

A World Scarcity of Foodstuffs and the Lesson for the South.

Whether there be peace between this country and Germany, whether war be continued in Europe for another year or two, or whether peace should come, the demand for foodstuffs will exceed the supply, both in this country and abroad.

Nothing less than a bumper crop of grain will save us from exorbitantly high prices for wheat and corn next winter. It is important that the whole country should understand this situation, but it is doubly important that the farmers of the South should understand it and plant the largest acreage in grain which they have ever had in order to save themselves from having to pay the highest prices they have ever paid for their foodstuffs.

Every business man in the South should do all in his power to urge upon Southern farmer the planting of grain and the raising of foodstuffs of all kinds this spring and summer.

It is hardly possible to predict what may happen to cotton. The price, judged by the world's demand, ought to be high, but in view of the uncertainties of conditions here and elsewhere, a large cotton crop might prove a misfortune by forcing prices below a fair profit.

The South might raise too big a cotton crop for its own prosperity, but it can not raise too big a grain crop nor too much live stock. Every available acre should be put into the raising of foodstuffs, into grain, into vegetables, potatoes, and as much attention as possible should be given to live stock, and even to the raising of chickens and dairying, for the purpose of meeting the home demand for foodstuffs.

It will be almost a crime for any Southern farmer not to provide, during the coming spring and summer, for all of the foodstuffs which his family will need for the next twelve months. Anything short of that would be ignoring every condition which this country and the world confronts in the lack of foodstuffs, and in the certainty of high prices. Business men, State governments and the national government owe it to the farmers and to the welfare of the country to stress these points with all possible emphasis.

Safe and Sane Farming.

"Whenever the greed for a money crop unbalances the wisdom of husbandry, the money crop is a curse. When it stimulates the general economy of the farm it is the profit of farming?"

These words were written by the late Henry W. Grady, many years ago. They are true to-day. You are face to face with a great question. Are you going to permit the agriculture of the South to again become an unbalanced husbandry or are we still to push forward toward safe farming?"

High prices of certain farm products may tempt farmers to pursue an unwise course. Now is the time to take stock, to make an inventory and consider the situation.

Think back to 1914 before the war, when cotton was around thirteen cents a pound. How much did you pay for meat, flour and other food products at retail? Go back in the nineties when cotton was still lower in value and what did you pay at retail for food products? Then compare the present prices of food products with the present prices of cotton; the test is the exchange value of cotton.

How much will a pound of cotton purchase in food and feed products? By growing all cotton and exchanging it for a living you are simply swapping a high priced product produced by your labor for a high priced product produced by the labor of the other fellow. When you follow safe farming, however, you produce your own food and feed at cost and sell your cotton for the other fellow's dollars.

The South has made great progress and has enjoyed wonderful prosperity in the past year because it produced so much of its own living.

What do we mean by safe farming? Here are the items which should constitute your program:

1. A home garden for every family on the farm. From one-tenth to one-fourth acre, well located, well tilled and tended as carefully as any other crop on the farm, planted in rotation to time the vegetable crops so as to have a continuous supply for the family table as many days in the year as possible.

2. Produce enough corn on each farm to last the family and the live stock with certainty for one year, with a little excess for safety.

3. Produce sufficient oats and other small grain to supplement the corn as food for one year with certainty, remembering that these small grains conserve the soil in winter and provide some grazing for live stock.

4. Produce the hay and forage crops necessary to supply the live stock on the farm for one year, with a little excess for safety, not forgetting the legumes which add fertility to the soil and produce the best hay.

5. Produce the necessary meat, eggs and milk for the family. The meat should be produced by increased attention to poultry and hogs because of the rapidity with which these can be produced.

6. When the living has been amply provided for, grow cotton for the main money crop.

7. Plan to sell or exchange the surplus products of the garden, the orchard, the poultry, the live stock, the eggs and the feed crops, to cover the necessary running expenses of the farm and save the cotton as the real cash crop.

The fact that cotton has been up to eighteen and twenty cents per pound should not in any sense tempt farmers, merchants or bankers to depart in practice or in influence from this program. Are you going to play safe or gamble on the European war and bet that cotton will be high and food products low? One of the serious problems of this nation to-day is the production of food. At this time no man in the South can afford to be tempted to reduce the production of food and feed crops. Rather should they be increased. It is the only safe plan.

The agricultural colleges of the Southern States, in co-operation with the United States Department of Agriculture, are conducting, through the Extension Division and County Agents in every State, campaigns to sustain the production of food and feed crops in the South.

We need more of the three F's, food, feed, and fertility. Let us feed the people, feed the live stock and feed the soil. When we have done these three things, then raise such acreage in money crops as we have the labor to tend.—Bradford Knapp, Chief.

Vocal Union.

The next session of the Lower Johnston Vocal Union will be held with Hood's Grove Baptist church, in Bentonsville township, on the fifth Sunday in April. We are expecting a large crowd and a good time.

J. B. BEASLEY, President of the Vocal Union.

Services at Hopewell.

We are requested to announce that regular services will be conducted at Hopewell, fourth Sunday, April 22nd, at 11 o'clock, and Saturday night before at early candle light. There will not be any service on Saturday at 11 o'clock on account of train being too late for the pastor to get there in time.

Attention Confederate Veterans!

