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## A BIG MASS MEETING IN COURT HOUSE MONDAY

**J. A. Evans of United States Department Agriculture Will Address the People**

**O. MAX GARDNER WILL COME AT AN EARLY DATE**

Survey of Acreage Has Been Made and Everything Is Ready for Big Membership Drive Which Will Be Formally Launched Next Monday—Estimated Seventy-Five Per Cent Union Crop Will Be Marketed By Association.

On Monday, Aug. 7th, at 2 o'clock p. m. the membership drive will be opened in earnest in Union county by the North Carolina division of the Cotton Growers Cooperative Marketing Association.

Hundreds of farmers and business men from all over the county are expected to attend this meeting, which will be the first of a series of meetings of the kind.

Everything Ready for Drive  
Mr. E. W. Gilliam, representative of the Cotton Marketing Association, has been in the county for several weeks making a survey of the cotton acreage and getting things in shape for the big drive.

President Gets No Salary  
The Smithfield Herald gives the following light on the matter of salary of the president of the association.

Coming to this city twenty-two years ago with but fifteen hundred cotton bales receipts to his credit and sitting back today in his office, which is located in one of the finest buildings in the Carolinas, with over ten thousand bales of cotton to his credit, having been purchased of the streets on the local market this year, is a part of the wonderful success of Mr. W. H. Austin of this city.

Few men have done what W. H. Austin has done for the town in which he lives. He has built up the local cotton market until it has become one of the best in the cotton belt.

It is not an easy matter to gain access to the office of W. H. Austin unless it is to discuss farming or problems of that nature.

**Denies the Rumor**

"There is a rumor that the cotton growers' association is paying you the handsome salary of \$60,000 per year and there is also another rumor that this salary is just \$15,000, but whatever it is the people of this county want to know it," we told him in opening our interview.

Sitting at his desk as though he had never heard a word, Mr. Austin moved slowly and reached for an advertisement which he had on his desk. "My friend, I have been here this afternoon studying over this paper," he said, turning back to us.

**Spending His Own Money**

"First, I do not draw one penny from the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Association. I have already spent over \$1,000 of my own money on trips for the association and what is more I have just made arrangements with my banker to finance the clerical forces on my own credit.

### MISS COVINGTON INTRODUCED TO MONROE BAR

The court and Monroe bar had a very unusual but most pleasant experience yesterday morning when Miss Mary Covington, daughter of the late Mr. D. A. Covington, was introduced to the bar by Judge B. F. Long. Miss Covington was introduced by Mr. John J. Parker and it was immediately moved that, since she is a graduate of George Washington law school, having received her diploma in June, she be granted the privileges of the bar, which was immediately done.

### SOME DOG-GONE GOOD NEWS FROM NEAR BRIEF

Raising Pups for the Market, Weevil Menace Growing Less—"Old Buck" Beats Brief

Brief, August 3.—Mr. Benjamin Esfridge of Charlotte spent yesterday with his sister, Mrs. T. T. Clontz.

Mr. Barrier has rented his farm to Mr. R. R. Polk and will move back to his home community near Mount Pleasant.

Mr. Lawrence Campbell, who has been working in Charlotte all spring and summer, is at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Campbell.

Most farmers of this section say that the activities of the boll weevil are less evident in practically all the infested areas, there having been lots of squares found in which there was no sign or trace of weevil punctures or grub.

The local baseball team was defeated yesterday in two games, one with Cabarrus, the other with the "old bucks." The score was 12-14 with Cabarrus; 6-8 with the "old bucks."

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Long and Mr. Roy Long of Concord are visiting friends and relatives here.

**Sang a Hole in the Church Floor**

Matthews, Aug. 2.—The annual protracted meeting begins the third Sunday in this month at Pleasant Plains Baptist church. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Snyder of Concord, will be assisted by another minister of that place.

Mr. Ray Price of Unionville visited his aunt, Mrs. Besse Stevens, last Sunday.

Messrs. Jason Martin and Clayton Fincher have started a garage over on route 18, Matthews.

Mrs. Wriston Helms of Mineral Springs has been visiting his cousin, Mr. Lloyd Helms.

Pleasant Plain singing choir went to Mill Grove Sunday. There were five other choirs there that day—some crowd, to be sure. The church floor fell in and they had to come out in the yard to sing.

## COTTON CROP CONDITION SHOWS A SMALL DECLINE

The Government Forecasts a Yield of 11,449,000 Bales of Five Hundred Pounds Gross  
DECLINE OF FOUR-TENTHS POINT FROM JUNE THE 25TH

Condition, Production, Acreage, Abandonment by States and Previous Conditions Are Given—North Carolina Estimated 78 Per Cent—Acreage Abandonment in this State Small—Union County 77.

