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Last Call For The Cotton Contest

Entrance Date Closes First Of May

County Agent Thos. W. Morgan wishes to call attention to the fact that this is the last week in which applications can be received for the State Five Acre Cotton Contest. The entrance date closes May 1, and after that no more applications can be received for the 1928 contest.

Those farmers of the county who are planning to enter the contest and who have not returned the application blanks to Mr. Morgan, are urged to do this at once and not be too late to enter the contest this year.

Eighteen applications have been received to date, and several more are to come in during the week. Those who have entered the contest from the county to date are listed as follows: J. H. Hester, Troy; W. T. Ramsey, McCormick; W. L. White, McCormick; E. Hanvey, Troy; S. L. Britt, McCormick; R. M. Winn, Plum Branch; W. O. Covin, Willington; W. D. Morrah, Troy; W. C. Holley, Plum Branch; W. E. Britt, McCormick; R. T. Mayson, McCormick; J. F. Stone, Parksville; S. J. King, Plum Branch; W. T. Strom, Plum Branch; Mrs. R. A. Wideman, Troy; W. A. Winn, Plum Branch; Luther W. Drennan, McCormick and C. E. Wilkie, Plum Branch.

A significant fact about the contest this year is that each one of these entrants is complying with the new rules and planting a variety of cotton guaranteed to pull not less than one inch staple under normal conditions. The varieties of cotton being planted in contest fields this year are as follows: Coker Cleveland 5, Delta-type Webber, Cleveland 884, and Neely's Peppergreed Cleveland.

Attention is again called to the county prizes which have been offered. The business men of McCormick have offered \$35.00 first prize, \$25.00 second prize, and \$15.00 third prize to the three farmers of the county who produce the three highest yields of cotton on five acre contest plots in the county.

Messrs. J. W. Bracknell and Son and R. M. Winn, of Plum Branch, have offered \$25.00 first prize and \$15.00 second prize to the farmers in Plum Branch, Rehoboth, and Washington school districts consolidated with these, who make the two highest yields of cotton in this territory. All farmers competing for the prizes to be regularly entered in the State Five Acre Cotton Contest and abiding by the rules and regulations governing same.

Mail in your application to Thos. W. Morgan, County Agent, this week, and give McCormick County a boost on economical cotton production.

Land On Savannah River Is Sold

Name Of Company Buying Is A Secret

Although no definite information could be obtained this afternoon it is understood that a number of tracts of land have been purchased recently on Savannah River. The Rosenberg Estate conveyed 1,196 acres of land to J. H. Parker this morning and received a total of \$27,500.

Attorneys when questioned concerning the plans for the development of the river stated that they were unable to make any statement other than the fact that the land had been purchased. The name of the power company was not divulged and all deeds were made to J. H. Parker.

It is understood that this is the last tract of land to be purchased with the exception of a small tract in Edgefield County. The majority of the land purchased was in McCormick County.

It is believed that this land was bought with the idea of the construction of another dam other than that being built at Clarks Hill. It is even rumored that the Clarks Hill dam is rumored to be constructed in one of three to be constructed in this vicinity and that two other dams will be built between that point and the Savannah River bridge at Calhoun Falls.—Abbeville Press and Banner and Medium of Monday.

Sinclair Freed Of Conspiracy Charges

Not A Single Vote Cast For Conviction Of Oil Man

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Harry F. Sinclair was freed today of charges that he conspired to defraud the government in the Teapot Dome oil lease. A jury in the District of Columbia Supreme court acquitted him, requiring only three ballots to reach its decision.

One of the jurors, who withheld his name, later said not a single vote for conviction was cast by any of the jurymen in the one hour and fifty-nine minutes they considered the case. On the first ballot he said, eight were for acquittal and four undecided, and on the second, ten for acquittal and two undecided.

Accepted Story. In declaring Sinclair not guilty of conspiring with Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, to defraud the government in the rich oil lease the jury accepted the story told by a government witness, M. T. Everhart, son-in-law of Fall, of the Liberty bond deal which the government charged was bribery.

The jury upheld Everhart's story that Sinclair gave Fall \$233,500 in Liberty bonds for one-third share in the Tres Ritos Cattle and Land Company, the Fall ranch in New Mexico. Everhart, had testified that he had received the bonds from the oil operator and had given them to Fall but insisted they had no connection with the oil lease.

