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WOULD YOU BURY A STAND OF LARD?

The farmer who would take a stand of lard to his field and scatter it along in a furrow and then cover it up would be considered foolish. This is just what hundreds of farmers in this section have been doing when they carried high priced cotton seed to the fields and put them out for manure. In the cotton seed raised in Johnston County this year there is oil for the making of many thousands of stands of lard which the people of the world need and for which they will suffer unless the farmers place their seed where they can be used to best advantage. It is to be hoped that no farmer will haul his cotton seed to the field this season. It will not pay to bury dollar-a-bushel cotton seed. If not sold at the gins they should be well housed and kept until the owners are ready to sell them. The farmer who sells his cotton seed or swaps them for cotton seed meal is not only helping himself but is helping to feed the hungry world. But before selling the seed, contracts should by all means be made for the purchase of all the cotton seed meal needed on the farm. Buy the meal first and then sell the seed to get the money to pay for it. The man who buries high priced seed makes a mistake, but the man who sells his seed and then lets the money slip through his hands without getting plenty of meal for his farm makes a greater mistake. Buy the meal now before it goes too high.

PLANT WHEAT.

The farmers of Johnston County who planted wheat last year now realize that they acted wisely. They have enough to make their flour and many of them have enough to spare for others. The wise thing to do this fall is for a larger number of farmers to plant some wheat. There is hardly a farmer in the county who has not some land that will make wheat. If every man who has land that will grow wheat will plant a few acres in this crop the food situation, so far as flour is concerned, will be largely solved for next year. Plan now to plant a few acres at least. Make all you can at home and times will be better. The only class of men in Johnston County who can do more than any other class to help to hold down the high cost of living is the farmers. And they can do this by crop rotation and producing as nearly everything needed at home as possible.

The News and Observer says, referring to the automobile danger, "the laws that we have should be enforced and as a rule more drastic laws should be passed." It would be useless to pass more drastic laws, for it is a well known fact that the present automobile laws are practically "dead ones" in these parts. If any one makes any effort to enforce these laws we haven't heard of it.

WILL FARMERS BE ABLE TO BUY GUANO?

There seems to be a nation-wide scarcity of fertilizer materials. Prices on them have been advancing rapidly for some time. Cotton seed meal advanced two dollars per ton last week and the end of advancing prices on it is not yet in sight. One of Smithfield's leading merchants expresses his opinion that it will go to seventy-five dollars per ton. He thinks every farmer should at once buy what meal and acid phosphate he will need for the 1918 crops. 8-4 guano which brought \$30.00 to \$32.50 per ton last season is now bringing from \$42.50 to \$45.00.

Did you ever try buying guano or materials for making it for cash? If not, now is a good time to start. While there is so much money in the country some of it should be invested for fertilizers for next year's crops. We pity the farmers who will have to buy next spring and pay the advanced prices and time prices also.

BUY COTTON SEED MEAL NOW.

Every farmer will need some cotton seed meal and many of them will need large quantities of it. It will be needed to make slops for the sows and pigs. In making slops, if one-half cotton seed meal and one-half of corn meal or shipstuff is used the hogs do well on the combination. For years we have used cotton seed meal in slops with fine results. Cotton seed meal will be needed for the cattle the coming winter and spring, but the farmers will need more of it for fertilizers than anywhere else. Buy and store away plenty of it and then next spring the guano can be made by mixing with it acid phosphate. Eight hundred pounds of meal and twelve hundred pounds of acid phosphate will make a good guano. This is the cheapest way to provide guano for next year's crops. Ready mixed guanos will be very high and the best plan for farmers is to buy meal and acid phosphate and do their own mixing. Part of the cotton seed meal should be kept until next summer and then let it be mixed with acid phosphate and nitrate of soda to make a top dresser for the crops. Top dressers are usually the highest plant food the farmers get, and there is no reason why they should not be mixed at home. Be sure to buy plenty of cotton seed meal and buy it now before the prices go to their highest. Let part of the money received from cotton or tobacco or cotton seed go into meal. Farmers expect to farm again next year and they might as well begin preparing for it now by buying cotton seed meal.—J. M. B.

MILL CREEK COMMUNITY FAIR.

The first Community Fair at Mill Creek was held Thursday, October 4th. The weather was unusually fine, bringing people from every section of the county. The school rooms were appropriately decorated with the National colors and counters had been placed around the sides of the building and before the doors were opened every available space was filled with products from the garden, orchard, farm, pantry, and quite a creditable exhibit of fancy work. The quality of the exhibits compared favorably with any found at the County Fairs. The old Relic Booth was probably the most interesting one. Guns used in the Battle of Bentonville, Sunday, March 19, 1865, with swords, bayonets and balls of various sizes, made an attractive corner.

A demonstration in carding and spinning was given by Mrs. Bass. The exhibit of live stock and poultry showed that the folks were realizing more and more that it paid to have the very best of everything. There was not a scrub article of any kind to be seen.

Mr. W. H. Cole introduced the Farm Demonstration Agent, Mr. Johnson, who made a few appropriate remarks along his line of work asking the co-operation of the farmers. Mr. J. A. Wellons followed with a good roads talk, a subject that appealed to all present.

The spirit of co-operation and good will manifested by the entire community made the Fair a decided success and has stirred them to strive for a still greater achievement next year.

