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BUSINESS CONDITIONS OVER COUNTRY SHOW IMPROVEMENT

Especially is This True in Richmond Reserve District.

Washington, Nov. 1.—Business conditions all along the line have improved wonderfully during the last month, especially in the Richmond district, according to the monthly bulletin just issued by the Federal reserve board. The report says:

"After watching the slow and at times halting development of business during the several months, it is now possible to report that this district is experiencing much improvement.

"While cotton is largely responsible, it can be fairly said that the improvement is attributable to the fact that intelligent and very general curtailment of acreage, while naturally having a direct bearing upon the immediate price of the staple, accomplished much both immediately and it is hoped prospectively, in that the value of diversification has been clearly demonstrated. If the principle can be adhered to and the idea further developed in the future, land owners in the cotton states will soon insist, not only with themselves but with their tenants, that better average results will be had in diversification than in devoting their entire supply of energy to the cultivation of a single crop. It, therefore, is true that while the change in policy has resulted in high prices for a comparatively short crop of cotton, it also is the fact that the acreage withdrawn from cotton has yielded tobacco and grains and generous values, with the result that the farmers will remember the present year as one of plenty.

"Cotton has been moving freely, permitting generous liquidation. The movement is allowing local jobbers and merchants to replenish, with confidence, stocks which have been carried at low water mark, thus materially helping manufacturing lines. Many planters who have sold sufficient cotton to enable them to pay...

of their crop for prices which they hope to see even better than those prevailing at the moment. The liquidation noted can be observed all along the line from a local bank or merchant to the more or less distant bank, jobber, or manufacturer.

"Tobacco has been of excellent quality and is selling at prices good for the grower.

"Vegetable and fruit packing, a large industry in this district, after a long period of stagnation reports conditions to be decidedly better than was the case two months ago.

"There is noted a very much better tone to business and a very noticeable change for the better in the demand for goods, particularly from the cotton districts.

"Lumber, always slow to recover from stagnation, shows some real signs of improvement.

"Retailers are quite generally feeling the effect of changed conditions, while automobile dealers, certainly in some sections, report more business at the moment and prospectively than for several months, which is indicative of immediate comfort of mind, may also suggest that the resolution prompting some my undertaken when in distress some month ago may have been forgotten.

"Cotton milling is prosperous and mills are running full time, taking cotton as offered locally, though under no pressure either to buy or sell. Coal is in good position and its great tonnage is materially helping the railroads in carrying for its territory.

"Labor seems to be fully employed and on a basis satisfactory to all interests. Public service utilities, such as street railways, gas and electric concerns, report an enlarged use of their facilities.

"Banks, including most institutions located in sections which are debtor more or less continuously, are in a very easy position, many of them reporting funds to spare.

CROP WORTH \$960,000,000

About \$257,000,000 More Than Last Season on 2,800,000 Linn Bales

It takes approximately 1,700 lbs. of lint cotton, or the staple which comes from the field, to make one bale of 500-pound weight of ginned cotton. From this 1,700 pounds of lint cotton an average of 1,000 pounds of seed is obtained. In other words, one-half ton of cotton seed is obtained from each bale of cotton. With the seed selling at the unprecedented high price of \$40 to \$50 a ton, as compared with \$15 to \$18 a ton were paid last season, and figuring the total cotton yield of the South this year at approximately 12,000,000 bales, some idea may be had for the added revenue that the cotton producing States are receiving from the crop. This is exclusive of the increase that is being obtained from the prevailing higher price of the staple itself. Most of last year's crop was disposed of at prices ranging between 6 and 7 cents a pound. An average price close to 12 cents a pound is being obtained for this season's crop.

On a basis of an increase of 5 cents a pound over last year's price represents a value of \$720,000,000 and adding the value of 6,000,000 tons of seed at an average price of \$40 a ton, making \$240,000,000, a grand total of \$960,000,000 for the crop is obtained.

The value of last year's 14,000,000 bale cotton crop of the South was approximately \$450,000,000 for staple and \$110,000,000 for the seed, making a total of \$560,000,000. This year's crop has a value of about \$851,000,000 more than last season's crop.

The estimated yield of Texas this year is approximately 3,500,000 bales. The value of the staple in Texas is now approximately \$210,000,000 and that of the seed \$70,000,000, making a total of \$280,000,000.

If the prices for the staple and the seed continue high the increase of cotton income in Texas last year amounted with the idea that an era of high prices for the products has set in and that it will continue irrespective of when the European war ends or its outcome. It appears at this time that no movement looking to a reduction or holding down of the acreage next year can be successful.

