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### A FARMER'S PROGRAM TO MEET THE CRISIS.

(By Lacy John.)

1. Increase the corn acreage or production to at least 200 bushels for each horse and mule on the farm.
2. Increase the acreage of forage crops from 25 per cent to 50 per cent over past years, growing especially such summer legumes as cowpeas, soy beans, velvet beans, etc.
3. Plant the best and most prolific seed available and plan to save an abundance of seed for next year.
4. Increase as far as conditions warrant, the amount of fertilizer used in order that larger yields may be produced.
5. If procurable use labor saving machinery to help out in the matter of the scarcity of hand labor.
6. Devote not less than one acre to garden crops, especially such things as Irish potatoes, cabbage, collards, onions, tomatoes, etc., with a large amount of peas and beans for eating green, for canning and for drying for winter use. Keep your garden occupied with crops throughout the year.
7. In the matter of cultivation give first attention to food and feed crops. Increase the yield on all acreage already planted by cultivating level, shallow and frequent.
8. Keep a close watch for all kinds of diseases and insects among your plants and animals and take prompt action to save any crop, or live stock that may be attacked.
9. Save the breeding stock; cows, heifers, mares, sows, gilts, ewes, hens and early hatched pullets should not be disposed of, but should be kept for increasing the amount of live stock on the farm.
10. Increase the number of hens per family to fifty as soon as possible and continue to hatch chicks through May and June.
11. Plan to produce 200 pounds or more of pork for each member of the family.
12. Provide as soon as possible at least two good milch cows for each family and more where it is convenient and advisable to have a surplus of dairy products for sale.
13. Begin now to plan for an increased acreage of winter crops such as crimson clover, bur clover, hairy vetch, rye, rape, oats, wheat, etc.
14. Take such community action as may be necessary to provide seed for all fall crops. Save all seed possible from the present harvest and buy early the others that will be needed.
15. Study the best plan for disposing of all surplus products and if necessary organize the community to learn how to grade and pack for market.
16. Discourage the destruction of young animals for barbecues and the practice of wasting by providing lavish picnics, etc.
17. See to it that the very best sanitary conditions are provided in and about the home that every person may keep in good health.
18. Keep in constant touch with your Farm Demonstration Agent, Home Demonstration Agent, and County Health Officer that they may be worth most to you, your community and your country during this crisis.

### RAISE MORE SWEET POTATOES.

The following letter was written to a firm in Richmond by C. L. Newman, Professor of Agriculture in the State A. & E. College:

"For a week I have tried to find time to write an article urging the farmers to plant heavily of sweet potatoes. If the war continues for another year the production of human food crops will be a serious problem not only in the South but throughout the world. The Northwest has annually been supplying the South with hundreds of millions of dollars worth of food necessities to feed the people of the South. The enormous quantities of food that the United States have been shipping to Europe must continue, and hardships are inevitably coming if the war continues six months longer. There is no crop grown in the South that will furnish as much food value per acre or so cheaply as will the sweet potato. A dollar's worth of sweet potatoes used as human food has practically double the food value of a dollar's worth of wheat and corn. An acre of average land in sweet potatoes will produce more food than two acres of corn and more than four acres of wheat in the cotton belt.

"Sweet potatoes may be planted as late as July and yield twice as much human food as corn on land of average fertility. It is the most important crop that the South can now grow, and there remains May, June and a part of July in which this crop may be planted.

"The sweet potato has a higher food value than the Irish potato, and it is now too late to plant the latter with any assurance of success, and then there is practically no seed available. There is ample sweet potato seed available, and a bushel of sweet potatoes will produce plants enough to plant from six to ten times as much land as a bushel of Irish. "An acre of land that will produce 15 or 20 bushels of corn, 8 to 12 bushels of wheat, or 150 to 200 pounds of lint cotton will produce 50, and may produce 80 or 100 bushels of sweet potatoes, depending upon the good preparation of the soil and good fertilizers. No crop will yield so much per acre of so high a food value on so poor land as will this highly nutritious root crop. Sweet potatoes may follow the various early truck and farm crops harvested in May and June, such as cabbage, Irish potatoes, etc., small grain, crimson clover, etc.

"In view of the scarcity of potash I would recommend for sweet potatoes between 600 and 1200 pounds of a fertilizer analyzing 8 to 10 per cent of phosphoric acid, and 2 to 4 per cent of nitrogen. On very thin land I would use the higher per cent of nitrogen, and on better land the lower per cent."

