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FERTILIZER PROBLEM SERIOUS TO FARMERS

(By Joseph L. Holliday)
The low prices and stringent money situation caused by or in the name of over production are causing people of all lines of industry to howl to the inevitable "Hard Times." Still the Southern farmer has made wonderful progress in better farming, better yields, better stock, both work and meat stock. Our farm work stock I suppose, is not surpassed in the whole state.

We say the low prices of farm products have put us in bad shape financially, suppose we admit that this is true, still business is business and lets look at this thing first: we are informed that Martin county and Eastern Carolina now owe less than 50 per cent of the money the same territory owed six months ago, what is the trouble then? Only that we didn't pay quite all we owed by January first, as we expected to. Do you ever stop to think that the property you owe most on now was not your property January 1st, 1920; and that it was only a dream of ours that we could possess all this newly acquired property and be free of debt in twelve months? Do you stop to think that the now strong business concerns were once or more times in harder financial straits than the southern farmers are today?

If that is true then, the would-be independent farmer must sit steady in the boat and work out plans to overcome present troubles by sane business methods and economy.

Economy! That is the word with its meaning in practice that will set us financially free. Economy in purchasing all that we have to buy and buying only that which cannot be produced economically at home.

We have here in Martin county a big problem with which we must take account. It is that of fertilizer for crops to be planted this year. While we believe that fertilizer has been used extravagantly in some cases, still it is the greatest factor outside of A-1 preparation and cultivation. Of course drainage is of some importance in drainage is of some importance, then a thoroughly plowed, disked, harrowed and fertilized seed bed all of which are included in preparation.

Right here I would like to say that 8-2-2 or 8-4-4 are not all that counts for farmers in North Carolina, since information from our experiment farms show that raw ground lime has in many cases doubled or over doubled the yield of crops when used in combination with fertilizers. Here then is a splendid opportunity for farmers to make a good step toward successful management of the farm this year when an outlay of money of from four to twelve dollars per acre will give 50 to 100 per cent more in yield than why not use such economy?

Buy as sparingly of high priced fertilizers as is consistent with good business, spread farm raised manures as far as is practical and use fertilizer only as a supplement. Plant only the best seed for all crops, give thorough and intensive cultivation throughout the growing season and we believe that we will be able to overcome the present financial strain and will begin to look out our indebtedness as an investment instead of a calamity; surely so where our indebtedness was caused from an effort toward progress. Intensive year-round farming has placed North Carolina very near the top of the list as an agricultural state and with all farmers using the best methods, her lead is enviable.

J. HAWOOD ROGERS
Route 2 2-14-d

Much Depends on Mental Attitude

Upon inquiry we find that the Banks of Williamston have made satisfactory gains in January business. They are feeling the current of improvement that is being felt in the entire country and they have all gained more than 150 per cent in available cash in thirty days. This shows that there is a loosening up of things and that something will happen whereby the people will be fed and clothed and everything move on in about the same good old way.

The people are generally too hasty in jumping to conclusions and while our present slump is bad, yet our mental attitude has made it appear much worse than it really is. One year we only thought and talked of the good conditions, to-day we only think and talk of the bad.

The thing for us to do is to take off our coats and hats and get into the ring and put up an honest to God fight to overcome the hard times of which we are now complaining.

If the money of this country that is being held up on the hip of the people could be placed into several banks of the county, and get to doing business for the public good, things would loosen up immediately. Everybody would be helped and nobody hurt.

The best place to start good times is at home. Don't blame it all to New York or Washington to bring about our salvation. Rather let each man and woman take his or her part of the blame and do his or her part to bring about better times.

