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NITROGEN MAY BE PRODUCED AT HOME

FARMERS CAN CUT FERTILIZER EXPENSE HALF

About \$27,000,000 Will Be Spent For Fertilizers In The State of North Carolina This Year. Farmers Are Urged To Make More Fertilizer at Home

BY JOHN PAUL LUCAS
Raleigh, N. C., May 4.—North Carolina will use this year probably 900,000 tons of fertilizer at a cost of approximately \$27,000,000.

That total is nearly three times the value of last year's sweet potato crop in North Carolina; nearly four times the value of the peanut crop; more than one-third the value of the tobacco crop; more than four times the value of the wheat crop; two-thirds the value of the entire corn crop; nearly twice the value of the hay crop; and more than 40 per cent of the value of the cotton crop.

Of the \$27,000,000 which North Carolina will spend this year for fertilizer, something like \$13,500,000 will be for nitrogen. This element, the most costly ingredient of fertilizer, may be produced at home instead of being purchased if farmers will but diversify their crops and produce legumes, such as clover, vetch, cow peas, velvet beans, soy beans and others.

On a farm which produces feed for its livestock, particularly where a considerable number of cattle are kept, the production of ample legumes is so altogether logical that it can hardly be avoided, and of course, the legumes are returned to the soil in the form of manure. On farms where sufficient livestock are not kept to consume the quantity of legume which should be grown in order to provide the nitrogen required for fertilizer, clover, velvet beans, cow peas, or other legumes should be grown simply for green pasture to be turned under purely for the benefit to be derived from the fertilizer elements and humus.

It is rather difficult for a short-sighted farmer to make up his mind to turn under a good crop of clover or any other legume. If he could see one, two, three or four years ahead it would not be so hard. Land of comparatively low fertility frequently has its productivity doubled through the turning under of one legume crop.

The farmers who are moving ahead most satisfactorily are those who not only study means of making money, but means of saving saving money, and a farmer who can, in the course of a few years, cut his fertilizer expenditures practically in half through the use of legumes is certainly saving money. He simply banks it in the soil where it can be drawn out through larger crop yields during succeeding years. This is a big step in "Living at Home" and in winning economic independence.

At the end of this year North Carolina will have used more than 5,000,000 tons of fertilizer during the past seven years at a cost of \$150,000,000. Unquestionably it pays to use fertilizer, and North Carolina farmers have gotten good results from the fertilizers they have used, but it does not pay to spend ten, twelve or fifteen million dollars a year for nitrogen which the farmer can himself draw from the air above his head through the growth of legumes.

HOUSING IN CHICAGO

Twenty-five thousand families of Chicago will move from houses and apartments to tents for the summer in a fight against prohibitive rents, according to an announcement of the Tenant's Protective League of that city. Ninety dollars is set as the price of the camping equipment. Dogs are not allowed, but children are welcomed.

The first Methodist Church, of El Paso, will operate a large skating rink in the basement of the church to offset the dancing craze. It is to be a community proposition and no charge will be made.

DR. POE WILL ADDRESS THE GROWERS

STOCKHOLDERS ANNUAL MEETING MAY 10th

Peanut Growers of North Carolina and Virginia Will Hold Their Annual Stockholders Meeting in Suffolk May 10. All Stockholders Are Urged To Attend

May 10th will be a big day with the members of Peanut Growers Exchange as the annual meeting of stockholders will be held in Suffolk that day. Dr. Poe, editor of "The Progressive Farmer," has accepted an invitation to address the growers in their annual meeting. Dr. Poe rendered valuable service in the organization of the Exchange and the growers will be especially glad to hear him at this time, as he has been right in the forefront in the big campaign for cooperative marketing.

The election of the Board of Directors will be one of the important features of this meeting. The district meeting for the nomination of the Directors to be voted upon at this meeting have all been held, with the result that all the old Directors have been renominated with the exception of Dr. I. A. Ward of Perquimans, who will be succeeded by T. E. Langston. In view of the stiff fight the cleaners are making on the Exchange, the members are vitally interested in the outcome of this meeting, which promises to be largely attended. The Exchange has been under heavy fire ever since announcement was made that it had arranged to clean peanuts, but it is going right ahead cleaning peanuts, as it Manager and Board of Directors consider this step absolutely necessary to its success. Now that the growers see that they are being fought, they are rallying loyally to the support of the Exchange, and will stand by their guns till they win their victory.

