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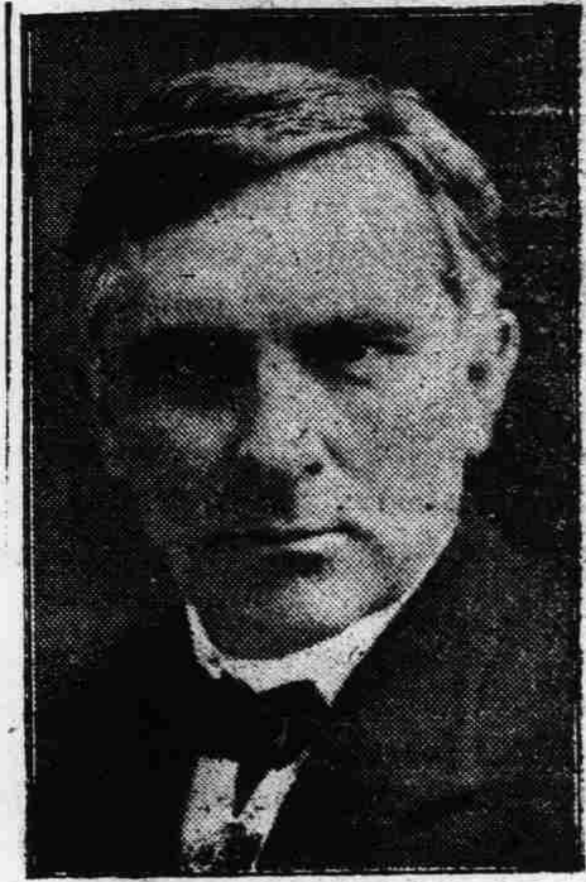
"LOOK FORWARD, AND NOT BACK."

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## Proclamation.



### Governor Locke Craig Issues Proclamation for Community Service Week

WHEREAS, The people of North Carolina in recent years have made a remarkable record of industrial, educational and moral progress. Today they are moved as never before with a passion for yet larger achievement. They believe "that which they have done is but an earnest of the things they shall yet do," and they press on with the determination that in everything that makes for greatness in a State, North Carolina shall take a foremost place in the sisterhood of American commonwealths. And

WHEREAS The realization of our patriotic ambition for North Carolina as a whole depends upon the achievement of the same ideal in the local community—the county, the town, the township, the school district, the little neighborhood grouped around church or schoolhouse; and for progress in each, there must be first, a knowledge of conditions; second, united work of all the people at tasks of immediate improvement; and third, the organization of the people for persistent prosecution of all the larger processes of community betterment.

THEREFORE, I, Locke Craig, Governor of North Carolina, in response to widespread sentiment among our people as expressed by many organizations and societies, do hereby set apart the 3rd, 4th, and 5th days of December, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, to be known and observed throughout the State of North Carolina as "COMMUNITY SERVICE DAYS," and I appoint them as days wherein every man, woman and child, in the commonwealth shall lend heart, hand and brain to the service and development of North Carolina and of its every community and county, and as days wherein the people shall meet, confer and work together for advancement along the three fold lines of investigation, united labor the immediate improvement of the community and wise planning for its future.

I call on the leaders of thought and progress in every community to assist in organizing and planning for these "COMMUNITY SERVICE DAYS."

I call on the Farmers' Union, the Chambers of Commerce, the women's clubs, our teachers and ministers, the press of the State, our lawyers, physicians, farmers,

business men, industrial forces, and all others to co-operate in working out plans for such Community Service, and on these days to put aside matters of private concern and devote themselves to the great movements for the common good.

I urge that in each community, social and economic surveys shall be made the first days of the week or earlier, so as to inform the public as to the conditions now existing and the lines of progress most needed.

II. I urge that on Thursday, "PUBLIC ROADS, GROUNDS, AND BUILDINGS DAY," the men, women and young people of each town, township, or school district meet, according to plan, and work together in one or more of three forms of actual physical service to the community: (1) In improving the roads and streets and making them more worthy and more creditable to the people; (2) In improving both interior and exterior of the schoolhouses, churches and court-houses and other public buildings; (3) in clearing off and beautifying the grounds of schoolhouses, churches, parks, cemeteries, etc., and planting trees and shrubs in these places as well as along streets, roadsides and private grounds.

III. I urge that on Friday, "SCHOOL AND NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DAY," the older people with the children shall meet at every schoolhouse in town or county to observe "School and Neighborhood Improvement Day" as a day of practical patriotism, and at these meetings conditions in the community shall be reported and discussed; plans made for improving schools, highways, social life, economic, moral, and health conditions; committees named to prosecute such plans, and arrangements made for subsequent public meetings for their accomplishment.