Mrs. C. B. Williamson and Mrs. T. W. LeMay, Master Zoe LeMay, Jr., Mr. Z. L. LeMay and Virginia Williamson spent Sunday with Mrs. Lula Turner near Garner.

OUR NEW COUNTY AGENT.



This is Mr. A. M. Johnson, our new Farm Demonstration Agent for Johnston County. Mr. Johnson succeeds Mr. Lacy John, the former agent.

Missouri is the State Mr. Johnson calls home. There is where he grew up among the plants and animals on his father's farm. He knows what farm work is and where it can be improved. He has had experience in dairying, vegetable gardening, general and live-stock farming, in the leading farming community in central Missouri. Mr. Johnson's experience in agriculture is more than local. He has been in every State west of the Rocky Mountains and can tell you about their methods of farming. He has also been in Cuba, Jamaica, Columbia, Panama, Costa Rica, and Mexico, collecting material for publication. He should have much to give us.

Mr. Johnson was graduated from the University of Missouri, in Agriculture. He did post-graduate work there in Sociology, Rural Economics and in Journalism. He specialized in Animal Husbandry and in Farm Management. He comes to us with a good reputation and because he sees big opportunities in agriculture here in North Carolina.

The Federal Government, the State Government are co-operating with Mr. Johnson in his work here. He is here to serve the folks of Johnston County and if you want his services and cannot go to the Court House to see him write to him there.

COTTON SOLD IN SMITHFIELD.

First Bale Sold Here September 15th of This Year's Crop. Price Five Cents a Pound Higher Now Than When First New Bale Sold.

Up to Saturday night Mr. E. F. Crump, cotton weigher for Smithfield, had weighed 875 bales of this year's cotton crop. Last year to same date 1,500 bales had been brought to this market. The first new bale was brought to this market this year on September 15th and was sold for 21 cents a pound. The price Saturday was 26 cents a pound. The price of cotton same week last year as quoted in The Herald on October 10, was 16 1/2 to 16 3/4 cents per pound. The price quoted by the cotton buyers here this morning is 26 1/2 cents a pound—10 cents higher than a year ago.

Price of cotton seed today is \$1.15 a bushel. The price a year ago this week was 75 to 80 cents a bushel.

Pleasant Grove Fair.

The Pleasant Grove Township Fair will be held Thursday at the Court House in that township. The promoters are planning for a bigger and better Fair than the one they had last year. And that was a Fair that did honor to the people of that section.

Negro Fair Premium List.

The Premium List for the Johnston County Negro Fair to be held in Smithfield on November 14, 15 and 16, is out. Some very attractive premiums are offered. Those desiring a copy should write J. M. Beckwith, secretary, Smithfield, N. C.

Remember the Johnston County Fair November 7th, 8th and 9th.

NOTICE.

North Carolina, Johnston County. J. M. Driver vs.

Ethel L. Driver. The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Johnston County for Divorce; and the said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the term of the Superior Court of said county to be held on the 14th Monday after the 1st Monday in September, 1917, at the Court House of said county in Smithfield, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint, which has been filed in this cause.

This October 9th, 1917.
W. S. STEVENS,
Clerk Superior Court.
RAY & COCKERHAM,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

COME TO SELMA THURSDAY, October 11th, and get your Dollar's worth.

LOOK AT OUR WORK SHOES for Children—\$1.50 to \$2.50. N. B. Grantham.

THE SMITHFIELD BUILDING & Loan Association has helped a number of people to build homes. It will help others, and maybe you. New series of shares now open. See Mr. J. J. Broadhurst.

THE SUREST MEANS FOR THE creation of wealth is systematic saving, the finest habit of thrift is weekly savings—The Building and Loan Plan. Try our plan and own your home. Stop rent. New Series now open. J. J. Broadhurst, Secretary and Treasurer.

FOR ALL KINDS OF FEEDSTUFF you can save money at Austin-Stephenson Company's.

COME TO SELMA THURSDAY, October 11th, and get your Dollar's worth.

WANTED AT ONCE—MAN WITH saw mill to log, saw and put on sticks four or five hundred thousand feet of pine timber. Timber stands thick—logging is easy. Write or phone G. L. Massengill, Selma, N. C.

WE LEAD AND OTHERS FOLLOW. Four Oaks Blacksmith Co.

ONE LOT AT NO. 306 NORTH Third, formerly Market street—Lot 60 by 225 feet, containing one 4-room cottage. Apply to N. E. Bradford, Goldsboro, N. C.

WHEN YOU WANT GOOD REPAIR work done, come to Four Oaks Blacksmith Company.

IF YOU WANT TO BUY OR RENT a farm it will pay you to see E. F. Boyett, Smithfield, N. C.

FINE FARM FOR SALE OF 64 acres, 25 cleared, balance fenced in pasture. Good buildings, convenient to school and churches, on mail route. Easy terms. This is one of the best tobacco farms in Johnston County. Also tenants wanted for one and two-horse farms. J. Rufus Creech, Pine Level, N. C., R. 1.



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can you have than a bank account? This bank welcomes your account, whether large or small.

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SMITHFIELD, N. C.

Notice

Tobacco selling from \$200 to \$400 per acre, cotton bringing over \$100 a bale.

Your mule notes are due. No excuse. This is the time to settle. Come on. We are not going to carry you over. So look out.

Wm. R. Long
Smithfield, N. C.

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