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FARMERS ARE GUESTS OF KIWANIANS AT DISCUSSION OF BOLL WEEVIL MENACE

Farmers Must Work Nights and Follow the Government Method of Poisoning Say Reynolds, Kimbrough and Mull in Their Speeches to Kiwanis.

Farmers must work night and follow the government's method of boll weevil control, if Cleveland county is to retain cotton as its principal money crop, were the two strongest points emphasized by "men who know" at the Kiwanis meeting at Cleveland Springs Thursday night. Each of the 60 Kiwanians asked, some farmer who is looked upon as a leader in thought and action in his community, so the "boll weevil" night program was the largest meeting that the Kiwanis has had since it was organized last summer. And from the standpoint of interest, it capped the climax.

R. E. Lawrence, farm demonstrator, had charges of the program and secured two men from out-of-town whose practical experience with the weevil and its ravages, enabled them to speak with authority. The meeting lasted an hour and a half and there was not a dull moment. The Kiwanians who are business men vitally interested in the welfare of the farmer, and the farmers themselves, manifested an interest in the meeting that is positively indescribable. When the hour for closing came, they wanted to go further and learn more, so questions were asked and answered that will be of untold help to the Cleveland county farmers in their determined fight against the weevil this year.

Other Meetings Coming. Max Gardner, president, welcomed the guests, assuring them of the kindly feeling which every member of the Kiwanis has for the progressive type of white farmers who have won distinction for the county in agricultural history. He acquainted them with the broad purposes and fundamentals of the Kiwanis and reminded them that this meeting is one of a series which will be held throughout the year in the interest of agriculture.

Three Good Prizes. R. E. Lawrence had prepared an interesting bit of information showing the relative values of the leading money crops produced in Cleveland and stressed the importance of diversification, laying special emphasis on hogs, poultry, cattle and potatoes. Lawrence gave two of the prizes; one a bushel of home-grown, home-stored sweet potatoes drawn by Clarence Gardner. His other prize was a butcher knife drawn by Forrest Crowder of Lattimore, Jno. Gold drew the big prize, a sack of fertilizer given by Kiwanian J. F. Jenkins of Shelby Oil Mill.

A Thing to Fear. C. A. Kimbrough of Apalachee, Ga., brought first-hand fear of the weevil's heavy hand. Before the weevil made its appearance in his section, he was a member of a large firm which operated a store and farm worth a quarter of a million dollars. For a year or two they thought the weevil would do little damage, and the farmers staked their all on "another crop" with the result that the firm to which he belonged closed down, saving only \$18,000 out of the quarter of a million. "Gentlemen, you may think your elevation makes you safe, but you are as sure to have the weevil in great numbers as we are sitting here tonight. I have been forced to leave Georgia and am locating in Gastonia to work for wages. My town had 500 population in its prosperous day. One season 205 families left from that railway station and our old customers are scattered in most every state in the union. My reason for coming here was to collect accounts, if I can, against the negro tenants who moved to Cleveland. We have accounts owing us in all states but two. In one issue of the Madison county paper, 13 farms were advertised for sale under mortgage, due to the weevil. Tax collectors stopped selling land for taxes because the farms would not bring the taxes." Mr. Kimbrough has made a study of the weevil and its habits and told the farmers many interesting things. He urged early preparation of soil, liberal use of fertilizer, rapid cultivation and the dusting with calcium arsenate according to the government's recommendation. He warned the farmers not to try other plans which are represented to be so good, but adhere strictly to the government's method.

Must Work at Night. W. A. Reynolds, manager of the Southern Cotton Oil company's Charlotte branch there was scare into his hearers when he told them that poverty is coming unless there is active, intelligent and united efforts to stamp out the weevil. He did not think this section could find a better money crop than cotton, but to

raise cotton "you must work nights." Farming can't be done the easy way any longer. He recommended a liberal use of fertilizer, reduction of acreage so the crop can be handled during a protracted wet season, the government's method of dusting with calcium arsenate, the burning of hedge-rows and trash wherein the weevil lives through the winter. Only 7 per cent of the weevil survive a winter but they multiply faster than flies. He urged that the farmers go home and organize by townships or school districts, predicting dire calamity if they fail to take notice of the menace at our doors. Mr. Reynolds is a chemist of note and not only gave the best analysis for fertilizers, but described the weevil in its various stages and habits.

