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FARMERS HOLD THE POWER OF PRICES

There Will Be Plenty of Demand for Cotton and Amount Now in Farmers' Hands

HAVE THE WHIP IN HAND

All the Bearish Arguments Cannot Curtail the Estimated Consumption of 12,500,000 Bales

By Maj. W. C. Heath

Cotton is indeed a "danged" fool. Since my little article of about two weeks ago advising the holding of cotton, the futures market has advanced one and a half cents per pound and if this advance holds, the spot market will do likewise, has already stiffened considerably. Unless compelled to sell in order to liquidate indebtedness, I still advise holding. The following letter from Rose and Son, cotton brokers, of New York, speaks for itself and when properly analyzed is very bullish:

The following figures seem worthy of serious consideration:

Ginning to January 16 7,913,000
with virtually nothing more to come
into sight to date 7,970,000
therefore the crop has come into sight

Spinners takings of American cotton to date 8,118,000
The next question is how much cotton do mills still need and where is it to come from?

If consumption for the season be placed at the very conservative figure of 12,500,000 bales, spinners will need another 4,382,000 bales or an average spinners takings of 150,000 a week for the remaining 29 weeks of the season.

The present visible supply of American is 3,859,000 bales.

Farmers hold the balance of the big carry-over.

They will have to supply the 500,000 bales needed above the present visible supply, and inasmuch as a technical position without visible supply is unthinkable, farmers will have to supply another 3,000,000 bales so that the visible supply here and abroad shall be a normal of 3,000,000 bales end of the season.

At what price will the farmer let the world have these 3,500,000 bales of cotton, which he was able to hold from the time it was 40c a pound, which he was able to hold after it had declined to 10c, which he was able to hold all through 1921, one of the hardest financial years he ever went through?

It is true that the dry goods markets are dull at the moment, it is an uncertainty as to whether strikes will later on cause some mills in the world to stay idle for a while, it is impossible to forecast the size of the next crop. But all of these bearish arguments cannot materially curtail the consumption so conservatively estimated at 12,500,000 bales, in view of the fact that mills have taken over 8,000,000 bales in less than 6 months.

Some of the trade have predicted a cotton famine for this summer, but there will be no such thing this year, for the necessary number of bales are in existence. The question is: "Who has the whip in hand?"

GRIFITH'S CAR WAS ALSO IN DANVILLE, VIRGINIA

Sheriff Fowler Tipped Him Off and He Found the Car All Right—Will Bring Car Back

Another stolen car has been recovered from the bunch of Virginia crooks that have been operating in North Carolina for the past several months.

A few days ago Mr. R. E. Griffith of Pageland was informed by Sheriff Fowler that he believed that Mr. Griffith's car that was stolen in December was in Danville, Va., where Sheriff Fowler found McCormick's Ford that was stolen on the night of the Foch celebration in Monroe.

Mr. Griffith went to Danville and found his car and learned that it had been carried there by a member of the same band to which Frazier, who stole the McCormick car, belonged.

An arrest was made and Mr. Griffith will bring his car back with him when the necessary arrangements have been made.

"SHINE" TO BE LEFT OFF THE NAME OF WILL MOON

Charged With Bringing "Moonshine" from Georgia and Acquitted Under Trial by Jury

Will Moon, F. R. Springs and Walter Moseley, all colored citizens of Monroe, were before Recorder Lemmond on a charge of violating prohibition laws.

It will be recalled that The Journal a few weeks ago carried a story telling how Moon, a colored train porter, was charged with bringing the booze in on his run from Atlanta in Georgia syrup cans and delivering it to Springs, who conducts an undertaking establishment here.

Before Recorder Lemmond yesterday Moon was tried by a jury and acquitted of the charge, and his name therefore is to remain just plain Moon with the "shine" left off.

Springs was found guilty of receiving and keeping liquor for sale but judgment was withheld until a later date, while the case against Moseley was continued until another time.

