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FARMERS SUBSCRIBE COTTON AS STOCK IN EXPORT AND IMPORT CORPORATION

Mr. Maner explains workings of co-operative company to sell cotton abroad— Mr. Tomlinson shows great surplus on hand and pleads for acreage reduction of one half.

Stock to the amount of 34 bales of cotton was subscribed Friday morning at the court house in the Southern Export and Import Corporation at a meeting of farmers, bankers and business men which filled the down stair room to hear A. L. Maner representing the Export and Import Corporation and L. S. Tomlinson of Wilson who is president of the North Carolina division of the Cotton Growers association. Every man in the large audience listened attentively for two hours at the two speeches, and their interest was shown in the fact that nobody left until 1 o'clock when the meeting adjourned. It was a great day for the farmer, and while Mr. Tomlinson pointed out that the farmer is his worst enemy, it was good natured humor and the hope of a better day loomed up through prospects of a cut of half in the cotton acreage in 1921, the formation of the export and import corporation and the organization of the cotton farmers throughout the south into one mighty hand.

Mr. Joe Blanton presided over the meeting as chairman in Cleveland of the Cotton Grower Association which is fostering the export and import corporation.

Surplus On Hand.

He introduced Mr. Maner who explained the history, the plan and purposes of the corporation, declaring that an effort will be put forth to interest the farmers in every cotton growing state. The purpose of the corporation is to get cotton to Europe where it is needed. Before the war, central Europe bought three and half million bales, mostly low grade. Last year these countries all told used only 55,000 bales which is less than the production of Scotland county, this state. Heretofore six to eight middle men have been getting the cream of the profit on all cotton exported, which with the high rate of exchange puts the cotton too high for those countries to buy. Consequently the farmer has been getting the skimmed milk. This corporation by exporting cotton will give the farmers the cream. It will get cotton moving by extending credit, the best credit to be held and when the foreign countries cannot pay cash, it is proposed to take potash, chemicals, dyestuffs and other products in those countries, bring them to America and sell them, thus avoiding the difference in the rate of exchange. A similar organization has been organized in New Orleans by the southern bankers and President Harding of the Federal Reserve Board has been tendered the presidency of a hundred million dollar export corporation with headquarters in Chicago.

Cotton Buys Stock.

Mr. Maner declared very emphatically that if we don't carry these plans through and get the cotton across the Atlantic to the shivering nations, we will have a surplus of ten million bales. Cotton can't go up until it gets across.

This export corporation is asking farmers and bankers to subscribe to stock. Cash, liberty bonds and cotton will be received and Cleveland counties quota in cotton is 800 bales. Bankers and merchants are in favor of this movement because they know their prosperity depends upon the welfare of the farmers and in South Carolina nearly every bank has subscribed. The stock pays an eight per cent dividend and a dividend is assured if the corporation handles only 300,000 bales, although it should handle several million.

Speaking of the situation, Mr. Maner pointed out that the ten year average surplus in July has been a million, two hundred thousand bales. Last July the surplus carried over was six million and to this was added the 13 million bale harvest of 1920. The United States can't spin over ten millions, so it stands to reason that unless there is a heavy export, the price is obliged to be low.

Mr. Tomlinson on Half Crop.

Mr. Tomlinson, president of the N. C. Cotton Growers association made a most sensible and practical speech, although he made no claims at speaking. He made a splendid impression on his audience and often amused them with his appropriate jokes to illustrate a point.

He declared that if all the words that had been spent on calamity howling in the last five months had been left off, our country would have been prosperous and everybody would have been happy. Many of us are unbelievers because this plan is new. Al-

though the south has had a monopoly on cotton, old and New England have grown rich and the south has slaved in ignorance and poverty.

The speaker laid great stress on reducing the acreage and expressed a wish that we had courage and confidence enough to plant only a half crop in 1921, for said he, if another full crop is dumped on the market next fall, the price will be around 6 to 8 cents. Then with a great deal of feeling in his speech, he said "We are holding most of our 1920 crop and why do you want to cram the earth full of seed again for to get less for what you already have and will try to make." The farmer is his worst enemy, ayhow. Most of them think everybody is against him. That is a mistake. The merchant, the banker, all true southern men and women, are your friends and want you to prosper because it means their salvation, but if you should find one in your community who is disloyal and wants to keep you in ignorance and poverty, drive him out. The south should have more cotton mills enough to spin every pound of cotton we produce. "Not in my life time," said he "have more than six crops been sold at a profit, then why do you want to follow the habit and plant the whole earth in cotton? We must remember that a farmer is a seller instead of a buyer. He should live at home and not go to the store and buy western hay, grain and meat, when he can make them at home.

