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A SUCCESSFUL HOME CONCERN

The Blue Fertilizer factory at Aberdeen announces that it has secured the order for the fertilizer that will be used by the Sandhill Fruit Growers' Association in 1923. There is no reason in the world why this should have been otherwise, for the Blue company has had remarkable success in the crop records made by its products. Right from the beginning the farmers commenced to get such satisfactory crops that the company was able to announce its fertilizer as the one that made the crops that made the records, and it had so many records that a quick creation of confidence in its goods was the story it had to tell.

With this is its brief history it was natural to expect that the Blue Fertilizer Company would have a strong argument to offer when the day came to contract for the fertilizers for 1923, and with the local concern offering a quality of material that has an established record even though the career of the company has been short it was logical that the order should remain in the county.

NEXT YEAR LOOKS MORE PROSPEROUS

All the signs from the industrial centers points to a good year in 1923. The iron and steel trade is picking up, which is usually looked on as the best sign of business conditions, and the orders on the books for the coming year are satisfactory. The one note that is heard now is the shortage likely to be encountered in the ordinary labor supply. Textiles are in better condition than for a long time, and while not running at any exciting speed the mills are fairly busy with a call for their product. The expectation of mill men is that the yarn and spinning mills will be busy from now on, may not be at a rush stage, but nevertheless making about as full time as the hands care to see. Prices are holding their own and strengthening a little from time to time, but no sign of much inflation appears visible any more. Conditions are getting on a firm basis rather than on a high level, which is much better. The high level is too uncertain, and a firm basis on a lower level permits operator and hands both to figure on the future. The coming year looks good.

TAX FREE SECURITIES

It is possible the state legislature will take some action on the tax free securities that are issued in such large amounts of late. The complaint against such securities is loud and general. However, it must not be

forgotten that the matter is one that is just as broad as it is long. We have just come thru a period when the state and the counties could not sell their bonds because the law limits the rate of interest, and investors would not buy them because at the rate permitted, and even though the securities were free of tax, they did not bring as good return as other investments even after paying the tax on the others. When war was on the government wanted to sell bonds. It made them tax free to induce people to buy the bonds, and the people responded to the tune of billions of dollars. Now if those securities had been taxable the people would not have taken them in such quantities except at a higher rate of interest. The government would have had to pay higher interest, and the tax collected would simply offset a higher interest. Governor Morrison cautions about an effort to make state and county securities subject to taxes on those that have been issued, as it would validate the legality of the securities, and the holders would probably foreclose unless the state or county paid the tax. On public securities the taxes are remitted in order to get a lower interest rate and because they are free from tax is the only reason a lower rate of interest can be made.

It is a mistake to think the tax free securities are held by the rich. They are held by small holders as largely as by big holders, and by insurance companies, savings banks and institutions of that sort in hundreds of millions. Those institutions are the safeguard of the people of limited means, and it is their savings that carry the bonds at low interest and tax free. Moore county had trouble to sell its bonds as they were issued. Were they taxable the interest rate would have to be higher, and it is a simple proposition that if we tax the bonds we will have to pay higher interest to provide the money for the bondholder to pay the tax with. Possibly if we taxed securities of the county and state and nation not so many bonds would be issued, and that way might be a good thing. Or it might not. But the borrower of money pays the interest and he pays enough to cover taxes and all other costs, and he cannot make it different, for the borrower does not have to lend.

THE COTTON PROSPECT

The cotton famine that has been talked about begins to look like a reality in a year or so. It is thought that the crop of 1922 will not exceed ten million bales, and the reports from the spinners is to the effect that American mills will use three-quarters of that amount of cotton. Should such a thing transpire it would leave only a surplus for export of 2,500,000 bales, which either indicates a decided shortage for Europe and the rest of the outside world, or a gravely disastrous condition of business in those countries through inability

to use such an amount of cotton. But while Europe is in bad shape, especially Germany, France and England are recovering, and it is apparent that more than two and a half million bales will be needed abroad this year.

With the advent of the boll weevil in Moore county cotton will be a little more difficult to make, but it must be made or the world goes naked and the textile industry suffers. Cotton is not wiped out by the weevil. No other insect has ever yet stopped man from carrying on his industries, even though a fight has been necessary at times. Cotton will continue to be a crop in this county, and the farmers might as well arrange for their coming season's work in that direction. Early planting of early maturing cotton with generous fertilizing with nitrogen will make cotton before the weevil gets big enough to do a great deal of harm. The restricted crop will bring a better price, and cotton is apt to be a more profitable crop this coming year than it has been for a long time. Possibly it will be more profitable than cotton has ever been.

It will require more attention but that is no great misfortune, for it is well enough known that the custom of planting much of the cotton has been one of too little intelligent attention and work, and too much trusting to blind luck and indifference. It is a pretty good plan for the cotton man to get in touch with his county demonstration agent, and with the more successful farmers of his community and study his farm and his crop, and plant an acreage that he can take care of right. By following such a course he can make some money on cotton, and have ground for planting other things which is a good plan any time. But a cotton crop is a necessity in this country, or disaster will overtake the whole world, ourselves included.

