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## COTTON PRICE SHOULD HOLD PRESENT LEVEL

Officials of the American Cotton Association Warn Farmers

THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY FARMER DICTATES

Farmers Should Join the Association and Perpetuate the Present Price

(Special to the Herald)

Raleigh, N. C.—“Don't let the present price of cotton fool you into a false sense of security,” is the warning cotton association officials attending the big mass meeting in Raleigh Tuesday send out to the cotton farmers of the State. “The present good prices offered for cotton are the direct result of the Cotton Association, and should there be a relaxation of the efforts of the cotton farmers and others interested in getting a fair price for cotton, the price would crash worse than it has in many years.”

As further proof that the Association work is being reflected in the good price for cotton, the officials point out that the price began to increase soon after the work of the old reduction campaign last spring was well under way. It has held steady all through the year, until recently when President Wannamaker announced that the cotton planters did not intend to increase the acreage cooperation of the best business and professional brains of his community. If this program is carried out, we will see forty cents cotton before another crop is harvested, says President Wannamaker of the cotton association.

This is the first time in history that the cotton farmer has held the whip hand, and he is holding this through the efforts of the organization of cotton farmers, merchants and business men. Should he relax his efforts and fail to carry forward the splendid work already done by the Association, the cotton planter will fall back into the old ways of having to send his cotton to market and taking anything the buyer wants to offer him. And the prices offered are based on Wall Street prices, fixed by men, who in most instances, have never seen a bale of cotton.

Organization and warehouses will solve the problem once and for all time. The American Cotton Association is the best means of getting the organization for cotton warehouses for through the Association the cotton farmer secures the aid and unless they were assured that a fair price would be paid for the staple. This announcement was made at the New Orleans World Cotton Conference, and for the first time this year cotton climbed over the 35 cent mark.

## SECOND LYCEUM ATTRACTION WILL BE GIVEN NEXT WEEK

The second number of the local lyceum course will be given in the auditorium of the Ahoskie high school on next Monday, the 27th. A musical trio, capable of giving a first rate entertainment will do the entertaining on that night.

A large crowd is anticipated, and a good attraction is promised by the ladies of the Betterment Association who are promoting the lyceum program here.

## COMMUNITY FAIR HELD AT MENOLA

Menola Held Its First Community Fair on Saturday, October 18

SPIRIT OF COOPERATION WAS IN MUCH EVIDENCE

Wonderful Exhibits of Agricultural and Livestock Products

The Menola School District held their First Community Fair at the new school building Saturday, October 18, and to say it was a great success is putting it mildly.

While the exhibits were all that could be desired the community spirit displayed was superb. Every one in the neighborhood put their whole heart into the work and worked as a unit. Co-operation was in the air from start to finish. They couldn't even be content with having a first class fair but had to get the road tractor busy and widened a mile of road and had it well graded and dressed up like a new doll for the occasion.

The quality of the pantry supplies was as good as could be found at any fair and the variety was not lacking. The fancy work, canned goods, garden products and art exhibits were especially good. The young folks put on an excellent exhibit in the educational department.

The men would not be outdone by the ladies and children, so they put on some thoroughbred exhibits of hogs, seed corn, and cotton. They have taken to the thoroughbred idea and when the showing was over they held a meeting with the County Agent and decided to organize a thoroughbred seed club.

The thing that started this club was a little cotton exhibit. Some enterprising farmer raised some Wannamaker's Cleveland Big Boll Cotton last season and made two bales per acre. This year nearly every farmer in the Menola section has some of this cotton. One farmer picked one hundred bolls of this cotton and one hundred bolls of another variety and weighed the cotton picked from each hundred bolls. The Wannamaker's Cleveland Big Boll weighed 25 ounces and the other weighed 15 ounces, making a difference of 10 ounces to the hundred bolls. These farmers will agree to put their whole crops in this one variety of cotton next season and some will get the pure bred seed fresh from the breeders and raise under the direction of the County Agent and the plant breeder from Raleigh, and keep the neighborhood supplied with seed only 1 generation from the original every year. All seed that will be sold for planting will be inspected and ginned according to the instructions of the State Department of Agriculture.

There was some lively competition between the owners of famous animals that is so closely associated with the colored race, and sometimes called the “pebble tailed” animal. They were all there, grey, black, and bay long and tall, lean and lanky, long legged and round and the judge had to scratch his head many times before making his decision. The round one won.

Those family cows were there, too but that counfounder tick had taken so much of their vitality that every one was bragging on their two and half gallon cow. Every time the judge looked at one she would apo-

logize like the house wife does when the preacher calls about dinner time and she hasn't any fried chicken. Menola is building a dipping vat and next year these cows will have a different tale to tell.

