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**MEMBERS BOYS' CORN CLUB.**

**Sixty Boys of County to Go into Prize Corn Raising Contest.**

The following list of names has been sent to Dr. J. Herbert Haynsworth, county superintendent of education, as those boys who have entered into the prize corn raising contest. The list may include some names of boys who have not planted their acre of corn, and the names of some boys who have planted their prize acre of corn may not be on the list. If this is true in either case, Dr. Haynsworth would be glad to hear from the boy concerning the matter, whether he has been put down as a member of the club when he is not in the contest, or whether he is in the contest and his name has not been put down on the list.

The list is as follows:

Sumter, R. F. D. No. 1:

Boyle, Rowland.

Brunson, James.

Brunson, Screven.

Brunson, Hubert.

Brunson, Aubrey.

Cain, Jamison.

Davis, Daniel Dewey.

Holliday, Sam.

Kolb, Lamar.

Miller, Edwin, Jr.

Prescott, Horace.

Prescott, Wilbur.

Seymour, Hugh.

Wells, Richard.

Sumter, R. F. D. No. 2:

Dollard, Willie.

Tryon, Glenn.

Lawrence, Vernon.

Sumter, R. F. D. No. 4:

McLeod, Donald.

Sumter, R. F. D. No. 5:

DuRant, Robert Witherspoon.

Mayesville:

Amerson, Tom.

Amerson, Walter.

Amerson, Neal.

Brown, Marlon.

Brunson, Thomas.

Dalzell:

Bull, F. Kinloch.

Bull, Charlie.

Clark, DeWitt.

Clark, Clyde.

Jolly, Robert.

Saunders, Parker.

Thompson, James.

Turbeville:

Buddin, Hinley.

Jones, Leighton.

McElveen, Rhame.

Morris, Richard.

Morris, McCutchen.

Wedgfield:

Brice, Marlon.

Geddings, Herbert.

Norris, James.

Owego:

Dorn, O'Dell.

McCoy, Wofford.

Tindal:

Ingram, Robt. W.

Ingram, Clarence.

McLeod, Dewey.

Poole, Rooney.

Turner, Jervey.

Lynchburg:

Phillips, Melvin.

Weaver, James D.

Whitehead, John.

South Lynchburg:

Flayer, Clarence.

Wadford, Marlon.

Wardford, Clarence.

Rembert:

Brown, Arthur.

Brown, Willie.

Chandler, Rodney.

Gillis, Cooley.

Harris, Henry.

Hurst, Dexter; R. F. D.

Jenkins, Wylie.

McLeod, Jerry.

McLeod, Daniel.

Rose, Britton.

Young, Samuel.

The Sumter high school will not compete this year in the State high school athletic meet.

The work on the Methodist church is progressing rapidly at present. The walls of the building have been built up to the height of the first story and are going higher very rapidly.

**FARMERS' UNION NEWS**

Practical Thoughts for Practical Farmers.

(Conducted by E. W. Dabbs, President S. C. Farmers Union.)

**TO PUSH WAREHOUSE PLAN.**

Farmers Decide to Act After Meeting in Charleston.

An organization and stock-selling campaign in South Carolina in the interest of the warehouse system was agreed upon at a joint conference of officers of the State Farmers' Union and stockholders of the Farmers' Warehouse Company held yesterday at the St. John Hotel. Mr. L. E. Davis is to be in charge of this campaign, with headquarters in Columbia, in the office of J. Whitner Reid, State secretary of the Farmers' Union. The plans were fully and heartily endorsed by the representatives of the State Union present. It is the intention of the Farmers' Warehouse Company to establish selling agencies at such points in the State as may be found desirable and practicable, and to do a general export business this fall through the port of Charleston.

Mr. E. W. Dabbs, president of the State Farmers' Union, has invited Mr. L. E. Davis to be at Sumter on Friday, May 3, when the Farmers' Union of that county holds its regular monthly meeting. All farmers and business men in Sumter and adjoining counties, who are interested in securing better prices for cotton, are invited to be present at a public meeting in the Court House at Sumter at 11 a. m. on May 3, immediately preceding the Union meeting.

