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## FARMERS SIGNING-UP

SOME SECTIONS WILL REACH  
NINETY PER CENT.

Much Interest Manifested—Several  
Sections Signing-up Almost to a  
Man—Others Becoming Enthused.

The sign-up campaign of the Cotton and Tobacco Growers Association is making excellent progress in the county and the farmers are showing the greatest interest and are signing up very satisfactorily. Already 1,000,000 pounds of tobacco and hundreds of bales of cotton have been signed up in the two associations with only a small part of the county worked.

Several small school districts have signed up 100,000 pounds and over of tobacco and over a hundred bales of cotton each and say they are not through yet. Some claim that ninety per cent of their farmers will sign. If the present interest continues and there is no reason for thinking it will not, much more than half the tobacco and cotton crops in the county will be signed up by the time the campaign ends.

In other parts of the South the sign up is meeting with splendid success. Texas already has a pool of nearly a million and a quarter bales of cotton and is not through yet and they are completing arrangements for financing their crop so that it may be marketed as the demand calls for it. Oklahoma, Mississippi, Arkansas and other states are preparing pools of cotton to be marketed gradually. The Federal Reserve Board has just made the announcement that they are prepared to furnish one hundred million dollars, or more if needed, for financing the South's crops.

With the marketing associations making such progress and the financial centers showing their willingness to supply the money needed it begins to look as if the farmer is going to fare much better than he did last year.

## NASH COUNTY SIGNS-UP

The following extracts taken from the Nashville Graphic will, no doubt, be interesting to the farmers of Franklin County:

The recent campaign in Nash County by the Co-operative Marketing forces reveals substantial progress made toward achieving the ultimate goal. The latest figures show that 15,000 bales of cotton and about seven million pounds of tobacco have been pledged to the Association. The farmers are gradually awakening and sending in their contracts. No farmers ought to stand back and see whether or not the marketing system will be successful, but he should promptly line up with the others, and thus be enabled to say that he was among the first to help emancipate the South. The fact that 80 per cent of the farmers in Nash County who have been approached signed the contract is abundant evidence of their faith in its ultimate success.

Recently a whirlwind campaign was waged throughout North Carolina in an effort to secure the signatures of cotton and tobacco growers who would unite in the proposed Co-operative Marketing proposition. As in other counties, this campaign was staged in Nash and it is reported that from seventy to eighty per cent of the growers of the county enlisted in this gigantic movement, which, if carried out is of great moment to the cotton and tobacco growers of North and South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and all other cotton and tobacco producing states.

Now that the work of soliciting signatures has been completed, it does not remain for the leaders in this movement for co-operative marketing to go to sleep at the switch and have the thousands of farmers without leadership and direction in fully carrying out the purpose of the organization. Any let up in holding together the present unperfected organization and keeping the farmers standing firm until the objects sought have been realized will not only prove disastrous now, but for all time to come.

Unless the present plans are made a reality, the future holds very little in store in the matter of again getting the farmers aroused to the point of definite action. If present plans fail it will be either the fault of the farmers themselves or due to unwise and insincere leadership.

Moses was not a "quitter." It took him forty years to hold his forces together and effect their final deliverance from bondage. Those leading the farmers today must stand firm and prove themselves loyal to the task now lying out before them.

## CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our sincere appreciations to all those who so kindly rendered assistance and expressions of sympathy during the death of our mother. They will be long remembered by us.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Pleasant.

## Safety First

Jud Tunkins says the most valuable sense of humor is the kind that enables a person to see instantly what it isn't safe to laugh at—Washington Star.

## TAR RIVER LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Justice	2	0	1.000
LOUISBURG	1	1	.500
Castalia	1	2	.333
Spring Hope	1	2	.333

## Louisburg Defeats Spring Hope.

Spring Hope, N. C., July 20.—In an exciting game of baseball Louisburg defeated Spring Hope 3 to 2. The game was close and fast throughout, being a pitchers' battle between Roberts and Alford. The former was invincible in the pinches striking out 12 batters. The features of the game were the fielding and hitting of Ford and Whitaker of Louisburg and of Richardson of Spring Hope.

Batteries, for Louisburg, Roberts and King; for Spring Hope, Alford and Brantley.

## Justice Defeats Castalia.

Castalia, N. C., July 20.—Justice defeated Castalia in a one-sided game by the score of 11 to 4.

Batteries for Castalia, Beale and Green; for Justice, Flow and Bunn.