O. M. Mull one of the largest farmers in Cleveland also emphasized the importance of shunning experiments and following to the letter the government method, the government having spent millions of dollars in finding out just what is the best method of control. He urged also a liberal use of high grade fertilizer and warned against over-cropping. The meeting from beginning to end was full of information, J. K. Dover, enlivening the occasion by a pro-ecum introducing the weevil as the subject for discussion. The following guests were present:

- T. C. Gardner, J. M. Gold, C. P. Peeler, S. A. McMurry, P. F. Grigg, C. D. Hicks, D. E. Grigg, L. A. Blanton, Jr., Coleman Blnton, G. S. Royster, A. P. Poston, J. O. Propst, C. R. Doggett, Tom Cornwell, L. W. Hamrick, R. M. Gidney, J. B. Lowery, O. F. Austell, C. S. Lee, C. C. Patterson, F. B. Hamrick, J. A. Wilson, V. J. Palmer, J. L. Davidson, E. B. Hmrick, J. Y. Hamrick, E. A. Wellmon, J. L. Ross, Geo. B. Patterson, A. M. Hamrick, Val Thomasson, A. W. McMurry, Forrest Crowder, J. Nolan, E. L. Weathers, A. D. Harris, V. A. Grdnr Harvey Gardner, A. V. Washburn, V. B. Champion, J. R. Lee, George Blanton, Thomas McIntyre, George Magne, F. H. Lee, J. L. Smith, W. W. Washburn, Paul Hawkins, A. B. C. DePriest, Frank Cornwell, J. C. Washburn, G. W. Peeler, O. C. Dixon, W. A. Reynolds, manager Southern Cotton Oil company, Charlotte District, Charlotte, C. A. Kimbrough, farmer and merchant, Apalachee, Ga., R. N. Kimbrough, Apalachee, Ga., J. F. Bess, Gastonia, A. C. Jones.

BAPTIST WOMEN ARE OUT FOR \$6,000,000

Under the leadership of the general officers of the Women's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention of the Baptist women and young people of the South identified with the W. M. U. organizations, will seek to turn in to the treasury of the Baptist 75 Million Campaign the sum of \$6,000,000 between now and May 1. The Union estimates that half of the 500,000 new members received by Southern Baptist churches since the beginning of the Campaign are women and young people, eligible for membership in the W. M. U. or its auxiliary bodies, and the plan proposes for the local missionary societies in the various churches to enlist its members in either giving or getting \$24 for each new member among the women and young people received into the churches.

If 250,000 women would give or get \$24 each by May 1 it would provide \$6,000,000 in cash. Approximately that sum will be due on the pledges of the W. M. U. to the Campaign by that time.

THE STEAMBOAT BILL.

The senate did not pass Governor Morrison's Steamboat Bill last week, but appropriated a modest sum of money with which to secure men to make a thorough investigation and study before the state undertakes to spend two millions or more in a project which is questionable as business venture.

It looked for awhile as if the senate would pass the measure at the instance of the governor and leave it up to the house to do the slaying act, but the senators evidently heard from home on the matter and they did the wise thing by refusing to appropriate this vast sum until they can have the report of a commission before them, this commissioner to give careful consideration to the matter and report as to whether or not they regard it as a good business venture for the state.

SOCIETY

Chicora Club Enjoys Charming Social Meeting.

The members of the Chicora club and a number of additional guests spent a most delightful afternoon last Friday at the hospitable home of Mrs. J. J. Lattimore on North LaFayette street. This being a purely social meeting of the club, the hostess had arranged a most unique and original guessing contest for the afternoon's entertainment. It was "school days" again for those grown-ups and a different branch of study was found at each of the six small tables scattered about the various rooms, these affording much mirth and pleasure.

Twentieth Century Club Holds Enjoyable Meeting.

An enjoyable meeting of the Twentieth Century club was held last Friday at the elegant and hospitable home of Mrs. J. Heyward Hull on North Lafayette street. The lower floor was thrown en-suite and the rooms attractively and informally arranged with bowls and vases of pretty spring flowers, in the midst of which a most interesting and instructive program on "Story Writers of the South" was given as follows:

- Paper on Thomas Nelson Page—Mrs. J. D. Lineberger. Paper—George Washington Cable—Mrs. J. A. Suttle. Paper—Ruth McEnery Stuart—Mrs. S. S. Royster. At the conclusion of which the hostess assisted by Mesdames Colin Hull and Will Harris served an elegant salad course and accessories. The additional guests beside the members were Mesdames Harris, Colin Hull, O. M. Mull, R. C. Hicks and Jean Schenck.