So many requests have come to the officials of the Exchange for contracts, and such fine response was made to the recent appeal for subscriptions to preferred stock, that the Board of Directors have decided to put on an active campaign for securing new signers and for the sale of preferred stock. This campaign will be pushed vigorously during the rest of this month, and it is confidently expected that many growers who remained on the outside last year will now sign the contract, as they have received no special consideration from the cleaners in the way of increased prices.

The indications now are that the market has about struck bottom. The weekly report of the United States Bureau of Markets shows that there has been an upward tendency in shell Spanish. The mills are quoting for shipment in 30 days at 1-8 cents per pound above prices for prompt shipment. It is also noticeable that here in Virginia and North Carolina peanuts are being taken for the trade in advance of the time specified in the purchase. This indicates that peanuts are now moving more freely and that the trade is somewhat more hopeful.

THE FARMERS GOAL

BY HARRY GRADY

When every farmer in the South shall eat bread from his own field and meat from his own pastures and, disturbed by no creditor and enslaved by no debt, shall sit amid his teaming gardens and orchards and vineyards and dairies and barnyards, pitching his crops in his own wisdom and growing them in independence, making cotton his clean surplus and selling it in his own time and in his chosen market and not at a master's bidding, getting his pay in cash and not in a receipted mortgage that discharged his debt but does not restore his freedom, then shall be breaking of fullness of our day.

The United States consumed 10,548,451.00 pounds of sugar in 1921. This represents 28.4 per cent of the world production.

Master of human destinies am I;
Fame, love and fortune upon my footsteps wait,
Cities and fields I walk; I penetrate
Deserts and seas remote, and passing by
Hovel and mart and palace, soon or late,
I knock unbidden once at every gate.

If sleeping, wake; if feasting, rise before
I turn away. It is the hour of fate,
And those who follow me reach every state
Mortals desire, and conquer every foe save death;
But those who doubt or hesitate,
Condemned to failure, penury and woe,
Seek me in vain and usefully implore,
I answer not and I return no more.

I AM OPPORTUNITY

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL CLOSES WITH BEST YEAR IN ITS HISTORY

The Commencement exercises of the Ahoskie High School, which formally closed Tuesday night, marked the end of the most successful year in the history of the educational progress of Ahoskie and this part of Hertford county. The musical recital, given by the music pupils of the school, under the supervision of Mrs. George Baker, the teacher, held Thursday night, April 27, was the first number of the Commencement program. The Baccalaureate sermon, delivered by Dr. J. T. Riddick, at the Baptist church Sunday morning, was especially fitted to the occasion; being directed to the students of the school, and especially to the graduates. On Monday afternoon, and declamation contests, of unusual interest, were held. The winning contestants were—best recitation, Bessie Cowan, medal given by Barnes-Sawyer Grocery Co. Best declamation—Claxton Earley. Monday night, the essays of the Senior class were delivered, on which occasion the auditorium was packed to capacity. The Junior and Senior Athletic contests were held Tuesday afternoon, May 2nd. Those winning in this event were—first prize in Senior all-around athletics, John White. Second best athletics, Rawdon and Horace Garrett, an even tie between the two. Third prize in athletics, Claton Earley. The winners in the Junior Athletics were—First prize, Cling Odom. Second place, Glenn Whedbee. Third place, a tie between Thee, Mitchell and John Thomas.

Other medals and prizes awarded were as follows—Music medal, Miss Emma Wooten, music medal, Miss Emily Sumner, music medal, Miss Elizabeth Hines; music medal, Miss Louise Mitchell. Best High school spelling prize given by Farmers-Atlantic Bank, won by Miss Estelle Vinson, 8th grade. Best grammar grade spelling; prize given by E. J. Geroek, Feye Cowan. The English note book prize was won by Mr. Thomas Baker. Second note book prize won by Miss Mary Sumner. The winner in the story telling contest in the primary grades was little Ernest Thomas.

The graduating exercises were held Tuesday night. An address was delivered by Congressman H. S. Ward and the medals and diplomas were presented by Supt. N. W. Britton and Dr. C. G. Powell. The seventh grade pupils receiving certificates are named in the list appearing in another column of this paper.

The presentation of diplomas to the graduates, 15 in number, was presided over by Supt. Britton. After the awarding of medals; by Dr. Powell, a token of remembrance was presented to the principal, Mr. I. N. Wright, and to the assistant principal, Mr. K. T. Raynor, by the class president on behalf of the Senior Class. After this, the farewell song, by the Seniors, closed the program, and incidentally, the best year in the whole history of the Ahoskie High and Grammar school.

