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ROBERT N. PAGE COTTON DIRECTOR

Looks on the Association Merely
as a Big and Strong
Broker

Robert N. Page, the new member of the board of the cotton association, says he regards the association as simply an effort to create a strong brokerage agency for the purpose of selling the cotton of the member farmers to the best advantage, and that he expects to bend every effort he can to that end. Mr. Page figures that the weak point with the cotton farmer is that he has not been able to realize from his crop its full value. The distressed cotton in the fall is so well known to everybody that it needs no comment. Mr. Page is not sanguine of relieving all the distressed cotton, but he does hope that it can be helped to greater or less extent, not all right away, but by patient and persistent attempts to lead the smaller farmer out of the discouraging and inefficient path of all the time walking behind his bank account or his bank indebtedness instead of keeping up with it or ahead.

There, Mr. Page thinks, is one of the first troubles with the cotton crop. Too much of it is mortgaged before it is raised. It is a beggar the day it sees the light and a fugitive until it is turned over to the creditor, and the frugal man is held in bondage by the necessities of the unfrugal man, who makes the first price on cotton every fall by the urgency of his debts. When the distressed cotton has to be sold for what it will bring other cotton cannot be sold at all. So there is one thing Mr. Page would like to see chased out of the market, and it will have to be done by getting a hand under the shoulder of the small farmer and helping him to his feet financially.

Then he thinks the association must have power to market the balance of the crop in business ways, and to sell when the market is ready to take cotton and pay for it, and to sell as much or as little any time to anybody as the conditions justify. In other words Mr. Page says the association should act just as any other broker does, which is to sell at the
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KIWANIS HEARS OF FARM LIFE SCHOOL

Mr. Hutcheson Tells of its Ambitions, its Needs and Work

At the Wednesday meeting of the Kiwanis Club at Lakeview the main features were a biography by Judge Way, who told of his translation from the badlands at Pittsburgh to the Valhalla regions of life, and R. G. Hutcheson, of the Farm Life School. The judge confessed that he started out to be a chemist and wound up by becoming a judge of the courts in Pittsburg and then a banker in one of the big institutions of that active industrial hive, and that he kept on until he landed in the Sandhills and now has mighty little else to look forward to. In arriving at the end of his story he gave land speculators a hot shot, and all the folks looked toward Frank Buchanan at the opposite end of the table, but after the dinner Frank and the judge were glued together on the porch talking as if they had a scheme on, and they threatened to bring the subject of land speculation before the club in the near future for a round table discussion. Judge Way is a comparatively new recruit in the Sandhills but he is taking the degrees right fast, and has already been accepted as an old inhabitant. He is billed for further discussion before the club.

Mr. Hutcheson talked about the farm life school and the work it is doing. He laid emphasis on the underprivileged child who has no chance to get properly placed at other schools because of various conditions and told

how Farm Life is making a place for such children if they can be financed. He drew a rather tragic picture of some boys and girls who are growing up in a limited atmosphere who would like to be in Farm Life but lacked the money necessary, and urged that those who could would back the institution in every way they can that it may become the most successful institution possible for the aims it has set. The school is largely a vocational school, teaching boys and girls things they cannot learn other places, and it fills a jog in what would otherwise be an incomplete life.

The club scheduled the subject for future consideration, as the whole question of the school system of the county and the help of the underprivileged child in a general way is to be further taken up at future meetings, the chief feature of the schedule for the next three or four weeks turning in this direction. Mr. Hutcheson's talk about Farm Life set it in a new light before most of the members, and all were much interested.

The reason we always have the poor with us is because they are not able to afford costly operations.

They used to say: "What is home without a mother," but now they say "What is home without a garage."

OLD BELT CO-OPS GET TWO MILLION

Association Opens 40 Markets in
South Carolina Belt Tuesday,
August 5th

The Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association began distributing \$2,300,000 Saturday, July 26, to the 50,000 farmers of the old belt of North Carolina and Virginia who delivered tobacco of the 1923 crop. Large crowds of the associated farmers gathered at the co-operative warehouses all the way from Hamlet, N. C., to Petersburg, Va., to take home the money which comes at the most convenient time to assist them in caring for the crop of 1924.

The payment of millions of dollars by the association to its members in the Carolinas and Virginia has become so common an occurrence that the organized farmers showed little excitement over the division of two and a quarter millions last week. There was real satisfaction evident among the crowds who gathered at the association's receiving points, due to the fact that this payment has come earlier than many anticipated and is to be followed in the near future by another equal payment, according to the latest news from headquarters of the tobacco co-operatives.

Merchants, bankers and business men of western North Carolina and
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NEILL A. McNEILL OF CAMERON DEAD

A Confederate Soldier and Was
Ninety-four Years
Old

(J. McK. Harrington)

Mr. Neill A. McNeill passed from death unto life at his home near Cameron on the morning of July the 26th, in the ninety-fourth year of his age. Thus has passed a sturdy land-mark in this section of Moore county. About a year ago the correspondent wrote a life sketch of Neill A. McNeill for *The Pilot*.

