

GREATER OPPORTUNITIES FOR FARMERS

RAISE MORE FOOD FOR HOME NEEDS

North Carolina Offers Better Opportunities for Marketing Food Products Than Any Other State in the Union

BY JOHN PAUL LUCAS

Raleigh, April 27.—North Carolina, with its 55 cities and towns of more than 2500 population and its numberless industrial settlements, offers to its farmers a greater opportunity for a well rounded, well balanced system of agriculture than is offered by any state in the Union. The urban population of the State, aggregating a total of approximately 600,000 people affords an unexcelled market for all sorts of food supplies, including dairy and poultry products. This part of our population is sending out of this State at the present time for food products not less than \$100,000,000 a year, practically all of which could be turned into the pockets of our farmers if they would, as they could, produce the food supplies for which it is spent.

There is probably not a state in the Union in which the agricultural and industrial communities are so well balanced. The farm lands of North Carolina are worth slightly more than \$1,000,000,000. The investment in industries in North Carolina reaches the magnificent total of \$948,000,000. The industries of North Carolina have been advantaged immensely during the past few years as a result of the agitation and propaganda for buying Carolina manufactured products. Unquestionably the sentiment in the State at the present time is strongly favorable to home products. The farmers of North Carolina can take advantage of this sentiment if they will but produce the food supplies which are needed in the cities and in our industrial communities and if a practical system of marketing can be worked out.

Considerable thought has been devoted recently to the interdependence of our agricultural and industrial communities. We have always considered ourselves an agricultural State—and we are, holding high rank as we do in the value of our agricultural products. But during recent years we have taken a high position also as an industrial State, having probably a greater diversity of industries than any state in the Union and being among the eight or ten leading industrial states.

In the industrial development of the State the farmers find their greatest opportunity. Our cotton mills, furniture and tobacco factories and other industries, through the tremendous aggregate of taxes which they pay, are making possible the rapid development of good roads systems and the betterment of our schools and other civic institutions, but even in this matter does not lie their greatest value from the standpoint of the farmer. Industrial workers and the people of our cities devote their entire time to manufacturing, commercial or other activities. These people would prefer to buy home grown and home produced food supplies. Here lies the farmers' opportunity.

Before North Carolina farmers can claim the market offered with their own borders for the \$100,000,000 worth of food products purchased by our cities and industrial communities, however, they must learn to live at home themselves. When they learn to produce at home in ample quantities and of good quality the food products which are needed for a well balanced, wholesome ration, they will be in a position to produce a surplus for the market—then and not before can they hope to divert these millions from the pockets of farmers and dealers in other states to their own pockets.

Every intelligent agricultural leader in the State and an increasingly large number of our farmers realize that no farmer can ever win economic independence who pursues a system of one-crop farming. The cotton farmer who grows only cotton to the exclusion even of food for his family and feed for his livestock is committing economic suicide, because the larger production of cotton helps to drive the price down, while, on the other hand, he is paying high freight rates and two, three or four dealers' profits on the food and feed supplies which he purchases. Exactly the same thing is true of the tobacco farmer who neglects other crops. Intelligent farmers are abandoning this system and they not only find that they save more money, but they live much better and their children are stronger and healthier under a "live-at-home" policy.

STATE SUPREME COURT DECIDES ON BOND ISSUE

STATE SUPREME COURT HANDS DOWN DECISION

Five Million Dollars Provided By Last Legislature to be Loaned to Counties for Erection of Schools

Raleigh, April 27.—A marked impetus in the building of school houses in those counties which are still without adequate buildings is expected as a result of the validation by the decision of the State Supreme Court just handed down of the bond issue of \$5,000,000 provided for by the last Legislature to be loaned to counties for the erection of schools. Superintendent of Public Instruction E. C. Brooks declared that the decision is one of the most momentous insofar as the educational life of the State is concerned, ever made by the courts of North Carolina.

The way is now open for the most rapid expansion of the school facilities of the State that has ever been experienced. School houses of a value of more than \$6,000,000 have been built through the aid of the old loan fund and much of the progress of the State in school work has been made possible through that expansion. And yet that fund, at the most, was only a small fraction of the fund that will now be available.

