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MORE MONEY FOR GROWERS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Third payment checks for more than 12,500 members of the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association living in the South Carolina Belt are to be distributed by the association beginning Saturday, February 17. This third payment by the big co-operative brings total receipts by its members in South Carolina and the border North Carolina counties far beyond their average for the previous season, while officials announce that a fourth payment will be made when all of the tobacco from this belt has been sold.

Record breaking meetings were held last week by the Palmetto growers at which Governor McLeod, United States Senator E. D. Smith and President George A. Norwood of the tobacco association told members that they had made the prices this season through their organization.

Senator Smith, one of the founders and organizers of the farm bloc at Washington, said "Stick by your contracts. When the anti-cooperatives offer a few cents more a pound to break your pledge to your neighbors, think of what the speculator has done to do before. Think what they will do to you if they can kill your co-operative society! Above all don't be lured away by the bait offered you by the speculative markets."

Many members of the co-operative at Danville and a number of the old belt markets state that the averages of the first two payments of the association exceed he averages paid by the auction markets last season. At Danville, Burlington, Apex, and other points second payments have netted the organized growers from nineteen to twenty-two cents a pound to date.

"FORGOTTEN MAN"

The "Forgotten Man" was the theme of discussion at conferences held here the past week by officials of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association with representative bankers and fertilizer manufacturers.

The fertilizer men and financiers were called here to discuss the problem of enabling members of the co-operative to secure credit with which to raise crops this year. Bankers expressed themselves as being friendly to the purposes of the association and the fertilizer men authorized the appointment of a committee to work out plans by which the Forgotten Man may be able to buy rations and fertilizers and still be able to market his cotton in an orderly manner.

The conferences were in the nature of birthday parties as the Cotton Association has just passed its first year's milestone, and General Manager U. B. Blalock reported the co-operative's principal achievements to date as follows:

One hundred and thirty-five thousand bales of cotton have been delivered by 32,000 members.

Advances of nearly ten million dollars to members on cotton delivered.

Twenty-seven thousand bales sold and delivered at prices ranging from 21.25 to 30 cents on short staple. Less than five thousand bales have been sold for less than 25 cents.

Dr. B. W. Kilgore, director for the public in the Association, emphasized the need for production credit for farmers as well as improved methods of selling their cotton.

We still contend that the meanest kind of a hypocrite is the man who praises the Lord and refuses to pay his debts.

CAMERON NEWS

Back again, by a small majority, after an illness of two weeks.

Every day, every way, news is getting scarcer, scarcer.

O, ground hog weather! When you are gone, can spring be far behind?

Cameron police news might fill a column. I'll tell the world I will not write it, and would much prefer not to hear it.

Two men, representing the United Clansmen of America, Inc., were in town last week.

P. G. York, of Sanford, spent the week-end at the Greenwood Inn.

L. F. Hartsell made his usual visit to Rockingham, Sunday.

J. F. Saunders came up from Wade Inn for over Sunday.

Misses Minnie and Bonnie Muse who teach at Roberdell, came home for the week-end.

Miss Vera Wooten, of the high school faculty at Sanford, spent the week-end at home.

Miss Mabel Muse returned Monday to Rockingham where she teaches, after spending the week at home with her mother, Mrs. Lula Muse, who has been ill with influenza.

Miss Thelma Speir, former teacher at Cameron, but now teaching at Siler City, was a week-end guest of Mrs. J. D. McLean.

Mr. Neill McKeithen, of Vass, was a Sunday visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McLean.

The correspondent received a delightful visit Sunday afternoon from Mr. and Mrs. Hines, of Sanford.

Mr. Arch McRae, of Cummock, was a visitor Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Gaddy. Mr. McRae is mourning the death of his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Ratliff, who made her home with him. Mrs. Ratliff was a woman of rare charm and loveliness, who had many friends in this community.

Mr. Cone McPherson, who is student at Davidson came home Saturday, ill with appendicitis, and is at the C. C. Hospital.

Mrs. Archie McDougald, of Hamlet, was the guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Tally.

Prof. B. C. McIver returned Thursday from a visit to his nephew, Dr. John D. Muse, of Henderson.

Miss Kate Cole, who has been spending some time with her invalid sister, Mrs. H. T. Petty, returned to her home near Carthage, Monday.

W. A. Muse is building an eight room two story Love Nest on his farm east of Cameron, near the old sycamore tree that has long stood sentinel at the fork of the roads, one leading to Fayetteville, the other to Raeford. Bill claims the house is for a tenant, but we beg leave to differ with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harrington and children have moved in with Miss Bettie Riddell who was left alone since the death of her brother. A pleasant arrangement for all parties.

Mr. J. J. Irvin is still on the sick list.

Mr. Will Dalrymple, of Carthage, was a visitor in town Sunday.

Misses Catharine Smith, Bessie Oakley, Cora Oakley, Edith Shields, and Messrs. Alton Cole, Jack Phillips, Tom Smith, and Turner Fields called Sunday afternoon to see Miss Effie Lawhon on route 2. They made an exploring party to "Devil's Len," a picturesque gorge near the home of Mr. Donald McLean. There is a tradition of some kind about a man getting lost in this gorge and naming it Devil's Den.

