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LONG STAPLE IS SALVATION FOR COTTON FARMER

Greene County Agent Writes Of Results Seen In Uplands

BELIEVES EAST CAROLINA FINE STAPLE GROWER

Can Be Grown And Ginned As Early As Shorter Variety And Will Bring Much More Money—Must Keep Strains Pure.

By A. M. Dickson, County Agent, Snow Hill, N. C.

The advisability of growing long staple cotton in North Carolina is a much discussed topic in today's agricultural circles. As one travels about, meets and talks to farmers, he finds all kinds of theories and ideas being advanced in regard to the growing of the long lint cotton. Some have the idea that it can not be grown at all in Eastern North Carolina, some say that the gins of the country can not gin it and that it will be necessary to purchase new equipment in order to handle it for market.

All of this while here in Greene County where a complete detailed scientific study of the staple industry as applicable to North Carolina reveals the fact that long staple pays well those who care to go to a little extra trouble to handle it. Everyone of the above objectionable features are completely dispelled in actual practical farming, and to plant the "Right Kind" of staple cotton at this stage of the cotton industry is going to prove to be one of the answers to coming boll weevil problem and menace, as is shown later in this article.

The writer has had the opportunity of visiting some of the weevil stricken territory in South Carolina around Darlington and Florence several times during the past year and with much interest during the past fall. This is the section of South Carolina which grows long staple almost exclusively. The land, the conditions are no different there from what they are here in eastern North Carolina, except that the growing season is a little shorter as you go farther North. The South Carolina people would never have quit growing short staple cotton and turned to long staple cotton, and stuck to the long staple cotton had it not paid them to have done so. The farmers in South Carolina are at this season planning their crops for 1922 and are breaking the soil to make more crops with which to pay their "Boll Weevil" and "Depression" debts. Most of them in that section are going to plant the long staple cotton because it has made more under weevil conditions than any other cotton they planted. As an illustration Mr. J. L. Edwards, Jr., of Darlington, S. C. stated to the writer last fall that he had picked twelve bales of short staple cotton from fifty acres and thirty-six bales of long staple cotton from fifty acres planted, both on the same farm. He used the best types of both long and short cottons.

The writer is of the opinion that the upper edge of the cotton belt in Eastern North Carolina is going to prove to be an excellent staple growing area in the future. The writer, also, carefully cautions every farmer to be extremely careful about going into the business of growing staple cotton on a big scale to begin with. It is best to plant a small acreage to begin with and try it out. If the farmer likes it he can then increase the following year.

A farmer who buys so-called long staple cotton seed from anybody who says he has long staple cotton is making a big mistake. In the writers opinion there was not a long staple cotton seed produced in the State of North Carolina last year that is going to be good for a man to plant who is starting off in the business this coming year. Following is the history and data of the industry as has been observed in Greene County. The success of the undertaking was due to the fact that the County agent secured highly bred seed for the farmers who planted them with successful results while other farmers in the same neighborhood who used run down seed failed to get results.

Will You Plant Long Staple or Not? The writer has been asked a good many times to advise the farmers what to do about long staple cotton. He gives this advice to anyone who is interested. If you have never planted it before go slow the first year. If you have planted it before be sure to get you some well bred seed for the lint gets better as the years roll by on the cottons that are continually being improved by expert plant

POLICEMAN HIRED; PUMPS WORKING; TOWN DADS REST

C. E. Stewart Takes Place Refused by Fendergrast of Durham Recently

ARTESIAN WELLS POUR FORTH STEADY STREAM

After Hectic Fortnight Mayor and Commissioners Steer Municipal Boat Into Calm Waters—It Yet May Be Necessary to Go To River For Water.

After a hectic two weeks of doubt as to whether or not it could supply water to the town and provide a head for the police department Dunn's municipal government has come into calm waters. The municipal pumps are striding slickly and pouring a steady stream into the mains and reservoir and a head for the police department has been secured in the person of C. E. Stewart, now of Highville, S. C., who will arrive here this week.

Trouble with the two departments started simultaneously. With former Chief of Police Page's resignation before the board of commissioners were informed that the artesian wells which supply water for all purposes had ceased to yield water, although the former chief was not blamed for his delinquency of the wells. The board named J. K. Fendergrast, of Durham, to succeed Page and then turned its attention to the wells.