THE WEEK'S SOCIAL NEWS

The following young ladies were delightfully entertained at a Valentine party Tuesday afternoon at the home of Miss Frances Shute: Frances Stack, Mary Myers Faulkner, Margaret Henderson, Chattie Stack, Margaret Wager, Margaret Icceman, Elizabeth Caldwell, Laura Stewart, Lydia Stewart, Kewpie Davis, and Margaret Lee. Hearts dice was played for a time, then each guest was given paper and pencil and told to make as many words as possible from "St. Valentine." Elizabeth Caldwell was the winner and received a box of handkerchiefs. The hostess served a salad course of home-made candies, small heart-shaped cakes iced with white and containing the initials of each guest in red.

The young men of Mr. Dougherty's class of the Baptist Sunday School entertained the members of Mrs. E. M. Griffin's class Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. J. Frank Williams. The home was most attractively decorated, the color scheme of red and white being carried out. Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Fred Helms served punch and this was later followed by cream, cake and mints. Miss Caroline Casen, as the winner of a unique contest, was awarded a box of correspondence cards.

Mrs. R. L. Payne entertained at a delightful series of parties last Thursday and Friday. Thursday morning Miss Rose Coleman of Uniontown, Ala., the guest of the Misses Crow, was the honoree; Thursday afternoon Mrs. Clement Jones, who has recently come to Monroe to make her home, was honored. On each of these occasions five tables were arranged for bridge. Friday morning Mrs. Payne was hostess to her book club. A salad course with accessories was served each time.

The U. D. C.'s held a most pleasant meeting with Mrs. Randolph Redfern as hostess yesterday afternoon. Much business was attended to and plans were made for Memorial Day. Mrs. Redfern served hot chocolate, sandwiches and wafers.

Mrs. Sam Lee was hostess to her bridge club Tuesday afternoon. The following members were present: Mrs. R. L. Payne, Mrs. Geo. Pruitt, Mrs. Horace Neal, Mrs. Will Redmond, Mrs. J. C. M. Vann, Mrs. Bennett Gaddy, and Mrs. O. G. Thacker. A salad course with oysters, hot rolls and tea were served. Thursday afternoon Mrs. Lee again entertained a number of friends at bridge. Her guests included Miss Annie Lee, Miss Jean Ashcraft, Miss Adeline Crow, Miss Rose Coleman, Miss Mary Crow, Miss Elizabeth Houston, Mrs. Frank Rose and Mrs. John English. A delicious salad course was served.

One of the most attractive social affairs of the Valentine season was the party given Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. J. A. Stewart in honor of Mrs. S. C. Lawton of Charleston, the guest of Mrs. Oscar Blair. Bridge and rump were played at seven tables. The honor guest was presented a candy corsage. The Valentine note was carried out in the decorations, tallies, and in the refreshments, which consisted of creamed chicken, hot rolls, perfection salad, olives, sandwiches and coffee.

Little Francis Greene, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. S. Greene, was operated on Monday at the Ellen Fitzgerald hospital for appendicitis. She is getting along nicely now.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Richardson, and Miss Vera Richardson, attended the ball game between Trinity and Davidson in the Charlotte auditorium Monday night. Mr. Oscar Richardson, the captain of the Trinity team, is the son of Mr. P. V. Richardson.

Mrs. J. C. Burroughs of Rockingham will arrive Sunday to spend several days with her sister, Mrs. V. C. Davis.

Mrs. Wriston Lee, with her daughter Katherine, is visiting her daughter, Miss Lucy Lee, at Converse College.

Miss Daisy Belk delightfully entertained at her handsome home Thursday afternoon from 3:30 to 6:00, at bridge, honoring Miss Rose Coleman, attractive house guest of Miss Adeline Crow. At the conclusion of the games the hostess served a delicious salad course, stuffed dates and candies. Thirty-two guests were present. The home was beautifully decorated, Parma violets being used in the parlor and pink carnations in the library.

Dr. J. M. Belk has as guests his daughter, Mrs. Frank Stevens, and her children, Johnnie and Sarah, of Winston-Salem.

Mr. W. J. Holloway went to Asheville yesterday where Mrs. Holloway has been for the past several days at the bedside of her mother, who is very ill.

Miss Mary Hazel Long is visiting her brother, Dr. Roy Long, who is a physician in the State Hospital at Morganton.

