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## BEN TOWNSEND'S EXPERIENCE FITS HIM FOR POSITION

### Other Cotton Growing Counties of District Ask Who Local Man Is

### HIS RECORD IS ONE OF LARGE ACHIEVEMENT

### Created Many of Dunn's Livest Enterprises And Has Been Successful in Large Farming Operations — Has Interest Of Farmer at Heart—Has Been Successful in Business.

(By Byron Ford)

Who is Ben Townsend?

That is a question cotton farmers in Wake, Lee, Franklin, Granville and Durham counties are asking since the Dunn man was chosen one of the two nominees from whom is to be chosen a director for this district in the Cooperative Cotton Marketing Association.

Harnett County knows Mr. Townsend as one of its most successful farmers and business men and one of its most enterprising and public spirited citizens. It knows him for his great cotton yields on the 200 acres he plants annually and for the success that has come to him through 100 acres of truck patches whose diverse crops have proven him singularly foresighted in planning things that bring a good price; it knows him for all of these and more.

Besides his big farming enterprises he has found time to create and direct to success some of the county's leading business enterprises. The present Dunn Insurance and Realty Company owes its existence to Ben Townsend. He took charge of it when it was gasping for breath and made of it one of the most helpful institutions in town. Under his direction it not only carried on its present activities but also placed thousands of dollars in loans with farmers in this region. Two of Dunn's biggest churches were built with money loaned by insurance and trust companies through Ben Townsend.

The State Bank and Trust Company of Dunn and the Angier Bank and Trust Company were created by Ben Townsend and the Townsend Heights extension to Dunn had its beginning in his mind.

All of these things Mr. Townsend did in the first two or three years of his services. So, for two years he went to and fro in the State appraising lands and forming farm loan associations. The government thought so well of his services in this respect that it never did consent to definitely accept his resignation. But his business and farming interests here demanded so much of his time that finally he was compelled to give up the job.

Four years ago he organized the General Utility Company to manufacture lumber, deal in building supplies and gin cotton. The company at present operates the biggest ginning plant in North Carolina along with its other activities. When cotton took as big a drop in 1920 Mr. Townsend caused the company to acquire all available storage space in town and qualified under State and Federal laws as a bonded warehouseman to aid those farmers who could hold their product. The company is now completing an additional warehouse at a cost of more than \$70,000 which will bring the total capacity for storage up to 12,000 bales.

Meantime he has organized the Dunn Development Company and has built more than \$150,000 worth of dwellings on a new extension known as Park View, and he is now planning a potato storage warehouse to accommodate 50,000 bushels of sweet potatoes. This warehouse will be turned over to the potato growers when they express a willingness to buy it.

When the cooperative marketing idea was introduced to cotton farmers in this section, Mr. Townsend became one of its strongest advocates. It was largely through his influence and activity that the initial meeting held here was attended by the largest number of farmers ever gathered together in Dunn. Since that time he has worked steadily for the movement and to show his faith in the idea he put money in storage facilities.

Two years ago Mr. Townsend introduced long staple cotton into this district. In so short a time as that he has caused the establishment of a long staple market here and believes that this year will see at least 7,000 bales of the variety brought to this market.

Mr. Townsend is a son of Jackson Townsend, a Methodist circuit rider. He is of Scotch-Irish-English stock and was born on a farm in Robeson

## A PROCLAMATION

Whereas, there is great suffering among the Jewish people of Europe, thousands of whom are reported as being entirely destitute and in a dying condition, due to the lack of food and other necessities; and

Whereas, our own land has been blessed with a prosperity that not only guarantees our own safety, but which enables us, and should impel us, to share our bounties with our less fortunate fellow human beings in other lands;

Now, Therefore, I, Cameron Morrison Governor of North Carolina, do hereby set apart by this Proclamation the week beginning Monday, February 6, and ending Sunday, February 12, as Jewish Relief Week. I ask that all newspapers of the State give wide publicity to this week; devoted to such a worthy cause; and I especially ask that on Sunday, February 6, notice be given in all the churches that the following week will be observed as Jewish Relief Week, and that the ministers, Sunday School superintendents and teachers, and others, urge their people to seize this opportunity of helping the suffering and contribute to the relief of these worthy distressed people, as far as their means of relief will permit.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed.

(Seal)  
Done at our City of Raleigh, this the sixteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, and in the one hundred and forty-sixth year of our American Independence.

CAMERON MORRISON,  
Governor.

By the Governor:  
Wm. H. Richardson,  
Private Secretary.

