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COOPERATIVE MARKETING IN A NUTSHELL

Rapid progress is reported in the "Sign-Up Campaign' for cooperative marketing of cotton now in progress all over North Carolina. Whereas the contract called for a minimum of 200,000 bales to be signed up by January 1, growers of nearly 300,000 bales have already signed up.

In a statement just issued by leaders of the Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association from the State headquarters, Raleigh, they ask cotton growers everywhere to study the following comparison of the present marketing system and the proposed cooperative marketing plan. These leaders say that this parallel presents the whole case in a nutshell and is the most concise statement of the cooperative marketing program ever printed:

PRESENT MARETING SYSTEM

Who control- present system?—Spinners, speculators and ramblers.

Cost of operating present system?—The producer pays the profits and expenses of all the long line of buyers and dealers who operate between him and the mills, and he also pays for an average of eight samples per bale, for weather damage, and many other wasteful and unnecessary charges.

What is the present selling plan?—"Dumping" as soon as harvested, which forces a year's supply of cotton on the market in four or five months, and enevitably "breaks" the market.

What is financing method of present system?

—None so far as the producer is concerned. Cotton buyers utilize the banking resources of the count ance the purchase of cotton, but producers are without any system for using banking credit for orderly selling.

Grading and Stapling, present system.

—Entirely in the hands of buyers. It is a matter of common knowledge that cotton in the hands of farmers is alost universally under-graded and staple values ignored in local markets which are the markets in which farmers sell

Weather Damage, present system.—From an average of $6 to more than $25 per bale—all paid by farmers.

Poverty, child labor, hard-hip, distress, poor churches, poor schools, and unsound and unstable business.

COOPERATIVE MARKETING

Who controls Cooperative Marketing system?

—Producers actin gthrough their cooperative sales agency.

Co t of operating Cooperative Marketing system?

—Cotton will move direct from the producer to the warehouse of his selling agency without any co t except transportation charges. When sold by the Association the full amount received, less the actual cost of maintaining the Association, will be returned to the growers. Wasteful sampling weather damage and the profits of many handlers, will be entirely eliminated.

What is Cooperative selling plan?—Orderly and systematic selling thru out the year according to demand, which will be a factor in stablizing the market and minimizing "bear" raids and efforts of speculators to break the market and lower the price.

What is financing program of Cooperative System?

—The Co-operative Marketing Association, using negotiable warehouse receipts, will utilize banking resources of the countr yto make advances to members at time of delivery and market cotton in an orderly and systematic manner.

Grading and stapling, Cooperative System.

—In the hands of experienced and competent men in the employ of the Cooperative Marketing Association Every member will get the full benefit of the grade and staple value of each bale he produces. This alone will mean an average profit much in excess of $10 per bale.

Weather damage, Cooperative System.

—None. All cotton of all members will be st ored and insured in bonded warehouses

Results, Cooperative System.

—Fair and stable prices representing cost of production and profit. Independence, comfort, good churches, good schools, and stable business.

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LOST: Wednesday afternoon between Critcher's office a silver card case with engraved icitials O. P. C. upon it. Finder pleas ereturn to Mrs. B. A. Critcher.

1921 Peanut Crop Showing up Snort

The peanut crop fro Virginia and North Carolina will be about 630,000 or threefourths of a million bags short of the 1919 crop according t the latest report of the United State Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates, notwithstanding the increase in acreage for these two states previously reported. Virginia is credited with a large crop condition of 55 per cent and a yield of 3,524,000 bushels North Carolina's crop condition is given as 61 per cent and her yield is placed at 3,736,000 bushels. Counting four bushels to the bag the combined yield for these two pioneer peanut growing states of America will be only 1,815,000 bushels or 250,000 bags shorter even than the crop of 1920.

These Government figures are for the week ending August 31. The deterioration since that time as the result of the continuing drouth in most sections is most marked. Even in those communities where there have been local showers(the yield will not be materially incagased as the vines were so far gone when the rains came as to have but little come-back to them.

