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NORTH CAROLINA LEADS ALL SOUTHERN STATES

Already Forty-Five Per Cent of Her Cotton Is Under Selling Contract

GOAL IN PRESENT DRIVE FIXED SIXTY PER CENT

Mr. Shanks Outlined Success of Co-operative Marketing in Texas and Other Western States and Declared That Orderly Marketing Is the One Big Job For Farmers, Merchants and Other Business Men Who Would See Cotton Section on Solid Basis.

For half an hour Mr. F. R. Shanks of Dallas, Tex., spoke to farmers and business men in the court house here yesterday on co-operative marketing campaign that is now on in North Carolina. Mr. Shanks is field service representative of the American Cotton Growers' Exchange with headquarters at Atlanta, and he has charge of all the cotton states west of the Mississippi. This exchange consists of all the cotton associations in these states with the exception of the Mississippi Long Staple association for the marketing of long staple cotton only. These states now have one hundred and fifty thousand members, according to Mr. Shanks, with two and a quarter million bales under contract, all of which will be warehoused, graded and stapled and sold by the association. After the present drive is completed it is believed that this number of bales will be greatly increased, and all the cotton will be sold in an orderly way throughout the entire year as it is needed by manufacturers who are willing to pay a reasonable price for it.

Mr. Shanks states that the Texas association operated this year with nineteen thousand members and sold five hundred and twenty-five thousand bales. Oklahoma, Mississippi and Arizona had fifty thousand members and handled eight hundred thousand bales. After the bulk of the crop in these states had been sold through the cooperative association meetings were called in various sections of the states and reports were made. With only one exception the members were highly pleased and pledged themselves to assist in a campaign to add another million bales to the number this year. Mr. Shanks stated that there were seventy different pools in Texas last year and the highest pool brought on an average of more than 30 cents while the lowest one averaged 14 cents, which was the lowest grade cotton grown and usually sells for from 4 to 5 cents per pound under the old competitive method of disposing of it.

Leads the South
Mr. Shanks stated that it will be of interest to the people of this state to know that North Carolina stands at the head of all southern states in the number of bales signed up for co-operative marketing, although the campaign has been on in this state but a short while. Approximately 45 per cent of the cotton in this state is now under contract. Mr. Shanks said, and it is estimated that when the present campaign is completed at least 60 per cent will have been signed up, while the average per cent in the south is only 25 per cent. Mr. Shanks declared that the newspapers and Ford cars are the things that have made this wonderful success possible, and he is very much elated over North Carolina's progressive ideas.

Declaring that the old competitive system of marketing must go, Mr. Shanks made the statement that the boll weevil is not the farmers' worst enemy, but that it is the dumping of cotton and other farm products on a glutted market, instead of marketing orderly over a period of time as the products are needed by manufacturers and consumers. He declared that cotton cannot be grown profitably under boll weevil conditions unless it is marketed cooperatively, and pointed out the fact that putting this system over is not alone the farmer's job, but that it is the job of every business man as well, and showed that unless the farming industries are protected the ruin and bankruptcy of business men is inevitable.

Referring to conditions in the boll weevil sections, Mr. Shanks said that in many instances farmers had turned from the culture of cotton to hogs and peanuts but found themselves up against the same trouble of marketing these products—markets glutted on competitive selling—and were therefore unable to secure remunerative prices for them. "It is not so much a fight against the boll weevil as a fight for profitable prices," Mr. Shanks said.

Mr. Shanks will be in the county for several days and will address the farmers and business men at the following times and places: Waxhaw, 15th, at 11 o'clock a. m. and at Wed. 17th, at 11 o'clock a. m. and at Wed. 17th, at 11 o'clock a. m. and at Wed. 17th, at 11 o'clock a. m. and at Wed. 17th, at 11 o'clock a. m. and at Wed. 17th, at 11 o'clock a. m.

All farmers interested in the organization of a milk and cream route which has for its purpose the more advantageous marketing of milk and cream, are requested to meet at Unionville, Friday, Aug. 18th, at 2:30 p. m. County Agent T. J. W. Broom, and J. A. Aray, Chief of Dairy Extension Work, will be at the meeting.

