

### Senator Sam Lattimore Tells Union County Folks Inside of Farm Progress

#### Says Union Could Be Banner County of State If Idle Lands Were Used And Fertilizer Increased—Praises Cleveland

(S. R. Bivens in Monroe Journal)

If the cleared land in Union county were growing cotton at anything like its maximum capacity Union county would be the banner county in the State in value of cotton produced each year. This is the opinion of a dirt farmer of Cleveland county who has made a success with cotton and one of a group of leaders making Cleveland county reach out for sixty thousand bale crop. Cleveland county would have made that much this year with anything like favorable seasons.

The man who makes this statement is Senator Sam Lattimore, who has been all over Union county lately as an appraising agent of the Durham Joint Stock Land Bank. Mr. Lattimore is a college bred man of about thirty-five years of age. He caught the farming spirit, and having been reared on a farm, laid down everything else and went back to the farm, believing that with modern methods there was more opportunity there than anywhere else for him. He is serving temporarily as an appraiser by reason of having the job pushed on him so to speak. He is anxious to get back to his farming operations. He has three tractors but does not urge their use except on a large scale.

In 1914 he had \$51.00 and his wearing apparel. He began to buy land and grow cotton. To date he has purchased \$80,000.00 dollars worth of Cleveland County dirt and has it practically paid for. He owns 36 mules, three tractors, two trucks, and two automobiles, all of which are used in his farming operations.

#### Union Uses Too Little Fertilizers

But for two reasons, says Lattimore, Union county would now be the banner county in the state in the production of cotton, in quantity. It is at present the banner county as to quality.

The first hold back in cotton production in Union is the scanty application of fertilizers to cotton lands. On the whole the county uses under cotton between one third and one fourth only as much fertilizers as is advisable for the maximum production and profit in growing here. When the expense of seeding and cultivation is made for an acre of cotton, it is a mistake, says the specialists, to not apply enough plant food for the plant to do its best. There is on any soil, a fixed limit to which fertilization pays for each and every crop. The limit to which additional fertilization would pay under Union County cotton is approached by one fourth to one third the distance, and with this condition prevailing, the real profits in cotton growing here are cut proportionately.

#### County Would Be Three Times More Prosperous

At this point the reporter stopped Mr. Lattimore and asked, "Do you mean to say that if Union County farmers were to use three times as much fertilizers as they use now, the county would make three times a much profit in the cotton game?" "That is exactly my point," he responded. You now produce about two and one half million dollars worth of cotton annually. If after labor and taxes are deducted, the county has a half million dollars profit, you can make this profit a million and a half by going the limit on fertilizers. This would make your county three times its present efficiency in institutions, in business, in banking, in farming and in the standards of living.

#### Union Lands Are Idle

The second reason why Union is not the banner county in cotton production, is that so vast amount of her lands are lying idle, or are planted to crops less remunerative than cotton. I do not know says Mr. Lattimore whether it is a lack of labor or what is the cause, but I was indeed surprised to find so much land in Union County growing broom straw and scrub pines. With the possibilities for cotton production on this land, the present condition will not continue, if the proper advertising were done.

#### Georgia Farmers Will Come

Have you any Georgia farmers here? asked the land appraiser. We answered that we have none. He replied that Cleveland County now has about two thousand people from the boll weevil sections of Georgia, that more are coming, and that one have come and returned. On the farms of Mr. Lattimore are nine families of Georgia people. One of his tenants is a man who owns three hundred acres of land in Georgia, but chooses rather to rent in North Carolina where the weevil is not so destructive. All you have to do to get Georgians to Union County is to let them know what you have, and they will come, is what Mr. Lattimore says about it.

#### Boll Weevil Will Never Be Serious Here

Due to the altitude of Union and Cleveland Counties, and the rapidity with which cotton puts on a crop, the boll weevil will never be serious here. Mr. Lattimore here refers again to fertilizers and says that the source of nitrogen in all cotton fertilizers should be nitrate of soda, or some quick acting source. He reasons thus with the weevil, "Our first blooms come in both counties about the same time, which is the early days in July. A small crop of weevils may be produced in twenty days, and in twenty days more another crop may hatch. But while these forty days are transpiring, cotton in Union and Cleveland counties, which has been well fed,

lized will have put on a good crop which will be sufficiently advanced to be out of the way of the weevil." We asked for the authority on this point and was told that the Georgia farmers who have come to Cleveland county are the authority, and that study of the weevil and his life history back it up.