Laying further stress on a half crop next year, he said that unless we get the cotton out of this country to Europe the south should not make a single bale. He emphasized throughout his great speech, three very essential things for the salvation of the South, the reduction of acreage, the export and import feature and co-operative marketing which will come later if the farmer will but organize themselves into a business association for mutual protection.

It was a great meeting and Mr. Joe E. Blanton, chairman, expects to call for meetings in every school district at an early date at which stock will be solicited from others.

MR. LOWE BECOMES MANAGER AT GILMERS

Mr. G. C. Lowe, formerly assistant manager of Gilmer's Asheville store became the manager of Gilmer's Shelby store yesterday, succeeding Mr. Tom Lattimore who resigned a few weeks ago. Mr. Lowe lived in Shelby seven years ago and ran the Red Front store which was owned by Lowe and Clary. He has been assistant manager of Gilmer's Asheville store for a year and was in training for a year at the Winston store which is the largest in the Gilmer chain. Mr. Lowe needs no introduction to Cleveland county people for he was well and favorably known and believes in giving service rather than talking service. Mr. M. P. Gattis, the general store manager of the Gilmer chain was a Shelby visitor yesterday to place Mr. Lowe in charge and expressed himself as gratified with the splendid business the store has been doing and that in prospect for the Shelby store.

Mr. Tom Lattimore the retiring manager was not ready to announce yesterday what he expects to do, but says he will remain in Shelby and be prepared to make some announcement in a few days to his future connection.

Buyers Cleveland on its Merits.

Forrest Crowder and Tack Stockton have returned from Caldwell county where they delivered a Cleveland tractor to Mr. R. L. Steel, large cotton manufacturer and farmer. Mr. Steel had watched the operation of the Cleveland closely and was so impressed with it that he asked that one be sent over for demonstration on his mountain farm. It was demonstrated to his satisfaction, pulling heavy logs in the roughest kind of land, so Mr. Steel wrote out a check for the tractor.

Bell-Watterson Wedding.

At the home of Squire Gilead Green on January 20th, Mr. Claude Bell, son of Mr. Dave Bell and Miss Edna Watterson, daughter of Mr. John Watterson were happily married in the presence of a few friends. Both live in the Oak Grove section of this county and are prominent and popular young people who have the best wishes of a host of friends.

SOCIAL NEWS

Chicora Club to Meet Friday.

The Chicora club will meet Friday afternoon with Miss Selma Webb at her home on West Marion street. The hour is 4 o'clock.

Mrs. C. B. Suttle Club Hostess Tomorrow.

Mrs. C. B. Suttle will be hostess of the members of the Cecelia Music club Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

20th Century With Mrs. Lineberger January 28th.

The 20th Century club will meet Friday January 28th at the home of Mrs. J. D. Lineberger. All members are asked to bring 25c in payment of their 1921 state federation dues, also the money promised to the European relief fund.

Addie Ware Philathea Class to Meet.

A business meeting of the Addie Ware Philathea class of Central Methodist church will convene with Mrs. Zollie Thompson at her home on North Morgan street Wednesday at 3 o'clock. A full attendance of the class is requested and much business of importance will be discussed.

Out of Town Guests for Wedding.

Those attending the Ligon-McMurry wedding from out of town were the bride's aunt, Mrs. Azalie Harris and her brother, Mr. Hope Ligon of Fort Mill, S. C.; and Mrs. C. H. Poag of Johnson City an aunt of the groom. Mrs. Poag will remain in Shelby for some time the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. W. McMurry.

Miss Gladys Flack Weds Russell Poole of Union, S. C.

