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FINANCING CROP EASIEST THING ABOUT MARKETING

Local Banks, Backed By War Finance Board, Will Furnish Money.

BEGINS TO RECEIVE COTTON NEXT MONTH

Organization Has Been Perfected and Final Drive For Members Is On—Greatest Problem Is To Get Members—Arrangements For Foreign Connection Established—Will Sell Cotton As Fast As It Can Be Done Orderly.

(Special to The Journal) Raleigh, Aug. 1.—With its organization for handling this year's cotton crop of its members complete, the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association is conducting an intensive drive this month to bring its total sign-up to six hundred thousand bales, which will be 75 per cent of the estimated yield in North Carolina.

U. B. Blalock of Wadesboro, general manager of the association, was kept busy most of the week looking after his duties as president of the North Carolina farmers' convention, which was in session at West Raleigh. He is moving his family to Raleigh and will devote his entire time to looking after the affairs at the headquarters of the association.

Arrangements for establishing foreign connections to handle the four hundred thousand bales that have been signed up by the association, were made last week at a conference of directors of several Southern cotton growers' co-operative associations, which was attended by President W. H. Austin, directors B. W. Kilgore and L. D. Robinson and General Manager Blalock, of the North Carolina Association. Chesley B. Howard, a prominent Atlanta cotton merchant, has been employed by the North Carolina, Georgia and Alabama associations as sales manager to handle their cotton.

Banks Will Furnish Money Arrangements for financing the handling of the cotton of the War Finance Corporation has agreed to loan the North Carolina association to the amount of ten million dollars, but it is not expected that it will be necessary to use much of this promised loan as practically all the North Carolina banks have promised to make advances on the same basis as the War Finance Corporation.

While the War Finance Corporation has agreed to make advances on the cotton of members of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association to the amount of ten million dollars, it is expected that the larger part and perhaps the whole of the advances this season will be made by the local banks in the sections, where the cotton is delivered to the association.

It will be the policy of the North Carolina association, as it has been of the other co-operative selling organizations, to use the local credit facilities, where they are available, first and if these are insufficient then the War Finance Corporation will be called on but not otherwise. Almost without exception banks in this state have pledged their support to the association in its selling to the full limit of their resources.

Advance of 50 to 60 Per Cent

The policy of the War Finance Corporation is to make advances of from fifty to sixty per cent of the market value of the cotton at the time it is delivered to the association. When the cotton is delivered it will be placed in a bonded warehouse at the point of delivery if one is available, or shipped to a warehouse from places where there is not a warehouse. If the cotton is delivered at a warehouse, the member is given a warehouse receipt which is attached to a sight draft for the amount of the advance that is to be made. This draft on the association is cashed at the bank at which the member does business. In the case of delivery at a station for shipment to a warehouse, the same thing is done with the bill of lading, which is attached in the same way to the sight draft.

The North Carolina Cotton Growers' Association is a selling organization and as fast as the cotton is marketed, which will be done in an orderly and business-like manner, the receipt from the sales will be used to make further advances to the members of the association who have delivered cotton until all the cotton is sold when a final settlement is made.

In Texas, Oklahoma and Mississippi last year, it was found necessary to use only a small part of the advances promised by the War Finance Association while the California Co-operatives last season did a sales business of three hundred million dollars with an advance of only a million and a half dollars from the government. It is expected that the same thing will be true in North Carolina.

Dr. Jabez H. Williams, brother of R. E. J. Williams of Monroe, has accepted the position of assistant to R. McBrayer at the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium, and will begin his work about the middle of this month. Dr. Williams has been practicing at Clermont. Mrs. Williams, who was Miss Alice Blakeney of Monroe, will have a position in the business department of the institution.

READY TO HANDLE COTTON

The directors of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Association are rapidly shaping up organization for handling this year's crop of the members. Already the headquarters of the association in Raleigh has become a scene of bustling activities with a large clerical force at work getting the records in shape for handling the details of the mass of accounting work that will be necessary.

Heads of departments and executive officers have been secured by the directors to supervise this work. The best men in their respective lines have been employed, and they are busy arranging plans for handling this year's crop. The directors will be ready to receive the cotton of its members on and after September first. None will be received until then.

