

PROSPECTS IN 1923 FOR AGRICULTURE

NEW YEAR'S STATEMENT AND RESUME OF AGRICULTURAL CONDITIONS

(By Agricultural Secretary Wallace)

Twelve months ago, most of the six million farmers of the United States were starting on the long hard climb out of the valley of economic depression. They have not yet attained the heights which are bathed in the grateful sunshine of prosperity. Some, indeed have fallen by the way. Others are still in the valley. Nevertheless, as we stop a bit and look backward we can see that very considerable ground has been gained by the New Year, with renewed hope and with that courage which comes from realization that we are really making progress.

A year ago, when speaking of the prospects for farming in 1922, I said that while there was no reason to expect boom times for the farmer in the near future, there was promise of better times, both for the farmer and for those whose business is largely dependent upon him. The year has brought fulfillment of that promise. Generally speaking, times are better, much better, than a year ago, both for agriculture and for industry.

Crops have been good on the whole. Prices of the major crops are mostly considerably higher. While there has been a corresponding advance in the prices of the things the farmer must buy, the total sum which farmers will receive for the crops of 1922 is greater by a billion and a half dollars or more than that which they received for the crops of 1921. This will certainly mean better times on the farm, and folks will be able to ease up on the grinding economy they were forced to practice the preceding year.

The labor cost of producing the crop of 1922 was still further reduced. There were some substantial reductions in freight rates. Much helpful legislation has been enacted and more will be this winter. Interest rates are lower and credit strains have been eased. This has made it possible for many farmers who were rather heavily involved to refund their obligations and get themselves in condition to win through.

There are still some dark spots. In some sections weather conditions were unfavorable and crops were short, and farmers in these sections are having a very hard time of it. Freight rates are still too high, especially for those who must pay for a long haul to the market.

Taxes are high, but this is largely due to the increase in local taxes, over which farmers themselves must exercise control.

There has been gratifying growth in farmers' cooperative marketing associations, and more of them are being organized on a sound business basis.

Aside from the help which has been given by legislation and by more normal relation between agriculture and other industries.

The peril in the agricultural depression is more keenly realized by other groups than ever before, and to every hand a sincere desire is being evidenced to do what can be done safely to help the farmer better his condition.

Everything considered, we have reason to expect still better things for agriculture in the year 1923.

HELP THE COLLARD TO TASTE BETTER

Is Very Popular Dish in This State and Few Get the Best Results From This Vegetable

RALEIGH, Dec. 30.—Although the collard is probably the most widely grown vegetable in North Carolina, few people get the best results from this plant as few grow it properly, says F. E. McCall, home garden specialist of the extension service. He says that when the collard is correctly grown and properly prepared it is an excellent dish for those who like a cabbage flavor. But as commonly grown the leaves are coarse, tough and bitter instead of being tender and succulent. Therefore instead of being appetizing when cooked it is often unpalatable and causes indigestion.

After the collard has acquired this bitter flavor, few people like it and Mr. McCall notes that the average patch at this time is not giving any appreciable amount of food to the family.

To remedy this Mr. McCall makes the following suggestions: "The leaves of the collard should be tied up as soon as long enough to aid in blanching the inside leaves. Blanched leaves always have a far more delicate flavor than the unblanched leaves. When thus grown this vegetable has a much sweeter flavor than cabbage. Collards should be cultivated often, fertilized well with a nitrogenous fertilizer, and supplied with plenty of moisture to force rapid growth. If the growth is slow the leaves will be tough and the flavor strong."

HARDISON MILL ITEMS

Mr. C. J. Roberson was here on business last Thursday.

Misses Estelle Coltrin, Mattie Coltrin, Irine Manning, Gladys Roberson and several young men friends were the guests of Miss Nettie Ellis Wednesday evening.

Mr. Hubert Hardison entertained some friends from Creswell last week.

Mr. James R. Corey has installed electric lights so he can see how to go to the house from his store without getting stuck.

Our old friend Joe Hardison has forgotten the way down here we believe. We hope when the roads get better he will come back.

Make the home town paper a New

Year present to that absent loved one. Write him about it. There is nothing he will appreciate more.

Legumes pay their board and pay for the privilege.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the authority contained in a certain deed of trust, executed on the 1st day of January 1919, by J. H. Davenport and wife, Carrie A. Davenport, and registered in the register of deed's office for Martin county in book A-1 at page 24, 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 11th day of January, 1923, at 12 o'clock M., at the court house door of Martin county, Williamston, N. C., offer at public

sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate.

First tract: Adjoining the lands of Mary Gainer and Mrs. Bettie Gray Gurkin, et als, beginning at the Jamesville and Plymouth road at W. Gray's line, (now Bettie Gray Gurkin's line); thence with the Gray line now Bettie Gray Gurkin's line down the ravine to Gum Branch; thence up said branch to W. L. Fagin's line, to Hardy Gainer's line; thence with Hardy Gainer's line to the public road to the beginning, containing 33 1-2 acres, more or less and being the same tract of land conveyed to J. H. Davenport by deed from Mc. G. Davenport and wife, dated the 4th day of Jan. 1, 1905, of record in the public registry of Martin county in book 000 at page 32.

Second tract: Beginning at Robert Key's corner; thence a southwesterly course with said Robert Key's line to W. G. Gaylord's line; thence a

westerly course along said W. G. Gaylord's line to Delia Moore's line; and thence with said Delia Moore line to the public road; thence along the said road back to the beginning, and being two shares of the Isaac Moore tract of land, containing about four acres by estimation, more or less.

This the 7th day of December, 1922. WHEELER MARTIN, Trustee.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the judgment in the case of The Dennis-Simmons Lumber Company vs Winnie Mizell, administratrix of Jessie Mizell, et als, signed by W. M. Bond, judge, at June term, 1920, and which is of record in the clerk's office for Martin county, the undersigned commissioner will, on the 15th day of January, 1923, at 12:00 o'clock M., at the court house door in Williamston, North Carolina, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described land:

First tract. The tract of land in Bear Grass township, Martin county, adjoining the lands of Slade Harrison, McCratt, Robert Harrison, L. M. Martin and James A. Britton, and being the tract Jesse Mizell purchased of Emily Bland.

Second tract. The tract of land in Bear Grass township, Martin county, adjoining the lands of James F. Bailey, Henry Rogerson and Reuben Rogerson, and being the tract of land which Jesse Mizell purchased of Jas. F. Bailey.

Third tract. Located in Bear Grass township, Martin county, adjoining the lands of James A. Rogerson, Wm. Mizell, and being the tract of land Jesse Mizell purchased of Chrissie Harrison.

Fourth tract. The tract of land in Bear Grass township, Martin county, adjoining the lands of Joshua Coltrin, W. J. Hadley, Simon Griffin and Edmond Harris, and being the tract of land Jesse Mizell purchased of Emily Bond.

This the 15th day of December, 1922.

B. A. CRITCHER, Commissioner.

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