

**SAFE FARMING.**

Nearly every where one can hear the remark that seeds are very high priced this spring. This is more especially true when the seed mentioned are those that produce food or feed crops. And another remark heard frequently by many is the high prices on food supplies. Why do these conditions exist in our country today? One of the main and greatest reasons for these conditions is that the Southern farmers for years past have devoted too much attention to the production of the money crops, and too little attention to the production of food and feed supplies. The attention that has been given to the diversification of crops and the production of the food and feed crops has been small compared to the money crops. Money crops: Tobacco, Cotton, and Peanuts, have been produced at the expense of the more needed crops and supplies of today. The entire crop system that exists largely in the South has been wrong, the system most generally found has been the one crop system.

In the year 1915, when the National, State and Extension Departments waged a campaign on the one crop system, and offered the better methods of diversification, many of the farmers were free to say that they were not able and could not afford to change their methods at that time. The main reason they gave was the low prices obtained for farm products that fall. The crops produced this past year realized a fair price and the farmers today are in better condition. Will they let another such time face them in a few years? The outlook for prices for edible products, whether for man or beast are better today than for many years. Any product that is produced this year that is edible will bring its price this year. Farm safe this year. Produce all crops that is necessary to feed the animals on the farm this year. Let the money crops be a side crop, so to speak, and then they will be the profit of this years farming.

For several reasons the one crop system is not wise, and too, it is unsafe. Let's see why this statement is true.

First—The one crop system is unsafe because it depends on the market and crop conditions of the one crop. Failure of crops or failure of market alike brings serious disaster.

Second—Because it does not provide for the soil fertility. Commercial fertilizers are high, and they do not build up the soil fertility.

Third—It fails to provide for a sufficient live-stock industry to consume the waste products of the farm, and build up the waste pieces of the farm.

Fourth—It doesn't provide for a system of farm management under which labor, team and tools may be used to the fullest advantage.

Fifth—It brings return in cash to the farm but once a year instead of turning the money over more than one time a year.

Sixth—It does not produce the necessary foods for the people on the farms and keep them in health and strength.

Seventh—It limits knowledge, narrows citizenship, and does not foster home building, but does encourage commercial farming.

There will be a meeting of the Washington County Board of Agriculture, at Mackeys, N. C. on the first Saturday in April, at ten o'clock. It is earnestly hoped that every member of this Board will be there, and all farmers that are interested in the advancement of agriculture in the county.

Very truly yours,  
N. B. Stevens,  
County Agent.

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Report of the condition of  
**The Merchants & Farmers Bank**

at Columbia, in the State North Carolina, at the close of business March 5 1917.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$ 105,658.73
Overdrafts unsecured	1,818.13
All other stocks, bonds and Mortgages	5,000.00
Banking Houses	3,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	750.00
All other real estate owned	1,100.00
Demand loans	2,000.00
Due from National Banks	4,213.02
Cash Items	126.48
Gold Coin	905.00
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency	454.73
National bank notes and other U. S. Notes	2,514.00
W. M. Brickhouse, C. S. C.	600.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$128,700.09</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$10,000.00
Surplus fund	7,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	1,646.01
Deposits subject to check	\$1,761.21
Cashier's Checks outstanding	\$40.41
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$128,700.09</b>

State of North Carolina—County of Tyrrell—1917.  
I, L. H. Harrison, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

L. H. Harrison, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day March 1917.  
T. H. Woodley, Notary Public.  
Correct—Attest:  
A. L. Walker, Jeff Davis, T. M. Beasley

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF  
**The Bank of Plymouth,**

at Plymouth, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business Mar. 5th, 1917.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$ 120,180.16
Overdrafts secured	114.90
Overdrafts unsecured	336.10
North Carolina State Bonds, Premium on Bonds,	5,000.00
Banking Houses,	113.61
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
All other real estate owned,	2,000.00
Due from National Banks	2,222.50
Cash Items	49,973.50
Gold Coin	240.09
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency	280.00
Nation bank notes and other U. S. Notes	4,356.88
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$193,529.72</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$20,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	3,510.71
Deposits subject to check	97,801.26
Savings Deposits	71,016.80
Cashier's checks outstanding	1,200.95
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$193,529.72</b>

State of North Carolina, County of Washington, 1917.  
I, Clarence Latham, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Clarence Latham, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 15th day of March, 1917.  
Clarence Latham, Notary Public.  
Correct—Attest:  
W. R. Hampton, A. L. Owens, L. S. Landing, Directors.

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE**

By virtue of a power vested in me in a certain mortgage executed by S. P. Woodley Feb. 19 1914 to me, the undersigned, I will expose to public sale at the Court House door in Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, at 12 o'clock noon on Monday, March, 26, 1917, to the highest bidder for cash the following described personal and real property:

Two pieces or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Washington and state of North Carolina and known and designated First Tract, the Dover Tract of land containing 200 acres more or less and bounded as follows: Beginning at a pine, Martha A. Phelps' northwest corner and the northeast corner of the Long Ridge tract, thence running south 50 degrees east 220 poles along Martha A. and W. T. Phelps' west line to a gum on Scuppernon River, W. T. Phelps' southwest corner, thence south 71 degrees west 160 poles to a gum, thence north 50 degrees west 180 poles to the E. T. Phelps northwest corner, thence north 64 degrees 164 poles to the first station;

Second tract the 1-6 undivided interest in the Four Thousand Acre Tract described in a deed from W. H. Hardison and W. J. Starr, Administrators of the late J. J. Woodley to S. P. Woodley.

