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THE FARMERS ARE SLOW TO SIGN THE COOPERATIVE MARKETING CONTRACTS

The Public Ledger learns that the farmers of Granville County are slow in signing the cooperative marketing contract. We are not advised as to why the farmers are slow to sign up.

The Cooperative Marketing concommodity, legally organized unce. the laws of North Carolina, on a permanent basis, to get the best possible growers in other cooperative organirations. These contracts are a "New Declaration of Independence" for the farmer.

Farmers' cooperative organization in California last year did a total business of \$275,000,000.

The Cooperative Marketing con-Carolina are the same contracts used in Oklahoma, Texas, Virginia and in the statistical abstract of the South Carolina and are based on the successful experience of 14,000 farmers cooperative associations in the United States.

HARDING ISSUES CALL

FOR AN EXTRA SESSION

Formally Summons the Congress To Meet To Receive Communications. April 11 is the Date Fixed .--Working Agreement Will Expedite Legislative Business.

TESTED FORMULA PROVES THAT GC BESTATE LIBRARY, THIM TAK

Economist Halbert P. Gillette Shows 4 It By Figures .- Says Costs and Wages Will Remain 60 Per Cent Above 1913 Level.

Chicago, March 26 .- The bot tom level of the decline in the price of commodities will be reached in tracts provide a strictly business, May according to Halbert P. Gillette, editor of Engineering and Contracting.

Gillette has devised a mathematprice for the grower for his cotton, if al formula for determining the avand tobacco. Everything in the con- grage price of commodities and for tracts has been proved and tested by predicting prices several years in advance.

Prof. E. W. Kemmerer of Princeton and Prof. Irving Fisher, of Yale, had previously worked out formulas for determining the trend in prices. Gillette's formula gives the index or average price of commodities. His method involves the use of only tracts now being signed in North five variable factors, the data for every one of which may be found

> United States census. He has tested his formula by application to prices extending back 30 years. In each instance, one is able to "predict" the average price of commodities for any year during the past 30 years.

Hence it is a demonstrable formula, which has had added confirmation by the fact that nearly a year ago he did predict the prices which are now prevailing.

Through a systematic study of the A formal call for an extra session per capita production, bank deposits of Congress, to meet on April 11 and and clearings, labor wages and com-

OXFORD, N. C. FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 1921

BUTLER SAYS COMMITTEE (X) TAS SHOWN NO CONCERN FOR SUCCESS OF PARTY Ser. all

ges Flagrant Defiance Of Common Decency and Denounces the "Pow-Wow As a "Hog Combine Run Mad With Selfishness."

Marion Butler, with beard nicely trimmed, his sling full of rocks as large as goose eggs, attended the pow-wow in Greensboro last week. The way the pie was dished out made him mad and he retired to the hotel and smeared war paint on his face an inch thick and departed for Washington with a chip on each shoulder. Referring to the hungry crowd as that of a "hog combine," Mr. Butler makes the dust fly as follows:

"The action of the majority of the republican state committee shows that they were not in the least concerned about the success of the republican party in our state or the success of the administration. Every suggestion of harmony was spurned and spat upon. It was clear that they met determined on one thing, and one thing only, and that was to take all of the offices and divide them among the members of the committee. To do this they formed a 'hog combine' on the inside of the committee, just large enough to cover all of the important offices, and then agreed to vote for each other, to the exclusion of everybody else, and in utter defiance of every appeal that they should put up for positions the best qualified and most deserving men, in the interest of efficient government ser-

A VETERAN TOBACCONIST GIVES TIMELY WARNING

(Southern Tobacco Journal) We make no excuse for our persistence in calling attention of the trade to the danger of producers of tobacco planting too much tobacco the coming season. Now is the time to act. Now is the time to use every legitimate means to induce the tobacco farmer to reduce his acreage, and to pay more attention to the cultivation and to the handling of his crop. Now is the time-to urge upon farmers the fact that the world can only take so much tobacco, and no more. Now is the time to insist that the farmer use more caution in the handling of his tobacco, and to beg him that the best thing for him to do is to class his tobacco properly.