About the time members of the board discovered that the big trouble with the pumps was due to some subterranean phenomena which caused a lowering of the water level, then came a message from Fendergrast stating that he could not accept the nomination. This was wholly unexpected for Page had already been sent on his way and the Durham man was expected at the moment his message arrived.

The board was called together by Mayor J. L. Wade to overcome the embarrassment of the situation. While the appointment of Stewart was being considered, the board was called from Richmond to fix the pumps. Stewart was appointed and the Richmond man told to go to work on the water plant. Just as he got the pumps to working properly Stewart accepted the appointment. Now, all is serene.

Meantime, the mayor and commissioners are awaiting an estimate from Gilbert White, of Durham, on the cost of building a water pumping station on the Cape Fear, nearly three miles from Dunn. A rough estimate of this cost is \$150,000, which will provide for power lines, pumps, dams and a large reservoir in Dunn. Eventually the town will have to go to the river for its water and the commissioners and the engineer feel that that time is not far distant.

At present the town's water and sewerage system is supplied by two artesian wells which yield, when running to capacity, 216,000 gallons of water every 24 hours. This is not considered sufficient to supply the town and protect it against fire.

Skeleton Of Indian Unearthed
An Indian skeleton apparently well preserved was unearthed Saturday near Spencer by a party of road builders headed by J. H. Crowell and including C. J. Walton, C. A. Miller, C. W. Brannon, Jim Snider and D. L. Bams. With the skeleton, which was placed in a box and put in a good condition, it being evident that these articles had been buried perhaps several hundred years ago with the Indian. The bones were carefully removed to an old Indian burying ground nearby and reinterred, while the pot and pipe are being preserved by the road workers as souvenirs.

breeders, and plant say half of your acres in long cotton, and the other half in short cotton. You then do not have all of your eggs in one basket and if long cotton does bring a big premium you can get advantage of it. If it does not you have not risked all on it.

It pays those who give it extra attention to keep the strains pure and the ginning good.

What About Ginning
Long staple cotton of the upland class can be ginned on any gin in the country without making any changes in the mechanical arrangement. Some have an idea that only roller gins will gin it, but this idea is erroneous. Any saw gin that will gin a good sample of short cotton will gin a good sample of long cotton provided the operator feeds the gin slow and runs a loose roll; a roll that will just turn while the gin runs at the same speed will give excellent and practically perfect samples.

GRANTHAM MAY OPPOSE LYON IN NEXT PRIMARIES

Present Congressman Will Not Be Returned Without Strong Fight

CLAYTON GRANT ALSO WILL BE CANDIDATE

John A. Oates, Of Fayetteville, Is Expected To Enter Race Too, But Varner May Feel That The Time Is Inopportune—Godwin Busy With Practice.

Homer L. Lyon, representing the sixth North Carolina district in Congress, will not retain his seat if present indications are any index to what is to happen. Already the rumble of political cannon being placed for the fight is heard throughout the length and breadth of the district and an answering cry comes from aspirants in nearly every county of that region which two years ago set a hard upon Hannibal LaFayette Godwin, idol of Harnett, after he had served seven terms as its representative.

Still smarting under the sting of the Columbus man's blow to his favorite son, Harnett will champion the cause of George K. Grant, pharmacist who owns a string of apothecary shops in the district, if he can be induced to forsake pill rolling long enough to make the race and fill the office. Druggists and other business men in the district have been strong in their appeals to Mr. Grant. He, however, has not decided what he will do in the matter.

It is unlikely that Mr. Godwin will contest with Mr. Lyon whether Mr. Grant does or does not run. He is busy rebuilding that large legal practice which was his before he went to Washington and is meeting with wonderful success. There is some doubt, too, that L. R. Varner, Robeson's big gun, will enter the race this time. Friends of Mr. Varner feel that his activity in recent local political fights through which some wanted to displace the county would hurt his chances in Robeson. For this reason it is believed that he will not attempt the race.

Cumberland however, expects to put State Senator John A. Oates into the fray. And all through the lower end of the district people are looking to L. Clayton Grant as a probable successful candidate against the Whiteville man. Grant, too, has a large strength in Harnett and Cumberland and would probably split even with Lyon in these two counties and Robeson if Oates and Grant-tham do not become candidates.

THANKS CLASS FOR AIDING SOLDIERS

Mrs. W. D. Holland Receives Letter of Appreciation From Mrs. N. Buckner

Mrs. William D. Holland, reporter for the T. E. L. Class of First Baptist church Sunday school is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. N. Buckner of Asheville, expressing thanks for Christmas gifts sent sick soldiers in Oteen and Kenilworth Hospitals.