## CASTALIA DEFEATS LOUISBURG.

In a very erratic game of baseball, Castalia defeated Louisburg by the score of 12 to 1. Peoples, for Louisburg pitched a fair game, but poor headwork on his part, coupled with several errors, gave the game away.

The features of the game was the pitching of Beal for Castalia and a spectacular catch by Delbridge, the Castalia shortstop, who robbed King of a sure hit.

Louisburg has secured the services of a much needed pitcher and one infielder. These should strengthen the team considerably.

Batteries: Castalia, Beale and Green; for Louisburg, Peoples and King.

In the Tar River League Justice defeated Spring Hope at Justice Friday the 15th, in a pretty game of baseball, by the score of 5 to 3. It was a pitchers' battle after the first inning, the Justice pitcher being aided by several remarkable catches by his team mates.

Batteries Justice, Bunn and Bunn; Spring Hope, Brake Yarbboro and Brantley.

## BASE BALL DIRECTORS MEET.

A meeting of the directors of the Tar River League was called at Justice Friday, July 15th.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Sexton, the temporary chairman. The following officers were elected: Mr. Sexton, of Justice, President; Mr. Bissett, of Spring Hope, 1st Vice President; Mr. Emmitt Bartholomew, of Castalia, 2nd Vice President; Mr. William King, Louisburg, Secretary.

Most of the meeting was consumed in selecting umpires suitable to all managers. The directors decided to extend the season two weeks, thereby enabling them to divide it into halves.

After the following rules and regulations were read and carried the meeting adjourned.

**Rules for the Tar River League.**

Rule 1—The league shall be composed of a president, vice president and secretary.

Rule 2—Each team shall comprise a manager and a captain and nine players, besides substitutes, and an umpire.

Rule 3—No team shall be allowed more than two hired players, and they must not be professional ball players.

Rule 4—Each town or community must finance its own team from the receipts collected.

Rule 5—Each team will receive the whole amount of gate receipts when played on the home diamond, except when two play a game for exhibition, then divide equally.

Rule 6—Each team shall select its own umpire, to do all of the umpiring when the separate teams are playing off the home diamond.

Rule 7—Each member of the teams shall abide strictly by the decision of the umpire.

Rule 8—The umpire shall be vested power to put any player out of the game who has become unruly.

Rule 9—That the Mayor or Justice of the peace be asked to assist in maintaining order at each game.

Rule 10—If any team shall fail to meet its schedule, the game shall be forfeited to the opposing team.

Rule 11—If any member of the teams found to be intoxicated before the game he will be put out of the immediate game.

Rule 12—We, the teams of Louisburg, Justice, Castalia Spring Hope, do adopt the above schedule.

There will be three games of baseball here next week. Wednesday the 27th, Castalia plays Louisburg and on Friday the 29th there will be a double-header between Louisburg and Justice. The fair grounds will be in first class condition for these games and if you want us to win come out and root.

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## MRS. CADDIE STRICKLAND DEAD.

The announcement that Mrs. Caddie V. Strickland died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Myron Pleasant on Cedar street Saturday night about twelve o'clock from heart trouble was received with sorrow by the many friends of the family. Mrs. Strickland was 70 years old and was preceded to the grave by her husband thirty five years ago. She was a most estimable woman, true to her religion and friends. She was a most lovable

mother, and a valuable neighbor, whose friends were numbered by her acquaintances. Although her health had not been good for years she was apparently in her average health until an hour or so before the end came. She leaves three daughters, Mrs. J. C. Foster, of near Laurel, Mrs. Ben W. Brown of Petersburg, Va., and Mrs. Myron Pleasant, of Louisburg, and one son, Mr. J. S. Strickland, of Jackson, all of whom were present to attend the funeral, two sisters, Mrs. — Mullen, of near Pilot, and Mrs. W. J. Shearin, of Louisburg, and two brothers, Messrs. George Conway, of Canton, and J. C. Conway, of Durham.

The funeral services were held from the home on Monday morning at 11 o'clock and were conducted by Rev. G. F. Smith, pastor of the Methodist church, assisted by Rev. L. S. Massey and W. R. Burrell and the interment was made at Oaklawn cemetery. Large numbers of relatives and friends of the family attended each service, which were especially impressive. The floral tribute was especially profuse and beautiful. The pallbearers were M. S. Clifton, J. P. Timberlake, E. W. Ferguson, W. B. Cooke, S. P. Boddie, O. C. Hill.

The bereaved family has the sympathy of the entire community.

## DR. BURRELL RESIGNS.

The announcement from the pulpit of the Baptist Church Sunday morning by Dr. W. R. Burrell, offering his resignation in order that he could accept a call to Monroe was quite a shock to his congregation and the people of Louisburg in general.

