

BUY STAMPS. By W. C. Harper.

It is with great pleasure that we note the growing of a patriotic spirit among the Farmers of Johnston County and the love of their country and the soldier boys that are rapidly moving toward the blood-stained trenches of France, by buying War Stamps and Bonds.

We people at home cannot, as yet, grasp the awful conflict that is facing our country, but when we see our wounded and battle-scarred boys sent back home, then we will realize what war means.

Henry Ford for Wilson and the War.

Vigorously denouncing those critics of the administration who, he declared are trying to make political capital out of the alleged shortcomings of government departments in their conduct of the war, Henry Ford, the automobile manufacturer, who is here on one of his periodical visits, declared with some vehemence at the Hotel Powhatan last evening that it was the plain duty of every American to "put down junkerism and demagogism, stand by President Wilson and his cabinet and to lay plans to retain Mr. Wilson in office until the end of the war, even if the war should last ten years.

"We've got to win, and we've started right," said Mr. Ford. "Don't let us make the big mistake of listening to the politicians now and until 1920. Let us keep to the program which Mr. Wilson has wisely mapped out, and we cannot go astray. I am a Republican for President and we have war and I'm for both. Why! Mr. Wilson has proved himself to be an able leader and the war forced on us. Now that we are faced with the hideousness of warfare, let us see it through to the bitter end. If a change in the national administration is made during the war, it will, in my judgment, be the biggest backward step America can make.

"The farmers are up against it, and the government should take steps immediately to put skilled labor behind the food producers. Just now the man with the rifle; in fact, the food grower is the big man behind the gun. I strongly advocate that the government put into the fields without delay some of the trained men who have been drafted and to inquire minutely into what, thousands of men between the ages of 35 and 50 are doing. "I believe also that all factories turning out products not essential to the conduct of the war should release many men for farm work during the harvest season. You have no idea how many good farmers are to be found in the big factories."

Mr. Ford stated that he was preparing to release a large group of the young workers for farmwork in Michigan this spring.—Washington Post.

Why Some Men Succeed.

Recently this paper has been setting forth some noteworthy examples of men who have "made good" at farming. Every community can cite just such instances and, on the other hand, it can generally be shown that there was another man who started in at the same time with the same advantages apparently and who has

never attained anything. Often the latter man seems to have worked hard, always been honest and yet made no gains. The purpose here is to show in a very brief way what the writer has observed to cause some men to fail while others went up the ladder.

About twenty five years ago two men married sisters, both men and both sisters being stout. Both had practically nothing. They were ordinary renters. Today one has 160 acres of the best land in Indiana and the other is renting smaller farms than he did in the beginning. Both have worked hard, reared and educated children, have good health and have been honest and good neighbors. The failure in this case is simply due to the fact that the one who failed, tried to live with all the luxuries of the man who had a farm paid for. He was the first man in the community to have a sulky plow, a gasoline engine, a piano, a phonograph and other up-to-date things.

Luxuries and labor-saving machinery are all right but the man who is starting with a little or nothing must not expect to live as high as the man who was born with "a silver spoon in his mouth." The man who succeeded lived in a small house, left his luxuries until the necessary things of life were paid for, and today he enjoys both luxuries and necessities.

Many other men in this community have failed because they did not keep live stock and practice diversified farming. They sell the grain at threshing time, the corn at husking time, rather than put it into what we call the best "market bag", the porker. There are others who are continually buying on time and never get things in such a shape as to have any interest coming in. Men make money borrowing and investing but it takes a good business man for this and here is where many fail.

Then, the man who never counts on anything but getting a living without giving something in return fails. The man who won't help pig clubs and donate his time and influence to the betterment of his community and the coming generation will fail nine times out of ten.—Indiana Farmer.

TO HOLD COMMUNITY FAIR.

Pleasant Grove Folks Reorganize for their 1918 Fair.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pleasant Grove Fair the following were elected as officers for the present year:

- President, Victor Penny. Vice-President, W. T. Whittington. Secretary-Treasurer, R. F. Coats.

No definite action was taken at this meeting relative to the program of the next Fair, but it was made clear that food production and food conservation would be given high value this year. These among other things were stressed by both the Farm and Home Demonstration agents who were at the meeting. Stress will be laid on these not merely because of the Fair, but rather because of what they will mean to the homes, the community, the country.

Some new features will be added to the Fair this year announcement of which will be made later. But till this announcement is made, everybody is required to work and plan along the lines indicated in last year's premium list. By so doing and by beginning now, we can make our 1918 Fair surpass either of those previously held. Besides having two years experience with the Fair, we have the greatest stimulus ever urging, yes, impelling us to do more for ourselves, for our country.

- R. F. COATS, Sec.-Treas. VICTOR PENNY, President.

Motion Pictures.

The schedule for the motion pictures for this week is as follows: Pomona, Tuesday, April 9th, 8:30 P. M.

- Archer Lodge, Wednesday, April 10th, 8:30 P. M. Thanksgiving, Thursday, April 11th 8:30 P. M. Benson, Friday, April 12th, 8 P. M. Massey, Saturday, April 13th, 8:30 P. M. In our program are the following reels, viz: One health reel, subject: "Illness is Expensive;" two reels from Brete Hart's "Luck of Roaring Camp" and two reels, produced by Max Linder, the great French movie artist. The first three are instructive, while the comic reels just keep the house in an up-roar of laughter all the time.