SOME HOG

A gentleman from Upper Hoke told The Pilot Tuesday that Mr. Whorton Seagroves killed a hog last Monday that was three and a half years old and weighed 80 pounds.

MY CHRISTMAS DAY

By Helen Mar D'Auby

There is a Christmas time I knew
Within the long ago,
O'er which the fleeting years have
passed,
And drifted deep their snow.

All fresh it lies within my heart,
A spot of living green,
Undimmed by sorrows bitter tide,
Or strife that come between.

Like violet buds, enwreathed in green,
When snow drifts melt away;
The joyous memories buried there,
Lift up their heads today.

And like the fragrance, purple dyed,
That breathes above the place,
So haloes all those far-off days,
My mother's tender face.

O, patient heart, and busy hand,
How small the rest they know
Within that palace of my heart,
That home of long ago.

So low its roof, so small the space
Of its sun-lighted floor,
It scarce could cover those we had
Or hold one daring more.

A merry, romping, noisy brood,
As gay as birds or bees,
That sing and hum the livelong day,
Among the flowers and trees.

O, anxious, widowed, mother heart,
With double weight to bear,
How little did your children know
Of want, or strife, or care.

What triumph more sublime than
yours,
Above the arts of fate?
What hero's nobler fame is scrolled
In letters, war, or state?

Can I forget those stockings, filled
From top to bulging toe,
By mother hands, at Christmas time,
Within the long ago?

The little mittens, apple red
Of yarn she'd spun, and dyed,
The dollies, cut from sweetened
dough,
With spice filled eyes, and fried.

With nuts and goodies, packed in
close,
And maple sugar, run
In moulds, with scalloped edges, laid
To top out every one.

Dear struggling, anxious, patient
heart,
Would that I, as then,
Might look into your loving eyes,
And greet you once again.

For only years can teach the child,
A mother's love to know,
And could I catch your listening ear,
I straight would tell you so.

And you with old-time tender smile,
Forgetting self, would say,
"Run quickly, dear, the children call,
This is their Christmas day."

Bring us your job work.

PERSONALS AND BRIEF

Mr. W. D. Smith made a trip to Fayetteville last Friday. Mr. W. T. Cox was in South Pines on Tuesday of this week. Mr. W. H. Keith was in Salisbury Monday.

Mr. Gordon Thomas went to Raleigh on Wednesday of this week. Mrs. Vaughn Byrd was a visitor in Raleigh one day this week.

Mr. Marshall Thompson, of Maxton, was in Vass last Saturday.

Mr. J. A. Overton, of Lenoir Springs, was in Vass, Tuesday. Mr. J. Hector Smith, of Upper Hoke, was in town Wednesday.

Messrs. W. B. Graham and Sanford spent Tuesday in Raleigh. Mr. A. A. Smith, of Picayune, arrived Tuesday to spend the holiday with his mother, Mrs. H. A. Smith.

Messrs. N. M. Smith and Byrd, students at State College, are home for the holiday. Miss Mildred Thomas is here the holidays after attending at Carolina College, Maxton.

Miss Maizie Rast and Mr. Parker spent Sunday with friends in Jonesboro.

Misses Lois Sanford and Keith are at home from Lenoir College, for the Christmas holidays. Miss Jewell Edwards arrived Tuesday from Guilford College home during the Christmas season.

Mr. and Mrs. Oris Seagroves daughter, Virginia, of Raleigh the week-end in Vass.

Miss Annie McGill arrived week from Statesville, where she has been attending Mitchell College. Mrs. D. A. Smith left Sunday to visit her sister before going for a visit to her parents at Lenoir.

Mrs. M. A. Bynum returned week from an extended visit to her father. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. T. R. Moffitt.

Miss Jessie Brooks arrived day from Meredith College to spend the holidays with her mother, Geo. W. Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Pea today for near Roxboro, where they will spend the holidays with their people.

Mr. Guy H. Simpson, manager of the Co-operative Tobacco, will spend the holidays with his family in Madison.

Mr. Laws, of the office for Co-operative Tobacco Warehouse, leaves for his home near Roxboro day.

Mrs. Carl Cashion and little daughter, Dorothy Bynum, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Cashion's mother, Mrs. J. R. Thomas.

The Co-operative Tobacco closed here on Wednesday holidays, and will re-open on Friday 3rd.

Mrs. Archie McNeill and son left Tuesday for Baltimore. Mrs. McNeill will take treatment at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

The Christmas exercises of the children of the Presbyterian day school will be given at the byterian church on Saturday at 7 o'clock.

Mrs. Seth W. Lassiter and daughter, Margaret, of Smithfield, and Mrs. Auer and daughter, Estelle, of Texas, are at the home of Mrs. G. S. Edwards for the Christmas holidays.

See J. H. Oldham for oranges, raisins and candies right.

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