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EVERY NORTH CAROLINA LOCAL SHOULD BE BUSY THIS MONTH

It is "Union Rally Month" for Local Unions—Every Local Union is to Help "Community Service Week" and on November 18-19 the State Meeting is to Be Held in Greenville

THIS is to be a "red letter month" in the history of the North Carolina Farmers' Union, and should be a red letter month in the history of every Local Union in the state. It has been officially proclaimed as "Union Rally Month" throughout North Carolina; the annual state meeting will be held at Greenville, November 18 and 19; and every Local in the state is urged to make plans this month to help in the observance of "Community Service Week," December 3, 4, 5.

"Union Rally Month"

FIRST of all, let us mention briefly "Union Rally Month." The idea here is that there are good men outside every Local who could be brought into it if we would go after them properly. The members of every Local Union therefore are asked to make a list of outsiders in the neighborhood who would make good members of the Union. Then one or more members are to be asked to see each outsider who ought to be a member and ask him to join. Moreover, the names of such outsiders are to be sent to State Secretary E. C. Faires, Aberdeen, N. C., who will send Union literature to these men and an invitation to join—in the name of the State Union.

This plan should bring in thousands of new members to the State Union and every Local should work it to the utmost.

Helping "Community Service Week"

THE next big matter about which every Local Union in North Carolina should get busy this month is "Community Service Week." The State Farmers' Union at its meeting in Shelby last year declared for holding these "Community Service Days," and the success of the plan so far has been largely due to the work of the State Union and State Union leaders. Now every Local in the state is asked to get busy and see that these "Community Service Days" are properly observed in its neighborhood—December 3, 4, 5.

In fact, the first topic for discussion in every North Carolina Local Union this month is: **How Can Our Local Union Help in the Observance of Community Service Week?**

Now, let us see just what it is planned to do in every North Carolina neighborhood the week ending December 5:

First of all, the plan is to have a survey made to find out the facts about every community. Before they can make much progress, the people must know just what conditions are.

You know how it is when your doctor comes to see you: you wouldn't have much respect for him if he went ahead and fixed up your medicine without first asking your symptoms, taking your temperature, and examining your tongue. So the first thing we want is to have a sort of census made showing just how the community stands as to progress in education, farming, health, reading, home conveniences, cooperation, home-ownership, etc., etc. Blanks for making this census will be sent to each teacher or some one else in each school district.

What Is to Be Done "Community Service Week?"

THEN on Thursday, December 3, "Public Roads, Grounds, and Buildings Day," the people are to meet in each school district and do some physical work for the improvement of roads, schoolhouses, church buildings, etc. They may work on the roads, repair the church or schoolhouse, clean off the cemetery or school grounds, plant trees and shrubs in public grounds and parks, etc., etc.

On Friday, December 4, to be observed as "School and Neighborhood Improvement Day" in every public school from Currituck to Cherokee, the older people, as well as all the boys and girls, are urged to meet together at every schoolhouse in the morning, hear the reports of the local survey, and discuss all needed plans for improving the roads of the community, the schools, health conditions, social life, marketing and financial conditions. "Just what practical plan for progress can we adopt in each of these particulars?" will be the question for all the people to consider together; and then strong committees of men and women will be named to prosecute whatever plans are approved, these committees to report to subsequent community meetings. Then after these serious subjects are disposed of—and a picnic dinner as well—the later afternoon and evening may be given over to some program of recreation and amusement—games, sports, storytelling, singing, etc., something for everybody, young and old, rich and poor.

Then on Saturday, December 5, "County Progress Day," the aim is to have in every county seat a great county meeting to consider the facts of county life, just as the school district considers conditions in the district, with practical discussion of "The Needs and Possibilities of Our County." In both school district and county meetings the aim will be to have a frank and candid comparison with other sections, find out in what lines

progress is needed, and start definite movements for achieving that progress.

A beautiful and inspiring illustrated 86-page pamphlet, "Community Service Week in North Carolina," has just been issued at state expense explaining the full program, and may be had by anyone who will show interest enough to send a two-cent stamp to W. C. Crosby, Educational Secretary State Farmers' Union, Raleigh, N. C.

We earnestly urge every Union member in North Carolina to get busy and lend this great movement his help.

Program for "Community Service Week" in North Carolina

IN ORDER to show just how practical and useful are the plans for "Community Service Week" in North Carolina, December 3, 4, 5, we submit herewith a copy of the official program showing the work to be undertaken or subjects discussed at each and every meeting:

Program for Thursday, December 3—"Public Roads, Grounds and Buildings Day."

On this day everybody in the neighborhood, young and old, men and women, should join in actual physical effort together along one of the following lines:

- (1) For improving roads (or in town, streets and sidewalks, parks and public buildings);
- (2) For improving schoolhouses and grounds. (Women may improve interior of building, men exterior and both on the grounds.)
- (3) Similar work in improving churches and burying grounds.
- (4) Planting trees, shrubs and flowers in school and church grounds, along roads and streets, parks, public places, etc.

Program for Friday, Dec. 4—"School and Neighborhood Improvement Day"

(All day meetings at every schoolhouse, for everybody—men and women, boys and girls, young and old, married and single—with public picnic dinner. This day will be observed as "North Carolina Day" in every school in North Carolina by order of the State Department of Education, with public meetings as indicated. The program as follows:)

1. Meeting called to order. Election of Chairman and Secretary
2. Report of Community Survey or Questions of Progress.
3. Discussion (led by two or more leaders previously named by committee—5 minutes each.)
4. General Discussion. Subject: What Plans of Progress Should we undertake for the Improvement of our People and Section in each of the Following Respects:
 - (a) School term. Is it long enough, and if not, how lengthened?
 - (b) Subjects taught: Should we have more industrial or Domestic Science features? Boys' and Girls' Corn, Canning or Industrial Clubs?
 - (c) Improvements of school grounds. Should we have school farms?
 - (d) Improving our public highways.
 - (e) Sanitary and health conditions.
 - (f) Encouraging reading of more books, papers, and bulletins by pupils and our grown people. A better school library.
 - (g) Plan for teaching grown-up illiterates to read.
 - (h) Better industrial and marketing conditions, and cooperation among farmers.
 - (i) Developing a richer social life and a greater "get-together" spirit on the part of all our people.
 - (j) How can we develop a genuine "social center" with auditorium and a complete community school? Do we need a larger center?
 - (k) Provision for parks, playgrounds, etc.
5. Appointment of a committee to pre-

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