LEWIS-FREEMAN

Mr. Edmund Alexander announces the marriage of his daughter Mildred Alexander Freeman to

Mr. Frank Coe Lewis on Tuesday, February the first one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one New York City

Enclosed card reads: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coe Lewis will be at home after the fifteenth of February "Broadroof," Algonquin Park Norfolk, Virginia

Notice of the above marriage has been received with much interest in Williamston and eastern Carolina, where Mrs. Mildred Freeman was well known, being the oldest daughter of Mr. Edmund Alexander and sister of Mrs. J. S. Rhodes. As Miss Alexander, she resided in this section several years and founded friendships that have matured with time. She has been living in New York for some time, having made a profession of short story writing and using the pen name of "Sandra Alexander."

Mr. Lewis is originally from Massachusetts but is now living in Norfolk with his family and is of the firm of Lewis and Williams, big real estate dealers in Norfolk. They were married in The Little Church Around the Corner in New York City, spent two days at the Stratford Hotel in New York and then sailed for Bermuda.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the authority contained in a certain deed of trust executed on the 15th day of Nov. 1917 by W. A. Hilliard and wife, and registered in the public registry of Martin County in Book N-1 at page 471, to secure the payment of a certain bond of even date therewith, and the stipulations in said deed of trust not having been complied with, at the request of the parties interested the undersigned trustee will on Monday, the 21st day of February, 1921 at the Courthouse door in the town of Williamston at 12 o'clock M. offer at public sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate:

Adjoining Simon E. Hardison on the north; N. S. Peel on the east south, the Road leading from Williamston and Jamesville on the west, containing 160 acres more or less more commonly known as the Groom place and being the same land purchased by us from said U. P. Hadley. This the 19th day of Jan. 1921.

WHEELER MARTIN Trustee.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of George W. Martin, late of Martin county, North Carolina all persons indebted to the said estate are hereby notified to pay same immediately and all persons holding claims against said estate are hereby notified to present same for payment within one year from this date or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This 20th day of December, 1920. H. O. MARTIN, Administrator

REGULAR SESSION OF RECORDER'S COURT

The Recorder's Court convened on Tuesday, February first with Judge Calvin C. Smith presiding and Attorney B. Duke Critcher prosecuting in behalf of the State.

The following jury was chosen: R. E. Roberson, J. H. Reddick, J. N. Hopkins, C. A. Askew, L. A. Sykes, Alexander Mannig, Eason Lilley, Luther Waters, L. C. Bennett, R. H. Smith C. B. Reddick and S. H. Mobley State vs. Thad Moore, Operating automobile while intoxicated. Fined \$50.00 and costs of action.

State vs. Thad Moore. Resisting officer. Sentenced to jail for term of two days and fined the payments of the cost.

State vs. William H. Roberson, C. W. Through Attorney A. R. Dunning the court was moved to dismiss the action on the grounds that the defendant was less than sixteen years of age.

State vs. T. M. Keel. Disposing of Crops. Continued for defendant till February 15th, 1921.

State vs. Rufus Knight. A. D. W. and State vs. Rufus Knight, C. C. W. The two cases were consolidated Defendant plead not guilty. Found guilty by the jury. Sentenced to Edgecombe county roads four months for A. D. W. and two months for C. C. W.

State vs. Simon Fagan, L. and R. Not guilty.

State vs. Simon Fagan, Jr., C. C. W. Found guilty and fined \$50.00 and cost from which judgment excepts and appeal to the Superior Court. Appeal bond fixed at \$100.00.

State vs. Simon Fagan, Jr. Receiving pistol without permit. Found guilty and fined \$25.00 and cost of action, from which judgment the defendant excepts and appeals to the Superior Court. Appeal bond fixed at \$100.00.

