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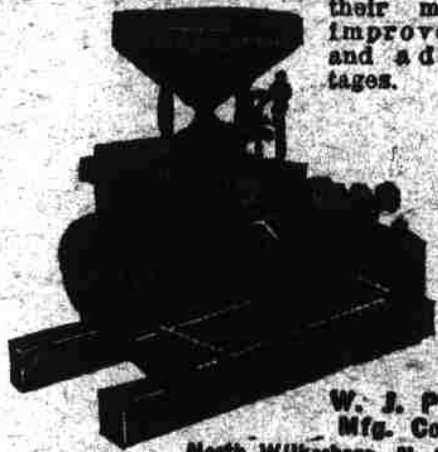
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Farm Bureaus Organizing in North Carolina and Virginia

THE farm bureau movement which is sweeping over the North and West is now reaching the South in formidable proportions.

On Saturday, November 27, the Virginia Farm Bureau will hold its first annual meeting in Roanoke, Va., at the auditorium of the Association of Commerce. E. H. Sanders, of Max Meadows, Va., is president, and E. K. Coyner, Marion, Va., secretary.

Last week at Salisbury, N. C., the North Carolina State Federation of Farm Bureaus was organized with the following officers: President, B. B. Miller, of Rowan; first vice-president, J. A. Young, Guilford; second vice-president, D. J. Lybrook, Forsyth; sec-

Tobacco Growers Ready to Sign Contract

THE county agent in one of North Carolina's foremost tobacco counties in a letter to the Editor of The Progressive Farmer says:

"In my opinion, we need to take immediate steps that are far-reaching. We shall not accomplish much until we start work on bedrock. The California prune and apricot growers have set a fundamental example in cooperative marketing.

"My suggestion is to start both tobacco and cotton associations for the purpose of selling the entire crops. Of course, we cannot hope to get all of each crop, and I would suggest an association plan which would permit working conditions to be established

WHAT SOME OF OUR FARMERS ARE THINKING

IF THERE is any doubt that our farmers are thinking about their present situation and are ready for a real business organization that will act instead of talk, such letters as these will soon convince the skeptical. Now is the time for farm bureaus to get under way and for cotton organizations to justify their existence by getting down to business.

Phil Campbell, Ala., November 16, 1920.

Editor, The Progressive Farmer:

In and during the present price decline in all the farm produce the farmer produced to sell, we fell upon our knees and cried out very loudly to our Congressmen, Senators and our President. We have appealed to the merchants and the bankers of the country for aid, but alas! they hear us not, when in other times they were our best friends. It reminds me of a lesson that I learned when I was a schoolboy. A little hare lived in the woods and in time of peace had many friends—the cow, horse and sheep and calf and even the goat were her friends. But as time passed, the hounds chased the poor thing, causing her to seek safety. She went to her friends, but trouble was near; all her friends had an excuse, so she took to her heels and was soon out of danger. We farmers of the South find ourselves in the same condition. Everybody was our friend, but now nobody wants to be.

The farmers met at Washington, the bankers at New Orleans; the American Cotton Association was formed. All this has been done for the farmers—not in action, but in talk and resolution. It is time to quit talking and arguing. Trouble is here, so let us take a lesson from the hare and take ourselves out of danger. We must not depend on our "friends." We must organize and unite among ourselves, enter into ironclad contracts on the California plan, and all be willing to agree to market our crops, especially cotton, through a thoroughly systematic, scientific cotton marketing organization, controlled by cotton growers only and managed by the best and most honest business talent to be had in the marketing world. We must put honest, active leaders to look out for our interests that will serve us instead of helping the bears of Wall Street in our destruction. We want Action—we must have Action now.

Yours truly,
J. H. GARRISON.

Supply, Ark., November 13, 1920.

Editors, The Progressive Farmer
Gentlemen;

Find stamp enclosed for which please put me in touch with the Cotton Growers' Organization, also tell me how to proceed toward local organization.

I am sure the farmers are ripe for organization here, and it is up to some one to take the initial step.

I read the contract published in your last issue and believe it to be the most practical solution of the problem yet offered.

Yours very truly,
E. L. MORRIS.

retary, J. M. Gray, Asheville; treasurer, J. L. Fisher, Rowan; directors, L. L. Roberts, Madison; W. H. Pharr, Mecklenburg; W. B. Crawford, Iredell; L. C. Arrow, Gaston; Mr. Morehouse, Wilkes; Mr. Leonard, Davidson. The following 10 counties have already organized farm bureaus: Guilford, Davidson, Rowan, Mecklenburg, Gaston, Rutherford, Iredell, Forsyth, Wilkes, and Madison. Six other counties were represented at the state meeting.

In the North and West, the farm bureau is acting as the general farmers' organization, with special branches for marketing grain, marketing livestock, and other business matters. In Texas, the farm bureau and state cotton organizations have just been merged, the cotton association becoming the cotton branch of the state farm bureau. It now looks as though nearly every Western state and most of the Southern states will be organized in the farm bureau movement before the big national meeting at Indianapolis December 6, 7, and 8.

only when 75 per cent of the crop has been secured. I believe if our farmers understand that the association will not attempt to handle the products until 75 per cent of it is pledged for a period of five years or more, they will gladly join the association. Such an understanding would show the farmer at once that the association will not be so weak that results cannot be secured. In my opinion, hundreds of signatures could immediately be obtained in this county for such a plan of marketing tobacco.

The one big faculty which now stands in the way is the lack of strong county and state farm bureaus to sponsor and put on foot such organization.

"If North Carolina had fifty to seventy-five thousand bureau members, it would be comparatively easy to put marketing associations across. I believe it can be done without them, but I also believe it can be done more easily by getting the bureau first. Let's keep everlastingly hammering on the organization of the farm bureau."