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FARMERS OF UNION COUNTY ARE WHIPPING THE WEEVIL

Everywhere They Are Holding Him Down to the Minimum Damage and Still Fighting

STATE ENTOMOLOGIST IS HIGHLY PLEASED

Says If the Fight Is Kept Up Like It Has Been Going Until September, County Will Make a Fair Crop—Union Farmers Have Been Pounding the Weevil Like the Dickens All the Season and Now Seem to Have Him Well in Hand—Fight, Fight, Fight, Is Still the Slogan.

With the whole county in a state of first, second and third year infestation by the boll weevil, the farmers of Union county, with the grit and determination that have always animated them in an emergency, are winning the fight against the weevil.

The county was shocked last fall by the piling up of evidence by The Journal, not only that the weevil was here, but that it meant temporary ruin unless a tremendous fight of intelligence and grit were put up against it. It was shown over and over that the experience of other sections was that cotton could be made in reasonable amounts in spite of the weevil if the known methods of fighting the weevil were begun and carried through.

The farmers have been doing that and today the State Entomologist assures them that so successful has their fight been so far that by keeping it up till September a fair crop will be made in this county.

Something Hopeful
Frequently The Journal has been asked, "Why do you keep talking about the boll weevil, doesn't everybody know all about it by this time? Why not publish something hopeful on the subject?"

Well, here is your hopeful news: The fight has been carried on. The farmers of Union county did not remain asleep as they did in many sections, and wait till they were ruined. And now there is every reason to believe that in spite of the boll weevil a fair crop will be made in this county. Line upon line and precept upon precept. Except for the repeated hammerings of The Journal, of the county demonstration agent, of agricultural leaders and intelligent farmers generally, the average man would have remained unimpressed with the danger and today, instead of being able to say that there is hope, everywhere we should have had tales of disaster.

Must Fight to the End

But the fight must be kept up. Everywhere the alert farmers in the county are picking up and burning the fallen squares twice a week and some of them are doing it daily. About sixty per cent of the blooms of a cotton stalk are normally thrown off, either as blooms or squares. The stalk cannot mature the number that are first brought out, but nature, in this case, as in all others, plays safe. It starts more than it expects to finish as a matter of safety and to provide against accident. Normally the stalks sheds only such as from one cause or another, it cannot mature. Now, when the weevil comes along early in the game and gets its part of the squares, the stalk is going to subtract them from the number that it has to throw off anyway. Thus, what the weevil gets in the early fruiting stage, enables the stalk to take care of more of the remaining blooms or squares. If the weevil can be held down to the sixty per cent, or something like that, in the early stage, there will be no great reduction in the crop. But if he entrenches upon the reserve it is good night. These facts seem to indicate that with our small fields, with labor enough to get over them regularly to pick up the squares, by planting early, and following other known methods of fight, a reasonable crop can be counted on each year. It is to be hoped that these indications are true.

From Mr. Broom

Mr. T. J. W. Broom said to The Journal yesterday: "State Entomologist Franklin Sherman was in the county Saturday visiting the farmers who are going to dust their cotton with calcium arsenate should it become necessary to do so. He reports that the farmers all along the line in the weevil infested territory are waging a relentless fight against the weevil, and as a result of the unceasing efforts of the farmers to destroy all squares before the weevil emerges from them, the damage from their ravages is much less than he expected to see at this season. Mr. Sherman is of the opinion that if this fight is kept up until September this section will make a fair crop of cotton.

"Many farmers have reported to us within the last few days that they are finding fewer punctured squares now than they did two weeks ago. The farmers are picking the squares and it goes to show that the method is effective.

"Let us remember that there should be no let up until September, and that to be of the greatest effect, the squares should be picked every three or four days."

Miss Pauline Dove of Darlington, S. C., is the guest of Miss Evelyn Lockhart for a few days.