The following account which we clip from the Charlotte Observer of January 21 will be of special interest to the host of friends here of the bride, Miss Gladys Flack, who for a number of years made her home here and who is quite a social favorite among the younger set of our town: In the presence of a large concourse of relatives and interested friends, the wedding of Miss Gladys Flack, one of Concord's most popular young women, and Mr. Russell Poole, of Union S. C. was solemnized last evening at 7 o'clock in the First Presbyterian church. The ceremony was performed by Dr. J. M. Grier, pastor of the church.

President of Library Association Makes Report.

Report of the Shelby Public Library for year ending December 31, 1920. Copies of fiction528. Copies childrens' fiction243. Copies of religious23. Historical and standard338. Missing copies36. Total1,168.

We have subscribed to 12 magazines. During the year the New International Encyclopedia, 24 volumes, were given to the library by the late Mr. Charles Webb of Greenville, S. C. 25 volumes of Congressional Record by Congressman C. R. Hoey. The South and the Building of the Nation 12 volumes was a gift of the Daughters of the Confederacy. A loose leaf Encyclopedia and six volumes of fiction by Mrs. J. T. Bowman.

30 new books of fiction are expected to be in the library by the last of the week.

(Signed) Mrs. L. M. Hull.

Mrs. Poovey Entertains Missionary Society.

Mrs. W. E. Poovey was a gracious hostess to the members of the Woman's Missionary society of Central Methodist at the parsonage on last Tuesday afternoon. A most interesting program on "Translation of the Bible" held the attention of the members throughout the afternoon. Very instructive papers on the subject being read by Mesdames Lamar Gidney, W. E. Poovey, R. Lee Weathers, Grover Beam, George Hoyle and Miss Lilla Hull.

A delightful social half hour followed during which the hostess assisted by her sister Miss Glenn, and Mrs. Lamar Gidney served tempting refreshments. An added attraction to this meeting were the delightful songs rendered by the hostess who is herself a splendid musician.

Mr. Roland English to Wed Rochester Girl.

Interesting his host of Shelby friends is the announcement that Mr. Roland English, recently of Rochester N. Y., but now of Chicago, Ill., and Miss Frances West of Rochester are to wed at an early date.

12 Noon 9:00 A. M. To

Mrs. and Mrs. Frank Hoey Entertain Bridal Party.

One of the most beautiful and elaborate of the prenuptial affairs given in honor of the McMurry-Ligon wedding party was that of last Thursday night, when Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoey entertained at an after-rehearsal party at their home on South Washington street.

The dining room was scene of rare pink loveliness. The center decoration of beautifully appointed bride's table was a handsome crystal basket holding pink carnations and feathery ferns, this being surrounded by pretty little bud vases and silver candle sticks with pink lighted tapers. The chandelier above was entwined in ropes of pink tulle which was caught at the four ends of the table. The bride's cake was in the shape of a beautiful pink wedding bell, and decorated in pink roses, with a miniature bride and groom and also a dainty little cupid in the center of the cake, this being the clever work of the hostess herself. The cutting of the cake, which contained all the emblems so sacred to this happy occasion was the cause of much excitement and merriment. The ring was cut by the groom himself, Mrs. Wythe Royster, the button while her lucky husband, drew the thimble. Mr. Harold Griffin cut the dime with its accompanying symbol. And as a pretty souvenir each guest was presented a box of dream cake. Pink ices in the shape of cupid, pink mints and refreshing punch was served to the 36 guests.

Graded School Children Give to Child Relief.

Shelby should feel a great pride in the boys and girls of the graded school for their big hearted liberality in their gifts to the relief of poor, suffering, starving children of the east. For several weeks the children of the school have had this great cause upon their minds, and now they as usual, have gone "over the top" having contributed \$201.95 to this child relief work. They had been apportioned \$200, as their quota by the state chairman, Mr. Henry Page and each grade took a very special pride in doing its "bit" giving on an average of 25 cents per child. Special mention should be made however, of Miss Moosley's section of the fourth grade as her class alone contributed over \$40 to this worthy cause. "In as much as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me" must have been the slogan that prompted Shelby's future men and women in their gifts and love for humanity.

McSWAIN WILL MAKE NO SALARY CHANGES

Says People Seem to Be Against Allowance for Clerk Hire To the Officers.

