

LA. EXTENSION AGENT RETIRES AFTER 34 YEARS WITH SERVICE

Thomas J. Jordan, Assistant State agent in charge of agricultural extension work with Louisiana, retired last week after 34 years of service which date back to the beginning of extension work in the South. He is to be succeeded by Robert J. Courtney, one of his county agents.

In a letter which Mr. Jordan received from T. M. Campbell, Extension Service field agent, he retiring founder of Negro extension work in Louisiana was praised for his outstanding contribution to the promotion of diversified farming and better living.

Said Mr. Campbell's letter: "Your retirement is a real loss to Louisiana Extension Service. Through 34 years, you have been the guiding spirit of balanced farming and of farm and home improvement by colored farm people in your State."

What little funds were raised for him at church meetings, together with a chicken now, then and a few vegetables which some farmers threw in on the side. The Smith-Lever Act which established Cooperative Agricultural Extension Service was not enacted until 1914, but so anxious was Jordan to help farm people improve their farms and their homes, that he accepted the post. The next year he was put on salary by the State Extension Service.

Jordan saw as his first job the task of helping farm people to grow more of their food. That under way, he began encouraging farmers to expand their live-at-home program and sell the surplus so that they would not be dependent entirely on cotton as a source of cash income.

Expanding his own activities, Jordan began helping rural people to raise funds to build more schools, a need which he had long recognized. In one county he helped raise funds for six schools.

In 1922 Jordan was promoted to Assistant State agent. Interested in improving the quality of farm and home demonstration work being done, he organized a highly successful program of instruction and service training for his agents. Also, he enlarged 4-H club work and was one of the first extension leaders to establish a State 4-H camp.

Aware of the changes which technology is bringing to the cotton South, Mr. Courtney favors an intensified balanced farming program. As a county agent, he succeeded, through hybrid corn and pasture demonstrations, in getting many farmers in his parish to shift their production emphasis from cotton to cattle. Mr. Courtney is a graduate of Southern university. He is married and has two children.

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Contracts To Be Let For Two New NNC Buildings

DURHAM, N. C. — President Alfonso Elder of North Carolina College predicted in his welcome speech to the student body last week that the first contract for construction of new buildings at the college will probably be let during the next 30 or 60 days.

The president, who gave a hearty welcome to the freshman class, said also that a landscape architect has been employed by the trustees' building committee, and plans have been drawn up to indicate the possible sites of future buildings for many years to come.

GRID YANKS MISS BUDDY YOUNG

NEW YORK (AP)— Claude "Buddy" Young is the most missed man on the New York Yankees team and it is believed his injury helped speed the dismissal of the coach, Roy Firebertz. Firebertz, a crack end in his own right when he played at college and later with the New York Giants, was dismissed last week by the Yankees management which can't afford a losing team in the metropolis.

The absence of Buddy Young weakened the team in its two losses to San Francisco and Baltimore and now the proud eastern champions boast one win and three losses in as many games. Tom Casey, the heralded Hampton back can't take up the slack caused by Young's absence.

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THREE NOMINEES FOR GOVERNOR TO SPEAK AT TEACHERS MEET

RICHMOND — Three gubernatorial candidates are scheduled to address the 18th annual convention of the Virginia Teachers Association which will convene at Virginia Union University October 27 through 30. "Cooperative Planning for Better Living" will be the convention theme.

This topic will serve as a guide for the general sessions, departmental and divisional sessions and the various group luncheons, dinners and banquets which constitute this yearly conference.

All three of the announced candidates for the governorship of Virginia have accepted invitations to address the representatives of the 7,000 teachers of Negro children in the state. Horace H. Edwards, former chairman of the central committee, State Democratic organization and former mayor of the city of Richmond, will speak before the first general session on Thursday morning, October 28.

John S. Battle, member of the Senate, Virginia General Assembly, will address the Friday morning general session. On Friday night Col. Francis P. Miller will be one of the principal speakers.

J. Rupert Picott, executive secretary of the VTA in expressing keen satisfaction of the speakers' acceptances, said he felt this offered the best possible forum for the teacher to grasp some of the issues facing the state as seen through the eyes of the spokesman one of whom as governor will be the guiding hand in state affairs for the next four years.

A special feature of the convention this year will be the four "work conferences on current problems" which will be held Thursday afternoon.

Still another feature will be the exhibits. These displays by leading manufacturers, distributors and retailers, naturally, provide the teacher with an opportunity to examine and become acquainted with the latest devices, aids and help in the education profession.

The convention will begin on Wednesday morning, October 27, when the organization's department

of the faculty, Hampton Institute, who will deliver the keynote address and Mr. Edwards, candidate for Governor of Virginia.

The 18th annual Duke County Gubernatorial Show will be held at Morganton September 15-16.

The State's commercial apple crop is currently estimated at slightly more than one million bushels.

The annual sessions of the association's other departments will be held on Friday, October 29, when it is expected that more than 3,000 teachers will be present. The sessions will officially close on Saturday morning with a leadership conference. On Saturday afternoon the annual football game between Virginia State College and Virginia Union University will be staged on Hovey Field on the campus of Union University across the street from the Belgian Building.

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