"Predictions are fully made that the price of the staple will reach 15 to 18 cents a pound in a few months, and that cotton seed will go to \$60 a ton before Spring. There are strong indications that the farmers of the South, and particularly of Texas, are on the verge of going cotton wild.

During the last several days reports have been current here that representatives of the German Government are in the market for enormous quantities of cotton and cotton seed oil and that big purchases of these commodities have already been made in this State. Delivery is not to be attempted until after the war closes, and in the meantime the production is to be held here in storage.

There are a number of large cotton mills in Mexico and it is expected that they will soon be in the market for considerable quantities of Texas cotton. Comparatively little cotton was grown in the famous Laguna district of Mexico this year, which has heretofore been the principal source of native supply, and that which was produced was confiscated by the military leaders and most of it shipped into the United States and sold—Austin, Texas.

Dr. R. F. Holliday.

After an illness of little over a week which he contracted during a visit to the State Fair, Dr. R. F. Holliday, a well-known dentist and prominent citizen of Clinton, died yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in Rex Hospital.

Dr. Holliday was taken ill on Friday of the fair and went to the hospital for treatment Monday. He underwent a slight operation and failed to rally from the effects.

He had practiced dentistry in Clinton for a number of years and previous to that time lived in Morganton. He was well liked and was held in high esteem by the people of Clinton.

Dr. Holliday is survived by one sister, Mrs. E. J. Morrissey, whose husband is postmaster of Clinton; and two brothers, J. C. and R. W. Holliday.

CHAPEL HILL LETTER

Chapel Hill, Nov. 2.—Rally Day at Chapel Hill was a great success.

Over one thousand persons from all parts of Orange county flocked into town early in the morning, bringing with them exhibits of all kinds and descriptions. The residents of Chapel Hill and the University faculty and student body united in giving the visitors a rousing welcome.

The size of the crowd, the number and variety of the exhibits and the interest shown by the country people in the exhibition—these, in the opinion of the promoter of the Rally Day plan, Prof. M. C. S. Noble, were the significant features of the day. But the day was also significant in another way—it worked the abandonment of an old custom. Hitherto, the Memorial Hall has been opened to the public but twice a year—on University day and at commencement. Today it was used as a place to exhibit Orange county products. And these products included not only farm products, such as corn on the ear, potatoes, fruit, and the like, but it also included samples of fancy cooking, fancy needle work, school exhibits, and antique pieces of crockery, metal, and wood.

The Rally Day exercises were opened by an automobile parade, the machines for the occasion being furnished by the citizens of Chapel Hill. This was followed by an entertainment given by several University students. At 12 o'clock dinner was served on the grounds below the chapel. The farmers' wives produced great, heaping baskets of chicken, sandwiches, cakes, pies, and tarts; and the ladies of the town also contributed to this supply.

After dinner moving pictures were shown free of charge. These pictures dealt largely with the various aspects of rural life and were furnished by the Department of Agriculture. At 2:30 p. m. prizes were presented to the winners in the exhibit contest. Following this was a singing contest by the various rural Sunday schools.

Wednesday night at the Baptist church a joint committee from the Saron and Philanthropic classes held a meeting arranged for a social function to be held next Saturday night. Quite extensive preparations are being made for the occasion and the members of both classes are much interested in the success of the gathering.

Some of the Wesleyan classes of the Methodist church have arranged for a luncheon in the park Saturday evening the 30th. The object being the same as the other meetings, to get closer together socially. This interest in the social relations of the church members has grown out of the live and active work of the churches during the year. Each church has been very prosperous this year and many members have been added.

Duke, Oct. 28.—Friday night Louise Cross and Beattie Robinson Webb entertained their little friends at a Halloween party. Cards decorated appropriate for the occasion and reading. This invite is for next night, with the latch, there'll be no catch." Louise Cross and Beattie Robinson Webb, October 29th, 7:30 to 9:30 o'clock, were sent out during the afternoon to the friends. The Webb home was decorated with all manner of things suggestive of the occasion. A large owl perched on a branch of a tree in one window. These paper of various colors and hats, and other weird things decorated the walls and covered the lights. In the dining room the table carried the same spirit. The little folks amused themselves "bobbing apples," pinning on the cat's tail. In the dining room cream and cake were served and later a string leading to each plate was drawn and a prize box found attached. The happy little folks left at nine o'clock.

