

SUPERINTENDENT JOYNER MAKES SUGGESTIONS TO BUY A BALE MOVEMENT

To Superintendents of Schools,
Teachers and School Children:

On account of the disturbance of the world's markets and the consequent depression in the price of cotton by the deplorable European war, the farmers of the State and the South are seriously threatened with the loss of millions of dollars and with demoralization of business in all lines by the forced sale, under financial distress, of the South's chief money crop, cotton, at prices less than the cost of its production and less than its intrinsic value. To avoid this threatened disaster to the agricultural and other business interests of the State, a co-operative movement, participated in by patriotic citizens in all parts of the State, and of the South, of all classes, vocations and professions, has been started to help the farmers protect themselves and all the rest of us by helping them to store and hold their cotton, by aiding in providing the money to take distress-cotton off the market until normal conditions can be restored.

No class of citizens are more ready to respond according to their ability to any call of public service in any hour of public need than are the teachers and other educational workers of this State. In times of need the schools should always be the rallying places for civic service, teachers should always be among the trusted leaders thereof, and, for their training and blessing, the children should always be enlisted therein.

As Superintendent of Public Instruction, therefore, I confidently call upon teachers, superintendents of schools and all other educational workers for their active aid and loyal support of the "Buy-a-Bale of Cotton Movement" for mutual protection against threatened disaster in this hour of common need.

I beg to suggest and to recommend the following plans for helping:

1. Buy-a-Bale Clubs For Teachers: Let every teacher and every superintendent of schools that can possibly afford it, buy a bale of cotton at 10 cents a pound and hold it. Let the county and city superintendents present the matter to their teachers, in their teachers' meetings and county teachers' associations, and form teachers' clubs of two or more to buy a bale of cotton at 10 cents a pound and store it. When cotton reaches 10 cents it should be purchased at half cent above the market price and held.

2. Buy-a-Bale Clubs For Children: A fine lesson can be taught in thrift and economy, as well as in public service, by having the children of each school, or the children of each teacher in each school, to invest their own money in their own bale of cotton at 10 cents a pound, or a half cent above the market if the market price is 10 cents or over, to be held, and, when sold, the proceeds thereof to be returned to the children themselves, according to the amount invested by each child. Where this plan is adopted, a certified list of names of the children investing, with the amounts invested

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by each in the bale of cotton purchased, should be deposited immediately after the purchase, with the bank in which the deposit of the proceeds of the sale of the cotton is to be made. When the cotton is sold the fund arising from the sale should be deposited in the bank to the credit of the teacher of the school district, in trust, for the investing children, as each child's interest shall appear from the certified list in the banker's hands. The fund being to the credit of the teacher of the district, instead of any individual teacher, in trust for the individual child, will be subject to the check of the teacher, as trustee, for cash paid according to his interest, irrespective of any change in individual teachers. At the proper time each child can, in this way, determine what disposition he desires to have made of his part, and can be encouraged to use his part of the proceeds to start for himself a separate savings account.

3. Buy-a-Bale Day: Let the county superintendent set apart the earliest day after the opening of the public schools of his county as "Buy-a-Bale of Cotton Day" in every public school; call a meeting of all the people at the public school house at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon on that day for the purpose of raising the money to buy a bale of cotton at 10 cents a pound and hold it for the school. Let him give notice of this meeting through the county press, instruct the teacher in charge of each school to give notice through the children to the parents of the school and to enlist the children in the campaign for raising the money to buy at least one bale of cotton, urging them to contribute, and to get their parents to come to the meeting and contribute. Let the superintendent enlist also, the active co-operation of the school committees, the Woman's Betterment Associations, the Women's Clubs, the Farmers' Union, and other organizations in the county and in the various school districts. With the funds raised let this bale of cotton be purchased through the school committee or through some other committee designated by the meeting. Wherever possible it should be a bale of cotton raised in the school district, and where it can be done, it should be purchased at 10 cents a pound, or half cent above the market if market price is 10 cents, through the organized channels for purchasing distress cotton and holding it, or where a distress bale is forced on the market in the community it should be purchased by the committee at the market price and stored and held. It should be stored either in the nearest storage warehouse, or in rural districts with no convenient storing warehouses near, some member of the school committee or some other reliable farmer in the district would probably be willing to store it, giving a receipt for it. When sold the funds might be placed in the hands of the county treasurer to the credit of the school and paid out upon the voucher of the school committee for such purpose of school improvement as should be recommended by the teacher, the committee, the school betterment association, or other organization for school improvement in the school district. In this way a two-fold service could be rendered by one act—a needed service to the farmers and to all the business interests of the South, and a valuable service to the community school.