The rain kept many good animals at home, which speaks well for the way Menola farmers are taking care of their good stock. They didn't always care if the stock did take the weather but it is different now.

If any other community wants to know how to spell cooperation and get the true definition of the word they can get either by following the example set by Menola at this their First Community Fair.



In the midst of its multifarious war duties the American Red Cross did not neglect its obligations to the civilian population at home. Throughout the conflict it maintained its Bureau of Public Health Nursing, instruction in first aid, home nursing and sanitation, and disaster relief. Particularly in their work for the babies was effort by public health nurses important. The accompanying photograph shows a Red Cross public health nurse instructing a mother in the proper preparation of the baby's diet.

## CAROLINA BASEBALL LEAGUE WILL BE ORGANIZED FOR 1920

Winston-Salem, Oct. 21.—President W. G. Bramham, of the old Carolina Baseball League, spent the day here discussing with local lovers of the game the question of forming another league. He announced that assurance might be given that either a strict State or Virginia-Carolina league was assured. He declared that he had never seen so much interest in the game as is being manifested and expressed by the people in the cities he had visited the past few weeks. He has also been deluged with messages urging the calling of a meeting to discuss the matter. At the meeting to be held in Durham on the 29th Mr. Bramham is convinced that an organization will be perfected. The North Carolina towns suggested to join the new League include Winston-Salem, Durham, Greensboro, Raleigh, and either Rocky Mount, Wilson or Fayetteville. Several Virginia cities are clamoring to get in the game, declared Mr. Bramham, who stated that if a sufficient number of Carolina cities could not be secured, then two or more Virginia cities would be taken in. Winston-Salem will send a committee to Durham next week and it is pretty safe that the Twin-City will have a team in the field when his ump calls “play ball” next spring.—Greensboro Daily News.

## BERTIE COUNTY FAIR WILL BE HELD NEXT WEEK

The first Annual Bertie County Fair will be held in Aulander on the 30th and 31st of this month, which is next Thursday and Friday. The promoters of this fair have made arrangements for a wide variety of free attractions, but they have spared not an effort in the attempt to make it a drawing card more for the agricultural exhibits and the livestock exhibits. These will be among the very best of any fair in this entire section of the State.

As announced in this paper last week, the Navy Band from the Norfolk Navy Yard will furnish music at the fair.

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A VISITOR.

## WORLD NEEDS MILLIONS OF BALES COTTON SAY ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Raleigh Oct. 21.—A mass meeting of cotton growers, merchants and others interested in the raising and marketing of cotton was held here this morning for the purpose of stimulating interest in the organization in this State for North Carolina division of the American Cotton Association.

Governor Thomas W. Bickett, James S. Wannamaker, president of the American Cotton Association, and J. B. Cannon, a banker of Spartanburg, S. C., were the principal speakers.

The speakers at the meeting that was not largely attended, emphasized the necessity of organization of the rural south, not only for its own upbuilding and growth but for actual preservation.

Mr. Wannamaker went into the cotton situation at some length, saying an English expert told the cotton conference at New Orleans recently that the world now needs 55,000,000 bales of cotton. Half the world is naked, he stated, and the demand for cotton for the next 20 years will be greater than the growers can supply.

Mr. Wannamaker expressed the absolute need for organization to get a fair price for the product.

## FARMERS UNION WAREHOUSE WILL PROBABLY BE USED FOR COTTON ASSOCIATION

Plans are now under way to convert the brick structure of the Farmers Union Warehouse Company into a storage warehouse for the American Cotton Association. The building was sold at public auction last week, and was bid in by S. Hare of Harrellsville. However, some hitch has arisen in the settlement, and as a consequence a meeting of the stockholders has been called for Saturday of this week, and at that time some further disposition of the property will be made.

The local organizers of the American Cotton Association are endeavoring to have the present stockholders transfer their stock, and enlarge its scope so as to meet the requirements of the State Warehouse system.

## TOBACCO MARKET CLOSES ON ACCOUNT OF FAIRS

The Ahoskie tobacco market closed for the current week after the Wednesday's sales, on account of the State and Hertford County Fairs.

Several of the buyers and others connected with the warehouse are attending the State Fair at Raleigh.

Large breaks have been in order for the past week, and it is more than probable that 2,000,000 pounds of tobacco has been sold on the local market this season.