Also six mules described in a chattel mortgage from said S. P. Woodley to W. T. Phelps dated the 20th day of May, 1913.  
The mortgage empowering me to sell the above property is recorded in Book 59 page 492 in

the office of Register of Deeds of Washington County, North Carolina.

This 22 day Feb. 1915.  
W. T. PHELPS, Mortgagee.  
Zeb. Vance Norman, Atty. At-Law

**The Washington County Bank**

at Plymouth, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business Mch. 5 1917.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts,	\$ 105,612.14
Overdrafts Secured	285.66
Overdrafts unsecured,	207.18
Furniture and Fixtures,	2036.58
Demand loans,	2,000.00
Due from National Banks,	45,817.06
Due from State Banks and Bankers,	1,436.53
Cash Items,	3,879.26
Gold coin	1,506.00
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency,	2,244.27
National bank notes and other U. S. Notes,	2,417.09
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$167,441.68</b>

LIABILITIES,  
Capital stock paid in, \$10,000.00  
Surplus fund 1,000.00  
Undivided profits, less current expenses & taxes paid, 623.07  
Deposits subject to check, 110,217.27  
Time certificates of Deposit, 36,025.77  
Savings deposits, 8,513.60  
Cashier's checks outstanding, 1,032.03  
Certified checks, 28.00  
**Total** \$167,441.68

I, W. B. Watts, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. B. WATTS, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 14 day of Mch., 1917.  
Geo. W. Hardison, Notary Public.  
Correct—Attest:  
H. C. Spruill, W. H. Ward, D. O. Brinkley, Directors.

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE**

By virtue of a power vested in me by a certain mortgage executed to me, the undersigned, by S. P. Woodley June 5th, 1914, and recorded in Book 59, page 532, Register of Deeds office, I will expose to public sale at the Court House door in Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, at 12 o'clock noon, on Monday, March 26th, 1917, to the highest bidder for cash the following described real and personal property:

Lying and being in Washington County, North Carolina and known as the Idyllwilde Tract of land which was owned by the late J. J. Woodley composed of two tracts beginning in Joseph Allen's southwest corner, thence running south to James Furlough's patent line, thence along said Furlough's line south 80 degrees west to Joseph Phelps' new land patent line, thence along said Phelps' line south 70 degrees west to the southwest corner of tract willed to J. J. Woodley by his Father S. P. Woodley, said corner being to the west of Roda Clifton's in S. P. Woodley's ditch or dam near newland road, thence north along said ditch or dam so far as a line drawn from Scuppernon River at a point to the north of Fire Island and running south 70 degrees west shall intersect, thence along said line running from river so far as a due south course shall strike the northwest corner of tract deeded to J. J. Woodley by his father S. P. Woodley, thence east along J. J. Woodley's north line to Joseph Allen's north west corner, thence southwardly along said Allen's line west line to the first station, containing 450 acres more or less.

Also six mules described in a chattel mortgage from S. P. Woodley to W. T. Phelps dated the 20th day of May 1913, recorded in book 63 page 191.  
This the 22 day of Feb., 1917.  
W. T. PHELPS, Mortgagee.  
Zeb. Vance Norman, Atty.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

By virtue of an order of sale vested in me by the terms and conditions of the findings of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Washington County in a special proceeding entitled H. C. Chesson, Admr., of the estate of Mariah Chesson, vs. Nancy Chesson, Job Simpson, Robert Bell, Noah Bell, Martha Bell, to sell land to make assets, I will, on the 23rd day of April 1917, at the Court House door in Plymouth, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described land:  
Lying and being on the East side of Beech Neck Swamp, beginning at a corner in Haw Branch at the road, running thence Northwardly along the West side of the late W. R. Chesson's road to an elm, o corner; thence Westwardly along a line of marked trees to a corner in Beech Neck Swamp; thence Southwardly along the margin of the high land and the said swamp to the mouth of Haw Branch, a corner; thence Eastwardly up the various courses of the swamp to the sweet gum, the first named station, containing ten acres more or less. Time of sale, 12 M.  
This 19th day of March, 1917.  
P. H. BELL, Commissioner.

**Pugh & Midgett**  
Attorneys-at-Law  
Plymouth, N. C.

**ZEB VANCE NORMAN**  
Attorney & Counsellor at law.  
PLYMOUTH, N. C.  
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**DR. J. C. COGGINS,**  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
Plymouth, N. C.

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At request of owners and subject to confirmation by the Court, I will offer for sale to the highest bidder

**One Single Story House With lot 50 X 100 feet**

Same being situated on Main Street, between Jefferson and Monroe Streets, and adjoining the Parmele house lot on the West and Mr. Levi Blount's property on the East, and until recently occupied by Lee Newberry.

**Time of Sale: 12 m. Monday March 26th., 1917**

**Place of Sale: on the premises.**

**Terms of Sale: \$50.00 cash when bid is accepted and balance when sale is properly confirmed.**

If it is raining on date of sale; sale will be held the first fair day thereafter.

## A. U. NEWBERRY

Guardian for B. B. Martin's heirs.

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