

MONEY MADNESS MUDDLES FARM PROBLEM STILL

Ulm Finds That North Carolina Agriculturists Are in Better Shape Than Urban Business Men. Bulging Cribs and Abundant Food and Feed Crops Do Not Satisfy. Money Looked On as More Important.

The author of this article was reared on a cotton farm and has worked on newspapers in Georgia, South Carolina, New Jersey and New York. In recent years he has engaged mostly in investigating and writing about economic subjects, including agriculture. In the last four months he visited several hundred farms in the Carolinas and talked with many kinds of farmers in all parts of the two states.

By A. H. ULM

"While I believe they are better off than they think they are, farmers around here are in a terribly depressed state of mind," said an editor of a newspaper in the eastern section of North Carolina. Statements like that had been made to me almost everywhere and most emphatically, as to the depressed state of mind part, by farmers themselves. This editors' locality was a good background for a query I had wanted to propound.

"I've seen a good deal of farming in this, and a little in the other countries," said I. "But I never have viewed a farming community that appeared to the eye better off than yours seems to be right now. Your farmers have made record crops this year; their storehouses are bulging with food and feedstuffs as never before. They undoubtedly have more of everything, except perhaps money, than they ever before possessed. Why, this depressed state of mind?"

"Money Madness" vs. Full Cribs. "Money madness," the editor replied. Continuing, he said: "In the war days of rising prices, farmers around here made greater profits than they ever had dreamed possible. Land values rose but not disastrously. But most of the farmers turned plungers. They operated as if high prices and big profits would continue indefinitely. Then came the period of falling prices and the plungers got caught. Most of those in real difficulty are burdened with debts incurred in the hope of making lots of money. Money madness is the main trouble."

What he said reminded me that not one of the several hundred farmers I had talked with in all parts of the Carolinas had evinced the least fear of distress for lack of means to meet creature needs. Everyone

that talked dolefully—as did even most of those who were getting along all right—spoke of distress in terms of money only. "I won't make any money this year." "I have lost money now for two years." "When are we going to make money again?" Such are samples of their expressions. The most doleful wails I heard were on the score of money that had been made in farming and lost in spheres other than farming.

There is no ignoring the fact that farmers, like everybody else, must have money and that many of them, like millions of others, are having a hard time getting the money they need. But I haven't heard of any campaigns like ones carried on in the cities, for funds to relieve creature distress in farming communities in the Carolinas. In every farming community where I thought to make inquiry about it, I was told that there were adequate local supplies to carry every creature in the community through the winter.

"I was chairman of the Red Cross Relief Committee for this county last winter," said a prominent man in one of the worst "hit" farming communities in the Carolinas. "There was practically nothing for me to do. There were a few cases of creature distress, but they were taken care of by neighbors of the persons. I'll have less to do if I am relief chairman this winter, because there are more food and feedstuffs on the farms."

No Place for "Money Madness"

The fact that economic depression does not necessarily portend creature distress in farming communities, as it does in cities, gives inverse illustration of the out-of-placeness of "money madness" among farmers.

Of course money madness is not indigenous to farming circles, which, after all, probably have been less affected by it than urban communities have been. But, being more out of place there, it may be more productive of lasting harm in farming than in other circles.

Farmers are not especially blamed for becoming infected with the "money making" fever, which, however, has put upon farming a load of burdens that probably constitute the most difficult obstacle to complete recovery of American agriculture.

A good deal of the actual fever still prevails. I ran into symptoms of it everywhere I went. Many so-called farm relief proposals and measures tend to stimulate it.

Eliminate the burdens that were incurred out of money madness that was made epidemic by the skyrocketing of prices during the war period with all the remaining fever for mere "money making," and farming in most of the South, and particularly in the Carolinas, will be on a good footing—especially so in comparison with farming in other big areas of staple crops and, now, with urban business and industry in general.

Execution of Everett Mull Is Stayed by the Filing of an Appeal

Former Morganton Man May Escape Death by Lethal Gas in Nevada. Had Been Sentenced to Die Week of December 6th.

Morganton, N. C.—Associated Press dispatches from Carson City, Nevada, have brought the news that the execution of Everett T. Mull, former Morganton contractor, originally set for December 6th, has been automatically stayed by the filing of an appeal asking for a new trial.

Mull was tried in Las Vegas, Nevada, in September on the charge of slaying his alleged bootlegging partner, Jack O'Brien, was found guilty and sentenced to the Nevada gas house.

Relatives here knew nothing of the trouble in which he had become involved and he had expressed himself as preferring to let the law take its course rather than to appeal to the homefolks. Finally, however, his wife, the former May Coffey, who eloped with him when he left Morganton last spring and whom he afterwards married, wrote one of his daughters a few weeks ago telling part of the story and beseeching aid. Since that time newspaper clippings and letters have revealed many of the details of the affair.

From early last spring when he left Morganton with between \$2,000 and \$3,000 which he had collected on the construction of a house, until the letter from May Coffey last month told of his sentence to death in the Nevada gas house, nothing had been heard from Mull. When he went away he abandoned five young daughters, leaving them in destitute circumstances.

