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## STATE FARMERS' UNION MEETS NEXT WEEK

**COÖPERATE**—don't just talk about coöperating! Get started on something!

That is the big message The Progressive Farmer would like to send to every reader this week, and especially to the members of every Farmers' Union or other farmers' club. Link yourself up with the life of your neighbors. Have a real neighborhood, a real community.

Brotherhood, fellowship, comradeship, overflowing neighborliness—that's what your whole neighborhood is hungry for, if the people only realized it, but this neighborliness must be something more than a benevolent sentiment lying idle in the hearts of the folks. It must be put to work. It must do things. And that is what coöperation is—neighborliness at work, brotherhood at work.

And there are all kinds of opportunities for coöperation, Brother Reader, all around you. The woods are full of them, literally.

Read Prof. Eaker's story this week, and see if you don't warm up at the thought of how his neighbors worked together to get a better school building, more teachers, and better opportunities all round for their boys and girls. This is everywhere one of the first opportunities for coöperation. There's little hope for any people who are not willing to coöperate as tax payers and fellow-workers to give a better chance to their own young, aspiring flesh and blood.

Then comes coöperation to get better roads, and a telephone system, and a farmers' club and a club for the farm women, libraries, local fairs, rallies, picnic days, and everything that makes for a richer social and intellectual life.

And then all around you, all the time, Mr. Farmer, there are opportunities for the sort of coöperation that will pay directly in cash—dollars and cents. The letters in this issue prove that beyond question. Some opportunities that exist in nearly every neighborhood and are waiting for nearly every farmer in the South are as follows:

1. Almost every month and every week you buy some kind of farm supplies it would pay you to buy in coöperation with your neighbor.

2. You ought right now to be selling or storing cotton, tobacco, peanuts or apples in coöperation with your neighbors.

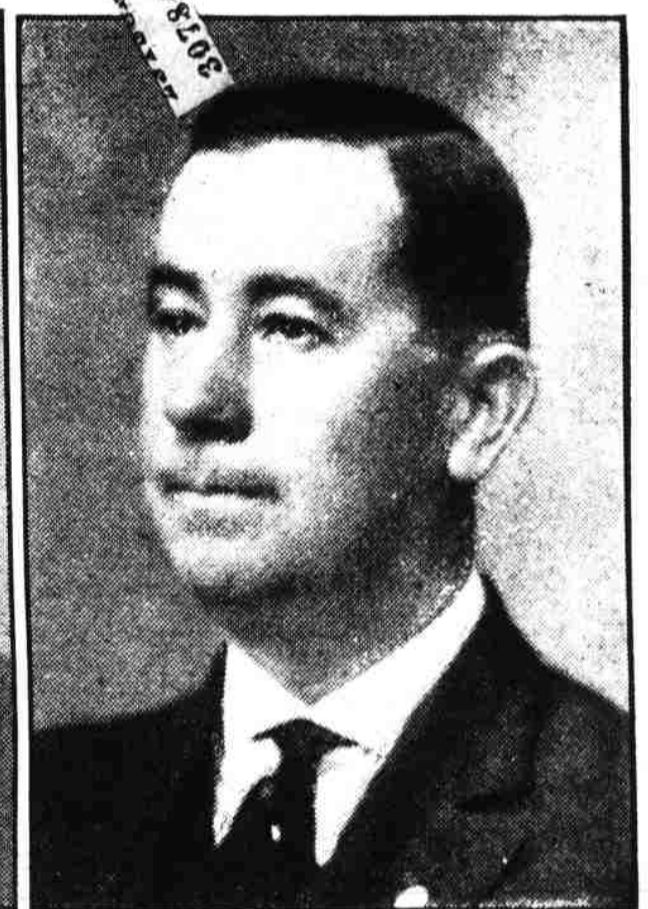
3. Having before us not only the golden opportunity but the imperative necessity for raising more livestock in the South, you should right now join with your neighbors to get royal-blooded breeding sires and to join in marketing animals or meats.

4. Read in this issue how neighbors in other sections are coöperating in the purchase and use of improved implements and machinery, and figure out the money-making, labor-saving opportunities you are missing here.

5. For marketing poultry, eggs, butter, fruit, vegetables, meats, etc., every farmer should be a member of some coöperative produce exchange, like that we are reporting from Sylvester, Ga.



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The North Carolina State Union meets in Greenville Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Read the magnificent reports from the various counties in this issue. The full list of state officers follows: H. Q. Alexander, President, Mecklenburg County; J. M. Templeton, Vice-President, Wake County; E. C. Faires, Secretary-Treasurer, Lee County; J. Z. Green, State Organizer, Union County. The Executive Committeemen are: W. B. Gibson, Chairman, Iredell; W. H. Moore, Pitt; C. C. Wright, Wilkes; S. H. Hobbs, Sampson; and Clarence Poe, Wake.

6. Every farmer should have his house and stock insured in some mutual insurance company.

7. In every neighborhood there should be a farmers' credit society for pooling farmers' savings and lending to one another in a safe manner.

8. Whenever a new cotton gin, saw mill, grain mill, creamery, tobacco prizer, threshing machine, or cottonseed oil mill is needed in a neighborhood, it should be owned by the farmers and run on the coöperative, patronage-dividend plan, so that profits will go back to the farmers.

Think on these things, Brother Reader. Talk them over with your neighbors. Decide which of the eight lines offers the best opportunity for work; see that you lay thoroughly safe and businesslike plans and then go to it.

Once again, don't just talk about coöperation! Coöperate! Get something started in your neighborhood!

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