Among those who attended the conference here yesterday were: Mr. Geo. R. Hightower, of Oxford, Miss, president of the Farmers' Warehouse Company; Mr. E. W. Dabbs, president of the South Carolina Farmers' Union; H. T. Morrison, of James Island, and Mr. J. Whitner Reid, of Columbia, secretary of the State Union.

Mr. Dabbs, when seen yesterday and interviewed by a reporter of the News and Courier on the proposed campaign, said that the aim of the whole movement is to educate the farmers to the possibilities of co-operation in marketing the cotton crop. "This is but a step," said he, "toward marketing the staple on business principles. The men employed by the consumers are conversant with market conditions throughout the world, but what does the average farmer know of these when he has cotton to sell? The buyer is not to blame. He is put in the field to buy the staple as advantageously as possible for the consumer. What the farmer needs is a representative who can measure arms with the buyer and who knows market conditions as well as the other fellow.

"We want to canvas the State thoroughly in this campaign and be in a position to handle all cotton that may be entrusted to us this fall. It will be the effort of the Union to cover the entire cotton belt, and to this end a meeting is to be held in Jackson, Miss., on May 7 to formulate plans for carrying this project out. I will attend this meeting and it is hoped that others from South Carolina will be able to go.

"A year ago there were in the ports of Bremen, Havre and Liverpool 1,554,000 bales of American cotton of the 1910 crop. At the same time there were less than 280,000 bales in the ports of Galveston, New Orleans and Savannah. It can readily be seen that what we need is sufficient warehouses at our Southern ports to hold this cotton in America until it is needed by the world's consumers. We need the insurance and other benefits that are to be derived from storing vast amounts of the staple, and it is only right that the land where it is grown should profit by these revenues, which would do much to build up the commerce of our ports."

The warehouse system, with the feature of exporting cotton through this port, means much for Charleston. This will in no wise conflict with the State warehouse plan proposed at the last Legislature, but each would in a measure be beneficial to the other.—News and Courier, April 27.

**FORWARD STEP FOR FARMERS.**

Hightower Describes Progress Made in Mississippi.

News and Courier, April 27.

Mr. G. R. Hightower, of Oxford, Miss., who was recently appointed president of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Mississippi, stated here yesterday that he had proposed to the board of trustees of that institution that a check be

established known as "Farm Finance and the Marketing of Farm Produce," and that the directors of the College had assured him this would be done. The gentleman who is to occupy this chair will go to Europe this summer and study co-operative farm finance as practiced in European countries. Through the efforts of E. W. Dabbs, president of the South Carolina Farmers' Union, and other progressive farmers, much interest has been aroused in this State over the manner in which European farmers secure money for their business by co-operative banking at from three to five per cent. Mr. Dabbs was the first to suggest this plan of studying the system of European farmers' financial methods and that the teaching of it be taken up by the educational institutions of the State. He first spoke on the subject at Clemson, then at the University of South Carolina, and both Dr. Riggs and Dr. Mitchell became very much interested.

From the statement made here yesterday by Mr. Hightower, it seems that Mississippi is now taking the lead in this matter. It is said that the farmers' financial system of Europe is one hundred years ahead of the American farmer. The American Agriculturalist recently printed an article on the subject, suggesting that a committee of two farmers from each State sail for Europe on June 15 to make a personal study of co-operative farm finance, and this suggestion is being considered in many States throughout the Union. Each delegate is expected to give his time and service without money and without price to this great work. It is desired, says the American Agriculturalist, to raise money in each State by subscription to pay the expenses—\$1,200 per man—of the delegates. It is said that in some States the interest is so keen that public spirited men will volunteer to pay their own expenses. This select committee is to be thoroughly organized, adopting by-laws and electing officers. The proposed fund of \$1,200 per member is expected to be sufficient to pay all traveling expenses and leave a balance for employing interpreters.