It was a tense moment when word came that the jury was ready to report. Mrs. Sinclair, who for six years had stood beside her husband as he fought various charges growing out of the oil lease, broke under the strain and began to sob. Sinclair took his place at the counsel table and arose as the jury filed into court and stood beside the jury box. The calm faces of the jurymen gave not the slightest indication of their verdict. The court asked if they had reached a verdict and upon an affirmative answer the clerk asked, "What is your verdict, Mr. foreman."

"Not guilty," he replied. Audible Sigh.

An audible sigh from somewhere followed, and then congratulations were heaped upon Sinclair by his friends and counsel who crowded around him. Mrs. Sinclair cried openly as the strain of the six years was lifted by the jury's two words. She was surrounded in the court corridor by friends and as soon as Sinclair could push through the crowd he went to her side to lead her from the court to their apartment in the Carlton hotel. The oil man stopped long enough to say: "I have felt from the inception of these charges that I would be acquitted of every suspicion of intention to defraud the government if the charges were ever passed upon by the jury. I am happy at the outcome, of course, but it is only what I have expected because I knew that I had not acted corruptly or unethically in negotiating the lease."

7,982 Pounds Poultry Loaded Here On 17th

Next Car To Be Loaded Here Some Time In May

The third carlot shipment of poultry for this year from McCormick County was made on Tuesday, April 17. A total of 7,982 pounds of live poultry was loaded into the car, for which the farmers received \$1,708.23 in cash. Risser & Rabinowitz, poultry buyers of Philadelphia, bought the car. Loading was completed at Newberry and Prosperity, S. C.

This makes a total of 24,497 pounds live poultry shipped in carlots from the county this year, for which \$5,084.97 has been paid to the producers in cash. In addition to this several thousands of dollars worth have been shipped by express and sold to truck buyers.

Another car will be shipped around the middle of May, at which time it is expected that we shall load a full car in the county.

THOS. W. MORGAN, County Agent

Catholic Group Leads Churches In Gains For 1927

Sixteen Methodist Bodies Second And Lutherans Third

NEW YORK, April 15.—Churches in the United States gained 573,000 communicants during 1927, the census of the "Christian Herald" made public Thursday, shows. The total enrollment in these churches was 48,594,163. The increase over the 1926 gain was almost 100,000.

The greatest gain was made by the Catholic group, composed of Roman, Polish and American old Catholics, which added 183,889 members for a total of 16,854,691 communicants. Of this number, 16,735,691 were Roman Catholics.

The Methodists, divided into sixteen bodies, were second with a gain of 150,910, while 20 bodies of Lutherans gained 67,879. Others in order of gain were Disciples of Christ, Baptists, Latter-Day Saints, Oriental Catholics, Menomites, Reformed; Brethren (Dunkards), United Brethren and Adventists. The only groups registering decreases were the Presbyterians and the friends.

The census result follows: Roman Catholic 16,735,691; Methodist, Episcopal, 4,592,004; Southern Baptist, 3,765,001; National Baptist (colored) 3,253,369; Methodist Episcopal South 2,567,962; Presbyterian, U. S. A., 1,885,727; Northern Baptist, 1,481,376; Southern Baptist, 1,392,820; Protestant Episcopal, 1,190,938; Episcopal 781,692; Lutheran (Missouri Synod), 645,345.

Latter-Day Saints, 567,319; African Methodist Episcopal Zion, 500,000; United Brethren in Christ, 396,946; Jewish congregations, 357,135; Reformed in U. S., 451,926; Evangelical Synod of N. A., 326,118; colored Methodist Episcopal, 333,002; Churches of Christ 317,937; Norwegian Lutheran, 294,227; Greek (Hellenic) Orthodox, 285,000; Lutheran Augustana Synod, 224,529; Evangelical church, 217,935, and Russian Orthodox, 200,000.

The census disclosed that consolidation of churches has decreased the number of ministers. There were 217,204 at the start of 1928, almost 1,500 less than a year previous. The number of churches in the country was set at 235,991 or 1,470 less than in 1926.

Farmers Are Facing Shortage Of Feeds

Winter Grains Damaged; Need To Plant More

CLEMSON COLLEGE, April 21.—The very unsatisfactory condition of small grains throughout the state indicates that many farmers who were depending upon such crops for feed may find themselves faced with a shortage in the near future, says Prof. T. S. Buie, chief agronomist. Therefore, the early planting of feed and forage crops should not be overlooked, he believes.

