

# TEA COMMERCIALLY GROWN IN SANDHILLS DURING CIVIL WAR

## IS STILL PRODUCED THERE

### America Decides To Become A Self-Contained Nation, We May Supply Cups.

In the event that President Roosevelt decides to drop efforts to revive world trade and make America a self-contained nation, this action would be expected to supply the country with tea, according to a writer in the current issue of the Country Gentleman.

"This country is in a position to perhaps," says the writer, "someone has been waiting all this time to ask where can we find our tea, coffee, or supply nearly all of its needs. 'But tea, and rubber or bananas. On the fact of it that sounds like a poser. But remember that during the Civil War a high grade tea was raised near Pinehurst, North Carolina. It would require only 200,000 acres to raise all the tea now in use. There is ten times that number of acres of good tea land in the South."

According to the Deatons, Moore county's famous nurserymen, this section could raise all the tea necessary to fill America's requirements. They have several varieties of tea growing at their nursery, but they particularly recommend the Youpon variety, a form of holly with bright red berries. It makes a tea equal to any of the imported brands and contains more caffeine than either coffee or the imported teas. It is cured by parching the leaves and stems in an oven.

The Deatons could not name the commercial products of tea in this section during the Civil War, but personally knew of very old bushes in several different localities in the Sandhills. Tea culture has never been commercially successful in this country, they say, on account of the high cost of labor. American tea growers have never been able to compete with Chinese and Japanese labor.

Meeting Other Needs.

Continuing, the writer in the Country Gentleman says:

"Coffee is supposed to require a soil rich in iron or a so called lateritic soil. A recent survey of Texas showed 2,600,000 acres of ideal coffee soil in Sabine, San Augustine, Nacogdoches, Cherokee and Smith counties. That's a little more than would be needed to grow all the coffee we drink. And frosts are no more frequent or severe than in Sao Paulo, Brazil's great coffee state.

"With tea and coffee labor costs are the only hurdle to be jumped. Perhaps we could mechanize the picking process. Rice is a fine example of what can be done in that direction.

"In the Orient rice is sown, transplanted, cut, gathered, threshed and fanned by hand. An industrious Siamese or Japanese farmer can take care of only a half acre of rice. One man on a mechanized rice plantation in Texas or Louisiana can handle 80 acres. And we are successfully exporting rice to Europe in competition with the Oriental product of fifteen-cent labor.

"Cocoa is a bit different. It can be raised only where it's hot the year round, moist and not too windy. The tree does fairly well in Hawaii and Puerto Rico. In case of necessity we might be driven to make considerable plantings in those regions.

"Should we tremble over our banana supply? It requires about 100,000 acres to produce the 50,000,000 bunches we yearly import. Part of the fruit comes from Hawaii and Puerto Rico. A well known fruit company once made a survey of Hawaii and found it highly suited to the crop. To insure a supply, it would merely be necessary to substitute the Gros Michel for the Vavendish variety now raised there.

"Spices need cause no trepidation. Why should we continue to import caraway, celery seed and mustard anyhow? Then ginger, cloves, pepper and the whole list, including cassia and true cinnamon, could be produced in Samoa, Canal Zone, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

"I have, myself, harvested good vanilla in Hawaii and if the vegetable supply for our puddings and ice cream sodas should run a little short the synthetic product would help us out as is true of so many other flavoring extracts nowadays.

"Sisal is not as indispensable as formerly. We use less binding twine and a grade of sisal equal to the best from West Africa or Mexico has been produced in the drier regions of the Hawaiian Islands.

"Even our industrious gum chewers need not despair. The sapota tree from which chicle is obtained thrives in Florida and Texas. It would take only 250,000 trees to give us all a chew.

"It would require no superhuman effort to achieve independence in drugs. Even cocaine and cinchona could be grown in our tropical possessions. For years we have made notable progress in drug production. Perfumes offer no serious trouble. The fields of flowers in Southern France," said M. P. Taylor of Columbia University, "now used in perfumes will soon serve chiefly as a source of cut flowers. Our synthetic perfumes will entirely replace them."

Miss Jean Makepeace and Mildred Williams are attending the Girl Scout camp near Greensboro this week.

## Drivers Rewarded

Careful school bus drivers in the State are being rewarded for having made no mistakes or accidents while driving children to and from school. The Carolina Motor Club has been gathering information for awarding certificates to those who are entitled to them. There are 27 drivers in Lee county who have been driving for the past year and are on the honor roll because they had no accidents or wrecks.

## Baptist Young People Hold Successful Meet

The second annual meeting of the Young People of the Sandy Creek Association was held in the First Baptist church, Sanford, on Thursday, July 27th. Mrs. R. C. Giles, Y. W. A. and G. A. Associational Leader, presided over the morning session, the keynote of which was "Light Bearers."

The meeting was opened by singing "Send the Light," and this was followed by prayer by Rev. Frank C. Hawkins. Miss Carrie Glass extended a very cordial welcome, and led the devotional, using John 1:1-12, John 8:12-16 and Matt. 5:14-16 as texts for her remarks on being Light Bearers.

The roll was called and reports given by the leaders of the various organizations in the eight churches represented by 129 members as follows: Bethany, Carthage, Jonesboro, Love's Creek, Mt. Olive, Pittsboro, Sanford, and Siler City.