Elaborate Valentine Hospitalities.

One of the most elaborate and beautiful social affairs of the season was that of last Thursday afternoon when Mrs. Paul Webb entertained the membership of the Thursday Afternoon club and a large number of additional guests at her home on North Morgan street.

In accord with the sentiment of the season—good old St. Valentine was everywhere in evidence with pleasing and beautiful effect. The rooms were thrown together and festoons of hearts, large and small, presided over by Cupid himself, were arranged from mantles, curtain and each of the eight tables where progressive rook held the interested attention of the players. Numerous lighted candles with heart-shaped red shades, together with the shaded chandeliers cast a pleasant glow over the ensemble. As the guests arrived they were presented attractive little place cards, symbolic of the occasion—and all found their places at the various tables where they were temptingly served to delicious ice cream and heart-shaped cakes, salted nuts in little heart-shaped red baskets and mints, prior to the games.

When cards were laid aside at the close of the afternoon's pleasure hot coffee and cheese-straws were served. The hostess was graciously assisted in entertaining by her sisters, Mrs. O. M. Mull and Miss Elizabeth McBraver.

The following Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Webb again threw open the doors of their hospitable home to about 30 of their friends, progressive rook being again the chosen form of entertainment, the same beautiful Valentine decorations of the afternoon before being used.

Patchford-Carpenter Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Carpenter of Shelby attended the following wedding in Gastonia, an account of which is as follows from the Gastonia Gazette.

The marriage of Miss Mary Amanda Patchford and Mr. Thomas Renjamin Carpenter was solemnized Thursday at high noon at First Presbyterian church, with the bride's pastor, Dr. James H. Henderlite, officiating. The ceremony was characterized by beauty, dignity, and charm, and was witnessed by a large number of friends of the popular young couple.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter left for a motor trip to Florida, going as far south as Miami. They expect to return about the first of March after which they will be at home for the present with the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Carpenter, on S. York street.

The bride is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Patchford and is one of Gastonia's most charming girls. She is a striking brunette with fine, expressive eyes and a charm of

manner which has endeared her to a host of friends. She was educated at the city high school and the North Carolina college, at Greensboro, and is especially talented in music.

Mr. Carpenter is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Miles A. Carpenter and is one of the city's most promising young business men. He was educated at the State university and is connected with the First National bank in the capacity of assistant cashier. He is a man of splendid character, marked business ability, and possesses social gifts that have made him widely popular.

Miss Ruby McBrayer Charming Club Hostess

At her home on North LaFayette street, Miss Ruby McBrayer was a royal hostess last Friday afternoon at the regular literary meeting of the Ishpeming club.

The large and inviting living room was made especially attractive with decorations emphasizing the sentiment of the season—St. Valentine—and a most enjoyable program was rendered by Mesdames W. H. Royster, J. S. Dorton, George Moore and Misses Elizabeth McBrayer and Mary Moore.

At the conclusion of the program, a social hour followed during which the hostess assisted by her sister, Miss Agnes McBrayer, and Mrs. J. S. Dorton served a delicious and elaborate salad course and accessories. Tea was poured by Mrs. Charlie McBrayer from an artistically arranged tea cart.

Cecelia Music Club With Miss Kendall.

The Cecelia music club will hold its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Miss Mac Kendall on North LaFayette St.

Moved to The Lone Star State.

The many friends here of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barr will be interested to know they have moved from Atlanta, Ga., to Dallas Texas. Mr. Barr has charge of the Armstrong Cater Co.'s wholesale house at that place. Their residence is 5130 Reiger avenue.

Evening Division to Meet With Miss Roberts.

The literary department of the evening division of the Woman's club will meet with Miss Eunice Roberts at her home on North Morgan street on Thursday evening, February 15th. The hour of meeting is 8 o'clock.

Three Handsome Little Fellows Celebrate Their Birthdays.