The names of the graduating class are as follows—Miss Ethelwyn Cowan, Eleanor Dilday, Helen Modlin, Mary Newsome, Agnes Brett, Vera Bozeman, Iva Parker, Pauline Doughtie, Ruby Hayes, Margaret Copeland, Earle Lawrence, Feye Geroek, and Josephine Cowan. Messrs. Cyrus W. Basmore and T. Rawdon Garrett.

PUPILS RECEIVING 7th GRADE CERTIFICATES

Following is a list of students in the schools of Hertford county for the session just ending, who have completed the seventh grade and who have been awarded seventh grade certificates.

Frank Jones, Lawrence Mitchell, Edith Joyner, Al Pearce, Sophie Faison, Willie Sue Mathews, Lillian M. Buck, Myrtle Banks, Agnes Hare, Hannah Picot, Rufus Darden, Rudolf Barnes, Ralph Brown, Mary Sykes, Mary Mitchell, Bettie Mitchell, Thelma Newsome, Ethel Callis, Earnest Mitchell, Olivia Lowe, Wade Baker, Maggie Burch, Bessie Grissom, Ruby Coleson, Merle Askew, Horace Taylor, Cliffee Holloman, Helen Hoggard, Ruben Grissom, Ruth Sewell, Susie Hill, Elsie Cowan, Ray Forbes, Emma Britton, James Brown, Alphis Phelps, James Godwin, Emma Perry, Lyman Dickerson, Tennille Williams, Catherine Ellis, Julia Downs, Thallie Modlin, Etta Parker, Ruby Wynne, Nellie Rawlings, Katherine Hedgpeth, Irving Garris, Leon Alexander, Robert Holoman, Ben M. Williams, Nellie McKeel, Mildred King, Alpha Newsome, Henry Holloman, Jack Gatling, Eva Hoggard, Clarence Benthall, Gilbert Howard, Estelle Newsome, Hazel Sessoms, Aubry Dilday, E. C. Hobbs, Jr., Lock Craig Johnson, Roxie Flythe, Goldie Lassiter, Alene Early, Dorothy Dilday, Gilbert Slaughter, Ray Hoggard, Merton Early, Isolind Slaughter, Louise Underwood, Bessie Ferguson, Kathleen Chitty, Norine Griffith, Zelma Liverman, Eva L. Wall, Mary Liverman, John Parker, Nellie Pierce, Beatrice Overton, Lee Willoughby, Myrtha Brinkley, Evelyn Kiff.

THE NATIONAL BEVERAGE

The quantity of coffee imported by the United States in the calendar year 1921 was 1,345,000,000 pounds, an increase of 44,000,000 pounds over the imports for 1920 and nearly 500,000,000 pounds more than the average imports in the years just before the war. After deducting the 34,000,000 pounds reexported in 1921, the amount which went to satisfy America's demand was 1,311,000,000 pounds.

Tea imports declined 14,000,000 pounds and cocoa 40,000,000 pounds compared with 1920.

Our parents and grandparents were not the prodigious coffee drinkers we are today. Divided into individual portions, the average annual consumption in the last decade ended with 1870, according to the National City Bank, was less than five pounds per capita. In the five years preceding 1895 the annual per capita consumption was eight and one-half pounds; in the six years preceding 1912 it was nine and one-half pounds; from the beginning of the war up to 1921 it was ten pounds, and the last year the average individual consumption was twelve and one-half pounds.

Measured in dollars the annual coffee bill has reached the substantial sum of \$143,000,000 compared with an average of \$75,000,000 just before the war.

If coffee is the enemy of sleep America ought to be a wide-awake nation.—New York Herald.

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

According to careful investigations made by authorities, who have given the question much attention, the condition of the state's unemployed workers are constantly on an upward trend, and from present indications, North Carolina will have less pro rata unemployed workers than any other state, in the course of the next few months.

Docie Locklear, an Indian of Robeson County, was shot and seriously injured by a fellow Indian, Sunday, near Lumberton. Scrimmages and similar disturbances are frequent among the Indians in their reservation in that county.

The Fourth Annual Eastern Carolina Automobile Show opened at Rocky Mount, Monday night, continuing throughout the major part of this week. This is an affair of no little interest in Rocky Mount and immediate vicinity.

C. B. Braswell, former prominent citizen and cotton buyer of Rocky Mount, died at his home in that city Saturday, after a long illness. Mr. Braswell was one of the oldest and most respected business men in that section.

Colleges all over the State are making good their last few weeks chance at baseball. Collegiate teams, now in intensive training, are in many instances, intending to develop into semi-pro teams after the close of the college terms.

