

## Facts, Figures and Farmers

MARION W. WALL, County Agent

### Cotton Advances

Just as cotton starts to bring a higher price the Cotton Association begins to perfect its organization. A letter from the secretary states that up to date we have 250,000 bales of cotton signed up. Our minimum was 200,000 bales and it is encouraging to note that we have 50,000 bales more than we started out to get. If we had been organized two years ago, cotton would never have been so low and we would have been in position to "help ourselves." "United we stick—divided we are stuck."

### Let's Sow North Carolina Grown Seed Wheat This Fall.

In spite of the unfavorable season considerable good seed wheat has been saved in the state. The grain is not as large and plump as in normal years but the dry spring was very favorable to the harvesting of seed free from weather damage. The state experiment station has studied the seed wheat problems thoroughly and finds that home grown seed wheat yields best. In comparison of home grown seed wheat with the same varieties of northern grown seed wheat twenty-three varieties were used during three years. The tests were made at Statesville. At the end of three years the locally grown seed had yielded an average of 16.5 bushels per acre, and the northern grown seed had yielded only 12.7 bushels per acre. The division of Agronomy of the North Carolina Experiment Station at Raleigh has made a list of wheat growers who have seed wheat for sale. If you are interested and need seed wheat write them. Leap's Prolific No. 12 has been a wonderful success and from the samples tested none went less than 90 per cent germination. I have in the office a sample that runs 99 per cent. This wheat can be bought for \$2.50 per bushel f. o. b. Raleigh.

### A WOEFUL WASTE

A fire prevention expert in a neighboring state recently made the assertion that he firmly believes the average factory could be made fifty per cent safer if only five per cent of the employes could be induced to think in terms of fire prevention and learn to recognize conditions that might cause fire, and then report them.

The statement is doubtless correct, but what the average citizen won't be able to understand is why it should be restricted to factories. Why not include stores, business blocks and even residences and barns?

Fire waste in the United States last year exceeded \$500,000,000 despite the fact that there wasn't a remarkably big fire recorded. The bulk of that half-billion dollar loss consisted of small fires, and the majority of them were preventable. As a people we are careless with reference to fires. The wonder is that we do not have a larger loss than we really do. Those who hold to the theory that when they have taken out insurance against fire they have done their full duty and that they do not need to take further precautions, have the wrong idea. A fire loss is a fire loss and the bill must be footed. The annual loss due to

fires contributes in no small degree to the high cost of living. It will be money in pocket for every one, and the nation as a whole, when we learn to think in terms of fire prevention.

### CAMP JACKSON SOLDIERS COME TO CAMP BRAGG

Fayetteville, Sept. 8.—A detachment of 749 men arrived in Camp Bragg Monday afternoon from Camp Jackson, making the trip through the country in their big trucks and bringing their artillery along with them. Upon arrival at camp here they were given food and rest, then proportioned among the units already in camp.

The troops making this trip were: Fifth Field Artillery Brigade Headquarters, 31 men.

Fifth Ammunition Train, 40 men. Nineteenth Field Artillery, First Battalion, 271 men.

Twentieth Field Artillery, 407 men. The men left Camp Jackson, at Columbia, S. C., on Saturday morning, September 3, making just enough stops to break the monotony of travel and arriving at Bragg Monday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock.

These men have arrived at Camp Bragg to stay, is the statement from the camp this morning. They are here just as long as Camp Bragg lives, and the men are hoping it is for a number of years, at least.

### DEATH OF CURTIS M. MUSE

News reached Vass yesterday of the death, in Carthage, of Mr. Curtis M. Muse of that town. Mr. Muse had been in poor health for the past year or more, and an attack of influenza this summer left him in a too weakened condition to recover. He leaves a wife and three children, a father, mother and two sisters.

Mr. Muse was one of the prominent lawyers of Moore county, and had served a term in the State senate; he was made a town commissioner at the last election, but resigned the office later. He served also as special agent in the department of justice, both in Atlanta and Savannah, Ga., during the last of, and after, the World War, returning to Carthage last year to resume his law practice.

He was a man of very decided opinions, and not fearful about expressing them; a staunch and life-long democrat in politics.

### ANOTHER WAY TO SAVE

There may be quite a few things you cannot afford, but just now we have one in mind of which we are quite sure—you can't longer afford to neglect the community in which you live. If you reside in Vass you can't afford to live in ignorance of what is going on over the county, and if you live in the county you can't afford to shut yourself completely away from the doings here in town. We are dependent upon each other, and it is a debt we owe each other to keep in close touch. Nothing serves to bring you closer to your neighbor than your home-town-paper—an institution operated solely for that purpose. It isn't against the law to go through life ignorant of what is going on all around you, but it is a shame to do so when you can keep posted for a few cents each year. Your parents paid good money to teach you to read, and you are wasting that money if you don't keep in practice. No man can plead truth-

fully that he can't afford to keep posted, as cheap as newspapers are nowadays. And that is one of the

thousand reasons why you can't afford to go about ignorant of that which is taking place all around you.

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