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R. H. WESTON GETS BULLET IN HIS KNEE

Last night immediately after the 101 Wild West Show had completed its performance and the people were leaving the tent at the main entrance, Mr. Ralph H. Weston, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Weston, was shot in the left knee by Henry Graddy, colored. Mr. Weston is now at his home on East Main street nursing his wound.

Mr. Weston was among the number leaving the tent and just as he reached the outside of the tent his attention was called to a disturbance between Graddy and two white men, the names of whom cannot be ascertained. Mr. Weston lattered to see what the trouble was. Within a few minutes the negro used abusive and profane language, the consequence being that the white men made advances. Graddy retreated several steps and then pulled his gun and fired. Mr. Weston did not know that he had been struck until he felt blood trickling down his leg.

He was carried at once to the Washington Hospital where he received surgical attention and subsequently taken to his home. Graddy succeeded in making his escape and up to the hour of going to press had not been arrested.

While Mr. Weston spent a restless night and is still suffering considerable pain, the prospects are that he will soon be himself again.

BACK FROM PRESBYTERY

REV. H. B. SEARIGHT AND MR. M. F. MCKEE, HOME FROM
LEGGETS, N. C., NEXT
SUNDAY AT 10 O'CLOCK

Rev. H. B. Searight, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, and Mr. M. F. McKee, lay delegate, have returned from Leggets, N. C., where they attended the session of Albemarle Presbytery this week. The meeting was a most delightful one and encouraging reports were made along all lines of work.

The next session of the Presbytery will convene in the town of Oxford, N. C., next spring.

FINE EXHIBIT

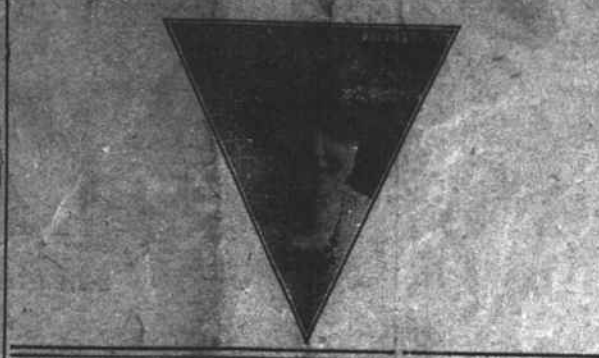
Captain Wesley Peebles, one of the county's industrious farmers, has on exhibition at the office of William Bragg & Co., samples of his cotton stalks, measuring six feet in height, corn a foot long and Soja beans that have been much admired by those competent of judging.

movement, and of all other proper means for the protection of the farmers and their interests in this crisis. Let them permit and encourage the use of the school building for community meetings in the interest of such movements.

Very truly yours,
J. Y. JOYNER,
State Supt. Public Instruction.

SAME OLD STAND.
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Marise Naughton With "Fine Feathers."



"Fine Feathers" Coming to New Theater October 7th

The canons of theatrical convention demand that while a hero can commit every crime on the calendar, he must rehabilitate himself in the eyes of the audience at the end. On this assumption "Bob Reynolds" should have bravely gone "across the river" to the penitentiary, even at the risk of taking his wife with him as an "accessory" before and after the act of graft, which supplies the motive of "Fine Feathers," the latest of Eugene Walter's great dramatic successes which H. H. Frasse will present for the first time here at the New Theater on Wednesday, October 7, with a cast of unusually capable players.

As a matter of fact and law it is more than likely that he would have been able to have secured her acquittal as the unwilling fool of himself, while in any case his natural desire to be revenged on the villain would then have been gratified. As it is he is made to let the villain go free and to escape his own troubles and responsibilities by one of the most daring dramatic climaxes which has ever been written in a play of this or any other time.

Seats go on sale Monday at Worthy & Etheridge's drug store.