## COTTON FARMERS OF COUNTY MEET

### Choose Delegates To State Gathering And Discuss New Marketing Plan

Harnett County News.

Signers of the cooperative cotton marketing plan to the number of about 200 met Monday morning at 11 o'clock in the courthouse auditorium here in what proved to be the most enthusiastic meeting of the whole campaign for cooperation in the sale of the staple. Representatives from practically every section of the county were here to take part in the selection of delegates to represent Harnett in the convention at Raleigh Wednesday, the 18th.

Organization of the meeting was perfected by the election of Mr. B. F. Gentry president and Mr. Edw. Smith of Dunn secretary. A nominating committee was named consisting of Messrs. B. O. Townsend, Felix McKay, John Sorrell, D. C. Parker and W. H. Salmon. While the nominating committee were selecting their tickets, representatives were called to the floor and given opportunity to express their opinion of the plan and to state their basis for hope of success of cooperative marketing. They were given all range, and some interesting remarks were given by several.

Supl. G. O. McBroom of Lillington Farm Life School impressed upon the minds of the signers that this is an organization national in scope—that sympathy for all workers in the agricultural field on the part of every member would bring workers in the cause closer together and achieve results far greater in measure than anyone now imagined. The wheat growers of the West, said he, should be thought of, as also the corn belt and the burley tobacco growers.

Mr. M. L. Wade of Dunn made remarks along the same line and stated that only by a cohesive organization could the farmers ever hope to carry their point in gaining a fair price for their crops.

Mr. A. D. Wilson of Angier said that at first he didn't think so much of cooperative marketing; he had not been able to see where the money

was coming from to finance the plan. But, said he, after finding that Uncle Sam was behind cooperative marketing, good and strong, he made up his mind that the only weak point was whether the farmers would stick. If only they will come and stay in, their success is assured.

Prof. B. P. Gentry emphasized the importance of every farmer signing a contract. Ultimately, he believed, the organization would be 100 per cent. All would reap the benefits, so why not make it right to start with? He said he would gladly provide the blank contracts for all who wanted to come in.

Mr. O. S. Young of Angier pointed out the great benefit to be derived when people whose interests are common to one with another, get together and agree to a standard set of rules for the conduct of their business. Other workers do this, and profit greatly. The farmer must do the same or else be imposed upon.

Mr. Chas. Ross called attention to the splendid results gained by the fruit growers of Moore county in combining to conserve their interests at market. Peaches, melons, berries were before brought such a price, would the growers receive such consideration under the individual plan of marketing, everyone for himself.

At this juncture Mr. B. O. Townsend of Dunn stated that the nominating committee was ready to report. The names placed before the organization for delegates to Raleigh were as follows: Messrs. Marvin Wade, Eugene Smith, F. M. McKay, H. T. Spears, H. A. Turlington, W. H. Stephenson, W. H. Salmon, R. L. Godwin, Dr. R. L. Warren, B. P. Gentry, Wm. Martin Patterson.

Mr. Townsend stated for the committee that the delegates had been selected from the wide county in as near equal representation as the signs were known to them—those especially interested in farming and who had had business experience sufficient to qualify as state directors in case they were elected. The list of the nominating committee was elected unanimously. Messrs. O. S. Young, B. O. Townsend and Franklin Parker were appointed alternates.

When he was twenty-one he returned to the farm and bought the interests of his brothers and sisters in the home place. There were 600 acres in this tract and Ben made it one of the best farms in Robeson county. He sold the place in 1913 and came to Dunn where the application of his knowledge of business has brought him a degree of success attained by few men. He is now forty-two years old, and a staunch Methodist.

## CORN NEEDED IN HOG PRODUCTION

### Hog Raisers Must Also Study Marketing Conditions, Declares Mr. Shay

Corn is needed, a lot of it, in raising hogs, declares Mr. W. W. Shay, the State Agricultural Department's farm expert.

Farmers who try to raise a money crop must also study marketing conditions, Mr. Shay explains.

"The possibility of pork production on a commercial scale in North Carolina, are great, but we must study the market conditions and make our operations conform to them."

"August 1, 1921, choice 200-pound hogs were worth, in the Baltimore market, \$13 per hundred pounds, or \$26 per hog."

"During December 200-pound oily hogs, just out of the peanut and soy bean fields, were worth \$5 to \$5.75 per hundred pounds. Let us say \$5 per hundred pounds, or \$10 per head."