The "Pine Burr" Society is the latest one formed at the State College for the purpose of fostering a greater love of Alma Mater; as well to establish a rigid code of ethics, by which all student members are to be governed. The membership at present is said to be large.

Arthur Coleman, captain and owner of a moored British schooner at New Bern, was convicted and placed in the local jail Saturday, on charges of dealing in illicit liquors, and otherwise violating the Volstead Act. Liquor smugglers in and around other coast towns are also giving the revenue forces no end of trouble.

John Paul Lucas, agriculturist, advises North Carolina farmers to economize on fertilizers this season, and plant more clover, legumes, and other soil-improving crops. This will mean a great step toward "Living-at-Home" and more progress towards economic independence for North Carolina farmers.

Frank Fooshe, manager of the peanut Exchange, says that North Carolina peanut growers are expected to go over the top this year, in the number of signers, as compared with last year's number.

The May pea shipments to northern markets, as well as other early produce from the Elizabeth City trucking section, are showing up well this season, according to reports received from that section.

The recent fires in the city of Henderson have now been proved to have been of incendiary origin, the matter having been given a thorough airing in the Henderson courts, and evidence found proving the fact.

Agricultural topics were the principal points covered by the recent Convention of North Carolina Bankers at Pinehurst. Many progressive steps were taken to further the work of the Co-Operating Associations of this state; the attending bankers having pledged themselves to promote the movement in their respective towns, in every way possible.

General John J. Pershing, will be the guest of the Reserve Officer's Association of Western North Carolina, Sunday, May 7. The arrival of General Pershing on his visit to the Association is anticipated with pleasure.

Hundreds of tourists on their way back from Florida to their homes in the north for the summer are passing through Raleigh and that part of the State every day. They represent in part, the great migration of northern people who go to Florida every winter, returning in the spring.

Eighteen conventions are booked for the convention season at Wrightsville Beach this summer, which opens June 1st. The Southern Textile will open the season with a three-day session.

The North Carolina Olympic games, are to be held in the city of Durham, May 4-5-6. This is the first season of this new organization.

The Tobacco Growers Co-Operative Association will attempt to utilize all the drying plants in the state, not confining the business to any one concern. This was stated recently by the management.

The North Carolina Imperial Order of Red Men met in session in Greensboro, May 2nd. The session came to a close today, Thursday.

Richmond county is to erect a new two hundred thousand dollar court house in the near future. The site and plans have been formally decided upon.

Fifty of the finest Jerseys in Catawba county will be sold to the highest bidder at Hickory today, Thursday. Farmers of this county are becoming more and more interested in pure-bred stock, and much progress along this line has been made in the past two months.

J. J. Burt, one of the best known farmers of the Apex section, died at his home near this city Sunday.

The North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs met in annual session at Greensboro Monday, continuing throughout the week, up until today, Thursday.

The corner stone of the new Y. M. C. A. building in Fayetteville was laid Monday with impressive ceremonies. This is to be one of the largest and most up-to-date buildings of its kind in Eastern Carolina.

Reports from Raleigh indicate that the number of delinquent taxpayers all over the state in general are less than that of last year, although in some particular sections conditions are not appreciably improved.

Nat. L. Finch, prominent business figure of Wilson, is now recovering from a serious illness. Mr. Finch is connected with various enterprises of Wilson and manager of the Tomlinson Chain stores of Wilson and nearby towns.

Masons of Durham have started a movement to build a \$100,000 Masonic temple in that city at an early date.

Mrs. Martha Munger, of Newbern, is suing for damages, amounting to a half million dollars, for alleged property loss in a recent bankruptcy case of a New Bern lumber company, in which she was connected in partnership. The courts are giving the case a thorough investigation.

State workers promoting the "Live-at-Home" movement, are making special efforts to reach the remote sections of the state, that social and economic conditions may be improved in the communities where the people do not have educational and social advantages equal to some of the more progressive sections of North Carolina. The "Live-at-Home" movement will do much toward accomplishing this end, if put into practice.

WINTON HIGH SCHOOL

The commencement exercises, at the close of the Winton High School will begin with the class exercises on Friday evening, May 5th, at 8:00 p. m. On Sunday the 7th, the sermon will be preached in the Auditorium. Monday evening the grammar grades will give their entertainment, consisting of an operetta and other features. Tuesday a. m. at eleven o'clock, Hon. J. W. Bailey will deliver the address. Tuesday evening the music department will present "Hiawatha dramatized" and several musical selections. On Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, the high school department will present a first class "Borrowed Money." Everybody is invited to everything free of charge.