OXFORD IS THE PRETTIEST TOWN IN NORTH CAROLINA

The People Of Kinston Claim That Homor, But They Are Sadly Mistaken.

An enterprising Kinston correspondent of the State press claims more for his town than the actual facts will admit. Kinston has a population of 10,000, and they claim that they have the widest and best streets and more mileage of pavement than any town of its size anywhere.

The fact is, Oxford has less than

OXFORD BASEBALL TEAM HAD A ROYAL BATTLE WITH BUFFALO BISONS

More Than Two Thousand People Witnessed the Closely Contested Game At Horner Park Yesterday Afternoon-Manager Of the Buffalo Team Compliments the Oxford Boys.

One of the best and cleanest games of ball ever played in Oxford was witnessed by more than 2000 people at Horner Park Monday afternoon when the Oxford team held the Buffalo team of the International League down to two runs.

The Oxford team made third base as many times as the Buffalo team, but two of the big bisons managed to slip to the home place and score two runs.

Early in the game George "Hooke" Wiltse, the Buffalo manager, saw what might happen and he whispered to his men not to take any chances.

Every fly ball sent to the field fell into the hands of Baker, Hales, Gooch or Harris of the Oxford team, and neither one of them fumbled or made a wild throw to base.

The Oxford team was up against a polished aggregation. Ed Miller, the star first sacker of the Bisons and the league last year, played at second; Walter Keating, the regular short-stop, was on the job at the left hand side of the middle cushon; Bennie Bengough played third and

THE CULTIVATION OF **TOBACCO IS MORE OR LESS A GAMBLE**

Farmers Plant High Grade Tobacco and It Turns Out To Be Low Grade.

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Farmers in Granville county seem to be pretty well agreed on cutting down the tobacco acreage this year, and it is devoutly hoped they will one and all stick to the plan agreed upon. It is a conceded fact that if as much tobacco is raised in 1921 as was produced in 1920 it will come near bankrupting every tobacco manufacturer and leaf dealer in the country and the weed will not be worth hauling to market; that a 50 per cent crop this year will bring more money to the farmers than a 100 per cent crop; that under no condition does

it pay to raise low grade tobacco

Of course no farmer plants low grade tobacco. Everybody plants fine tobacco, but the larger per cent of it turns common before curing and marketing time. If every farmer could know before hand how much of his crop would grade common the planting would not be nearly so large. It is this uncertainty or gamble that causes over-planting. A farmer sees one of his neighbors average \$30 or \$40 or \$50 a hunc:ed for a load of tobacco and he knows for a dead certainty that he can raise as fine tobacco as anybody on earth. So he proceeds to plant a big acreage of this fine tobacco. Maybe he may sell it for \$10, \$20 or \$30 per hundred and come out fairly well. and then again he may be lucky to sell it from \$1 to \$5 per hundred. It all depends on seasons, soil, work, and dozens of other factors from planting to selling. Trading stocks or cotton "and grain futures is a very mild form of gambling compared with raising tobacco. Hence the gambling streak in the average American farmer shows up about tobacco planting time and frequently causes over-productionespecially of the common grades. We hope our Granville county farmers will not get the gambling fever or them too strong this spring.

receive legislative communications modities during 330 years, Gillette from the new administration, has predicts: been made by President Harding.

None of the specific problems to be laid before the legislative branch were named in the proclamation, the President merely declaring that an extraordinary occasion required that Congress convene "to receive such communication as may be made by the executive.'

Mr. Harding already has indicated, however, that the tariff and taxation will be foremost in his message to the special session. He is expected to make a special plea for prompt relief to the nation's agricultural interests and the list of recommendations may touch many other subjects, such as the railway situation, the merchant marine, and immigration.

