

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: I am not a speaker, only a farmer and a business-man, therefore I will and the weevil was totally eliminated. quences."

ave to ask nermission to read my little message to this assembly, instead of attempting a speech

In 1916 the boll weevil appeared in Burke county on one of my planta-tions and I immediately began to inestigate the methods then in use the eradication and control of the weevil.

Uton making these investigations, I found that the methods advocated at that time were so unsatisfactory and expensive that I decided to see if I could not originate something that would fit my conditions better than the emthods then in use.

weevil. I made very pains-taking investigations in Alabama, and later on the weevil became prevalent in my home county, and I had better opportunity to watch, day and night, the methods then advocated by our Federal departnent of agriculture.

Feeling that these methods were too trol him, and that this little organiexpensive, and required such an out-lay of capital, mules and labor, that that is now being put on, which is not the prices obtained from cotton that only a national one, but an internaould be raised under boll weevil con- tional one. The services of this orditions would not compensate the ganization are at the command of the bers of the board of his county for a farmer for the expense, therefore proper authority.

conceived the idea of making a pois-n that could be applied in the day Burke county, my home county, and without the use of mules, and with the since my childhood, and see the actual abor that could not be used profit- results that have been obtained by the ably for the cultivation of the crop. In other words, I tried to work out a ture, and it will do you good to see proposition by which to use the chilprofitably in each farm, thereby usbanding my resources in labor, so

My first preparation was worked out that is born of the knowledge that they Vated the use of a poison that I found can accomplish the purpose for which att after completion of this prepara-they are working, which is the profit-able production of cotton under boll weevil conditions. The basis of the Therefore, I had to turn this poion to calcium arsenate which I used

at my crops could be profitably cul-

My first method is known all over south as "Hill's Molasses Mixture" and this is the preparation which Mr. R. Coker, of Hartsville, S. C., is now dling and advertising. This formula was sent to Mr. Coker

methods.

Explains How to Fertilize

myself, through his superintendent, r. R. H. Bass, in the hope that it light do him some good, but later on found that this mixture was only efive early in the season, and when cotton began to bloom that the weevil left the molasses mixture

and turned to its natural food, which is the pollen of the cotton blossom. After finding out that this preparathe would not carry the crop through the naturity. I began to develop a prep-tation that would contain the taste ad aroma of the cotton blossom, and an expenditure of thousands of ollars, and much time, this preparawas perfected, and is now used, June with nitrate of soda, sulphate of known all over the south as 's Mixture."

In the originating of calcium arsen-te, Dr. R. B. Code of the Delta Laborory, has made a lasting contribution cotton world, and he will go wn in history as one of the greatest nefactors of the human race for the vention of this article, as it is today bed as the sole basis for every known bison that is being used for the conol and eradication of the weevil. Besides having originated what

Then, in addition to the above, we C. Brooks, state superintendent of pubhave this one fact staring us in the lic instruction, in explaining the new face; that there is not enough calcium arsenate in the United States today to school code just passed by the assembly. "The code describes the organization protect 1-30 of the cotton crop.

There is one other thing I want to according to districts and schools, and call especial attention to, which is that no protective method now, or to be inkind of schools over which they have vented, will ever produce one boll of jurisrdiction." he continued. cotton, and that the farmer must pro-'It then outlines in detail the duties duce cotton by proper preparation, in-telligent cultivation and fertilization. of the several county officials who in any way serve the schools. They are Protective methods are only used to the county boards of education, county protect the fruit of the plant against superintendents, district committees, its deadly enemy, known as the boll

boards of county commissioners, treasurers, sheriffs, principals and teachers. In conclusion, I want to say to this duties are so organized and Their assembly, and its chairman, that I have classified that the public may know a little organization that I have been whom to hold respoisibile for both the rounding and educating, for the last success and failure of the school sysfive years, in studying out the habits tem.'

law, he is responsibile for the conse-

This statement was made by Dr. E.

