

Cotton Co-Ops Pay 24.50-Cent Average

Final Checks Are Sent To Members For Last Year's Cotton—Above Market Price

Raleigh, Oct. 9.—After considerable delay, the result of the necessity of a final audit of the accounts of over 31,000 members, the North Carolina Cotton Growers Co-operative association tonight announced its final settlement for the cotton crop of 1922.

During the season the association handled 132,842 bales of cotton, of which 125,187 bales was short staple. This final settlement covers the short staple cotton and the average net price secured for the members of the association is 24 1/2 cents a pound, or 2 1/2 cents above the average price

at which the cotton crop of 1922 was sold on the open market.

A careful survey of the cotton market at the various centers of the North Carolina cotton belt shows that the average price received for the 1922 crop was 22 cents a pound. The association had already advanced to its members 22 cents a pound and checks are being issued and mailed now for the final payment.

Speaking of the year's work, General Manager Blalock said that naturally the expense of operation was heavier for the past season than it would be the coming season, this being the experience of other cooperative organizations. Starting without experience, with untrained employees and the fact that every department had to be built up from the ground, the work necessarily was more expensive than it will be from this time forward.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS FAIL TO TRAIN

This is Charge Brought By Dr. Trubus In Greensboro Address

"The average pupils who enter our high schools from our seven grade elementary schools are not well qualified for high school work," Dr. M. E. Trubus, director of the bureau of educational research at the University of North Carolina, told the high school principals at the district meeting here Saturday.

"We assume that our pupils do in seven years what pupils in other states take eight or nine years to accomplish. Our assumption is wrong. Our average elementary school graduate is a full year behind the average of the elementary school graduates of many other states in his power to read, to spell and to add; and our graduate is almost two years behind in his power to subtract, to divide and to express his thoughts in written English.

"There are a few schools where our graduates are almost equal to the average obtained in the elementary schools of most other states, but there are many schools in North Carolina where the graduate of the elementary school has only fourth or fifth grade ability. What chance has a child with fourth grade reading ability to master text-books in Algebra, in Latin, and in science written for pupils with ninth grade reading power? No matter how expert your high school teachers, they can not in four years prepare a fourth grade or a fifth grade child for college entrance. It's impossible!

"The children are not to blame for the fact that they do not have ability to do high school work. A large proportion of the difficulty lies in our organization for school support and supervision. The average amount of school training possessed by the graduating class in some North Carolina elementary schools is less than 46 months. How much brighter would our pupils need to be in order to accomplish in 42 months what the average pupil elsewhere does in from 75 to 90 months of school training? The wealth of the whole state of North Carolina must be placed behind every child's education, regardless of the city or county in which he lives. If this state continues to allow its average citizen to come to maturity with less than fifty months of opportunity for an education, we shall be disgraced before the whole world.

"The reading abilities of the high school seniors in a considerable number of our cities are equal to or better than those possessed by seniors in other states; but the abilities of our seniors to express their own ideas in good English are on the average two or three years lower than they should be. Here again there is as much as five years' difference in ability between the average senior from high school and the average senior from others in this same state. The cause is to be found again in the relative amounts of opportunity these children have had to obtain an education. In one high school the average senior is only 16 years old and has had 10 years, of nine months each, in which to prepare for his last school year; while in another high school the average senior is 19.5 years old and has had less than 62 months of school training.

"If we believe in justice and fair play, we must attack this unjust situation and correct it at once. More money must be made available for educational purposes, and it must be distributed more impartially for the education of the children in all sections of the state. We may be paying several times as much as we paid a few years ago for educational purposes, but we are still neglecting thousands of pupils who had the misfortune to be born outside of Greensboro, Winston-Salem and our other large centers.—Greensboro Daily News.

Harnett Folk Meet With Great Success

The following letter and clipping sent to the Harnett County News from Tallahassee, Fla., by B. F. Shaw, a native of Harnett county, and published in the News last week will be of interest to Dispatch readers:

Tallahassee, Fla., 10-6-23.
Editor The News,
Lillington, N. C.:

I am enclosing you a clipping from the Savannah News of Savannah, Ga. I think it will interest some of her relatives in Harnett county. This lady's father was John McL. Cameron, who was a native of Harnett county and has numerous relatives in Harnett.

In regard to natives of Harnett county, I was in Jacksonville, Fla., today, and met a native of Harnett county who has made a wonderful success in the railroad world—Owen H. Page. He was born in Lillington in the home where Henry Speers lives. Mr. Owen Page has numerous relatives in Harnett and Cumberland counties and they can feel proud of him, for he is a real man and is an honor to his family and his native

county. He is superintendent of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.
B. F. SHAW.
Following is the clipping:
MISS CAMERON WINS BY JUST 29 VOTES
Ludewick, Ga., Oct. 4.—Final returns from the different precincts of Long county show that Miss Alida Cameron defeated T. P. Gordon, for-

county commissioner, in the race for tax receiver by a majority of 29 votes.
Miss Cameron is the daughter of the late J. McL. Cameron, who held the position of tax receiver up until his death. She won the election yesterday to fill the unexpired term until next August by a majority of 29 votes.

Twenty miles of pearl oyster beds in the Gulf of Mannar, between Ceylon and the southernmost coast of India, have been discovered. The beds are still young, and the earliest date of maturity is 1926. The only other pearl fisheries of any importance in India at present are along the extreme southern coast and the Mergui Is-

lands, off Southern Burma. These latter are exploited by Japanese divers, and the production enters but slightly into Burmese exports.
Miss Julia Moss of Edneyville won the prize offered by the Hendersonville News for the best farm story in September. Her article was about farm improvement.

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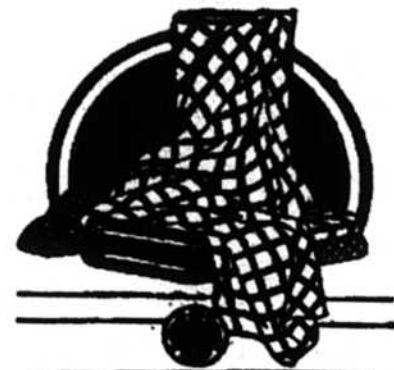
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