VICTORY MEDALS GOING BEG-GING IN WASHINGTON NOW

Two Million Bits Of Bronze Remain Unclaimed By Former Servicemen. Washington, March 28.-Out of 4,000,000 victory medals, which congress authorized as a special distinction for the men who saw service in the war with Germany, only 1,-500,000 have been issued, leaving some two million still in the hands of the government.

The War Department is making a arive to locate former service men or their relatives, so as to distribute the medals and to get this going a detail of 24 officers, who have been withdrawn as recruiting agents because of the cut in the size of the regular army ordered ___ Congress, have been detailed to make a canvass of the ex-soldiers and facilitate distribution of the medals. For this MORE BONDS WERE purpose the country has been divided into six districts and batch of field clerks assigned to assist the officers. Stolen From the Halifax Bank At North Carolinians who are ex-service men, should call for their medals while in the case of deceased soldiers, fathers, mothers, brothers or sisters beginning at the eldest where the parents are not living are entitled to receive the medals.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT ISSUES WARNING TO FARMERS

Farmers Who Buy Mixed Seed Are Warned To Be Careful As To the Proportions.

Washington, March 28.-The Agwarning to buyers of clover-timothy tenced. mixtures, saying that so called clover-timothy seed mixtures which are widely advertised by certain seed prices, often contain so little red clo-

That good times are near at hand.

That the lowest point in the slump in prices will be reached in May.

That the new average level of prices will be 60 per cent higher than it was in 1913.

HARMON'S LIFE INSURANCE

A Policy For \$200,000 Was Handed To Him Just Two Hours Before He Was Shot.

The shot that speeded the death of Jacob Hamon, Oklahoma National Republican Committeeman, last November, and for which Clara Smith Hamon has just been pronounced "not guilty" by jury, also prematurely turned loose a half million dollars insurance money. Of this, according to information at the State Insurance Department, a policy

for \$200,000 was handed to Harmon just two hours before he was shot, and was in his coat pocket. It was delivered by Kellie Roach, State agent for the International Life of St. Louis. This policy, however, was distributed among 14 other companies. Harmon had been a boss oil operator as well as republican power, and was reputed to have been worth thirty million dollars, made out of oil well and boom town premotions in Oklahoma and Texas. It is also stated that the entire insurance cash, which was available by Dec. 15th, was needed to pay off accumulated and maturing Federal and state taxes, income, inheritance, etc. ..tseam ,gir er

Houston, Va-

that W. W. Edmunds, a farmer last protect the budding fruit from pos- where." week found negotiable paper worth sible frost damage. The apple belt \$50,000 stolen from the bank at extends from Staunton, Va., to Har-Houston, secreted under a straw risburg, Pa. stack.

This loot was found about five miles from where about three months ago another farmer named Special Programs Appropriate To Lampkin found a steel box containing many thousand dollars worth of cash and bonds also taken from the Halifax bank, which was blown

The farmer was removing straw from the stack when his pitchfork he bank being on some of the paper. dmunds guarded the find until he ad sent another man to a telephone. le called the People's Bank of Elba. nd F. Q. Smith, the cashier, hastend to the spot, about nine miles from retna, and lost no time in making ull identification.

vice and also in the interest of the party.

"Their action was a flagrant defiance of every sense of common decency; it was a case of factionalism and selfishness run mad."

ALL WOMEN MUST REGISTER FOR THE TOWN ELECTION

Mayor and Board Of Commissioners

To Be Elected On Monday, May 1. The women of Oxford registered for the general election last fall; they registered for the Oxford school district bond election, but they have not registered for the town election in Oxford on Monday, May 1.

All the women should register if they want to vote. All who have come of age during the past two vears and all new comers and all who have moved from one ward to another ward will have to register in order to vote in the town election.

Major Will Landis, who has been the Chairman of the Oxford Democratic Executive Committee for twenty years, will name the date of the town convention at an early date to nominate a mayor and board of commissioners.

The present mayor and board of commissioners have given such general satisfaction there is no desire on the part of the public to displace them. Every qualified voter you meet would regard it as a public calamity should Mayor Stem decline the nomination.

