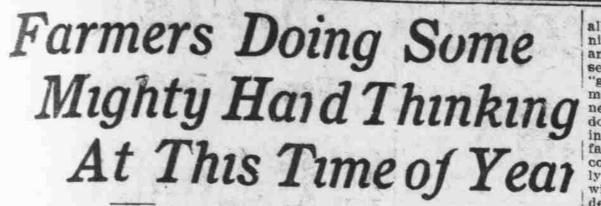
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This is the time of year, and this statement that Mecklenburg county year especially, when farmers are purchases about \$2,000,000 worth of pledge to the farmer, and the "busi- be raised warning southern farmers doing some mighty hard thinking. The supplies, and the cotton crop is worth ness" is done instantly, and it doesn't against planting too much cotton and year has been good to us all in many about \$1,500,000. Can Mecklenburg make any difference what it costs-the advising them to produce all their suprespects. We have had no great ca- stand this drain? She does not have pledge must go to him-if the south plies at home. These warnings and adtamity, and yet the returns to many to stand it. Wheat can be grown in is to come into her own without deman for the toil of the long year Mecklenburg, and so can corn, oats, lay. through has been meager, and now at clover, peas, and many kinds of the beginning of the new year when grasses, and all kinds of stock do that the size of the crop depends more there seems to be a weak place in the be is taking stock, it is hard to think well, if they are wisely managed. By upon the season than it does upon the of the unpaid bills, the cherished im- saying "wisely," I do not mean that acreage, but there is no gainsaying the provements laid aside indefinitely, it takes any more wisdom there than fact that in any season 26,000,000 acres and wisdom of the policy advocated. ohn and Mary kept home from school, anywhere else, for cattle to do well of cotton will produce less than 37,000,and other things postponed, until we anywhere, require attention in a busi- 000 so that no more than 11,000,000 can get back to where we were. Take nesslike way. Then the old hen, old bales will be raised in 1912. Somethe state as a whole, maybe we are "biddy." She is a most wonderful lit- thing like that will be necessary to ahead, but the territory for which I am tle animal. She is a true money-maker, take care of the surplus. writing, the beginning of the new I am not making a complete argument Th "Rock Hill plan," is, however, year is not auspicious. The disastrous along any line of work, showing just merely a temporary expedient. It is drought and the low price of cotton how success may come to the man who only meant to meet an emergency, have demoralized our condition so that engages in it, but merely pointing out and that emergency exists today. the future looks dark to many, and some things for us to think about this Something permanent in the way of yet it should not discourage us. The winter, while we watch the embers producing uniform crops; or, at least, prosperity and happiness they have onexperience of 1911 should abide with glow, and the wintry winds whistle prevents over production, must be This year of 1911 the farmer around the gables, and the cold rain done. The Southern Cotton Congress placed his eggs in one basket. He has drops are filling the earth with wa- has that matter in hand, and intends een putting too many eggs in this ter, and the frost is making plant food to develop something at its next meetbasket for several years, but the mar- out of the up-turned sod. There is an- ing whereby permanency ket was taking them, and taking cour- other fertile subject for thought, and sured. age from this fact he increased the that is the pig. What a wonderful lit- It is an axiom as old as the hills hens and the feed, and the result has the animal is the pig, and how great that a flooded market inevitably prosbeen disastrous. Dropping th figure, does his bacon add to the farmer's trates prices, as witness the 1911 cotlet me return to the matter of thinking bill. The pig is, therefore, worthy of ton season now drawing to a close. If our way out of th trouble. Do you know consideration when the farmer is plan- the world cannot use cotton, why grow that the greatest trouble we farmers ning his economy of farm management. it? What has always held the southhave is failure to do enough thinking? Cotton is the south's greatest mon- ern planter back is his unwillingness It is a result of not thinking that has ey crop, but all cotton does not make to diversify. True, the present genergotten us into the hole now. For a it a money crop. If it takes all the ation of planters have never had the ong while we have not been thinking cotton crop and more too to purchase proper example set them by their foreabout our business in a serious way. the supplies, it is not a money crop. bears. But that is no reason why If we had become accustomed to think- It is a money crop only, when it adds the men of the present day should fall ing deeply and seriously, the drought year by year to the south's surplus for down and worship the fetich of a by- farmers have sold most of their cotwe realize as we should the import- Most farmers only make a living. For many years the southern farm-