SNAKE GAVE BIRTH TO THIRTY-ONE CHILDREN

This Happened When She Was Struck One Time Too Many—Twenty-five Feet of Snake

Monroe, route 5, Aug. 1.—Mr. and Mrs. K. N. Price and family motored to Peachland Sunday morning to spend some time with friends and relatives.

Mr. A. J. Irby of Haynesville, La., a grandson of the late Hogan Irby, is on a vacation of thirty days visiting friends and relatives of Union and Anson counties. Mr. Irby is working in the oil fields of Louisiana. This is his first visit to this section.

Messrs. Blair and Fairley Price, while plowing their father's field one day last week came upon a large female Copperhead snake. Fairley secured a hoe and chopped the snake's head nearly off. Thinking she deserved another lick to relieve her of her suffering he hit again, and behold, when he struck her the second time she gave birth to thirty-one little snakes that measured seven inches. Connecting the mummy snake to the little ones, she being 36 inches long, would make a total length of 253 inches, or in other words it would make 25 feet and one inch. Some snake!

Mrs. Sarah L. Helms, widow of the late Robert W. Helms, will celebrate her 76th birthday next Saturday, August 5th. All friends and relatives are cordially invited to come with well filled baskets and have a good old jolly time.

Messrs. Carl and Braxton Helms have gone to Charlotte to work at the carpenter's trade.

Miss Bright Helms of Monroe returned home Sunday after spending some time with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Helms of Helmsville.

Your correspondent, with his Corinth singing choir, had the pleasure of being present at the singing convention which was held at Sandy Ridge Baptist church last Sunday. The writer wishes to say that there was some fine music rendered by both singing choirs, which was greatly enjoyed by everybody.

WINGATE THROWS HER HAT INTO SPORT RING

Baseball and Horse Shoe Pitching are the Things—Party Goes to Blewit Falls on Picnic

Wingate, July 28.—A large number of boys and girls of the town, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Helms, Mesdames Flora Bivens and S. W. Hinson, motored to Blewit Fall Tuesday and spent the day picnicking, sightseeing, and having a jolly good time.

Mr. E. L. May reports to your correspondent that he is getting sweet potatoes from his patch.

Miss Kate Humphrey has returned from Charlotte, where she visited her sister, Miss Thelma Humphrey.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bailey, July 27th, a son.

Wingate has again thrown her hat into the sport ring. Base ball and horse shoe pitching is starting up. Two games of base ball have been played recently. On Saturday Wingate and Monroe met on Wingate's diamond and played an interesting game, Monroe being defeated. On Wednesday afternoon Wingate and Matthews met on the Wingate diamond and Matthews went down in defeat before the Wingate nine.

Mr. C. J. Thompson has moved into the house formerly used as the Baptist parsonage.

Why not turn your land and property loose and make Wingate a real town. Only last week eighteen different parties were in Wingate trying to buy or rent houses. All of the houses have been filled and it has become impossible for anyone to move to Wingate till more residences are built. It would be a good money-making proposition for anyone to build several nice houses to rent, and would also be a great help to our little town. "Pull for Wingate and watch it grow."—Z. Bright Tucker.

Miss Mary Austin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Austin, has been awarded a music scholarship at Coker college. She was prepared in music by Mrs. John Beasley and is a graduate of the Monroe High School.

MR. NISBET HASN'T MISSED A MEETING IN FIFTY YEARS

Faithful Attendant Has Been President of Tirzah Bible Society for Thirty-One Years

ARKANSAS CITIZEN SAYS UNION'S FIGHT SUCCESSFUL

Worm Doctor Hits Waxhaw in Grand Style and Exhibits Worms Sixty-Five Feet in Length—Seven Doses Medicine all that is Required to do the job, But Offered Nine One-Dollar Packages for Two Dollars and a Half.

Waxhaw, Aug. 1.—The annual protracted meeting of the Heath Memorial congregation of the Methodist church began yesterday, July 30th, and will continue throughout this week. The pastor, Rev. D. C. Ballard, will have assistance.