#### Union County Needs Land Boom.

The land appraiser declares that Union county is suffering because of cheap land and stands in need of land boom. Land here is valued at much below what it is actually worth for the production of cotton. This is true because of the quality of staple and the quantity of cotton of which it is capable, and also and particularly because of the fact that you people here need never fear that the weevil will destroy you. So long as this land is cheap, the people will hold it and pay taxes on it to lie out, and the county will suffer for the want of utilization of its land resources. Land in Cleveland county is now selling for two hundred to two hundred and fifty dollars per acre, and is worth no more for productive purposes than Union soil. Two-thirds of all Union county is either in woods or old field pines, or broom sedge. If you would prosper, boom your land, get Georgia cotton growers in here and utilize it, and your county will become one of the most prosperous in the state.

Union county continued Mr. Lattimore, needs some real agricultural leadership. It needs some one to do for it what Max Gardner and the Blanton boys have done for Cleveland. He criticized the methods of Union county "town farmers" and says that they own some land but do nothing with it. If they would apply modern methods and show farmers and high school folks that there is a real field for service and profit in agriculture, it would lend dignity to the profession and prove an awakening in agriculture as nothing else would do. Let men who do not need to farm, farm and make money at it, and thus prove to the citizenship that farming is a good business in which to engage.

### TO ARRANGE STATE ELIMINATION SOON

#### Will Make Oct Schedule for State Football Race Early Next Week. Rankin Says

(Special to The Star.)

Chapel Hill, Oct. 2.—High Schools throughout North Carolina are now filing with the executive committee of the State High School Athletic Association individual entry blanks for the entrance of their football teams in the State High school football championship contest for this season, it was stated today by E. R. Rankin, secretary.

The schedule of the eastern championship series and the schedule of the western championship series will be arranged by conference of faculty managers of the schools concerned which will be held early next week in the east and in the west. The games of the championship series will begin at once after the conferences have

been held. Strict rules of eligibility governing the participation of high school students in the championship contest are called for and adhered to under the regulations of the State High School Athletic Association, it was stated today by Secretary Rankin.

The annual State high school football championship contest was inaugurated in 1913 and has been conducted every year since with the exception of 1918 when war conditions prevented. The contest this year will thus be the twelfth since the annual high school contest was started.

The State championship has been won in the past by high schools as follows: Raleigh high school, 1913, Raleigh high school, 1914, Raleigh high school, 1915; Charlotte high school, 1916; Charlotte high school, 1917; Chapel Hill high school, 1919; Chapel Hill high school, 1920; Fayetteville high school, 1921; Asheville high school, 1922; Charlotte high school, 1923; and Rockingham high school, 1924.

The State high school football championship contest is a contest of the State High School Athletic Association. Membership in the association is open to accredited public high schools of the State. The association in addition to the high school football contest, State championship contests in high school basketball, baseball, track and tennis. There are now 186 member schools of the association.

The executive committee of the association is composed of the following members: N. W. Walker, chairman, Chapel Hill; E. R. Rankin, secretary, Chapel Hill; T. Wingate Andrews, High Point; A. W. Hobbs, Chapel Hill; W. E. Kirkman, Statesville; C. E. Phillips, Durham; R. A. Fetzer, Chapel Hill; G. B. Phillips, Salisbury; C. D. Snell, Chapel Hill; O. A. Hamilton, Goldsboro; H. D. Meyer, Chapel Hill; C. E. Teague, Sanford; C. T. Wootler, Chapel Hill; H. B. Smith, New Bern; W. McK. Fetzer, Chapel Hill; and H. M. Roland, Scotland Neck.

A trophy cup will be awarded by the association to the high school whose team wins the State high school football championship for the season.