VIRGINIA APPLE BELT WILL BE IN BLOSSOM ONE MONTH EARLY

Winchester, Va., March 28.-The three million apple trees in the She- giving Kinston the unique distincnandoah-Cumberland district will tion of having the widest business FOUND BY HALIFAX FARMER be in bloom this year by April 1, or street in the South. They adorned fully a month earlier than usual, their streets with trees and ample growers here say, and many or- grass plots between curb and sidechard owners are preparing smudge walk, providing the foundation for Word comes from Houston, Va., pots to send up a smoke screen to the best paved town of its size any-

EASTER OBSERVED HERE

Occasion Held In Churches.

All of the Oxford Churches last Sunday celebrated the anniversary nent policies before March3, 1926. of the resurrection of Jesus. Most by yeggmen, one of whom was cap- of the churches in town and county Congress which construes certain home of his daughter, Mrs. Singlericultural Department has issued a tured not long since, tried and sen- offered exercises appropriate to the occasion. Special musical pro- existed, automatically made effec- for the past few years. grams were given in parctically all tive provisions of the War Risk Inrevealed a pile of paper. He lost no schools studied the Easter lesson as war-time insurance into one of the services will be conducted by Dr. R firms at what may appear attractive time in discovering where it had usual. The pastors preached on subcome from because of the name of jects bearing on the significance of the bureau's announcement. Easter, and its meaning to the world. Practically all of the business houses of Oxford were closed in honor of Easter Monday. Fishing parties and outings of various kinds claimed the attention of individuals and several groups of citizens, who took advantage of the favorable weather to secure a bit of recreation.

one-half the population of Kinston and we have more mileage of paved streets and sidewalks than they have. They brag of the width of their main thoroughfare, which is 50 feet from curb to curb with 18 feet of sidewalk on either side to the building line.

Oxford's Main street is 72 feet wide from building line to building line, and our sidewalks are ten feet wide, which is eight feet less than the sidewalks in Kinston, but the streets of Oxford are of somewhat better proportion, admitting of heavier trafic.

The correspondent also claims that 'they adorn their streets with trees and ample grass plots between curb

and sidewalk, providing the foundasize anywhere." Oxford, too, is ahead of them on that proposition. Here is what the Kinston people claim, as appeared in the State press last week:

"Kinston today claims not only the best paved streets anywhere, but more mileage or pavement than any town of its size in the country. The early builders of Kinston are to be congratulated on their foresight, their methodical skill and ardent desire to see Kinston rise to a premier city of the South, for they planned not only a city beautiful but a city of future greatness and expansion. "And the men and women of today carefully carry on the work of providing for the continued expansion of their home town. The early settlers thoughtfully planned a main thoroughfare 50 feet from curb to curb, with 18 feet of sidewalk on either hand to the building line, thus

FORMER SERVICE MEN GIVEN 5 YEARS TO CONVERT INSURANCE

Washington, March 28 .- The War Risk Insurance Bureau has sent out a warning to all former service men that their war-time or term insurance must be converted into perma-

Manning, a youngster from Buffalo semi-pro circles, handled the work behind the bat. In the outfield Wiltse worked three pitchers.

Carl Schutz, a semi-pro from Toledo who had a record of fifteen strike outs to the game last year, was in the box and was relieved by Kaes, another Bison of whom much

is expected. Tragresser, a catcher who comes from the Phillies, got in the game

for a time. George Wiltse, manager of the Buffalo team, complimented the Oxford boys for their skill and courtesy.

There was no betting or bickering during the entire game.

GOVERNMENT PLANNING TO

Two Americans Are In Prison In Ger-

many For Arresting Him. Washington, March 28 .- Secre-

tary of State Hughes and Secretary of War Weeks will hold several conferences in the next few days on steps to make effectual the demand of the United States that Germany surrender Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, wealthy Phiadelphia draft dodger, and release the men imprisoned in Germany for trying to capture him.

