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## PREDICTS BETTER DAY FOR COTTON

President of Cotton Manufacturers Thinks Recovery Is Now Under Way.

### LARGEST CROP IN 4 YEARS

Boston, Nov. 12.—The cotton industry apparently has definitely turned the corner and is proceeding slowly, though steadily toward better days, Robert Amory, of Boston, president of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, said in his address before the annual meeting of the association here today.

"The present cotton crop is the largest in four years and we are assured of sufficient raw material for a much greater percentage of our capacity than through the last year," President Amory said. "A word of caution:

"We are not assured of sufficient raw material for an adequate reserve supply. Therefore, price fluctuation is still likely, although probably not to as great an extent as during the year past.

"The past year has been one of the most difficult through which our cotton manufacturing industry has ever passed, at least in the memory of men now engaged in the business," he said. "The principal cause for this has been the consecutive short crops, leaving the world without an adequate reserve supply of raw material which might have assisted in stabilizing the price. This, coupled with the ease with which speculation may be conducted in cotton, has brought about tremendous and unwarranted price fluctuations. A contributing cause which now seems absurd has been the fear and uncertainty of the political situation."

For the last few months cotton manufacturing in the United States has run as low as 60 to 70 per cent capacity, the president added, while in New England it has run from 40 to 50 per cent.

"Outside of New England, production has in no month run below 80 per cent capacity and has ranged from 80 to 90 per cent," he said. "Dozens of great cotton manufacturing corporations have ceased to pay dividends for the first time in many years. The workers in our New England mills have had to exist on less than half time and half pay and in many mills have had almost no work at all."

One hopeful factor for the cotton industry, President Amory said, was the fact that the unprecedented curtailment of the past year undoubtedly has created a great void in the country's stock of finished goods. Another was the great improvements of form markets.—News and Observer.

### Death of a Baby

Just as the sun was rising to brighten another beautiful day on Thursday about seven o'clock, October 30, the Death Angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Jernigan and took from them their darling baby, Ethylene. She was sick only a short time and all that loving parents, kind relatives, physicians and friends could do could not stay the icy hand of death. God does all things well, although it is hard to part with such a beautiful little flower. Ethylene was one year, six months and three days old. Her stay on earth was short but she had gained many friends. To know her was to love her.

Weep not, dear parents and little sister. She is not dead but sleepeth. She was buried near her home in the Hood cemetery amid a crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends. Her little grave was covered with flowers which she dearly loved. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Mr. Sewell and Rev. Mr. Young.

Little Ethylene is gone to rest, To reign with God for ever blest; Her little tongue will always praise A Savior's love, redeeming grace. Far from a world of sin and strife She now enjoys a heavenly life; And joins to praise and shout and sing And make the heavenly arches ring. Written by her aunt, Amelia.

Mr. J. D. Spiers left Thursday for Wilmington where he goes to attend the North Carolina Conference which is in session there.

## J. W. Woodard Painfully Burned

Mr. J. W. Woodard, of Glendale, happened to a serious accident one day last week when he was painfully burned about the face and hands. Mr. Woodard was curing sweet potatoes and went into the storage house to fill the oil stove. There was very little space in which to do this and when, for some reason, the stove caught fire and Mr. Woodard found his only avenue of escape from the house cut off by the leaping flames, he did the only obvious thing, picked up the stove and carried it out before him. This carried the flames into his face. He did not inhale any of the fire, according to our information, and is now doing as well as could be expected. Mr. Woodard is a member of the county board of commissioners.

### The Purpose of Pruning

Raleigh, Nov. 3.—The purpose of pruning is to change the habits of growth of a plant to encourage the greatest possible production of fruit by that plant.

The grower prunes first to direct the growth of the young tree that it will form a strong framework of scaffold limbs to form the future tree; he prunes, secondly, to allow the greatest amount of sunlight; third, to provide proper circulation of air; fourth, to remove all dead and diseased branches and fifth, to do this by such careful and judicious pruning as to maintain the largest possible leaf surface while getting the first four objects named.

"These are the primary purposes of pruning a fruit tree," says Glenn O. Randall, extension horticulturist for the State College of Agriculture. "In forming the future tree, with apples, the scaffold limbs are distributed around a central leader limb which as the tree develops should become the trunk. With peaches, an open headed system of pruning is advisable, in which case the tree is trained to not more than four scaffold limbs so selected that no two limbs are directly opposite. This is done to prevent weak crotches."

Mr. Randall states that sunlight is necessary to best color of fruit and if there is not a free circulation of air, danger from plant diseases is greater. He says, "Experiments with apple trees made by the North Carolina Station show conclusively that it is best to thin out the small branches rather than to prune severely cutting back the large branches. Because of soil conditions in the Sandhills it is necessary to prune the peach trees here rather severely. In all other cases, however, it is not wise to cut out too much wood."