Mr. Dabbs is enthusiastic over the matter, and when asked about the marketing system yesterday, gave several concrete examples of the need of better marketing methods. He said that there are from five to ten carload lots of Canadian hay brought to Charleston on every Philadelphia steamer. This hay costs from \$28 to \$30 per ton delivered on the wharf, and is retailed at from \$32 to \$35 per ton. Mr. Dabbs says that recently he visited St. George's, and the farmers told him that they had hay and could not dispose of it at \$15 per ton. "This shows the need of our farmers to study a definite and practical marketing system," says Mr. Dabbs. "We do not only lack knowledge in marketing our staple crops, but we do not know how to dispose of eggs, chickens, butter, etc. When the farmer learns how to sell his merchandise to advantage his finances can be easily arranged."

**Y. M. C. A. Notes.**

There are about fifty members of the young men's and business men's gymnasium classes which meet at the Y. M. C. A. on Monday and Friday and Tuesday and Friday, respectively.

In the boys classes which meet on Monday afternoon and Saturday morning, there are about seventy-five members.

The work of the South Carolina Western railroad is progressing rapidly. There are several gangs of hands employed at various places along the line, most of which has been gone over. One large gang is now working at the swamp on Mr. R. L. Manning's place near Mannville.

Sumter's fire loss during March, as reported by the insurance companies to Insurance Commissioner F. H. McMaster, was \$19,13, less than in any other county except Williamsburg, where the loss was only \$8,10. There were 148 fires during the month.

The triple posts for telephone wires on South Main street between Bartlette street and Oakland avenue have attracted much attention. One wit has suggested that the line was probably raised in order to make connections with the man in the moon.

Dr. Milton Weinberg is now in the city for the last week of his stay and those who have not seen him yet and have reason to wish to do so, will have to visit him at once. Dr. Weinberg will be in Sumter Saturday as usual.

# Top Dresser.

It is our opinion that there will be a very active demand for this material owing to the scarcity of Nitrate of Soda, and the almost prohibitive price prevailing for it.

Our offerings consist of the following:

Ashepoo Eastern Carolina Top Dresser	6-7½-2½
Ashepoo Ne Plus Top Dresser - - -	4-7½-2½
Ashepoo Special Top Dresser - - -	3-8½-3
Ashepoo Cotton and Grain Nitrogenous Fertilizer - - - - -	3-8½-2½

While we give every planter credit for knowing his own business, and being able to determine which of these analyses would best suit his purpose we cannot help recommending the Ne Plus, as we have sold it for many years with most flattering results. In many cases we have had our customers tell us they would rather use it than Nitrate of Soda, giving as the reason, that Nitrate which supplies Nitrogen alone, develops the stalk and leaf, but does not produce fruit.

Because of the lateness of farm preparations and planting this season, it will be more necessary than usual to feed the plants as they grow, and thus overcome a late start.

We have succeeded in obtaining a price on our top dressers, that puts them within the reach of all, and we hope you will give us an opportunity of figuring with you before placing your order.

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## O'Donnell & Co.

**A Beckoning Santa Claus.**  
Mrs. Peavish says that before they were married Mr. Peavish used to say that if she would let him be her Santa Claus he would devote his life to sliding up and down the chimney for her. And now it makes him mad to have to take up ashes from the grate.

**New Yorkers and "the West."**  
If we lived in New York we could easily settle the question which is said to be disturbing the minds of the western governors—as to what is the dividing line between the east and the west. Everybody in New York knows that it is the Hudson river.—Wheeling Register.

**The Real Question.**  
"The Arr's have a proverb that 'a wise man's day is worth a fool's life.' It isn't a matter of how long you have been in business, but how much business are you now doing."—Profitable Advertising.

**Stained Boards.**  
Boards that are stained are apt to become lighter after a little wear; but if rubbed with paraffin oil they will again become darker. They may then be rubbed with beeswax and turpentine, when they will look as well as ever.

**The Man That Counts.**  
"Remember each of you that the chance for heroic endeavor of a rather spectacular kind does not often count; that the man who really counts in this life is not the man who thinks how well he could do some bit of heroism if the chance arose, but the man who actually does the humdrum, workaday, every-day duties as those duties arise."—Theodore Roosevelt.