The Rehobeth congregation, Presbyterian, will begin their meeting next Sunday, Aug. 6th. The pastor, Rev. O. N. Hunnicutt, will be assisted by a minister from Charlotte.

In announcing the regular session of the Tirzah Bible society, Prof. R. N. Nisbet stated in the announcement that he had been a regular attendant on these occasions for the past fifty years, not having to his knowledge, missed a single meeting, and that he had been the society's president for the past 31 years. This, we think, is an excellent record for any man to be able to claim.

Mr. J. F. Schooly, a native of this county who has spent the past twenty-six years in Arkansas, is here on a visit to relatives. He says we people in Union county are evidently making good headway in our fight against the boll weevil. He doesn't think the weevil is doing any great damage to the cotton fields he has seen, notwithstanding the fact that this is his third year here, and he has been with us this year ever since cotton was "chopped out." John says the weevil doesn't get all the cotton every year. He has had a fairly good crop of cotton and sometimes he makes almost none. For instance, in 1921 he gathered seven bales from the same land on which he made 22 bales in 1920, and this year he expects to get 20 or 25 bales from this same land. However, before weevil infestation he had gathered 41 bales from an equal number of acres. He is in the sandy section of the state and says all the fight he has ever made against the pesky things is to wrap 'em up about two inches deep in the hot sands, and cook 'em. They are poisoning in his section for the first time.

Since it is becoming evident that the general fight against the weevil is going to somewhat increase the cotton yield we notice the price is beginning to slide down.

The quotations in the local papers show a slump of one and a half cents or \$7.50 per bale during the last few days.

Farmers Union Meeting

The regular monthly session of the county farmers' union will meet with Rehobeth local on Saturday, Sept. 5th at 10:30 a. m. There will be refreshments and regular dinner in picnic style on the grounds, all of which will be free to everybody who brings well filled baskets and take part in the occasion. There will be a public meeting in the afternoon and some entertaining speaker will talk to us on the live topics of the day. If the editor of The Journal can make it convenient to be present, he is hereby invited to be present. Come over, Mr. Editor, and see what you think of Rehobeth.

The cotton fields of this part of the county are, we think, the finest we have seen, if the present prospect holds up, and size is not counting at the expense of fruit, and the boll weevil doesn't make a new drive within the next 30 days, surely this section will have no complaint against production. The corn crop, however, is not up to the average for this community.

Messrs. W. J. Sims, R. S. Gamble and Jas. H. Carter have the prize corn fields. They certainly have some that is good to look at, and the best part of it is it's pretty safely advanced and will mature to good yields, with very little more moisture than the lands now hold.

The Worm Doctor

We thought the business of faking by worm doctors was confined to the court house square and to "court week," but dog my buttons if two white men, two negroes, a guitar, and an automobile "free show" attachment didn't hit Waxhaw Saturday evening about five o'clock and get up a crowd on the R. J. Belk Co.'s block so quick it almost made one's head swim. Some of the worms were said to be sixty-five feet long and looked very much like they might have been since they pretty well filled up the glass containers they were in. Seven doses of the medicine was as much as any one had taken it seemed. Yet the doctors, (?) wanted to sell everybody in the crowd, nine one-dollar packages, each of which would make a quart fruit jar full, and all for \$2.50 with a blank bank draft to be filled out when you got through taking the stuff and get your money back in case you were not benefitted. We did not keep tab on the sales, in fact there had not been any to "tab" when we left.

Mrs. J. T. Temple and children of Great Falls, S. C., spent the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Carter of this community.—Novus Homo.

Mrs. Morris Dunstan Fowler of Charlotte has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Spruill.

KIWANIANS AND ROTARIANS STAGE EXCITING BALL GAME

Half Dozen or More Pitchers Used By Both Sides Pitched Good Game of "Slow Ball."

NO FAST BALL ALLOWED DURING THE ENTIRE GAME

The Game Was Featured With Errors, an Average of One on Every Hit—Runners "High Balled" It Every Time a Hit Was Made, But Were Too Tired to Run—Jug Labeled "Goose Creek" Presented First Rotarian Making a Hit.

