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PRICE FIVE CENTS

### PINEHURST FARMS MAKE GOOD OFFER

Pinehurst Farms makes the following offers to Pig Club members in Moore county:

#### Option 1.

We will sell to any member of the Moore County Pig Club who is recommended by the county agent, a registered Berkshire pig of either sex, double treated against cholera, for \$15.00. The fee of 50 cents insures for the amount of \$10.00 to November 10th, 1922. In case of death of the pig another pig of the weight of original pig at the time of purchase will be furnished for \$15.00 and the 10.00 insurance applied on this payment or on any deferred payments on the original pig.

#### Option 2.

We will sell to any member of the Moore County Pig Club who is recommended by the county agent, a registered Berkshire sow pig, double treated against cholera, for two pigs, one boar and one sow, from the first litter of the original sow pig sired by a registered Berkshire boar to be delivered at Pinehurst. In case of death of the pig we will furnish another sow pig but will receive three pigs, one boar and two sows, from the first litter. The club member agrees to breed the sow pig when she is not less than eight or twelve months old and that the pigs delivered in payment will not be less than eight weeks old and an average of the litter. We will furnish free boar service when the sow is brought to Pinehurst Farm.

#### In Either Option Pig Club Members Agree—

To feed and care for the pig to the best of their ability, to comply with all the rules of the Pig Club, to provide, if possible, one half acre of permanent pasture, and to notify the county agent of death of a pig in forty-eight hours.

#### Pinehurst Farms Agree—

To arrange a Pig Club Show of Berkshires at the Sandhill Fair and to offer substantial cash prizes for Pig Club Berkshires and to feed and care for all Berkshire pigs exhibited by Pig Club members free of charge during the fair.

#### It is Mutually Agreed—

That the county agent is to have general supervision over the growing of the pig and if, in his opinion, it is not receiving the proper food and attention that in option one the balance on pig becomes due and in option two that the pig is to be returned to Pinehurst Farm and to become their property.

Either one option or the other must be selected when the pig is delivered.

Mr. John Wilcox will offer registered Duroc Jersey pigs the same as option two, and both his offer and the Pinehurst offer will be for May delivery.

I want to urge every boy and girl under 18 years of age to join this movement if possible.

M. W. WALL, County Agent.

### REPORT SUCCESS OF KENTUCKY GROWERS

Returning directly from Kentucky to the Directors' meeting of the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association held in Raleigh last week, members of the executive committee of the Board from North Carolina and Virginia investigating the Burley Growers' Association, reported that co-operative marketing of tobacco in Kentucky has been a complete success to date.

The success of the Kentucky growers is due in large measure to their freedom from one crop system, according to the report, which states that in the land of blue grass, sleek cattle and fat hogs, the tobacco crop is the big money maker because Kentucky growers raise their food and feed at home instead of paying for it with the proceeds from tobacco.

The directors from Virginia and North Carolina, of the Co-operative Marketing Association, who studied

the Burley Association within the past fortnight, are strongly advising the growers of the Carolinas and Virginia to plant more hay and corn, and to raise enough live stock this year to insure the enjoyment of such splendid profits from tobacco as the Burley Growers of Kentucky are celebrating with the first sales in the hundred warehouses of their co-operative Marketing Association.

The success of the Kentucky Burley Growers Marketing Association is described in the current issue of the Tri-State Tobacco Grower, which was mailed last week to over 60,000 members of the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association in Virginia and the Carolinas, and contains an article by Dr. J. Y. Joyner, formerly superintendent of public instruction for North Carolina, and now director from the 8th district, in reply to recent extravagant criticisms of this association.

### CURCULIO CONTROL CAMPAIGN

In response to the request of the Sandhill fruit growers, Mr. John B. Gill and Dr. R. W. Leiby, representing the entomological agencies, have established headquarters at Aberdeen, N. C., for the purpose of instructing peach growers in the control of the curculio, and have this to say:

"We will issue timely bulletins concerning control operations, and we will expect the co-operation of the peach growers in carrying out our recommendations, which will be based upon past experiences in handling severe infestations and upon extended laboratory studies of the life-history of the curculio. The growers are invited to visit the laboratory in which we hope to be housed at an early date, and consult us by phone or letter at any time. For the present we are located in the office of the Sandhill Fruit Growers' Association.