STRIKE DRAGS ON

Both the railroad and the coal strike drags on, though the head of the miners' organization says that a settlement of the coal strike has been accomplished and the men will soon go back to work.

Nothing definite so far has come from the meetings of Friday last when it was expected that some kind of an agreement would be patched up. The railroad executives replied to Mr. Harding that they were willing to accept his proposal on "conditions," which conditions were virtually the same that they had been making all the time, that is, to take the men back without restoring their seniority rights. The new condition was that they would take back such men as they needed and leave the seniority question to the labor board with the understanding that the new men who have been hired since the strike began and such old men as did not go on strike, would be taken care of.

The labor leaders regard this as no concession at all and they have not accepted it. The shophen have put their cases in the hands of the officials of the four big brotherhoods as mediators and these are still trying to accomplish some settlement.

MR. ALEXANDER AND MISS MCMANUS WED

Took Their Friends by Surprise—Mrs. Shirley at Point of Death—Many Personal Items of Interest

Monroe, Rt. 5, Aug. 14.—All who are interested are requested to meet at Corinth next Thursday morning at 7 o'clock and carry tools and help clean off the church grounds and cemetery.

Mrs. J. L. Griffin of this community received a letter from her people Marietta, Ga., some time last week stating that her mother, Mrs. Sarah Shirley, was lying at the point of death. Mrs. Griffin left immediately to be with her mother.

Your correspondent was glad to meet and shake hands with our former pastor, Rev. R. M. Haigler, in Monroe Saturday. Brother Haigler is now living in Greenville, S. C. He is going to assist in a big meeting which is now going on at Mountain Springs. He will preach at Corinth next Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Page Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Alexander of Houston, and Miss Nealie McManus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McManus of Buford township, took their many friends by surprise when they went over into South Carolina Wednesday and were happily married. These are popular young people. The many friends wish for them much happiness and success in life.

Mr. T. H. Doster left some time last week to spend several days with his sister, Mrs. H. M. Eubanks, of Laurinburg. He will return some time this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Spittle and Mr. and Mrs. Julius Whitaker spent Sunday evening with the writer's family.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Richardson of Houston were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Ims Sunday evening.

Mr. Porterfield Hurt
Mr. G. E. Porterfield, flagman of the Seaboard, fell a few days ago while trucking goods from a car onto a warehouse floor in Monroe and broke one rib and fractured two others. Mr. Porterfield fell the distance of about six feet when the skids slipped and was fortunate that no more serious injuries were sustained. He is improving and will soon be able to go back to work.

Fair Organization Perfected

At a meeting of the temporary officers and directors of the Union County Fair Association Friday in the office of the Chamber of Commerce it was decided to call a mass meeting of the members of the fair next Friday afternoon at three o'clock for the purpose of setting a date for the fair to be held. The following officers were elected: R. A. Morrow, chairman; S. K. Helms and T. J. W. Broom, vice-presidents; C. W. Orton, secretary and J. L. Woodson, treasurer. These together with the following compose the board of directors: C. J. Braswell, Goose Creek township; A. A. Gaddy, New Salem; J. Hurley Griffin, Marshville; M. L. Baker, Lanes Creek; S. A. Lathan, Buford; Carl Wolfe, Jackson; E. J. Ezzell, Sandy Ridge; W. D. Hawfield, Vance; T. P. Dillon, Monroe. A director was elected from each township so that the county would be well represented. Each director gave his address and when it got to Mr. Broom someone asked him where his address was since he was never found in his office. Before Mr. Broom had time to reply another remarked that if you sent any correspondence to him addressed Monroe, N. C., care of Ford car that he would be sure to get it. Everybody is behind the movement and all wish it to be a success. The county has not been canvassed yet for members but over a hundred have joined and more are coming in every day.

Nothing in a name, else Mr. Fred C. Coward of Chesterfield county would never do in Alligator township, where he is running for magistrate.