Staging a comeback that could not be stopped the Kiwanis base ball team snowed the Rotary team under 34 to 8 Friday afternoon. The game was played before an "immense" and enthusiastic crowd.

In the sixth inning with the score tied the Kiwanians jumped on Laney for 18 runs. Pitcher after pitcher was put in to turn the tide but the others had their batting eye and would not be stopped.

All of the half dozen or more pitchers used by both teams pitched a good game of "slow ball," no fast ones being allowed under the ground rules made to order to suit the convenience of the players. Several spectacular plays were made but they were of the fluke kind and consisted of the most pitiable errors.

A howling mob crowded the side lines and jeered at the players. The game was featured with errors, there being an average of one on every ball that was hit. If a player touched a ball and it went in any direction he simply started running and did not stop until he had reached home. Several times runners were called back on a foul ball but pleaded that they were too tired to run and to let them stay. Mr. J. W. Fowler seemed to get tired more than the others. When he got on base and was called back he would grin sheepishly and say, "Please let me stay. I'm so tired," and he would stay only long enough to wait on the chance to steal second base.

Hardly a Ball Game

The exhibition could hardly be called a ball game. No two players had on the same uniform. Several had none at all. In fact, it looked as if the players had come from a rummage sale. Mr. Walter Laney was the only player in full uniform. Dr. R. H. Garren came out arrayed in full hunting togs and wore his glasses. He was a good imitation of a typical English hunter. Mr. J. C. Sikes, the enthusiastic Rotarian, was out in full force and offered a large jug with the label "Goose Creek" on it to the first Rotarian that made a run. Mr. Bruce Redmond received the jug, but he did not let anybody see what was in it and it is not known whether there was "the spice of life" in it or not. Mr. C. W. Orton was chairman of the reception and entertainment committee. About ten gallons of lemonade was served to the players. A five gallon jug was placed behind second base and one behind first. As soon as a player got on base somebody would run out with a cup of lemonade or an Orange-Crush. Mr. Sikes also was the most influential in preventing the Kiwanians from scoring. Although he did not play he did more for the players. Taking his position at the first of the game by third base he would run out and stop any player on the opposite side that tried to come home at any time during the game. Had it not been for Mr. Sikes more runs would have been scored than the score book indicates.

Where Everybody Starred

Everybody starred in making errors, the whole team of both sides playing well in that department. R. G. Laney, Bruce Redmond and F. G. Henderson were well in the lead. Curtis Lee and N. C. English played good ball, making practically no errors. There was no outstanding stick work on either side. Everybody on both sides hit hard but the Kiwanis pitcher had better support than the Rotary.

It is impossible to give the line-up as the teams would put in new players or change their position at the end of every inning. Several of the players displayed their abilities at two or three different places. R. G. Laney pitched, caught, played second and third base.

A Shot at the Lineup

Kiwanis:—Frank Redfern, c; W. J. Hudson, Jr., 1; J. R. English, 2; N. C. English, 3; W. F. Starnes, 3; G. S. Lee, Jr., p; Roscoe Spencer, c; C. F. David, f; Hargrove Bowles, p; J. S. Lawson, r. f.; V. H. Wood, l. f.; J. C. Zobrist, 1; J. W. Laney, l. f.; F. B. Ashcraft, c. f.; Carr Bowie, c. f.; S. A. Alexander, l. f.

Rotary:—Bruce Redmond, c. f.; W. A. Henderson, l. f.; F. G. Henderson, 1; J. W. Fowler, r. f.; G. M. Smith, p; R. G. Laney, p. c; 2; 3; F. H. Dillon, c; 2; Allen Lee, p; 3; Curtis Lee, ss; J. S. Stearnes, l. f.; P. M. Abernathy, p; 3; H. H. Wilson, 1; G. B. Caldwell, c. f., ss.

Gate Receipts

The gate receipts amounted to \$43 less \$3 expenses, leaving a total of \$40 which will be given to the high school athletic council to be used in defraying expenses during the coming football season. The Kiwanis club is trying to get the Charlotte Kiwanians down here for a game in the near future. They will also play the Rotary club again.

