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FARMERS URGED TO ORGANIZE

Speakers Address Farmers Here Yesterday

GROWERS MUST STICK TOGETHER

Speakers Representing Cotton Association, Warehouse System and Clemson Extension Service Tell Farmers to Organize and Build Warehouses.

Farmers and business men of the county gathered in the court house yesterday morning to attend the meeting held under the joint direction of the American Cotton Association, the State Warehouse Commission and the extension Service of Clemson college. The meeting was opened by Mr. C. A. Power, chairman of the Laurens county branch of the Cotton Association, who made a few explanatory remarks and turned the meeting over to Mr. D. W. Watkins, of Clemson college, who presided. Speeches were made by B. Harris, Commissioner of Agriculture, R. G. Honeycutt, representing the state warehouse commission, and Mr. T. M. Mills, farm demonstrator of Newberry county, who represented Clemson College.

Mr. Mills made the first address of the day in which he pointed out the advantages of having a government cotton classifier, saying that the cotton grower and the cotton buyer both profit by his presence. The cotton grader, he said, had saved the farmers thousands of dollars, citing the instance of Orangeburg county where he said that nearly all the cotton was sold on the classifier's grades without the purchaser ever seeing the bales. Mr. Mills said that he understood that the grader here the past season had given general satisfaction and expressed the hope that the community would secure one this year.

Mr. Honeycutt spoke on the needs of more warehouses. He said that the farms of the South were losing millions of dollars through the lack of proper storage facilities. He advocated the erection of individual warehouses by farmers, using the specifications furnished by the warehouse commission. He showed drawings of these plans and said that they would be available to any farmer desiring to make use of them. Mr. Honeycutt said the farmers should be prepared to hold their cotton off the market at the lowest expense in order that the markets would not be flooded by too much cotton being sold at one time. He said the farmers can make their own price on their product if they use business methods in disposing of it.

Mr. Harris spoke along the general lines of farm improvement and urged organization as the means of securing an adequate price for cotton. Before going into a discussion of the Cotton Association, he urged the cultivation of varied crops, especially food crops. Food, he said, would be still higher next year and the farmer who does not plant anything but cotton will be at a loss. His address dealt principally, however, with the general subject of organization and particularly the organization of the American Cotton Association. He said that the Cotton Association had already put millions of dollars into the pockets of the farmers and that it would put millions more if they would stand by it. There is not enough cotton in the world today, he said, to supply the mills until November 1st and the farmers have it in their hands to make what the price shall be. Speculators are making a desperate fight to rob the cotton farmers of a fair price, but if the farmers will stand together they will realize a big price for the coming crop. Cotton is cheap, he said, at 75 cents per pound as compared to other commodities.

During the meeting it was decided to appoint committees throughout the county to make an aggressive campaign for membership in the Cotton Association.

Another meeting was scheduled at Clinton at 10 o'clock in the morning and at Gray Court at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON HIGHWAYS

Highway Department Calls for Hearings on State System to be Held at Greenville and Spartanburg.

Public hearings on Connecting Highways in the Fourth Congressional district have been called by the State highway department to be held at Greenville and Spartanburg on August 4th and 5th respectively according to notices sent out by the department the first of this week. All those interested in county to county roads are invited to attend these hearings. The notice as sent to the press is as follows:

Under the recent Act of the Legislature creating a State Highway Department, there is contained the following provision:

"The said State Highway Commission shall, under the advice of the State Highway Engineer, lay out a system of connecting highways throughout the State, connecting every county seat within the State and covering such main avenues of travel and traffic as the said Highway Commission may deem advisable."

Before complying with the above provision of the Act the Department deems it advisable to hold a public hearing in each of the seven Congressional Districts of the State, to which will be invited all parties who may be interested in the matter. A tentative State System was laid out by the former Highway Department after long study and careful consideration, and as a basis of discussion this tentative system will be used. Maps of this layout may be obtained at the office of the County Supervisor of Roads of every County.

In pursuance of the above purpose the State Highway Commission will hold a hearing in the County Court House in the city of Greenville on Wednesday, August 4, 1920, from 10 A. M. to 1 P. M. and a further hearing at the Chamber of Commerce in the city of Spartanburg on Thursday, August 5, 1920, from 10 A. M. to 1 P. M. and anyone in the Fourth Congressional district who believes that the roads in that District as laid out on the said map ought to be changed is invited to appear at said times and places and state to the said Commission the change proposed, giving the reasons therefor.