THE KU KLUX GOT MAYOR VANN OVER IN GOOSE CREEK

He Talked Too Long and the White-Robed Boys Sprang Upon Him and Spirited Him Away

RUBE, JOHN AND WALT ALL SPLILT A LOT OF HOT AIR

Kiwanians Went Over to Have a Good Time and the Brief Correspondent Tells About it in Good Style—Fine Supper of Fried Chicken and Rabbit, Watermelons and Lemonade, But It Was Too Early in the Season For 'Possums to be Ripe.

Brief, Aug. 14.—The big event staged by the Kiwanis club for the farmers of this section Friday at G. A. Long's store in Brief was a great success. everybody enjoyed it to the fullest extent, and especially because of the fine supper, which consisted of sandwiches, fine chicken fried brown, tasty fried rabbit, then watermelons and lemonade. And we are just betting that, had it been a little nearer fall, we would have had 'possum and taters, too. After the feast, J. W. Laney, cashier of the First National Bank, named the purpose of the meeting and introduced Honorable W. B. Love, who spoke on the development of a greater Union county. Mr. Love, in his usual way, disposed of his subject in a most eloquent and forceful manner, laying special stress on the idea of uniting together on a co-operative basis for the successful achievement of the desired end. Following Mr. Love, the clever humorist, Honorable R. W. Lemmond, threw a few joky remarks at J. C. M. Vann, mayor of Monroe, after which he introduced the jolly mayor, who immediately began to "expose" those who preceded him in the "speechin'."

Beginning he said: "I am going to begin on Rube Lemmond and wind up on Walt Love. After Rube had plead his first case and lost it, his client came to him with the compliments of a certain fellow, saying that Rube had quoted all the law he knew and a lot he did not know and the only reason he didn't tell more was because he didn't know it."

"Walt Love is all right; he is the best preacher that Goose Creek ever produced not to have held a pastorate or to have been called to the ministry."

Mr. Vann then got down to business and explained the Union County Fair Association and its purpose, emphasizing the great importance of such an organization, pointing out the great possibilities of the realization of a bigger and better people enjoying a fuller and more prosperous life in a bigger and better county through the medium of this, in his opinion, the greatest organization since the founding of the county in 1842. When he retired, a bunch of men in white robes stepped up, nabbed him and leading off in the dark, shouted, "Gentleman, this man has talked too long!" at which one guy called out, "The Ku Klux got 'im!"

Now, the farmers of Brief want a repetition of the event; they want to spread a nice dinner and invite the good Kiwanians to dine with them on this occasion. This is being discussed by a number of Brief citizens with great enthusiasm. It is hoped that other Goose Creekers will become interested and co-operate in this.

Brief defeated Cabarrus Saturday evening on the latter's diamond in a one-sided game of baseball with a score of 15 to 1. Cabarrus scored its only run in the first inning on a passed ball. Long, who did the twirling for Brief, let his opponents down with one hit. Batteries: Brief, O. Long and M. Polk; Cabarrus, Reader, Baker and Kiser.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. B. Long of Concord are spending a week with relatives and friends here.

Miss Mamie Green of Ellerbe Springs was the guest for her sister, Mrs. T. B. Hunnicutt, last week.

The singing school at Hopewell Baptist church begins this morning and will be taught by Mr. G. W. Mosser.

Miss Ottie Faulk of Charlotte was the delightful week-end visitor at the home of her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Clontz.

Master Bud Long of Concord is spending his vacation with his uncle, Mr. G. A. Long.

Death of Well Known Physician
Dr. Robert C. McManus, of Lancaster, S. C., died last Wednesday night after suffering a year or more with cancer of the stomach. He was one of Lancaster's most influential and prominent citizens. Dr. McManus was the son of Hugh McManus and Nellie Deason McManus and was born near Taxahaw, Lancaster county, April 8, 1859. He attended a country school, Monroe High school, Medical College of Virginia and Bellevue and began practicing in Tradesville, S. C., but later moved to Jacksonville, Ala., where he remained for a few years when he returned to Lancaster in 1880 where he lived until his death. He married Miss Mattie Hough and she together with three daughters, Mrs. T. E. Doster and Miss Bess McManus of Lancaster, and Mrs. J. M. Robinson of Chester, survive him.