Friday night the Young men from the Club House and Hotel gave an informal oyster supper to the girls of the house and a few friends, in the evening. The informal proceedings of the occasion made it the more enjoyable. The boys had everything in readiness and the girls did the cooking. The hotel granted the use of the kitchen and dining room. Oysters in the various styles were served with them. After the supper the parlors and sitting room were thrown open and the young folks enjoyed the evening at songs and other amusements until a late hour.

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The Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina concluded its 12th annual convention which was adopted acceptance by the Mountz Retreat Association of a free site at Mountz on which to build a house where members of the Synod could have lodging and where they could gather for rest and recuperation during the summer months. The task of erecting a suitable building on this site was put in the hands of a committee composed of A. T. McCaw, W. H. Sprunt, B. E. Sellers, Rev. W. McC. White, Rev. W. M. Fairley and Rev. D. H. Rolston. They are authorized to provide the urging any debt.

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DUKE NEWS

Duke, Oct. 28.—The Robena Book Club held its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Fannie C. Jones as president; Mrs. Fannie C. Jones, president; Miss Edna Green, secretary and treasurer. The meeting to select and pass on books, Mrs. F. Helt, Mrs. S. W. Holmes, Mrs. E. L. Hassell. It was agreed that the club should meet every other Wednesday afternoon. Twelve books were placed in the Good Hope Hospital for the use of the patients by others there. Refreshments were served. The club will hold its next meeting with Mrs. E. F. Day. The invited guests for the coming Wednesday afternoon were Mrs. W. H. Lawrence and Miss Beattie Robinson.

Thursday Mr. H. P. Falls, engineer for the State Highway Commission, was in Duke consulting with and advising road supervisors as to the best and most economical way of building and maintaining sand-clay roads throughout the township. There are about twenty miles of road in this township and a move is on foot to build straight and sand-clay roads in this township.

Prof. E. F. Bell recently opened up a night school in connection with the graded school especially for those who work in the mills. The enrollment is large and the attendance very regular. This school did a wonderful work last year and prospects this time are equally as promising.

Duke, Oct. 28.—The spirit of development and progress is being developed among the churches of the county and a break it is beginning to show. On Sunday night at the Episcopal church the baptized members of the congregation met to organize a Social Club. The object is to get together at least each month for purely recreational purposes. It is a very informal organization, no official affairs of the church to be conducted through the club will meet Tuesday night and each third Sunday.

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Rev. E. C. Murray, D. D. was elected permanent clerk to succeed Rev. E. L. Siler.

Synod decided to appropriate the sum of \$200 to the Asheville Presbytery. This is to be reduced annually by \$200 until it is eliminated entirely.

A significant report was that of the evangelistic committee. The report showed 500 more professions of faith and 100 more additions to the church than any previous year. The work of the general and local evangelists was summarized as follows: 3,225 sermons preached; 2,765 professions of faith; 1,252 additions to Presbyterian churches; 81 additions to other churches; 17 Sunday schools organized; 10 churches organized; \$2,148 raised for the Synod's work. Appropriations to the amount of \$14,325 have been made for the year and Synod apportioned \$20,000 to the churches to sustain this work.

The General evangelists, Rev. William Black and Rev. O. C. Jones, and the superintendent, Rev. A. W. Crawford, were re-elected.

OFFICERS TAKE SERIOUSLY NEGRO SERIOUSLY SHOT

Fayetteville, Nov. 1.—Revenue Officers Smith and Tomlinson and Deputy Sheriff Monaghan this afternoon raided a moonshine still near Spout Springs, north of Fayetteville. Several men about the plant ran off. One negro advanced on Tomlinson and was in the act of branding him with a large lightwood knot when another officer shot the negro in his right side, inflicting a wound from which he may die. Officers captured the still of one hundred gallons capacity and three gallons of whiskey. They brought the

Bryan Doesn't Want Play.

Cleveland, O., Oct. 1.—In a speech for prohibition at a mass meeting today, William Jennings Bryan told his audience not to pity him for his "unsuccessful political career."

"Sometimes my friends have expressed their sympathy to me because of what they termed the unsuccessfulness of my political career," said he. "Why they shouldn't do that. Since I've been in politics reforms have been accomplished without the loss of a single life that would have cost thousands of lives in sacrifice 200 years ago.

"Pity me! Don't do it. If I had lived two centuries ago and advocated reform I would have been hanged. No one has accomplished any great reform without being abused and ostracized at first. But when a man believes he is in the right he must speak out."

RISK THEIR LIVES IN PELLAGRA EXPERIMENT

Twelve Mississippi Convicts Are Given Freedom.