The County Commissioners will be asked to pay the railroad fare for all Confederate Veterans to the Washington, D. C. Reunion in June. All those desirous of going will please write me at once. Don't delay.

C. S. POWELL, Smithfield, N. C., April 14, 1917.

A pound of feathers costs more than a pound of lead.

KENLY NEWS NOTES.

Kenly, April 14.—"Mrs. Briggs of the Poultry Yard" is the title of one of the most delightful home talent entertainments that has been given in the Kenly High School auditorium this year. Mrs. G. B. Woodard was director and acted as the leading character, Mrs. Briggs. Mr. Frank Aycock acted the wealthy aristocrat of the play. The acting from beginning to end was decidedly creditable. The audience was pleasantly entertained every moment of the entire hour and a half program. The admission fee was fifteen and twenty-five cents. \$13.00 were realized, which will be used by the Woman's Missionary Union of the Methodist church for the benefit of the new parsonage which is now being constructed. The cast of characters was as follows: Mrs. Briggs, a woman of business. Mrs. G. B. Woodard. Her family—Ralph—Mr. F. A. White Jimmy.....Mr. Hal Gilbreath Alvira.....Miss Nellie Hardison Melissa.....Mrs. Frank Aycock Silas Green, "a near relation." Mr. Tonie Barnes. Mr. Lee, a wealthy neighbor..... Mr. Frank Aycock. Virginia Lee, his daughter..... Miss Ina Morris. Daisy Thornton, her friend..... Miss Faye Barnes. Mrs. O'Connor, with no liking for goats.....Miss Agnes Watson Mandy Bates, whose tongue will stumble.....Mrs. J. A. Broughton Miss Nellie Alford's school, located about two miles from Kenly, came to a close Friday afternoon. Miss Alford carried out an all-day program, which was largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed. The morning program consisted of songs and recitations by the students of the school. In the afternoon Superintendent M. B. Andrews, of Kenly, delivered the commencement address. His was an inspiring, practical talk on things of worth and some suggestions as to how they may be obtained. The Kenly quartette featured the program with several selections; the audience was especially pleased with their rendering of the humorous number, "Brudder Brown." Miss Alford is an untiring worker and many spoke kind words of her success in the school this year.

Oneals Township Loan Association.

Last Saturday afternoon some 20 or 30 men met at Narron Lodge and discussed the advantages of the new Farm Loan Law. Those present were unanimously in favor of organizing the Oneals Township Farm Loan Association at an early date, and set next Saturday, April 21st, at one o'clock, for a meeting of all the citizens of Oneals township at Hare's Store, to hear the conditions explained, organize a permanent Association and elect the officers, etc. There are several men well informed on the subject who expect to be there and make talks.

This is undoubtedly the greatest legislation ever enacted to directly help the farmer. The government plans to lend the farmer money at 5 per cent and let him use it to advance his farm and pay back in 40 years. There are many other benefits by joining the Association, even if you never care to borrow money.

Let everybody come next Saturday. Hare's Store, 1 o'clock.

T. H. ATKINSON, By order of PRESTON CHAMBLEE, Temporary Chairman.

WILSON'S MILLS NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pool, of Selma, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Ransom Pool.

Mr. Carey Britt and Mr. Lonnie Page, of Garner, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. G. G. Beaty.

Mr. Burlon Jones and Robert Coats, of Clayton, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. J. A. Price.

Miss Margaret Wilson went to La Grange Friday.

Miss Nyphe Myrtle Spence attended the commencement at Johnson school Thursday.

Miss Commie Price, of Clayton, spent Sunday with Miss Lena Beaty.

Mr. Lamb Jones, of Pisgah section, spent Sunday in our burg.

Mr. Leon Uzzle made a business trip to Smithfield Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Spence, of Powhatan, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. J. A. Spence.

Miss Gertrude Stallings spent Sunday with Miss Lucy Turnage.

Miss Addie Beaty spent Tuesday night with Miss Essie Price.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gentry spent Sunday afternoon out in the country.

Mrs. George Moore, of Benson, spent last Thursday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lassiter, of Wilson's Mills.

Mr. Marvin Price spent Sunday afternoon in Selma. O. U. KID.

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Greek Heroes, by Kingsley. Coming Back with the Spitball. Tom Turner's Legacy, by Alger.

Poor Boys' Chances, by John Habberton. Tom Thatcher's Fortune, by Alger.

The Automobile Girls Along the Hudson. The Automobile Girls in the Berkshires.

The Young Editor. Frank's Campaign, by Alger. The Telegraph Boy, by Alger.

Polly Perkins' Adventures. The Campfire Girls in the Outside World. My Days and Nights on the Battlefield.

The Boy Scouts with the Geological Survey. Folly in Fairyland, by Carolyn Wells.

Hospital Sketches.....by Alcott. Adventures in Frozen Seas. Camp Fire Girls in After Years.

Left on Labrador. Merle's Crusade.....by Carey. The Boy Geologists.....by Houston.

Story of John G. Paton. Andy Grant's Pluck.....by Alger. Camp Fire Girls Amid the Snows. Camp Fire Girls Careers.

Do and Dare.....by Alger. Another Year With Dennis and Ned Toodles.

Moods.....by Mrs. Alcot. Herbert Carter's Legacy.....Alger. The School Queen.....by Meade.

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The Camp on the Big Snowflower. The Rivals of the Trail. The Strange Cabin on Catamount Island.

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