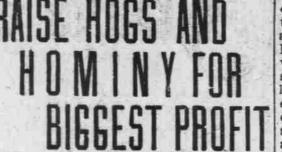
all these good things—and the millen-nium—on paper. It must be general. and the officials, whose duty it is to set the machinery in motion, must "get busy quick," and must appoint men of known ability, who have the necessary energy and enthusiasm to do things.. If the various state superintendents will perform their duties faithfully and energetically, and the county committees get to work promtly, the farmers will do the rest. They will sign the pledge, as has been fully

them in person. Right here lies the

will be as-

gone period.

plant food available, we shall learn to farm, why should it be necessary for high price. He has forgotten that if



From now on-until cotton planting demonstrated, if it is presented to time many thousands of pencils will gist of the whole matter-get the be pushed and innumerable voices will OUR MENTAL ATTITUDE

vice are all in good faith and sincerity, and doubtless will prove acceptable and effective to a certain extent. But

arguments used to impress upon the minds of these farmers the soundness but Many perfectly honest and sincere advocates seem to enjoy but a very shortsighted view of the question. Their appeals and arguments are dominated by the one idea that by reducing the

aggregate crop production of cotton by "According to your faith be it done two or three million balse, more or unto you. less, the problem will be solved, and The man who starts out on New the farmers will become prosperous Year's day with a feeling that the and happy; and to perpetuate this cards are stacked against him, that he to stick to the policy of reduction "can't do nothing nohow," will not get of area and ouput. But the trouble is very far ahead; while the man who When the average farmer gets a -and working as if he expected it- state central warehouse as a ship- can rule effectively. CV.

run up to the brain and upsets the filled; not always, but generally. For reasoning faculties. He at once throws there are times when, no matter how aside his good purposes and goes in great the faith nor how hard the work, for an investment in fertilizer and a things will go against us; for example, larger production. Isn't that so? Very extreme drought, hail storms, epidemfew voices were raised last winter ics among live stock, great slumps in permanent system of co-operative of the people. and spring in warning against too prices, sickness which could not be

large area in cotton. It was said prevented. Still, in a broad way, it is that there was no danger of an over- true that the man who is a hard work. should erect dry prizeries and pre- land titles; and that we press this supply of cotton; that the world's con- ing optimist gets his fair and just re- pare to pool their tobacco, which is question on the minds of the people sumption had outrun production; that ward, while the man who is expecting the day of "10-cent cotton" was forever little, and works according to his exreason: "Just my luck."

ton for less than 10 cents and are now doubtingly fighting against a rewe were making an average of around

expenses-gets his meagre profits at the end of each year (if any at all) and each year—as a rule—finds his soil less productive than before. . The man who farms rightly-who does not rely solely on his cotton-speedily, if slowly, becomes more independent and richer. It becomes a normal, natural condition, a sequence that follows just as surely as effect follows a cause-"as a matter of course."-R. J. Redding, in Atlanta Constitution.

IN THE NEW YEAR,

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## Sixteen Suggestions To Members of N. C. Farmers Union

I will close this report with a few, but exchange for meal if you can ge suggestions that I believe will be for an equal exchange. the good of the organization

(11) That all cotton farmers hol

(1) That there should be so abate their cotton just as long as possible, ment in our efforts to something the and if the price remains under 10 interest in an education that will fit cents until planting time next spring, Much of the success of our readers this year will depend upon the mental our boys and girls tor the life that then reduce the acreage at least 50 attitude with which they face its probthey must live. per cent and plant food crops. I can lems. If they don't expect much, they (2) That we should continue to not endorse the holding plan advised. teach co-operation by precept and ex- by the committee appointed by the are not likely to receive much. If they are optimistic, not rainbow chasers, ample; what it is; what it means; Governors' Conference at New Orhave reasonable expectations what it does; to the end that our leans. It is really not a holding plan

which they will do their level best to people may substitute the benefit but a plan to sell on "call." realize, they are likely to receive, gen. cence of co-operation for the war- (12) I suggest further, th (12) I suggest further, that every erally speaking, about what they ex- fare of competition; that the public man keep himself well informed on pect; for in natural things as in spirit- may be delivered from the middle- the current political issues of the ual, the saying of Jesus holds true: men, capitalists and monopolists who day. It is safer to do your own think would make the laborer work for the ing than to let some lawyer-politician least and the consumer pay the ut do it for you. I presume that every most. man here believes in a democracy.

