

# COTTON CONVENTION HELD AT RALEIGH

## Resolutions Adopted At This Convention Means Much For Cotton Farmers.

The South is confronted with a disaster unless the crop of 1919 be reduced and the balance of the crop of 1918 be protected and held until market conditions justify its sale. To enable all people in the South interested in cotton, and nearly all are, to adopt a direct and intelligent method of meeting the situation, this Convention earnestly recommends that the following plan be adopted:

- (1) That the crop of 1919 be reduced at least 23 1/3 per cent in acreage, and that the fertilizer on the two-third area be not increased; but this does not apply to any farm of less than five acres to the horse. Provided, that in carrying out this recommendation the following schedule of reduction shall be observed:
  - Any man planting five acres or less to the horse to make no reduction; 6.7 acres, reduce one acre to the horse; 8.3 acres, reduce two acres to the horse; 10.0 acres, reduce three acres; 11.7 acres, reduce four acres; 13.3 acres, reduce five acres; 15.0 acres, reduce six acres. Under no circumstances will any farmer plant more than 12 acres to the horse.
- (2) That on all the cotton land left out and on the balance of the farm, ample supplies of food, feed and other crops be planted.
- (3) We believe that the existing situation justifies the holding of every bale of cotton new in the hands of our Southern people, and we urge our farmers not to sell the balance of the present crop for less than 10 cents per pound, basis middling.
- (4) That to carry out this purpose we call upon the bankers and business men of the State for their hearty cooperation.
- (5) We recommend that every owner of cotton immediately put his cotton under shelter, or in a warehouse, and will not permit it to leave the warehouse until the owner shall so specify.
- (6) We earnestly urge the farmer that if he buys high priced fertilizer, and a large acreage of cotton is made, he must pay next fall with cheap cotton for the high priced fertilizer and other supplies.
- (7) We recommend to the farmer that he leave available to him every acre that he can reasonably expect to produce a profit. He should not plant more than two-thirds of what he can yield a profit to the ground, and every such acre should not be planted in cotton.
- (8) For the purpose of securing the united cooperation of all farmers, interests, and to put this plan of fact, the merchants, bankers, land lords, fertilizer dealers and other business men are asked to extend credit and to forward from the basis of a safe program, including full production of food and feed, rather than the production of cotton alone.
- (9) It is recognized that the world need for cotton when we get on the way, without doubt, be exceedingly great, and it is therefore proposed that those who can hold their cotton against that time and that they continue the cotton to be held in hand by control of futures in cotton.
- (10) We recommend that the present Congress of the United States act on the South bill covering the character of cotton delivery upon cotton exchanges.
- (11) We recommend that the next bill for the State of North Carolina.
- (12) We recommend that the tax levied day for individual taxpayers be made June 1st.
- (13) We recommend that a committee of seven persons representing the farming and business interests of the State be named by the Governor to investigate a State wide campaign to effect the purposes set forth in such committee to meet immediately and to have full authority to devise ways and means to carry out the provisions of these recommendations.
- (14) This committee is authorized to raise money, employ clerical assistants, and to put on an extensive campaign and to do any and all things necessary to effect the purposes of this meeting.
- (15) The following committee was appointed by the Governor: C. D. Orrell, Moncure, chairman; W. G. Clark, Tarboro; S. H. Holdis, Clinton; E. B. Crow, Raleigh; J. Z. Green, Marshville; G. N. Newsome, Goldsboro; O. L. Clark, Clarkton.
- (16) The committee decided that the assessment on farmers should be twenty cents per bale for all cotton on hand and ten cents per acre for cotton planted in 1919, which would entitle him to membership in the North Carolina Cotton Association. Fifty per cent of the funds raised are to be forwarded by the local treasurer to the central organization: Dr. B. W. Kilgore, Treasurer, Raleigh, N. C.

These funds are being used for printing and advertising in this State.

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# FOR THE BENEFIT OF ILLITERATES

Bill Introduced In Senate and House In Their Behalf--The Church Organization Will Also Give Practical Aid.

## WILL PROMOTE EDUCATION

The Significant Movement of the Times Is That of the Centenary of the Methodist Episcopal Church South--Will Spend Millions Among the Uneducated.

The fact that several thousand soldiers were unable to understand the orders given them from their superiors and that many more thousands could not sign their own names to their questionnaires brought to light a condition so serious that two Senators and two Representatives at Washington are now introducing bills to promote the education of illiterates throughout the South and throughout America. A bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Duffell of Georgia, and introduced in the House by Representative Duffell of Alabama.