None of the immediate family have any considerable property, but his brother here, John H. Mull, forwarded a retainer's fee to his lawyer in Nevada with the result that the appeal was prepared and will be pushed in an effort to obtain a new trial. The news reports to the effect that Everett Mull's aged parents and daughters are financing the appeal are incorrect. The parents have been dead for years and the daughters are unable to furnish much financial assistance.—News-Herald.

DON'T SMOKE, WHISTLE

London—Sir Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scout movement, recommends whistling as a good substitute for smoking.

Undismayed by the recent American controversy over whether whistlers are "morons," Sir Robert said he was personally addicted to whistling.

"I find it a satisfactory substitute for a pipe," he said. "It gives satisfaction to me and annoyance to everybody else, much as a pipe does."

FOURTEEN STATES REPRESENTED AT STATE COLLEGE

Registration for Winter Passes 800 Mark. Students Come from Far-Away Places. Watauga Leads With 118 Students. Ashe Next With 50. Amazing Increase Shown in Past Few Years.

The winter term at Appalachian State Teachers College opened last week, and figures just released by Professor J. M. Downum, registrar, indicate that more than eight hundred students from fourteen states are now registered. The complete statistics follow:

North Carolina Counties	
Alamance	4
Alexander	6
Alleghany	31
Anson	4
Ashe	50
Avery	29
Bertie	2
Bladen	5
Brunswick	1
Buncombe	4
Burke	15
Cabarrus	14
Caldwell	30
Carteret	3
Caswell	5
Catawba	19
Chatham	9
Cleveland	34
Columbus	2
Cumberland	2
Davidson	19
Davie	3
Durham	2
Edgecombe	2
Forsyth	16
Franklin	1
Gaston	4
Granville	1
Guilford	13
Harnett	2
Graham	1
Iredell	27
Johnston	1
Lincoln	40
Madison	8
McDowell	10
Mecklenburg	7
Mitchell	3
Montgomery	1
Moore	3
Nash	1
New Hanover	1
Orange	2
Pender	1
Person	1
Polk	5
Randolph	11
Richmond	3
Robeson	2
Rockingham	6
Rowan	17
Rutherford	18
Sampson	1
Stanly	13
Stokes	4
Surry	25
Tyrrell	1
Union	14
Wake	1
Wayne	4
Wilkes	33
Yadkin	30
Yancey	10
Other States	
Florida—Desoto	1
Hillsborough	2
Seminole	1
Georgia—Habersham	1
Illinois—Clark	1
Macon	2
Sangamon	1
Kentucky—Macon	1
Pulaski	2
Mackland—Hartford	1
Massachusetts—Hampton	3
New York—St. Lawrence	2
Onondaga	1
Ohio—Hamilton	1
Pennsylvania—Pike	1
South Carolina—Cherokee	1
Chester	1
Chesterfield	1
Florence	1
Marion	3
Newberry	1
Tennessee—Johnson	2
Sullivan	1
Virginia—Grayson	1
Patrick	1
Pittsylvania	1
Russell	2
West Virginia—Wyoming	2
Other States—Counties	
Other States—Students	29
North Carolina Counties	64
North Carolina Students	759
Other Statistics	
Total Number Counties	93
Total Number Students	805
Number students from West of Blue Ridge in N. C.	242
Number students from east of the Blue Ridge in N. C.	517
No. students from Other States	46
No. male students enrolled	251
No. female students enrolled	554
Increase over last year at this date (December 2)	104
The increase in students enrolled for the regular term since the college began doing accredited work is as follows:	
Spring 1922, 5; 1922-23, 42; 1923-24, 126; 1924-25, 153; 1925-26, 253; 1926-27, 363; 1927-28, 469; 1928-29, 535; 1929-30, 658; 1930-31, 836; 1931-32, 805 to December 2nd.	

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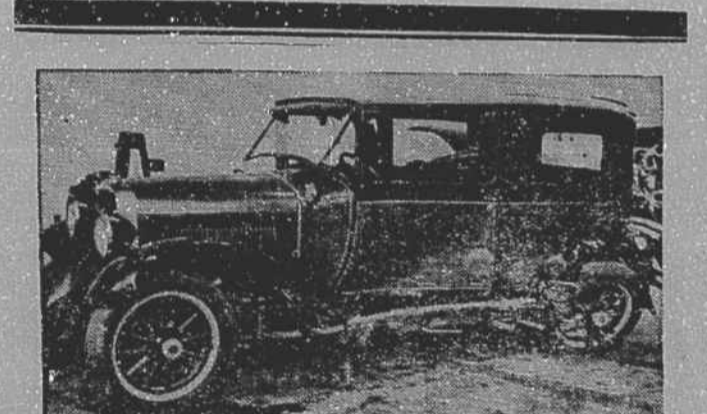
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28x4.75-19	6.05	6.45
29x4.75-20	6.75	6.57
29x5.00-19	6.98	6.80
30x5.00-20	7.10	6.90
28x5.25-18	7.90	7.65
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Philadelphia.—Are cosmetics luxuries, as legislators classify them, or are they necessities? Philadelphia society leaders and business women say they are necessities. They expressed their opinions in a bill introduced at the special session of State legislature to tax cosmetics sales 10 per cent. on the ground that they are luxuries.