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## BOLL WEEVIL HAS COME TO NORTH STATE

Boll Weevil Has Made His Appearance in Columbus County

NOT EXPECTED TO DO VERY MUCH DAMAGE

He Is Expected to Make His Presence Felt Year After Next

(Special to the Herald)

Raleigh, N. C.—Though the cotton boll weevil has now appeared, there is no need for alarm on the part of the cotton farmers, says M. R. W. Leiby, Assistant Entomologist of the North Carolina Experiment Station. It has still time to spread from Columbus County over a considerable portion of the southeastern part of the State, but it is doubtful if the weevil can do much damage before year after next. What damage it can do the next year will depend on how it is killed out during the present winter by injury from the cold.

The entomologists of the North Carolina Experiment Station have been constantly in touch with the progress of the weevil since 1892. It arrived in South Carolina in 1918, and its presence in this State was no surprise. The Experiment Station is planning to keep in constant touch with its progress and to aid cotton farmers in every way possible to combat the savages of the weevil.

In those places where it has appeared heretofore, the boll weevil has reduced the cotton crop anywhere from 20 to 80 per cent. The weevils deposit their eggs in the young squares, and the crabs hatching from these eggs eat out the squares, preventing them from becoming full grown bolls of cotton.

It has been demonstrated that many different ways can be employed to combat the weevil, among which might be stated frequent circulation, growing early cotton varieties, hand picking the weevils early in the season, and poisoning them during the growing season.

It is not known yet but what the weevil will be a blessing in disguise because in every state where it has appeared farmers have forced to grow less cotton and to diversify their crops more. This has meant greater returns on their investments.

In this week's Extension News, a story giving detailed information about the boll weevil is being printed. Those who are interested in the matter will do well to write to the Extension Service for a copy of this publication.

## GOVERNOR BICKETT OPENS STATE FAIR WITH SPEECH

Governor Bickett opened the State Fair in Raleigh Tuesday with a ten minutes speech. In the brief address that he made, he took opportunity to again congratulate the late State Legislators on their passage of the Revaluation Act, notwithstanding the fact that some of the “Old Guard Democrats of the State are wishing that the Governor would stay hands off this question. Some of the leaders in the Republican party are destined to use this as an argument against the present administration of the State's affairs. However, the Governor believes in giving “The Devil his dues” and intends pointing out the good effects of the late legislation at every opportunity he gets.

## COUNTY FAIR IN FULL SWAY AT WINTON

Hertford County Fair Is Proving Popular, and Is Making Progress

EXHIBITS ARE MAIN ATTRACTIONS AT FAIR

Good Racine, Balloon Ascensions, Guideless Wonder and Fireworks

The Second Annual Hertford County Fair is in full blast in Winton this week, beginning on Tuesday, and destined to close tonight. Tolerably favorable weather is on hand, and large crowds are attending daily. Jitneys both at Coheld and Ahoskie are doing a landslide business taking the fair visitors hither and thither to the grounds. In point of attendance and interest the Second Annual Fair will far eclipse the one that was held last year, the first year of the county fair in Hertford County.

The free attractions at the fair are drawing points for many who, no doubt, would otherwise stay at home. The midway is chock full of various “side shows”, fortune tellers and the other amusements that would necessarily go with a carnival the size of the one that is in Winton this week. It requires fifteen solid carloads to transport this aggregation. Among the most popular of the attractions included in this carnival is the guy that rides the motorcycle around the steep incline.

The daily balloon ascensions are a treat to many thousands who are attending the fair. The Norfolk Navy Band made some delightful music Thursday night. Hon. Jno. H. Small made an excellent speech at the official opening of the fair.

Perhaps the most successful and popular free attraction was the brilliant display of fireworks by the Sterlingworth Company on Wednesday night. Among some of the best and most thrilling of these exhibits were the “Falls of Niagara” and the battle of “Argonne Forest.” The several displays that showed so plainly the colors of the American flag also won great favor with the vast throng that witnessed the fireworks.

The racing program this year far outdoes that of last year, as the Fair Association has lately become a member of the National Trotting Association. Keen and spirited competition has developed at the races for each day and some of the best horses of this and other sections of the country are taking part in the races each day. The Guideless Wonder, the animal that created so much excitement at the fair last year, is back again, and is again the chief attraction at the fair. This horse, no doubt, is in a class by himself, in that he makes the rounds of the race track without driver, and makes good time at that.

However, with all these objects of interest, the greatest feature of the fair is the wonderful exhibits of farm and home exhibits. Hertford County being one of the best farming sections of the entire State, shows its products up well at the fair. This feature of the fair is the one that will perpetuate the yearly events, and naturally the farmers and their wives are proud to exhibit their products, all of which are good, even though they all do not receive the prizes.