IV. I urge that on Saturday, "COUNTY PROGRESS DAY," a great public meeting shall be held at each county seat when all the people shall meet together to discuss "The Needs and Possibilities of Our County," candidly comparing its present conditions with its potentialities, and inaugurating movements needed for its progress and development.

V. I urge that at all these meetings exhibits illustrating conditions be made; plans discussed for attracting desirable settlers to places needing them; the organization of farmers' societies, town boards of trade, and boys' and girls' industrial clubs promoted; wholesome sports, recreations and plays encouraged; the flags of State and Nation raised over schoolhouses and other public buildings; the plans made for providing books papers and libraries for old and young and for teaching those who have grown to maturity illiterate. I also designate this week as "HOME COMING WEEK," when all former residents of each North Carolina community shall be asked to return and visit friends and scenes of other days, and invited to aid the forward movement in their old home neighborhoods.

A general program prepared for each of these days is now on

the press and will be distributed at an early date. I urge that these programs be faithfully followed in every case in order to give definiteness and uniformity of scope and purpose to the activity of the week.

With the high resolve and faith that North Carolina, under God, shall take a foremost place in the civilization of the world, and with an invocation of His gracious favor on the endeavors of our people, I call on every North Carolina man, woman and child, of whatever place, creed, party or station, to give these days in consecrated service to the community and to the Commonwealth.

Done in our city of Raleigh on the 29th day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, and in the one hundred and thirty-ninth year of our American Independence.

LOCKE CRAIG,  
Governor.

By the Governor,  
J. P. KERR,  
Private Secretary.

## Resolution on Cotton Acreage

for 1915—unanimously adopted by delegates for the cotton growing States, attending the Convention of the Southern Cotton Association held at New Orleans, La., Sept. 29th, 30th, 1914.

### RESOLUTIONS:

Whereas, The boll weevil, wilt and other pests and diseases have for many years been destructive to the cotton crop in large portions of the cotton producing States, and their continuous spread now menaces the whole area devastated to the cultivation of cotton,

Whereas, Owing to the diminished demand for cotton and the increased requirements for food stuffs caused by the European war the planting of cotton for the year 1915 can be largely reduced or entirely eliminated without imposing undue hardships on the cotton growers or extraordinary burdens on cotton consumers, and

Whereas, There is imperative necessity for early drastic action to destroy the boll weevil and other cotton pests, and

Whereas, Great benefits will be derived by the substitution of other crops for cotton during the year 1915, thereby reducing the cost of living, bringing to farmers the advantages and benefits of crop diversification and restoring worn out lands to their former state of fertility besides greatly enhancing the value of the cotton crop of 1914 by establishing an equilibrium between supply and demand,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention that it would be greatly to the interest of the cotton growers, as well as of every commercial, industrial and agricultural interest not only of the South, but of the whole country that the planting of cotton be entirely eliminated or reduced to the minimum during the year 1915.

Be It Further Resolved, That

for this purpose the growers of cotton, bankers, merchants and other allied interests in each county, including the Farmers Union and the Southern Cotton Congress be requested to meet and organize at once (if no such organization exists) in order to give immediate consideration to the foregoing resolution and especially for the purpose of signing binding pledges to reduce their respective planting of cotton 50 (FIFTY) per cent or more, or to pledge themselves to omit the planting thereof entirely for the year 1915.

Be It Further Resolved, That, in order to insure that no cotton be planted, or not more than 50 (FIFTY) per cent during the year 1915, the said associations and organizations request the Governor of the various cotton States to convene the legislatures for the purpose of passing uniform laws prohibiting the planting of cotton, or of reducing the acreage to such a point as to eliminate all future damage from soil weevils and other cotton pests as well as to accomplish the many desirable results above enumerated.

Be It Further Resolved, That this Convention recommend and advise all cotton producers, bankers and merchants to co-operate in withholding from sale as much cotton as possible until it can be sold at a price that will give a fair return to the producer.

Be It Further Resolved, That these resolutions, as well as proceedings of all meetings of associations and organizations held in connection therewith be given the widest publicity by the Press of the whole country.

## Ready For State Fair At Raleigh, Oct. 19-24

The North Carolina State Fair has come to be recognized as one of the greatest fairs of the South. It has been handicapped by the lack of money. Other great fairs in the country have had plenty of money and the building up of a big fair, with a large premium list and a great array of exhibits has been comparatively easy. Here, the Fair has had to build largely upon its own resources and for a part of the time it has had an uphill struggle. Persistent effort, however, has won and the Fair has come to be recognized as second to none.

