

GOOD WORK OF UNION.

SOME OF THE IMPORTANT PROBLEMS

Only Nine of the Counties of the State Not Represented

The best meeting ever held by the Farmer's Union of North Carolina came to a close at Shelby last week. Three new county unions have been organized leaving only nine of the one hundred counties of the State unorganized. There is \$3,000 more in the treasury than a year ago and the Union is not only expanding into all counties, but also improving its condition in all such counties as have local unions.

The old officers were re-elected with some changes in the membership of the executive committee as follows:

President, H. Q. Alexander; vice president, J. M. Templeton; state lecturer, J. Z. Green; state secretary E. C. Faies.

The executive committee consists of C. C. Wright, of Wilkes; W. B. Gibson, of Iredell; and W. H. Moore, of Pitt; re-elected, and Clarence Poe, of Raleigh, and S. H. Hobbs, of Sampson, elected for the first time.

It was decided to abandon the policy of having a mid-summer meeting and the next annual session therefore will be in December, 1914.

Perhaps the most important action taken was the unanimous endorsement of the proposition to have a law allowing neighborhoods where most of the land is owned by one race to say by vote of the majority of the qualified voters that in future no land should be sold to a person of the opposite race provided the action is approved by a reviewing judge or board of county commissioners as being necessary to their peace and safety.

The preamble recites: "That the crowding of undesirable negroes in white communities makes social conditions intolerable for white women and families, lowers land values owned by the white people and often drives white families to other sections."

The resolution declares that the immoral mixing of the races is the greatest menace to the supremacy of the white race and demands drastic legislation on this subject.

The attorney general is requested to prepare the necessary blanks and circular of instructions for having the clerks of court put the Torrens system of registering land titles immediately into force when the law becomes effective January 1st, and the clerks of court are requested to appoint examiners of titles at once.

Another resolution asks the secretary of the treasury to extend the time of his crop loans till March 1.

The idea of having "civil service week" set apart by the government next November was unanimously endorsed, as was also a movement for getting the heads of the various state institutions and departments together to devise plans for more effective co-operation.

Farm Life School.

In last Sunday's Industrial Section of the Richmond Times-Dispatch there appeared an interesting story about the Farm Life School at Jamestown, not far from Greensboro. This is a most interesting school of its kind which teaches both boys and girls but principally young women some very interesting things about farm life and how to make the farm pay. It does not cost very much for the girls and young women to find out here how to make the farm pay, for, says Mr. Winters, the man who wrote the story of last Sunday, "By the operation of a mess hall on the co-operative basis, the actual cost per student for good board and accommodations for the school term of eight months in the year is only 17 cents a day. The growth of the school has been phenomenal, as since its establishment three years ago the enrollment has jumped from forty-four to 110 pupils.

While the farm life school is an outgrowth of the public school system of North Carolina of only three years ago, its success during its experimental stages is an assurance of its permanency in the school life of the State. The local law of Guilford county, providing for the Jamestown school in 1911, has been incorporated in the laws of North Carolina, with the Legislature appropriating \$25,000 for the promotion of the idea at the rate of ten new counties each year. The county complying with the act "to promote the teaching of agriculture and domestic science in the public school" is aided by an annual ap-

portionment of \$2,500 from the State.

Eight counties in the State have taken advantage of the appropriation by raising the additional funds for the establishment of the school, and it is expected that very many more will come in next year.

Culbreth Cullings

Mrs. Elijah Daniel is visiting in Richmond.

Latt Duncan, of Person county, is visiting Ed. Howard.

Miss Gertrude Jones is at home from Oxford College for the holidays.

George Arrington, who has been very sick for some time has improved.

Mrs. Bettie Daniel, of Chalybeate, spent a few days with her son the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Harris have moved to Fuquay to make their future home.

Stovall Short Stops.

W. P. Slaughter was in Oxford Saturday.

C. C. Currin was on our streets Saturday.

Mrs. Dyer has moved in one of the Dickerson flats.

Harry Norwood, of Richmond, is a Stovall visitor this week.

A party of drunken negroes were arrested here last week and fined \$14.

