

# AGRICULTURAL NEWS



## OF INTEREST TO POLK COUNTY FARMERS Gathered Here and There Which Has a Local Angle that Makes It Worth the Progressive Farmer's Attention

Edited By "A Dirt Farmer"

How the Danes Co-operate for Production.

The lesson which I think we ought to learn from Europe, to our great advantage, is their co-operation in production. In many ways we have been hearing of the success of European farming in co-operative marketing. Particularly we have heard much of the co-operative marketing done by Danish farmers. European farmers have made a little of the co-operative marketing of farm products, taken as a whole, in some communities that have a small success on a small scale, but I fail to find anything in Europe in the co-operative marketing of farm products that approaches in scope, efficiency or organization our own tobacco, fruit and other commodity co-operatives of this country.

For instance, in Denmark, the herded classic land of co-operative marketing, while 80 per cent of her butter is made co-operatively, prior to 1914 it was over 15 per cent of it had been marketed co-operatively and since then probably not over 20 per cent or one-

fifth has been marketed co-operatively.

The density of population and the nearness of markets, and their demands, made co-operative marketing less essential. Economical or efficient production was their problem, as it is rapidly becoming our imperative problem, and they have devoted their attention to it and through education and co-operation have come nearer solving it than any other farm people with which I am acquainted. Let me give you an example of what I mean when I speak of co-operative production.

England is the greatest food market in the world, considering its size. There is a demand for pork in England, not particularly Danish pork, but for pork of uniformly high quality and England, as all the rest of the world, will pay a good price for uniform and high quality.

Denmark set out deliberately to supply that demand for bacon, not bacon in its restricted sense, as we understand it, but for pork at a uniform, mild cure and high quality. The so-called Danish bacon is ex-

ported, is in fact the Wiltshire side, one-half the hog cured in one piece and shipped in that form.

There were co-operative schools and other educational means employed for the education of the farmers, but I can only give you briefly a few facts regarding how this bacon of uniform and high quality is produced co-operatively.

First, there are co-operative breeding farms for the improvement of the breeds by breeding.

Second, a type of hog is chosen, developed and maintained by co-operation that will produce a high quality of pork. Two white breeds, and only two, are used.

Third, there is not only enforcement of these breed requirements, but there is also supervision by co-operation in the feeding.

Fourth, no hog weighing less than 165 pounds can be delivered to the packing plant by a co-operative member, and if he delivers one weighing more than 200 pounds, he is forced by his fellow members of the co-operative to take a reduction in price.

Fifth, the packing plant is a genuine co-operative. The members did not put up a dollar to build the plant, but each pledged his credit to the full limit of the total amount. With the endorsements of all the members the money was borrowed at a low rate of interest, with payments amortized over 20 years. With 20 equal payments, the co-operative knows just how much to deduct, pro rata, from the receipts of each member, to meet payments.

American farmers will be forced by economic laws, which are inexorable, to increase their yields per acre and

to co-operate more in production. If they will learn these two lessons from Europe, then we will owe much to European agriculture, even though we are the most efficient farmers in the world in earnings per man.—Tait Butler, in The Progressive Farmer.

**Look Out for Soy Bean Seed Frauds.**

One of our serious problems next spring will be to get soy bean seeds of the varieties best suited to our conditions and in the quantities we wish to sow. The drought reduced the expected large supply of seed and there may not be enough of the popular and better varieties.

Seeds of some varieties are being bought up now for speculative purposes and there is danger of a repetition of the frauds perpetrated last spring and brought to light by R. W. Hamilton of the South Carolina Extension Service. There is only one way we can be sure of buying the varieties we wish. That is by demanding certified seed. It will be wise to locate such seed without further delay and buy them at once, and all persons having such seed should advertise promptly in their local and farm papers. In the meantime we might consider producing certified seed ourselves. — The Progressive Farmer.

**What It Means When We Patronize Bootleggers.**

The first thing to think about is personal influence. All of us have influence. Even the poorest and most ignorant man has it. There is the influence of example, of fashion, of custom. Let a man or boy find that you drink and Neighbor A drinks and Neighbor B drinks and Neighbor C, and he decides that drinking is the normal thing. Let a man or boy find that you refuse to drink and it sets him wondering if he should not refuse also. There are those who drink and those who do not. You have one vote to cast, one man's influence to throw in the balance, for one side or the other. Which side deserves it most?

Then there is the influence of financial patronage or support. This is always important. Not a bootlegger would be in business today if somebody didn't make it to his financial interest to do so. Every time you or

der a quart of whiskey, you add strength, lift, encouragement, stimulation to the bootlegging business.

And what is the bootlegging business doing? It is killing such young men as the one found dead in his car recently. No doubt he was once the pride of a fond farm mother, but today they are burying his body and her hopes in a disgrace that not even death can dignify. Nor are even girls exempt. On our table is a letter from a man in another state asking where a young girl who has brought shame to her family and blighted all her future can be sent—and no doubt in the vast majority of such cases it is the dethronement of reason and prudence through "taking a drink" that starts the tragedy.

These are, of course, extreme instances. But all of us can think of other boys such as one we recall at this moment—a lovable, winning fellow with fine qualities of mind and heart who should by now have had a distinguished career and the happiness of a home, but drinking has defeated all the high hopes of his family and his friends. And all of us can think of women such as one we recall now—of fine family and fine character, but whose life is a tragedy because of what whiskey has done to the man she trusted.