CORRECTION

By a misprint of the Stock Law Bill in our last issue we pleased both sides. By a typographical error we the law read "It shall be lawful to be unlawful." So we make the correction in order that no misunderstanding may exist.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the authority contained in a certain deed of trust executed on the 15th day of December, 1917 by William Whitley and wife, Sylvia Whitley and registered in the public registry of Martin County in Book M-1 at page 486, to secure the payment of a certain bond of even date therewith; and the stipulations in said deed of trust not having been complied with, and at the request of the parties interested the undersigned trustee will on Friday the 25th day of Jan. 1921, at the courthouse door in the town of Williamston at 12 o'clock M. offer at public sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate:

Adjoining Blood Block Street or Pear Street on the north east Williamston and Washington road, on the south Henry Sherrod on the south west and Carolina Latham on the north west containing (1-2) one half acre more or less, and being same land conveyed to William Whitley wife, Sylvia Whitley by deed from W. H. Biggs, H. H. Cowen and B. A. Critcher and more commonly known as the Sprull Lot.

This the 21st day of Jan. 1921.

WHEELER MARTIN Trustee.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred in the power of sale, contained in a certain deed of trust executed to me the undersigned trustee by J. T. Taper, on the 13th day of November, 1917. Said deed of trust being of record in Martin County registry, in book M-1, page 469 and the stipulations therein not having been complied with and at the request of the parties interested, I will expose to public auction at 12 o'clock M. on the 7th day of February, 1921, in front of the court house door in Williamston, North Carolina, the following described tracts of land:

Two tracts of land in Jamesville Township, adjoining the lands of J. E. Mizelle and others, the first tract containing 222 acres more or less and the second 60 acres more or less being the same tracts of land fully described in a deed of record in Martin County Registry in Book WWW, page 160, to which reference is hereby made for full description—saving and excepting 13 acres sold to J. E. C. Davis and wife, and being the same premises this day sold by G. W. Blount to J. T. Taper.

This the first day of January, 1921.

B. DUKE CRITCHER Trustee.

Plant a permanent pasture but don't expect it to grow on worn out, sour worthless land.

Local News and Personal Mention

Messrs. Ben and W. Robert Everett of Palmyra were in town last night.

Mr. W. C. Manning celebrated his fiftieth birthday and Mrs. Fannie Keelinger her seventy-sixth birthday with a joint birthday dinner.

Mrs. L. M. Simpson of R. F. D. No. 2 returned to her home today from Elizabeth City, where she has been visiting relatives.

Messrs. J. Lass Wynne and W. C. Manning are in Roanoke Rapids today.

Messrs. S. R. Clary and John Bellamy of Washington were in town yesterday.

Miss Myrtle Swain and Mr. Clyde Robbins of Plymouth were quietly married at the Methodist Church on Sunday evening by Rev. L. C. Larkin.

Mr. and Mrs. Robbins spent the night at the Atlantic Hotel, motoring to their home the next morning.

James E. Harrison, Jr., returned home Wednesday night after spending thirty-two days in Washington Hospital for an appendicitis operation.

Mr. J. A. Mizelle of Farmville was a pleasant visitor in town Wednesday.

Mr. Louis Horton of Plymouth was in town this week visiting friends.

Mrs. Jenny Boyle who has been visiting Mrs. J. H. Saunders for some time has returned to her home in Hamilton.

Miss Mamie Taylor of Everetts is visiting Mrs. Lucy Roberson.

Messrs. J. O. Sadler of Plymouth, C. H. Lashly of Morehead City and George C. Harper of Raleigh are registered at the Atlantic Hotel this week.

Dr. G. C. Godwin has returned from a business trip to Raleigh.

Mrs. J. S. Rhodes, Mrs. Elbert S. Peel, Miss Daisy Manning and Mr. Jack W. Biggs motored to Washington Tuesday.

Dr. G. C. Godwin has moved his offices over the armers and Merchants Bank, recently occupied by Attorney E. S. Peel. Dr. Godwin's telephone number is No. 9.

MR. JOHN R. HARRISON

Mr. John R. Harrison of Bear Grass township died January 23 of a complication of diseases in his seventy-first year. He was an honest and exceedingly industrious farmer who remained quietly at home, attended to his own business and by hard labor carved a home for himself and family to whom he was affectionately devoted and delighted in providing for them. He leaves a sorely afflicted widow and seven children, all of whom are grown. The funeral services were conducted by Elders Rogers and Cowen and his body laid to rest in the family burying ground at B. O. Cowings.—Reported by B. O. Cowing.