According to reports now coming into the office of the Peanut Growers Exchange, Inc., the shortage in peanuts for Virginia and North Carolina will be decidedly more than that indicated by the Government figures. Reports from a large number of growers scattered throughout the territory sent in response to a special questionnaire mailed out last week indicate an increase of 14 per cent in acreage and a decrease of 24 per cent in production as compared with last year. On this basis the 1921 crop would fall 500,000 bags short of the short crop of 1920 and 1,000,000 bags short of the heavy crop of 1919.

In addition to this shortage in the present crop, which now promises to be harvested unusually early, the carry-over from the last two crops will be so small as to be negligible. This complete clean up of old peanuts applies not only to these two states, which grow practically all the large type peanuts of America, but also to the Southeast, where the bulk of the Spanish peanuts are grown. The supply of imported peanuts remaining on the 1919 crop, which had such a depressing efefct on the 1920 American crop, will also be so near out of the way as to remove this bearish influence.

Other factors that should have a most helpful bearing on the price for the 1921 crop are the better tone of the vegetable oil market, which has made decided gains the past two months, and the increased demand for peanuts for confections. These influences have carried No. 1 Virginia shelled peanuts from the low mark of 4 3-4 to 5 cents early in the year to 7 to 7 1-2 cents, while No. 1 shelled Spanish have moved up to 6 1-4 to 6 1-2 cents. The prices on cleaned goods and the extra large Virginia shelled remain steady at about the same level for the season. The price on farmers stock Virginians are very variable according to grade, running from 5 to siv cents for Virginia runners and North Carolina bunch, with good Jumbos going at 6 1-2 to 7 cents. Farmers stock Spanish have moved up from the 80 cent level of six weeks ago to $1.00 a bushel, though the supply is about exhausted.

All these conditions, coupled with the easier tone of the money market and the larger funds avaliable for the movement of crops resulting from favorable legislation on the part of Congress and from modifications in regard to agricultural loans on the part of the Federal Reserve Board would indicate larger returns for the 1921 crop here in Virginia and North Carolina than for the 1920 crop notwithstanding the greater shortage in the production.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue o fthe authority contained in a certain note executed by S. S. Hadley, bering date January 2nd, 1920, the conditions in said not not having been complied with the undersigned owner of said note will onthe 1st day of October, 1921, at the Court House Door in the town of Williamston, N. C. at 12 o'clock M. ofefr for sale to the highest bidder for cash, at public auction, the following described personal property:

(5) Five notes in the sum of ($400.00) Four Hundred dollars each, dated November, 7th, 1916, executed by W. F. Barber, due January 1st, 1921, 1922 1923, 1926 and 1927. Said notes being secured by deed of trust on real estate

This the 7th day September, 1921.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK
B. WHEELER MARTIN Atty.

If your children are going away to school or college this year, be sure to send the Enterprise to them, so they can keep with the news at home.

GREENVILLE TOBACCO MARKET IS TESTED

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, Mr. Louis H. Peel of Griffins Township carried a load of tobacoo to Greenville, one grade of which weighed 180 pounds. It first sold for 28 cents per pound. After the buyers had passed to the other end of the warehouse Mr. Peel moved the pile of tobacco in the second row and it was sold a second time. Mr. Peel repeated this process until the same pile of tobacco was sold ten times as folows, 28c, 31c, 33 1-2c, 34 1-2c, 28c, 35 1-2c 21c, 25 3-4c, and 36 1-4c. This shows a difference of 16c between the high and low sale of the same tobacco, and it sold at one time 25 per cent lower than it did the first time and it also sold at one tie 37 1-2 per cent higher than it did on the first sale while the highest sale was 57 1-2 per cent higher than the lowest sale.

This is the same tobacco (remarked each time), sold by the same man and bought by the same buyers on the same market. Do you wonder why so many people are dissatisfied with their sales? If Mr. Peel and a neighbor had been selling the same grade of tobacco and one had received 21c and the other 37c, one woul knock the market and the other boost it. But there wa sfavoratism shown this transaction but the fault was found to be inthe system of marketing tobacco.