FIGHT ON AND WIN

By Franklin Sherman, State Entomologist
If the farmers of Union county will keep up the fight they are now making against the boll weevil till September, they will make a fair crop of cotton, so far as the weevil ravages are concerned. The farmers in all the field of infection have been waging a brave fight. This fight has consisted in simply destroying all the squares that fall off before the weevil emerges therefrom. This is the only practical method this season and it is proving effective. I have been greatly pleased with the fight that has been put up in Union county. The result is going to be less damage to the crop this season than I thought possible. Fight on, pick up and burn every fallen square, and the weevil is fairly beaten this year.

BIG AUTOMOBILE FALLS OVER A HIGH PRECIPICE

Mr. W. F. Benton and Son, Hermon, Occupants of the Car, Are Badly Injured

Mr. W. F. Benton and his son, Hermon, were severely hurt and narrowly escaped with their lives Saturday afternoon when the large Haynes car in which they were riding was struck by another automobile on a detour near Abbeville, S. C., and knocked down a fifteen-foot embankment.

Mr. W. F. Benton lives in Monroe while his son's home is in Abbeville. Mr. Benton had gone to Abbeville to attend the funeral of his son's mother-in-law, Mrs. Taggart. Mr. William Hughes was driving the car Saturday afternoon when it was struck by another car that was passing on a narrow stretch of the detour and knocked down the embankment as stated above. Mr. Benton received a long gash on the forehead and suffered severely from the loss of blood.

Eight stitches were required to sew up the gash. He was brought to Monroe by rail Sunday night and is confined to his bed here.

Mr. Hermon Benton had four or five ribs broken and is in a critical condition at his home in Abbeville, being unable to move or raise his head. The extent of his injuries is unknown but it is believed that he will recover.

Mr. Hughes, who was driving the car, and two other occupants escaped unhurt, but the car was badly damaged.

The name of the man who was driving the car that struck Mr. Benton's is unknown and it has not been ascertained whether there is blame attached to any of the parties, but it appears to be one of those unavoidable accidents.

Mr. Benton is a good citizen and his many friends here regret his unfortunate accident.

ERRORS HELP ALBEMARLE IN WINNING FROM MONROE

Game Was Featured With Fluke Plays—Second Straight For Albemarle—Culp Twirls Good

Albemarle made it two straight from Monroe yesterday by beating them 4 to 2 in a game featured with errors and fluke plays. Culp, the new pitcher Monroe secured recently, pitched a good game and would have won if he had had even the average support. Monroe made the only earned run of the game when English punted one over the center field fence in the third. Several of the 8 hits secured off Culp were scratches and they were all scattered and came in as many innings. He shut down on them in the pinches and frequently left two men on bases, besides striking out 16 men. All of Albemarle's runs came off errors and walks. Monroe scored one run when Kirke doubled, sacrificed to third, and came home on a passed ball. Kress pitched a good game for Albemarle. There were several new faces in both teams lineup.

Monroe, 2, 8, 6; Alb., 4, 8, 2.

Culp and Lowe; Kress and Ritchie.

Beats Gastonia

Monroe took her second game from Gastonia here Friday in a fast play that ended 5 to 4. The game was a hummer and was featured by "Babe Ruth" Hasty hitting the ball over the fence with two men on bases, which put Monroe ahead. This was the second game that "Lefty" Wesneige has taken from Gastonia, winning the first one 10 to 3.

Fallow, the 19-year-old high school wonder from Batesburg, S. C., pitched a no hit, no run game for Shelby Saturday at Shelby against Monroe and struck out eight men.

Shelby scored in the second inning. Shelby had men on bases nearly every inning, but couldn't get the needed hit to drive in the runs. Poole, Parks and Gurley led the hitting for Shelby with two hits each.

Shelby, 1, 9, 3; Monroe, 0, 0, 2.

Lowder and Lowe.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness shown us during the sickness and death of our daughter, Ruby. May God's richest blessings rest upon them all.—Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Chaney and children.