L. C. Wilkerson has returned home from taking cotton census for Granville county.

J. P. Williams, of Virigina Route 2, has moved to Stovall, we welcome him to our town.

Miss Lessie Hutson, of Richmond, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. E. Earl, this week.

There will be a Christmas tree here December 25, beginning at 7 p. m.; all are welcome to attend.

Presley Davis, who has been attending school at Warrenton, returned home Friday to spend the holidays.

Miss Sallie Davis, who has been attending school at Statesville, arrived home Friday to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Sallie Baker, who has been spending some time with her mother, Mrs. A. T. Younger, returned to Spartanburg, S. C., last Friday.

There were 1,277 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Granville county from the crop of 1913 prior to December, 1913, as compared with 1,351 bales ginned prior to December, 13, 1912.

Will Daniel, who had the misfortune to lose one of his eyes last week by a wire cutting the ball, went to Memorial hospital at Richmond and had it taken out Friday, he has our deepest sympathy.

There will be a play given here December 26, in Dickerson Hall, known as the "Sweet Family," beginning at 7:30 p. m. The proceeds of which will go for the benefit of the Methodist and Baptist churches. Come one and all.

Personal Items

Ex-Postmaster J. W. Brown, of the road, is at home for the joyous season.

Miss Janie Hunt, who is attending a Washington City school, is at home for the holidays.

Miss Hixie White, who is attending school at Greensboro, is at home for the holidays.

Mrs. John R. Hall and daughter are spending Christmas with relatives in South Carolina.

Miss Annie Furman, of Salisbury graded school faculty, is at home for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Norma Burwell, a member of Greenville Training School faculty, is at home for the holidays.

NOTICE—I have a fine Bay mare for sale, ten years old, works well every where that I have hitched her. She is a fine traveler to a buggy and one of the best plow horses I ever saw. I bought her three years ago last March and have made four crops with her and would not sell under any circumstances if I was going to continue farming but I have sold out my land and am going to town to live and haven't any use for a horse. Any one wishing to see the horse can call at the Sears place, 8 miles south of Oxford, 2 miles north of Cannady's Mill. Address, J. M. Sears, Route 2, Kittrell, N. C. 1t pd

WANTED—January 1st, young man for sewing machine business, will furnish board and lodging and pay salary. Apply in own hand writing and state salary expected. M., care of Public Ledger.

EVERYTHING carried in a first-class jewelry store will be found at L. C. Wilkerson, Stovall. Reduced prices on everything, all goods guaranteed. Call and get your Xmas presents. Greatly reduced prices on cut glass, also a nice line of diamonds at a bargain.

NEW CODE IS ADOPTED

STATE, NAVY AND ARMY TO SPEAK COMMON LANGUAGE.

Keys Are Sometimes Lost and Discovered in the Possession of Individuals Who Make Effort to Hold Up Uncle Sam.

When the United States next goes to war her armed forces and her more subtle forces of diplomacy will speak a common language for the first time, for there has recently been completed a secret code for common use between the state, war and navy departments.

Heretofore the three departments, which include all the forces that would come in contact with an enemy in war time, have used secret codes peculiar to each. The state department has employed several codes, the war department several others, although chiefly one, the Breeley code, and the navy department others. They have points in common, but they are nevertheless distinct codes. The key to one would not afford a translation of a message written in another code.

The new interdepartmental code is designed not only for use in war but in such emergencies as would require quick secret communication between representatives of the various divisions.

Code keys have a habit of getting lost. It is to the interest of foreign powers to know the secret language a possible antagonist may speak. Any multiplication of codes increases the opportunities for valuable information of this character to get lost or stolen.

For instance, the code now chiefly used by the state department is about four years old and was adopted chiefly because the old code had become the common property of several nations across the water. When George von Lengerke Meyer, formerly ambassador to Russia, and more recently secretary of the navy, was in St. Petersburg, a diplomat visited him one day to offer to him a little book. The book had mysteriously found its way to Bucharest and had fallen, as such books have a habit of falling, into the hands of a foreign office. When Mr. Meyer saw the book he at once recognized the state department code key.