The important changes were outof the weevil, and the methods to conlined by the superintendent as follows: "1. County boards of education are elected for two years, unless the gen-eral assembly, upon the recommendation of the representative, elects mem-

through my knowledge of the cotton In conclusion, gentlemen, I will say members will expire two years from plant, and my continued study of the that it will be a pleasure to me to now, upless it is specifically stated in habits of the weevil, day and night, have anyone that is interested in the the law that their terms are for six i conceived the idea of making a pois- welfare of the cotton industry, to visit years. The method of electing county welfare of the cotton industry, to visit boards of education remains the same. time, without the use of machinery, where I am now, and have been, known Candidates are nominated in the primaries and the general assembly elects.

"2. The county superintendent is use of what is known as Hill's Mixelected in the usual manner and for a the farmers that were two years ago term of two years, but the county board of education must give public utterly discouraged, buying new mules, cleaning, up ditch banks and hedge notice of at least fifteen days in ad-vance of the date of the election. rows, re-shingling houses, and going

The county board of education "8. is authorized to borrow against the budget for the current year to pay the salaries of the teachers and other necessary operating expenses as they come due, but if the county board of education wilfully exceeds the budget hopes of the planters in Burke county for the year 1928 is placed solely upon with the approval of the county commissioners the debt so created is ille-gal and the members of the board may be held liable for the same. the protection that they know from experience and observation they have had for three years, that Hill's Mix-ture will take care of the fruit that

"4. The county commissioners are required to fund the school indebted-ness of the county incurred prior to they are able to put on a cotton plant by proper cultivation and fertilizing 1923 in providing a six months school

term, and issue short term notes or se-rial bonds for the same. This takes care of the accumulated indebtedness of the past. In case the county com-**Cotton in Weevil Region** missioners approve of an amount high-er than that allowed in the budget,

(Continued from Page One.) organic matter, or if heavy growths of they are required to place the extra amount in the budget for the next engreen mature crops have been turned suing year and to levy a tax to pay the into the soil, the percentage of nitrosame gen should be reduced considrably.

"5. One of the most far reaching Heretofore, cotton seed meal, fish scrap, dried blood and other organic changes in the law is the section deal-ing with the consolidation in schools. County boards of education in the fusources of nitrogen have been used under cotton to furnish the nitrogen to the crop until time to top dress in ture are prohibited from redistricting the county, or any part of it, or consolidating schools, except in accordammonia, or other inorganic forms of nitrogen. In the presence of the boll weevil this practice should by changed ance with a county-wide plan. If any changes are desired in the present or-ganization, the county board of educa-tion must map out a county wide plan so that, at least, some of the more solu-ble forms of nitrogen be used before the crop is planted. This will cause of organization showing what changes are needed, what consolidathe plant to start growing quicker and tions are necessary, and after adopting keep on growing until the top dressing this plan they are prohibited from di-is made. This should be done earlier viding districts and making any conviding districts and making any con-solidations that are not in harmony than customary, putting it on at least by the time the cotton is worked out with the county-wide plan of organithe first time. In normal seasons and zation. Moreover, the counties are au-I on the heavier types of sandy clay soils thorized to vote a county-wide tax not case then shall be heard on appeal b fore the judge presiding in the district. The county commissioners may demand jury trial, but in the event of a delay, it is specified that a sufficient

then may appeal to the superior court

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salary fund and a fund for the repay classifies the officials according to the ment of olans and other obligations must be provided.

"7. The local tax laws are rewrit-They provide for a maximum rate ten. of 50 cents, and the election machinery is simplified. Election in any dis trict, including a special charter district or a district whose boundary lines are coterminus with the city limits, is provided for. In addition to these, the general assembly created a special taxing district which may be composed of any group of districts in the county. A special taxing district may inclued non-local tax, local tax, or special charter districts. When a rat

is voted in a special taxing district all local rates then in existence are repealed and the county board of education, after the tax is voted in the special taxing district, has authority to consolidate in accordance with th county-wide plan.

"8. The bond laws are all rewrite ten and they provide likewise for any school district, urban or rural, or the entire county to vote bonds not in excess of five per cent of the valuation of the property.

"9. A special building fund of \$5,000, 000 also is provided. This will oper-ate in the same way the special build-



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