Carl Neuf and Franz Zimmer, American detectives, have been sentenced to a term in prison by the criminal court at Mosbach, Baden, for illegal assumption of power in attempting to arrest Bergdoll, American draft evader, last January. Nuef, against whom a charge of bodily injury was preferred, was sentenced to gainst Neuf arose from a bullet wound suffered by a woman when a revolver was fired during the attempt to capture Bergdoll.

DR. HUFHAM CLAIMED BY DEATH

Venerable Baptist Divine Passed Away Sunday Night; Funeral At Scotland Neck.

the best known and most highly esteemed Baptist preachers in the

State and referred to by many as 'the Baptist bishop of North Carolina," died Sunday night after a Passage of the joint resolution by brief illness with pneumonia at the

war laws as though a state of peace ton, at Mebane, where he had lived

Funeral will be held tomorrow of the churches, and the Sunday surance Act for the conversion of morning at Scotland Neck and the

MRS. HARDING SELECTS

WHAT DAVID SAID ABOUT FAR-MER'S PRESENT PREDICAMENT

Two farmers were overheard a few tion for the best paved town of its GET BERGDOLL FROM GERMANY days ago discussing general conditions on the farm and they agreed that the prospect was not bright, in fact was loomy and that the approach of planting time had never found farmers so down-hearted and discouraged. It was indeed on a minor key to which these good and hardworking men pitched their seed time song. David in the long ago, said, He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing sheaves with him." Last spring the people on the farms and elsewhere were never more cheerful. hopeful. Prices of products of field garden and dairy were high and the prospect was that they would go higher and yet higher. There was talk of a dollar-a-pound tobacco and everyone, almost, was widly jubilant at the thought of a wonderfully projail for 15 months, while Zimmer's fitable and abundant harvest. They term in prison was fixed at six certainly went forth rejoicing last months. The additional charges as spring when seed for planting was carried afield. But before the crops of last year were harvested prices had so fearfully fallen that there was no profit on scarcely any crop. They went to the fields white unto the harvest with sad hearts. Let us hope that there will be a change of conditions this year and that it may be truly said that those who went forth to sow, weeping, rejoiced Rev. J. D. Hufham, D. D., one of at harvest time because profitable crops had been made.

CLEAN-UP-WEEK

To Be Observed 'In North Carolina April 4.9.

The State Insurance Department mailed out last week, over one hundred thousand pieces of literature, posters, pamphlets, slips, and circulars, to parties in all sections of the state requesting same for local distribution in connection with Clean-Up-Week observance April 4-9. A great many packages have also gone to City officials, Safety League and Woman's club authorities. In addition to this, the Insurance Department Bulletin, especially devoted to Clean-Up-Week activities, will go to 20,000 other readers.

ver that they are of little if any more value than timothy seed, but actually
cost nearly double the market price
of that seed. These mixtures are us-
ually offered by the bushel, with the
Qualifying statement that a bushel weighs only 45 pounds. The Depart-
ment says that while this seed is of-
fered as clover and timothy with the
the proper proportions for seed-
ing, while frequently there is not
more than 5 or 6 per cent of clover
value in the crop.

HOME OF COLEMAN NEAR HOUSTON IS DESTROYED

The dwelling and the farm outhouses of Joseph Coleman, a negro held in connection with the brutal murder of William Rickmon near Houston, Va., recently, were burned to the ground by a large crowd of men who were revealed to distant eyewitness as the flames leaped up. Coleman with seven other negroes

held as suspects have been removed from Houston. Some of them were taken to Lynchburg jail for safekeeping.

lard Service Station.

ASTOR C. A. UPCHURCH **RESUMES HIS WORK**

ill Hold Services At Mt. Zion dained.

day at 11 A. M.

Three new deacons recently elected are to be ordained. Pastor Upchurch will be at his post.

His little son. Ewin, who was so sick has recovered sufficiently to be brought home from the hospital and to allow his father to return to his post.