Miss Lona Braswell and Mr. Leander Braswell son and daughter of J. C. Braswell, leave today for Mars Hill where they will enter school.

Mr. John H. Tadlock, an employee of the Monroe Hardware Company, suffered a severe cut on his wrist which necessitated several stitches last Friday. Mr. Tadlock was cranking one of the trucks when his hand slipped off the handle and his wrist struck the car.

BROTHERS, IN SAME ROOM, WATCHING EACH OTHER DIE

Theron and Charlie McGuirt, Union County Ex-Service Men, Seriously Ill From Tuberculosis Contracted in France; The Former Has Already Gone to His Reward

A pathetic account of two brothers of Union county, former ex-service men, lying in the same room in the government hospital at Camp Sevier watching each other die from tuberculosis contracted in France is told in a letter from Mrs. H. M. Barrow, a welfare worker, to a member of the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion. The boys are Theron and Charlie McGuirt of Jackson township. The former has already passed away. "Your most welcome letter enclosing check for Charlie McGuirt and Walter Gay," the account reads, "reached me here today. Both of these boys are my special pets. The McGuirt brothers have had my sympathy and care. Their case was the saddest we have had. The two brothers in the same room watching each other die. Both so brave. Both suffering, but smiling. I took them something to eat each week. Poor Theron had so little appetite. He craved apple pie. The

last time I carried him some I found he had gone to his reward. He was a brave soldier.

"Charlie was lonely and heart broken. Left alone waiting his time to follow his brother.

"I miss my work with the boys and when I go back home I will be so grateful for any financial aid. I love to take them home cooking. They enjoy it and crave it so. Often when I enter a ward with my basket on my arm they call out, 'what have you for me, mother.' Seldom do I have enough to go around. So many dear sick boys, and the people have forgotten them and they know it. Just a little help, a touch of love now and then would make the days seem shorter and their sufferings easier to bear.

"I thank you for giving me this pleasure. I am sending the check to a friend of mine with the request that she make it go as far as she can for just what the boys like."

MRS. MCBRIDE QUITE ILL IN MARSHVILLE

Her Sons and Daughter at Her Bed-side—Mrs. Griffin Entertains—Personal Items

Marshville, Aug. 14.—Messrs. Bruce and Jas. McBride of Cherryville are visiting their mother, Mrs. W. G. McBride, who has been quite sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. P. Marsh spent last Tuesday in Charlotte.

Miss Mary McBride, who has been in Washington, D. C., in training for a nurse for some time, is here with her mother.

Mrs. W. J. Scroggs of Fort Valley, Ga., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Irene Marsh.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Marsh and Mrs. W. T. Marsh went to Charlotte last Wednesday.

Mr. Charlie Griffin and family went to Albemarle last week on a visit.

The Misses Brown of Greenville are visiting Mrs. Claude Griffin.

Mr. Hayward, who formerly lived here and was a machinist for Marshville Motor Co., has moved back to Marshville from Peachland.

Messrs. Jas. P. Marsh and Boyce Hallman have gone to Baltimore for the week, buying a fall stock of goods.

Mr. Godwin of this place has been quite ill for some days.

Mrs. Claude Griffin entertained Monday afternoon in honor of her guests, the Misses Brown. Quite a number of friends were present and a most delightful time was spent. The house was decorated tastefully in yellow and green and a salad course was served. The game of hearts was played.

Miss Myrtle Abernethy of Charlotte is visiting at Mr. J. Z. Green's.

Miss Hunter of Marshall is visiting Miss Margie Marsh.

Mrs. McLean, formerly Miss Glenie Caudle, and her children are visiting Mrs. McLean's sister, Mrs. J. Z. Green. They are from Montana and came in an automobile.

