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## Our Farmers' Union Page

Devoted to Organization, Cooperation and Marketing

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### SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT LOCAL UNIONS

#### JULY

Plans for a Neighborhood or Union Picnic This Summer.  
How May We Best Cooperate in Marketing This Year's Crops?

#### AUGUST

Best Methods of Harvesting Hay, Corn, and Forage Crops.  
Plans for Sowing Clover, Vetch, etc., and for Cooperative Purchase of Seed.

#### SEPTEMBER

How May We Make Work Easier for Our Wives and Daughters?  
How May We Improve Our Local Schools, or Help Grow-up Illiterates Learn to Read?

### Cotton Tare and Cotton Exports

AT THE meeting of the State Council of the North Carolina Farmers' Union last week the following two important resolutions were adopted:

#### Regarding Cotton Tare

"Be it resolved by the State Council of the North Carolina State Farmers' Union,

1. "That we recognize the importance of readjusting the matter of cotton tare, and to this end we urge the holding of an international commission to fix the tare upon a more modern basis so that cotton prices will no longer be fixed upon the basis of a 6 per cent deduction for tare, while farmers are not allowed to put so much on their bales.

2. "That we request Secretary D. F. Houston to interest himself in this subject."

#### Regarding Cotton Export Trade

"Be it resolved, by the State Council of the North Carolina Farmers' Union, that we hereby urgently re-

quest the President of the United States and every North Carolina Representative and Senator to cooperate earnestly to keep the cotton markets of Germany and Austria open to the South; and that if necessary the allies be informed that an embargo will be placed on munitions of war in case these markets are not kept open to our trade."

### Suggestions for Local and County Meetings

A PROGRAM should be well balanced. Do not consider any one subject so long that the listeners become weary of it. It would be better to quit at the most interesting point, that a good impression might be left.

Open with something that will stir each one present. Good music is always appropriate. A roll call with responses of a sentimental nature, either quoted or original, is good to break the reserve and formality which usually obtains when people first assemble. Have good music, readings, declamations, something in which young folks may take part, a debate, a short address, sometimes a "spelling down," in fact anything that will make the morning just a little brighter and more hopeful because of the farmers' club meeting.

Do not allow the program to become too sordid by the discussion of business topics only. An appeal to our better nature is desirable. A simple lunch of sandwiches and coffee has become a fitting close to all club meetings.—A. D. Wilson.

### IMPORTANT WORK FOR LOCAL UNIONS

AT THE meeting of the Executive Council of the North Carolina State Farmers' Union in Raleigh last week, Durham was selected as the next place of meeting and November 16, 17, and 18 the dates. The following resolutions of suggested work were adopted for the immediate attention of all Local Unions throughout the state:

Be it resolved, by the State Council of the North Carolina Farmers' Union:—

#### I.

That we hereby urge Local Unions and County Unions to give especial attention at this time to the subject of cooperative marketing of this year's crops, especially pooling cotton, cotton seed, tobacco and peanuts; and we urge that grading of all these products shall be done by disinterested persons and not by buyers whose financial interests are benefited by systematic under-grading.

#### II.

We recognize the serious conditions, especially in our trucking sections, and urge all our trucking members to try to help form a North Carolina state truckers' marketing organization.

#### III.

We note with especial gratification the increasing interest in pure-bred livestock and in dairying all over North Carolina, and we suggest that Locals everywhere investigate the advisability of forming sire-owning associations and inaugurating cream routes wherever practicable.

#### IV.

We also urge Locals to look into the soil requirements of each section of the state, especially with a view to reducing the consumption of high-priced potash in regions where the state agricultural experiment station shows that potash cannot be profitably applied.

#### V.

We also urge Local Unions to continue to educate the membership and the public in the legislative program of the State Farmers' Union—especially rural credits, race segregation in land ownership, and the repeal of the merchants' crop lien.

#### VI.

We again call attention to the state-wide crusade against adult illiteracy which the State Committee on Community Service is undertaking in cooperation with our organization, the State Department of Education, and State Department of Agriculture. We urge our Local Unions to give their hearty support to this movement by helping to organize "moonlight schools" in every community in the state, joining also in the observance of "Community Service Week" later in the year.

#### VII.

That a copy of this resolution be sent to each Local Secretary of the state with a suitable letter from the state President.