Inasmuch as the Department is charged with the duty of laying out a State System connecting the county seats and the roads of adjoining states, only such roads as would consistently and properly be incorporated in such a system can be taken into consideration.

FRANCE HONORS U. S. HEROES OF MARNE BATTLE

The Battlefield at Chateau Thierry Consecrated by Presentation of Decorations at Hill No. 201.

Chateau Thierry, July 26.—The battlefield at Chateau Thierry, where American troops fell with the French, was consecrated today by the presentation of the Legion of Honor and the Croix de Guerre upon the town of Chateau Thierry. The decorations were given in honor of Hill 204 where the Americans and French army of General Mangin on their left, launched their attack in the second battle of the Marne, July 18, 1918.

Hugh C. Wallace, American Ambassador, in thanking the French for their tribute to American valor, described the scene as "the valley of victory." The ceremony of presentation was held on the top of Hill 201, at the foot of the monument erected to the men who fell in the battle. Country people from miles around lined the muddy, tortuous road, drenched by the rain storm, and saluted the arrival of Minister of War Lefevre, Ambassador Wallace, Generals Mangin and Degonette and other notable personages. The storm ceased with the playing of "The Marseillaise" and "The Star-Spangled Banner." As the ceremony began a ray of sunlight broke through the clouds and fell across the village of Chateau Thierry, lying below.

M. Lefevre paid a tribute to the American soldiers who, he said, "brought their youth, their enthusiasm and their bravery" to the aid of France and gave token of American friendship in blood.

Mrs. John Bomar and children, of Charleston, are spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Smith.

ENGINEER MAKES SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO USE TOP-SOIL ROADS

Autoists Asked Not to Break Speed Records nor Follow in the Beaten Paths. Spirit of Co-operation is Asked.

Editor The Advertiser:

I would like through your columns to bring a matter before the traveling public, which I believe is of great importance both directly and indirectly to it, as well as to the subject to be mentioned, that is, of the traffic use of the new topsoil roads completed in this county.

Naturally a new and smooth surfaced topsoil road is enticing to anyone driving an auto over it, and especially so to those who are inclined to speed whenever an opportunity is offered, and perhaps at times when an opportunity is not offered.

Apart from the fact that speeding beyond the legal limit of 25 miles per hour is unlawful, it is very dangerous to the ordinary travelling public, whether it be pedestrian, horse and buggy, teams and wagon, or the slower driving autoists.

There is another feature connected with speeding which the ordinary autoist does not think about, and in most cases does not know about, and that is, that he is doing what may be termed an irreparable damage to the topsoil surface. The rubber tires of a fast moving, high powered car has a strong friction grip on the surface of the road, and the consequence is that the smaller binding materials which go to form the component portion of the surfaced area gives way to this terrible friction and suction, and is dislodged and blow away from its original location. The effect of this sort of thing is that the surfacing more readily and rapidly begins to disintegrate under this and heavy traffic passing over it, especially when subjected to the unavoidable and frequent onslaughts from the elements.

Those topsoil roads that have been constructed, so far in this county, have been built with the view of taking care as near as possible, not only of the present traffic but of the possible increase of same for several years to come, both in the matter of the width and the thickness of the top-

soil surfacing. But everyone knows, who has had any experience with topsoil roads, that at best they have a traffic limit insofar as their standing the wear and tear of traffic. I have noticed as I pass up and down the new roads that everybody hammers along in one beaten path in the center of the road. This applies to traffic both going and coming. As a matter of fact, if every auto driver would take the right precaution in the proper spirit, and drive just a foot or two to the right of the center of the road, he would thereby unknowingly render great assistance in the maintenance and up-keep and life of the road. It is plainly seen that traffic regulated in this manner would be doing only one-half of the hammering and damage as it now does, with everybody going and coming in the center, except when passing other vehicles, and the life of the road would be almost doubled by such procedure.

I would therefore, like to appeal to all autoist and truck drivers to consider this proposition and give it at least a try-out. I feel sure after such a system has been given a fair trial they will begin to notice the difference in the condition of the roads. It is hard enough, with the limited means, labor and machinery available to maintain the roads in proper shape, and especially so when the travelling public has a tendency to thoughtlessly abuse the privilege of riding with ease and smoothness over the new roads in the same rut, instead of exercising judgment, and doing all they can in assisting in their maintenance in the manner above suggested.

I might add also that the use of cut-outs is very harmful to top-soil as well as any other soil roads. The cut-out acts like a bellows in dislodging and scattering the soil and its continued use will materially shorten the life of the roads.