THE TIME TO BUY IS NOW

(Greenboro Daily News)
Have you ever been bit? Do you remember how much pleasure there was in talking about your sickening after you were recovered? That is what is wrong with business today. It's been sick. A severe cure on indigestion followed a three year feasting. A great inflation came out of the rich food we've had these recent times.

But, today, that deflation is ended. It's no longer a case for the doctor. It's now time for sunshine and cheer. It is the right time for the patient to forget he was ill to stop looking about the operation to get back to business with "full speed ahead" to time to buy now.

HOG WEIGHS 1,118 POUNDS

Climon, Jan. 20.—Again Sampson challenges the State to beat its big hog. Mr. Chas. R. Bennam is the champion. Year after year, for several years, he has killed a monster porker, but that of this year probably beats his best record, as well as set one for the whole state. The monster porker, killed this week, netted 1,118 pounds, and this did not include the liver and other loose parts as is the case in weighing some big hogs. Several others weighing over 700 have been killed in the county, the next highest being an 846 pounder, which belonged to Mr. Alvin Royall. Mr. L. T. Alderman reports the slaughter of a 720 pounder by his brother, Mr. D. B. Alderman. Sampson has plenty of hog and hominy to supply the county needs.

A. C. E. PULLS STANDARD OIL OUT OF HOLE

Wednesday the Standard Oil truck, used for distributing oil in Martin county was stuck in the mud on Washington street and couldn't be budged by any ordinary horsepower. Finally the Atlantic Coast Line freight engine backed up and pulled it out. When our streets get in such condition that it takes freight engines to pull out cars it is time for action.

"Safe and sane" farming has a new meaning this year.

OFFICERS GET LARGE STILL NEAR EVERETT

Deputy Sheriff John H. Edmondson, with Chief of Police Dawson Biggs of Everetts, made a little run on the suburbs of Everetts last week and found something had been in "soak" near that old town. Things were so fresh, they report, that they could actually smell molasses and finally they struck a trail leading out behind the McNaughton Mill where they found a very large plant running full blast but the operators escaped. They met some colored men who they thought, might have been out to get a drink but were not connected with the operation of the still. The officers turned out about sixteen barrels of beer and found four gallons of the meanest "likker" imaginable. The still is one of the largest in captivity.

USELESS MURDER
Sunday night while Lieut. John C. Taylor was driving through the Naval Base at Norfolk, he was shot by a sentry and killed instantly. It may be that there will be sufficient ground shown in the investigation to exonerate the sentry. But when we consider that Lieutenant Taylor was an important officer at the Camp, a specialist in eye, ear, nose and throat diseases, an evidently knew the regulations of the post, and of course could not hear the man half him when running in a closed car, then to be shot deliberately through the brain without first firing a signal, hot look rather cruel. When not state of war exists it may be too firm. Lieut. Taylor was a Pitt County boy, a fine type of young man and well known in Williamston.

TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB
The Twentieth Century Club met met with Mrs. John W. Manning on Wednesday afternoon from four to five-thirty o'clock. The spacious rooms of Mrs. Manning on Church street were filled with many guests besides the regular club members. The program follows:

Paper "Biography of Abraham Lincoln," Mrs. Barnes.
Duet—Misses Andrew.
Reading "From Emerson to Abe Lincoln," by Miss Frances Knight.
Trio—Misses Andrew and Mrs. J. W. Manning.
Current Event—Mrs. Kate E. Crawford.

After the book were exchanged Mrs. Manning served a delightful refreshment course with hot tea. The meeting adjourned to meet Wednesday, February 10th, with Mrs. Clayton Moore.