If it wasn't for the payroll, business would be a happy pastime.

LEGEND TELLS HOW GOOSE CREEK TOWNSHIP GOT NAME

Pioneer Settler, the Story Goes, Had Unusual Experience With Geese, and Tradition Holds

TOOK FIRST AIRPLANE VOYAGE KNOWN TO MAN

Goose Creek Has Many Citizens That Are of the Salt of the Earth, and the Environments Are Conducive to the Real Manhood and Womanhood That Comes From Goose Creek Township.

The writer of this story recently visited Goose Creek and didn't run up against anything strong to drink either. A visit to that historic section of the county will wipe away all suspicions in which some are wont to hold one of the best townships in Union county.

It is true that there is some blockading going on in Goose Creek, but on the other hand a very large majority of the citizens of that section are peaceable, law-abiding people and are among the salt of the earth. That's why Goose Creek has furnished so many useful and able men. As was brought out in the recent debate in Monroe on which section of Goose Creek has furnished the most great men, there is every environment over there that is conducive to real manhood and womanhood. Goose Creek, Duck creek, Crooked creek, Clear creek and every other kind of creek, with beautiful hills and fertile valleys, offer to the youth a glimpse of nature that is excelled only by the mountains of Western North Carolina, and to the would-be blind-tiger a fine place to hide from officers.

The climate and soil of Goose Creek are especially adapted to the growth of fruit, and the temptation to make cider is great, especially since there is no established market for fruit in this section and therefore hundreds of bushels of fine apples must go to waste. Some of the finest canned and dried fruit to be had comes from Goose Creek.

Why He Quit Drinking Liquor

A citizen of that section tells an interesting story as to why he quit drinking liquor. At one time he was a heavy drinker and had considerable dealings with a noted blind tiger, who operated on Rocky River after Union county went dry, but before the state prohibition law was passed. The blockader built a flat and operated it from one side of the river to the other as an accommodation to his customers and he got rich and bold. Finally, he built a fine residence from money he had made in the illegal manufacture and sale of liquor and that put the man referred to above to thinking that he had helped to build that house at the expense of his own health and the comforts of his family. He reasoned that it was an upright neighbor in poor circumstances should ask him to help build him a house he would tell him to build it himself, and he then and there decided to quit drinking liquor and he has drunk none since.

The First Airplane Voyage

But perhaps the most interesting thing about Goose Creek township is its name and the legend in connection with it secured the name. One of the older citizens relates the legend of wild geese played on the waters of what is now Goose Creek and one day a pioneer settler figured out a way to secure them for his own benefit. He provided himself with a cord and made a dive under the water some distance from the geese. He swam around under them tying their legs together until they were all bound and then tied the cord around his waist, after which he poked his head out of the water and said "boo!" This frightened the geese and they all arose at the same time carrying the pioneer settler along with them on the first airplane voyage ever made by man.

The voyage was a long one, extending from Goose Creek to South America where the geese went for winter quarters, and the man didn't know where he was to land but finally happened to think that he had a knife in his pocket. He took it out and cut the cord and fell into a hollow tree. He couldn't figure out how he was to be extricated from such a predicament until suddenly the top of the hollow darkened and a big bear began backing down into the den. But fortunately said pioneer citizen still had his knife in his hand and he seized a firm hold upon the bear's tail and began stabbing him with the knife, which caused him to make for the top of the hole carrying the man with him.

The Return Trip

And then the question arose as to how he was to get back to Goose Creek. However, after recovering his equilibrium from the thrilling airplane voyage he figured that the geese would come back to Goose Creek when the winter was over, since no man, woman, animal or fowl once tasting the goodness of that spot can leave and stay away satisfied very long at the time. His surmise was correct and so about the time winter was over he caught his flock of geese on a pond one day and proceeded to repeat his same stunt, with the result that a second airplane trip was made, this time back to Goose Creek. In commemoration of that event he called that historic stream Goose Creek and the township was later named for the water course.