There was special recognition given a song dedicated to Miss Pearl Johnson, our own missionary to China, the word of which were written by Mrs. E. D. Nall, to the tune of "America." This was sung by five of the Sanford G. A.'s: Annie Laurie Overton, Vera Stewart, Mary Caudle Gavin, Lillian Craig and Sallie Stewart. Mrs. Giles then gave the goals that are set for each organization, and urged the young people meet the ones in their particular organization, as follows: Y. W. A.'s—To hold their increase and go forward to the same goal; G. A.'s—Meet the two new forward steps; R. A.'s—A one-fourth increase in membership, gifts and chapters; and for the Sunbeams: An organization in every church where there is a W. M. S. At this time there was recognition of two girls who have become Queens in the Siler City G. A. Band, Frances

Canipe and Barbara Ann Thomas. Special music was given on the pipe organ by Miss Anna Rogers, and this was followed by a song sung by Vera Stewart, Annie Laurie Overton and Lillian Craig.

Miss Alva Lawrence, State Young People's Leader, gave a very inspiring talk on "Lights Shine Far." She said those who stand by their work faithfully and loyally are the lights that shine far.

A committee on Resolutions, and Time and Place was then named, as follows: Resolutions: Miss Ariene Doret, Love's Creek; Miss Mamie Yarbrough, Jonesboro; Miss Evelyn Marsh, Siler City.

Time and Place: Mrs. T. A. Burns, Siler City; Mrs. D. H. Ivor, Carthage; Mrs. Fred Noce, Pittsboro.

The meeting was adjourned for the noon hour.

After a most enjoyable lunch hour the afternoon session was opened by singing "The King's Business," and the meeting was presided over by Mrs. J. C. Canipe, Associational Leader of the G. A. and Sunbeam Bands.

Rev. D. H. Ives, of Carthage, conducted the devotional using as his subject "Pure Religion," and taking his text from Jas. 1:25-27: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep unspotted from the world." Jas. 1:27. This was followed by prayer, and a song, "Stepping in the Light" was sung.

The Stewardship Declaration Contest was then given as follows: Sunbeams—George Johnson, Pittsboro; Mary John Whitley, Siler City; Maida Andrews, Love's Creek; Zettie Mae O'Quinn, Jonesboro.

Jr. G. A.—Christine Siler, Love's Creek; Dorothy Farrell, Pittsboro; Frances Canipe, Siler City.

R. A.—Baird Paschal, Siler City. Int. G. A.—Leah Check, Siler City. Y. W. A.—Florence Wicker, Jonesboro; Frances Eldins, Siler City.

At the conclusion of the contest the judges adjourned to render their decision, and the report on Resolutions was called for, and given by Miss Ariene Dorsett. Report on Time and Place was given by Mrs. D. H. Ives.

A song, "The Way of the Cross," was sung after which Mrs. Giles brought in the decision of the judges, as follows: Sunbeams: Walda Andrews, Love's Creek; Jr. G. A.: Dorothy Farrell, Pittsboro; R. A.: Baird Paschal, Siler City; Int. G. A.: Leah Check, Siler City; Y. W. A.: Frances Eldins, Siler City.

A playlet, "Timothy's Tithes," was then given by the Pittsboro R. A.'s which was followed by a song "Give," sung by Carlton Jones, of Pittsboro. The meeting adjourned to meet next July in Carthage.

## Crop Adjustment Plan For Tobacco Expected

Announcement of a crop adjustment plan for flue-cured tobacco is expected before opening of the market August 15, government leaders said here following an conference with growers of the state.

The conference was held in conjunction with the American Institute of Cooperation which ended a week's session yesterday.

Dean I. O. Schaub of N. C. State college, said tobacco growers favored application of a processing tax similar to that placed on wheat, but that government leaders were unable to give any definite answer to that proposal until further conferences are held in Washington.

The problem of cooperation tobacco was discussed before the institute by J. B. Hutson, of Washington, D. C., director of tobacco for the agricultural adjustment administration.

Possible Control Methods.

He listed three possible ways of controlling flue-cured tobacco: First, the manufacturer promises to buy all tobacco produced; second, limited production on the part of the growers; third, payment for restriction on acreage.

Dr. Hutson said tobacco growers would have to cooperate with the administration in developing some effective reduction plan. Dean Schaub said that N. C. State college would, upon completion of the cotton program, throw its weight back of the tobacco proposal.

"Tobacco growers cannot successfully organize a cooperative marketing association unless it includes manufacturing as well as marketing," Dr. Carl C. Taylor, of Raleigh, told the conference.

Demand Supervision.

Dr. Taylor said the earnings of four tobacco companies in the past 10 years had totaled \$9,130,124.437 and said that living conditions of the majority of the growers still were no higher than those of 75 years ago.

"It is doubtful, therefore," he asserted, "whether there is any industry, except public utilities, which demands supervision and probably government control more than does the production, marketing, sale and manufacture of tobacco."

Growers' Views.

"Cooperative marketing associations instead of being relegated to the background under the 'new deal,' will play an increasingly important role as the plans of the agricultural adjustment administration reach definite form," said Chester C. Davis, director of the production division of the adjustment administration.

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