Mr. Hargrove Bowles is not bearing the fine egg market as an ad in the business locals of the last issue of the paper would indicate. He is selling his Anconas at two dollars per setting instead of one dollar as the paper made him say.

Chas. Iceman, Jr., Was Killed in Auto Wreck This Morning

Three Other Young Men Instantly Killed When Car Returning to Chapel Hill From Raleigh Collided With a Switch Engine—Mrs. Iceman on Way to Durham

Charles Iceman, Jr., of Monroe, was killed in an automobile wreck at four o'clock this morning in East Durham. Three other young men were killed instantly but young Iceman did not die till one ten today.

The terrible news came early this morning and as soon as possible, Mrs. Iceman, the mother of the young man being desperately wounded and mobile. The information then was that Charles was in a dangerous condition at the Watts Hospital in Durham, with his skull crushed above the right eye and his leg broken, but that there was hope of saving his life. With this information his mother started and possibly knew nothing more till she arrived in Durham.

At one twenty today the superintendent of the Watts Hospital phoned Dr. H. D. Stewart that Mr. Iceman had died at one ten. That was the terrible news which would meet the distressed mother at the end of her long and hard drive over muddy roads from Monroe to Durham.

Five young students of the University, including Mr. Iceman, had been to Raleigh to attend a dance last night. They were taken by one of the Chapel Hill service cars, driven by F. H. Bryant, who was instantly killed when the wreck occurred, along with two of the young men, Mr. Iceman being desperately wounded and unconscious. The latter was taken to the Watts Hospital with two others of the boys, not so severely ed.

The car was overrun by a switch engine in the suburbs of the city. The road from Chapel Hill to Raleigh leads directly through the main part of Durham with tracks to cross on both sides of the city.

None of the other men were from this section of the state. The dead besides Mr. Iceman are: George Hadley of Mr. Airy; George Peoples of Vance County; and F. H. Bryant, the driver. The wounded are: T. Boney of Goldsboro and J. C. Spach of Winston-Salem.

Durham is about thirty-eight miles from Raleigh. Twelve miles of the road is hard surface but the remainder is mostly old road in bad condition not having been kept up because hard surface is contemplated. It would therefore appear that the drive would have been about two hours and the boys must have left Raleigh immediately after the dance. It is supposed

Henderson Roller Mill Went Up in Smoke Wednesday Night

Fire of Unknown Origin at Midnight Entails Loss of Fifty Thousand Dollars Partly Covered by Insurance But Will Not Retard Building of New Mill

A little before twelve o'clock Wednesday night the Henderson Roller Mill, in the eastern part of town, was burned to the ground, nothing whatever being saved. The origin of the fire is unknown. It probably came from an electric wire.

The world was wrapped in snow and rain at the time and so nobody saw the fire till it had been far advanced, and once the large frame building got engulfed with the flames it burned rapidly. The fire company was on the scene immediately the call was turned in but nothing could stop it. The fire was first discovered from the railroad roundhouse.

The original building was put up in 1901 and had been added to from time to time. There was considerable flour on hand, the bad weather having cut off trade for several days. Bad weather also figured in saving a car of wheat that was on the siding, some two thousand dollars worth of grain. This car would have been unloaded Wednesday except for the rain, and hence it was saved. A car load of lumber belong to Mr. G. M. Tucker which was on the siding also, was saved.

The loss is estimated around fifty thousand dollars. On the building there was \$4,000 insurance; on the

machinery \$6,300; on the stock of grain, flour and feeds, \$21,000. This will probably cover the loss on the grain and flour, but the loss to the company on the building and machinery is far from covered. The building consisted of three stories and a basement and two storage rooms.

The company has under way a large brick structure near the railroad at the overhead bridge. It had been planned to have this new enlarged mill in operation by July first, and this plan will probably not be interfered with by the fire. Some machinery had already been bought for the new mill and it was planned to take the machinery over from the old mill. The old mill was a hundred barrel mill and the new one will be a two hundred and fifty barrel one.

Mr. J. E. Henderson is president of the company, Mr. Fred Huntley is vice president, and Mr. Walter Henderson is secretary and treasurer. The directors are J. E. Henderson, F. G. Snyder and Fred Huntley, and these gentlemen own all the stock. The mill has always been under the active management of Mr. J. E. Henderson who founded it, and has always been prosperous and of great benefit to the community.