The State of North Carolina is spending annually on its rural schools today more than \$8,000,000 as compared with less than one million a year two decades ago. The school property of the State is worth more than \$25,000,000 as compared with little more than one million in 1900. If the value of school property in the State has been increased 2500 per cent in twenty years under the handicap that has existed, what will not the expansion be annually hereafter with a loan fund of \$5,000,000 available? This is the pleasant question in the minds of the educational leaders of the State.

LETTER FROM EDITOR PARKER

The Logan Evening Telegram has passed through its first week and in its infancy is doing nicely. As desk man, proof reader, and street man I have been a busy person during the past week. And, I have not been the only one that was busy; the entire crew has worked day and night for a solid week, beginning on Sunday morning, April 9th, to get out the first issue for the next day, Monday. However, on Saturday things began to run more smoothly, and having passed through the first week, there is every indication of normalcy again.

Abolishing myself from all credit due the new venture, the Logan daily has already exceeded the wildest expectations of an always dubious public. The news service is complete, with a leased wire bringing in a deluge of late news every minute of the day, and local news being covered every day. The business of publishing a daily newspaper is fascinating, keeps one ever on his toes, and provides a medium through which the daily doings are given fresh, upon the day of their happening.

Logan coal fields are still "making hay while the sun shines"—railroad coal cars from other sections where the strike is in effect are being transferred to this section and the coal operators are experiencing an era of unprecedented activity, with their men sticking by the guns. There is no, nor has been, any indication of trouble here. J. ROY PARKER.

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PROMISE YOURSELF

- To be strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk to your optimism and prosperity to every person you meet.
- To make your friends feel that there is something in them.
- To look on the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- To think of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.
- To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
- To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.
- To think well of yourself and to proclaim this fact to the world—not in loud words, but in great deeds.
- To live in the faith that the world is on your side so long as you are true to the best that is in you. —SELECTED.

OFFICERS OF FEDERAL LAND BANK MEET AT SALISBURY

Presidents and Secretary-Treasurers of Western N. C., Met With Officials of the Federal Land Bank at Salisbury Last Week

The presidents and secretary-treasurers of the different associations of Western North Carolina met with the officials of the Federal Land Bank at Salisbury last week. One of the objects of the meeting was to give information relative to the practical workings of the system.

Some very interesting points were covered and are printed below as information and guidance for the farmers of this section.

Among the many problems that were taken up and threshed out, and the one that seems of most vital importance, and which is most frequently asked is "Who is eligible to receive a federal loan under the present act?"

An applicant must be a farmer deriving most of his earnings from the farm by personally operating his farm or by living on his farm and having general management.

A professional man who earns most of his livelihood by any other means than farming cannot secure a loan through this bank.

For what purposes can a loan be had? Applicants can obtain a loan through this bank for the following purposes: To buy land for agricultural purposes, to build or improve buildings, to buy stock and machinery in the reasonable operation of the farm to be mortgaged, to drain or fence, and to liquidate indebtedness on the farm.

A loan cannot be obtained on unimproved timber lands only.

The bank will some time in May open to receive applications. Notice of the date will be given. The exact date has yet not been determined. The bank intends to try to close loans quarterly, or in other words, open and close loans every three months, giving associations three weeks in which to take applications and have them in the bank.

Each association will be allotted an amount of so much funds to be determined by the bank, and cannot receive applications to exceed this amount for that quarter, but will have another allotment at the first of the next quarter, and so on.

This is done to speed the operation and to make it possible for a man who is entitled to borrow money to get it in three months instead of eighteen.

Also, applicants who expect to apply for money who do not or will not need it during the first quarter can wait until the second, or later, as the case might be.

And those who are not eligible would save expense by waiting and complying with the act before applying, as it applies to farmers only.