### GREAT CATASTROPHE APPROACHES WORLD

#### So Conan Doyle is Told by Spirit Guide. Will be Shattering in Nature, He Says

"In order to arouse the world to a sense of its responsibilities, a great catastrophe, shattering in its nature, is approaching.

That is the warning received by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle from his "guide" in the spirit world, transmitted to him through the medium of Lady Conan Doyle.

Lady Conan Doyle, Sir Arthur explained, is more highly developed in this respect than himself.

"Recently she has taken inspirational speaking," he said. "Any time of the day or night she will suddenly go into a kind of a trance, when the power descends upon her, during which time she uses expressions, obviously not her own and therefore inspired."

Sir Arthur has been receiving messages from the "beyond" for several years, he explained.

"In the first year," he said, "these messages were concerned chiefly with family matters regarding my wife's

mother, my son and so on, and telling of their experiences in the other world. Then about three years ago the matter took a different turn. Instead of relatives who spoke, it was some one else, professing to be a very high personage. He stated himself to have been my guide from the time I began this spiritualistic work.

"The messages received are quite clear. They point out that the world has been getting into a shocking state of materialism. The Great War, Bolshevism and other troubles have come upon us as a result of this materialism. It has been made clear that the world must undergo a great catastrophe unless a change comes over it.

"In order to bring about a reformation many afflictions have been let loose upon us. To mention two only, there has been the Great War, with the loss of millions of lives. Then there came the influenza epidemic of 1918, carrying off many thousands of people. Something further, however, is needed, in order to satisfy the higher powers."

Many messages now being received, according to Sir Arthur, foreshadowed for a certainty a catastrophe which promised to shatter the world and rouse the churches to a sense of their responsibilities.

"The time is not certain," he declared, although everything points to it being very close. Dates are given in certain messages ranging from 1925 to 1928. If the higher powers find that mankind is improving, and that the world can be cleaned and brought by other means to its right mind as regards strict spiritual matters then we may be saved.

"I take it very gravely whatever is in store. But I think it will be a good thing. The world needs a tremendous shakeup. Mankind is to be passed through a sieve, as it were. But spiritualism will be preserved."

Lady Conan Doyle declared that the Japanese earthquake of May 22 last was foreshadowed the night before, and that information regarding the troubles in China and Egypt had been conveyed to them before the events took place.

#### 14—BASEBALL (incide) ygha-o heg Greensboro News.

Those who object to Sunday baseball might consider what did not occur when a game between Washington and Pittsburgh was shown on the Daily News playograph on a Sunday. The following Monday there was not a single case of gambling on the docket of the Municipal court here.

Last Sunday, with everything quiet and no worldly distractions like baseball, was followed by 16 names on the books, docketed as gambling. It is true that four of the defendants were acquitted but that left a dozen.

There may not be any connection between the baseball game on one

Sunday and lack of gamblers arrested the same day; it may have been merely a coincidence. There is no desire here to start a debate on anything, especially upon Lord's day observance, but people who haven't anything to do or anywhere to go except up and down the street can

easily get in "a little game." Time hanging heavy often makes for some very light handed handling of the pasteboards.

They could go to church? They could, but not all of them do and all of them never will.

The upper and lower classes in America have little in common except the spending habit and dieting. pper icsuandlowershTd laThesn