Mr. Shelton Harrell of Charlotte spent the week-end here.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes Griffin spent Sunday with the former's father in Buford township.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Harrell spent Sunday with the latter's mother in Waxhaw.

Mr. Joe Griffin of Salisbury is visiting his father, Mr. Marion Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harrell are visiting relatives in Rutherfordton.

Miss Mary McWhirter of Charlotte is visiting Mrs. W. H. Bivens.

Mrs. Shaelette and daughter of Lexington, niece of Mrs. Graham, visited in the home of Mr. B. L. Biggers last week.

Miss Elizabeth Brewer spent the week-end here with her father, Mr. George Brewer.

Mrs. J. C. Morgan is visiting friends in Greensboro.

Miss Ethel Clark of Pageland spent last week here, the guest of Miss Dean.

Mr. Parker Moves to Charlotte
John J. Parker, a member of the Monroe bar, retiring director of the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, was guest of the officers and directors of the chamber of commerce at a luncheon given at the hotel Joffre yesterday morning. Mr. Parker and his family left Monroe for their new home in Charlotte yesterday.

THIRTY-FIVE TEAMS WENT AFTER BRICK

Patrons of Prospect School After the New Building in Dead Earnest—Other News of Interest

(By F. V. Hinson)

Mrs. Maud Owens and daughter, Elma, of Lexington, have been visiting Mrs. Owens' brother, Mr. T. D. Greene, the past week.

Mr. John Futch, Jr., and little daughter of Monroe spent last Thursday with Mrs. Futch's sister, Mrs. Henry Plyler.

Mr. W. P. Plyler has been suffering the past week from accidentally sticking a nail in his foot. The nail was lying on the floor and on rising early one morning he was walking toward a chair preparatory to putting his shoes on, when, in some way, the nail penetrated his foot. It stuck so deeply that Mr. Plyler had to make the second effort to extract it.

Protracted meetings began at Bethany and Bethlehem churches last Sunday and will continue the most of this week.

B. C. Hinson & Sons moved their road constructing machinery to Monroe last week preparatory to building the link in the Wilmington-Charlotte-Asheville highway through the city of Monroe.

Mr. W. A. Dicus, who had the contract to build the Lancaster road, has released it to the Union Construction so reports say.

Mr. Lonnie Broom came very near losing his saw mill by fire last Saturday. A large pile of slabs lying near where ashes and coals had been thrown from the furnace caught on fire and had it not been for the timely discovery of the fire by some neighbors Mr. Broom would have lost his mill and several thousand feet of lumber.

Mr. L. F. Lathan nursed a sore hand for a week as a result of getting his hand caught in a pea huller, recently.

Mr. Lathan Plyler is suffering from a felon on one of his fingers.

The placing of material for the school building at Prospect is moving right along. Recently it was reported that a car load of brick was at the station ready to be moved.

Thirty-five teams went after them and several teams had to return without a load. The people at that place are willing and ready to do anything they can to make the school a success and to put this undertaking over but one thing hampers them and that is lack of a telephone system. The leaders have to burn a lot of gas to pass the word around to the patrons and friends who would do a lot more were they notified. However, we have a few slackers who would not do a thing were they notified in tones as loud as Gabriel's trumpet. Such is always the case in the undertaking of such enterprises but what worries this scribe is the thought that these same slackers after the job is finished say "We" and "I" did this and so, when in reality they were a parasite. The selfish idea. Let's all hang together and make this community what it should be and this undertaking a success.

The high school department at Prospect is exceeding all expectations in point of attendance. Usually the summer term of any high school is not as well attended as the winter term. But, as stated, the impatience at this place has made it imperative that the third teacher for the high school department be added. She will today. This makes the sixth teacher for this school and prospects now are that a seventh and very probably an eighth teacher will be required to take care of the school when the fall term begins. So come along boys and girls, the school will take care of you.

Every farmer in this community should be at Prospects next Thursday to hear Hon. T. R. Shanks discuss the co-operative marketing of cotton. He will tell you how we suffer from under-grading, under-stapling, over-sampling and the like and will give the remedy. Meeting will begin at three thirty p. m.

