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A Year Around Plan

National Cotton Week, set for May 17-25, promises to be the greatest event of its kind in cotton's history.

Promoted by the National Cotton Council, the Cotton Textile Institute, and other cooperating agencies, Cotton Week in the nineteen cotton-producing states will bring before the public a record parade of cotton products.

With merchants of the Belt featuring their annual cotton sales, it is certain that cotton consumption will take a decided jump during National Cotton Week. Promotional plans which bring into play every agency in the community can but result in such an increase.

Yet an increase in volume of cotton sales during National Cotton Week alone is not enough. To increase cotton consumption appreciably we must convert Cotton Week into a year around plan. If the goal of a ten per cent gain in domestic consumption set by the National Cotton Council for the immediate future is to be reached, every man, woman and child in the United States must use an additional 14-100th of an ounce of cotton every day of the year.

Fourteen-hundredths of an ounce is not a very imposing quantity. But when the per capita increase per day of cotton reaches that quantity, we will be using 750,000 bales a year more than we are at present. This increase would bring domestic consumption to within a few hundred bales of the all-time high.

The Cotton Council is launching a program which can bring about that increase, an increase which will make it Cotton Week not once, but fifty-two times a year. Cooperation of the people of the Belt will go a long way toward making that program successful.

Akin To Hard Times

For one George McKee, of Anderson, South Carolina, his boyhood days reflected hard times. At least those trying days offered something that was close kin to depression. McKee's story, appearing below, is recognized as a good tonic for many of us who are prone to complain about times just because we can't ride twenty out of the twenty-four hours of the day, attend all the shows, smoke up all the cigarettes and enjoy an all-summer-long vacation. McKee says:

"Don't talk to me about hard times. I was born eight miles from a railroad, nine miles from a school house, nine miles from a church. 885 miles from New York, 200 yards from a wash-hole, 15 feet from a cornfield, and 8,767 miles from Hong Kong.

"Our nearest neighbor lived two miles away, and they couldn't read nor write. I never saw a suit of underwear until I was 17 years old, and that revolution didn't belong to anybody in our family. The only book in the house during my early childhood was a Bible and a catalogue somebody sent us.

"There were twelve members in our family, but you see, we had three rooms to live in, including the dining room, which also served as a kitchen. Everybody worked at our house. We thought everybody else in the world had gravy and bread for breakfast, liver and cracklin' hoeecake for dinner, buttermilk and corn pone for supper, 'cause that's what we had—and liked it.

"Some of us wore brogan shoes occasionally in the wintertime. We had nice white shirts for summer use. We slept on straw ticks, and pillows were not thought of or required. I didn't know that money would rattle until I was nearly grown. Father got hold of two half-dollars at the same time, once and let us hear them rattle. Taxes were not higher, but harder to pay than now.

"We had owned two kerosene lamps, neither of which had a chimney. Our house wasn't ceiled, but two of our rooms had lofts in them. We had a glass window in our company room. Our nicest piece of furniture was a home-made rocking chair. Our beds were of the staid and tight-rope variety. The 'trundle bed' took care of all the young-uns under five years of age, and it stayed full all of the time.

"We went to school two or three months in a year, but not in a bus. We attended church once

a year, but not in a car; we used a two-mule team. We dressed up on Sundays but not in silks or satins. We neither wrote letters nor received any. We made our own lye hominy, distilled our own lye from our own ash-hopper. We drank sasafra tea and never had a yearning for coffee.

"We sopped our own molasses; we ate our meat; we considered rice a delicacy for only the preachers to eat; we had heard of cheese, but never saw any; we knew of some store-bought clothes but never hoped to wear any; we got a stick of candy and three raisins for Christmas and were never hungry, enjoyed getting naked, didn't want much, expected nothing. And that's why our so-called hard-times ain't hard on me."

A Blot On A Civilized County

According to reliable estimates advanced by the Health Department there are approximately 2,000 homes in Martin County without toilet facilities, the sanitarian declaring that in most of these cases not even the crudest type privy forms a part of the outlying landscape.

It is hard to believe that such a condition exists in this a supposedly civilized county. But there is no reason to discredit the health department's estimate; and since the findings cannot be disputed then they are to be considered as a blot on the progress of this county.

There is good reason to believe that no such condition existed in greater proportions at any other time in the county with the possible exception of the time when the savage Indians roamed the forests and swamplands or when the white man first came here and first had to provide a shelter for his head. It would appear that civilization is slipping when it practices such strict economy and endangers the public health by such false and absurd economy.

A man built a sizable house in this county some time ago and up until just recently there wasn't a toilet on the place. Landlords, for one reason or another in numerous cases have refused to provide toilet facilities for their tenants, their action directing them to the woods and covered spots just as if they were animals of the forest.

When such a condition as that reported by the health department is allowed to exist it would appear advisable for our fast-living society to subtract something from the frontal appearance and add it to the rear in the name of common decency if not in the name of better health.

Why People Stay Away From Church

Gastonia Gazette.
One of the most thought provoking articles we have read in a long time is by Robert Quillen, well known paragrapher and columnist.

Why are people staying away from church? he asks. They are not, he answers, if the preacher has something to give them. The few great preachers never face an empty seat.

