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**Cotton Picking - For
 Better Grades And
 Higher Prices**

The cotton crop is opening faster this year than usual in Hoke County and it is suggested that as much be picked now as possible before rains fall on it. "By picking now the picking period can be spread out over several weeks and the present labor may be able to harvest the entire crop before serious damage takes place," reports A. S. Knowles, County Agent.

Farmers are urged to take advantage of the One Variety Cotton Program by cooperating with the Smith-Doxey classification service. Ginners are cooperating with this program and will take samples of each bale and send to federal graders who will determine the correct grade and staple and report back on a card to the individual farmers within two days after the cotton is ginned.

Farmers can use this classification in several ways in aiding to boost the prices. It can be used as a measuring stick in determining whether cotton is being picked dry or wet and also whether it is picked clean or not. The grades as determined and reported on this card can also be used if the cotton is put under Government Loan. So, farmers will be enabled to get a better price by checking up on all the factors involved.

Gins Will Help

Beginning this week a series of five advertisements are being run in the News-Journal urging farmers to pick their cotton correctly, so that more of the better grades can be marketed. Every cotton grower should follow the instructions set up by the ginners for good cotton-picking. Cotton is a vital war material, and the better the grade of your cotton, the more efficient will be that war machine into which it goes.

These seven ginning concerns of Hoke county sponsoring this series of ads are vitally interested in seeing that the farmer gets the highest price possible for his crop and that the boys on the fighting fronts get the best material with which to wage war. They are to be congratulated for their concerted effort in this campaign which should receive the support of every individual on the Hoke County farms.

Hoke county, through its one-variety program, and through the excellence of these seven gins has attained a rank at the very top of all the cotton producing counties of the nation for high quality cotton. By close attention to picking this season, even with the grave shortage of labor, Hoke can set the cotton states an example in 1943 that will be difficult to be equal-

ed. These seven gins will gladly help those cotton farmers who are willing to help themselves. But they can't make strict middling grades out of trashy blue seed cotton.

A SINGLE COMMAND

(The News and Observer.)

There have been enough lessons of divided command of Army and Navy forces in this war to convince this country that there ought to be only one direction of preparations and fighting in peace and war. Pearl Harbor and Hickam Field ought to have been enough but they have not been all. Is it too much to hope the Army and Navy and Air Forces will be converted to the necessity for a single agency at Washington and in the field? As a sidelight piece of evidence to the need of unity and an end of Army and Navy waste of time and power, an Associated Press correspondent from Sicily in a delayed dispatch says:

"Perhaps more than any other single campaign, Sicily showed the absolute necessity for, and the dividends to be reaped from, the close coordination of sea and land power.

There were misunderstandings and differences during the Sicilian operations, but in the end they were solved satisfactorily.

An Army officer, after finishing a conference with a naval lieutenant commander, on plans for a landing operation behind the lines on the north coast of Sicily, exclaimed:

"I had some terrific arguments with that guy. He wanted to do things his way—and I wanted to do them my way. We damn near came to blows sometimes.

"But you know, he's one of my best friends now. We're beginning to understand each other's problems a lot more and we worked out our differences to the satisfaction of everyone."

And then he added: "I don't need to tell you the Navy has been doing one hell of a job in this campaign."

The American people have just pride in the men who are fighting their battle in the air, on the land and on the sea, but they are disturbed over unnecessary "terrific arguments" before they come to do team work.

There should be no Secretary of War or Secretary of Navy, but one Secretary of National Defense and all moves for preparation and action should have a single direction. "Terrific arguments" and the old-time jealousies between the armed forces will not be ended until all work together in peace and war without separate, and sometimes competitive and jealous organizations.

**THAT CALF'S GOTTA
 MAKE LOTSJA STEAKS**

Seems like everybody in Hoke county subscribes to the News-Journal, according to Miss Josephine Hall, home agent.

The little item about tending the calf which we ran last week has made her promise to give away all the steaks there'll be to her half, and some for Mr. Knowles' too. Anyhow, Miss Hall, you'll get a lot of red stamps if you work it right.

P. S. And, of course mighty nigh everybody reads the News-Journal. Some of them read the ones for which their neighbors subscribe, but they've gotta read it, you know.

FARM-MORTGAGE

Farm-mortgage indebtedness for the U. S. as a whole continued to decline during 1942 according to preliminary estimates.

COTTON

More cotton will be classed this year under the Smith-Doxey Act than ever before in North Carolina, reports Dan F. Holler, Cotton Marketing Specialist at State College.

There was no main drainages in the cities of England 80 years ago.



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WAR LOAN

BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER

BACK THE ATTACK --- WITH WAR BONDS

AMERICA HAS A
\$15,000,000,000 NON-BANKING QUOTA

**PLAN NOW TO BOOST
 YOUR BOND BUYING
 THROUGH THE FARMERS'
 SAVINGS PLAN!**

If you are already lending 10 percent of your pay check . . . top that 10 percent . . .
 If you aren't lending 10 percent . . . ask yourself why . . . Is your need greater than your country's?

HOKE COUNTY'S QUOTA \$209,000

YOU'VE DONE YOUR BIT

. NOW DO YOUR BEST

THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT ACKNOWLEDGES WITH APPRECIATION THE SPONSORSHIP OF THIS ADVERTISEMENT BY

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 Choose the security that fits your requirements

United States War Savings Bonds—series "E": Gives you back \$4 for every \$3 when the bond matures. Interest: 2.9% annually if held to maturity. Denominations: \$25, \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000. Redeem any time 60 days after issue date. Price: 97% of maturity value.

1964-1969 Treasury Bonds—marketable, acceptable as bank collateral, redeemable at par and accrued interest.

Other securities: "C" Savings Bonds—Certificates of Indebtedness: 2% Treasury Bonds 1951-1953; United States Savings Bonds series "F"; United States Savings Bonds series "G."

Satisfying Federal estate taxes. Dated September 15, 1943; due December 15, 1969. Denominations: \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000, and \$1,000,000. Price: Par and accrued interest.



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"THE OLD RELIABLE"

**THE BORDER BELT'S BIGGEST AND BEST TOBACCO MARKET
 HAS SOLD MORE POUNDS—PAID OUT MORE MONEY—AND HAS THE HIGHEST AVERAGE OF ANY
 TOBACCO MARKET IN NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA**

WE PUBLISH OFFICIAL, SWORN U. S. GOVERNMENT FIGURES DAILY—

SALES MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 1,036,040 POUNDS FOR \$427,406.23, AVERAGE \$41.23

SALES TUESDAY AUGUST 24, 793,212 POUNDS FOR \$324,929.22, AVERAGE \$40.91

SEASON'S SALES 9,669,256 POUNDS FOR \$3,997,257.73, AVERAGE \$41.34

The Fairmont Market Will Be Open And Will Sell Tobacco For The Top Dollar On LABOR DAY, Monday September 6th.

Tobacco Growers Can Load Their Tobacco, Drive Straight To Fairmont, Sell, and Return Home Same Day.
FAIRMONT TOBACCO MARKET --- C. B. STAFFORD, Sales Supervisor.