### Attention Confederate Veterans!

A car for your benefit, will be at Selma on the A. C. L. R., at 1:30 p. m., on the 4th of June for the Washington Reunion. You can go via the Southern Railroad if preferred. Tickets will be issued there that day only. Get to Selma before time and secure your ticket. Mr. Sam Honeycutt or D. B. Oliver or myself will be there. A list of those entitled to go will be there, and names not on the list will get no tickets. I have tried to get all and am writing to all that I have knowledge of. A list of all now in hand is herein given. If any others come in later, will be added. This is the last to be published. I trust no one will try to "snake in" when not entitled. I am expected to protect the county. The following names are eligible for a ticket, but many cannot go. I only wish they could.

Robert Johnson, Josiah Stancil, Sr., George Jones, W. M. Murphy, Wm. Bass, Lovit Ennis, B. B. Davis, Ransom Batten, J. H. Broadwell, H. F. Gerald, Zack Taylor, Bridges Crocker, C. H. Benson, J. R. Benson, Jesse Edwards, H. F. Peedin, J. A. Woodall, Robert Strickland, J. M. Childers, Israel Stephenson, J. A. Baker, J. W. Strickland, A. J. Ellis, W. B. Johnson, W. F. Parker, J. S. Eason, J. H. Wood, Lewis Braswell, J. H. Parker, B. T. Long, A. B. Vinson, W. H. Grimes, W. H. Barham, J. T. Barham, J. T. Avera, F. M. Hinton, C. R. Tomlinson, Sam Strickland, Elisha Wallace, Hardy Horne, Jack Ellis, George Ellis, B. R. Messingill, Gid Phillips, A. C. Davis, William Eldridge, J. R. Watson, A. B. Sasser, J. A. T. Jones, D. W. Adams, William Worley, C. S. Powell.

C. S. POWELL,  
Commander.

Smithfield, N. C., May 21, 1917.

### Raise Something.

Let every man, and every child old enough to do any kind of work, raise something. No matter how little—raise something. If every man and boy raised one hill of potatoes, it would make more than a million bushels. If every housewife raised one chicken, it would add measurably to the meat product. "Despise not the day of small things"—"every little helps." Millions of individual efforts, added together, make a national achievement. Raise something—Bryan's Commoner.

Costa Rica last year exported 33,853,707 pounds of coffee.

### WILL STAND FOR FREEDOM.

The New Russian Government Announces That it Has No Intention of Seeking Separate Peace. Has General Peace in View, but Must Be at Germany First.

Petrograd, May 19 (via London).—The provisional government declared today that it was united in the detestation of a separate peace and that it adopts as its aim the re-establishment of a general peace which will not tend either to dominate over other nations or to the seizure of their national possessions—a peace without annexations or indemnities. The government expresses its conviction that the Russian army will not suffer the Germans to destroy Russia's Western allies.

The statement embodying these declarations was issued by the newly reorganized provisional government as a declaration, and reads:

"The provisional government, reorganized and reinforced by representatives of the revolutionary democracy, declares that it will energetically carry into effect the ideas of liberty, equality and fraternity beneath the standards by which the great Russian revolution came to birth. The provisional government is united as to the fundamental lines of its future action as follows:

"First: In foreign policy, the government, rejoicing in concert with the entire people all thought of a separate peace, adopts openly as its aim the re-establishment of a general peace which shall not tend towards dominion over other nations, the seizure of their national possessions or violent usurpation of their territories—a peace without annexation or indemnities and based on the right of nations to decide their own affairs. In the firm conviction that the fall of the regime of czarism in Russia and the consolidation of the democratic principles of our internal and external policy will create in the allied democracies new aspirations towards a stable peace and a brotherhood of nations, the provisional government will take steps towards bringing about an agreement with the allies on a basis of the declaration of April 9.

"Second: Convinced that the defeat of Russia and her allies would not only be a source of the greatest calamity to the people but would postpone or make impossible the conclusion of a world wide peace on the basis indicated above, the provisional government believes that the Russian revolutionary army will not suffer the German troops to destroy our Western allies and then throw themselves upon us with the full force of their arms.

"The development of the principles of democratization in the army and the development of its military power, both offensive and defensive, will constitute the most important task of the provisional government.

"Third—The provisional government will fight resolutely and inflexibly against the economic disorganization of the country.

"Fourth—The measures for the protection of labor will in every possible way continue to be promoted further with energy.

"Fifth—The provisional government will take all necessary steps towards insuring the greatest possible production of the cereals and for furthering the systematic utilization of the soil.

"Sixth—The provisional government will devote particular attention to the increasing direct taxes on the wealthy classes.

"Seventh—The efforts to introduce and develop democratic unity of self-government will be continued with all possible speed and assiduity.

