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N. C. FARMERS APPLY FOR TWO MILLION

Farmers Apply for Two Million Dollars of Loans. One or More Associations have been Formed in 34 Counties.

The good which the Federal Farm Loan Act is to accomplish for the North Carolina farmers is evident from a report just received from the Superintendent of Credit Union. According to this official, articles of association for fifty-six national farm loan associations have been forwarded to the Land Bank at Columbia, S. C. The loans applied for by these associations amount to \$2,241,551. Twenty-eight associations, applying for \$1,168,363 of loans, were organized in Eastern North Carolina; twenty-two in Central North Carolina, with applications amounting to \$863,388, and six in Western North Carolina, with applications for \$205,200 of loans. This indicates the relative amount of loans being applied for in the different parts of this State, but does not show all applications. The Division of

fort, \$182,425; Robeson, \$156,728; Bladen, \$130,760; Gaston, \$128,400; Union, \$113,100; Columbus, \$105,225; Pender, \$101,100; Nash, \$83,000, and Watauga, \$81,600. County agents in several counties have especially been active in cooperating with the Division of Markets in spreading a knowledge of farm loan associations. Farmers are being advised to cut their applications as low as possible, so as to cover only the amount of credit needed for improvements during the coming year. Another year loans may be obtained for further improvements; that is, if the security is sufficient to permit. Thus farmers will be saved paying interest for any money which they are not immediately using. Besides, loan committees should remember that the more conservative their valuations of land and the greater the margin of security offered over the amount of loans applied for, the lower the rate of interest will be.

BUYS BARREL GETS A PINT

One of the Slickest Skin Games Yet Reported.

Skin games and crooked deals are common occurrences, but the slickest reported is the farm loan game.

APRIL FIFTH IS PLANTING DAY

Governor Bickett Issues a Proclamation for "Planting Day"

Raleigh, N. C., March 17.—Governor Bickett issued the first proclamation of his administration today, it being a call for the benefit of the state, especially those in the cities and towns to observe "Planting Day," April 5. He declares that "the conditions that now confront us appeal for activity on our part with peculiar and compelling power. The world war has drawn to the battle lines millions of those who in times of ease, 'go forth to sow, and China and the United States are about to swell the legions who fight and must be fed. The boll weevil is marching from the south on North Carolina and full cribs and smoke houses are sure and safe defense against the coming of the pest." He reviews the special advantage the revision of the crop lien laws is intended to have for the small farmer and the necessity for raising home supplies by all classes of farmers.

The proclamation then designates April 5 as "Planting Day" and asks all mayors to call the towns people together on that day and set on foot means of having available to the people the seeds and tools necessary for planting.

OUR PEOPLE ARE WISELY STUDYING.

More Than One Billion Dollars Expent Each Year to Equip These Leaders. Let Us All Help in This Noble Work.

It is a truism that the more intelligence there is in a country the better off the people will be, but we are surprised to learn that of the more than 100,000,000 inhabitants of this country, more than 23,500,000 are at school. This is a great army in training for the battle of life, and we can not but feel that they will be better prepared to view things objectively, to help others secure justice, and to give and take in the spirit of fair play.

There are so many wonderful things about the United States that we are apt to pass over many important facts without an appreciation of their real significance. We call attention to the number of students in our schools and colleges, because it is a higher percentage than in any other countries of which we have knowledge.

Great Britain, with its small land and concentrated population, can only send of 19 per cent of its population to school. Germany, with all its well

are falling back, and the time is coming when their retreat will be a rout.

This community must help solve national problems. This State must better its splendid record and do even greater things in the pursuit of universal education. We must have better schools, better teachers and more pupils. We must get away from error, we must win the light, but the only way to understand is to know, and the only way to know is to learn. Let all of us help in this noble work and assist the captains of this educational army as they go about in the performance of their duties. Co-operation is certain to win and we must get together for the stupendous task.

Farmville needs a new modern brick school building with more room than the present structure and there is no better time than the present to start something toward this end.

DON'T CALL IT CLEAN-UP DAY

Make It a Campaign to Last As Long As There's work to Do

Don't call it a clean-up day or clean-up week when you start out to really do something to make your town or community a clean, safer, healthier place in which to live, suggests the State Department of Health. Or rather don't

YOUNG TAR HEEL FARMERS INTERESTED

More Than 5,035 Boys Have Enrolled In Some One of the Clubs Being Conducted. N. Carolina Doing Good Work.

To date 5,035 boys have enrolled in some one of the clubs being conducted by the Office of Agricultural Club Work. The membership is distributed as follows:

Cora Club.....	1,843
Poultry Club.....	839
Pig Club.....	900
Potato Club.....	74
Cotton Club.....	55
Peanut Club.....	44
Corn Club (negro).....	820
Poultry Club (negro).....	342
Pig Club (negro).....	98
Total.....	5,035

But this is not enough. The club work is one of the best mediums of giving the boy something of a real tangible value in getting him interested in farm work and in theoretical agriculture as taught in the common public schools. Every teacher, Superintendent of Education, and County Agricultural Agent could engage in no better work for a time than in urging the boys of their respective counties to join some one of these clubs with the determination to stick until a