The thing we must have is a system that i sbased oin demand and supply and this can only be had on the Cooperative Marketing basis.

THE EASTERN CAROLINA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Goldsboro, N C.—The secretaries of the various Chambers of Commerce and representatives of the varied interests in Eastern Carolina including Board of Trade, Marchants association, bankers, land owners and manufacturers held an enthusiastic meeting in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerc etoday and made tentative plans for the formation of an Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce. W. C. Denmark, secretary of the local Chamber called the meeting to order, and stated the object Kenneth Royall, president of the Goldsboro Chamber, was made temporary chairman, and took occasion to accord the visitors to a warm welcome. Mr. Royall sounded the keynote in hi sopening address in which he stated that the representatives present should have free and frank discussion of the matter and if it is shown that we need a central organization to combine our efforts, then let's organize as association that will be a militant factor in the affairs of our state and nation.

W. A. McGrit, manager of the North Carolina Landowners Association, endorsed the movement and said such an organization would fill a long felt need and would prove a great value to the farmers, merchants, bankers and manufacturers of the coastal plain region.

E. W. Gaither of the North Carolina Extension Service, explained farming conditions in this state and appealed to the commercial organizations to organize a unit which would insure the success o fthe cooperative market effort now being advanced by the extension service.

Secretaries J. Y. Chamblis, of Rocky Mount, J. W. Denmark, of Goldsboro, N. Y. Scott, of Wilson H. E. Barlow, of New Bern, Mr Price representing the Southern railroad, and Mr. Underwood of Norfolk Southern railroad, made interesting remarks and endorsed the movement for the organization of an Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce. The speakers referred to the natural advantages of the Coastal Plain and declared their determination to assist in any movement which would hasten its development. Reference was made to our ideal climate conditions, rainfall and soil conditions which are unequalled by any section of the world.

Resolutions were adopted at the night session which sets in motion the creation of a real militant organization which will be known as the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce and which will involve all the commercial and agricultural interests in this section when the organization is completed.

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Local News and Personal Mention

Mr. LeRoy Anderson of Emporia Va. is at home visiting his parents this week and attendin gthe

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Mr. Joe Hamilton left yesterday for Philadelphia where he will finish his course at the University of Pennsylvania this year. Mr. Hamilton has been with the Boyle Robertson Construction Company for several months and in that time made a host of friends who regret seeing him leave

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Miss Josephine Davis of Norfolk is visiting her aunt, Mrs. C. A. Martin

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Mr. John Gray of Sayannah Ga. is visitme his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hunter of New Town this week Mr. Gray has been living in Savannah for several years. He is superintendent of Construction on the Savannah Division of The Southern Bell Telephone Company.

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Francis M. Barnes left this week to enter Augusta Military Academy at Fort Defiance, Virginia. This is said to be one of the best schools in the State of Virginia, located near Stanton.

PROMINENT YOUNG MINISTER AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The services at the Baptist Church morning and evening will be conducted by Rev. Richard T. Fountain of Tarboro. Mr. Fountain is a successful young minister belonging to a prominent Eastern Carolina family Since receiving his degree at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary he has done most acceptable work as pastor in this State and also in South Carolina. Every one is cordially invited to hear this splendid young man from our neighboring town.

MR. J. A. HALER VISITS FAIR

Mr. J. A. Haler of Elgin, Ill. visited the fair this week and made arrangement to have some of the exhibits displayed here taken to Illinois State Fair which will be held in Peoria, the last of September. Mr. Haller has bought thirty five thousand acres of land in Eastern Carolina and is now developing it. His Company, The Pamlico Lumber and Development company has rented space in the fair grounds in Peoria, paying $500.00 rental for it for the pupose of advertising farm products from Eastern Carolina. This will mean much to this section as it will put our best points before some of the world's best people and will doubtless induce hundreds of them to come to State for an actual home.