In addition to corn, a number of other summer crops, such as Sudan grass, the millets, sorghum cane and summer legume hays like cowpeas and soybeans, may be grown as feed for work stock. Prof. Buie says, "Sudan grass, millet, or sorghum, planted on soil of reasonable fertility and given even a little attention, will produce very satisfactory yields early in the season. Either crop makes hay of fair quality which is eaten by practically all classes of stock."

Details about growing these crops may be obtained by writing to the Division of Publications here for Extension Circular No. 80 or to the Agronomy Division here for specific instructions.

Card Of Thanks

We use this method of expressing our sincere thanks to our neighbors and other friends for their kindness to us during the illness and at the death of our husband and father, Mr. J. W. Miller; also for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. Miller And Children.

Wonder what the flying fish think when they see Lindy skimming over the ocean way above them?

McCormick To Play Calhoun Falls Here Friday

Probably Last Game Of Season On Local Field

Probably the last game of the season will be played on the local field on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock when McCormick High meets their foe in the strong team from Calhoun Falls. It will be remembered that the visitors won from the local team two weeks ago but since then the McCormick boys have tightened their play and all look forward to a fight for the victory. Several of the local boys have been out on account of injury but are now back at their usual post and with a determination to show the visitors some real baseball.

Our last game here showed the team that the public is back of them and lock what they did. The same thing will take place if the supporters will turn out and give their voices in cheering our boys as they are worthy of. Let's get out and see our boys in form and give them the backing they deserve. The admission fee of 10 cents and 25 cents should keep no one away but should make the place all the more interesting. What's a quarter when we can get our moneys worth in seeing a hard fought game which is filled with clean sportsmanship from beginning to end. Yes! I'll meet you there!

J. Mc. T. Daniel Writes Of McCormick School

States That Good Work Is Being Done In Our School; Recommends Little Improvement

Columbia, S. C. April 20, 1928.

Superintendent S. P. Clemons, McCormick, S. C., Dear Mr. Clemons:

Please excuse my delay in writing you since my visit to the McCormick High School.

Your building is well planned for high school work, and on the day of my visit, presented a clean and well kept appearance. The records of your office are efficiently kept. Your accreditation by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges indicates without any report from me, that the school is well organized, and that the teachers are doing splendid work. I found the teachers doing good work, and found the school living up to the standards of the Association. I believe your school is worthy of the accreditation by the Association, as far as your organization and the work of your teachers are concerned.

You have the nucleus of an excellent library. I hope that you will be able to add books from time to time to your library, and that its use will be of greater service.

I should like to call your attention to the sanitary conditions of the McCormick High School. Surface toilets are not desirable, when with the expenditure of a small amount of money a sewerage system could be provided. I understand that the town water supply has been piped within reach of the school. I urge you and your board to take steps to eliminate the surface toilets. I am quite certain that your present condition will be a handicap in regard to your school's being accredited by the Southern Association in the future. Please let me hear from you concerning this.

With kind regards, Yours sincerely, J. Mc. T. DANIEL, State High School Supervisor.

C. Of C. To Meet Wednesday May 2

The regular meeting of the C. of C. will be held at the home of Mrs. Acker, Wednesday afternoon, May 2nd, at 4:00 o'clock.

All members are urged to be present, as there is some very important business to be taken up at this meeting.

Time Get Soy Beans And Good Seed Corn

W. L. White Made Good Yields Of Corn And Soy Bean Hay Last Year

Now is the time to make arrangements to get your soy beans, velvet beans, Sudan grass seed, and some good seed corn for this year's planting. The time of planting these seeds is drawing closer every day, and it is the wise farmer who secures his planting seed early and from a reliable source.

Every acre of corn planted in McCormick County this year should have either velvet beans or soy beans planted right along with the corn.

W. L. White, of the Liberty Hill section of the county last year made over 40 bushels of corn and one and one-half tons of O-Too-Tan soy bean hay per acre on five acres of improved land. The beans were planted in rows down the corn middles about the same time the corn was planted, and did not interfere with the growth of the corn.

O-Too-Tan soy beans are recommended for planting with corn, the beans planted in rows down the corn middles at the same time the corn is planted, or soon after. One bushel will plant around 10 to 12 acres this way. Or, if you do not plant soy beans with your corn, plant them in the open field in 18 to 24 inch rows and watch them make hay.

If velvet beans are to be planted with corn, plant Osceola or Mississippi Blacks in the row with the corn at the time of planting. If the velvet beans cannot be planted until late, plant 90 Day Runners.

Sudan grass makes an abundance of green hay and forage for the livestock throughout the summer. Sow around 15 pounds seed broadcast 'so the acre and cut for the stock as soon as it is large enough.