The home of Mrs. Rover Laughridge on West Graham street was the scene of a very merry party when she entertained on last Saturday, February 3rd in celebration of her two little sons' Masters Walter and Joe Laughridge and little nephew, Master Jack Abber, son of Mr. Wilbur Abber, birthdays, as they all came practically on the same date in the month of February.

Many and varied were the games of childhood indulged in, among them being a very appropriate fishing contest for Valentines. After the games the thirty little guests were invited into the dining room where a lovely birthday cake, decorated with tiny lighter tapers, grouped about to designate the various natal days of the young hosts—occupied the center of the table. Delicious ice cream, cake and candies were served by Mrs. Laughridge, assisted by Mesdames J. R. Morris, Thad Ford and Miss Lella Palmer. And each little guest was presented a cunning little Valentine, as souvenir of the happy occasion.

MRS. MILES HAMRICK DIES ON BUFFALO AT 84 YEARS

Mrs. Sarah Hamrick, widow of the late Miles Hamrick, died Thursday night of last week at her home on Buffalo on the Shelby-Kings Mountain road at the age of 84 years. Mrs. Hamrick was one of the oldest and most saintly women in the county and her funeral was largely attended Saturday morning, the interment being at Salem Methodist church where she held her membership. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Beverly Wilson, assisted by Rev. W. G. Camp. Surviving are two sons, Calvin Hamrick of Gastonia and Hudson Hamrick of this county, four daughters, Misses Nora, Corrie and Martha Hamrick who live at the old home, and Mrs. Julie Hunt of Asheville.

The French government is still very much exercised over the situation, although it is felt that the Turks at Angora will not assume the responsibility for deliberate hostilities against Great Britain and France. The question now, it is thought, is whether the Angora government, after having told the allies to get out of Smyrna, will be able to keep the Turkish officers at that port in hand.

WORLD'S COTTON IS RUNNING VERY LOW

Will Have Been Depleted to Abnormally Low Total by Next August.

Washington, Feb. 9.—World stocks of cotton, including that produced in America, will have been depleted to an "abnormally low total" by next August if the present rate of consumption continues, according to a summary of world production and consumption made public today by the commerce department.

The indicated carry-over August 1, 1923, will amount to 2,775,000 bales of American and 6,621,000 bales of all kinds of cotton, including American, the report says, whereas the carry-over last August was 5,123,000 bales of American and 9,536,000 bales of all kinds.

This season's production of 9,694,000 bales of American, and 17,664,000 bales of all kinds of cotton with the carry-over of 1st August, the report stated, gave a total supply for 1922-23 of 15,087,000 bales of American and 27,200,000 bales of all kinds.

Consumption for 1922-23 was estimated at 12,312,300 bales of American and 20,579,000 bales of all kinds of cotton, reducing the stocks of American cotton more than 6,500,000 bales, and of all kinds more than 8,000,000 bales within two years.

Citing that world production had declined while consumption remained about normal despite a decline of about 30 per cent in Europe, the report revealed that in 1908-09, world production was 20,604,000 bales and world consumption 20,289,000 bales, with Europe consuming 10,968,000 bales which in 1922-23 world production was 17,664,000 bales and world consumption 20,579,000 bales, with European consumption only 7,623,000 bales.

A compilation giving cotton production by countries showed that 1922-23 production was as follows: British India, 3,750,000 bales. Egypt, 1,500,000 bales. Brazil 545,000 bales.

PIEDMONT WINS OVER SHELBY AT BASKETBALL

Shelby high school opened its basketball season Friday afternoon with a defeat at the hands of Piedmont high school on their court by a close score of 37 to 32. The game was cleanly played with the outcome in doubt until the last few seconds of play when Beam of Piedmont caged three baskets in quick succession and turned defeat into victory for his team.

On account of not having an indoor room large enough to play, the Shelby team is weak, but will play 12 games with the nearby towns. Shelby (32) Piedmont (37) Connor (4) Beam (20) Self (6) LF. Bullock (6) McMurry (20) RF. Falls (5) Beam (2) G. Buff (5) Grigg (0) RG. Blanton (4) LG.

FORD NEWS.

Mr. Chas. L. Eskridge, authorized Ford, Lincoln and Fordson dealer, says that there will be a great shortage this Spring, the dealers asked for 40,000 more cars in February than the factory can possibly build and there is no indication that the price will remain at the present low level. Those interested in a car or intend buying or trading in the next few months will be very foolish not to place their order at the earliest possible time.