Washington, August 1.—This year's cotton crop was placed at 11,449,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight in the second forecast of the season announced today by the Department of Agriculture, basing its estimate on the condition of the crop July 23rd which was 70.8 per cent of a normal.

There was a decline of 0.4 points in condition from June 25th to July 25th, the condition of June 25th having been 71.8 per cent of a normal one, on which the forecast of the season 11,065,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight was based.

The conditions of the crop on July 25th by states follows:  
Virginia, 80; North Carolina, 78; South Carolina, 69; Georgia, 54; Florida, 65; Alabama, 70; Mississippi, 74; Louisiana, 70; Texas, 72; Arkansas, 81; Tennessee, 85; Missouri, 90; Oklahoma, 75; California, 95; Arizona, 86; New Mexico, 85.

Cotton production by states, based on July 25th conditions and the acreage as announced in cultivation on June 25th, is unofficially given in bales of 500 pounds gross weight as follows:  
Virginia, 26,000; North Carolina, 848,000; South Carolina 825,000; Georgia, 1,048,000; Florida, 22,000; Alabama, 832,000; Mississippi, 1,099,000; Arkansas, 1,125,000; Tennessee, 349,000; Missouri, 94,000; California, 50,000; Arizona, 55,000; New Mexico, 18,000.

The final outturn of the crop, the department announced, may be larger or smaller than forecast today as conditions developing during the remainder of the season prove more or less favorable. Average crops of previous years and the July 25th condition in those years follow:  
Year, 1921; crop, 7,953,641; crop condition, 64.7. Year 1920; crop, 13,439,603; crop condition, 74.1. Year 1919; crop, 11,420,763; crop condition, 67.1. Year 1918; crop, 12,040,538; condition, 73.6. Year 1914 (record); crop, 16,134,390; condition, 76.4. Years 1912-11, average, 12,279,348; condition, 72.9.

County agents reported 29.8 per cent and exporters of the crop reporting board estimated 71.3 per cent of the total acreage was infested by the boll weevil.

**Large Attendance**  
Almost every foot of space in the large room was used for the placing of the half dozen or more long tables and hundreds of chairs, and when the crowd of around 200 were seated, there remained but little vacant room. As the large conglomeration of farmers, bankers, lawyers, doctors, newspaper men, ministers, merchants, manufacturers, teachers, and financiers stood around the tables, the toastmaster called upon the Rev. D. B. Green, pastor of the Albemarle Presbyterian church, who offered a beautiful prayer invoking divine blessings upon the meeting, and all those assembled. Mr. D. S. Lippard, of Millington, then extended a hearty welcome to the banqueters on behalf of the Millington community.

Mr. M. L. James of Oakboro, was next called upon to give the welcome address on behalf of the farmers, and he did this with a few words, well chosen, and with a spirit of earnestness that sounded real, honest-to-goodness welcome.

Mr. Phillips acted as toastmaster, and he made a good one, too, proving that he knows other things than how to fight boll weevils, cut worms and other farm pests.

Mr. Lippard responded eloquently to the address of welcome made by Messrs. Lippard and James. He stated among other things that Millington and its surrounding territory had set an example of progress for every other section of the county, commending the people upon the very excellent school building, and upon the good churches and roads of the community.

Mr. Reynolds made a short, snappy talk, filled with his usual wit and humor. A. C. Kimery of Raleigh, spoke upon the great advantages to be derived from a cooperative creamery, and urged upon the people of the county to cooperate in an effort to establish one, saying that such a business would turn loose ten to twenty thousand dollars every month among our farmers, which for the twelve months of the year would total almost as much as the entire cotton crop. He declared that this would not be the only advantage, but that a creamery would encourage the breeding of more thoroughbred cows and that the farms of those taking an interest would all the time be improving. He knows his subject, and convinced most of those present that Stanly county should establish a creamery at once.

Mr. Kimery was followed by Mr. E. S. Milsaps, District Farm Agent, of Statesville. Mr. Milsaps also boosted a co-operative creamery. He told of the great progress evident in this county during the past ten years, declaring that no better grazing section could be found in North Carolina, deploring the fact that the people here do not seem to have discovered this, or having discovered it, have failed to appreciate it.

After the address of Mr. Milsaps, a committee was appointed to consider the advisability of establishing a creamery at once.

**Ladies Assist**  
The farmers giving the banquet were greatly assisted by Mrs. O. H. Phillips, Miss Myrtle Keller and the club girls of Millington, the latter having served the sumptuous dinner.