Miss Kate Copple and Mr. Henry Ellis Copple are visiting the sister, Mrs. Samuel Long, in Heath Springs.

HENDERSON-SNYDER CO. MOVE TO NEW BUILDING

The Event Furnishes a Peg Upon Which to Hang a Mighty Pretty Business Story.

FIRM KILLS THREE BIRDS WITH BUT A SINGLE STONE

Has Twelve Thousand Feet of Floor Space Right on Railroad Right of Way — Three Closely Associated Enterprises That Have Been Built Upon Energy, Intelligence and Character.

In years gone by, and to some extent yet, when a man is engaged in running a mill of any kind, a shop, or a gin, he was said to be engaged in "public work." He was making a private business function in a public way. The neighborhood was as much interested in the efficiency of a business of this kind as it was in the efficiency of the public school teacher or the public official.

Today the public manifests its interest in all forms of business by saying either through laws or some other form of regulation, to some extent, how business shall be conducted. Modern life is tying us all up so closely together that all forms of private business which are necessary and useful links in the long economic chain of production and distribution, becomes of interest to all. In one city in North Carolina they still let a railroad track remain on the front street because it carries freight cars to and from the side doors of the wholesale houses. Sooner or later the houses will have to follow the tracks away from the central part of town, but the people hesitate to force the issue because of the usefulness of the arrangement in cutting down draying charges.

These general principles are but introductory to the story which The Journal is carrying in this issue in an advertisement of the Henderson-Snyder Company, wholesale grocery-men. This is a story of a private business with a collateral interest to the public such as The Journal is fond of telling of any private business which goes to make up the economic life of town and county. All such steps mean better business and more business for the firms and the community where-in they are located.

Fits Like a Glove

This concern has moved to its own building, admirably located, and constructed for the handling of goods. The two floors of the building comprises twelve thousand square feet of space and freight cars are loaded and unloaded at the rear door, while the truck trade is accommodated at the front door. Situated thus, next to the railroad right of way, the whole burden of draying charges is wiped off the slate at a sweep. It will be no longer necessary to transport goods by the thousands of truck loads to and from the station. By putting up their own building on this side they have killed two birds with one stone, in fact, three. Office and warehouse are under one roof, there is provision for handling car load lots and thus saving freight and buying cheaper and there is the cutting out of the draying charges.

A Fine Business Structure

Nearly twenty years ago Messrs. D. B. Snyder and F. G. Henderson began a small brokerage business in Monroe. They did not have any money, which so many young men of today think that they can't start without, but they had a driving energy, love for work, and character. Business intelligence mixed with these attributes will sooner or later pile up a success anywhere. Around this modest start has been crystallized the present three prosperous plants of the Henderson-Snyder Company, the Henderson Roller Mill, and the Henderson Motor Company. While this firm was erecting its new building the roller mill was being constructed, equally well located just across the street. On its opening day last week one hundred and sixty vehicles from the country unloaded home made wheat at the mill and carried back Union county flour. The mill has a capacity of two hundred and fifty barrels a day, being able to take care of the local trade and also put its own brands of high grade flour on the market, made from western wheat.

A Working Personnel

Mr. J. E. Henderson, the fine old citizen and splendid miller who came to Monroe many years ago and started a small mill and began to enthusiastically preach to the farmers the value of wheat growing, is still in charge of the mill and is happy to see so many of his dreams come true. With him are his son W. A. Henderson, and Fred Huntley, the latter coming in some years ago with the Snyder-Huntley Company, which began a grain brokerage business, which has since been merged into the mill business.

