

CONTEST WINNER



Miss Colleen Campbell, County Winner in the Essay Contest sponsored by Building & Loan Assns. of N. C.

Home-Making

(By Colleen Campbell)

"Kohema!" Mankind invented the word back in the dawn of time. It meant a place of security and rest. After countless ages it became the Anglo-Saxon "Ham," the Iceland "Herma," the Middle-English "Hom" or "oom," and the modern English "Home."

Home is an inherited memory of the human race. Some call it a vision. Others think it to be of the stuff of which dreams are made. In reality, the home is as solid as a mountain. It represents our whole souls, our ideals, and our dreams.

Another important word concerning the home is "beauty." There are very few human beings on the face of the earth who do not love beauty. For a moment, picture in your mind a man who wishes to rent a house. He finds a very nice place at a reasonable price of rent. The first moment he glimpses the house, many thoughts flash through his mind such as—that side yard could certainly be made into a beautiful garden; if flowers were planted in the front yard it certainly would look nice; with a coat of paint and some new blinds that house would be one of the most beautiful in this neighborhood. But—does he have the

heart to spend his perfectly good money to beautify a house which sooner or later, probably sooner if the landlord is offered higher rent, will not be his to call home? He probably won't think of this at the time in his eagerness to find some place for his wife and children, but in the very near future he cannot help but realize the grim fact that beauty, but only a place in which to exist.

We often hear the question, "Why should I own my own home?" To this question there are innumerable answers. One of the best and most outstanding is, a person should not invest money in his home for financial profit only, for there are far more profitable and easier ways to invest money. On the other hand, the cost of owning a house is, in general, the same as the cost of renting one. For example: through the Building and Loan Association a person may, in a very few years, have enough money saved to completely construct a house, or to make the necessary down payments on materials. During the period of saving, the monthly payments to the Building and Loan Association are only a little more, sometimes less than the amount of rent a person usually has to pay for a house. Doesn't this make clear the fact it is much better to invest your money in an organization that sooner or later will be your means of constructing your own home, than to put your time and money into the landlord's pocket for a place that you can never call your own? For this one great reason, the Building and Loan Association has proved one of the greatest aids in home making that has ever been known.

In view of the preceding facts, let us, in the future remember, that to own our own home, which can be done through the Building and Loan Association, is to fulfill a dream, but to grow attached to a house and then suddenly to have it snatched from under you is anything but blissful. To most people it proves agonizing and heart-breaking. Therefore, if and when you plan to build and own your own home, do not hesitate, but turn to the Building and Loan Association as an organization of security and safety for your savings.

Buyers Pay More For Standardized Cotton

Premium prices are paid in communities where growers "standardize" a good variety of medium to long staple cotton.

Last year, farmers in 781 "one-variety" communities over the cotton belt produced 1,500,000 bales of high grade lint ranging from an inch to 1 1/16 inch in staple length.

There extra premiums amounted to \$8,500,000, said J. C. Ferguson, cotton gin specialist with the State College extension service.

When all growers in a community standardize their crop by planting the same variety, they reduce the possibility of having their seed crossed with some inferior strain of cotton.

And the growers can thus offer buyers fairly large quantities of cotton of uniform grade and staple length. A buyer who can get a considerable quantity of good cotton in one place will usually bid more than if he has to pick up a bale or two

here and there.

Where cotton is bought in hog-round lots, the average quality and staple of all cotton sold determines the price paid for the individual bale.

It is especially important that farmers whose cotton is sold in this way get together and select a good variety for all to grow. This will raise the average quality and staple length.

If you can't buy enough good seed to plant all your crop this year, Ferguson said, buy some good seed, raise it in a secluded field, keep it pure, and use seed from this year's planting for next year's crop.

Farm Questions Answered

Q.—When should the spray be applied to control cirrulo on peaches?

A.—Applications should be made when three-fourths of the petals (pink parts of flower) have fallen. If blossom blight, due to brown rot, has been severe, an extra application of dry mix sulphur-lime or seibolled lime sulphur should be applied just as blossoms buds show color. The regular formula of one pound of arsenate of lead, three pounds of stone lime or five pounds of hydrat-

ed lime, with 50 gallons of water should be used for the first application.

Q.—How can I get rid of mites in my chicken house?

A.—If the mites are well established all perch poles and their supports should be removed, dried manure removed, and the inner walls of the house sprayed down. Mites should be removed from the nests and floor. The entire inner part of the house, as well as the perch poles, should then be sprayed with a solution of three parts of crude petroleum or carbolineum to one and one-half parts of kerosene. A mixture of spent motor oil and kerosene, although effective in the removal of mites, does not have the lasting effect of the carbolineum or crude petroleum.

Will Announce Lint And Tobacco Quotas

Cotton and tobacco marketing quotas for individual farmers will probably be announced by April 1 or sooner, according to E. Y. Foyd, AAA executive office at State College.

The state AAA office is now apporportioning county quotas from the state quotas, and as soon as these are determined they will be passed on to

the county committees.

Under the marketing quotas endorsed by farmers voting in the March 12 referendum, North Carolina has been allotted 572,000 acres of tobacco and 902,000 acres of cotton for 1938.

These allotments will be divided among the cotton and tobacco growers according to the acreage of these crops they have been growing in the past.

In calculating individual growers' allotments, county committees will consider the size of the farm, the past production, the suitability of the farm to grow cotton or tobacco, size of the family, amount of equipment on the farm, and other conditions.

A grower's marketing quota of cotton will be all that he can grow on his allotted acreage.

Brief News Items

Wayne County farmers are finding that there is money in poultry. Last week a group sold 3,608 pounds of cull birds for \$687.44.

Dr. C. F. West of Kinston has planted two acres of badly eroded land to pine trees in testing the recommendation of the Extension Service on one way to reclaim abandoned land.

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