THANKS TO FRIENDS AND PATRONS

I wish to thank the friends and patrons of the school who so kindly lent or brought their automobile to school Tuesday morning for the use of the children I feel sure the children enjoyed the ride and I appreciate the spendid spirit manifested by the Martin County Fair Association for giving passes to the school children and teachers o fthe County. All children at school on time that morning had an opportunity to ride for I left in the last car.

M. J. DAVIS, Superintendent.

PRESBYTERIANS ON FOURTH SUNDAY

Rev. J. T. Wilman will preach in the morning at Hassell, and at Parmele at night.

Sunday school at Peel School at three thirty and at Parmele at three in the afternoon.

Bible study class at Mrs. Julia Ward's in Parmele Monday night.

HARD SURFACED ROAD MEETING

On August 13, 1921, a meeting wa held in the town of Hamilton at which the "Halifax Williamston Highway Association" was organized to work in the interest of a hard surfaced highway between the capital of Halifax County and the capital of Martin County, routed through Scotland Neck, Palmyra, Oak City, Hamilton and running practically paralle with the Roanoke River.

The folowing officers were elected Harry Waldo, President, L. J. Baker, H. T. Everett, M. P. Taylor, Dr B. L. Long, Vice-Presidents. P. L. Salsbury, Secretary and Treasurer. Dr G Matthews was apointed with P. L. Salsbury to draft resolutions and present them to the oBard of County Commissioners of Martin County requesting that this proposed road be adopted. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the County Commissioners of Halifax County and to the State Highway Commission. Contributed.

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THIEVES GET AWAY WITH TWO FORDS

On Wednesday night a Ford touring car belonging to Mr. Algnon Roberson was stolen from the Fair Ground. The car was a 1920 model and had a small dent about the center of the rear of the body. The car number was 3,622,092 and the license number was 29,652. It had practically new tires all round. Mr. Roberson will pay a substantial reward for the return of the car.

On Thursday night Mr. J. E. Harris of Hassell lost a new Ford that he had bought less than a week ago. There was no license on the car, but it marked license applied for. This was a new model Ford with green light, motor number 5,310,818. Mr. Harris will pay a reasonable reward for the return of his car or for information leading to the capture and return o fthe car and the party who stole it.

T. H. BIRDSONG GENERAL MANAGER PEANUT GROWERS EXCHANGE

Suffolk, Va., September 22, 1921. T. H. Birdsong, President of the Birdsong Storage Co., was today selected General Manager o fthe Peanut Grower Exchange, Inc., which has a membership of over 5,000 growers, who represent over 50 per cent of the peanut grown in Virginia and North Carolina. In addition to his duties as president of the Company, Mr. Birdsong is largely interested in a number of other business enterprises here in Suffolk and at several points in neighboring counties. In every movement for the betterment of his city, county and section, Mr. Birdsong has taken a leading part and he stands out as one of the foremost business men of Tidewater Virginia. Mr. Birdsong is largely associated with his two brothers in the wholesale grocery business in Philadelphia and New York. He will assume control of the affairs of the Exchange October 1st and under his wise direction the members of the Exchange are confident that their organization will become a powerful agency for the better marketing o peanuts.

The special finance committee appointed to negotiate wit the War Finance Corporation reported through Chairman J. H. Alexander, of Scotland Neck, N. C., that it had taken this matter up with the authorities at Washington and had been given every assurance that the necessary fund for financing the peanut crop of the Exchange's members would be provided up to $5,000,000 if this much was necessary.

Another important action of the Board of Directors at their meeting today was arranging for a membership campaign to be conducted October 14 to 15 th. While the growers contract represents more than 50 per cent of the peanuts grown in these two states a special effort will be made during this campaign to add at least 1 or additional signers, so as to give the Exchange control of not less than 60 per cent of the peanuts grown in Virginia and orth Carolina.