**"Dad."**  
"Dad" and "daddy" were well known in this country in the sixteenth century; "papa" did not come in, borrowed from abroad, until the seventeenth century was well advanced. Florio, at the end of the former century, defined the Italian "pappa" as "the first word that children are taught to call their father, as ours say 'dad,' 'daddy' or 'bab.'" "Dad" seems to be the commoner to mankind of the two. Nausicaas in the "Odyssey" calls her father "pappa phile," dear papa; but Greek has "tata" also, and Welsh has "tat," and Irish "dadd."

**Asbestos Shingles.**  
Asbestos shingles are now being manufactured in this country with success, and the trade has grown enormously. The new products are of the lightest weight and fireproof up to a temperature of two thousand and more degrees. They are proof against acids and weather and are said to last as long as a concrete building will.

**CHAMPION SERIES COMMENCED.**

Turtles Win from Alligators and Scorpions Win from Lizzards.

The first game in the championship series in in-door baseball was played Tuesday night at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium. The Turtles beat the Alligators four to one and the Scorpions stung the Lizzards by the score of five to four. The games were good ones, though there were no special features to the contests, the only star work being done by Haynsworth in the box.

The games have been arranged so that the start at 8 o'clock and last until 9:30, each game being called at the end of the seventh inning.

**Attend T. P. A. Convention.**

The majority of the delegates to the State T. P. A. convention at Darlington left here Wednesday evening on the Gibson train for that place expecting a big time during the convention and intending to keep the session alive with Sumter spirit. A few of the belated ones stayed over until Thursday when they too left to join those who had gone previously.

There were about a dozen to go from this place. Among them were Messrs. L. I. Parrott, H. H. Covington, Geo. C. Warren, J. W. McKisver, L. B. Phillips, C. B. Yeadon, S. M. Riddie, W. R. Phillips, J. H. Guthrie.

**Marriage License Record.**

Mr. R. C. Broadway of Paxville and Miss Lillie A. Jones of Sumter were granted a marriage license Wednesday. Marriage licenses were also granted to the following colored couples this morning, all of whom were married in the court house by Deputy Clerk of Court Junius Parrott, Willie William Thurston Staton, Sumter, and Susan Johnson, Summerville; Washington Frierson and Emily Grant, Claremont; Ivy Peterson, Providence, and Eva Lucile Dyson, Dalzell.

Much interest is being manifested in the outcome of the county convention which meets in this city Monday.

With the past few days of good weather the farm work is reported to be progressing wonderfully. Most of the farmers took advantage of the good weather to complete the planting of the cotton and some of them to replant their corn.

**WINTHROP COLLEGE**

Scholarship and Entrance Examination.

The examination for the award of vacant scholarships in Winthrop College and for the admission of new students will be held at the County Court House on Friday, July 5, at 9 a. m. Applicants must be not less than fifteen years of age. When scholarships are vacant after July 5 they will be awarded to those making the highest average at this examination, provided they meet the conditions governing the award. Applicants for scholarships should write to President Johnson before the examination for scholarship examination blanks.

Scholarships are worth \$100 and free tuition. The next session will open September 18, 1912. For further information and catalogue, address Pres. D. B. Johnson, Rock Hill, S. C.

Prof. S. A. Ralston from Enid, Oklahoma, has come to Sumter to take charge of the Southern Commercial school, which is now going in regular order in this city. Prof. Ralston is a very capable man, having been in this work for sometime. He is a graduate of one of the best business colleges in the West, and understands fully the subjects of bookkeeping, shorthand and the subjects going with such courses. He is an exceptionally fine penman and will teach both business and ornamental penmanship. The city of Sumter should consider itself fortunate in having such an able business instructor here.

**FOR SALE**—120 acres of fine farming land near a thriving town in Southern Alabama. Healthy country. This farm was formerly a part of a turpentine location which has been discontinued. If interested write us promptly. Jennings Naval Stores Company, Pensacola, Fla.

**MONEYMAKER COTTON SEED**

We have found this variety superior to any other, giving a larger yield per acre with the same treatment, and giving a larger per cent. of lint. Our farm is free from blight and other diseases, and the cotton is ginned at our own gin, where every precaution is taken to prevent mixing with other seed. We offer a limited amount of select seed at \$1.00 per bushel. C. P. Osteen Co., Sumter, S. C.