Those who have obtained money through this bank and have interest due this May, while we know times are hard, yet we must be prompt to the day as the interest is due, and the bank loans on the first day of May. It takes your money to pay theirs. To neglect for even ten days and the bank paying interest on perhaps a million and a half dollars means something, and takes the money some farmer needs to borrow to pay this un-

NEW STOCK LAW IN N. C., CHANGES CONDITIONS

Hog Cholera Is Very Scare in Northeastern North Carolina According to Reports Received by Dr. Schaffter of Elizabeth City

The Stock law has been in effect in North Carolina since January 1st, 1922, and the people are seemingly complying by the law, while it will and has caused some hardship on some few this year, but I feel certain that in the years to follow the farmers that found themselves unprepared to meet the conditions that were forced upon them by the law will be prepared to meet this proposition by having good pastures of clover or anything that will make good forage for pigs. This is something that the farmer has not been accustomed to doing, but they will soon be convinced that this will make hog raising more profitable in the future than in the past. This will also teach him that it pays to feed a growing pig as well as any other animal. It is by no means profitable to keep an animal that is not given the proper care in the way of good pasture and nourishing food. The hog raiser will also learn that five pigs raised with proper care, good food and plenty of good drinking water will make more pounds of meat than would ten so-called "piney wood" rooters that are left to themselves to live on what they find in the woods and swamps. Many farmers are under the impression that a pasture is unprofitable but I am satisfied that they do not appreciate that during the time that the hogs are living on the pasture that they are also improving their land to such extent that it will save them many tons of fertilizer.

The last, but not least, which is very encouraging is the few outbreaks of hog cholera at this time. In the ten counties in which I supervise the work of Hog Cholera, control work I feel safe in saying that there are not five outbreaks of cholera. Whether this is due to the existing Stock law or if it is due to the unceasing fight against the disease by the Department of Agriculture of U. S. in co-operation with the Department of Agriculture of N. C. The fight against Hog Cholera in North Carolina has been in progress for eight years with results that we hope will always exist in the State. Only time will tell us if the present conditions of Hog Cholera will remain as it is, or if we will again have some severe outbreaks. The only advisable thing to do is to be constantly on the lookout for new outbreaks and then use every effort to check it before it spreads over a large territory. Therefore I would any person if they would notify me of any outbreak that may occur in your locality and I will proceed to use every effort to stop the spread of the disease. I have supervision of Hog Cholera Control in the counties of Hertford, Bertie, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Camden, Currituck, Chowan, Dare, and Northampton.

Respectfully,
DR. W. A. SCHAFFTER,
Elizabeth City, N. C.

necessary interest. Besides the bank will not loan money to delinquent associations until this has been cleared up.

STATE NEWS IN DIGEST COMPILED FOR READERS OF THE HERTFORD COUNTY HERALD

The city of Kinston is to have a pure milk supply in the future, the local health officers having made it necessary for all delivery stations and dairy herds to be examined at frequent intervals. A special corps of inspectors are to have charge of the work.

The 39th Annual Convention of the Protestant church of the Diocese of East Carolina will meet at Goldsboro April 25-26.

The State Department of Agriculture is now making a special last-minute appeal that the farmers of the State plant more foodstuffs this year to help relieve the present situation in regard to the general condition of agriculture in this State.

Two weeks ago the Moore County News printed an account of a pure-bred cow that gave her weight of milk in two weeks, and her weight of butter in a year. This record is now surpassed by a Pinehurst Ayrshire, which will be on exhibition at the Bankers' Convention, now in session at Winston-Salem.

The American Express has made arrangements with the Pennsylvania railroad to give the truckers in and around Elizabeth City through baggage car service for their shipments to New York and Philadelphia. This will mean much to the truckers and early produce growers of that section.

The annual meeting of the Pitt County Chamber of Commerce was held in Greenville Tuesday, at which important matters were discussed.

Robbers were active in the business section of Rocky Mount Sunday night. Two stores were robbed, considerable merchandise having been taken from one. The miscreants have not been apprehended as yet.

Community Club workers of Rocky Mount have completed plans for the erection of a Community Recreation center in that city, the work to begin in the near future.

Professor R. R. Chappel, noted authority on wireless, will lecture on this subject at the "Y" building in Rocky Mount Saturday, after which attempts are to be made to organize a radio club by local wireless fans and radio bugs.

Annie Weadon, 15-year old girl of Reidsville, was seriously injured, and an infant which she carried crushed to death by an automobile Sunday. The big car, driven by a careless chauffeur, passed over the bodies of both. The former will probably recover.

"Uncle" Ely Memoery, of Whiteville, celebrated his 96th birthday Thursday. He is said to be one of the most active Tar Heels that have passed the eighty mark in that part of the State.