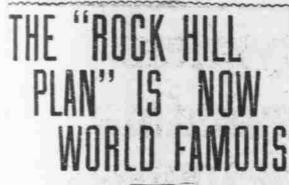
(3) That we should promote the since a democracy is a government in spirit of true fraternity throughout which the supreme power rests in the is under the dog in the fight, that he our order; always placing the com- hands of the people. Then let every mon good before private interest. man study and advocate the initia-(4) That the state union should tive, referendum and recall, as this that they will not "stick" to the poli- opens his mouth wide, expecting much adopt the charter and establish a is the only way in which the people

taste of 15-cent cotton it seems to is likely to have it reasonably well ping point to supply county ware- (13) That if we want to be free from the domination of professional houses that can not buy in car lots. (5) That the county unions should politicians, we should stand for and spare no efforts to secure county advocate state-wide primaries for all warehouses. This is absolutely nec- offices instead of conventions which essary in we are ever to build up a often defeat the will of the majority

selling and buying. (14) That every man should study (6) That the tobacco counties the Torrens System of registration at co-operative marketing. next year, leading up to a successful (7) That the grain, stock, fruit, fight before the next legislature. pectations, will say, and with good and trucking counties should eliminate (15) That we, as progressive citithe middle men by co-operative zens, study the land question. The There is sound philosophy under- selling (and buying) through the land is a God-given heritage to the and of water in crop production, and and most other men, for that matter, er has lost sight of all save his fields the part that water plays in making and when it is so easily made on the of cotton, and he has done this at a plant food available, we shall learn to farm, why should it be necessary for high price. He has forgotton that if understood, in nature, or in the benev. crops be well graded and packed; and the hands of the few, while the many

ton, and though the farmers have been make the southern farmer's meal a man will need for sustenance. advised time and again that such a pol- wholesome one indeed. This winter icy was suicilad they lost their heads course around the old family hearth-| Cut down the cotton acreage and the last spring and planted the largest stone should include a close study of south will not have to send west and the full total of 15,000,000 as a result of heritage. farms

pare our soil so that the supply of the



statement to the press.

Author Discusses Plan.

from the author, J. G. Anderson, presi- tional Farmers' Union, be used in each climate. Let the south awake and

dent of the Rock Hill (S. C.) Buggy state. Company. Discussing his plan and its various) Mr. Anderson is at the head of one of South Carolina's foremost business features, Mr. Anderson has written the

enterprises, with a plant whose build- following interesting statement for ings cover five acres and turn out The Atlanta Constitution: 15,000 vehicles a year. The building Editor Constitution: The Rock Hill of the business to its present import- plan," so-called, for the reduction stuffs to the everlasting good of everyant and extensive proportions, has of the cotton acreage for 1912, is sim- body. been largely due to his native ability ple, and its very simplicity is what and energy, and he has taken foremost I feel sure will commend it to the cottank among South Carolina's leading ton planters throughout the south. It captains of industry. Manifesting far more than the ordi- acreage to hold the supply of the sta-

mary interest in the success of the ple down to the demand for the south's outhern farmer, Mr. Anderson thought chief product. out, devised and arranged the details It is merely a "call to arms" in the he offers it freely to the farmers of the been for some time, a pregnant need

south, if thy will but take hold and in the south, and has been broached apply it.

As slightly modified by the execu- now so imperative that I determined to get there in twenty minutes from the is producing cotton. posed that the plan shall be put into worked at a relatively small cost. self and not in collusion with others. scheme over with Commissioner of of the world. It is proposed to call upon bankers, Agriculture Watson. He thought it, The Humberts have joined forces. merchants, mercantile and manufac- looked good and gave me a few Frederic paints pictures and his wife turing interests for small subscriptions pledge blanks. I returned home, sent sells them for him. She also sells, on lection of a state superintendent who shall have entire charge of the work in four days, and at a cost of but \$25, bert's little (Frederic Humbert's moth-It is suggeted that the governor, the 40 per cent of their acreage; and these of justice) is the mainstay of the lit- tamily with these percentice by and their proper ing a game at their expense, cheered own farm, commissioner of agriculture and the two, it may be said, reduced their acre- the family.

president of the Farmers' Union start age at the beginning of 1911.

farmer in the south to depend ne would, he could feed the world with vater will always be sufficient. There upon the farmers of the west to make the products of southern soil and cli-

Will Make Food at Home.

so small as to be insignificant. The southern planter coming and going.

west.

