

**FROM THE LOCALS.**

**Jones Local No. 1280.**

Mr Editor: I have been a reader of your paper for some time and have never seen anything from our local or any of the neighboring locals. If you will allow space I will endeavor to write and let others know how we are getting on. We were organized about May 15, 1909. We built right up to a good membership. But alas! alas! so many joined for the loaves and fishes and because they did not get a turn the first few times they went, they were like the seed that fell on stony ground. They had not much depth of earth and soon withered. Some of the withered fellows are saying one thing and some another, trying the best they can to hide their shame. Some said that others did not attend their meetings, so thought they might as well stay home. Another one said he saw the thing was falling and thought he would get out before he had his right arm or leg of fame broken, or get his most excellent future penetrating eye knocked out. Say, brother reader! do you have any of this kind of people to contend with? We will not say brother, because they are not and never were from heart. So let us stand faithfully by the cause, and be sure to attend our meetings. Occasionally give a picnic or some entertainment. The attendance at our local became small. Very often we had only five or six, but we held right on.

We gave a public picnic in August and had a nice time. The best meeting of all was held at our local December 23rd. It was a meeting to be long remembered. To see the faithful, good, sturdy farmer coming in with his basket full and running over with good things, and others with oranges, apples, bananas, and many other good things, it made one feel that there is unity, love and brotherhood in the hearts of some that will never die. After an interesting speech by our President and others, the many good things were spread out and after all had eaten to their satisfaction and returned thanks to God for His blessings and imploring His protection during the ensuing year, they all went home. This meeting or feast as we call it was for the Union only.

By the chaplain,

W. A. HOLLEMEN.

**Randolph County.**

The Randolph Branch of the Farmers' Union met in the court house at 11 a. m., December 2nd, 1911. The following officers for 1912 were elected: President, Lee M. Kearns, Hills Store; Vice-President, W. R. Craven, Ramseur; Secretary-Treasurer, W. R. Julian, Climax; Chaplain, E. W. Brown,

Ramseur; Conductor, E. N. Ellis, Millboro; Door-keeper, C. B. Adams, Randleman; County Organizer, J. F. Routh, Randleman, R-2; Trade Agent Guano, J. W. Allen, Asheboro; Merchandise Agent, L. Marvin, Kearns. Our next county meeting will be held in Asheboro on Feb. 24, 1912.

W. R. JULIAN, Sec.-Treas.

**Notice.**

Guilford County Farmers' Union will hold its first quarterly session in 1912, at Greensboro, on the second Saturday in January. Meeting to commence at 10 o'clock. We hope that every local secretary will see to it that there is a full delegation from his local at this meeting, as there is business of much importance to be transacted.

Fraternally yours,  
D. A. MONTGOMERY,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

**Lost.**

Dear Bro. Green, Your admirable articles entitled "Why Farmers Should Organize and Stay Organized," are of immense educational value to our membership; but not more than 20 per cent of us read the *Union Farmer*, therefore, 80 per cent of the educational value is lost to those in greatest need of it, hence, we suggest that said articles be reproduced in pamphlet form, and distributed by the State Organization in such a manner as that each individual member of the Union in North Carolina shall receive a copy.

Fraternally yours,  
E. J. JOHNSON.

Jefferson, N. C., Dec. 22, 1911.

**Gumberry Local No. 1907.**

To The Carolina Union Farmer: Gumberry Local Union No. 1907 met December 9, 1911. Officers were elected for 1912 as follows: President W. T. Cordle, Vice-President J. W. Bass, Secretary and Treasurer, J. E. Daniel, Chaplain, T. J. Bass, Business Agent, R. A. Daniel, Conductor, B. D. Bass, Executive Committee, C. L. Stephenson, M. L. Daniel, T. J. Bass. Our local was organized June 2, 1911, with 11 members. We now have thirty members in good standing. Some join at nearly every meeting. We heartily indorse what President Alexander said in regard to a State Warehouse. We now buy through the State Business Agent, but if we had a State Warehouse it would be better. Our local expects to build some time this year. Part of our members take the *Union Farmer* and like it fine.

Yours truly,  
J. E. DANIEL, Sec.-Treas.  
Pleasant Hill, Dec. 25th.

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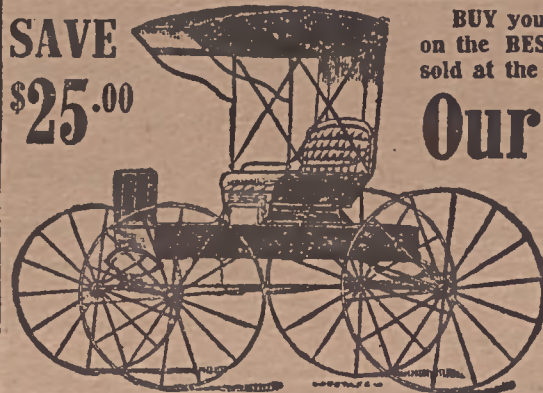
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