Every time we patronize the bootlegging business we help support, nurture, strengthen and protect an institution that is even now preparing to take some boy—maybe your boy or your neighbor's boy—and carry him to such a death as the poor fellow who died in his car. Every time you buy a quart of whiskey, you throw your influence and your support to

an institution which is destined to take some girl—maybe your girl or maybe some neighbor's girl—and make her life a tragedy for her and a heartbreak for her parents.—The Progressive Farmer

**Winter Plowing More Needed Than Ever.**

Where cotton is a commercial crop, every winter has periods and intervals of open weather suitable to plowing. In this respect we have an important advantage over our Northern brother farmers, whose land is semented with ice from late fall to early spring. There is an advantage in being able to plow between periods of freezes, and this advantage comes not in the fall or spring, but in the winter.

When winter plowing is done between periods of freezing weather, we have four advantages:

1. Insects in the frozen soil area are killed.
  2. Later, freezes kill other insects brought to the surface.
  3. The top strata of soil is crumbled by the freezing and made into good seedbed condition and then plowed under.
  4. Unfrozen soil is brought to the surface to be frozen and made into good seedbed condition.
- Thus we get a double benefit from midwinter plowing that we do not get from fall plowing. While these benefits do not come from the fall plowing, they are offset by the early sowing of crops then that cover the soil throughout the winter; hence fall plowing should always be done as far as is possible. The point we are trying to make is that winter plowing can be done and that it carries with

### The Farmer's Voice



E. B. Reid, from the great Midwest, is now the American Farmer's voice in Washington, appointed to that post in December by the American Farm Federation.

it many of the benefits of fall plowing and some that fall plowing does not give.

There is another advantage in winter plowing—an advantage we are more in need of than in many years past. We just make an early planting start next spring, if we wish to do our best in overcoming the evil consequences of hard conditions in drouthy area this year, and winter plowing will give us a big start with our spring work. — The Progressive Farmer.

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**NOTICE TO DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS.**

Notice is hereby given to parties named below, and all persons who may have a lien herein described, that the undersigned purchased at a delinquent tax sale in Columbus, N. C., on the 4th day of May, 1925, and listed for taxes and described as follows: 60 acres listed in the name of C. C. Liles, Green's Creek Township, Polk County, N. C., taxes for the year 1924; 85 acres listed in the name of R. A. Green, Green's Creek Township, Polk County, N. C., taxes for the year 1924; 66 acres listed in the name of F. P. Wommack, Cooper's Gap Township, Polk County, N. C., taxes for the year 1924.

You and each of you are further notified that application will be made to the Sheriff of Polk County for a deed to said land, if not redeemed by the 4th day of May, 1926.

J. A. NEWMAN, Purchaser.  
Feb 4-11-18-148 w pd

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of J. J. Ruppe and wife, Jennetta Ruppe, deceased, late of Polk County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Rutherfordton, N. C., Route No. 1, on or before the 28th day of January, 1927, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

J. T. RUPPE, Administrator.  
C. O. RIDINGS, Attorney.  
Feb 25th pd

**NOTICE OF SALE.**

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Polk County, made in the Special Proceeding entitled J. R. Burgess, Administrator, vs. Louise Mills Camp et al, the same being now upon the special proceeding docket of said court, the undersigned commissioner will, on the 1st day of March, 1926, at 12 o'clock M., at the courthouse door in Columbus, Polk County, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, that certain tract of land lying and being in White Oak Township, Polk County, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of E. G. Thompson, K. S. Tanner and others, and more particularly described as follows, viz.: Beginning at a stake where the hereinafter described lands join and

meet the Thompson and Tanner lands and Powell lands and runs with Powell's line N. 23 E. 61 poles to a stake in N. C. Harris line; thence with his line S. 72 1/4 W. 171 poles to the center of Green River; thence with Thompson and Tanner's line S. 62 E. 184 poles to the beginning, containing 92 7/8 acres, more or less.

This 23rd day of January, 1926.  
J. R. BURGESS, Commissioner.  
Feb. 18th pd

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL TAX ELECTION.**

By order of the Board of Commissioners of Polk County, a special tax school election has been called and will be held in and for all of special school district included within the bounds of Columbus Township (including all of Columbus Township), on Tuesday, the 16th day of March, 1926, for the purpose of ascertaining the will of the people within said special school district, whether there shall be levied and collected in said district a special annual tax of not more than fifty (50) cents on the one hundred dollars' valuation of property, and one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) on the poll, to supplement the Public School Fund which may be apportioned to said district by the County Board of Education in case such special tax is voted. L. L. Talant is the registrar, and H. P. Sharp and R. E. Sellers are the judges for said election. The Courthouse has been designated as the polling place for said election. A new registration of all voters within said special tax district has been ordered. The registration books will be open for the registration of voters from the 15th day of February, 1926, to the 6th day of March, 1926, inclusive, and will close for the registration of voters on the 6th day of March, 1926. Saturday, the 13th day of March, will be challenge day. On each Saturday during said period of registration the books for registration of voters will be open at the polling place (Courthouse) in said district from nine o'clock A. M. to sunset. At said election those favoring the levy and collection of said special tax shall vote a ticket on which shall be written or printed the words "For Local Tax," and those who oppose shall vote a ticket on which shall be written or printed the words "Against Local Tax."

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF POLK COUNTY.**  
By W. C. HAGUE, Clerk.  
Feb 18th

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