EMBROIDERY CLUB MEETS
The Embroidery Club met this week with Mrs. Henry Crawford who at ways a delightful hostess. After the routine club business and the hour of needle work, Mrs. Crawford served a delicious ice course. Mrs. E. W. Graves was received at this meeting as a new member. The guest for the afternoon were, besides the club members: Mrs. Anna Crawford, Messdames P. E. Apfel, O. A. Anderson, S. R. Biggs, Jr., Warren E. King, J. G. Staton, C. B. Clark, A. R. Dunning, J. H. Saunders, F. W. Holt, and Mrs. J. W. Watters.

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Even fertilizers can't overcome the handicaps of poor seed bed and poor

Tobacco Prices Are Improving

Many farmers that have recently been selling on the Greenville or Rocky Mount floors have been selling on the Williamston floors this week and report the prices much higher. Some say that they received 20 per cent more here, while some place the increase as high as 40 per cent.

Of course the Williamston warehouses do not want the farmers to know about this as they are very careful about advertising the market. But we do not hesitate to make mention of these facts which come to us from our friends and we can give the names of the parties who have been making good sales on the Williamston floors. Martin county farmers have sold lots of tobacco on foreign markets this year that should have been brought to the home markets and brought more money.

OAK CITY NEWS

Misses Jackson and Peel took dinner with Mrs. J. C. Ross on Monday.

Mr. Brown of Norfolk was in town Monday.

Mr. J. W. Hines went to Washington, D. C. Tuesday. He had personal business with Congressman Small.

Mr. Turner Grimes of Robersonville spent a few hours in town Monday.

The faculty and several young men of the town motored out to Mr. Joe Early's Sunday and spent the day.

Mr. B. L. Hines has returned to Norfolk.

Mr. William Stinette spent last week end in Jerrett, Virginia, with his people.

Mr. D. C. Sabiston was in town Sunday and again on Tuesday.

Messrs. E. E. Pittman and Jimmie Coumel went to Greenville Tuesday to attend the funeral of Dr. Jack Taylor.

Miss Jefferson House entertained the teachers and a number of the young people of Oak City on Wednesday night. Delicious refreshments were served.

Dr. E. E. Pittman went to Speed Sunday night.

Mr. W. B. Harrell of Norfolk was in town Monday.

SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

A. V. Joyner, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M. Dr. P. B. Cone, Supt. Classes well organized and taught by good teachers. Come and bring the children.
Sermon by the pastor H. A. M. Subject "The World's Darkest Night." At three o'clock in the afternoon, the pastor will preach at Riddick's Grove.
Sermon by the pastor, 7:30 P. M. Subject: "A Crook Barren, or Jacob and Esau." This will be the first of a series of short sermons which the pastor will preach each Sunday evening, on a man's life in five scenes.

You are most cordially invited to attend all these services.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the authority contained in a certain Deed of Trust from G. R. Roebuck and C. H. Godwin to the undersigned trustee, bearing date of Dec. 1st, 1919, and of record in the public registry of Martin County, in Book C-2 at pages 172 and 173, said Deed of Trust having been given to secure bonds of even date and tenor therewith, and the stipulations therein contained not having been complied with, and at the request of the holder of said bonds, the undersigned trustee will on Monday, the 28th day of Feb. 1921, at 12 o'clock, Noon in the Courthouse door Williamston, North Carolina offer at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described tract of land to wit:

All those certain tracts of land lying and situated and being in County of Martin and state of North Carolina, near the town of Everetts and being tracts, Numbers Ninety (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) on plot of land formerly owned by J. G. Staton and known as the Ballard Farm as surveyed and started by C. M. Credle, C. E. Plat of which is on record in Martin County Register's office in Book One (1) page 487 to which said plat reference is hereby made for a more perfect description: Tract no. 9 contains 41 and 80 one hundredth acres.

Tract No. 10 contains 44 and 88 one hundredth acres.