## STANLY COUNTY FARMERS BANQUET BUSINESS MEN

Break Down the Barrier or Imaginary Line and Band Themselves Together for Good Time

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL MEN PARTICIPATE IN FEAST

Ten Leading Farmers from Each of the Townships, Assisted by Farm Demonstrator, Made the Occasion Possible—Movement Put On Foot for the Establishment of a Co-operative Creamery.

(From Stanly News-Herald, 1st.)  
The farmers of Stanly County seem determined to break down the barriers between the interests of the business men, and others who reside in the towns, and the rural dwellers. At least there are around 100 of them intent upon such a conquest.

These have opened their eyes to the advantages to come through a better understanding, and a closer cooperation between the farmers and business men. This was clearly evidenced by the big banquet which about 100 Stanly farmers gave at Millington last Friday evening to the business and professional men of Albemarle, Norwood and other towns of the county.

Ten leading farmers from each of the townships of the county, with the assistance of our industrious farm agent, took part in getting up this great occasion, which is something new in North Carolina, so far as the News-Herald has been able to learn. The supper was served in the large auditorium of the Millington school, and that building having been furnished with all conveniences to be had in city school buildings, including electric lights, a beautiful building to behold, one could imagine he was feasting in a great auditorium in one of our larger towns.

In addition to the 100 or more farmers who were present as hosts about fifty or seventy-five of Albemarle's leading business and professional men, including the members of the Lion's Club, were present to enjoy the very interesting occasion. Also there were a number of business men from Norwood and other towns of the county.

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## COUNTY CHURCHES MAY FEED THE CONFERENCE

THE STRIKE SITUATION IS UNCHANGED

Nothing so far has come from President Harding's effort to get the railroad executives and shopmen together so far as an immediate settlement of the strike is concerned. The shopmen accepted the President's terms and the executives refused them. President Harding has since been doing nothing. Railroads claim that they can operate trains without taking back the strikers and president Harding is said to be waiting to see how they succeed. The Southern Railway company has announced its readiness to take all its men back with the same rights they had. Whether they will accept the offer or not has not been announced. The coal strike remains unchanged. Fuel administrators in this and other states have begun apportioning out coal.

### CYCLONE MACK IS GIVEN A PURSE OF FIVE THOUSAND

This Was for His Own Use in Addition to an Expenditure Fund of Four Thousand

(Rockingham Post, Aug. 3rd.)  
The great McLendon revival that began at Rockingham on June 25th came to a close last Sunday night, July 30th, with a remarkable demonstration of earnest preaching and public approval. Three services were held Sunday, and it is estimated that fully 18,000 heard him at the three services. The closing service Sunday night brought out the banner crowd, fully 8,000 being really too conservative an estimate.

The finance committee took possession of a half hour at each of the three services Sunday, and gave the people an opportunity to contribute to the free-will purse for Mr. McLendon. Previously, during the meeting various collections had been taken to defray the expenses, which amounted to over \$4,000.

The meeting was scheduled to run four weeks and the collections were based on the expenses of four weeks; and as a matter of fact no exact provision was made for the expenses of this fifth week. At any rate, the finance committee Sunday went systematically towards raising a commensurate purse for Mack. With J. LeGrand Everett as secretary, Messrs. B. T. Payne and Marshall French mounted the platform Sunday and made the financial announcements.

Responses came from all quarters of the tent, and by Sunday night, \$4,980 had been raised. This was later increased so that finally, a check for around \$5,000 was turned over to Mr. McLendon. Among the largest contributors was the Ku Klux Klan with \$250. All the Sunday schools, and societies, fraternal and religious, contributed, including the Woodmen, Masons, etc. There were two individual checks for \$100 each, one for \$75 and two for \$50; the balance was in checks for \$25, and on down. And so it is seen that a great many people had a share in this purse. It was not merely the handling out of a big lump of money by a few rich folks—it came from all stations and walks of life. And certainly Mr. McLendon must appreciate this gift all the more, coming as it did from literally everybody.

### Monroe Defeats Two Teams but Loses to Kings Mountain

Monroe defeated Huntersville in a slow and uninteresting game here Tuesday 7 to 6. The game was featured with several home runs. "Lefty" Westledge pitched a fine game and easily outpitched the Huntersville twirler. Huntersville came very near tying the score in the last inning with a homer with two men on.