In early life Mr. McNeill was happily married to Miss Elizabeth Arnold, bought the plantation, built the home where he always lived, and where he died. He was affable in his manner, hospitable in his home, suc-



NEILL A. McNEILL

cessful as a farmer and business man. A man of means, one of the largest land-holders in this section of country. He had many friends. He took a lively interest in affairs of State and County, enjoyed seeing the progress of the County, and once remarked that while he knew it was not in the course of nature for him to live much longer, yet he would like to add twenty more years to his existence just to see what people could accomplish and the progress they would make. He was a philosopher. He enjoyed life and lived an honorable and useful one. He enjoyed farm life, was industrious, and he loved the open air with the sweetest influences about him, the sky, the trees, the green sward, the growing things with the breath of God upon them. He was a Co-federate veteran, a lieutenant in the Company of Capt. N. McK. McNeil, and gave an honorable war record. He was an elder in Cameron Presbyterian church, and a faithful attendant as long as he was fit physically to travel. He retained his mental faculties as long as he lived, and in his last years there

seemed to be a meek happiness upon him, gentle and cheerful.

He is survived by his invalid wife and four children, H. A. McNeill, of Florala, who has spent the last two years with his parents, faithful, tender and thoughtful of them in their affliction. W. D. McNeill, of Bishopville, S. C.; Kay McNeill, of Alabama; one daughter, Miss Mary, who has been a ministering angel in the home, careful, tender and loving, one who renounced the pleasures of youth to care for her parents in their declining years.

The funeral services were held Sunday from the Presbyterian church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. M. D. McNeill. Nephews and grand-nephews acted as pallbearers. D. W. McNeill, Will McLaughlin, Horace Morrison, J. K. McLeod, Edward McLeod, Cornelius Dunlap. A large concourse of people were present. The church and Sunday School rooms were packed, and many had to remain out of doors. Such a large family connection and friends. They were here from Carthage, Vass, Lemon Springs, Apex, Aberdeen, Hamlet, Jonesboro, Sanford, Raeford, Red Springs, Dundaroch, Sinoaks and Bishopville, South Carolina.

"The old, old-fashion death! Oh thank God all who see it, for that order fashion yet of Immortality."

TYSON AND JONES WILL REORGANIZE

Corporation to Expand in Capital, Stockholders and Product

Tyson and Jones, the most influential industry ever established in this section of North Carolina, will be at once reorganized, taking in new stockholders, new capital and expanding the line of products manufactured. With the death of T. B. Tyson not long ago, the last of the active managers of the older period passed away, and just what would be the future of the concern that has introduced the name of Carthage to a great portion of the South, was uncertain. But negotiations between the company and H. A. Page, Jr., and J. R. McQueen, led to a plan whereby the corporation will be expanded, refinanced, and new machinery and equipment added for an extended line of work, as well as for the continued manufacture of buggies.

The organization will include practically all of the present stockholders, a limited number of new ones, most of the old employees, and such new ones as are necessary to increase the output and establish the new lines. Buggies are not yet driven out of the business of the world. A recent order that came to the factory called for a hundred of the reliable vehicles the old
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STANDARD PEACHES GOING TO MARKET

Belles and Elbertas Move, and
Prices are More
Promising

With the opening of the week Georgia Belles began to move toward the market, and Elbertas sent a limited number forward. Next week the Elbertas will go in free supply, and the Belles will wind up. For the next two or three weeks peaches will be active in the Sandhills. S. B. Richardson, who is the biggest shipper in the Sandhills, told *The Pilot* this week that he is right well satisfied with the conditions, and that he expects the rest of the movement will bring a lot of money into the community.

Georgia has about wound up its little ball of yarn, and now with that big nightmare out of the way, and with the inferior peaches all disposed of, the field appears to be clear for the really good Sandhill fruit, and it is the best peach product that is made on the face of the earth. It is estimated that Georgia will have sent to market by the time the hat drops on that crop close to eight thousand cars. That big stock has been absorbed, not at the best prices, but nevertheless it is out of the way. North Carolina will not have at any time more than a quarter to a third the daily shipments that Georgia has flooded the market with, and Mr. Richardson says that with the much smaller supply and the decidedly better quality of fruit the North Carolina fruit will bring a price that should be satisfactory to the growers.

A good many of the earlier peaches have not proven profitable this year to the orchard men, as they had the peak of the Georgia crop to contend with, and it is well known that the early fruit is not of a type that will command a market in the face of serious competition. But the fruit that goes forward from now on will be of the kind that can go to the fruit store with anything, and as that is the character of the main crop of Sandhill fruit the sale is yet in front. In the next few days this district will see
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LAKEVIEW LAND BEGINS MOVING

McNeill, Gibbon and Stutts
Starts 'Ball Rolling'—Buy
Home Sites

In the last week several home sites have been bought in the park at Lakeview, and the outlook is that before long a stimulus will be felt in building and growth in that cheery quarter that will give things around the lake a new appearance.