Jackson, Miss., Nov. 1.—Twelve convicts at the Rankin state farm, seven of whom were serving life sentences, were pardoned by Governor Brewer today as a reward for having risked their lives in what is said by public health officers to have been a successful experiment to learn the cause of pellagra. Dr. Joseph Goldberger, of the United States Public Health Service, said today that the tests had proved the correctness of his theory that the disease is caused by an unbalanced ration.

The experiment was begun February 15 with 12 prisoners, each of whom was promised a pardon if he would strictly follow the diet Dr. Goldberger prescribed. The diet excluded milk, fresh lean meat, eggs, peas and beans. A diagnosis made by Dr. Goldberger and other Jackson physicians showed, it was said, that six of the prisoners had developed the disease. The diet at the Rankin county jail graded in quality and ranked second in variety. Cumberland was first in variety and second in quality. Sampson county took third prize. The five counties exhibiting had a great variety of work on display, and most of it was of a very high order of excellence. The association prizes were for the greatest variety of exhibits and the highest grade of work. Individual prizes were offered by the Fayetteville merchants to the members of the Cumberland Clubs for the highest quality of work, the prizes being designed to bring out especially the first year work. Much enthusiasm and appreciation was shown the work, and Mrs. G. M. Bayne, the county agent, and Miss Elizabeth Gainsay, sub-agent, were much gratified over the result of their year's work and at the promise of support for the coming year. All the working club work was judged by Miss Jameson, assistant State demonstrator for home work. There are four canning clubs in Cumberland county—Glendale, with Miss Lucy Orris, agent in charge; Judson, Mrs. M. A. Byrd, agent; Sherwood, Mrs. Elizabeth Gainsay, agent; and Manchester, Mrs. G. M. Bayne, agent. The combined membership of the clubs is sixty-five. These 65 girls put up 10,000 cans of home products this year.

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EXHIBIT WINNERS AT CAPE FEAR FAIR

Awards Made in Baby Contest; Canning Club Exhibit Wins Many Prizes.

Fayetteville, Nov. 1.—With an average of 90, Arthur Hollingsworth, the 11-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Hollingsworth, of Fayetteville, won first prize for boys in the better babies contest at the Cape Fear fair. The first award for girls went to little Miss Louise Nimocks, seven-month-old-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Q. K. Nimocks, who was a month of 98. Andrew Victor Motz, 23-month-old-son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Motz, and John Sterling Arnsfield, age 9 months, the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Arnsfield, won the second and third awards, respectively, for boys, each making an average of 97 1/2. To Annie W. Tillingham, 19-month-old daughter of Mrs. John B. Tillingham, goes the honor of being the second best baby girl, while Rena Carson DuPre, 24-month-old, the little daughter of Mrs. H. C. DuPre, won third award in the girls' class.

The contest was held under the supervision of Dr. John A. MacKethan, who, with Dr. E. B. Hayes and Dr. J. V. McCougan, composed the board of award. They were assisted in the examination of the 48 babies, which required half a day, by a number of other physicians.

Among the exhibits at the Cape Fear Fair some elicited more favorable comment than the splendid exhibit of the girls' canning clubs. There were five counties represented in the canning club booth—Cumberland, Moore, Sampson, Lee and Guilford. Guilford and Lee sent their exhibits by courtesy, and without the territory of the Cape Fear fair, could not compete for the prizes offered, though ribbon prizes were offered especially for these counties winning the blue ribbon and Lee the red. In the regular competition Moore county's display won first award and Cumberland's second. The work of the other counties graded in quality and ranked second in variety. Cumberland was first in variety and second in quality. Sampson county took third prize. The five counties exhibiting had a great variety of work on display, and most of it was of a very high order of excellence. The association prizes were for the greatest variety of exhibits and the highest grade of work. Individual prizes were offered by the Fayetteville merchants to the members of the Cumberland Clubs for the highest quality of work, the prizes being designed to bring out especially the first year work. Much enthusiasm and appreciation was shown the work, and Mrs. G. M. Bayne, the county agent, and Miss Elizabeth Gainsay, sub-agent, were much gratified over the result of their year's work and at the promise of support for the coming year. All the working club work was judged by Miss Jameson, assistant State demonstrator for home work. There are four canning clubs in Cumberland county—Glendale, with Miss Lucy Orris, agent in charge; Judson, Mrs. M. A. Byrd, agent; Sherwood, Mrs. Elizabeth Gainsay, agent; and Manchester, Mrs. G. M. Bayne, agent. The combined membership of the clubs is sixty-five. These 65 girls put up 10,000 cans of home products this year.

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