Some time later a letter came to the American embassy in Berlin stating that the writer possessed a similar key. He offered to sell it, suggesting that possibly the United States foreign office would not care to have its secrets the common property of all Europe. The embassy asked the writer to submit a specimen page of the book to prove his assertion. The specimen was mailed to the embassy and compared. There was no question of its genuineness.

But instead of spending good American gold to retrieve the volume, the then ambassador informed the state department that its code was no longer secret. The man who owned the key may have sold copies to every foreign office in Europe. To buy one copy would be no guaranty that the secret was retrieved.

So it was discarded and the new one adopted. The code now used is made up of arbitrary combinations of five letters each. Each of these arbitrary words, which are pronounceable because of the alternation of consonants and vowels, denotes another word or phrase. There is just one way

of discovering what the code word means and that is to look in the key, the code dictionary.

Every department of the government and even several of the bureaus in various departments have their own secret language. Codes are used for two purposes, secrecy and economy. The code is regulated primarily by the requirements of telegraph companies. By international agreement telegraph companies send for the same rate as is charged for a single word any pronounceable combination, in any one of eight languages of five letters by telegraph or ten letters by cable. If the combination is unpronounceable a charge is made for the transmission of each letter.

New "Yellow Peril."

There is a yellow peril at the White House, and from the president down, all the inhabitants thereof are in mortal terror of it.

It is a fine young nest of yellow jackets, with stingers that are no respecter of persons.

The yellow jackets were dislodged from their comfortable home in a huge elm in the White House grounds by the recent storm, and are buzzing all over the place now. No one in authority has been stung as yet.

If a man and his wife are one, how many was Solomon and his outfit? It was a joint stock company.

REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING of stockholders of First National Bank of Oxford will be held in banking room second Monday in January, 1914, at noon.

W. H. HUNT, Cashier.

FOR SALE—My Elmwood farm of 300 acres, 7 miles north of Oxford, fine land, good barns and large ten room dwelling. My price not half of actual worth. Terms to suit purchaser. Write J. M. M. Gregory, Durham, N. C. 1t pd

NOTICE OF SUMMONS.

North Carolina, In Superior Court
Granville County, Before the Clerk.
C. B. Edwards and M. P. Chamblee

Mrs. Rebecca King, Miss Mollie Lanier, Mrs. M. L. Cheuning, Miss Ruth Lanier, Chas. Lanier and wife, Lanier and Miss Ada Lanier.

The defendants in the above entitled action, Mrs. Rebecca King, Miss Mollie Lanier, Miss Ruth Lanier, Chas. Lanier and wife, Lanier and Miss Ada Lanier will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced against them in the Superior court of said county for the partition of land described in the petition in said action, and the defendant will further take notice that they are required to appear before the clerk of the Superior court for said county on the 24th day of Jan. 1914 and answer or demur to the petition in said action or the relief therein demanded will be granted. This Dec. 19th 1913 Dec. 24th At. J. G. SHOTWELL, C. S. C.

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BUY the BEST LUMBER for BUILDING or REPAIRING YOUR HOME

DURING THE PAST YEAR WE HAVE GIVEN EVERY PURCHASER GOOD. HONEST VALUE IN LUMBER AND BUILDING MATERIALS FOR THEIR GOOD HONEST MONEY. DURING THE YEARS TO COME WE PROMISE TO DO THE SAME. WE CAN MAKE NO BETTER RESOLUTION. WE THANK YOU FOR THE PATRONAGE GIVEN US DURING THE PAST YEAR AND WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

C. D. RAY, Oxford, N. C.

Your Interests

---Ours

If you are a customer of the National Bank of Granville you have assurance of personal interest in your business success. We make it a part of our business to give such time and attention to our customers as their interests require. We make it a point that every business transaction with our patrons shall be satisfactory. We want each one to feel that they are free to come to us in all matters where our experience and advice will be of value and assistance.

When we speak of the "service" rendered to customers we mean the best service,—all that you reasonably expect from your bank. Our service includes a hundred and one little details, all of which go to make of our patrons "satisfied customers."

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