescuers were surprised to find him conscious and unhurt.

RETURN BRITISH DRUMS

London.—General Sir Ian Hamilton has received from President Hindenburg the drums of the second Battalion of Gordon Highlanders, which have been in Berlin since the Armistice. During the war the Highlanders stored their drums in a police station at Ostend. After leaving Ostend, they did not return and the drums were found by the Germans when they entered the port. Recently, President Hindenburg notified Gen. Hamilton that he would like to return the drums.

\$400 SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST AT HIGH POINT COLLEGE

The second annual oration-essay contest for high school seniors will be staged at High Point College, March 22 and 23. The awards for the successful contestants in this contest will be, first prize, \$400 scholarship, second prize, \$100 scholarship, and third prize, \$50 scholarship.

The subject is, "The Kind of a College Freshman I would Like to Be."

All registrations for the contest should be made with the Promotional Secretary at the college by February 15. This is an extension of time of one week. A copy of the oration or essay should be in his hands not later than March 1. The judges of the compositions will grade same and notify the contestants whether or not they are there eliminated or must compete in the delivery contest to be held in the college auditorium March 22 and 23.

STEADY INCREASES NOTED IN RECEIPTS FOR LOCAL OFFICE

Steady increases in receipts for the local postoffice were reported by officials here who released statistics on sales in January, 1934, and January, 1933.

A gain of \$372.26 was shown in the figures for the two months. January of this year showed sales amounting to \$4,977.72, while in January, 1933, receipts totaled \$4,625.46.

In releasing the figures postal authorities here expressed their satisfaction in the report and stated that receipts were showing notable gains each month.

KENNETH WEEKS IS HONORED BY PRE-MEDICAL FRATERNITY

Davidson, Feb. 3.—Six Davidson college students have recently been invited to join Pi Delta Alpha, national pre-medical fraternity. The six men are B. C. Barnes, Davidson; J. H. Batts, Concord; B. E. Fort, Barium Springs; L. M. Hule, Atlanta, Ga.; J. A. Wadsworth, Charlotte; and K. D. Weeks, Rocky Mount.

Dr. Addison Brenzler, Charlotte physician, will address the local chapter tonight on the subject, "Down the Alimentary Canal with Camera and Tools." The lecture will be illustrated with lantern slides and moving pictures.

TEXTILE WORKERS OPPOSE 'STRETCH-OUT'

Council Also Voices Opposition to Gardner as NRA Administrator

Salisbury, Feb. 5.—The Central N. C. Textile Council representing 12,500 workers, in session here this afternoon, adopted resolutions condemning the stretch-out system in mills in some sections of the State and sent a telegram to Dr. Robert W. Bruere, chairman of the National Cotton Textile Industry Relations Board, in Washington, protesting against alleged practices. Dissatisfactions that the State board had taken no action on cases alleging discrimination against workers active in unions was also expressed.

The meeting, which has 100 delegates in attendance from 15 local unions, voiced opposition to former Governor O. Max Gardner being named as successor to General Hugh Johnson, NRA administrator, as rumors indicate is possible. The opposition was based on previous decisions by the former governor in labor disputes and his position of ownership and financial interest in textile mills.

SCHOOL BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR NEEDY PUPILS HERE

A supply of school books have been placed in the hands of local welfare officers and are available for grammar school and high school pupils who need them, Mrs. R. D. Bulluck, relief administrator, announced today.

Miss Dolores Brant is in custody of the books and has announced that the books will be returned to the donors after February 20 unless there is need for them in the schools.

Welfare officials state that they believe there will be a demand for these books and have requested citizens who have books that they do not need to turn them in at the welfare office on Tarboro street.

CHRISTIANS SLAIN

Nairobi, Kenya, Africa.—Two Christian villages were burned and eight Protestant converts slain in a religious war among tribesmen of northern Kavirondo.

TO USE GAS GUNS

New York.—Victor Wolfgang von Hagen, who will lead a three-year expedition into the Galapagos Archipelago, plans to use gas guns to capture wild animals instead of traps and guns, which have frequently crippled useful specimens.