"Eighth—The provisional government will also make all possible efforts to bring about at the earliest time practicable the calling together of a constituent assembly at Petrograd.

"Dedicating itself resolutely to the realization of the above programme, the provisional government declares categorically that fruitful effort is only possible if it has the absolute confidence of the whole people and the ability to exercise the full power so necessary to reinforce the successes of the revolution and develop them further.

"Addressing all citizens in a resolute appeal to safeguard the unity and power thus won, the provisional government declares that for the safety of the country it will take the most energetic measures against all attempted counter resolutions.

"The provisional government believes that in this way alone can it conserve all that which is dear to free Russia."

The declaration is signed by Premier Lvoff and all the cabinet ministers.

Trees, shade, pretty bridges, flowers, pleasant views, little dust, wide sweeps, mile-stones and warnings—there are a hundred ways of making a road beautiful.—Ex.

### SIGNS OF PROGRESS.

The production of food and feed crops in typical cotton and tobacco counties is one of the signs of agricultural progress. Moved not only by a sense of patriotism, in assisting in the growing of staple food stuffs, but also by the feeling that it represents a more profitable type of agriculture, former one crop farmers are beginning to give attention to diversification in all of its significance.

As a prominent factor in bringing about this agricultural change, the county demonstration agent of the Agricultural Extension Service looms up as one of the most valuable assets any county may possess. Edgecombe County employs the services of County Agent Zeno Moore. For a number of years prior to the present economic crisis, Mr. Moore has been urging the growing of grains, permanent and temporary pastures, the production of hays, the feeding of livestock and the management of poultry.

Seeing is believing. On B. F. Shelton's farm in Edgecombe County, one of Agent Moore's best demonstrations is a ten-acre field of oats, planted at the last cultivation of cotton. In spite of the bad season this year, which resulted in the killing out of a good deal of grain, this field of oats is in excellent shape. It was sown broadcast, just as the cotton rows were given their last cultivation, and when the soil was in excellent seed-bed condition. No extra preparation of the soil was necessary; the amount of labor was reduced to a minimum; the field has a cover crop all during the winter; the oats could have been used for grazing purposes or for grain; the total cost of seeding the grain was represented by the cost of one bushel to the acre.

Seeing further is believing further. When compared to the ordinary method of sowing oats in the early winter by scarifying the soil, a prevalent method in many sections, the outstanding advantages of Mr. Moore's plan are only too readily noticed. Mr. Shelton's oats are a foot higher and a month nearer maturity than his neighbor's grain. Mr. Moore's rotation plan for this field of oats is, to follow the grain with soybeans or peas, which in turn will be followed by clover. Then the clover will be plowed under and the field put into corn. Rye will follow the corn as a winter cover crop and will be succeeded by cotton. Oats will begin the new rotation, which included two grains crops, two legume crops and two, clean-cultivated, cash crops.

Mr. Moore's campaigns for pastures and legume crops have resulted in a good sprinkling of fields of alfalfa, crimson and bur clover, lespedeza and grass pastures. Right now the clovers are veritable foot carpets of green, crimson and yellow. Bur clover seed in itself will yield a very handsome profit to the acre; and the lespedeza or Japan clover, sown broadcast on grain land two years ago, on one of Mr. Moore's demonstration fields, is now carpeting the ground with its tiny leaves and providing one of the most excellent pastures.

Grain, corn, hay, pastures, livestock and poultry, plus cotton and tobacco, is Mr. Moore's plan of work for the farmers of Edgecombe County, arranged in such a way as to fill out the farmers' time for 365 days of work with the assurance of maximum profits for the year. The signs of progress are pointing to a new and a better type of agriculture for North Carolina.—S. G. Rubinow, Asst. Club Agent, North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service.

### Typhoid Fever and Vaccination.

The State Board of Health, in a recent bulletin, says: "Typhoid fever is becoming to be more and more considered a disgraceful disease and rightly so for we all know now it is an inexcusable one. The means of preventing typhoid and the efficiency of the means employed are too well known not to be made use of and in case of typhoid fever, it is quite evident that some one must shoulder the responsibility, as some one has failed to do his intelligent duty either by himself or his fellow man.

"Vaccination against typhoid is getting to be rather an old story but its power to immunize against the disease is as new and effective as ever. Screens, the prevention of flies and the destruction of filth have lost none of their power to keep down the disease, neither has pure drinking water or clean milk become any less a means of reducing the disease in epidemic form than we have heretofore considered them. In other words, typhoid fever is still with us and as we know the means of preventing it, common intelligence demands our doing it."

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