"Thus, we see that in December a 200-pound hog was worth \$12, or just \$1 less than it was as a 100-pound hog August 1, or to put it another way: he was worth as a 200-pound oily hog in December, \$14 less than a 200-pound hog August 1."

"This amounts to a difference of \$140 in the case of a 200 pound hog, or \$980 on a load of seventy head, the difference being more than the price of a carload of oily hogs, which at \$6 per hundred, would be \$840."

"Obviously we cannot profitably produce hogs to sell at \$5 or \$5.75 per 100 pounds."

"This year February farrowed pigs at around 190 cents about August 1."

"Let July farrowed pigs and their dams glean the peanut and soy bean fields, thus putting in a cheap 100 pounds; add another 100 pounds with corn and fish meal or tankage, and sell at around 190 cents March 1 to 15th."

Twelve sows, and for, and their pigs properly fed will produce two carloads of 200 and hogs each year. Co-operative producing such shipments has been suggested."

"Follow the methods of the peach growers by heading the Northern producer to the high market with a desirable commodity, and prosperity will reward your efforts."

"Your cost of production is lower. Your market is better. Your climate enables you to profit by the attractive late summer market."

"Your soft pork producing feeds make cheap gains—but don't be misled by them; improve the quality of hogs thus grown while waiting for the better March market. Corn is needed—much corn, and remember that its fertilizer value is around 20 cents per bushel."

"It is estimated that there has been an increase of 10 per cent in the number of sows bred in the corn belt this year over last. Don't let that worry you, but grow to best the resultant increased number of pigs to the late summer market."

"Don't overload with hogs, of course, but don't be stampeded out of carrying all that you can feed economically, which means: All for which you have corn to push to from 175 to 200 pounds by July 15 to August 1."

"Starved along they will lose you money."

### Tin Wedding at Chalybeate Springs

On Tuesday evening, January 17, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Henry Senter entertained from seven thirty until 10 o'clock at a tin wedding in honor of the tenth anniversary of their marriage. Quite a large number of friends called during the evening and enjoyed the hospitality of this lovely home.

The hall was beautifully decorated with ferns and long leaf pine, and four candles burned representing the four splendid children, while one was left unlighted in memory of a baby brother who is dead.

The guests were met at the door by Miss Sallie Smith and Mr. Leo Bradley and were shown to the cloak rooms by Miss Ruth Dewar. Messrs. Charles L. Andrews and W. J. Norris, Mr. J. W. Wells and Miss Cora Smith presided at the punch bowl. The guest book was in charge of Mrs. D. B. Andrews, a niece of Mrs. Senter.

After registering the guests were shown to the parlor where the host and hostess were receiving. Mrs. Senter was handsomely gowned in embroidered blue satin and was not more charming ten years ago. The guests were then shown to the dining room where a delicious tea course was served. The room was tastefully decorated with ferns and candles, a color scheme of pink and green being carried out. On the table burned ten large candles representing the ten years of wedded life.

## High Type Men Are Chosen For Directors of Marketing

### Kind of Nominees Chosen For Co-operative Association Shows Capacity of Cotton And Tobacco Growers To Manage Their Own Affairs, Declares Clarence Poe

"If anybody has ever doubted the capacity of the cotton growers and tobacco growers of North Carolina to manage their own affairs," says Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, who has been very active in the co-operative marketing movement, "that doubt might be removed by glancing at the high type of practical success, confidence-compelling men whom the signers of the co-operative marketing contract for cotton have selected as nominees for director in each of the ten districts of the State. The signers in each district will now elect one of these two."

"On the day of the district conventions I wired each chairman to send me a sketch of the two men nominated. I have not received all sketches, but have most of them and submit the following as being of general interest."

"District No. 1 (Warren, Halifax, Northampton, Bertie, Martin, Chowan, Hertford).—Nominees are W. H. Toyner, Northampton County, and J. R. Davis, of Warren. Sketches not received, but I know they are among the foremost farmers of all this section."

"District No. 2 (Nash, Edgecombe).—Nominees are W. W. Eagles, one of the foremost farmers of Edgecombe, county commissioner, vice-president of bank formerly large lumberman, and F. P. Spruill, of Nash, cashier and trust officer of Bank Mount Bank in addition to operating his own farm and several farms as trustee."

"District No. 3 (Onslow, Jones, Pitt, Craven, Beaufort, Pamlico, Washington, Carteret).—Nominees are Henry V. Staten, of Pitt, successful farmer, merchant, and banker, now county commissioner, and H. M. Jacobs, prominent New Bern business man and farmer, president New Bern Chamber of Commerce."