MORE HARD FIGHTING BEFORE EITHER ARMY

The battle of the Aisne, as it still is called, although the armies contending in it have spread far beyond that river, has been in progress just three weeks and no decision has been reached. Reports from Paris earlier in the week that the allies' operations were about to succeed, were premature. From all appearances there must be more hard fighting before either side gives way.

The heaviest blows are being given and taken in the western area, where, according to French official communications an extremely violent battle continues, especially in the Roye district, where the Germans have concentrated considerable forces. The communications added that the action was extending more and more northward and that the fighting front now extended to the district south of Arras.

This, apparently, was a modest account of the northward advance of the French, for private telegrams received in London last night announced that the French actually had reached Arras. Stubborn resistance is being offered by the Germans in the vicinity of Roye, where earlier in the battle they occupied heights which they were forced to abandon.

Along the front from the Oise to the Meuse rivers, according to the French report, only partial operations have been attempted by either side. Frontal attacks by the allies, as a matter of fact, have been discontinued, while the flanks are fighting for ascendancy.

On the allies' right the Germans have made another attempt to cross the Meuse at St. Mihiel, where they got across last week. The German attack to regain this ground which they had abandoned when threaten-

ed on their flank by troops from Toul, was made yesterday, when they tried to throw a bridge across the river. The pontoon, however, according to the French representation, was destroyed during the night.

COURT MONDAY.
The October term of Beaufort County Superior Court will convene in the courthouse here next Monday for a term of two weeks. The presiding judge will be Hon. W. M. Bond, of Edenton, N. C., who comes to this county the first time in his official capacity. The term will be for the trial of civil cases.

RETURNED HOME.
Miss Mable Ricks has returned from an extended visit to relatives and friends at Belhaven and Panteo.

HERE YESTERDAY.
Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Harrington, of Ransomville, were in the city yesterday the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Phillips.

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PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE CHURCHES SUNDAY

WILL SPEAK TO CITIZENS ON MONDAY

Hon. A. L. Brooks, one of North Carolina's most gifted and entertaining speakers, is to address the citizens of Beaufort county at the courthouse here Monday at the noon recess of court. All citizens are cordially invited to hear this distinguished North Carolinian.

All who hear him will be amply repaid. Mr. Brooks will discuss the political issues of the day and the constitutional amendment.

99 PINTS IS CAPTURED

OFFICERS RAID HOUSE OF T. D. STOKES—SECURE "BOOZE" BUT SELLER SKIPS FOR PARTS UNKNOWN.

Early yesterday morning between 4 and 5 o'clock, Sheriff Ricks, Chief of Police R. J. Roberts and the assistant police of the city, with a search and seizure warrant, made a raid at the home of T. D. Stokes, one of the tenants on the farm of Dr. D. T. Tayloe, near this city.

As a result of the raid ninety-nine pints of "booze" was captured. Stokes succeeded in making his escape before he could be apprehended. He sought parts unknown by means of the front door.

He has been suspected of selling whiskey for some little time and so strong was the suspicion of the officers that they decided to investigate with the above result. Stokes is still at large and his whereabouts is still unknown.

RALLY DAY AT M. E. CHURCH

GALA OCCASION IS EXPECTED AT THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TOMORROW MORNING. ALL INVITED.

Tomorrow is to be Rally Day at the First M. E. church Sunday school and the prospects are that there will be a large number in attendance. The superintendent desires that every child in the church and every parent will be present; he further desires that all who are not able to attend the school to join the Home Department, and those two young to become members of the Cradle Roll. The superintendent wishes all who have received blanks and have failed to fill them in to do so so he can receive them at Sunday school hour or sometime tomorrow. In a postal mailed by the superintendent he states: "Tomorrow is Rally Day and it is urgently hoped you will be present and help begin the season's work with renewed enthusiasm. Let us have a rousing beginning. Parents and friends will be especially welcomed."

Let's build in Washington Park.

New Theater

TODAY'S PROGRAM:
Kline—"Bondage of Evil," in two reels.
Essanay—"Broncho Billy's Punishment."
MONDAY'S PROGRAM:
Pathé—"Pauline's Necklace," in two reels.
Biograph—"Romeo and Juliet," 5 and 10 Cents.

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