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# Our Farmers' Union Page

Devoted to Education, Organization, Cooperation and Marketing

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## TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION IN LOCAL UNIONS

- NOVEMBER—**(1) Do Local Markets Give the Farmer a Square Deal in Grading and Price-fixing? If Not, What Is the Remedy?  
(2) Rural Credits Legislation and Petitions to Congressmen and Senators.
- DECEMBER—**(1) Discussion: What Lessons in Farming, Marketing and Farm Management Has Each Member Learned This Year?  
(2) Plans for Keeping Records and Accounts Next Year.

## Go to the State Union Meeting, November 16, 17 and 18

EVERYTHING is in readiness for a great meeting of the North Carolina State Farmers' Union, in Durham, November 16, 17, and 18, according to the full program given in The Progressive Farmer week before last. The following points may need reiteration:

The opening session begins at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. After the address of welcome, etc., Hon. J. L. McLaurin will speak on "The South Carolina State Warehouse System: How It Works." Tuesday afternoon the annual addresses of President Alexander and Lecturer Green will be given. Tuesday night John Sprunt Hill will discuss "The Rural Credits System We Need," and Congressman A. F. Lever "The Federal Warehouse Bill—Its Advantages."

Most of Wednesday will be given to official business, but State Dairyman Alvin J. Reed will talk at 12 o'clock on "Creameries and Cream Routes: Practical Cooperation for Local Unions," and at 4 o'clock the delegates will visit the Durham factories. The Wednesday night session is as follows:

Address—The Organization of the Rural Community—Dr. G. M. Cooper, Clinton, N. C.

Address—Race Segregation in Land Ownership From a Lawyer's Standpoint—Hon. James S. Manning, formerly Judge North Carolina Supreme Court.

Address—How Present Taxation Methods Promote Absentee Landlordism—Mr. R. F. Beasley, Editor "Journal", Monroe, N. C.

Thursday morning the work of the session will be concluded and President Barrett is expected to speak. Thursday afternoon the delegates will be taken by automobile on a visit to the State University at Chapel Hill, returning to Durham in time to catch the afternoon trains in the various directions.

With regard to railroad rates, Secretary Faies has issued the following announcement: "I have secured reduced rates to our State meeting in Durham, November 16 to 18, on the round-trip ticket plan. Delegates and visitors should call on their ticket agent a few days in advance of the meeting and inquire of him about these rates, and how to take advantage of them, so that there will be no confusion and complaint, as has been the case at previous meetings. Be sure to get round-trip tickets, and do not accept certificates, as they will not be honored."

Asking an assistant to prepare a list of the officers of the North Carolina State Farmers' Union for printing in The Progressive Farmer, we did not notice until too late that names of the Executive Committee members were not given in the proper order. Captain W. B. Gibson of Iredell has been Chairman of the Executive Committee for years, and Prof. C. C. Wright Secretary, and their names should have appeared ahead of the others.

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## How One Local Helps Its Members

LAST spring I planted a tobacco crop and built a new tobacco barn. I had just finished curing my first barn of tobacco and the fire had all gone out I supposed, but between nine and ten o'clock that night the barn caught fire and my tobacco was burned up. I had more tobacco and no place to cure it, but my Union brethren who had barns were ready to help me, and through their kindness in letting me have the use of their barns I got my crop all cured. On Saturday night, the second of October, 1915, I was called around to the desk and given a nice bunch of money that my Union brethren in Concord Local had raised for me. G. P. P. Greensboro, N. C.

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