### Can't Always Tell

In a remote district of Wales a baby boy lay dangerously ill. The widowed mother walked five miles in the night through drenching rain to get a doctor. The doctor hesitated about making the unpleasant trip. . . Would it pay? he questioned. He would receive no money for his services, and, besides, if the little child's life was saved he would no doubt become only a poor laborer. But love for humanity and professional duty conquered, and the little life was saved. Years after, when this same child—Lloyd George—became Chancellor of the Exchequer, the old doctor said, "I never dreamt in saving the life of that child on the farm hearth I was saving the life of the national leader of Wales."—Sunday School Chronicle.

### Begin Too Late

He was a little old man that walked with an unfirm step. As he stood leaning on his cane, I noticed a tear trickle down his cheek. I wonder if he was crying for joy or sorrow. He had just been told by the county commissioners he would be allowed to enter the poor house. He stayed only a moment and walked to the car that carried him away. I couldn't keep from swallowing hard a couple of times as that little bit of life was played before me. I thought, suppose that will be my fate when I am old. No home, no money, no friends. . . Only the poor house to call home. I tell you, folks, such things make a fellow think. The trouble with most of us we don't begin thinking until it is too late.—Editor Sturkey in The Thomasville News.

## TRUCK STRIKES SAND JOHNSTON CO. COOPS AND TURNS TURTLE VISIT RALEIGH OFFICE

School Truck Operating Between Bentonville and Four Oaks Turns Over

### FOUR ARE BADLY HURT

The first school truck accident of serious consequence in this county occurred Wednesday morning about nine o'clock when Ford truck No. 27, which is operated between Bentonville and Four Oaks, struck deep sand near the home of Mr. Ben Allen, seven miles from Four Oaks, and turned over. Mr. James Grantham was driving the truck and twenty-five school children were on board at the time of the accident.

Three of those riding in the truck, Mr. Chester Flowers, Miss Lottie Lee and Queen Lee, were badly hurt and were rushed here to the Smithfield Memorial Hospital for medical attention. Mr. Flowers received a four-inch cut on his head and was otherwise scratched and bruised. The girls were severely bruised but their condition is not considered serious.

Kirby Allen, another occupant of the truck, was carried to Four Oaks for treatment. Both his arms were broken. The other children escaped injury.

At last report the injured were getting along as well as could be expected.

### BAPTISTS HOLD ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING WED.

The Smithfield Baptist church held its annual business meeting last Wednesday evening, and the members felt it was a marked success. A large part of the membership was present to take part and to enjoy the social fellowship at the close of the business session. Miss Frances White sang a selection, and under the direction of a committee headed by Mrs. W. N. Holt refreshments were served at the close of the hour, while those present mingled in social fellowship.

The first part of the meeting was given to hearing reports from all the departments of the church covering the work of the year. The report of the clerk showed that during the year 46 new members had been added to the church, the present membership being 335. Money raised during the fiscal year amounted to nearly \$6,000. The historian, Mrs. W. N. Holt, read a historical sketch of the church during the year, dwelling on the encouraging signs of progress made, and paying a fine tribute to the pastor and his wife for their part in bringing the church into its present condition.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: superintendent of the Sunday school, W. H. Lassiter; superintendent of the young people's work, Miss Annie Rose Southerland; superintendent of missions, Mrs. G. W. Hicks; superintendent of Christian education, Mrs. Layton McGugan; clerk, J. H. Wiggs; treasurer, D. H. Creech; financial secretary, Miss Cherry Gurley; auditor, R. P. Hilding; musical director, Miss Frances White; pianist, Miss Lallah Rookh Stephenson, with Miss Helene Ives assistant; historian, Mrs. W. N. Holt; head usher, Lawrence Brown.

The church voted to pay out of the church treasury the expenses of the Sunday school, the B. Y. P. U. and the W. M. U. letting the contributions from these organizations go into the church treasury.