"District No. 4 (Duplin, Wayne, Lenoir, Greene).—This district puts forward Dan W. Patrick, of Greene, one of Eastern Carolina's best farmers, and H. E. Moseley, of Lenoir, who is both farmer and business man."

"District No. 5 (Johnston, Wilson).—W. H. Austin, of Johnston, who owns and operates 100-horse farm, besides being director in banks in Smithfield, Durham, Raleigh, and Greensboro, and vice-president Ivanhoe Manufacturing Co. Dr. S. H. Crocker, of Wilson, one of the large and conspicuously successful farmers of Wilson, is the other nominee."

"District No. 6 (Lee, Harnett, Wake, Franklin, Chatham, Durham).—This district names B. O. Townsend, of Harnett, large farmer, with important business interests, and Clyde P. Hayris, successful farmer and bank officer of Franklin."

"District No. 7 (Columbus, Bladen, Cumberland, Sampson, Pender).—Nominees: John E. Peterson, of Sampson, farmer, county commissioner, bank director, former merchant, leader in cotton association; D. W. Christian, distinguished farmer, stockman and seed breeder of Cumberland; 1,100 acres under cultivation."

"District No. 8.—The State of Robeson which signed so much cotton that it makes a district by itself, presents Dr. Geo. M. Fats and W. K. Bethune. Dr. Fats is large farmer, physician and bank director. Mr. Bethune is a successful farmer and former newspaper man."

"District No. 9 (Richmond, Moore, Scotland, Hoke).—This district presents James M. Dockett, of Richmond county, who operates 80 plows and grows 2,000 bales of cotton a year, besides 450 acres in corn and other things in proportion. He has 125 head of Herefords and large business interests. The other nominee is Mr. A. A. McEachern, whose sketch I have not received, but who is of the finest Scotch type of this fine Scotch section."

"District No. 10 (Montgomery, Iredell, Rowan, Stanly, Mecklenburg, Anson, Cleveland, Cabarrus, Rutherford, Gaston, Union).—Nominated in this district are ex-Congressman Lee D. Robinson, of Anson, who retired from Congress to give his entire time to his farms and his bank, who grows 300 to 400 bales of cotton a year, and John P. Allison, of Concord. Mr. Allison was a pioneer in the organization of cotton farmers and has large farming and business interests."

"I hardly think anyone will doubt the ability of these men to direct the large affairs entrusted to their charge. They are the pioneers in a wonderful movement to make the farmers 'masters of their own industry.' By selecting such men the co-operating cotton growers of North Carolina have justified the faith of their friends and confounded the predictions of their enemies and critics."

"And I have no hesitation in predicting that the tobacco farmers of North Carolina who have signed the co-operative marketing contract will select just as good men at their meetings on January 30. The extra-fearful brother who has been waiting to sign 'till he could see what sort of directors farmers would elect' need hesitate no longer."

### Senators Negress For Firing Car

Fayetteville, Jan. 22.—Ernest Harrington, negro, was sentenced to five years on the county roads by Judge George W. Conner in superior court here yesterday morning for secret assault on John S. McFayden and wife on the public highway on the night of January 4, while Dorsey McKay, another negro, received a sentence of two years on the roads for the same crime. John Bethune, colored, a third defendant, was acquitted by the jury.

Mr. McFayden's car was fired on from ambush while he was driving "om Raeford to this city with his wife. Mrs. McFayden was wounded in the face with buckshot. The three negroes were taken by a posse the night after the shooting. Harrington had escaped from his mother's house near the scene of the crime, fleeing in his underclothes, when the house was surrounded by the posse. The evidence against Harrington and McKay was circumstantial, but strongly incriminating.

### Junior League Program

Divine Street Methodist Church, Sunday afternoon January 22, 8:15. Grace Snipes group leader No. 1. Song—"Is Thy heart right with God."

Song—"Drifting Down." Prayer—Mrs. Barefoot. Paper—"Ruth's life after her first marriage—Lillian Russell. Reading—Magdalene Smith. Paper—"Ruth's life after her husband's death. Henry Whithead. Song—"Trust and Obey."

Paper—"What Ruth gained by her unselfishness—Tine Thompson. Business session—Carrie Alpha, President. League Benediction.

### Several Items

Miss Nannie Ennis of Coats spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ennis.

Miss Ethel Graham, principal of Sorrell school spent last week end with her sister, Mrs. W. F. Tow at Linden.

Mr. Carlos Ennis of Raleigh spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ennis.