We hope to show the peach growers that in order to grow a high percentage of worm-free fruit, it will be necessary to clean up and burn around the orchard, spray or dust timely and thoroughly with proper ingredients, cultivate properly, and pick up "drops." A combination of all these orchard operations is essential for good control.

"Remember that if one curculio escapes, it may be responsible for several hundred wormy peaches. Be thorough therefore in your fight against the curculio.

"Large numbers of curculio were undoubtedly reared in the Sandhill section last year, and those surviving the winter will leave their hibernation quarters upon the advent of spring weather to feed and center their attacks upon the peach crop for the coming season. The winter has been reasonably mild. Conditions have, therefore, been favorable for curculios and we anticipate a rather heavy infestation."

### LIKES THE PILOT

Durham, N. C., Feb. 15, 1922.

The Pilot,  
Vass, N. C.

Dear Editor:

Together with my renewal to the Pilot, I wish to personally extend to you my appreciation of the paper. The Pilot twelve months ago was only a kid in rompers and if it had not been for its coming from my old home, where the last three years of my life, before coming to Durham, had been spent, thereby linking me up to home folks and old friends, I would not have thought it much of a paper. But it has developed in one year, into a hearty, robust, young man, and I would not want to be without it. I believe in putting on the flowers now. Not that I see any signs of having it to do when The Pilot is dead, for as I see it, it is improving more than any paper in my recollection. It suits me and I don't want to miss a copy, and I wish for it and all concerned continued success and usefulness.

Yours very truly,  
D. B. CAMERON.

### SANDHILL BEEKEEPERS' MEETING

Every owner of bees in Moore county is urged to attend a meeting of the Sandhill Beekeepers Association at the court house at Carthage at 2 o'clock p. m., March 14th. This association has just begun work and is accomplishing a great deal of good. Mr. C. L. Sams, beekeeping specialist, will address the meeting.

M. W. WALL, County Agt.

Farm jobs are reported by employment bureaus to have gone begging. They haven't anything on some of those who gave up a good job on the farm for one in the city.

### IT'S LOOKING UP

Now that we've got a good running start into 1922, we see it is going to be a bigger and a better year for agriculture, with more prosperity for people dependent upon farming. This is not a prophecy, but a fact that is now in course of fulfillment. We're all tired of talking and thinking hard times, and around Vass folks are beginning to grin again. Now and then some professional worrier has to break out with a wail, but there aren't so many joining in the chorus now. The average man just says: "Oh, well, that's part of his job; he's getting paid for it," and lets it go at that. Reports from rural communities and small towns all over the country indicate that things are on the mend, and the normal man, when once he realizes this and admits it soon forgets about his passing troubles in a determination to prove that these reports are true of his own community. Things are chirking up all along the line—but keep your sleeves rolled up and your mind on your work. That's what brings prosperity when nothing else will.

### LAWS AND CHEATING

Will Attorney General Daugherty's campaign against profiteering retailers amount to anything? That is the question interesting more than one Vass family now, just as it interests every family that finds the biggest part of its income going for food and clothing.

We believe Mr. Daugherty has started at the wrong end of the line. The American people have fallen into a habit of blaming everything on the man who runs the retail store and like Mr. Daugherty, they are largely wrong in their presumption. If a man persistently overcharges for his merchandise his customers get wise and take their trade somewhere else, so as a general rule the storekeeper, knowing this, has ceased to be a party to high-handed methods, if, indeed, he ever did indulge in them. The whole question of profiteering might best be left to the individual and to the normal adjustment of trade. For with each purchaser insisting upon value for his money, and each merchant refusing to pay producers and middlemen excessive profits, the matter of retail prices will adjust itself.

We still contend that to stop profiteering entirely it is necessary to start in at the head of the stream—to check up on the manufacturer and, above all else, to cut off all the middle-men possible. The retail merchant, after a manufactured product has passed through a half-dozen hands gets less profit for the article than any of those who had any part in its handling. So, Mr. Daugherty's attempt will probably amount to nothing until he starts his probe higher up.