Among the buyers are Harrison Stutts, three lots; W. H. McNeill, one; and N. L. Gibbon one. It is the intention of the Lakeview corporation to offer locations to people who want to establish themselves at Lakeview, and the sentiment seems to be that many other sales are likely to follow before long.

JOB-HOLDERS

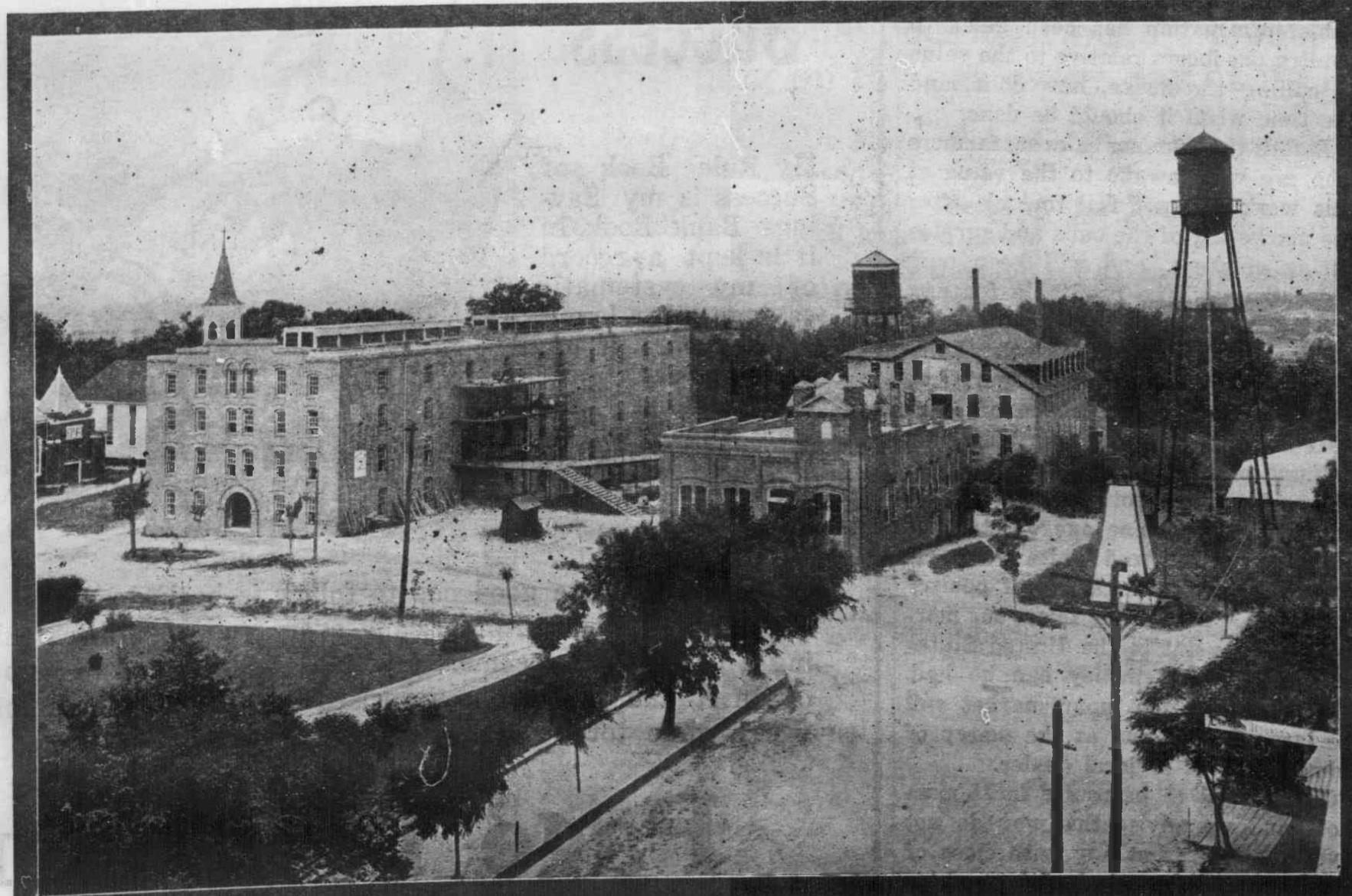
Figures from authoritative sources assert that nearly \$4,000,000,000 is paid out in the United States every year to public officials, active and retired.

These figures are not surprising when we know that nearly 3,500,000 persons are on the public payroll, federal, state and local.

Nearly one-half of the \$8,500,000,000 spent yearly by our government goes to officials and former officials. Every tax payer should understand that almost one-half of his taxes go to support office-holders.

One of Mussolini's first acts was to dismiss 100,000 men from the public payroll.

Our trouble is that the job-holder is the backbone of every political party. Jobs are the currency in which party debts are paid. And this currency is at present inflated.



A VIEW OF THE TYSON & JONES BUGGY COMPANY AT CARTHAGE