The "Rock Hill plan" is aimed that way. We want to plant less cotton acreage until the world needs more

that. cotton, and the reduced acreage will be devoted to the raising of food-

J. G. ANDERSON. Rock Hill, S. C.

has but one object-by reduction of FAMOUS PEOPLE HAVE COME OUT OF ASINIERES.

Parns, Jan. 6.-The untrue rumor of a plan he believes will prove un- matter of reduction of acreage. I that Therese Humbert had left her self, and it is true in a large and questionably effective in materially re- claim no honor for the introduction or peaceful little house in a suburb of important sense. It has been proven ning. Listen, Oh! soul to the glad reducing the cotton acreage of 1912, and initiation of the plan. It is, and has Paris for the seclusion of a lunatic asy- time and again that, with proper man- frain."

11 or 12 million bales that there many a farmer now who is ready to it for them. Another little matter de- mate. With the reduction of the cot- duction of enough cotton to meet the say that he can grow a crop next year without any rain falling during the growing season. So this is one thing we have to think about. Another thing is the diversification of our crops. It

crop (14,855,000 I believe is the latest -as "a bound boy at a husking," this be able to control the marketing of land, that the rich may not crowd official estimate), and we have probab- man is not likely to use the ability, our money crops as long as they are out the poor and make the great ly lost nearly enough to have made either montal or physical, which is his pledged for the payment of bils for mass of our people tenants. More

acreage ever known. This was done one or more works on agriculture by north for foodstuffs totalling an bad weather for the harvest and a The year 1912 is not likely to be a in the face of the fact that it has been proven that corn and almost any-thing else that the farmer consumes at home can be grown on our southern undue magnifying of cotton as a mon- and difficulties, just like all other permanent, rock basis of all success- The state should provide at least It is idle to talk now over this mis-what I am preaching, for I am studying ing and a thousand and one other "money oron" of the south and the ful agriculture. And as a very im- six months' term each year. And "money-crop" of the south, and the face these problems with a stout heart portant adjunct thereto, that more then I Light add that in my own pritake. It is one of the things we have farming today around the old hearth. to think about however. We see the E. S. MILLSAPS. and the greatest profit can be raised for succeed as a farmer is to make their solution will be much easier. If,

E. S. MILLSAPS. published in the county paper. The county committee should report daily to the state superintendent who should report daily to the state superintendent who should give out a consolidated statement to the press. possession a larger proportion of the a happy Thanksgiving in 1912. It is confidently believed that the house and granary. His bumper cot-ton Nobedy makes a fuer about the sale of cot-ton Nobedy makes a fuer about the sale of cotpercentage of those who would fail ton crops make him play into the hand to adhere to such a pledge would be of the western producer, who gets the to adhere to such a pledge would be of the western producer, who gets the and oats, sugar and coffee, and dozens fail; and the explanation will general. See and humus, with the aid of phos- gested market? Will we ever be able and oats, sugar and coffee, and dozens fail; and the explanation will general. WURLD FAMUUD, by small as to be insignificant. The southern planter coming and going. Deep and widespeard interest-in what is known as the "Rock Him Plan" for the reduction of the cotton acreage of the south, consequently of the acreage of cotton, planted in 1911, and that the the acreage of cotton, be used in each the salvation of the south. The south area conserved the south, awake and the acreage of the south, consequently of the salvation of the south, and that the the salvation of the south and that

throw off the bondage to the north and seems to be lovely and inviting. We pect to get it. To use an old-fashion- portion of crops this year commensuruse to long for a 10-cent market ed western phrase; We must "get up ate with the demands. Once in a while when we had to sell for 5, 6 and 7 and dust," and 'not let the grass grow the farmers loose this proper ballance when we had to sell for 5, 6 and 7 and dust, and not let the glass glow but they may be depended upon of cents. Now 10 cents seems a sacrifice to get in 1912 just about what we ex- find the proper equilibrium the first

price, and we are not getting even to get in 1912 just about what we ex-

The truth is that cotton is not the lace Farmer. only money-making crop-not by a

very large majority. The very essence of good farming is to supply from the Some New Year farm every necessary want that the farm is capable, or may be made capable, of producing, and, while doing this, to add generally to the productiveness of the soil. It is said that if