Mr. D. B. Snyder is in charge of the Henderson-Snyder Company, and last January two fine fellows, Julian Griffin and Alex Scales, were taken into the firm. The former takes care of the local trade and the latter is on the road. The Henderson Motor Company, which distributes all the Ford cars it can get and has been doing a great deal to develop the use of tractors in the county, is under the supervision of Mr. F. G. Henderson. All these gentlemen are stockholders of some or all of the three companies, and if they were not running strictly competitive businesses they would probably be accused of having interlocking directorates. Every one is an active worker and there are no overhead members of the firm to hold

THE DIE-HARD EASTERNERS PREVENTING END OF STRIKE

LOCAL SITUATION GOOD

The local men who walked out Saturday, July 1st, twenty-eight of them, and also twenty-two maintenance men who quit a little later, making fifty in all, are standing pat, but are doing it in an orderly and peaceable manner. There has been no trouble at all in Monroe, the men who are on a strike all being level-headed men who realize that law and order must be maintained. The special agents employed by the Seaboard to keep watch over the railroad property have also conducted themselves in a gentlemanly manner and their attitude has been such as to merit the confidence and respect of the strikers.

BE ON HAND AT FAIR MEETING TO-NIGHT

General Committee Will Make Its Report and Organization Will Likely Be Perfected For Fair in Nov. Everybody who is interested in a

fair for Union county this fall is invited to meet in the room of the Chamber of Commerce at 8 o'clock this evening.

The general committee appointed last week, as told about in the last issue of The Journal, will make its report to-night. It will recommend two things. One is that a fair association be organized immediately under the general State statute, with no less than one hundred members, though an association can be organized with a membership of ten or more. The other recommendation will be that a fair be held on November 1, 2, and 3, presumably in the grounds and buildings of Lake Tonnawanda.

Mr. J. C. M. Vann, chairman of the general committee, will make a full report of the committee's work, and it is expected that an organization will be perfected tonight by an election of the number of officials provided for in the statute.

That is a short but sweet story. It means that if the public shows any interest we can have a fine fair this fall. It also means that some of the public is already greatly interested, in fact, enough to put the fair over. But the promoters need every individual who is willing to do his part. An enthusiastic meeting should be held tonight.

OCCUPATION FOR THE SMALL SCHOOL CHILDREN

Mr. Gordon Finds That They Are Very Useful in Picking Up Punctured Squares

The boll weevil may not do a great deal of damage in this county, but he has certainly set people to thinking and talking about him. In fact, he is the most talked of being in this section. Anywhere and everywhere one goes the boll weevil is the topic of discussion. He may be unpopular but he is certainly in the limelight, and Mr. A. R. Gordon of Jackson township says he is a friendly sort of bug. He says he has caught a number sitting in cotton blooms waiting for the square to get large enough to attack. Mr. Gordon believes that the most effective way of fighting the weevil is to pick up the squares that have been punctured and have fallen off. This, he says, may be done by children too small to do hard work. His children use book satchels to put the squares in and they got about a gallon to the acre on an average. He says all the fields in his section are infested, but that they are not doing any great amount of damage, since a certain per cent of the squares must fall off anyway—that the stalks cannot support and mature all the squares that form.

Mr. Gordon says he intends to grow cotton in spite of the weevil, but that he will not plant as large acreage. Last year he cultivated fifteen acres and this year he anticipated the ravages of the weevil and cut his acreage to eight acres, while next year he will plant only five, but it is his intention to fertilize it heavy and work it fast and late, picking up the punctured squares and fighting Mr. B. Weevil to a fare-you-well.

Mr. Parker Will Lecture Next Sunday

Mr. J. J. Parker was called to New York Friday on important business and therefore could not deliver his lecture to the Men's Bible classes of the Methodist and Episcopal churches Sunday morning as had been announced. However, he has consented to make the lecture on "Idealism" next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock in the Men's Bible class room of Central Methodist church and all members of both the Methodist and Episcopal classes are urgently requested to be present.

down office chairs and draw salaries. Every one is a public spirited citizen and throws his part into anything of public weal that comes along. All are old enough to "use discretion" as Jeff says, but none too old to be enthusiastic in their work. Their ideas of work are illustrated in the saying of Julian Griffin, who often complains that the days are too short for him to get everything done that he wants to do. They are working out a well earned success for themselves and for the community in which they do business, and Monroe wants just as many more such as can be found.