## MORE AWARDS FOR HERALD SUBSCRIBERS

In addition to the many other awards for getting subscribers to The Smithfield Herald you can win one or more of the following: Eight pound Kingan's Ham. Value \$2.80. On display at City Market. Given for 4 yearly subscriptions. New Perfection Oil Stove. Value \$32.50. On display at Jordan-Edmundson. Given for 50 yearly subscriptions. Girl's Wool Dress. Sizes 12 to 14. Value \$7.50. On display at A. G. Rabill's. Given for 10 yearly subscriptions. Superior Heterodyne Radio Set. (Complete). Value \$300.00 On display at Hood Bros. Given for 425 yearly subscriptions. Fifty Victory Theatre adult tickets or 70 children's tickets. Good any time within 12 months from date issued. Value \$15. Given for 18 yearly subscriptions. Indestructible Pearls (Delta). Value \$17.50. On display at T. C. Jordan & Son. Given for 24 yearly subscriptions. Gordon's Silk Hose. Value \$3.50. On display at Davis Department Store. Given for 4 yearly subscriptions. Edison Hot-Point Electric Iron. Value \$7.50. On display at L. M. Rhodes. Given for ten yearly subscriptions. Please remember that these are awards offered in addition to scores of others.

Local Cotton Association Sends Large Delegation to Raleigh Armistice Day.

### PICNIC DINNER IS SERVED

Raleigh, Nov. 13.—Johnston County sent a large delegation to visit the Raleigh office of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association on Armistice Day. The visitors brought their dinner with them and tables were arranged in the Classing department of the Association building. Dinner was served and it was an old-fashioned picnic time.

The visitors came early in the morning and were met by H. H. B. Mask and his assistants, and after being divided into groups they were shown the work of the Association. Each department was visited and the work described in detail. Assistant Secretary Webster took pleasure in making clear the accounting division and its battery of machines. Later General Manager Blalock made the visitors an address and as usual he had some interesting things to say.

The group of men, women and children were gathered at the Wake County court house for a photograph—later the photographer had an accident—both of the plates were broken, and it was too late for another because the Johnston County folks had gone home.

Among the visitors were the following members of the Cotton Growers Cooperative Association: J. E. Corbett, Selma R-1; Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Creech, Pine Level, R-1; Mr. J. Lloyd Strickland, Pine Level, R-1; W. H. Barnes, Kenly R-3; W. S. Tiner, Pine Level R-1; Mr. and Mrs. R. Arthur Creech, Smithfield R-2; Mrs. W. H. Woodard, Smithfield, R-2; J. R. Oliver, Smithfield R-2; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Oliver, Smithfield R-2; W. G. F. Lee, Smithfield R-2; R. E. and F. E. Lee, Four Oaks R-1; Lura E. Thompson, Princeton R-1; Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Boyett, Kenly R-2; Lovey Ivey, Benson R-1; John Goff, Princeton R-1; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Thompson, Princeton R-1; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Holmes, Benson R-1; N. J. Lassiter, Four Oaks R-1; Mrs. W. Howard Oliver, Princeton R-2; F. G. King, Four Oaks R-1; Mrs. J. E. Woodall, Smithfield; L. F. McLamb, Benson R-1; Mrs. G. G. Woodall, Benson R-1; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Woodall, Benson R-1; Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Ivey, Benson R-1; J. E. Winberry, Kellum; Joseph P. Parker, Smithfield R-1; W. Haywood Woodard, Smithfield R-2; C. F. Atkinson, Kenly R-2; D. G. Ivey, Benson R-1; R. D. Smith, Smithfield; J. C. Holmes, Benson R-1; J. W. Oliver, Smithfield R-2; Mrs. J. W. Hamilton, Smithfield; J. W. Hamilton, Smithfield; W. R. Hales, Kenly R-2; Paul C. Oliver, Smithfield R-2; J. H. Holmes, Jr., Benson R-1; W. I. Corbett, Selma; Mr. and Mrs. Victor Penney, Angier R-1; W. J. Snipes, Princeton R-2; J. E. Woodall, Smithfield; G. C. Mumford, Princeton R-1; J. R. Humphrey, Jacksonville R-2; Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Holland, Kenly R-2; Mr. and Mrs. Percy Peacock, Kenly.

Among the visitors were the following who are not members of the Association: Robert Hill, Jr., Smithfield R-2; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Strickland, Princeton R-1; Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Hill, Smithfield R-2; Mr. D. O. Ivey, Benson R-1; D. A. Ivey, Benson R-1; Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Strafford, Princeton R-1.

### Teaches Ford to Dance



Henry Ford is going to give old-time dances at his Wayside (Mass.) Inn this winter. He has hired Mrs. B. F. Lovett, of Hudson, Mass., to teach him, his wife and their friends the old steps. Mrs. Lovett is now in Detroit to show Mr. Ford how to do the "Doe-see-doe."

### ATTEMPT TO CONVERT QUICKSILVER INTO GOLD

New York, Nov. 11.—The Scientific American announced today that it would direct an attempt to convert quicksilver into gold, during a series of experiments already in progress under Prof. H. H. Sheldon, department of physics, New York university.

"We believe the efforts will be successful," said E. E. Free, editor of the publication. "The experiments probably will take from two to four months."

