

### ANSEL SAYS TIME TO BUY FARM

Warren Boy and Head Bank Tells of Observations and Study

### OVER AVERAGE

Conditions in the Carolinas have not been so favorable for the sale of farm real estate in several years as they are now. said Frank H. Daniel, head of the Federal Land Bank here. August 11, upon returning for the week end from attending the week end meetings of representatives of the National Farm Loan Association at Greenville, South Carolina. Salisburys, Greensboro, North Carolina, Fayetteville, and Florence. "Crop conditions generally," he continued, "are above the average and are being rapidly marketed. The tobacco crop is being marketed at prices ranging above 20 cents per pound. The remaining part of the crop and the yield is generally good, with quality good. This crop alone will bring in millions of dollars in farmers' income."

Market conditions in the bank are being reflected in the bank's inquiry for sale of farms. We are selling more farms than we did a year ago, and according to the statements of secretaries of the National Farm Loan Association of North Carolina, the majority of farms owned by the associations and the banks will be sold within this year. The banks are fully convinced that those who purchase farms now will be in at the bottom. In fact, in some localities for the desirable farms already have been sold. At the current prices those who acquire them will have a low over-investment in their fixed capital investment. The situation here at present is what it has been in the Middle West following the panic of the early nineties. Investors at that time bought a large number of farms and lost the foundations for their fortunes. Many who had before gone into debt because farm prices were too low, despite the fact that dollars were bigger than chart wheels, especially if you didn't have them. Banked up their judgment by buying farms. Farmers who had farms will produce over a number of years can easily figure out what is worth to them. It is an interest upon their investment. depreciation of the buildings, and afford them a chance and an opportunity to save. A purchaser of farms in this country has figured the probable return from his farm and at the

present low sale price knows that he has made a good buy." R. J. Taylor, secretary of the bank, who has covered about 2,000 miles by automobile attending these meetings says: "We saw very little evidence of boll weevil in North Carolina and the cotton crop is fruiting heavy and there is every prospect for a larger yield. If prices are sustained it will mean more money for the farmers of this State than they have had for some time."

"We encountered a surprising feeling of optimism among farmers at every meeting. This was due primarily to the expected income this Fall. Attendance at each meeting was good, there being well over 100 present. Some farmers expressed their confidence in the new Federal Farm Loan Board and what it will be able to do for agriculture."

"Farmers are getting from 20 to 30 cents per pound for their tobacco and this means a good return. In Georgia growers have produced about \$20,000,000 worth of tobacco and they have already been paid about \$12,000,000 on this year's crop. The corn crop in North Carolina almost everywhere is in good condition and promises a heavy yield. In the western part of the State there was a very noticeable lack of stock on pastures."

"All told, we are going to hold 20 meetings with National Farm Loan associations in the land bank district. They are scheduled throughout the remainder of August, the next being at Orangeburg, followed during the week by meetings at Waterboro, Swainsboro, Athens and Cartersville. The following week they will be held at Thomaston, Douglas, Albany, Tallahassee, Ocala, Lakeland and West Palm Beach. "We take this method to get in touch with the local associations and the 35,000 farmers who have borrowed from this co-operative or mutual bank a total of approximately \$68,000,000. Better crop conditions already are being reflected in the bank by more prompt payment of installments when due upon loans."

### Plans Being Formed For Big State Fair

RALEIGH, Aug. 20.—There will be no mud or dust on the State Fair grounds this year. More than 60 workmen are being continuously employed this Summer getting the grounds in shape for North Carolina's great Fair and Home-Coming Week, October 15 to 19. Tile is being laid under the ground, and they are being covered with top soil and sand. Quick growing grass is now being sown, and beautiful green grass will greet fair visitors this Fall, instead of last year's red mud.

Bermuda grass may be controlled by planting a heavy seeding of common lespedeza over the infested field, says L. E. Stewart of Cabarruss County.

### Gleanings

By BIGNALL JONES

Humor, philosophy, pathos and poetry are weaved in Julia Peterkin's story, "Scarlet Sister Mary," which last year won the Pulitzer prize for being the best American novel of the year. Homely truths are colorfully expressed in this story of colored people on a South Carolina plantation whose principal character is "Sister Mary," with a big heart but questionable morals that cost her loss of membership in the church and won for her the title of "Scarlet Sister Mary."

Maum Hannah advises Mary that "Company in de dark don' do, gal."

Rev. Duncan contends that "nobody living could know how hot Hell was. He said that if all the stumps in the world, not only the stumps on this plantation, but all in the whole world were dug up and put in a pile; and all the coal down in the bowels of the earth taken out and piled on top those stumps; then all the kerosine oil and gasoline and gun-powder in the world poured over the pile and set on fire; a sinner who had been in Hell no longer than three short weeks would freeze to death in ten minutes in a fire so cool as that."

Keepsie, one of Mary's children, loses his leg in a baling machine, and then the writer gives a glimpse of the brave heart of the crippled child as she tells about his first trips to school:

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hopped off to the schoolhouse. Mary hardly thought he could get so far, but she was mistaken. The next morning he started out just as brave as ever, hopping off gaily and laughing with happiness to be going. The children could not leave him then. He hopped too high and too fast. But he came home in the evening hopping slowly, wearily. Hopping up two long hills was a hard task for his one little leg. The hills fagged him out on the way home; he couldn't hop high enough to make any progress up them. Poor little faithful Keepsie. Money was scarce and crutches would cost cold hard dollars, but Keepsie must have a pair."

Packed with fever the body of Unexpected, Mary's oldest, finds relief in death. Numbered with grief, Mary "Looked up at the sky where her precious child's soul was wandering about seeking its way to Heaven and God. The battered horn of an old red moon hung low above the dawn. The stars were pale and dim, poor lamps to light a lonely soul climbing that steep road trying to find its long way home."

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### Expect More Cattle From Improved Blood

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"But in addition to improving the cattle we now have on our farms, there will likely be an increase in number with the present growth of the dairy industry," says R. H. Ruffner, head of the animal husbandry department at State college. "It is universally accepted that pure bred animals excel grades and the better bred stock thus commands a higher price. However, this higher price sometimes restricts their use. A pure bred animal is one whose sire and dam are recorded by name and number in a register of the breed. Then in addition to the register, there is for each breed another register in which are entered the names of cows which have completed records meeting specified requirements of

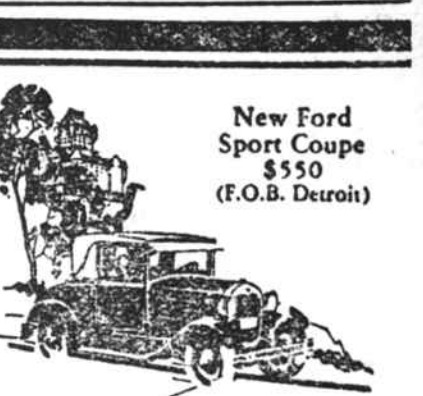
milk and butterfat production under definite regulations."

Prof. Ruffner says that it pays a dairyman to test his cows for production because it raises the standard of the breed and increases its popularity. It pays also because the owner may sell the animals and their progeny at a higher price.

Each year, North Carolina farmers buy some 2,500 dairy bulls. All of these should be pure bred and should come from within the State. Three reasons are given for this—first, the bulls are acclimated; second, there are as good breeders in this State as anywhere else in the country, and third, North Carolina

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