Mr. A. B. McDonald on Cranes Creek, route 2, returned Saturday from an extended visit to his nephew, Mr. Kenneth McIver, of Concord. Mr. (Continued on page 2)

JACKSON SPRINGS NEWS

Miss Maude Poole who teaches the 7th grade of the graded school here, spent the week-end with her home folks in Raeford.

Miss Agnes Graham has returned from a two weeks visit to relatives in the Cameron vicinity.

Messrs. E. T. and N. A. McKeithan, Jr., of Aberdeen, were here Thursday.

Mrs. J. G. Cole who is ill at the home of her niece, Mrs. Arthur Carpenter at Aberdeen, is getting along as nice as can be expected.

The high school basket ball team annexed another victory Friday afternoon by defeating the Carthage quint on the local court by the score of 30 to 17. Powell Muse was the outstanding star for Carthage lads, shooting 7 field goals and making one out of two fowls good. Stuart was the star for the locals, caging six field goals and holding his forward to one lone field goal. Markham was the next chief point gainer by shooting 4 field goals. The Carthage boys fought hard and took their defeat in a sportsmanlike way. If the three Muse boys would have played the game that the three Thomas boys on the local team it would have been a close game.

Athletics are a great character builder when carried out in the right way in our schools. The local high school faculty encourages athletics among all students, and the proper spirit is being shown by the student body. Their work is much better in the school room. The faculty does not consent to long and extended trips by their teams and lack of indoor courts in this section of the state causes the cancellation of many games. The girls have not lost a basket ball game, and have been idle for some time for lack of games. They are talking of entering the race for the State Championship, while the boys will start early base ball practice.

Friends here regret to learn of the death of Martin Black, who was laid to rest in the Beulah Hill cemetery, on Sunday. Mr. Black formerly lived here.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Will McInes, Sunday—a son.

Mrs. Victoria McKenzie is recovering from a siege of influenza.

Hog weights are seldom reported to the correspondent. E. J. Woodyly, a prominent farmer, says he did not weigh the two large hogs he had killed on his farm on the Rockingham road last week, but there was nearly five 50 pound cans of lard made from those two hogs.

Alex and Lacy Patterson killed 4 hogs that weighed 1324 pounds. Those men need house-keepers. They are prosperous farmers who make a surplus of products on the farm and there arae always bountiful fruit and other things going to make a home happy.

The present general assembly is trying to create more judges. Too much time is took up in trials. Judge Cranmer tried Whiskey cases in Wake county last week and only a few reached him with the murder cases continued. Four years was his longest sentence to the roads of the five he sent up for a term totaling 11 years. Judge Morris of the District court at Minneapolis, Minn., disposed of 110 of his 320 whiskey cases in one week. Sentences along with heavy fines went to the guilty ones, and \$40,000 was forfeited in bonds in the court where all were guilty Good record and should be followed by more of our judges.

Maybe the reason a boy seldom swears before his Dad is because his Dad swears first.

DR. LEIBY TO ADDRESS PEACH GROWERS

Dr. R. W. Leiby of the North Carolina State Department of Agriculture, will address the peach growers of the Sandhills and vicinity on the life history and control of the curculio at the New Theatre, Pinehurst, N. C., at 10:30, Friday morning, March 2nd.

As the growers know, Dr. Leiby spent all last summer in the Sandhills, studying the life history and control of the curculio. Each separate control method was tried and the results accurately accorded and tabulated. As all growers know, the more that is known of the life history of a pest, the easier it is to control, the more accurately and deadly may become control methods of spraying, etc., while excess labor and expense that is bringing no results may be eliminated.

No grower can afford to miss this address. It will be illustrated with slides and packed with valuable data. It may be the means of saving hundreds of dollars to individuals. You should be there Mr. Grower. Pinehurst's new theatre, at 10:30, Friday morning, March 2nd.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB WORK

Never before has boys and girls club work in Moore county been so promising as this year. There are twelve different projects being stressed in this work and each project is already well represented. For the livestock and farm crops Mr. Wall will direct, while Miss Bradford will have supervision over the domestic science work.

We understand that already more than 200 have signed up to carry on some phase of work this summer, and the larger schools are yet to be heard from. Just as soon as Cameron, Carthage, Vass, Southern Pines and Aberdeen send in their report it is estimated that more than 500 boys and girls will be enrolled.

More than \$250.00 has already been subscribed by the business men of Carthage for a boys and girls show at that place next Thanksgiving Day and the day following. This fair will be put on by members of the clubs themselves and most every community is represented on the various committees. The fair will be held in one of the big tobacco warehouses and the program will be carried on in the new courthouse during the evenings.

Some wonderful results were obtained last year in the club work and now it looks as if still greater achievement will be made during this year. Any boy or girl from 3 to 18 years of age is eligible, and once the parents fully understand the work there is no trouble in getting their support. The teachers have aided considerably in establishing this work in the various schools.

This boys and girls fair will in no ways have anything to do with any of the community or Sandhill fairs as it is a distinct and separate organization put on by the boys and girls and is under the supervision of the county and home agents. This event will be watched with the greatest of interest and we hope it will continue to be an unusual event.

It is also a good idea to remember that there are more nice things to save money for than there are things to spend it for.

It wouldn't be so bad and a lot of trouble could be averted if some people would talk as slowly as they think.