The introduction of this important bill means a great deal to the South, which, because of its location and position, will have long ago a reputation for illiteracy out of proportion to that of the rest of the country. In what ways will this bill be of benefit to the South?

First, it will mean that the money of the education of illiterates bill at Washington will be used at this time, but, certainly, practical means will be put into operation for the establishment of schools in both rural districts and cities. Other measures besides that of the government are at work on the same problem. The establishment of schools in the heart of tenement districts and rural communities being a matter of first importance with all of them. One of the most significant movements of the times in that connection is that of the Centenary of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, because this denomination will spend within the next five years over \$10,000,000 in the uneducated classes in the Southern and Western States. The church is going to spend \$2,000,000 in the establishment of a fund of \$10,000,000 in the next five years. The fund will be used for the education of illiterates, and the money is being raised by the church in a business like manner. The church is considering its duty to the illiterates here in America to be among the matters of first importance, which it should undertake. A survey has been made and the result of the campaign will be the appointment of \$2,000,000 among the various illiterate population as follows: Mountain population, \$500,000; Immigrant, \$900,000; negroes, \$500,000; Indians, \$150,000; cotton mill population, \$150,000. Christian literature for all of them, \$100,000. With the definite steps undertaken at Washington, with one denomination already completing its plans for furthering the work among them, and with other churches and organizations getting ready to join hands in their behalf, it is more than possible that the way is open to become educated citizens of the United States.

## METHODIST LEADERS RETURN FROM FRANCE

Three prominent leaders of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, returned from France, after spending two months in France, where they went for the purpose of investigating actual conditions and developing a program for the expenditure of \$2,000,000 which will be allotted to European upbuilding by the Centenary Commission of the denomination. The three returning church leaders are: James Adams, chairman of the Centenary Commission; Bishop Walter Lambuth, who has been in Europe for nearly a year in the interest of his church; and Dr. W. W. Pinson, general secretary of the Mission Board. Dr. Pinson and Bishop Adams returned to the headquarters of the denomination at Nashville the latter part of the week, and Bishop Lambuth went directly to his home at Oakdale, California. While the plans for the European work have not been announced as yet, the returning members of the commission say that they have mapped out a very satisfactory program and that five million dollars of the Centenary fund will be expended in upbuilding schools and churches in the devastated lands of Belgium, Italy and France.

**NOTICE**  
 Having qualified as Administrator upon the Estate of Lizaline Wynn deceased; Notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned for payment on or before the 9th day of January, 1919, or this notice will be void in law of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment. This 9th day of January, 1919. A. B. Ayers

# THE PRESENT COTTON SITUATION

## A Suggested Program For Dealing With It.

(By B. W. Kilgore, Director, N. C. Exp. Station and Extension Service, Treasurer N. C. Cotton Association.)  
 The South, and North Carolina particularly, wrought wonderfully well during the war period. Large crops, except cotton, have been made, particularly food crops. The cotton crops of the country for the four years of the war--1915 to 1918--were 11,700,000 bales, 11,392,000, 11,550,000, and 11,192,000, or an average of 11,411,000 bales against the four pre-war crops of 1911-14 of 16,125,000, 14,156,000, 13,702,000, 15,693,000, or an average of 14,920,000 bales, which is an average of 2,511,000 bales more annually prior to, than during the war period.

The acreage of last year was but 9,270,000, less than for 1914 when the bumper crop of 16,125,000 bales was produced. The low production for the past four years has been due mainly to the small amount of land in Texas and Oklahoma. Good winter rains already have been had in these States, and with the same acreage as in 1918, near 20,000,000, and good seasons, a crop will again be made, which is far beyond what there are any reasons to think the world will consume.

**Big Crop, Low Price.**  
 Our bumper crop of 16,000,000 bales in 1914 brought \$600,000,000 and our 11,500,000 bale crop of 1917 brought the South \$1,600,000,000, or twice as much as the bumper crop. We know what this means--"big crop, low price." Cotton at present prices is at, or not below, the cost of production, and not an inconsiderable number of North Carolina farmers have cotton of two years on hand.

It would seem that the world needs and will consume at cost of production, plus a fair profit, the small crop of 1918, especially as this is one of four small crops in succession. The average for the four years being 11,411,000 bales, or 14,000,000 less for the four year war period than for the four year pre-war period.