The schedule for next week will appear in Friday's Herald.

No one should neglect the opportunity to see the motion pictures. They give rest from weary care; instruction along many lines; good wholesome entertainment and fellowship with one's neighbors.

We show no pictures except those which have been strongly censured. R. P. MERRITT.

CLUB NOTES.

If the last year's club members have any canned products they would like to sell, write me at Smithfield and I will attempt to find a market for you. Please do this at once, because the fresh vegetables will soon be coming in and it will be difficult to find a market for canned products.

Club girls are requested to work their own garden plot. Have this plot located as near the house as possible, in order that you may look after it each day. The location for the garden should be on land that is well drained. The soil for the garden should be sandy loam.

When you prepare the soil for garden, you should prepare the rows to suit conditions. On level land that is well drained, the rows should be built up in ridges in order to prevent drowning the crop in wet weather. If the land is well drained the rows should be wide and flat in order that the soil will not dry out too rapidly.

Before you plant your seed, make the soil deep, mellow, and rich. This will save time and labor in the end. Have the rows in your garden long in order to economize in the use of land, and to save time in turning.

Rake the surface of the rows frequently to prevent the soil from baking. Raking the soil will assist many seed in coming up.

Plant your Lima beans around the garden fence in order that they will not have to be staked.

MARIE SUE JONES, Emergency Home Demonstration Agent.

"It's fine to cheer the boys in camps, And say the country needs them; But the patriot who buys Thrift Stamps Is the patriot who feeds them."

Some Good Rice Recipes.

As a staple article of diet, rice may be boiled in salted water and used like potato or sweet potato as a vegetable at a meal at which fish, meat, eggs, beans, or other foods rich in protein are served. Wholly or partially cooked rice can be used with cheese, minced meat, or poultry, fish, eggs, beans, gravy, etc., for a variety of made dishes, the combination constituting dishes in which most of the needed food elements are present. It also may be used as a major or minor ingredient in stews and soups.

Instead of serving rice plain as a vegetable, it may be stewed with tomatoes, cooked in a double boiler with tomato juice, soup stock, or milk, or it may be seasoned with curry powder, onions, or other seasoning materials. By using skim milk in this way a partially economical dish is produced.

As a cereal for breakfast, rice may be boiled in milk and sweetened, or eaten with butter and salt. If it is desired dried fruits such as dates or raisins may be cooked with the rice. Cold, boiled rice, mixed with pancake or muffin batters of wheat, buckwheat, or corn meal, for instance, makes a pleasing addition to such food products, reduces the quantity of wheat needed, and furnishes a method for using the left-over cereal. Cold, boiled rice also may be used with or without a little meat, chicken, or seasoning vegetable for croquettes; and with eggs, sugar, milk, or other ingredients for making a variety of puddings and other desserts as an examination of almost any good cookbook will show.—Selected.

Rural Carrier Examination.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to be held at Selma, N. C., April 27, 1918, to fill the position of rural carrier at Four Oaks and any vacancies that may occur of rural routes in Johnston County. The examination will be open only to citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of a post office in this county. Application forms may be obtained at the post office at Selma, or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington.

Skip a Smoke and Buy a Stamp. "If you smoke or if you chew, Buy a Stamp! Each day skip a smoke or chew, to Buy a Stamp! Sacrifice should a pleasure be When the cause is 'Liberty,' That's the way it looks to me— Buy a Stamp!" —Selected.

NOTICE.

My son, Willie Thomas Rhodes, sixteen years of age, has left my home without cause. This is to notify the public that I will not be responsible for any debts or contracts he may make and all persons are warned against harboring or aiding him in any way. This March 26, 1918. T. H. RHODES, Four Oaks, N. C., R. No. 1.

HIGHEST PRICES FOR COTTON.

Both Spot and Option Quotations at Top Levels—Trade Demand Insistent.

From time to time, the cotton market has halted in its upward flight, only to rise again to record levels, and this week brought the highest local spot quotation back to the Civil War period and the best figures for the option list since the present system of trading in futures was inaugurated in the late '70s. Thus, on Thursday, following excessive advances, the spot articles here reached the extraordinary basis of 36c., while the May delivery touched 34.50c., July 33.80c., October 32.48c., and December 32.16c. Even January attained the 32c., mark and at their top position the options were \$9 to \$11, the latter on July, above last week's bottom point. The gain in the spot price was about \$9 and the previous maximum of 30.95c., established on March 21, was bettered by almost \$5 a bale. Comparing with a year ago, when the southern staple had also risen greatly, the present quotation is higher by fully \$77.

With much-needed rains falling at some places in Texas, the action of prices might have been different that it was but for the insistent trade buying. The continued demand from this source it understood to result mainly from the heavy war business in cotton goods, and reports multiply of an increased percentage of mill machinery going into government work. Moreover, the trend of dry good values everywhere is steadily upward, notwithstanding the rapidity and extent of the previous advances, and competition for the limited available supplies of merchandise accentuate the strength of the markets. The fact is, that the movement of raw cotton prices is now governed chiefly by legitimate supply and demand conditions rather than by speculative influences, and even now few people are saving with confidence that the top has been reached. But while more rain is wanted in the Southwest, the new crop outlook seems brighter, on the whole, and the Weather Bureau's first report of the season made better reading than private advices had led one to expect that it would.—Dun's Review.

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