SOME LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Rev. Caleb Hoyle will preach at South Monroe Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

Mrs. Virginia Davis and Mr. D. P. McFarly have returned from a trip to New York where they went to buy goods for Lee & Lee Company.

The weather bureau instrument at Rock Rest showed that 4.5 inches of rain fell during the first few days of this week.

Beginning with next Sunday all evening church services in Monroe will be changed from 7:00 to 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. R. J. Mellwaine will preach at Unionville next Sunday at eleven o'clock and at Bethlehem Presbyterian church at three in the afternoon.

Mr. M. C. Baker, who has been at school in Johnson City, Tenn., has returned home and will be here a while before going to school again.

There will be preaching at Pleasant View next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, preceded by song service at 10 o'clock.

Mr. S. F. Long of Marshville has accepted a position with an automobile concern in Charlotte and will move his family to that city at an early date.

A singing class is being taught at Iccemore Baptist church by Mr. H. E. Walden. The class meets for instruction and practice every other evening.

Mr. I. F. Piyler was acquitted a few days ago before Recorder Lemmond on a charge of seduction brought by Mrs. Florence McGinnis of North Monroe.

A Valentine party will be given at the Legion club rooms this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Games, contests, music and refreshments will constitute the program. Admission, 25c, which will be used for the purchase of a reference library at the graded school.

Arrangements are being made to present the minstrel given at the Strand last Friday by the American Legion at Wadesboro and Waxhaw at an early date. The Melvin Deese Post No. 27 is behind the movement and they made a great success of the minstrel in Monroe.

Mr. Julian C. Brooks, prosecuting attorney for the Recorder's Court, is at his home two miles west of the city, at the bedside of his daughter, Mildred, 14 years of age, who is at the point of death from pneumonia. Mildred has been sick for only two or three days, but has been in ill health for sometime and the worst is feared by her parents and physicians.

The Union Drug Co. is installing an up-to-date Liquid Carbonic fountain. The new fountain has a double service arrangement, with sterilizing shower bath for the glasses. It is made of Italian marble with opal onyx trimming. The fountain is iceless, the carbonized water receiving its temperature from the ice cream box, which is packed with ice. It is one of the most complete fountains on the market and adds greatly to the appearance as well as the service of this store.

The talk about the several circuits of which the Monroe church and this section generally has belonged to the districts were cut up and made smaller and smaller each year, as shown by Major Heath's history, recalls a remark once made by Mr. Jesse Parker, an old citizen of this county well-known years ago. "This circuit making has gone far enough," he said. "Why, my home has been in four circuits already and I expect them to keep on making the circuits smaller till my farm will be a whole circuit by itself."

A MOTHER BACKS UP REV. MR. HUGGINS ON TOBACCO

Wants the Schools to emphasize Its Evils and the Officers to Look Out for Cigare to Sales

To the Editor of The Journal:—We wish to commend Bro. Huggins for his piece in Tuesday's paper about tobacco and smoking. Please say to him that we agree with every word he said and hope it will have some influence in checking the almost universal habit in boys and [shall I say it?] the growing tendency in women and girls. If our school taught less science in the abstract and more about how to have healthy bodies, alert minds and strong, christian character; less physics and more spelling, reading and writing, we would have more fully educated people than at the present. Don't misunderstand me, I am not opposed to "higher education," but do we not "neglect the weightier matters," the real foundation, in our present school curriculum? It was the dean of Wellesley College, I believe, who said she didn't care anything about teaching her students the anatomy of a cat or how to dissect a white rabbit, but teach them the chemistry of foods, hygiene, how to be good housekeepers, and the worthy mothers of men.

The harmful effect of nicotine is taught or rather touched upon in one or two grades in our schools, but it is not driven home, stressed as it should be. I understand there is a campaign put on in China and Japan by the big American tobacco trusts to teach the boys and girls of those countries how to use the filthy weed. And this from christian America! We have some evidence that cigarettes are being sold to minors in our town. Cannot our officers ferret this out and stop it or prosecute without the women having to take a hand in it? A MOTHER.