REPORT INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT

New York.—NRA officials report an increase of 201,000 employees in manufacturing, retail, and wholesale fields since last August, when the NRA began.

Grave Situation

The Federal Government will be asked to appropriate money at the earliest possible moment for the aid of schools in the present educational crisis, according to an announcement of the Joint Commission on the Emergency in Education, appointed by the National Education Association and the Department of Superintendence. Following close upon the reports that more than 2,000 rural schools had shut their doors, and that the school of some large cities will be forced to close by March 1, a nation wide campaign for emergency relief to public education was launched at a conference in Washington.

Relief will be sought either through congressional or administrative action. Participating in the effort to prevent the complete collapse of the American public schools, are forty-eight state education associations with a total membership of 600,000 teachers and school officers.

Reports placed before the recent Washington conference showed a gradual decline in educational opportunity throughout the entire nation, and included accounts of pitiful sacrifices of

teachers and parents to provide their children with a meager portion of their American birthright of education. Teachers were found copying texts in longhand in order that there might be a sufficient supply of books for the pupils to study. Many teachers have taught months without pay. A total of more than \$40,000,000 is now owed to teachers by school districts which will be able to provide only a few more weeks of school this year for their children unless substantial assistance comes from the Federal government.

One out of every four teachers is now being paid a rate less than that established for factory hands under the Blanket Code of the Federal Administration. Children are being herded into schoolrooms under conditions in which individual instruction is impossible.

The recent ban on child labor by the New Deal has freed many additional children who expect a chance to continue their schooling, and in many states are required by law to do so. Twenty-five thousand teachers have been dropped from the schools, while a MILLION more pupils have come into them.

NEGRO MINISTERS ALLIANCE STAGES GATHERING IN CITY

A meeting of the Inter-Dominical Alliance of Negro Ministers was held at No. 435 Atlantic avenue here yesterday with 35 members in attendance.

Each gave a report on activities in his church. Special speakers were Dr. G. W. Bulluck, M. D., Rev. W. C. Somerville and W. E. Gay.

Rev. Somerville has returned here to resume his duties at Mt. Zion Baptist church after a year and a half at a graduate school.

Far Ports

I shall go down to the sea when I have leisure to get away,
And I shall look on the sea and sky,
And white sails on the bay,
And I shall wish with an eager wish
For the sliding hills and foam
And slanted decks, and for flying fish,
And for far lands to roam.

I shall dream dreams of the ports afar
That never my eyes shall see,
And nights shall follow a guiding star
Where tropical islands be:
At dawning I shall look overseas
And watch while the moments flit
The black boys dive in the azure tide
To clutch at a silver bit.

At Cartagena one time we swung
At anchor before the town
And watched where a silver coin was flung,
A black boy diving down;
And came a swirl in the cobalt deep
A gasp from the watchers drawn,
A shark with a lightning rush and sweep,
And the poor black boy was gone!

And from my dreams of the ports I've known,
The ports I shall never see,
I shall turn back and shall seek my own,
My loved ones who wait for me,
Glad for my dreams and the end of it
For the hum-drum ways I go,
To reach for my easy chair and sit
At ease when the sun is low.
—Judd Mortimer Lewis in the Houston Post.

SAVES DEER

Ithaca, N. Y.—Molasses cakes are being used in state forests to save the lives of hundreds of deer in snow bound fastnesses. Packed into the woods and suspended from trees, the food is available for the animals. Cakes weigh fifty pounds each and contain forty-five parts molasses and fifty-five parts soybeans.

E. Y. Floyd, tobacco specialist, recommends scattering about 30 pounds of clean oat, wheat or rye straw over each 100 yards of tobacco bed. The straw seems to have a beneficial effect in controlling downy mildew.

Italian ocean mail fliers crash on Brazilian coast; two hurt.

Musings

Those blue and through days will come no matter how happy a person you are. There are mornings when you wake up and long to close your eyes again—for keeps. There may be gray rain on the outside and gray despair on the inside filling your soul with misery. Then the day goes all wrong—you burn the toast, the water pipes freeze or the wood is out—everything is wrong. And those resolutions you made to the effect that you would keep happy in spite of it all just go hay-wire. We can't get around a blue day now and then and I think that it helps us to appreciate life more after that "no matter what happens" feeling is over.

