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COTTON GROWERS MEET IN RALEIGH

The people of Raleigh were given a surprise March 4th when with no previous announcement, the Hall of Representatives was filled to overflowing with a crowd of cotton growers from practically every cotton growing county in the State. Newspaper reporters scratched their heads and asked where they had been to have missed the announcement of such a meeting. They were told that this was a meeting for organized cotton growers who had met to launch a re-signup of cotton growers on a new marketing agreement to become effective with the marketing of the 1927 crop. The old contract will expire with the handling of the 1926 crop.

Hon. Robert N. Page of Aberdeen, who is Public Director of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, presided and opened the meeting with a short clear cut speech in which he stressed the importance of cooperative marketing and highly commended the work of the directors and the management for the past four years.

W. A. Graham, State Commissioner of Agriculture, in a brief statement, said that he was the first in his county to sign the present contract and that he was ready to sign another one. He most heartily endorsed the movement and urges the cotton growers to support the new association.

E. B. Crow, Vice President of the Commercial National Bank of Raleigh speaking entirely from the banker's viewpoint, expressed his belief in the association and his confidence in the management. He urged the erection in Raleigh of a suitable office building which the cotton growers could call their own and which would be a source of pride to every member of the association.

C. O. Moser of Memphis, Tennessee, who is General Manager of the American Cotton Growers Exchange, delivered the keynote address. Mr. Moser's picture of the growth of cooperative marketing of cotton sent a thrill through the growers as he showed how the movement had grown from a mere idea in the minds of a few patriotic determined men five years ago to twelve big organizations now embracing a membership of approximately 300,000 cotton growers today with unlimited credit; controlling the best warehouse facilities in the country and strongly and firmly entrenched in the confidence of the business and farming world.

And another thrill went through the growers as he painted the picture of the future of cooperative marketing showing how the growers would become more firmly established in business through auxiliary of the cooperatives.

B. W. Kilgore, President of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, made a brief talk in which he stressed the need of education and a means of causing the members to appreciate their association more.

W. A. Pierce, of Weldon, Halifax county, a director of the Cotton Growers Association and one of its largest grower members, in reporting for Halifax county stated that conditions and demands economically on the farmer of today are practically double what they were a few years ago and urged the growers to do with their marketing what has been done in production, to modernize and not continue to market as their granddads did. That as growers we attempt to produce two bales of cotton where one used to grow but we have failed to take any steps to improve our marketing methods to increase our profits from the growing of cotton.

His talk was filled with enthusiasm and sincerity, which thrilled the 600 representative growers in attendance. V. E. Fountain of Tarboro, stated to the conference that while in the beginning he was against cooperative marketing because he felt that it was going to hurt his business, now he is a strong believer and that in his own business at Tarboro, members of the association receive just a little more cordial welcome and consideration on the part of his firm than others. He also stated that economic conditions in his section would be more deplorable unless we reduce the acreage of cotton and increase the feed and food crops, because when we increase our production of cotton beyond the consumption, the lower the prices and if we are dependent upon the price of cotton with which to buy hay and other farm supplies which can be profitably grown, we are doing our own selves and our community an injustice.

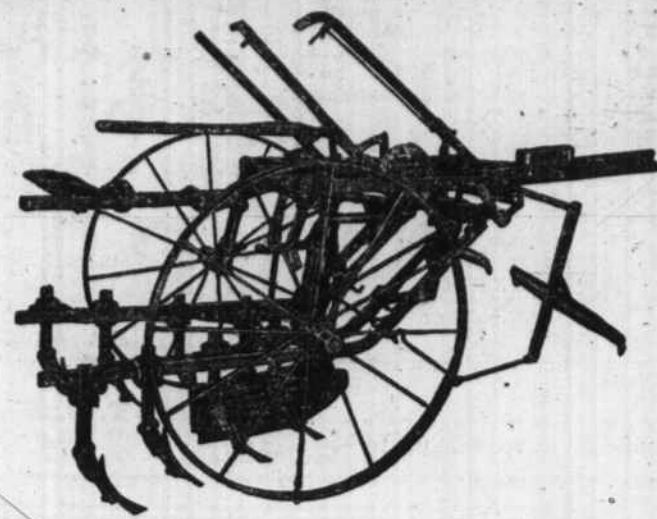
U. B. Blalock, General Manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association did some plain talking about the operation of the association. Answering those who may criticize, he stated that only three salaried officers of the association draw salaries in excess of \$5,000 per year and that no director holds a salaried position. "In organizing the business and in handling a volume of \$60,000,000 of business for four years and with a membership of 38,000, the attorneys fees for the entire period have been less than \$22,000" said Mr. Blalock, "and the present retainer fees for attorneys are \$1200 per annum." The association will handle 158,000 bales of cotton of the 1925 crop and the season's business will show a reduction of 25 percent in operating costs. He also mentioned the recently organized Sales Corporation which has increased the sales of cotton direct to mills around 40 percent.

At the close of the meeting, it was announced that 1,000 members representing more than 15,000 bales of cotton have already signed the new marketing agreement, thus giving the re-signup a send-off which practically insures its success.

A telegram was read from John T. Orr, President of the Texas Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, was read at the meeting stating that the campaign now under way in Texas will result in a delivery of 400,000 bales of cotton in Texas of the 1926 crop.

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One lot on the S. A. L. R. R., just out of the corporate limits of the town of Franklinton, bounded on the North by W. F. Joyner; on the East by the Henderson road; on the South

by N. A. Black; and on the west by S. A. L. R. R., containing about 1-4 acre. Time: Noon, March 22, 1926. Place: Courthouse door. Terms: Cash. This March 2nd, 1926.

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