To the Citizens of Cleveland County: I take this opportunity of answering the many letters received from my good friends throughout the county, in regard to the salaries of our county officers. I shall not be able to answer each letter personally, but I wish to thank you for writing me your opinion. I know that it is impossible to please everybody nor do I intend to try to perform such a task, but it is an honest and sincere desire on my part to try to represent the wishes of the majority of the people and having performed that task to the best of my ability, I shall feel that I owe no man any apology. I have never thought that it was right and have always believed that it was contrary to our principle of government for a representative of any people to take the bits in his own mouth to enact laws which he knows to be contrary to the wish of the majority of the people whom he represents. From the number of letters, petitions, etc., received from the leading citizens of every community I am convinced that a majority of the people in the county are opposed to making any change in the present salaries of our county officers, either by granting them a nincrease or allowance for clerk hire. Therefore, as your representative with an honest determination to try to represent the majority, I shall make no change whatever in the present salary of any of the county officers. Respectfully PEYTON McSWAIN.

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LIGON-McMURRY A BRILLIANT WEDDING

Miss Julia Ligon Married to Mr. Willis McMurry at Central Methodist Church.

Characterized by rare beauty and charm was the marriage of Miss Julia Virginia Ligon and Mr. Andrew Willis McMurry which was solemnized at Central Methodist church Thursday night, January 21 at 8.30 o'clock, in the presence of an assemblage of friends that overtaxed the capacity of the church.

This handsome edifice was decorated in a color note of green and white and planned with artistic skill which transformed the church into a place of rare loveliness suitable for the bridal event. Green potted plants, garlands of ivy and feathery ferns formed a green background in the choir loft. The altar was covered in white cloth and ropes of ivy and on either side of the altar stood stately white pedestals entwined with ropes of ivy these holding seven-branch candle delabra and softly burning tapers. A beautiful white wedding bell was suspended from the arched choir loft and around the chancel the same decorations were in evidence.

Prior to the ceremony Miss Mary Lee Lear, of Lancaster, Ky., in her beautiful, rich contralto voice sang: "Because" and "At Dawning" accompanied by Mrs. P. L. Hennessy at the organ. When the notes of Lohengrin's wedding March sounded the bridal party entered, Medelssohn's being used for the recessional. First to enter were the ushers in the following order, crossing in front of the chancel and taking their places near the altar steps: Messrs Harold Griffin and Burton Mitchell; J. J. McMurry and Wythe Royster; Tom Moore and Leon Ligon, the latter a brother of the bride.

The next to enter were the bridesmaids and groomsmen from opposite aisles and taking their places to the rear of the altar in the following order: Miss Mildred Hull with Mr. Jack Ligon; Miss Millicent Blanton with Mr. Hackett Blanton; Miss Mary Griffin with Mr. Raymond Madry of Scotland Neck; Miss Frances McBrayer with Mr. Richard Gurley of Alexandria, Va.; Miss Dorothy Dover with Mr. George Johnson of Cape Hatteras, Va.; Miss Maria Fields of Norfolk, Va., with Mr. John Hudson of Washington D. C. The beautiful and youthful bridesmaids wore pink and blue taffeta and chameaux gowns, respectively, silver slippers and silver hair ornaments, and to complete these beautiful costumes, they carried an arm bouquet of pink Russell roses.

Then came the lovely dame of honor, Mrs. J. Frank Hull of Charleston, W. Va., a sister of the bride, who was most picturesque looking in a rich pink brocade charmeuse, silver trimmings with court train of tulle. She carried Russel roses.

The handsome maid of honor, Miss Sara McMurry a sister of the groom, entered next. She was gowned in blue taffeta, beautifully embroidered in silver, with court train of taffeta. Silver slippers were also worn and a huge bouquet of pink roses completed this lovely costume. Master Sherrill Lineberger, the handsome young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lineberger, attired in a handsome velvet dress suit entered carrying the wedding ring in the heart of a rose, and heralding the approach of the bride. The bride entered on the arm of her father, Mr. Leon Eugene Ligon, who gave her in marriage. The groom and his best man Mr. Jesse Washburn, entered from the vestry room and met the bride and her father at the altar, the ensemble forming a beautiful wedding tableau.