Improve your seed corn. Get some Douthitt's seed corn and make more corn to the acre. Plant some yellow corn for the poultry and dairy cattle, as yellow corn makes a better feed than white corn. If you plant yellow corn let me help you get some good seed grown right here in the county at a reasonable price.

These facts should appeal to all farmers at the present time, as feed for the livestock is one of the greatest problems on our farms every year. Regardless of what this year brings, we should make every effort to produce plenty of feed for the livestock. Plenty of good grain and hay will keep the feed bills down.

THOS. W. MORGAN, County Agent.

Two Acres Cotton Bring Profit \$131.65

Benton Talbert Makes That Amount Clear And Keeps Up With His Other Work

Benton Talbert, a pupil enrolled in the agriculture class last year, planted two acres of cotton in connection with his class work. With this work he spent the amount of \$58.10 and grew a crop which gave a production of 750 pounds lint cotton. The crop was worth \$186.25 and subtracting the cost of growing the crop, Benton has as his net profit a sum of \$131.65.

It will be remembered that this work was done in addition to his regular work in the class room and represents what he made by applying his spare time to advantage. Benton has studied the latest facts in fertilizing and various other problems in cotton growing.

Benton was in the agricultural room for two years and was up in all his classes during the entire time. He is going to make good in the agricultural field if he chooses to make that a phase of his life work. He is steady and earnest in his work and soon will take the responsibilities and deal with them in an advantageous way if he uses his study as he did in the agricultural class. Why can't others imitate his example?

Now Vitamin F. has been discovered. When they run out of letters, for the newly discovered vitamins they will have to begin naming them like Pullman cars.

Al Smith Acclaimed In Asheville

Thousands Assemble To Bid Farewell To New York Presidential Candidate

ASHEVILLE, N. C., April 22.—Ten thousand people saw Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York end his vacation here at 4:40 o'clock this afternoon.

Persons from every walk of life and from every part of western North Carolina and from three neighboring states were jammed into a seething mass about the governor's private car, yelling: "We're for you, Al," fighting for the opportunity to shake hands with the governor.

In a public statement issued to the press just before his departure, Governor Smith pronounced his ten-day vacation in the "Land of the Sky" "one of the happiest periods of my life." He said that the much talked of Southern hospitality exceeded his fondest expectations.

"The wonderful hospitality of the South," his message said, "has made me feel that I was not a mere visitor but that I was as much at home and among my own people as if I were in New York or in the executive mansion in Albany.

"You have opened to me your homes and your hearts, and I leave you with the happiest impressions of your beautiful country, your thriving community and your generous kindness."

Never before in the memory of oldest residents here has such a public demonstration been accorded any public man as the one tendered to the departing governor this afternoon. Several thousand automobiles jammed traffic for miles about Biltmore, and more than an hour was required to clear the roads following the departure of the governor's train.

For more than a half hour following his arrival at Biltmore station individuals struggled madly for the chance just to get a glimpse of the governor, and hundreds of people, including officials from several states, shook hands with him.

Accompanying the governor on his private car were Senator and Mrs. Peter G. Gerry of Rhode Island, Judge Joseph M. Proskauer of New York and members of the private party including James J. Riordan, William F. Kenny, William H. Todd and Sgt. William Roy. On the private car of Mr. Todd, which was also attached to the train, were New York newspaper men trailing the governor. Early this afternoon Governor Smith made an inspection of the United States veterans' hospital at Oteen and addressed the disabled veterans, all of whom he could not see personally, over the hospital's private radio station.

DAILY THOUGHTS

1. It is easy and safe while driving on slippery roads to follow in the tracks of some other car.

Jesus has led the way for us, and the way is safe. Let us follow His tracks.

"I am the way, the truth, and the life."—John, 14:3.

2. "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want."

We shall never be in poverty as long as we have Christ.

3. Many believed on Christ because of His Healing.

The work of our physicians is great and wonderful; God bless the physicians who take time to speak of Christ.

4. Only the one who makes a sacrificial service towards his neighbors and fellowmen knows real happiness.

5. Back to the Book and Family Altar. Let this be our cry, and the modern problem will be solved.

6. A prayer.

"Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in thee; let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.

Yet, let none that wait on thee be ashamed; let them be ashamed which transgress without a cause.

Show me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me; for thou art the God of my salvation; on Thee do I wait all the day."—Amen.

Psalm, 25. E. A. WILKES.