Dr. Burrell, who came to Louisburg about eight months ago from Williamson, to take up the pastorate of the Louisburg Baptist church, has made an impression upon our people regard less of denomination as being one of the finest preachers in North Carolina, a man who is thoroughly consecrated

and conscientious in his work for Christ and a genial, pleasant and interesting companion. He is full of energy and throws his whole soul in whatever the task might be that he assumes and is always found working for the upbuilding of humanity and community and through these his Master's Kingdom.

Louisburg realizes its loss in the resignation of Dr. Burrell. However it extends its congratulations to Monroe and its best wishes for a more and continuous useful life to Dr. Burrell and his good family in their new home.

## BASE BALL AT YOUNGVILLE.

Youngville, N. C.—Youngville played a double header ball game Tuesday on the local diamond with Wendell, dividing the games with the visitors. Wendell won the first game 6 and 4, while Youngville took the second with a score of 2 and 1. Youngville is tied with Smithfield for top place on the second half, having won four out of seven games played. A close fight in the Bright Belt league is developing—all four teams being within two games of the top. The teams all seem to be pretty evenly matched and are playing good ball. Visit Youngville and see a good game of ball "for less money," only four more games are to be played on the local diamond during the second half unless a tie develops.

Youngville played a double header at Smithfield Friday, losing the first game 4 and 5, and winning the second game 5 and 3.

The ladies of Youngville gave a reception to the ball players at Cheatham's Warehouse Tuesday night, which was largely attended and greatly enjoyed.

## A SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Pearce on July 16th, it being the 67th birthday of Mrs. Pearce, their children and grandchildren began to roll in about 9:30 o'clock with happy greetings for mother and father.

The social hours before noon were greatly enjoyed by all, while grandpa made music for the little folks.

At noon a bountiful dinner was spread under the shade of those dear old oaks that reminded the children of their childhood days so much. The dinner wasn't much show of hard time. About 3 o'clock ice cream was served until each and every one declared their thirst for ice cream was satisfied.

The only regret of the day was that all the children were not there. When the sun was bending low all left for their homes, wishing mother and father many more happy birthdays.

## But They Bark.

Have you ever noticed how polite the trees are? They always bow before leaving—The Wisconsin C. tops

## AMONG THE VISITORS

Mr. T. W. Ruffin went to Raleigh yesterday.

Mr. R. W. Hudson visited Raleigh Thursday.

Mr. E. H. Malone paid Henderson a business visit Wednesday.

Mr. J. C. Conway, of Durham, attended the funeral of his sister Monday.

Mrs. M. E. Winston and little daughter, of Rocky Mount, are visiting her parents.

Mr. Joseph Hale, of Laurens, S. C., visited his mother, Mrs. Ida Hale the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Griffin, of Raleigh, are spending some time with his people here.

Mr. Ben T. Holden and family returned Wednesday from a two week's trip to Ocean View.

Mrs. F. F. Fagan and little daughter, of Rocky Mount, spent the week-end with her parents here.

Miss Bessie Hale, who has been visiting friends in Wilson and Raleigh, has returned home.

Mrs. E. F. Thomas and her guest, Mrs. C. G. Bedford, of Lexington, were visitors to Raleigh yesterday.

Mrs. F. Parrish and son, Forest, of Durham, have returned home after visiting her sister, Mrs. Ida Hale.

Miss Bettie Mildred Shearin, came home from Petersburg, Va., Sunday to be present at the funeral of her aunt.

Hon. A. D. Watts, State Commissioner of Revenue, spent last Sunday in Louisburg the guest of Mr. W. H. Yarbrough.

Mrs. Ben W. Brown, of Petersburg, and Mr. J. S. Strickland, of Jackson, were in Louisburg Monday to attend the funeral of their mother.

Miss Dorothy Johnson, who has been visiting friends and relatives in and near Louisburg returned Saturday to her home at Winterville.

Mrs. J. J. Lancaster and E. S. Ferguson went to Raleigh Monday, where Mr. Fulghum took a position as Assistant Superintendent of the State

Supr. R. R. Rodwell, of Warrenton, was a visitor to Louisburg Tuesday.

Mr. T. W. Stovall and son, Harvey, of Stovall, visited his son, Mr. H. M. Stovall the past week.

Mr. T. W. Stovall and son, Harvey, who have been visiting his son, Mr. H. M. Stovall, and Messrs. H. M. Stovall, Jr., James Stovall and Edward Stovall, sons of Mr. H. M. Stovall, left Louisburg Tuesday for Pamlico Sound on a fishing trip.