The letter reads: "If you could but know the tremendous amount of pleasure and good cheer that was given to the patients at Oteen and Kenilworth Hospitals at Christmas, it would make your heart swell with pride and thankfulness to know that you had a part in providing this Christmas joy and happiness."

"Every patient was most generously remembered and made happy by the gifts of friends, who took this means of expressing to them their love and appreciation and as a reminder that they and their unselfish service are not forgotten."

"The flowers at the bedside of every patient made the wards fragrant and beautiful; added to that the filled stockings, gifts and Christmas decorations provided the Christmas atmosphere and good cheer."

"Please accept the thanks and appreciation of the patients and workers in the hospitals, along with our personal thanks, for making possible such a happy season for those who so richly deserve our good will and our gifts."

A traveling theatrical company was starting to parade in a small New England town when a big gander from a farmyard near at hand waddled to the middle of the street and began to hiss.

One of the double-in-brass actors turned toward the fowl and angrily exclaimed: "That I have, young man; when I was a young fellow I used to get on the train and travel until my money gave out—then I'd stop and start a

POLITICIANS ARE FLAYED BY OPIE REED IN SPEECH

Lecture Has Little Appeal For The Men Who Worked For The Work of Women

A DEEP SYMPATHY FOR WEAKNESS OF HUMANITY

Thinks Human Nature Cannot Fall So Low That It Cannot Be Reached By Sympathy And The Opportunity To Serve—Hypocrisy Is Rampant.

In an hour and a half lecture jammed full of wit, pathos and common sense, Opie Reed, a country editor, sometimes an apartment printer, friend of many of the nation's literary and newspaper heroes, one of the most successful novelists of America, entertained a regrettable small audience in Methodist hall Wednesday night through his visit to the playground of the Woman's Club is richly repaid by less than six dollars, but the hundred and fifty-odd auditors here assured into their souls that some things do not glitter are of the purest gold.

Mr. Reed spoke of human nature and politics. He spoke of neither. He had a great and abiding sympathy for the humanist's faith, delinquencies and eccentricities, but for politicians he had only the contempt that is his whole idea of politicians was summed up in his title of the Senate when he said there was no such thing as equality among people—quality of the mind determining every status. Some things he said, are born idiots and they have no chance at all unless they manage to break into the United States Senate."

The Senate—the Senate which murdered the League of Nations and wrecked the greatest work of Woodrow Wilson—the Senate controlled by politics and politicians, was given no sympathy by the man who in his work as a newspaper reporter and traveler has seen it in all its ugliness and has felt the indignities of those who would be great.

But for humanity and human nature the man who has made millions laugh and weep through his "Kentucky Colonel," his "Jostland," his "Yankee from the West," and his other books and short stories, has great love and a deep sympathy. He spoke of the yellow fever epidemic in Memphis when five hundred poor people were dying every day. He had been sent there by Bennett of the New York Herald. He found a short-gun quarantine against the city on all sides. The well-to-do citizens had fled to the hills and out of danger. The poor were left to die. There were few left to nurse the stricken. In Memphis there was a house known to every Mississippi River boatman and traveler. It was "The Cateclaw." Its mistress was called the "cat" and the unfortunate women under her charge were known as the "kittens."

There never was a more degraded place than the Cateclaw. It stands now on the river bank in Memphis. But it is not called the Cateclaw any more.

When the epidemic in Memphis was at its worst and death was staring everybody in the face, the mistress of the Cateclaw and all of the kittens turned nurse. Out into the streets they went and picked up the stricken. Soon every room and every hall was filled with the sick and dying, and all were given attention by the women upon whom the world looked as being so depraved that nothing good could reach them.

Then came frost upon the hill sides. Leaves and grass died, and with them went Yellow Jack. The wealthy people of Memphis returned from their havens in the hills. They heard of what old Mary and her kittens had accomplished. The society women of Memphis bought a silver service and with fine ceremony went to the Cateclaw and presented it to Mary. And on that silver service was engraved "To the House of Service from the Women of Memphis."

So, "The Cateclaw" is now the "House of Service."

And from that time on, every inmate of that house led a useful life. Mr. Reed, recalled this incident to show that human nature goes so low that it cannot be reached by sympathy and the opportunity for service.

