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### GOOD CROPS

Throughout the county the crops are good. If the prices are low the production will be big, and that is far better than low prices and poor crops. It will not always be low prices for what is sold and high prices for what we buy, but Moore county has really little to kick about in this readjustment of conditions to normal. The cost of the crops made this year will be much lower than of those made last year, and if prices of things the farmer buys will get down to where they should be it will turn out a pretty fair year. At any rate we have not lost the knack of making things in Moore county.

### FURTHER EXPANSION

Leonard Tufts, in a remarkable interview in the Moore County News last week, tells of his expectations that in a few years the whole county from Pinehurst eastward will be a big community of winter homes of well-to-do northern people who will establish in the county a continuation of small and comparatively large estates that will result in a settlement that will be unique. From what he says the idea of the town lot will not enter into the development, but the unit will be acres, or small multiples of acres, five, ten, twenty, or thirty, giving plenty of room in this land of abundant room for each individual property to be a distinctive and individual home.

A man may make a right attractive home on an acre of ground. On two acres he may do still better. When it comes to three or four or five acres the skill of the architect and landscape gardener will have no limit, and it is presumed that plots of this size will be the predominating house tract. It was with this in mind that the Midlands farm property was cut into five acre lots and they found a ready sale at fifteen hundred dollars for the tract. Mr. Tufts alludes to schemes that he has been going over with Warren H. Manning for the further development of several thousand acres of the Pinehurst property, and it will come as a surprise that he has been working on this expansion plan for two or three years. He

says that a few years more will see a condition in Moore county as far ahead of the present as we are now ahead of the shacks of limited capacity and number at the beginning of Southern Pines years ago. He speaks so bold that unless the word had come from him no one would have the audacity to make claim for what he now indicates is proposed.

Development at Pinehurst and Knollwood affect the whole east side of the county. It is wise for us here at Vass to open our eyes to the surecoming of expansion in our town, for already the powerful influence of our bigger neighbors is felt. We cannot escape the further contact with this development if we wanted to, for it is widening out with each new move down that way. Our play is to join with it and keep our community as nearly abreast of the big things of our neighbors as possible, for it is much more profitable and pleasant to walk alongside than to trail behind. Vass cannot sleep at this time. Progress of the most vigorous type is in the air, and we must be in the procession.

### OUR VARIETIES OF FARM OPPORTUNITY

Mr. D. McGill, of Morrison's Bridge, says he is not making any cotton this year, but is making corn and other things that will serve the purpose better. Mr. McGill is not introducing any new doctrine in this country when he says he is doing better with corn and live stock than with cotton, for gradually is growing up in the county a big truck business that finds encouragement in the winter market afforded by a big army of visitors. Down his way is good land. It is adapted for turkeys, which he says he finds profit in raising, and it should become a community famous for its turkeys. The remarkable development that is planned by Leonard Tufts and others associated with him is certain to bring still further revolution in the agriculture of the Little River valley. Right in our own town is a new hotel that will be calling for more poultry products and more things to eat. But beyond that hotel are others, and also many private homes that will be increased in numbers every year for many years.

All this new population will require eatables. The big club house at Knollwood will feed a big population, and if turkeys are available in this township they will get the first call at that market. It is not too much of

a prediction to forecast that before much longer the man who depends on cotton and tobacco as his chief crops in Moore county will be behind his opportunities. Cotton and tobacco are staple crops, and it is wise to include them with the rotation of crops on most of the farms. But they are merely a part of the schedule that the money-making farmer of this county must make if he wants to profit by the best that is in front of him.

The farmer, as well as everybody else, must begin to understand that the big developments are for him and that if he wants to measure up to what is in store for him he must make what the expanding market will use and pay for. This is a remarkable market in that it will pay a higher price than in any other section of the state. The wealthy people who are beginning to come to Moore county do not haggle over cost if they get the right sort of an article. Let the farmer have turkeys that strike the northern visitors as gilt-edged stuff and the price is a wholly unimportant consideration. But on the other hand it must not be supposed that the Yankee visitor is an easy mark. He learned to trade to advantage long before our people knew what the word meant.

If the farmers of the Little River valley will look around enough to know what this new and expanding market will use, and then turn in and make that stuff and make it right, they can snap their fingers at cotton or tobacco, and be sure of a prosperous future, for the market will always grow bigger, and if they establish a trade it will be ready for them with each returning harvest. The plain truth is that farms in this country can find that they can skim the cream from the winter resort business if they will go at it in a business way. Turkeys are only one way. If the farmers down in the river country would start making choice hams from hogs that would weigh about 200 pounds, the right kind of hogs mind you, curing the hams right after they are made, and putting those hams before the trade, there is here in McNeill's township a fancy trade that would take the stuff and pay highway robbery prices for it. But not for second rate stuff; that high-class trade will not buy seconds to feed their dogs.

Mr. McGill has established this turkey market. He has only done what can be done in various lines and by other farmers, and if the right course is pursued on the farms down that

way a fifty acre farm will make an industrious and tactful farmer rich in a few years.

And what has become of the old-fashioned city girl who used to dance with her feet.

It's an ill wind what doesn't dry out the family washing on Monday morning.

And there never was a war or a neighborhood row but each side could prove that the other side started it.

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### BRIEFS AND P

Mrs. F. W. Taylor Jr., spent Tuesday in

Mrs. J. W. Allen had potatoes for dinner last

Mrs. R. Weber has a trip to New York

Mr. W. D. Smith was Monday.

Mrs. D. A. McLaurin Raleigh Tuesday.

Master Leon Keith is in Raeford the first of

Mr. Gordon Thomas from Raleigh for the

Miss Caro McNeill while in Rocky Mount

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. to Pinehurst Tuesday.

Mr. J. Bruce Cameron was visiting home for week-end.

The average citizen rule the roost usually body else doing a little

Mr. Ervin Ray and O'Briant, of Cameron at the Pilot office Wednesday

There's mighty little fellow who does an honest stealing at night.

Mr. Jess Thompson Gunter, of Aberdeen, here Sunday afternoon

If the average man all answered it would troubles.

Miss Ossie Edwards attending summer school College, Raleigh.

A caterpillar eats weight of its own body wouldn't if it had to

Mrs. S. W. Lassiter, field, is visiting her parents Mrs. G. S. Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. family were the guests relatives near Cameron

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Agnes visited friends day of last week.

Mr. J. N. Cameron of Mars Bluff, S. C., first of the week.

Mrs. John Allen, of 1, has been on a visit Mrs. J. M. Tyson.

Mr. and Mrs. Sta children, Mac and Fathage Monday.

Mrs. T. K. Gunter and Miss Rosa Churchill, friends and relatives in

Miss Myrtle Leslie from an extended visit and Lilesville.

Prof. W. D. Matt Franklin Byrd, Turner Neill Smith made a Tuesday.

The burning question many families on Sunday "Who's going to use the noon?"

Mrs. Julia McDugan granddaughter, Marg of Wachula, Fla., Mr. Tally and Mr. Ira Thron, visited friends at the vicinity of Vass.