He explained that Prof. Sheldon's efforts would be directed toward confirming, by a different process, results claimed to have been achieved by Prof. Adolph Miethe during the last year at Charlottenburg Technical college, Berlin. In the meantime, a duplicate of the apparatus used by Prof. Miethe is being sent here for study.

The apparatus now being set up at New York university consists chiefly of a quartz lamp which incloses various tubes and electric paraphernalia. The lamp will hold about a half ounce of quicksilver vapor.

The theory is that a current of electricity, of 170 volts and an amperage to be determined, will "crack" the atoms of the quicksilver, "knock-off" the 80th planetary electrons which differentiates quicksilver from gold, and thus leave atoms with a planetary system of 79 electrons—pure gold.

Prof. Miethe's reputed discovery that quicksilver could be transformed into gold was an accident. Using a quartz lamp and quicksilver vapor he was seeking to determine the effect of violet electric rays upon the vapor. After 200 hours of operation his apparatus became clogged. He took it apart and discovered its tubes choked with pure gold.

A repetition of the experiment brought the same result, according to German scientific treatises which brought news of Prof. Miethe's discovery to the attention of the Scientific American.—Associated Press

## School Election Fails In Meadow

For the third time the election to vote bonds to build a modern school building in Meadow township has failed to carry. The last election was held ? ? ? ? ? and was defeated by seventy-nine votes. On December 23 the consolidated districts of Meadow will hold an election to vote on \$35,000 bond issue to erect a building for their own use.

## RED CROSS CHAPTER TO BE REORGANIZED

Committee Met in Court House Wednesday and Made Plans for Membership Drive

### 200 MEMBERS IS GOAL

During the recent war Smithfield had an active American Red Cross chapter which functioned until after the war closed when it was allowed to go down. Recently an effort has been made to re-organize this chapter and Wednesday morning at ten o'clock was set as the time to meet and make plans for a membership drive.

On the committee to re-organize the local chapter were: Rev. Geo. M. Manley, Capt. St. Julien L. Springs, Mrs. P. H. Kasey, and Mrs. W. W. Jordan. Mrs. Kasey was named chairman and Mrs. Jordan secretary-treasurer of the committee. Mr. Chas. J. Smith, field director of the American Red Cross chapters in other towns in North Carolina, met with the members of the committee in the commissioner's room at the court house Wednesday and helped make plans for the drive. He told of the work of this great organization in other towns and spoke of how the work is carried on at Fort Bragg. He also mentioned the work being done by the Fayetteville chapter, which is one of the best in the state. He told of a meeting of that chapter which he attended Tuesday night when 120 workers who have charge of the campaign for roll call were attendance. He said that before the meeting adjourned, those present turned into the treasury \$795.

Mr. Smith explained how the funds paid into the organization would be used. Fifty cents of every membership fee, he said, would be sent to national headquarters to be used in national and international relief work, and the remainder would be used for local work. In fees of \$5, \$25, \$50, or \$100 only fifty cents would be sent.

The goal for membership here is 200 but an effort will be made to enroll more. The membership drive will begin here next week and everybody will be given an opportunity to join and help support this organization carry on its work even more effectively than heretofore.

### NEILL McINNIS

The departure of Rev. Neill McInnis, pastor of Presbyterian church in Selma and nearby communities to a larger field of service at Philadelphia, Presbyterian church near Red Springs, N. C., is truly in evidence of the worth of the man. For the last two years Mr. McInnis has been a faithful minister in his church in Selma, and has served well. He has been one of the home missionaries of the Presbyterian Synod.

During his brief pastorate in our midst, he has built two new churches, one at Fairview and the other at Community, also strengthened the church in Selma very materially. But a man like Mr. McInnis never confines himself entirely to sectarian pulpit usages. His spiritual life is always felt in the life of any community in which he ministers. We take great pleasure in saying that he has created a very peculiar affection in the hearts of the people here regardless of faith or station of life. He has been a man of God, and the man's man. We regret to see him leave. Yet we realize that he is deserving of a larger field of service which church offers in the new field to which he goes.

Every man's value to a community in which he lives is determined by the quality and degree of service he renders. Mr. McInnis' service has been of the highest order, and filled to the capacity of a great man. He is a man who makes friends easily, and holds the friendship long.

We wish for him every success which is due to a faithful and good man. And we leave the door of our affections ajar so if he desires to return and fellowship with us again he may do so.—The Johnstonian.

### Two Large Turnips

Mr. W. L. Johnson, of Wilson's Mills, Route 1, was in the city Tuesday and brought with him two large turnips. The turnips weigh seven pounds and are the largest seen here this season.