The marriage vows were spoken before Rev. W. E. Poovey of Central Methodist church and Rev. J. M. Kester of the First Baptist church, the beautiful and impressive ring ceremony being used.

The bride was a picture of girlish grace and charm in her wedding gown of duchess satin, draped in Chantilly lace and finished in a delicate tracery of pearls. The mist tulle veil was beautifully arranged in cap style with bandeau effect completely covering the court train. She carried a lovely shower bouquet of brides roses and valley lilies.

Immediately after the ceremony the happy young couple left by automobile for Blacksburg, S. C., where they boarded a southbound train for a wedding trip to Florida and Cuba. On their return they will make their home at Double Shoals where the groom holds the responsible position of superintendent of Double Shoals cotton mill.

The bride is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ligon of this place. She is a beautiful and vivacious blonde and numbers her friends here by all who know her, the many beautiful prenuptial affairs given in her honor attesting her popularity.

The groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McMurry of this place and a member of one of the most

INDUSTRY WHEELS BEGINNING TO SPIN

BUSINESS IS ON RISE SAYS AUTHORITY

Mill Owners Predict all Mills on Full Time By April 1st—Outlook is Much Brighter.

(By Albert Apple.)

"We are near the bottom of the business depression," says A. W. Douglas, vice-president of the Simmons Hardware company.

A speedy revival of business is also predicted by A. C. Bedford, chairman of the board of directors of the Standard Oil company, in a speech at a private gathering of manufacturers.

Textile Industry Revives.

Carolina cotton spinning mills have started up on an average of nearly full-time including Woodside mills world's largest cotton mill under one roof. Similar pick-up taking place in New England. Conference of mill owners at Charlotte, predicts revival of entire cotton spinning industry by April 1.

Northwest Trade Rallyes

With wheat 30 cents above last falls low price, business in the northwest has picked up decidedly.

Grain loadings on western roads are heavy, deliveries to Chicago being largest for this time of year since 1917. The movement is so great that Northern Pacific and Great Northern have issued emergency orders against grain cars leaving their lines.

World's stock of wheat on hand now 226,000,000 bushels, smallest in 10 years. Compares with 323,000,000 bushels same time last year and 453,000,000 bushels in 1919. Supply and demand make the price. Looks better for farmers.

Rainbows.

General resumption of automobile industry in Detroit is looked for when Ford plant reopens, February 17.

Steady employment appears at hand in shoe industry. At Milwaukee national convention of shoe dealers orders were placed for more than 1,000,000 pairs of shoes.

Stock market recovery is considered in anticipation of general business revival. May be a slump in February, but upward movement apparently has started. Average price of 50 leading railroad and industrial stocks is now 66, against 61 December 23, 1920, and 58 November 1, 1919, and 62 December 31, 1914.

Money to Be Plentiful.

Period of cheap money at hand. Lower commodity prices mean less money required to do business, releasing funds. Money is a commodity and banks must sell their goods—compete. Call loans in market outside the stock exchange recently have been made as low as four per cent. Highest 1920 rate was 25 per cent, in February, and average for year was above eight. Time loans running as low as six per cent.

With money-easier, big foreign financing is scheduled for next few months. That will help exports.

Cotton Rallyes.

Cotton is rallying steadily from early December low prices. Recovery seems to have started on healthy basis. Two reasons for the advance: Revival of demand from New England mills and the rise in British exchange which will permit heavier purchases of American cotton by England.

American cotton exports in December were 788,578 running bales. Domestic consumption is improving steadily.

A Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors, for their kindness during the brief illness and death of our dear wife and mother. May God's richest blessing be with each and every one. Mr. John F. Weathers and children.

A Card of Thanks.

I wish to thank my friends and relatives for their assistance and sympathy during the illness and death of my dear mother. Blessings on you all. Jas L. Davis.

Influential and prominent families of this county. He was educated at A. & E. college, Raleigh, and since leaving college he has been connected with the Double Shoals Cotton mill in which his father is one of the largest stockholders. He has a promising future before him in his chosen profession and is exceeding popular with a wide circle of friends.

Among the many elegant presents on display was a chest of silver, silver service, cut glass in beautiful designs and a check for \$1,000 from the groom's parents as well as a handsome check from the bride's parents.

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