And I had one of my blue moods last week. There is no way I can escape my feelings except by taking a long walk and as I walked I thought "What is the need to go on? It's the same thing day after day—futile, meaningless and monotonous." Suddenly I stopped and my gaze riveted itself upon a field green with early wheat. Winter in the sky, winter on the hills, winter in my heart—but there defying it all, laughing at his blackness and despondency, came the spring! And I was suddenly ashamed of my thoughts. Why couldn't I be confident and complacent, no matter how dark seemed the future, and wait for what life had to give me? And I was happy again remembering that no matter how long or dark the winter, spring will come again. I thought of this: "The darkest night the world has ever known did not put out the stars."

I believe in these young people of today because I think they have what it takes to get along in this topsy-turvy world. They don't sit back and wait for opportunities to be brought to them; instead they go out after them and they don't stop on the job.

The Old Folks who are continually drumming out the fact that the world is going to the devil because the youth of today is bad, are finding themselves left in the rush for better times. Because who of us can be sure what is right and what is wrong? Does it not mean entirely different thing in each person's mind and how can one person censor another if that's the case? Each of us must think for ourselves, break our own trails, run our own risks and pay the penalties. But in so doing we must be guided by our conscience, by faith and by the knowledge of the Supreme Being.

I believe in the youth of today in spite of its slang and hardness; I like their fearlessness, their get-up-and-go spirit, their tolerance and open-mindedness. But you older folks will say that I believe in them because I am young; but you, too, must have faith in us and be patient and open-minded. We must, together, make 1934 the biggest and best year ever.

Just now I disagree with the man who said "The devil made the small town." I am thinking how nice it is to walk down the street and know everybody you meet and have them call you by your first name, to know that when you get in trouble you have friends in the home-town who will always help you and if you have been grieved in the face of some great sadness and had the home folks come in to comfort and sympathize with you, then you appreciate that small town of yours. Well, there are so many things I could mention as to why I like a small town: its friendliness, and human fellowship, its peculiarities, its characters of humor, its important landmarks and scores of others. I like my home-town!

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RAILROADS BUILD LITTLE

New York.—The lowest level for railway construction since 1865 was recorded in 1933 when only 24 miles of new line were completed. Abandonments reached a new high—1876 miles.

486,926 LOSE PENSIONS

Washington.—Under the Economy Act, 486,926 veterans have been taken off compensation rolls according to General Frank T. Hines, Administrator. He pointed out that average monthly payments to non-service disabled increased, in four months, from \$13.35 to \$23.83.

Job rise under NRA put at 201,000 in Manhattan in 3 fields.

JUNIOR ORDER CAMPAIGN NETS 10 APPLICATIONS

The Rocky Mount council of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics has recently brought to a close a campaign which netted 150 applications for membership in the lodge, G. R. Griffin, secretary, announced.

PEASANTS KILL ANIMALS

Moscow.—Since 1929 when the Soviet attempted to force peasants to pool their farm animals in collective farms, there has been a wholesale slaughter of these animals.

Figures given out by Joseph Stalin revealed that horses dropped from 34,000,000 to 16,500,000, cattle from 68,100,000 to 38,600,000, sheep and goats from 147,000,000 to 50,600,000 and pigs from 20,900,000 to 12,200,000.

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE OF NEW COUNTRY CLUB COMMITTEES

Announcement of Benvenue Country club committees for 1934 were announced by R. S. Conyers, recently elected president. Chairmen of the committees are as follows:

House, W. A. Meadows; finance, C. L. Bonney; membership, C. C. Ward; tennis, Dr. Roy Norton; dance, J. P. Bunn; outdoor activities, J. R. Bennett; grounds, G. A. Burton; golf, H. W. Whitley; greens, P. C. Shore, and swimming pool, F. S. Spruill, Jr.
Personnel of a Sunday afternoon musical committee had not been selected.

Tobacco growers in eastern Carolina have begun to have their seed treated and re-cleaned to assure better plants in the seed beds.

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