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GROW PLENTY OF CORN.

Corn is America's most important cereal. It can be grown successfully over a wider area than any other and furnishes nutritious food for man as well as the staple grain feed for cattle and draft animals. The production of corn should be increased this year to the fullest extent, taking into consideration seed, labor, and existing economic conditions, and the availability of food land in corn growing regions not needed more urgently for other crops.

In practically every county in the country in which experience has shown that corn may be produced successfully, the possibilities of increasing the corn crop without encroaching upon other important crops is at least worthy of consideration, if land, labor, and seed are available.—U. S. Department of Agriculture.

ROAD BOND ELECTIONS.

Next Tuesday Road Bond Elections will be held in Smithfield, Selma, Pine Level, and Oneals townships, under the Clark Good Roads Law passed by the last General Assembly. The privilege of voting is one of the highest privileges accorded to citizens of a free government. This privilege should not be treated lightly. Every qualified voter should cast his ballot for the men or measures of his choice. If a voter wants to see bonds carried for road building, he should cast his ballot. If on the other hand he is opposed to the issuing of bonds, he should register his views by casting his ballot against bonds. It is a high privilege that the voters have and every one who is qualified should go to the polls in Smithfield, Selma, Pine Level and Oneals townships next Tuesday and vote.

TO THE GRAVES MAY 10TH.

May 10th, which comes this year on Thursday of next week, is Southern Memorial Day. On that day the graves of the soldiers who died in the Civil War will be decorated. Since the Civil War May 10th has been the day when the graves of others besides soldiers get most attention. It is more and more observed as a day to look after the graves of the dead. This is a suitable season for such work and we owe the dead to give attention to them at least once a year. We hope next Thursday may be the greatest of all Memorial Days. Let every one of us think of the dead and do something for the graveyard. It is said that when the Scotch people settled certain sections of this country one of the first things they did was to pick out a place for a graveyard in their neighborhood. This should have been done for all neighborhoods everywhere. Graves in a graveyard are much more likely to get attention than if placed here and there on every farm. But if a grave is on your farm it will not take long to cut off the

bushes and briars and shape it up a little. If everybody will take some interest in the graves they would present a different appearance from what many of them do now. In each grave no matter whether the person was known to the owner of the land or not lies a body which was dear to some one. Let us make next Thursday, May 10th, 1917, the greatest Memorial Day ever observed in this section. It can be made the greatest if everybody will take some interest in the graves.

PAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

Since the high price of news-print paper has forced many publishers to increase the price of their papers, there has been more or less complaint on the part of subscribers. Some stop their papers because they are unwilling to pay the little extra that is so necessary to the publisher. A few days ago we heard of some church members who had stopped taking the Biblical Recorder because of the advance in price. Those who do this, when it means an extra cost of less than one cent per week, are making a great mistake. They are casting aside some of the solid, substantial periodical literature of the day and perhaps substituting in its place some of the cheap, flighty periodicals which give the mind nothing to feed on, and have a tendency to actually starve the noblest and best part of man.

Every home ought to have at least three or four good papers—a home paper, a general newspaper, a farm journal, and a religious paper. It would be well to have added to these one or two good magazines and a daily paper when it can be had each day. A few dollars spent in each home for good newspapers and periodicals is money well spent; in fact the well regulated home cannot afford to be without them.

Many homes get the county paper and stop at that. Others take a farm journal and leave off their county paper. A few families take only a religious paper. A home into which only one paper goes is not sufficiently equipped in periodical literature.

All the leading denominations have good church papers which should be supported by their constituency. The Primitive Baptists have Zion's Landmark; the Methodist have the Raleigh Christian Advocate and the North Carolina Christian Advocate; the Missionary Baptists have the Biblical Recorder; the Presbyterians have the Presbyterian Standard; the Christians have the Christian Sun; the Free Will Baptists have the Free Will Baptist, and the other denominations have their papers. They are worthy journals and should have the support of the church members regardless of the slight advance in price. No other paper can take their place in the home. The man who knows about the war and how to keep up with what is going on in the agricultural world and knows nothing of what his church is doing is not an all-round man. Keep abreast of the times by reading your County paper, some general weekly or semi-weekly newspaper, some good farm journal and your church paper. And if your means will allow, add to these a good daily and a good magazine. Starve not your body, neither your mind, nor your soul.

PRICES ON NITRATE OF SODA.

We print in another column of this paper an article which shows the effort the United States Congress is making to increase the quantity and lower the price of nitrate of soda. This is very important and we hope its efforts may be successful. We have never known a time since soda began to be generally used when it was so scarce and the price so high as now. The prices on nitrate of soda are almost prohibitive. When farmers are asked to pay eighty-five to ninety dollars per ton for soda they begin to ask will it pay to buy it. If cash is paid for it the money will all be gone if much of it is bought and if bought on a credit it will take a large part of the crop to pay for the soda used. If Congress can get on to a plan to reduce the price fifteen or twenty dollars per ton it will greatly help us.

SAVING AND CANNING.

(By Miss Kelly and Miss Pickens.)

The Secretary of Agriculture said some time ago: "As a Nation we seem to have a disdain for economizing. In many homes there is a strong feeling that it is 'only decent' to provide more food than will be eaten. Experts of The Department of Agriculture report that the annual food waste is about \$700,000,000. Of course, the waste in families of limited means is slight; but in families of moderate and ample means the waste is considerable. Even if this estimate were cut in half the waste would be enormous."