Mrs. W. R. Burrell left last night for an extended visit to her old home in Canada. She will spend about six weeks with friends and relatives at Toronto, Burke Falls and Muskoka.

WEEVIL INFESTATION IS ABOUT TWELVE PERCENT

State Entomologist Sherman and Mr. T. J. W. Broom Made Test Last Week with Above Results

Franklin Sherman, state entomologist, was in Union county again Thursday and Friday and he and Farm Demonstrator T. J. W. Broom visited various sections of the county and made tests as to the infestation by the boll weevil. In the southeastern section of the county the highest percentage of infestation was 23 2-3, and this was on only one farm. An infestation of 41 1-2 per cent was found on one farm in the southwestern section of the county.

Mr. Broom states that 4,300 squares were opened and that the average infestation found was 12 per cent, some farms showing only two per cent. In some instances a field was found to be heavily infested, while another adjoining field was practically free from the pest.

When asked about the infestation in the northern section of the county, Mr. Broom replied that all sections are infested to some extent but that the northern section is not so heavily infested as that of the southern part of the county. He further stated that the weevil is not due in north Union county to any great extent before next year. However, it is Mr. Broom's opinion that the northern section of the county will never be infested to as great extent as the southern.

Mr. Broom says the infestation next year will depend largely upon how much cotton is gathered and the green stalks are plowed under early fall. He states that where the stalks are plowed under while they are green the weevils have nothing left upon which to feed and they therefore either die or hunt some field that has not been plowed under and hence the farmers who plow their stalks under early will have less boll weevils next spring than those who let it stand.

STUDENTS FROM THREE OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

All Gave Different Names for Their Congressman and Yet All Quoted the Correct One

Brief, July 31.—Mrs. Bob Small and son, Arnold, of Charlotte spent Thursday and Friday with relatives and friends here.

Prof. and Mrs. T. B. Huneycutt visited Prof. Huneycutt's brother, Rev. Q. N. Huneycutt, near Waxhaw, Sunday.

Dr. Jackson of Wadesboro will assist Rev. M. D. L. Preslar in the protracted meeting at Hopewell which will begin the first Sunday in August.

Mr. John Hough of Pamerville is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McManus.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Keziah visited their son, Mr. Clark Keziah, of Charlotte, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Clontz and Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Clontz visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Austin of Monroe route two Saturday afternoon.

Odell, year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mood Dorton, was seriously ill with crop last week.

Miss Mae Little of Cabarrus was the delightful guest of Miss Mary Long Saturday.

The protracted meeting which closed at Clear Creek Baptist church last Thursday was one in which much good and great success was accomplished, there having been fourteen new additions made to the present large membership.

One of the most remarkable incidents connected with the history of Brief is told by Mr. W. R. Campbell, who taught several sessions for us. Mr. Campbell states that while hearing a lesson in Civics he asked the question, "who is our representative in Congress?" To this came three different answers, all of which were correct: R. N. Page, R. L. Doughton and Yates Webb—the three students answering residing in Union, Cabarrus and Mecklenburg, all of which belong to different congressional districts.

Mr. O. L. Biggers has charge of the sign-up campaign of the cooperative cotton marketing association for this section. Mr. Biggers will have the aid of Mr. E. W. Gilliam when the drive is put on.

Mr. W. A. Tarlton of Concord spent the week-end with his family here.

One Hundred Thousand Bushels of Wheat

Mr. L. A. Robinson, of the Henderson-Snyder Roller Mills, believes that these mills will grind at least one hundred thousand bushels of local wheat between now and harvest time next summer. Not all of this wheat is expected to come from Union county, but from this and adjoining counties. Mr. Robinson points out the fact that the Henderson Roller Mills sold about six thousand bushels of seed wheat last fall, and this together with the amount sold by grocers and seed dealers in the county and also with the seed wheat already on hand by farmers he believes must have produced not less than one hundred thousand bushels, even though it was not a good wheat year. Mr. Robinson states that the wheat industry is growing in this section, as evidenced by the fact that many farmers failed to secure all the seed wheat they wanted last fall. With the advent of the cotton-boll weevil it is safe to predict that farmers in this section of the state will sow more wheat this coming fall than ever before.