If Seniority Rights Were Restored There Would Be No Difficulty About Agreeing

THAT IS PRESENT CLAIM OF THE LABOR LEADERS

Official Spokesmen Declare That the Eastern Financiers Wish the Strike To Go On Because They Wish To Destroy Unions—Meantime President Harding Continues to Ponder While His Advisers Ply Him With Plans.

"What's the news about the strike?" So far as an onlooker can see there is no news. The situation stands as it has been. Spokesmen for the railroad executives say that the strike is broken, that either the strikers are returning to work or they are hiring new men a plenty. Meanwhile they continue to take off more trains, presumably so that the new men will not have much to do.

From the standpoint of the shopmen the strike continues successful and the men are ready to go back to work when the roads agree to withdraw their orders that all strikers shall lose their seniority rights. They assert that a group of eastern financiers are dominating the railroad executives and preventing them from agreeing to this. Yesterday the Union leaders declared:

"The government now admits that the railroad strike is a grave public issue; the public knew it two weeks ago," was a statement issued by the central strike committee.

"It is only the die-hard group of eastern executives who deny it. They deny it because they want the strike to go on. They are using this crisis in a vain attempt to install the open shop."

"If the government wants to relieve the transportation crisis it will settle the strike. And the way to settle the strike is to persuade General W. W. Atterbury and his 'hard-boiled' Wall street clique to cease holding up the nation's business by their private refusal to allow seniority rights to the workers. It is inconceivable that a half dozen men can impose their selfish will upon the welfare of a hundred million."

Mr. Harding Inactive

The coal strike is also where it was. Mr. Harding has done nothing since requesting the governors of the States to call out their militia to see that workers are unmolested.

Some administration advisers who favor a drastic move by the government are known to hold the view that President Harding should demand that the railroad executives make every effort to restore interstate commerce, especially to the extent of abandoning their stand on the seniority issue—said to be the crux of the whole strike question—whereupon the disputants would be expected to come together on the matter of a fair living wage for railroad employees, conceded to be the remaining important issue.

If the railroad executives refused, it was declared, the President, satisfied he has full authority and a duty delegated him by the constitution to maintain interstate commerce and the mail service, could proceed to operate the railroads.

Authority Ample

While the Esch-Cummings act would be invoked for the purpose as far as that would supply, it was said, the President's main reliance would be the duty "entrusted to the chief executive under the constitution."

The President, it is understood, has been assured by his advisors, that his authority for decisive action, without recourse to Congress, is without question. Two courses would be open to him in order physically to operate the railroads, it was said. First, he could request the strikers to return to work under the government operation at the old wage scale with seniority right restored. If this failed, then federal troops could be called upon to assure operation of the trains.

The first course, the President is understood to believe, would be acceptable to the strikers, who would see in it the capitulation of the railroad executives and a victory won for labor. The chief contention of the strikers, it was said, has developed into a fight for seniority, with the wage dispute becoming subordinate.

There is little disposition in government circles to consider meeting the emergency by actually putting the lines under government operation.

Home Coming Day at Old Zion Camp Ground

Next Sunday will be observed as "Home Coming Day" at Zion Methodist church in Goose Creek township. It will be an all day affair with picnic dinner. Mr. W. B. Love and others will speak. Zion church is located at the old Zion campmeeting ground. Zion was one of the greatest gathering places in the old days. Many fond recollections cluster about it. Rev. Mr. Huggins, the pastor, says that the church is very desirous that every old member and especially old people who used to go to Zion, make an effort to be present on the occasion. It is desired to give them a day of welcome and enjoyment on the old spot which has played so important a part in the life of the past.