Before he mounted the stage to begin his lecture we talked a few minutes with Mr. Reed. He was the same in conversation as he was on the platform. "Yes, Mr. Reed, have been a country editor, have you not sir?" we asked by way of making conversation.

P. S. COOPER



Recovers health and returns as head of the First National

POTATO EXPERTS ARE COMING HERE

Townsend And Riddle Arrange Meeting To Foster Production of Tubers

Dunn's first real effort toward starting the cooperative production and marketing of the sweet potato will be started on Saturday, February 4, when G. A. Cardwell, agricultural and industrial agent of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company, and C. D. Matthews, State horticulturist, come to town to join with L. Riddle, secretary of the chamber of commerce, and Ben O. Townsend, cotton and grape warehouseman, in the work upon the idea.

Riddle and Townsend are issuing invitations to all of the farmers of the Dunn District to attend a meeting to be addressed by Cardwell and Matthews, who will tell the farmers what strains of the tuber to plant, how to cure them and how to market them. The local men will make an effort to induce the farmers to plant a given number of acres and will guarantee storage space and markets for all that is produced.

Mr. Townsend already is planning to build a warehouse that will house at least 75,000 bushels of potatoes. He, alone, will plant approximately 100 acres. If the farmers agree to plant according to the directors of the experts and Mr. Townsend, he will increase the size of this warehouse to a capacity sufficient to accommodate all they can produce.

Mr. Cardwell has also agreed to lecture here at an early date before students enrolled in the Harnett County Negro Industrial School's part time agricultural school which opened here with nearly thirty farmers enrolled last Monday night. Professor James W. Vines, head of this institution, is endeavoring to teach negro farmers how to combat the boll weevil. He is teaching intensive farming methods, dairying, stock raising, fruit culture and swine production.

Kyle Matthews With Costs Motor Company

Mr. Kyle Matthews, who has been connected with Cape Fear Drug Co. for the past year or more, has accepted a position with Costs Motor Company as salesman. Mr. Matthews has many friends here and throughout the county who will wish him the best of success in his new field.

Then he branched off on William Jennings Bryan, and that started him talking on prohibition.

"There never was a time," he declared, "when hypocrisy was at a greater premium than right now. Why, the other night there was a big liquor party in Washington, and two Senators were present."

Both prohibitionists, I suppose," we cut in.

"Certainly," he said.

"Old John Barley Corn is a mighty live corpse," Judge Clifford volunteered.

"Yes," returned Mr. Reed, "and a mighty stinking one too—his boot-legs stick out of the ground."

COTTON GROWERS NAME DIRECTORS

Wake Unable To Agree Upon Candidate and Franklin and Harnett Men Nominated

Choice of a director for the sixth district of the North Carolina Cooperative Marketing Cotton Growers association was limited to E. O. Townsend of Dunn, Harnett county and Clyde P. Harris, of Cypress Creek township, Franklin county by a convention of delegates representing the counties in session here yesterday. The two names will be submitted to the growers of the district who will vote by ballot on or before January 31. The director selected will be one of a board into ten districts, with the eleventh appointment being in the hands of the Governor.

The convention was organized by the election of D. F. Fort, Jr., of Wake, chairman, and W. H. Stephenson, of Harnett, secretary. Presentation of credentials showed that Harnett had eleven delegates present, Wake ten, Franklin seven, and Lee two, each delegation representing the full strength allotted to its county. Chatham and Durham counties, entitled to one delegate each, were not represented.

Prior to calling for nominations, Chairman Fort stated that the Wake County delegation had a resolution to offer and recognized Percy J. Olive of Apex. Mr. Olive proposed that each delegation offer two candidates for the position of director. However, the Franklin and Harnett delegations let it be known that they had only one name to propose and the proposal was voted down. The formality of a nominating committee was also dispensed with and the roll of counties was called for nominations.

Senator F. B. McKinnis, of Franklin proposed Mr. Harris as "a real dirt farmer, who has never done anything but farm and who has made everything he has." The nomination was seconded by Captain L. E. Kearney. Mr. Townsend was proposed by H. T. Spears and R. L. Godwin, of the Harnett delegation as a man who had been successful both as a business man and a farmer. Mr. Townsend is a native of Robeson county and both speakers gave him much credit for increased cotton production in Harnett county.

The two delegates from Lee placed in nomination E. D. Neal, but when Wake was called a division was shown. Percy J. Olive took the floor and stated that the Wake delegation had been unable to agree upon any one candidate and proposed the names of Dr. B. W. Kilgore and D. E. Fort, Jr., both of whom he stated had given largely of their means and time for the movement.