a farmer succeeds in making his soil rich he thereby becomes rich him-

agement, there is a greater profit in January is always a month among lum has called attention to Asnieres. agement, there is a greater pront in farmers especially for reflection and subject of diversification we are print- neighbors do, and work to that end, many times before; but I saw that the In London, Asnieres would be no more buetter, peas and pea hay, potatoes, prospection. A time when the mistakes ing in another column the Rock Hill which should not be less than 40 bushmany times before; but I saw that the of a suburg than Chelsea is. You can (sweet), chickens and eggs, etc., then and failures of the year should be gone plan. We look for a readjustment along els on upland and 75 on bottom land. over and in changing methods with the line of diversification this year.

Not only is this condition true in the view of course of correcting and As slightly modified by the execution with a plan. Not only is this condition true in the view of course of correcting and vociFEROUSLY CHEERED WHEN theory, but practice confirms its truth. improving our plans for the ensuing vociFEROUSLY CHEERED WHEN leans on December 21, 1911, it is pro- which I thought could be satisfactorily enough, it has become the home of Almost without exception where we year. Radical changes have taken place several people whose names have fig- find a prosperous farmer-one whose within the last year and the farmer

operation by each state acting for it- I went to Columbia and talked the ured in large print in the newspapers course of prosperity is steady and will have to make radical changes to unfailing-we find that he produces meet the changed condition success- dead in the street was the signal for inches deep. more or less of the above so-called fully. A year ago cotton was selling for vociferous cheering the other night. "home supplies" in greater or less near 15 cents and it was not surprising This strange incident occurred during with knowledge. I say knowledge adabundance, or enough for his own con- that with that stimulus a large acre- the Escalade festival, when crowds of visedly, because a great many farmers sumption and some to sell to the age was planted. But it will be surpris- Genevese and strangers in dominoes object to the word education. Yet as a and the work to be done in the vari- canvass among the planters of the are confided to her. Romain Daurigous counties. It provides for the se-townships contiguous to Rock Hill, sub- nac, Therese's brother, is "some-that he attributes his presentity mathe that he attributes his prosperity main- age acreage is planted this year. We making that M. Frederic Stern, aged Must read agricultural papers and ly to the production of these supplies, believe the time of the various farm 82, fell dead, and the masqueraders study whether or not those writers' in the state and be responsible for it. and all but two of whom signed to cut er is the widow of a former minister her is the widow of a former minister binscale and these their expenses cheered theories are not practicably to our

ducing these things. The money he has made preliminary estimates of the ers joined hands and danced round the ing the coming year instead of raising Until quite lately Mme . Steinheil receives from his cotton crop very yield of wheat, corn and oats with corpse.

olent intentions of whatever Power he that all union farmers use the colbelieves rules in this world, and is not umns of the Union Farmer to let should be prohibited by law. Alien willing to yield obedience to what we their brethren know what they have ownership of land should not be per

supplies.

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(9) That all farmers adopt scien in hired homes. I would like to see

of the money spent for commercial be abolished? Isn't it a curse rather

pect and will really try to earn .- Wal. opportunity. We believe the opening of the ensuing season will satisfy this assertion. The writer heard Sam Powell, a well known colored farmer, of Paw Creek say the other day that he

EVERY FABMER Should System-ATIZE HIS FARM

planted 60 acres of cotton last year Special for The Forum. and made 30 bales, but if he lived to; With the new year every farmer planting time his neighbor would bear should determine to systematize his witness that he had not planted but farm during the winter days. Plan 10 acres this year. out in detail just how much land and

Sam says that some white people what particular field you are going to think that niggers can't raise anything plant in cotton or corn. Figure out but cotton but that is a mistake- that just how many acres in corn it will

when it comes to watermelons he can take to make sufficient corn to do make his white friends down in Berry- your farm. Of course figure to make hill sie up and take notice. Anent the about double per acre what your

Land that is to be put to corn must AGED MAN FELL DEAD. be ploughed. Yes! ploughed and scratched. Should have been broken Geneva, Jan. 6 .- An old man falling in November, December eight to ten

Systems can only be carried on

Set a grim resolution to make a livcotton. That any "fool negro lands"