The annual meeting of Grace Methodist church will begin next Sunday. There will be two services daily with dinner on the grounds.

MR. STEWART SAYS JAPAN IS TURNING FROM MILITARISM

At First an Imitator of Germany but World War Opened Eyes of the People of Island Empire

CHRISTIANITY IS FREEDING THE PEOPLE RAPIDLY

Returned Missionary Tells of Conditions Resulting from Work of Missionaries Whose Influence Is Fast Penetrating the Whole Life of the Nation.

"There is no mistaking the fact that Japan is turning away from and not towards militarism," emphatically declared Rev. S. A. Stewart in a sermon on conditions in Japan, at Central Methodist church Sunday morning. Mr. Stewart has lately arrived in this country from Japan where he has spent many years as a missionary.

Mr. Stewart and family are spending some time with relatives here and will be in the home country until next year. Before the sermon Sunday morning Mr. and Mrs. Stewart and the two children sang several songs in the Japanese language which were very much enjoyed by the congregation.

Mr. Stewart is deeply interested in Japan, and in his talk Sunday morning covered briefly the subject of Christianity and its effects in Japan, on the educational, social, political and military life of the country. Japan, he declared, is now the cross roads of the world's thoughts. The people are groping for the light amid the conflicting currents of world thought. The country has adopted western ideas and methods in its industrial life and in this respect is rich. It is now struggling for a new spiritual richness. Mr. Stewart has no doubt whatever about the final triumph of Christianity in that country, nor indeed in all the world, for he said, "The world cannot exist half christian and half pagan."

Marked Influence of Christianity

Mr. Stewart quoted a number of high Japanese authorities upon the effect Christianity was having upon the country. There is not a forward movement which has not been led by some native who came in contact with the christian missionaries. One authority, a high government official, said that though the professed christians numbered less than two hundred and fifty thousand more than a million Japanese were conducting their lives according to the christian principles. Many of the high government officials, the state and local officials, are christians.

Before the world war the ruling element in Japan had begun to copy not only German military ideas but German ideals of the State and the German idea of the subordination of the whole educational system to the purposes of the State. They had sent their commissions all over the world seeking information. These commissions had been captivated by the system and organization they found in Germany. The country set out to subordinate all education to State ends as they found in Germany. But the downfall of Germany opened their eyes. They are now headed away from militarism. The armament conference in Washington gave the movement a great boost. The Christian education introduced by the missionaries is now being felt and they are also turning away from the state idea in that field. A professor in the Imperial University of Japan lately declared that if the question were now left to a vote of the students of the University they would declare for the independence of Korea.

Widespread Development of Social Service

As a result of the missionary work and the contact with western ideas Japan is putting on a wonderful system of social service. Such ideas never existed in Japan before and in adopting them they found that no words existed in the Japanese language describing these ideas. Therefore the very nomenclature of the English was adopted. They are taking over such words as infant hygiene, public health, settlements and such like. The same is true in the fields of labor and industry.

Mr. Stewart closed with an earnest appeal for the continued support of missions. The Japanese, he said, have taken over the fruits of christianity as we know them, and now they need the soul of christianity. They have the fruits of the tree and unless they have the tree itself these fruits cannot last. Christianity is freeing Japan and making it one of the great countries of the world.

Girl Jumps From Car in Distress

A very unusual experience happened to Messrs. Sam Hudson, Mark Yandle and John Bexty while they were returning from Charlotte one night last week. About four miles out of Charlotte they came upon a Ford coupe that was acting very funny. It would go to first one side of the road and then the other when they tried to pass it but always kept in front of them. At last they had a chance to pass it and just before they did the car door of the coupe flew open and a young girl came tumbling out, narrowly missing being run over. Mr. Yandle, who was driving, stopped his car and picked up the girl who said her name was Broom and asked them to take her back to Charlotte where she lived. This they did. The man driving the car was arrested the next day and confined in the jail at Charlotte. It is believed that he was drunk and the girl became frightened and watched her chance to jump out as the car behind passed them.