"If preachers who have ability will quit trying to lecture on current events, or trying to provide pleasant entertainment and sincerely strive to show people how to solve their problems, and find their way to God, the church will be filled again by the multitudes who hunger for peace," said Mr. Quillen.

This article by Mr. Quillen ought to be read by every minister of the gospel in America. It is one of the answers to the question as to what is wrong with the church today. Mr. Quillen:

"I have been to see a doctor for the first time since I was a kid, and now at the age of 42 I am face to face with the awful mystery of death. I'm not kidding myself. I'm scared. What are we when we die? Just what? I have never thought about these things. Who can tell me the answer, and make me believe it? If anybody knows anything, where can I find it?"

"The man who wrote that appeal unknowingly spoke for millions—not millions who are facing death, but millions who are facing life. They are people who find no solace or balm or peace of spirit except by the sorry expedient of refusing to think.

"Yet a recent magazine article says people are quitting the church, and more than a thousand small churches close every year—all of them Protestant.

"The Catholics are growing—partly because their number increases by birth, each child reared in a Catholic family being claimed by the church, while a child of Protestant parents is counted as nothing unless he joins the church of his own volition; but also because the Catholics, made wise by centuries of experience, appeal to all the senses, knowing that all beauty brings people closer to God, and the peace of soul for which they long is not developed by exhortation alone, but also with the aid of soothing lights and stately architecture and beautiful music. Man can worship in the woods, but, as the other Roosevelt said, he seldom does it.

"Why are people staying away from church? The answer is that they aren't if the preacher has something to give them. The few great preachers never face an empty seat.

"Other preachers fail, as movies, writers and radio programs fail, because they have nothing worthwhile to offer and therefore bore people. Dull talk concerning religion, morals and sin is no less tiresome than dull talk about the weather—and saying it louder doesn't make it more interesting.

"The pulpit must be wiser than the pew. "If preachers who have ability will quit trying to lecture on current events, or provide pleasant entertainment, and sincerely strive to show people how to solve their problems and find their way to God the church will be filled again by the multitudes who hunger for peace."

Re-Queens Apiary Due To An Outbreak Of Disease

Carl Ingram, of the Fork Township in Wayne County was forced to re-queen his apiary because of an outbreak of the European Foulbrood disease, reports R. B. Harper, assistant county farm agent.

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina, Martin County. In The Superior Court.

County of Martin vs. C. A. Forrester and wife, Mary Forrester, W. C. Manning, Jr., Administrator, Emie Knutti, and Town of Williamston. Under and by virtue of an order of sale and judgment in the above entitled proceeding made by L. B. Wynne, Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County, on Monday, the 22nd day of April, 1940, the undersigned commissioner will, on Thursday, the 23rd day of May, 1940, at twelve o'clock noon, in front of the courthouse door in the town of Williamston, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, to wit:

Being a part of lots No. 12 and No. 13, adjoining lot No. 14 of the Watts Grove property, having 65 feet frontage on Williams Street and adjoining the lands of A. J. Manning and the house which was formerly occupied by Raymond Cherry, as shown by map of same in the Registrar's office of Martin County in Land Division Book No. 1.

This the 22nd day of April, 1940. CHAS. H. MANNING, Commissioner.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of George H. Mizell, Sr., deceased, late of Martin County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present same to the undersigned within twelve (12) months from the date of this notice, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate pay-

ment.

This the sixth day of May, 1940. R. L. MIZELL, Administrator of the estate of m7-6t George H. Mizell, Sr. RECEIPT BOOKS FOR SALE: Enterprise Publishing Company. Telephone 46. a26-tf

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. Having this day qualified as administratrix of the estate of N. T. Leggett, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to exhibit same to the undersigned or her attorneys within twelve months of the date of this notice, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 28th day of March, 1940. MRS. FANNIE LEGGETT, Administratrix of the Estate of N. T. Leggett. Peel & Manning, Atlys. a12-6t

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of B. M. Worsley, deceased, late of Martin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Oak City, N. C., on or before the 10th day of April, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make im-

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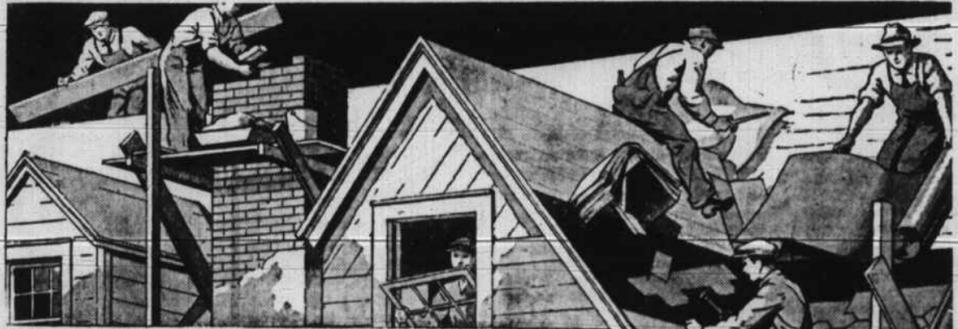
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