Yours very truly,

N. C. HUGHES, Jr.,
Chief Engineer,
Laurens Co. Highway Commission.

BOLL WEEVIL IN THE COUNTY.

County Agent Moore Finds the Real Article Near Cross Hill.

Boll weevils in considerable quantities were identified by County Agent M. D. Moore near Cross Hill after a visit to that section by Mr. Moore last week. The pesky little bugs were found on the place of Mr. John Neel, about four miles below Cross Hill, and appeared to be congenially located for the season. Mr. Moore said that they had apparently come up from a ditch containing many weeds where they hibernated during the winter and had spread over about an acre of ground. While reasonably plentiful, he said, they would hardly do any damage this year but would likely spread to other sections of the county.

Although he has heard several reports of the weevil being in the county this year and a few last year, Mr. Moore said that these were the first that he had seen and that some of the other so-called weevils that had been brought to his notice were not boll weevils at all. Some people, he said, had mistaken the corn weevil for the boll weevil and become much concerned over them. These corn weevils, he said, are comparatively harmless to cotton and will disappear very soon, their only reason for being on the cotton being that the farmers have grown so little corn that the weevils haven't enough of their regular diet to feed on and have taken to cotton as a last resort.

In New Quarters.

The Vincent Motor Car Company, which has been occupying the store room next to Wilkes & Company since last year, finished moving into its new garage and store room on East Main street below the old Robertson Hotel last week. Extensive quarters have been provided there for work of all kinds and plans are being laid for a considerable expansion of its business.

MRS. LAURA PHILPOT.

Wife of Capt. J. M. Philpot Died at Home Here Saturday Morning.

Mrs. Laura Philpot, wife of Capt. J. M. Philpot, died at the family residence here Saturday morning. Mrs. Philpot had not been well for several months and at times her condition had been critical, but recently she had shown signs of improvement. Her death came Saturday after a brief recurrence of illness and was a shock to the community.

The funeral services were held at the house Monday morning, being conducted by her pastor, Rev. C. T. Squires, of the First Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. Samuel H. Templeman, pastor of the First Baptist church. Following the services at the house the body was borne to the Laurens Cemetery where a brief commitment service with prayer was held.

The deceased was a daughter of the late Dr. C. A. Saxon of the Bethany section of the county, and was twice married. Her first marriage was to a Mr. Kern, of the county, and of this union three children survive, Messrs. John and Charlie Kern, of Atlanta, and Mrs. M. F. Medlock, of this city. About 26 years ago she was married to Capt. Philpot and of this union two children survive, Miss Marie Philpot and Mr. Laurens Philpot, of this city. Three step-sons also survive, Messrs. J. E. Philpot, of this city, J. C. Philpot, a railway conductor with headquarters in Atlanta, and Berry Philpot, who is in the navy. All of these were at the funeral except Berry Philpot, who could not be reached in time for the funeral.

The active pall bearers at the funeral consisted of her sons and step-sons and the honorary pall-bearers were as follows: Messrs. C. W. Tule, W. P. Sullivan, A. C. Todd, Arthur Taylor, L. L. Moore, A. D. Gray, Ralph Terry and Dr. Clifton Jones.

COUNTRY CLUB PLANS DISCUSSED

Committees from Laurens and Clinton Met in Chamber of Commerce Rooms Last Night.

Two committees of about ten each, representing the towns of Laurens and Clinton, met in the Chamber of Commerce rooms last night and laid plans for the formation of a country club to be located about midway between the two places. Geo. M. Wright, president of Watts Mills, acted as chairman of the meeting, and W. W. Harris, of Clinton, acted as secretary. This meeting followed several informal meetings which had previously been held where tentative plans for the club had been discussed. A committee composed of the chairman of the meeting with Messrs. C. M. Bailey and W. W. Harris, of Clinton, and Dr. W. D. Ferguson and Alison Lee, of Laurens, as additional members was appointed to draw up by-laws and select a name, this committee to meet in Clinton Thursday night and report its findings to a meeting of the full committee in Laurens on the night of August 9th.

It was brought out at the meeting that an option had already been secured on a favorable site of about twelve acres on the new top-soil road between Laurens and Clinton and that Mr. Geo. Young, of Clinton, would donate several acres adjoining this site. It was unanimously decided to exercise the option and buy the land at once. It is hoped that work on the building and grounds, estimated to cost around \$10,000, will commence before winter sets in.

While the committee did not set a definite limit on the initiation and fees, the sense of the meeting, as expressed by a vote on the question, was that the initiation fee should be \$100 per member and that dues should be \$30 per year.