After winning the game, Monroe handed it to Kings Mountain Wednesday on a silver platter. The game was won in the first inning but three bad errors accounting for as many runs gave them the victory. In the first inning Dagenhart was taken out and our old friend, "Bad-eye" Guthrie, was put in when Lockerbie hit one over centerfield fence. Hasty followed in the same place and Bob Kirke doubled. Monroe scored three runs in the first inning and one in the next. Two of the Kings Mountain players patted the ball over while Monroe got three, two of them going to Lockerbie. Monroe staged a rally in the eighth when Lockerbie hit his second over the fence with a man on. Deal was taken out in the seventh and Culp twirled the remainder. Deal pitched a good game but had hard luck. He would have won his game hand it not been that it was put down that Monroe should give them a complimentary ticket to it. Lockerbie started with the willow, getting two home runs, one double out of four trips.

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Mr. Reader, Veteran Entertainer, Suggests That Churches Give Picnic Dinner

### WOULD HAVE IT SERVED REGULAR COUNTRY STYLE

The Idea Takes Like Wild Fire and the Probabilities Are That "County Day" Will Be Observed When the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church Convenes Here in October.

Dr. C. C. Weaver, pastor of Central Methodist church, says that Mr. Benjamin Reader, a splendid old gentleman living near Center church, in Monroe township, has started something that is calculated to make him famous. He suggests that when the Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist church meets here on Wednesday, Oct. 18th, all the Methodist churches of the county outside of Monroe cooperate in giving the conference a picnic dinner one day during the meeting, the time to be designated as "County Day."

Dr. Weaver believes it a splendid idea and suggests that the date for the picnic dinner be fixed for Saturday, Oct. 21st. Such an arrangement would help to bring the members of this church together in a social way and at the same time furnish them an opportunity to hear Bishop Dinny or some other noted minister preach in the afternoon. It is Dr. Weaver's intention, should the proposition develop into a reality, to string tables around Central Methodist church and have the dinner served in regular picnic style, and then in the afternoon to induce the bishop to preach to the great assembly from all over the county.

### Would Set Precedent

Since the conference is entertained on the Harvard plan, Dr. Weaver states that the citizens of Monroe will not be expected to furnish the delegates dinner anyway, but he points out that should the churches of the county decide to give the picnic dinner it would be quite a saving to the conference and at the same time furnish an opportunity to country people that has never been offered them at a gathering of this kind, and he believes that it would set a precedent that other counties would follow.

Mr. Reader has always delighted in feeding preachers and has perhaps furnished more fried chicken to Methodist preachers than any other man in the county, and his idea of giving a picnic dinner to the three hundred preachers and two hundred lay delegates that will be here in October is but the culmination of a life-long habit.

### Child Kidnapped by Father

James Heriot, eighteen-months-old great grandson of Esq. M. L. Flow, was kidnapped from the Flow home in Monroe yesterday afternoon by the father of the child, James Heriot, who lives near Bishopville, S. C. It is stated that Heriot has failed to adequately provide for his family, Mrs. Heriot, who is Esq. Flow's grand daughter, and the baby have been making their home with him since the first of the year. Tuesday afternoon while the child's mother was at a ball game Heriot went to the Flow home and asked to see his little son, assuring Miss Inez Flow and the nurse that he had no ulterior motive. When Miss Flow was called away for a few minutes Heriot snatched the baby and carried it up town where he hired Cleveland Helms to take him to Camden in an automobile. Deputy Sheriff Paul Griffith was notified and he immediately set out in pursuit of Heriot but tire trouble prevented his overtaking him. However, Mrs. J. E. McCutchen, grandmother of the child, and other relatives were notified and stopped Heriot at Camden about 12 o'clock at night. Heriot had bought a ticket to Georgia, but was arrested and turned over to officers. Esq. Flow states that Heriot was drinking. Before marriage, Mrs. Heriot was Miss Mae Moore, daughter of the late Lemuel Moore of Chesterfield, and Ethel Flow whose second marriage was to J. E. McCutchen of Bishopville.

Misses Billy, Aline and Marie Gettys of Charlotte are expected this afternoon to visit Miss Alma Tomberlin.

Miss Kate Copple is attending a house party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Pogram in McColl, S. C.

### Sending Letters to School Boys

The Monroe Rotary club is sending out this week eighteen hundred letters to boys in the county fourteen years of age and over encouraging them to remain in school. The present compulsory school law does not compel children over fourteen years old to attend and it is the purpose of the Rotary club to induce every one who can possibly do so to remain in school and complete his education.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion will give a masquerade party Thursday night. The admission will be 25c, which will go to the Otteen hospital. Everybody will wear a costume of some kind and the Snappy Five orchestra of Monroe will furnish music for the occasion. All are invited to come.