NON-ADVERTISERS AND FAILURES

The Editor and Publisher is telling the story.

Eighty-four per cent of the business failures of the past year occurred among firms which did not advertise.

This is the assertion made by Bradstreet's Commercial Agency, which is as unbiased an authority as can be found in the business world today.

Bradstreet's compiled its information from statistics, not guess work.

The importance of advertising as a business element must have been regarded as vital by this great commercial agency, else it would not have wasted the time of hundreds of trained men throughout the nation collecting and tabulating this information.

Bradstreet's thus points the way to one of the elements of business success.

The lesson to be learned from the statistics regarding the advertising merchant is obvious.

This by no means is taken by us, and we know it will not be so taken by you, as compelling the conclusion that all these failures were wholly due to failure to advertise, or even that an overwhelming majority could have averted failure by advertising. No doubt other elements entered into the crash, but when a business dependent upon a public market for the sale of its output does not use the recognized best means of reaching that market it is only a question of when the call will be turned in for the under-taker.

Emerson's proposition that if a man make a good enough mousetrap the world will beat a path to his door, still remains true—if the world finds out about the mousetrap—Raleigh Times.

There is a lesson in the above worthiness of the consideration of some of Louisburg's merchants.

## Insuring the Tears.

Lawyer—If you expect to be acquitted, your wife will have to weep a little during the trial.

The Accused—That's easy. Just tell her I'm going to be acquitted.

The American Legion Weekly.

## Worse Than Hopeless.

The only son of an American millionaire recently ran away from home and joined the staff of a weekly journal. We understand that friends broke the news by telling the parents that their son was dead, and gently worked up to the climax—The Passing Show (London).

## CAPTURES STILL

J. G. Collins and Garland Parrish Bound Over to Court.

Constable J. E. Thomas, Prohibition Agent Ernest Raines and Deputy Marshall B. H. Meadows reported the capture of a complete still outfit on Tuesday morning and destroyed three hundred gallons of beer. The still was in operation and was located near White Level church. Messrs. Jimmie Gray Collins and Garland Parrish were caught at the still and were given a hearing before U. S. Commissioner W. B. Morton and were bound over to Court under a \$200 bond each. From the evidence before the Commissioner Messrs. Collins and Parrish admitted the ownership of the plant and explained they were making a little whiskey for their own use.

## TEXAS COTTON POOL HAS BROKEN ALL RECORDS

Dallas, Texas, July 15.—The biggest co-operative marketing organization of growers in the world is being completed at the Dallas offices of the Texas Farm Bureau Federation. More than six hundred thousand bales of cotton from approximately 40,000 Texas members have been put in one pool to be disposed of through a sales agency set up by what is known as the American Cotton Growers Exchange. Oklahoma has signed up over 400,000 bales to go into the same pool and Mississippi is contributing 210,000 bales and Arizona is also in. The total already promised for the pool is more than one and a quarter million bales. Texas cotton farmers are still signing contracts and it is expected that this state will ultimately contribute more than a million bales to the pool.

Every grower contributing to the pool has agreed to deliver all of the cotton that he produces for the next five years to the association which is composed of growers and managed by a board of directors elected by the growers and composed of growers, California co-operative marketing associations divide into insignificant when compared with this new colossal merchandising movement.

The largest association on the Pacific coast has less than fifteen thousand members. The American Cotton Growers Exchange will have more than 70,000 members, each pledged to deliver all his cotton during the period provided for in the contract. This organization automatically becomes the largest cotton factor in the world. Its office will be located in Dallas, Texas.

Adequate financial support for the organization is now being arranged through different agencies. Letters from the war finance corporation indicate that this board will render the same support to the Texas farmers that it has already rendered to the Mississippi Delta Growers Association which has borrowed five million dollars and which will be advanced to the growers while the crop is being marketed through the same exchange that will handle the Texas crop.

New York financial circles are also interested in advancing money for the financing of this crop movement as are also the larger Texas banks.

The magnitude of the undertaking has attracted the attention of the keenest minds in the banking world—Examiner-Review, Navasota, Texas.

## RAILROADS TREATED BETTER THAN FARMERS

Last year the railroads of the United States asked the government for a loan of \$700,000,000 to enable them to do business. The request was very promptly granted and in addition a guarantee by the government that they, the railroads, should make 6 per cent net on their investments, which are based on their own valuation of \$19,000,000,000. These special privileges were granted in May, 1920, when the roads claimed that they were in distress.