TRICKERY SEEN IN RUSSIAN PROPOSAL

Red Offer for Conference With Allies Attempt to Gain Recognition, Belief, United States Will Take No Action Now.

Washington, July 26.—Russia's proposal for a conference with the Allies in London was regarded unofficially here today as a skillful maneuver to effect a quasi recognition of the Soviet regime. Officially the state department was without any knowledge of the Soviet suggestion, but it was clear that unless some more urgent reason than now is apparent is given, the United States will be in no haste to accept an invitation to join in such a conference, even though one were extended.

It was assumed here that the United States would be asked to participate, but the prevailing opinion appeared to be that the specific question at issue—the cessation of the war with Poland—might better be considered first by the principals. The United States, it was explained, has a peculiar interest in the situation, aside from that of desiring stabilization of political conditions throughout Europe, but the method suggested by Russia was regarded generally as a contrivance of the Soviet authorities to use the Polish situation to advance the international status of their regime.

President Wilson, it was said today, has kept informed regarding the developments not only as to the Russo-Polish situation but also as to the situation in its broader aspect. The position the President will take was not even speculated upon by other officials of the government but it has been indicated that, unless he otherwise directed, the attitude of the United States would be that of an interested observer and that for the present, no expression of "moral support" or more active aid would be extended to the Poles.

London, July 23.—A wireless message from Moscow today asks the Polish peace plenipotentiaries to cross the lines along the Baranovitchi Brest Litovsk highway July 30, where they will be met. The message, however, does not fix the exact location of the armistice meeting.

To Clean Off Cemetery

All of those who are interested in the cemetery at Highland Home church are invited to assist or send help to clean off the cemetery on Thursday, August 5.

RUSSIAN ADVANCE GROWING SERIOUS

European War Feared on Broad Scale

ALLIES WILL AID THE POLES

Pessimism Felt Over Serious Situation Arising Over Red Advance on Poland. France and England May Not be Able to Assist in Time.

Washington, July 22.—Without official information regarding the decision of the Allied powers to furnish military aid to Poland in her struggle with the Bolsheviks, government officials refrained today from formal expression of opinion, but unofficially professed to see in the new situation most of the elements of a European war on a broad scale.

Army officers and officials at the state department generally were frankly pessimistic as to the ability of France and Great Britain to place armies in Poland in time to check the Russian advance before Warsaw falls, and many of them were skeptical of the power of either France or Great Britain to drive their war weary populations into the struggle without a serious unbalancing of domestic affairs.

Although technically, the President still is endowed with the specially conferred war powers, there was no disposition in official circles to assume that he would involve the United States in a war between the Bolsheviks and the Allies, unless action might be justified by some overt act against the army of occupation on the Rhine. Reports to the state department indicate increasing tension between the conservative and pro-radical groups in Germany, and it was generally believed that unless the radical element gained the ascendancy the chances of the United States becoming involved in the new situation were slight, although a suggestion of American cooperation from France and Great Britain was regarded as probable.

For the present, it was indicated at the state department, the part of the United States will be that of an interested observer. Steps already have been taken to remove from the war area such Americans as may wish to leave.

Paris, July 22.—The Allies will take measures preparatory to giving military aid to Poland, if that should prove necessary, it was learned here today.

A French mission headed by Jules J. Jusserand, French ambassador to the United States, who is home on leave with General Weygand, right-hand man of Marshal Foch, and M. Vigon, a close collaborator with Premier Millerand, will leave tonight for Warsaw to arrange for prompt success to the Poles.

On the same train and with the same object there will be a British mission headed by Lord Abernethy, British ambassador at Berlin, General Radcliffe and Sir Maurice Hankey. These missions it is learned, go with authority to say to the Poles that whatever aid is needed, whether military or financial or in the nature of supplies, will be forthcoming if the Bolsheviks persist in a design to march into distinctly Polish territory. Already a large number of Allied officers and subalterns are with the Polish army, which, it is declared, will be increased according to circumstances with as many divisions of infantry, tank detachments, air forces and artillery as may be transported in due time.

Methodist Picnic

The young people of the Methodist church have planned a picnic for Thursday evening of this week. Each young person connected with the church or with the Epworth League is asked to meet at the church Thursday evening at seven o'clock. From there the group will drive to some suitable place, probably to Davis, and there enjoy the good time to eat that have been prepared by young ladies of the church. The young men are expected to see that cars are on hand with which to carry the young ladies, with their well filled baskets, to the picnic destination.