THE FARMER'S PART OF A **DOLLAR'S WORTH OF TOBACCO**

According to Dr. C. C. Taylor, of -Your battery should have water the State College, the tobacco farm- tainment of the Baraca-Philathea about every two weeks. Stop at Wil- er gets 8 cents out of the dollar you delegates who will be in Oxford Frispend for tobacco today.

Swallowed Tooth and Died-

James B. Broad, comptroller of Church Next Saturday and Sunday | the Dupont company, at Wilmington, | .-Three New Deacons To Be Or- Del., died in a hospital there Sunday from lung infection caused by a The regular monthly services at tooth which slipped down his throat Mt. Zion church, Berea, will be held during a dental operation about a next Saturday at 2:30 P. M. and Sun- month ago. The tooth was discovered by X-ray.

Poor Encouragement. (Winston-Salem Journal)

There is little encouragement for the farmer to plant cotton or tobacco when he can go on the market and buy it cheaper than he can raise either of these crops

-Thursday evening at 7:30 at the Lyon Memorial Building there will be a meeting of the members of the committees in charge of the enterday afternoon, April 22.

CAN SEE THE SMOKE

FROM HIS FRONT DOOR

We all want to make Granville county a good place in which to live. It is a rich county, and to a certain extent, an enlightened one. But in morals and religion, we are not making the progress we should make. In these we are not keeping up with justice Harlan of the Supreme Court our progress in other achievements. of the United States.

A farmer who lives only a few of more than one whiskey still.

asked.

ing my property," was the answer. one to report violators.

It is a notorious fact that whisproperly punished.

HER SOCIAL SECRETARY

Miss Laura Harland Is Well Acquainted With the Social Life Of Washington.

(Christain Science Monitor) Mrs. Warren G. Harding has selected as her social secretary Miss Laura Harlan, daughter of former

Miss Harlan, who has lived in miles from Oxford says that he can Washington all her life, is well acstand in his door and see the smoke quainted with social and official conditions here. She has served suc-"Why don't you report them," we cessively as social secretary with Mrs. George W. Wickersham, wife

"I must admit that I am afraid to of the Attorney-General in the Taft report them for fear of them burn- administration, with Miss Nona Mc-Adoo and later with Mrs. McAdoo We are forced to the conclusion during her husband's term as Secre that the great moral force of pub- tary of the Treasury. She served in lic opinion is strangely quiet in this similar capacity with Mrs. Wm. C. particular. It is the duty of every Phillips, wife of the Assistant Secretary of State; Mrs. Frank L. Polk

and Mrs. Norman H. Davis, wives of key can be procured easily in vari- Under-secretaries of State, and also ous parts of the county. The result assisted Mrs. T. R. Marshall, wife is painfully apparent. Constantly of the former Vice-President. Bewe hear of crimes of violence- ginning with Lady Reading, she has fights and even homicides-and in been the American social adviser at trouble is traced to its source, the the British Embassy for three regcause is found to be illicit whiskey. | imes. She has also assisted Mrs. T And very few of the offenders are A. LeBreton, wife of the Argentine Ambassador.

BAPTIST WOMAN'S CON-VENTION THIS WEEK

Number Of Oxford Ladies Will Go To Rocky Mount.

Mrs. B. E. Parham, Miss Isabell Parham, Miss Mary Webb, Mrs. C. D. Ray, Mrs. A. H. Powell and Mrs. J. D. Brooks will attend the Baptist Women's Convention in Rocky Mount.

Mrs. B. E. Parham and Miss Isabell Parham will be the guests of Mrs. W. H. Fleming; Miss Mary Webb will be with Mrs. Will Adams; Mrs. Ray and Mrs. Powell with Mrs. I. C. Braswell, and Mrs. Brooks will be the guest of Mrs. F. S. Spruill. THE NEW PUBLIC ROAD LAW

The Farmers Claim That It Contains An Unpopular Clause-

The farmers and others who are subject to work the public roads of the county are up in arms against the new road law so far as it compels them to work the roads up to the age of fifty years instead of forty-five years.