**To Make This Effective.**  
 What can be done to make this effective?  
 1. A well-defined cooperative program, a part of the bank, the merchant and the farmer for holding and selling should bring results.  
 2. Along with the movement to enable the farmer the merchant and the banker, or whoever has cotton, to hold it till the right time to sell, must go a program to house the staple.  
 3. What is perhaps more important when measured in terms of its effect upon the future of our farming industry is a plan for preventing the production of a cotton crop this year greater than the world will require. A production in excess of from one-fifth to one-third has been suggested as the method of doing this. This would mean for North Carolina in round numbers a million acres instead of a million and a half of cotton.

**Better Land for Cotton.**  
 Cotton should likely, in most cases, be put on the better land, including some of the best of the land planted to soil improving crops during the past year. It should be fertilized with the view of economy so as to meet the needs of the land thus used and the soil and to reduce the cost so as to give the farmer a certain lower price for his crop.

Another matter of serious concern is the price of fertilizers. The price of fertilizers are the highest we have ever known, and while the cotton grower cannot afford, if possible, to allow his acreage yields to decline, fertilizers must be used, as to quantity and kind to best meet the needs of the soil and the crop.

**NOTICE TO EVERYBODY**  
 I forbid anybody from hunting, fishing, feeding hogs going on or across any of my land known as the Warren Neck land or any other tract of my land in Martin County. All my land is posted and everybody is duly warned to keep off.  
 G. W. BLOUNT.

## Trustee's Sale

By virtue of authority conferred in the will of W. Dees of this county, executed by me by A. B. Hadden, on the 1st day of March 1918, and duly recorded in the register of Deed's office in Martin County, in Book O 1 page 285 to secure the payment of a certain bond bearing date thereof, and the stipulations in said Deed of Trust not having been complied with, I shall expose at public auction, for cash, on Saturday the 1st day of March 1919, at the Court House (at 12 m.) in Martin County, the following property:  
 Being the same land conveyed to Alonzo Hadden by F. H. Hadden and wife February 25, 1916 and some which is known as the Mules Land being on the 17th side of Keepers Branch, containing 115 acres, more or less.  
 For full description, reference is made to above named deed.  
 W. C. Manning, Trustee.  
 His January 25th 1919.

## Notice Of Sale Of Goose Nest Township Road Bonds

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Road Trustees of Goose Nest Township, Martin County, North Carolina, at their office in Bank of O. G. City, Oak City, N. C., until Monday March 17th at 8 o'clock P. M. for the purchase of \$15,000.00 of Goose Nest Township Road Bonds which will bear interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent annually, with both principal and interest payable at some Bank in the city of New York or at the City Trust Bank, New York City, New York. Said bonds will be issued in the denomination of either \$500.00 or \$100.00, at the option of the purchaser. Bids will be deposited with the Treasurer of the Board of Road Trustees a certified check, drawn to the order of the Treasurer of said Board on a sum of money for and in equal amount to two per centum of the face amount of the bonds. Said bonds will be awarded to the highest bidder at not less than par, unless all bids are rejected. By order of the Board of Road Trustees of Goose Nest Township, Oak City, N. C., February 10th 1919.  
 B. M. Worley, Treasurer.

## Notice

Having qualified as Administrator upon the Estate of Grandy Brown deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned for payment on or before the 31st day of January, 1919, or this notice will be void in law of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment. This 31st day of Jan. 1919.  
 Henry Brown, Admr.

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## Notice Of Sale

Under and by virtue of a power and authority contained in that certain order and judgment of the Superior Court of Martin County, entered and made in the Special Proceedings pending in the case entitled Vana Eider v. Ruth Tripp, the undersigned commissioner, will on Monday the 24th day of Feb. 1919 at twelve o'clock noon, at the courthouse door of Martin County, at Williamston, N. C. offer at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash the following described land, to-wit:  
 Situated in the town of Robersonville, N. C., and on the South side of Railroad Street in said town, and known as Lot No. 8 in the division between M. A. Robertson and S. C. Grimes, and beginning at a stake on Railroad Street running S. 11 1/2 E. 3 chains 16 1/2 links to a stake; thence N. 82 E. 1 chain 5 1/4 links to the beginning, containing one half acre more or less.  
 This 18th day Jan. 1919.  
 A. R. Dunning, Comm.

## Notice

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of W. R. Davenport deceased, late of Martin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, at Hamlet, North Carolina, on or before the 21st day of January, 1919, or this notice will be void in law of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 20th day of January, 1919.  
 J. A. Davenport, Admin.

## Notice

Having qualified as Administrator upon the Estate of W. P. Bowen deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned for payment on or before the 2nd day of January, 1919, or this notice will be void in law of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment. This 2nd day of January 1919.  
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