COLUMN OF NEWS AND INTERVIEWS

Mr. Lemmond Tells How Important Discovery Was Made in the Good Old Times

WHEN JODIE MOVED FAST

Folks Are Wondering What Henry and McCormick Have Been Doing With Extra Tractor Money

By L. E. Huggins

Mr. R. W. Lemmond may not be as old as he looks, but he certainly can tell some stories that would lead one to believe that he lived in a different age from the present one.

One of Mr. Lemmond's latest "get offs" is to the effect that when he was a boy people always went to mill on horseback. Nothing so strange about that, you say! But, listen! He also says that the corn or wheat was placed in one end of a sack and a big rock or block of wood in the other end to effect a balance when the outfit was thrown across a horse's back. When neither a rock nor a block of wood could be found easily, a jug of liquor was sometimes used for a balance on the opposite side of the grain.

"But, hold on a minute," a bystander interrupted, "when did folks learn that the corn or wheat could be divided and half the turn placed on each side of the horse's back?" "Oh, well," responded Mr. Lemmond, "one day a fellow lost his rock and happened to be out of liquor and as necessity is always the mother of invention he naturally had to figure out a way to get home and the new way was born then and there."

The crowd seemed satisfied with the explanation and Mr. Lemmond proceeded with another of his ancient stories. This time it was in regard to the old-time log huts that people used to live in. "Why," declared Mr. Lemmond, "people used to think they must have a place in the front door for the cat to get in, and in nearly every one of those old cabins were two holes. The builder of the house originally planned to have only one hole, but after he had made a large one for the grown cats he discovered that the kittens must also have a place to get and he proceeded to cut a small hole for them." Nobody questioned Mr. Lemmond's philosophy and every one went away in a good humor.

Look Like the River Jordan

The heavy, continued rains this week caused high water marks in all streams in the county. Mr. M. O. Bowman, carrier on route 4 from Marshville, says the water courses have been the highest since he has been carrying the mail. On Tuesday night rail on Gourdvine creek bridge in New Salem township was washed away and a big tree washed down and lodged against the bridge. When Mr. T. S. Lee of Lanes Creek township was asked how the creek looked near his home, he replied: "It looks like the river of Jordan."

Cyclone Passed Under Jodie

Mr. Moke Moore gets more out of a good story than almost anybody else. He delights to tell of a joke that he played on Mr. J. E. Thomas years ago when the latter was conducting a mercantile business in Marshville. Moke saw Thomas standing in front of his store door one evening about dark and decided to have some fun. He secured the services of a big yellow cat and tied a paper bag of peas to the cat's tail, headed him toward Thomas and turned him loose. With the first jump the peas began to rattle and the rattle of the peas and the speed of the cat increased with each succeeding leap. He ran down the street and passed right between Thomas's legs before he knew where the rattle with its velocity was coming from, and Moke says Thomas jumped about three feet straight into the air but managed to land on his feet. By this time the cat was gone and Thomas never knew what had passed between his legs.

Talking About Tractors

Where have two hundred and thirty dollars been going? That's the question Union county farmers who have recently bought Fordson and International tractors are asking. The fact that both Ford and McCormick have reduced their tractors \$230 is interesting enough to farmers who expect to purchase tractors this spring but to those who have "forked out" the \$230 over and above what they are now asked for the same tractor the situation is entirely different. If Mr. Ford and Mr. McCormick can now afford to sell them for \$230 less than they formerly got for them, why couldn't they have done it sooner? If they are losing money now, they certainly must have made a "clean-up" during the past few years or they wouldn't be in position to sell them at a loss now. But if the reductions hadn't been made farmers who were able would have gone ahead and bought them at the old prices and nobody would have been any wiser. Whether Mr. Ford and Mr. McCormick have been "salting down" too much on their tractors or whether they are now losing money on them makes very little difference to the farmer who needs a tractor. The reduction in prices is going to be a powerful factor in stimulating the use of tractors and incidentally to the success of agricultural interests, and everybody ought to be glad of it.

There will be preaching at New Hope Methodist Protestant church next Sunday at 3 p. m. by the pastor.