The farmers have recently asked aid and on the 17th day of May, 1921, a bill was introduced in the Senate authorizing the loan of \$50,000,000 to the 12 Federal Land Banks that they might in turn loan the money to needy farmers. From every standpoint of logical reasoning and good thinking the farmers are as much entitled to help as the railroads. Indeed, a few political thinkers are of the opinion that the farmers are in reality more important than the railroads. Yet the House of Representatives granted the Railroad 28 times as much help as it did the farmers.

Perhaps one of the chief reasons for this favoritism is that Congress comes in touch with the farmers one day in two years and comes in touch with the railroads 729 days in two years.

The farmers of the country however should thank the Democratic representation of the South for standing squarely for their interest and if the Democratic party were in favor in Washington things would be different. Ex.

## REVIVAL SERVICES.

We are requested to state that revival services will begin at Piney Grove church on next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. G. F. Smith, pastor, preaching. Services will be held Sunday night and every night during the week. The public is invited to attend.

## FIRST SALES SHOW

50 PER CENT SLUMP

IN TOBACCO PRICES

GOLDEN WEED SELLS AT AVERAGE OF FROM \$5 TO \$12 ON THE EARLY MARKETS

Average at Lumberton and Fairmont From \$5 To \$7, With Highest Prices Ranging Around \$20; Georgia Market Reports Best Average With \$12.

Leaf tobacco prices on markets in southeastern North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia were more than fifty per cent under the averages of the opening day last year, according to reports on the initial sales of the 1921 season yesterday from tobacco towns in the three states. Price averages ranged from \$5 to \$12 per hundred, whereas last year the average was from \$20 to \$25 and over. The preceding year tobacco sold at an average of from \$35 to \$45 per hundred rounds.

Although no reports or sales being stopped were received, the prices generally were disappointing to farmers and business men. On the basis of the initial prices, tobacco growers apparently will not be able to realize an appreciate profit despite the fact that the crop this year has been produced at a greatly reduced expense as compared with 1920.

One Ray of Hope.

However, there may yet be some light of a silver lining in the dark cloud. The offerings yesterday were mostly "primings," consisting chiefly of the low grades of lugs, and apparently little tobacco of the higher grades was sold. The opinion has been advanced that there is a surplus of low grade tobacco, but that the better grades will be in demand. When the better grades—wrappers, cutters and bright lugs—average naturally will go higher, and if there is a brisk demand for good tobaccos, the average within the next week or two should be considerably above the opening day's figures. Coupled with this are reports that the quality of the crop is much better than last year and that better grades will more likely predominate, as growers have paid more attention to quality than to quantity this season.

The highest prices paid yesterday ranged around 20 cents a pound, while the low grades sold around four and five cents. On markets in southeastern North Carolina prices averaged from \$5 to \$7 per hundred pounds. Lumberton reported sales of 100,000 pounds at an average of \$5, with \$19.50 the top notch figure for the day. Other markets in Robeson averaged about the same. At Fairmont nearly 90,000 pounds were sold at an average of \$7.10 per hundred.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

A number of the public spirited citizens have placed their services at the disposal of the Cotton and Tobacco Association organizations and have given us the privilege of making dates for them at any place and time we think best, all that they ask is that they be informed of the dates and places to which they are to go. These men are doing this at their own expense, the association not paying them a cent for their services or expenses. They feel that the two associations will do such an immense amount of good to the farmers that they want the privilege of assisting Franklin County in getting organized.

For unavoidable reasons it has been necessary to make a number of changes in the dates at different time and through some oversight Mr. W. H. Yarbrough was not informed of the date that was made for him at Franklin and therefore he failed to fill the appointment, not knowing of it.

This explanation is on our part that Mr. Yarbrough may not be charged with failing to fill his date through any fault of his own. I would like to say here that without the assistance of the men who have placed their services at the disposal of the associations it would have been utterly impossible for us to have made any success at all in organizing Franklin County's quota in the Cotton and Tobacco Growers Associations.

J. C. JONES, Campaign Director.

TO CONFEDERATE VETERANS

All Confederate Veterans in Franklin County who wish to attend the annual Reunion in North Carolina, to be held at Durham on August 23, 24 and 25th are requested to meet at the Courthouse in Louisburg on Saturday July 30th.

P. G. ALSTON, Com.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend to the people of Louisburg our deep appreciation for the many kindnesses shown us during the past few weeks. Especially do we wish to thank the neighbors who have been so thoughtful of our every need.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mumford.