Food waste in the household results in a large measure from ignorant buying or planning, bad preparation and cooking, improper handling and from serving an undue number of courses. An overabundant supply on the table followed by failure to utilize food not consumed is also a great source of waste. As an instance of improper handling it is often true that 20 per cent of the edible portion of potatoes is wasted in the process of preparing them for serving on the table.

Food is also wasted when we eat more than our bodies need for growth and repair and to supply energy for our work; when food is burned or spoiled in cooking it is also a clear waste since it can not serve the purpose for which it is intended. Let each housekeeper ask herself this question: "What do I know about foods that are available in my own home?" There are so many, many things concerning the value of foods and the proper cooking and serving of foods that we have on our tables each day that we need to know before we can possibly meet the demands of those whom we are feeding, and at the same time try to economize because of high prices.

We hear over and over each day that there must be more food produced on the farms else there is grave danger of a world wide famine. This is no doubt true, and it is equally true that the need is just as great for saving from needless waste the products of farm and garden as that of producing more food.

The thing for each housekeeper in Johnston County to do is to demonstrate thrift in her own home by feeding her own family first of all. On the side of conservation, the best way to do this is to plan right now not to let any fruit or vegetable in your care go to waste. Get out all your old glass jars—Mason or any other kind—and line them up for the canning season. Mason jars have never been satisfactory for canning vegetables if the screw top is used, but with the White Crown top they are all right for use. There is no danger of the rubber blowing out if the White Crown top is used. Any one in need of these tops may find them at Cotter Hardware Store, Smithfield.

Canning is not a difficult process, and with a little spare time any housekeeper can soon fill her pantry shelves for the winter. Make up your mind NOW that you are going to produce and save what you can toward furnishing your own table this year. All canned goods are nearing a prohibitive price now with all indications pointing to higher prices. Even if this were not true, the home canned fruits and vegetables are far superior to any commercial brand.

Tin cans are best for canning vegetables, and fortunately provision has been made by which a reasonable demand for them may be supplied. These cans cost 100 per cent more than last year but even at that price it will pay to use them since canned goods will be correspondingly high. Several hundred of these cans are already here and plans for making them available for housekeepers as well as club girls, will be perfected and published next week.

When canning season comes we are going to do everything we can possibly do toward helping every housekeeper in Johnston County who does not already know how to can, and who wants our help. In the meantime let these housekeepers be raising something to can.

Raising spuds is almost as important now as raising an army. The army can hardly exist without them.

THE SITUATION IS SERIOUS.

The people of Johnston County and North Carolina have not yet begun to realize the seriousness of the situation which has been brought about by the war with Germany. A great many people hope and believe that the war will be of short duration. But the folks who are at the head of affairs and are in position to know some things which are altogether unknown to the public look on the situation as a serious one.

The Governors of many States conferred with the Council of National Defense in Washington Wednesday and heard of some of the great problems which are now confronting the nation. Secretary Lane, of the Department of the Interior, told the Governors that the Federal government had heard that 400,000 tons of shipping had been sunk by the German submarines last week. In order that our readers may know how the situation is being regarded we are publishing the account of the meeting Wednesday as sent out by the Associated Press and printed in Thursday morning's papers:

The destruction, Secretary Lane said, was not only threatening the existence of England and France but was alarming the United States, Study of inventions to combat the submarine menace is being diligently pursued in the interior department, he said.

The United States must build ships as rapidly as possible he told the delegates.

"If we don't fight the war on the other side," he said, "we shall have to fight it on this side of the Atlantic."

Secretary Lane declared he believed that the war would last several years and that every resource of the country must be brought into place to bring it to a successful conclusion.

"Many persons thought," said Secretary Lane, "that all we had to do was to issue bonds and that Germany would bow her head in submission. Nothing could go farther from the truth. We do not know when this war will end. It may not be a one year war. Personally, I believe it will last several years. Herbert C. Hoover has informed this government that Germany has food enough to last two years, perhaps longer."

"Germany has put up the greatest fight of history and she has the advantage of now fighting a defensive warfare. Don't go back home and inspire your people with the thought that immediate action can bring this war to an immediate end. Your people must look to this year's crop and next year's crop and the next after that."

"We can't afford to fail in this war. Every man in this country is involved in this work and every man in the country is a soldier. The French hope to break down the morale of the German armies. Our concern is to see to it that our own morale rises."

SPARKS AND FLASHES.

Swat the fly and do it now. A week later may be too late.

Johnston County farmers are mobilizing for the spring drive.

Quick marriages and sudden conversions. Is the war responsible.

The government has been busy loaning billions to the Allies. So far, however, no spuds have been offered.

If the government can regulate the price of manufacturers' products, why not regulate the prices of the food speculators?

Building ships and better roads is exceedingly important now. Without plenty of ships the Allies cannot be fed. Without roads and railroads the produce cannot get to the seaboard.

A regiment of baseballists would give a good account of themselves if they should go against the enemy as vigorously as they handle the ball and bat. And don't forget the "fans."

In some quarters they are calling for a Federal food inspector. An open jail door should stand in front of the price booster. Keep prices within reason. Poor people and wage earners ought to have an opportunity to eat three meals a day.

For the entente allies to obtain ultimate success in the war with Germany the United States may have to put 500,000 men on the firing line, Pomeroy Burton of the London Daily Mail said in an address at New York Wednesday before the Merchants' Association. Urging that America must shape her policy for a long conflict, Mr. Burton made a plea against censorship.

Fly Time Is Here

And every home should be protected against the pesky creatures. Screen your house and keep them out. We can fit your doors and windows with the proper screens. See us now before the rush is on.

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