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Cooperation Fosters Efficiency

Editorial

THE cottonseed crushing industry as a whole has definitely decided to march forward into that place of business leadership among Southern activities to which it is entitled by virtue of its volume, but which, because of loose organization, it has never fully occupied.

During the month just past, the crushers have taken two courageous and important steps looking toward increased success and prosperity for everyone in the industry.

The first of these was the meeting of a joint committee of the Interstate and Texas Cottonseed Crushers' Associations at Memphis, July 20 and 21. This meeting adopted resolutions and principles which will undoubtedly lead to the formation of a unified National Association of oil millers, with definite aims for the betterment of their business.

The second forward step of the month was taken at a conference between representatives of the entire industry and members of the Federal Trade Commission.

At this conference a "Code of Ethics" was agreed upon, which is calculated to put an end to any abuses and unfair practices for-

merly prevalent, particularly in the purchase of seed. We cannot refrain from quoting the following from the preamble to this Code:—

"They—(the oil mills)...owe a duty.....That duty includes the *obligation* to...deal fairly with labor, to *manufacture efficiently*, to *eliminate waste*...., to *condemn* and *prevent bad practices*." (The *italics* are ours.)

In the August issue of "The Cotton Oil Press" there appears an excellent report by John P. Harris and B. F. Glick, giving the results of value of 1% achieved by FILTRATION of oil which was already better than prime when it came from the presses.

We have repeatedly advocated filtration of crude cottonseed oil and we heartily recommend this report by Messrs. Harris and Glick, in the August issue of "The Cotton Oil Press" to the attention of all oil millers who desire to live up to the letter of the new Code of Ethics by *manufacturing efficiently*, *eliminating waste*, and *preventing bad practice*.