The farmer can no longer farm successfully without a Fordson Tractor, it is too low in price to do without one and the wise farmer will place his order in advance and not wait until ready to go to work before placing his order.

Mr. Eskridge has just received one of those marvelous Lincoln Cars which by highest authority is the finest car in the world. Mr. Eskridge is anxious to have all prospective buyers drive this great car before placing their order for any car. Adv

Water and Light Notice.

Dont forget your water and light bill today, December 15th. They are due and must be paid or will have to cut your service and charge for putting you back. Pay promptly and save the officer as well as yourself inconvenience.

R. V. TOMS, Supt. W. and L.

TOWN TAX NOTICE.

All who have not paid their 1922 taxes are requested to come in at once and make settlement. The town must have this money at once. B. O. HAMRICK, Tax Collector.

TRY STAR WANT ADS.

OUTLOOK GOOD FOR OLD NORTH STATE

STEADY MARCH OF PROGRESS IN 1923

Factories Working Full Time—Last Year One and a Third Billion in New Wealth.

From practically every angle the year 1922 can be looked at as the renaissance of prosperity, portraying steady recovery from the deep depression of 1921. North Carolina has done her full part in the general come back" of the United States and proudly points to her record.

The \$50,000,000 bond issue for good roads, voted in 1921, the \$15,000,000 additional bonds soon to be voted, and the building of 1,000 miles of improved highway in 1922, marks the beginning of a new era in state. Farmers will no longer be bound to one or two markets for their products, but, with automobiles and good roads, will have five or six to pick from. School routes are being increased and enlarged, new school buildings of permanent construction are being built to the end that North Carolina will soon rank again among the first, instead of the last in illiteracy. Intercourse among her people will be much increased to the enlightenment of all.

The advance in prices of farm products during the past year has materially improved the condition of the rural communities. Many frozen credits have been liquidated and a more comfortable feeling is apparently everywhere. Recently in one county in North Carolina 255 chattle mortgages were cancelled in one day, and this has been going on in every county to a great extent.

Practically all our crops are good in quantity and quality. The tobacco crop is estimated at 30,000,000 pounds; cotton 851,000 bales; peanuts 127,000,000 pounds; and the wheat and corn crops are both large. One of the new and growing crops of the state is the peach crop, 1,455 cars of this fruit were shipped in 1922 and a much larger crop is looked for this year. From this crop a vast amount of wealth is being added to the state through the conversion of almost waste land into great income bearing acreage.

The manufacturing industries of the state are practically all working at full schedule and many are running two shifts to supply the demand for their products. The cotton and tobacco manufacturing and the wood working industries are all in excellent condition. In two decades North Carolina has risen from twenty-seventh to fifteenth in the value of manufactured products and has today more cotton mills than any other state in the union. The hydro-electric development, proximity to the cotton fields and ideal labor conditions will unquestionably keep her in the lead in the cotton industry.

In 1922 North Carolina created one and one-third billion dollars of new wealth which was more than three times the amount created in 1912. The new wealth created in 1922 averaged five hundred dollars for every man, woman and child in the state; or stated differently, \$2,600 for every family. This record led the south.

New building, which always forecasts improved conditions, increased in North Carolina in 1922 one hundred per cent over 1921 and an increase over 1922 is expected this year. The banks of the state are, as a whole, in very excellent condition. Deposits have grown gradually during 1922 and many banks expect to reach their peak deposits of 1919; some have already attained this. Debts to individual accounts show a considerable increase for the year 1922 over 1921, thus showing the increasing volume of business being carried on.

The outlook for 1923 is very optimistic from every viewpoint and we see nothing in the future that can stop North Carolina in her steady march toward supremacy in the various fields of endeavor of her people.

MILLIONAIRES SAIL FOR MEDITERRANEAN

New York, Feb. 7.—The liner Mauretania, chartered at a cost of \$1,250,000, sails today with 547 millionaires and near-millionaires on the most costly pleasure cruise ever arranged in New York. The cruise, across the Atlantic and through the Mediterranean, will last 66 days.

Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel corporation, with Mrs. Gary and a party of friends, occupied the Mauretania's two "regal" suites. American Express company charts show the cost for the two suites to have been \$40,500. The cheapest accommodations on the liner were held at \$1,000.