

Among The Locals

From Surry County

Mr. Editor: I had the pleasure of attending the annual county meeting of the Farmers Union in Surry county on Saturday, January 6th, and was very much pleased with everything up there. I organized this county two years ago, establishing 61 locals.

Dr. J. T. Smith of Westfield was elected president when the county was first organized, and he has filled the position so faithfully that he has been reelected each year. At this meeting he was unanimously elected for his third term. Brother J. M. Brinkley, of Mount Airy, was elected again as secretary and treasurer of this county, which makes his third term. It speaks well for those two men, and proves that they have the confidence of the entire membership in the county to be thus honored. At this last meeting it was decided to employ two or three competent men to canvass the county in the interest of the Dry Prizing Company, to collect all outstanding notes of the Company, and to solicit more stock, in order to complete the redrying plant at Mount Airy, so as to enable others to redry and pool the 1912 crop.

This county is getting down to business now, and will sure pool her next crop. Other counties should get busy and collect stock to build one in each county in the State. Stokes, Rockingham and Granville, with several counties in Virginia, are pooling, and Surry will be ready by this fall to handle their crop. It behooves our eastern brothers to get busy and assist us in the work, for we need your co-operation. We have the plan, and it is in operation, so all you will have to do is to follow this plan, as it was outlined and adopted at the two inter-state meetings at Danville, Va., and Greensboro. If you need any information on this subject, write P. M. Comer, of Danville, Va., the president of the Bureau of Information. Now let's get busy, line up and go to work, and build redrying plants in each county and stop selling our tobacco on the warehouse floor, and success will be ours.

Yours fraternally,

R. L. NUNN.

Westfield, R-1.

Toisnot Local No. 1067.

We are still living and are determined to try to do our duty as Union men, and endeavor to live at home as much as we can. We will decrease our cotton acreage for this year, and will plant more grain and feed crops. We will buy less ready

mixed guano and will do more home mixing. Most of us have meat enough to carry us this year, and we are in a better shape to stand 8 1-2 cent cotton than we were a year ago. We are not increasing in numbers. We received one by demit and one by application at our last meeting. We lost three members in December by demit. Since my last letter, I have received from local No. 1807, \$5.00 for the benefit of Brother J. H. Edwards, which was gladly received by him.

Yours in Union,

J. W. BATTIS, Organizer.
Elm City, Jan. 10.

"Wynn's Local."

Guess you other locals will be surprised to hear of "Wynn's Local." Never-the-less it is a very good little lodge. It was organized in March, 1911, with only six members and we now have nineteen—eighteen good, live ones.

We meet every Friday evening if weather permits.

We have a committee to select a live subject that will bear a great discussion, so that we may encourage our members to attend regularly.

Most of our members are in good conditions, plenty of supplies for both man and beast; cotton in their barns, waiting a higher price.

We think it wise for all farmers to plant less market crops and make more home supplies.

If this finds its way to paper, we will be delighted to try again.

"CHAPLAIN"

Silver Leaf Local, Virginia.

Mr. Editor: As I have seen nothing from our local for some time, I will try to tell the Union at large that the members of Silver Leaf Local are trying to live up to the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you wish to be done by." We held our regular election Saturday, December 9th and the following officers were elected for 1912:

President, E. R. White, Vice-President, J. W. Mills, Secretary and Treasurer, Bud Bishop, Chaplain, J. W. McMilon, Conductor, Charlie Scott, Doorkeeper, D. C. White, Executive Committee, Buck Mills, N. E. Scott and Tomey Hatch.

We have done a good business since we organized last April. I believe in giving everybody a chance, and try to get all the members to pay their dues for the new year. The meaning of our organization is to get as good members as possible and as many as we can,

and advise them to do all the good they can in any way, in all places and everywhere they find a chance, and to urge every member to attend the meetings. The local is the free school, the county union the graded school, and the State Union is the college. Every time we miss a meeting we miss a lesson.

Remember that fertilizer buying time is coming and lets be ready to save our money, and try to get the knowledge of our order and plant more corn and try to raise plenty of everything for home consumption and reduce the acreage of tobacco, and stop working in deadly war or competition against each other. We people have got plenty of hog and

hominny up here this time, and are living fine. Plowing has commenced and is deeper than usual. I would like for Patric county to get roused up and start to talking about a drying plant for the 1912 crop and be ready for the beginning of the selling season.

I think that Surry county will be ready for dry prising tobacco next fall. When these business enterprises are ready, we can expect to get something like a living price for our tobacco, and not before. Wishing the members of the Union a happy and prosperous year,

—A Member

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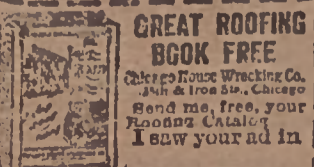
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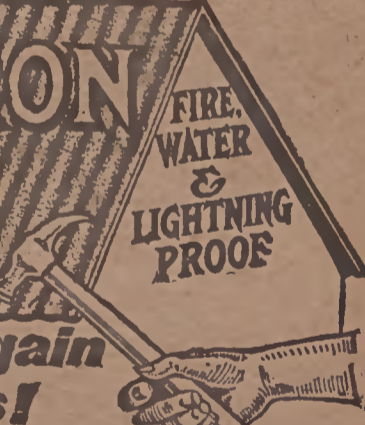


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