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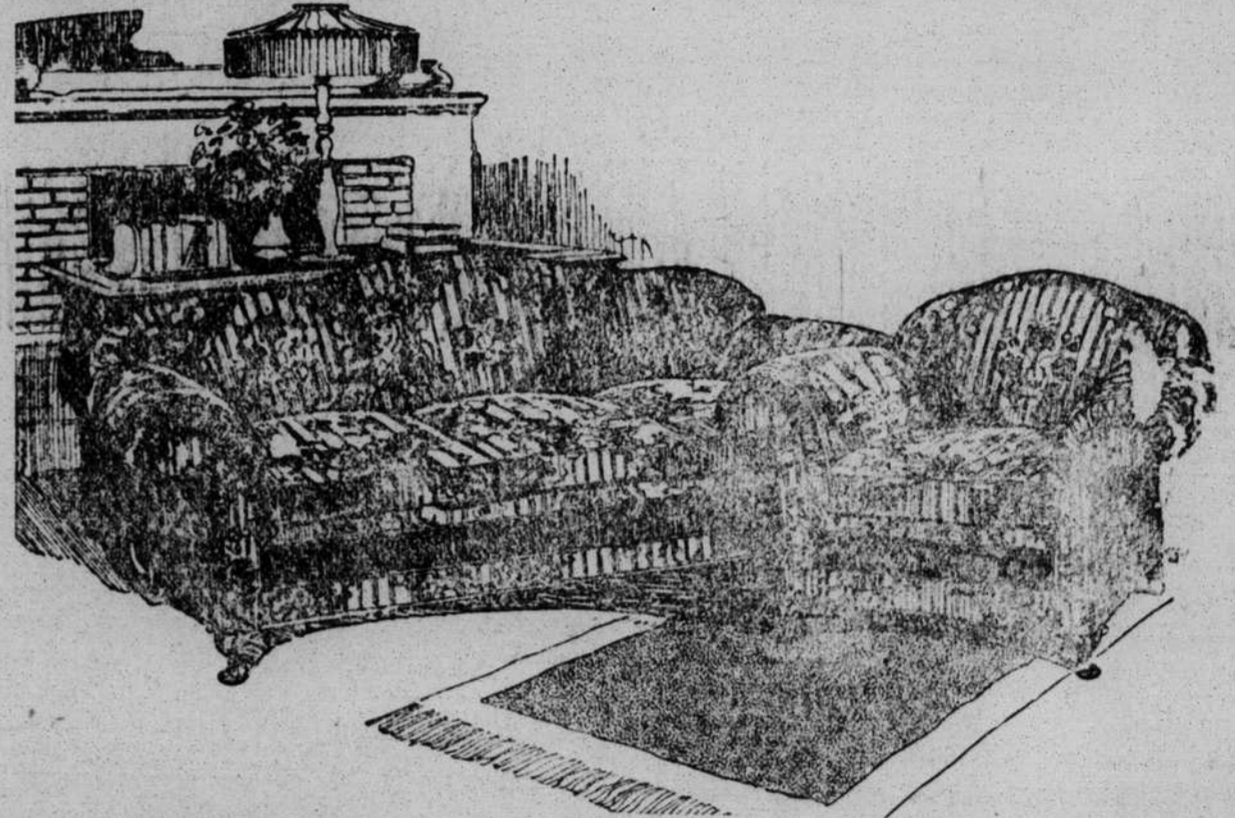
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Home takes first place now just as your motor car did this summer. Remember how you had the family car all "tuned-up" for the many trips you planned? You wanted it to be in tip-top shape so you could fully enjoy the wonderful outdoor days amidst the beauties of the Blue Ridge.

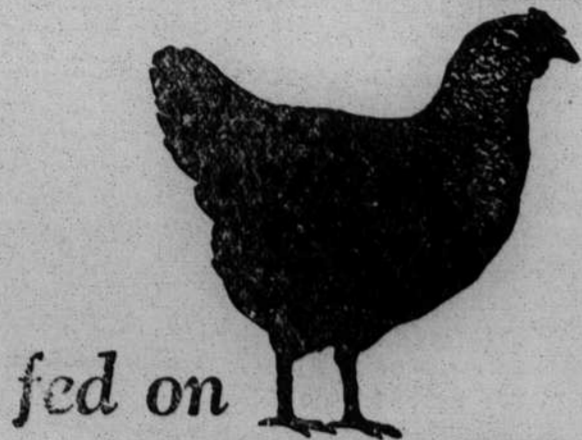
Summer is gone! Cold days and evenings with howling winds, chilling rains and sometimes snow will soon be here—it is then that your HOME and its warm, cheery fireside come first. Why not give the same thought to your home now that you gave to your motor car last May? Tune up your home, put it in tip-top shape so you and your friends will fully enjoy the coming months for many years to come.

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