Mr. H. A. Turlington spent the day in Raleigh last Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Whitlington and family of Coats spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ennis.

Several of the young people of this community attended the box supper at Coats last Saturday night.

Mr. Z. A. Ennis motored over to Durham last Tuesday. The friends of Mr. G. W. Whitlington are glad to know that he is recovering from a severe case of pneumonia.

## NEGRO RUSHED TO THE PENITENTIARY FROM LILLINGTON

### Charged With Attempted Criminal Assault of Young School Teacher

### BLOOD HOUNDS TRACK HIM TO HIS HOME

Jim Fuller is Name of Man—Was Janitor At Courthouse And Considered Reliable Man — Sheriff McArtan Takes No Chances With Mob Spirit.

Arrested on a charge of attempted criminal assault when two bloodhounds followed a trail from the bedroom of two members of the faculty of the Lillington High School to his home in the negro section of the town Sunday morning, Jim Fuller, a middle aged negro, was carried to Raleigh early tonight to avoid threatened violence.

The attempted assault occurred some time Saturday night. A young woman asleep with her room mate in the school dormitory, was awakened by some one pulling at her foot. Thinking that it was her room mate she called to her. When the young woman did not answer she screamed. A man jumped through the window and ran.

Jim and Felt, the famous Hoke county blood hounds owned by Deputy Sheriff L. B. Cockman, were brought here. Given the scent from muddy footprints on the floor and window sill of the room occupied by the two young women, they followed it without a second's hesitation to the home of Fuller, and found him out as their quarry. He was immediately taken into custody.

Placing him high during the morning before the arrival of the blood hounds and the arrest of Fuller, and when he was taken, it appeared that a lynching was imminent. Sheriff McArtan slipped his prisoner out of town, with the intention of carrying him to the State Prison at Raleigh early tonight. He left in the direction of Dunn. Fuller has been employed as janitor at the courthouse here, and was reported as a reliable negro.

Transfers of Real Estate  
R. L. Warren to J. W. Turnage, lot in Dunn, \$1,750.

W. H. Pollard to C. E. Pollard, 20 acres in Black River, \$10 and other consideration.

C. E. and W. B. Johnson to W. B. Johnson, 56 acres in Barbecue, \$10 and other consideration.

Y. A. Vann to Flora Ivey, 34 acres in Black River, \$40.

H. A. Matthews to A. F. Glunes, lot in Coats, \$1,000 and other consideration.

W. W. Wiggins to Eva M. Nichols, 26 acres in Black River, \$1,100.

W. H. Spence to Ethel Spence, 45 acres in Grove, \$350.

J. H. McNeill to N. T. McNeill, 48 acres in Upper Little River \$450.

Timothy Smith to Mary B. Chance, lot in Dunn, \$300.

Neill E. McLeod to W. J. West, 3 acres in Grove, \$30.

Claud McLeod et al to B. F. McLeod, 2 acres in Grove, \$50.

Aster C. Lucas et al to W. H. Lucas, 8 acres in Aversboro, \$300.

D. J. Bowden to J. E. Capps, 34 acres in Grove, \$10 and other consideration.

Lee James Best to B. W. Lee, 31 acres in Aversboro, 100 and other consideration.

L. A. Tart to B. W. Lee, lot in Dunn, \$200.

W. E. Baldwin, Trustee, to J. M. Williams, 7 lots in Black River, \$1,071.

A. L. Byrd to H. S. Byrd, 91 acres in Hectors Creek, \$1,500.

Catherine E. Johnson et al to M. G. Pison, 51 acres in Johnsonville, \$910.

Backhorn Land and Timber Co. to Caroline Thomas, 16 acres in Upper Little River, \$90.

C. J. Smith, Trustee, to F. W. McKay, 6 lots in Aversboro, \$742.

C. J. Smith, Trustee, to F. W. McKay, 4 lots in Aversboro, \$261.

C. J. Smith, Trustee, to F. W. McKay, 3 lots in Aversboro, \$717.

C. J. Smith, Trustee, to F. W. McKay, 4 lots in Aversboro, \$382.

C. J. Smith to F. W. McKay, 5 lots in Aversboro, \$775.

J. S. Creel and Lee to M. L. Butler, lot in Dunn, \$1,400.

Lee James Best, Commissioner, to Ross Smith Best, 4 tracts in Aversboro, \$2,000.

Card of Thanks  
We wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation to our friends for the many kindnesses shown us during our recent bereavement in the death of our husband and father.  
MRS. GEO. PRINCE and FAMILY.