The other officers of the Exchange are, President, W. J. Story, Courtland, Va., Vice President M. C. Bryant, Battleboro, N. C.; Secretary and Treasurer, J. Frank Fooshe, Suffolk, Va.; Executive Committee; E. Front Stey Franklin, Va., L. M. Prandy Ivor, Va., J. H. Alexander, of Scotland Neck, N. C., Dr. J. D. Biggs Williamston, N. C.

EXPLOSION AT CHEMICAL FACTORY IN GERMANY

Germany failed to feel the effect of shot and shell on her own soil during the war but must feel the effects of the terrific explosion which took place at Mannheim, one of her small towns. The town of a population of about 6,000 people and its principal industry is its chemical works. There were working a double crew and when the shift was about to be made in the early morning the explosion occured, killing about 1100 men outright and wounding over 4,000 of the other citizens of the community. This is the most disasterous explosion recorded in history It destroyed the entire town and damaged the surrounding territory forty miles away.

1921 MARTIN COUNTY FAIR PASSES INTO HISTORY

The 1921 Martin County Fair passed into history and was held with remarkable quietness. On thing that somewhat marred the smoothness of it was that there were a very large number of drunks and, among them were some fairly decent looking people. This is just a little strange when we take one view of it, why men will go to a place to have a good time an dthen get too drunk to have any kind of a time.

Another Doper Gets too Much

Narcotics seem to be a curse lately and dopers. Only a few weeks ago a negro was arrested while under the influence of dope and kept breathing for some hours by attending physicians and officers because he had drunk too much dope.

Last Friday the load was too heavy for a few unknown men who come to Williamston with some of the snow people efforts. New Bern fact Sunday and who was stopping at Thomas boarding house died Tuesday evening. It was found early in the afternoon that there was something wrong with him and Dr. Warren was summoned. He found the man in a weak condition, heart seemed strong but respiration was very slow and there was every indication of drug poison. He died a few hours later.

A two ounce bottle of paregoric was found and about one third of it poured out into a drinking cup, beside that some other medicine was found on his person including one morphine. Dr. J. B. Knight says that on Monday night this same man came to his office and asked for morphine as he had some kidney trouble. Whereupon he refused and gave him the two ounce bottle of paregoric. The man gave his name as Fred Clark but he was identified by one of the boys men as "Weney" and his home is Butler, Pa. He was turned over to Biggs Undertaking Establishment and was buried in Potter Field Wednesday at public charge. From appearance this man was around fifty years old, was a cripple, one foot had been amputated off and he was on the street Monday begging, but had only fifteen cents when found.

Doubtless this was a case of habit started inch by inch until it led to the destruction of this man. Something must be done to check the wholesale handling of narcotics. The poor beggar lay at the gate and the curb, had to surrender his money to procure something that killed him and had only fifteen cents left.

MR. HOLLIDAY HAS DISPLAY AT FAIR

Perhaps one of the best and most extensive exhibits from one single farm at any Fair in North Carolina was displayed by Mr. J. T. Holliday to prove the claim that the agricultural paradise of the world is located in Eastern North Carolina. The varied products produced in abundance that can could surround Mr. Holliday's farm with a Chinese wall and he could live like a king. He would have to his own farm, and home canning everything needed in this line and clothing line with the possible exception of a little coal oil from which to extract salt and maybe a few pace from India.

Among the articles shown in Mr. Holliday's exhibit are the following farm and garden crop.

Field peas, black speckled, clay blackeyed, Pound, [illegible] varieties.

Sugar cane, sweet potatoes, Lima bean sap bean, Adzuki cat.

Corn, prolific and Reed, Golden Dent each variety.

Soy Bean, Haberlandt, Virginia, Mammoth Yellow.

Velvet bean varieties.

Cantaloupe.

Ham, Bacon and Pork.

Sunflowers.

Hay, 10 varieties, including 7 clovers and 3 grasses.

Rye, Abrazzi.

Tomatoes, 3 varieties.