Tract No. 11 contains 42 and 88 one hundredth acres.

Tract No. 12 contains 35 and 1 one hundredth acres.

Being a total of 170 and 86 one hundredth acres.

This the 24th day of Jan. 1921.

A. R. DUNNING Trustee.

Jan 24th TTTT

Two Carloads Wire Fencing at C. D. Carstarphen's cheap for cash.

LARGE STILL CAPTURED AFTER RUNNING FIGHT

Tuesday Sheriff Roberson, Deputy Edmondson and Chief Page in answer to a tip made a trip on the back of the Jim Biggs' farm near the Ed Wadston farm and soon found a splendid trail. While moving along the officers were beset by two vicious bull-dog dogs, the charge of the dogs warned the stillers who were soon fifty yards away running a top speed and in their rush they proceeded to open fire on the pursuing officers, who with instant promptness responded with buck shot and bullets but the distance was too great and no one was struck.

None of the operators were identified although it is certain they were colored and that there were three of them. The copper still of a 100 gallon capacity was destroyed, about ten barrels of beer poured out and three gallons of run taken. The officers found nine barrels of beer in ferment about a hundred and fifty yards away, two barrels of molasses and some brick about two hundred yards from the still. It is evident that the still was one of those circuit riders, which is taken from stand to stand, to pour out its sluice of poison to debauch the families of the country.

This territory had evidently been one of the devil's play grounds for many years and has been under the direction of a few negroes. But worse than that it has been led mecca for a few old "moonshiners" from Williamston. This is one of the strong institutions which judges in their wise "discretion," have built up and it has now grown to the point that it has gathered the spirit of murder and destruction. Pitiable is the community that has stood for a bunch of folks to run in high gear a nest of blood-ade stills and sooner or later it will damage any neighborhood.

NEW EPISCOPAL MINISTER
Rev. Walter B. Clark will preach at the Episcopal church Sunday morning and evening at the usual hours. He will remain here as rector, holding regular services at this church three Sundays each month and preaching at Hamilton once. Mr. Clark comes here from Southport.

NOTICE OF SALE
North Carolina, Martin County
Under and by virtue of the authority contained in a certain Deed of Trust from O. M. Lilley and wife Maud Lilley to the undersigned trustee and bearing date of 17th December 1919 and recorded in the Register of Deeds office for Martin County in Book A-2 page 329, executed, to secure payment of a certain bond of even date therewith and the stipulations contained in the said deed of trust not having been complied with and at the request of the parties interested, the undersigned trustee will sell, for cash, to the highest bidder, at the Court House Door, in Williamston, N. C., at Twelve o'clock, on the 7th day of March 1921 the following described real property, to wit:

A tract of land beginning at the mouth of Tar Landing Road near S. W. Hardison; thence, running up the Williamston Road 44 3/4 poles to a Small Oak, South 9 East to the run of Blank Swamp; thence, running down the various courses of said Swamp to a corner formerly near Levi S. Yate's land, being a corner formerly between Shephard and Yates thence, N. 15 West along Yates line 161 poles to the mouth of Tar Landing Road the beginning, containing 51 1/2 acres more or less.

H. M. STUBBS Trustee.

Cotton Seed Hulls and Meal also car of hay at Carstarphen's, cheap for cash.

LAUGH AND GROW FAT SEE "FATTY" ARBUCKLE

THE LIFE OF THE PARTY

STRAND THEATRE

—MONDAY—
"MY LADY'S GARTER"
with Wyndham Standing and Sylvia Brenner (Touneur production)
—TUESDAY—
"THE COST"
with Violet Heming (David Graham Phillips' greatest story)
—WEDNESDAY—
Clyde Cook, the funniest man in the world in "Don't Tickle"
Mutt & Jeff—"Hard Luck, mu Mutt & Jeff—"Hard Luck, Santa Claus"
Big "V" Comedy—"Footprints"
"Bride 13"—Episode No. 2

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