The Fair has been a wonderful stimulus in the agricultural development of the State and likewise in its industrial progress. The State Department of Agriculture makes an exhibit at the Fair each year and it has been found that this exhibit is the best of the farmers' institutes the State conducts. It has been a great inspiration to the farmer, and to the Department as well.

The Fair is an educational institution. Its main purpose is to instruct. It provides amusement and in this line it is seeking to give the best, but the main purpose has never been lost sight of. It has gone steadily forward in the effort to show North Carolina and the world what the State is doing and also to inspire the State through seeing her possibilities to continue to do great

things. One help the Management finds is the increasing number of county fairs. All these fairs help the State Fair by creating interest. They, too, are educational and they help to increase the number of exhibits and the patronage.

The management has become stringent in its demand for clean shows and in its prohibition against gambling and games of chance. No dancing girl shows are admitted to the grounds and no gambling devices. The banning of these gambling devices and the vulgar shows has brought a better grade of amusements and some good attractions are booked for this year.

There has been a gratifying increase in the prizes and premiums offered this year and the increase in the number of exhibits is also gratifying. The agricultural and horticultural exhibits will be above the average this year. The apple exhibit especially will be worth going miles to see. The commercial value of apple-raising will be clearly illustrated and demonstrated to all comers with larger classification than ever before.

The Society now offers premiums of \$25, \$15, and \$10 for best exhibit by any rural public school. This has been added since Premium List was published.

The amusement features are well represented this year. The great DeLloyd Thompson of Lincoln Beachey, Inc., will perform the marvelous loop-the-loop in his aeroplane 2,500 feet in the air. The Five Flying Herbets will give a beautiful aerial casting act; the Great Calvert, King of the High Wire will perform in front of the grandstand; Hatch's wonderful auto-drone will be here; Bennett Brothers will give comedy act on trampoline net.

The superb fireworks spectacle, "Panama in Peace and War" will take place each night. Something new and inspiring.

The Better Babies' contest under the management of the State Board of Health and the Woman's Club of Raleigh will be of vast educational value to all mothers who attend.

For years the Management has been working away from the big midway and little exhibit idea of a Fair back to the fundamental purpose of its existence, the competition of the best to make better. It offers legitimate amusement as well as educational features and reaches far toward the ideal State Fair, which shall be the meeting place of agriculture and industry, a delightful outing for all the members of the family, a summer school for the men and women and boys and girls, the best short course in agriculture in the State, a great industrial exchange, a university of experience and experiment, an annual advertisement of the greatness of a great State.

### Keep Your Stomache and Liver Healthy

A vigorous Stomache, perfect working Liver and regular acting bowels is guaranteed if you will use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They insure good Digestion, correct Constipation and have an excellent tonic effect on the whole system—Purify your blood and rid you of all body poisons through the Bowels. Only 25c. at your Druggist.

## Cannot Visit District



### Mr. Small Regrets His Inability to Visit the People of the District while Congress is in Session.

Washington, D. C.,  
October 12, 1914.

To The Citizens Of The First Congressional District.

I have not been able to visit the people of the District during the present campaign for the reason that Congress is still in session. Doubtless this fact is known by every one, but I take this occasion to express my personal regret at my inability to visit the several counties of the District.

At the date of this writing there is a probability that Congress will adjourn between the 17th and 21st inst. When adjournment occurs I will at once go to the District and in so far as the intervening time before the election will permit, I will fill as many appointments as possible.

I am deeply grateful for the re-nomination which has come to me by the Democratic Party, but as long as Congress is in session I can best express my appreciation by remaining here and striving to render the best service in my power.

Very sincerely,  
JNO. H. SMALL.

## TOPSY NEWS

The people of this neighborhood are busy digging peanuts, but are much disappointed as the yield is very few.

Miss Polly Eure left Saturday morning to visit her sister in Suffolk.

Asa Harrell attended the regular quarterly meeting at Eure Christain church Saturday and Sunday.

Several of the men from this neighborhood attended the horse sale at Gatesville Saturday.

E. R. Butler and sons Harry Willie spent Saturday in Holland.

John S. Harrell visited his cousin Charlie Carter of Roduco Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Harrell had as their guests Sunday night Mr. and Mrs. Sam Harrell and Asa Harrell.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Parker spent Sunday in Roduco.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Parker and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Henry Harrell.

Henry Powell and George Harrell spent Sunday with Harry and Willie Butler.

D. S. Harrell and family attended meeting at Sarem Christain church Sunday afternoon.