The apple crop of Hickory and surrounding vicinity was not harmed by the late frost, as commonly supposed. On the contrary, the farmers and apple growers of that section have announced that the crop is to be a bumper one this year.

The North Carolina Medical Society is now in session in Winston-Salem. Many distinguished medical men, as well as noted visitors are in attendance.

James B. White, prominent man of Cabarrus county for the past 60 years, died at his home in Concord Saturday.

Stonewall Jackson, mayor of the thriving town of Vanceboro, has been active in the duties of his office for the past few days. His latest doings have been the capture of violators of the Volstead Act, to the extent of his having gained the title of the "raiding mayor."

Shipments of strawberries from the Wilmington trucking section have been unusually heavy for the past few days. The total having been in excess of 375 solid carloads up to date, as reported by a local representative of the Fruit Growers Express. This record overshadows those of any previous year.

The Shriner Circus in the city of Raleigh is staged for May 5th.

North Carolina has fourteen seaplane landing points on the coast. This is according to the data compiled by Ewing Ester, a former air pilot of the army.

Three store buildings, along with a large amount of merchandise, were

burned in the town of Smithfield Sunday. The total loss is approximately \$125,000, practically all of which is covered by insurance.

Judge Landis, national baseball judge, is now in Asheville, at the bedside of his brother, who is critically ill in an Asheville hospital.

Four Henderson Tobacco warehouses are now definitely signed up with the Co-Operative Tobacco Growers Association, it was announced by the managers recently. Warehouses all over the State are signing up with the Association for the oncoming season.

The Tobacco Co-Operative Association has printed for free distribution 70,000 copies of the speech of Robt. W. Bingham, North Carolina leader of the Kentucky Burley Growers Association.

The North Carolina Drainage Convention will convene in annual session in Goldsboro, April 28, and 29. Over 1000 delegates from all parts of the State are expected to be in attendance, and it is thought that the convention will be one of the greatest gatherings in the history of the organization.

The Granville County Sunday School Convention met in the First Baptist church at Oxford Sunday evening. Many prominent guests and spectators were present.

Raleigh's first Home Chatauque, under the auspices of the local Woman's Club, opened in that city Tuesday. Community Club work, Civic Betterment, and other similar phases are to be the objects of this organization.

An electrical show was recently given by the students of electricity at the State College at Raleigh. Many experiments in radio, high-voltage currents, and other phases of practical electricity were staged.

The Isaac Walton Society of Kinston have reported catching a ten foot eel, the largest fish of its kind ever caught in that part of the State, or probably in any other part. The story is vouched for by many reputable members of the Society.

The biggest school commencement ever held on Roanoke Island was that at Manteo recently. Every community in the county was represented, as well as a large attendance of prominent educational promoters from other parts of the State.

Iredell County has taken another progressive step, that of ordering that a county-wide test for tubercular cattle be instituted. This measure, promoted by the board of county commissioners, is for the purpose of insuring a purer milk supply throughout the county.

David P. Hutchinson, prominent citizen of Charlotte, died at his home in that city Tuesday. Mr. Hutchinson, was one of the city's best known and most honored citizens.

The State-wide Bankers Convention now in full blast at Pinehurst, is well represented by prominent bankers from all parts of the state.

The 39th annual Council of the Diocese of East Carolina convened at Goldsboro Tuesday.

Hon. Claude Kitchin has now returned with his family to their home in Scotland, where they will reside the rest of the summer.

Sherwood Eddy, a world figure in Y. M. C. A. work, began a series of lectures to the students of the State College at Raleigh Thursday. Mr. Eddy has traveled over the world in the interest of Y. M. C. A. work, and is expected to do much toward the development of this organization in the aforementioned city.

The Travelers Protective Association of this state meets at High Point, April 27, 28, and 29. Many entertainment features will be given, conducive to a full and interesting program.

The thriving city of Clinton, Sampson County, has a new industry, a butter factory, commonly known as a creamery. This enterprise is expected to have much to do with the future development of the surrounding territory, as regards the dairying industry.

Three Ford cars were stolen in Raleigh Saturday. Automobile thieves in that city have been unusually active for the past few weeks.