Irish potatoes.

Eggs, both brown and white as ornaments.

Pumpkins.

Red peppers, 4 varieties.

Beet, Cucshaw.

Strawberries, with fruit on vine.

Turnips 2 varieties.

Teosinte, a hay said to produce 20 tons per acre.

Big boll cotton.

May wheat.

Apple oat, baled into hay, also shown for chick feed and scratch.

Scuppernong grape.

Watermelons, Tom Watson and Rutabeggas.

Pears, 3 varieties.

Apples, 3 varieties.

102 cans of vegetables and fruit that had been preserved, pickled, and canned in almost every conceivable manner. Of course this department of the display is to be credited to Mrs. Holliday.

Mr. Holliday is a hard worker but there are many farmers in Martin County who work much harder than Mr. Holliday but perhaps they do not work as systematically as does Mr. Holliday. So much of our success comes from thinking and planning. Indeed, a man cannot live by work alone, nor can man live by thinking alone, the successful man is he who mixes the two i proper proportions and we think that herein lies Mr. Holliday's success.

COUNTY FIRMS FAIL TO HAVE EXHIBITS AT FAIR

The business firms of the County failed to grasp the oportunity to display their goods at the Fair. We noticed only a few exhibits. Hoyt Hardware Company had a good arrangement of stoves and ranges; Harrison Brothers and Company had a fine display of Ladies and Men's suits, hats and shoes, B. S. Courtney had splendid displays in both the Main and Woman's Buildings; W. G. Peel representing the Delco Light Co. had a splendid demonstration; Watts Grocery Company showed a fine variety of groceries in the Ladies Building; the Fisheries Product Co. had several bags of Fish guano on exhibition and samples of farm crops grown by its fertilizers. We are not particularly interested in The Fisheries Product Co. but we have to admit that they have good fertilizers.

A comparison o fthe Agricultural Building an dthe Woman's Building showed again that women are more dependable than men. We haven't the figures at hand but it is quite safe to say that there were three times as many women exhibitors as there were mens. The church booths served the people with both good things to eat and refreshing drinks. Those who know racing say it was good, a large number of horses were entered and they were of an exceptionally good class. Miss Quincy the famous hrigh diver performed her part splendidly and was popular wit hail. The live Stock Department was not filled but the quality was good and shows that there are a few Martin County farmers who are thinking of good stock. The Poultry Department was better than last year and embraced a large number of the better breeds of poultry.

THE BOLL-WEEVIL MAKING RAPID ADVANCES

The Boll weevil is making rapid advances toward us. It is now being found in large quanitits in Lenoir, Wake, Craven and many other counties nearby. It is not doing much damage there however as it did not reach there until late but it will start in next year to clean those fields in in the arly season and will reach us next, it is to be hoped too late for cotton crop. However it is evident from all indications that cotton growing will be a problem in this section very soon, our farmers must look out for the bool weevil in time by getting a better diversity of crops and paying more attention to live stock, poultry and such things as are really needed by them. It will be hard on the farmer who has depended upon cotton solely for a living when the the boll weevil strikes us thoroughly.

RAILROADS SEEK TO GET OUT OF PAYING TAXES AS ASSESSED

The Southern Railway has procured an injunction against the state tax commissioner to prohibit the collection of taxes under his assessment It is believed that the Atlantic Coast Line and the Seaboard Air Line will each follow suit in the very near future. There is no telling what the result will be. The railroads have got the most powerful grip on the country that they have had in twenty years. Look at your freight bills and compare them with those of five years ago. Travel a bit and see what it requires. Then look at the papers and you will also see them with their hands on the throttle in Washington grinding the cash out of the public treasury whenever they want it. So far as we know the railroads are the only things in all creation that can go to the public treasury and say our business is bad and we are in need of money and have it sheeld out to them in large quanities without having to give notes, bonds or anything, and with the understanding that it is a gift.

Think the matter over. If we have others so fortunate then we will make correction of this statement.

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