In finding one profitable idea you have to try out ten.

NEW WAY OF PICKING UP PUNCTURED COTTON BOLLS

Citizen of Marshville Section Makes Gig of Small Nails and Thereby Saves Time and His Back

JOSHUA WAS MAN WHO MADE THE MOON SHINE

Declares the People of Polar Regions are Taught that Hell is a Place Where Folks are Freezing to Death All the time—Masonic Picnic at Coble's Mill to Be the Biggest Event of the Season—Three Counties Interested.

A story is told of an old gentleman who once got to feeling bad and sluggish and decided that he had a serious case of religion. Upon investigation it was ascertained that his liver was out of order. If the jovial dispositions of people indicate that their livers are functioning properly there is a crowd around Marshville whose livers must be doing double duty.

One story that crowds delight to tell and laugh over is to the effect that a noted Methodist preacher who went to a home for dinner and when the chicken was passed around he helped himself freely and continued to repeat the operation until finally another gentleman at the table remarked: "That chicken is certainly going to enter the ministry at an early date," to which the quick-witted minister replied: "Well, I hope he will do better in the ministry than he did in the lay business."

A Serious Turn

The conversation then took a serious turn and the boll weevil came in for consideration, when one member of the party furnished a new way of picking up squares that have been punctured and have fallen off. "I'm not going to break my back stooping to pick up squares," he said, "when I can use my head a little and thereby save my back." "Why," he continued, "the only thing necessary to save your back is to just take a rod the proper length and about two inches in diameter at the big end and drive small nails thickly in it with the sharp end sticking out. Then walk along and stick the nails against the squares until you get a handful of them, after which they may be slipped off into a bucket or some other container." He declared that this method is much faster and easier than picking them up by hand.

The Ridiculous

But not all of the talk was to be of a serious nature and the tide again turned to the ridiculous and a fellow related a story of a colored moon-shiner who was carried before a court of justice for violating the prohibition laws. His name was Joshua, and when he stood before the judge awaiting his honor's decision as to what the penalty should be, the judge asked: "Well, then, Joshua, are you the fellow who commanded the sun to stand still?" "No, suh," replied Joshua, Joshua, "I've de man what made de moon shine."

By this time somebody broke in and tried to spoil the optimistic view of things by remarking about the hot weather. But another fellow headed him off by suggesting that he sit down and keep his mind on the polar regions for awhile, which he believed would cause him to cool off and keep quiet about the weather. "Why," said the optimist, "those people up there where it is so cold have an idea that the kind of hell we preach would be a mighty fine winter resort. They are so anxious to hear about hot weather to hear about that the preachers have to change the teaching of the scripture in regard to eternal punishment and tell those folks in the polar regions that hell is a place where people are freezing to death all the time in order to get them afraid to go to hell."

Masonic Picnic

And then the conversation drifted to the Masonic picnic that is to be held at Coble's Mill, on Rocky River August 8th. "Tell the folks through the paper," said Mr. J. C. Smith, "that this is going to be the biggest picnic in the history of this section, that three counties, Union, Anson and Stanly, are to participate in it." He stated that everybody is invited to attend, Masons and their families and friends and everybody else who has plenty of rations to carry along. Mr. Smith believes this will be the biggest event of the season and he is sure that Coble's mill is an ideal place and a central location for the three kindly feeling between citizens of the counties who attend.

Jonas Marsh, a colored citizen of Lanes Creek township, also came in for a liberal portion of the discussion. One citizen believes that he has been making liquor since he was nabbed by officers a few weeks ago. And he is certain Jonas stole some meal from Mr. Howard Marsh last Saturday. Jonas lives a mile from Mr. Marsh's and Sunday morning when the meal was missed a mule's track was found around the place from whence it was taken and the track was followed to Jonas's home. The tracks measured exactly with the foot of Jonas' mule. The negro denied stealing the meal, but offered to pay Marsh for it if he would stop the racket.

Mrs. John H. Williams of the Rock Rest community fell last Friday and either broke or badly sprained the ligaments in her wrist. She was getting out of an automobile when she fell. The injury is not considered serious and her friends believe she will soon be able to use her hand again.