Deprived of an opportunity for a trade by its inability to center on one candidate, the Wake delegation was unable to present a united front even on two nominees.

Each of the delegates was allowed two votes and the vote was taken by counties. His results showed that the Franklin and Harnett delegations had voted as units for Harris and Townsend, the Lee delegation for Neal and Townsend, while the Wake delegates split to all points of the compass. Mr. Townsend received 24 of the 30 votes, Mr. Harris 30 Dr. Kilgore 9, Mr. Fort 5, and Mr. Neal 2.

COOPER RETURNS AS PRESIDENT OF FIRST NATIONAL

Recovers Health And Resumes Duties Laid Down Last Year

INSTITUTIONS OF COUNTY ARE IN FINE CONDITION

More Than Two And A Quarter Millions In Resources Passed By Nine Banks In Harnett—Two Thirds Of This In Duke And Dunn.

Business and banking interests of Harnett County and the Dunn District generally welcome with a keen degree of pleasure the return of Preston S. Cooper as active head of the First National Bank of Dunn after an absence of several months due to ill health. Mr. Cooper, who is a brother of Lieutenant Governor Cooper and Thomas E. Cooper, Raleigh banker, was compelled to retire from active business last year because of his health, although he continued to hold the title of president of the bank. In the stockholders meeting held this week he was re-elected president and it is assured that his health has sufficiently recovered to permit him to fulfill every duty of that position.

In the stockholders meeting the largest percentage of stock ever represented was present and there was greater enthusiasm and optimism than had characterized any meeting since January 1919. The only shadow over the meeting was the absence of Granville M. Tighman, vice-president of the bank, managing director of the Tighman Lumber Company and large stockholder in the town's leading industries, who is ill in a hospital in Philadelphia. His illness necessitated retirement from the position of vice-president and John W. Draughon was elected to succeed him. Herbert B. Taylor was elected cashier and Miss Vera Leggett and C. L. Foy were elected assistant cashiers.

The bank was shown to have resources totaling \$707,928.26 and had just paid an eight per cent dividend on its \$50,000 stock. It had a surplus of \$25,000 and undivided profits of \$11,909.89. Its deposits were close to \$600,000.

The only change in the directorate of the bank was the substitution of Thomas E. Cooper for Mr. Tighman. The other directors are: F. S. Cooper, J. W. Draughon, Ellis Goldstein, J. Lloyd Wade, John A. McKay, Marvin Wade.

The return of Mr. Cooper to the banking business finds the banks of Harnett generally in fine condition. Reports from the nine institutions in the county made to the comptroller and to the corporation commission a few days ago showed the total resources to be \$2,278,617.11. The capital surplus and undivided profits of the institutions was \$285,517.90.

The First National, the Bank of Harnett, the Commercial and the State Bank and Trust Company—all of Dunn except the Bank of Harnett of Duke—had approximately two-thirds of the total resources, their combined totals being \$1,564,551.41. The Bank of Harnett had \$489,144.36 of this. The Commercial had \$195,779.78 and the State Bank and Trust Company \$171,928.61.

The two Lillington banks—the Bank of Lillington and the Harnett County Trust Company had resources of \$326,768.15; Farmers Bank and the Angier Bank and Trust company, both of Angier had \$298,007.22 and the Bank of Buies Creek had \$52,699.90.

Mr. Cooper thinks the present year will be one of profit to the people of the district, not so much because of greater general prosperity, but because he believes the people have learned that lesson which teaches hard work, application to business, economy and the making the most of every opportunity.

Program
Epworth League, Divine Street Methodist Church, Monday Evening, January 23, 7:30—Mrs. T. L. Riddle, Group Leader No. 1.
Song—"I want to be a worker."
Song—Love Divine.
Prayer—Rev. J. H. Buffalo.
Paper—Daniel and His Beave Companions—Mrs. Durham Taylor.
Reading—"A Little Girl"—Maid Riddle.
Paper—Daniel in the Fire Furnace—Miss Helen Vaughn.
Solo—Beauty for Ashes—Miss Emily Newberry.
Paper—Daniel in the Lion's Den—Miss Rigby.
Song—Blessed Assurance.
Business Session, C. C. Parker, President, Presiding.
Hymn—"A Thy Heart Right with God."
League Benediction.