

Agricultural Progress In North Carolina

The Country Gentlemen April issue carries an article by Arnold Nicholson, entitled "Agriculture--Senior Partner" featuring agriculture in North Carolina. Because of its length, I am using this article in a series of three issues of my articles, thinking it should be of interest to my readers:

Agriculture--Senior Partner
 "When the present governor of North Carolina, who teaches one of the largest Sunday-school classes in the state, meets the governor of South Carolina an old tradition is ignored. Their conversation, following the lead of the gentlemen from North Carolina, is sure to concern agriculture instead of the advisability of having another drink.

"I'll be happier," the governor of North Carolina has said many times, "if the numbers of good livestock in our state are doubled, instead of bank deposits, during my term of office."

"His words are a breeze from the land to freshen the war atmosphere of factory pay rolls which state governments and chambers of commerce elsewhere seem to consider the principal breath of life. And the governor, the Hon. J. Melville Broughton, isn't just talking for publication. A look around North Carolina soon reveals that he has put in a sentence the essence of a statewide program for the promotion of agricul-

ture--a program that has behind it the power and the funds of the legislature and the influence of most of the prominent men in North Carolina. They have made agriculture senior partner in the economic firm in the South's number one industrial state.

"You get cornered by a North Carolinian--banker, manufacturer, politician or whoever--and the way he brags would put a Texan or a Californian to shame. But he doesn't recite figures on the production of petroleum, or the size of the cities in his state. Ten to one he'll concentrate on the opportunities for farming, and agriculture's recent progress in Tarheel territory.

"If he happens to be State Senator L. J. Ballentine, you get a literal earful and an actual mouthful of sweet potato pie. The senator's mission is to have all meals in North Carolina, and as many outside the state as he can influence, wind up with gold brown wedge of tater pie. And why not he argues, when it tastes so good and the state experiment station at Raleigh has proved that Carolina sweet potatoes (yams, to most Northerners) equal butter in vitamin A and have half the vitamin C content of orange juice?"

"Senator Ballentine's assault on the home front is on by part of a Tarheel sweet potato campaign, which sees livestock growing fat and sassy on silage made from

the green vines, and on chopped, dehydrated tubers culled from market grades. Governor Broughton on champions the use of the state's countless tobacco barns for dehydrating, financier Irving F. Hall speaks eloquently of a silage harvester developed at Raleigh, and before you know it you've got back to the fountainhead of sweet potato developments in the person of Dr. L. D. Bayer, director of the state experiment station and his research staff.

"Doctor Bayer is an energetic prime mover who arrived in North Carolina from Ohio, via Alabama and Missouri, nearly four years ago to energize the research end of agricultural affairs. It's no accident when folks like Senator Ballentine or Irving Hall quote the experiment station--Doctor Bayer sees to it that the farm fever never cools for lack of new developments.

"In like manner Dean I. O. Schaub's extension service, Educational Director T. E. Brown's program for vocational agriculture and Commissioner W. Kerr Scott's department of agriculture keep the pot boiling back on the farms. They're all members of the farm-progress team that includes the Farm Bureau, the Grange, the political and business bigwigs.

"No one seeks credit for North Carolina's accent on agriculture. It grewed, Topsy-like, from natural causes--one of which was the distressing example of highly industrialized states and communities laid low by the depression.

"Carolians, as more and more Northern mills moved south, decided nearly a dozen in 25,000 to Carolina just at the 100,000 mark, land. There is only one city in N. C. that they couldn't afford to let their economy become lopsided too. Industrial progress, they figured, must be matched by agricultural development, especially in a state that had always lived close to the 50,000 class. Two thirds of the people still live on farms, even though they may work in town part of the time.

"The program jelled with the inauguration of Governor Broughton in 1941. North Carolina governors--state law allows them only one four year term--have a habit of leaving their mark in one particular field. Cameron Morrison for instance, is known as the roads governor; and Charles D. Aycock for his attention to schools. Governor Broughton, though he is not

a farmer, quickly stepped out to head the already assembled procession down the agricultural road.

"The legislature that met in '41 served notice that the farm push was on. Experiment station funds were doubled for the following two years. Appropriations for extension and vocational training were upped from a third to 75 percent. The state department of agriculture received additional funds. A state marketing authority was set up. Fertilizer grades North Carolina uses a seventh of the nation's annual production were cut from a bewildering 235 grades to less than fifty. Seed grading and lime laws were made more useful to farmers.

"Nearly a score of beneficial acts went sailing through the mill guided by Senator Ballentine who is chairman of the senate agricultural committee, and by Representative Thomas Pearsall, chairman of the house agricultural committee. Both men have the respect not only of farmers but of town and industrial folks as well. Senator Ballentine of sweet potato fame, was put in office primarily by the city vote of Raleigh, though he operates a dairy farm a few miles away from town and started milking cows when he was five. Representative Pearsall manages one of the largest farm enterprises in the state, Braswell Farms, where scores of tenants are learning better farming methods, increasing their livestock and gardens, thru his efforts."

Halifax County Farm And Home News

Home Demonstration Department

Poultry Hints--Some brief but important suggestions are made by C. F. Parrish, Extension Poultryman of State College. Coccidiosis cannot spread if the litter in your brooder house is perfectly dry. If you have any coccidiosis among your chicks clean the house every day and put out fresh dry litter. Do not allow moist litter to remain around drinking fountains. If you keep your chicks confined to a clean dry house you need medicine.

Because poultry feeds are not up to former standards, do not crowd chickens, provide ample green feed and maintain sanitary conditions. Because feed is scarce crease production by better management.

Clubs Do Red Cross Work and buy Bonds--Raseneath reports having made 3 Red Cross Garments, bought \$5.00 worth of stamps; for Club and individual members bought \$271.28 worth of bonds and stamps. Spring Hill made 2 Red Cross Shirts, gave \$100 to the Ambulance Fund. Individuals purchased Bonds and Stamps to the amount of \$94.50. Tillery knitted two sweaters and purchased \$7.50 in War Stamps.

Palmyra Club--The Palmyra Club held its second meeting in the home of Mrs. B. B. Everett with 12 members present and three new members, Mrs. J. W. Robinson, Mrs. Alphanso Robinson and Mrs. J. H. Bunting. Mrs. W. L. Mizelle was elected as Treasurer and Mrs. Joe Harrell as Librarian. The club will meet again on May 31st in the home of Mrs. L. G. Bunch.

New Club Organization Completed--On May 3rd, twenty one homemakers from Enfield and down to and through the Whitaker's Chapel section met in the home of Misses Susie and Elizabeth Whitaker. A Home Demonstration Club was organized which is to receive its official name at the next meeting. The following officers were elected under the leadership of Mrs. William Neville and Mrs. Eugene Wood acting as

temporary chairman and Secretary.

President, Mrs. Susie Whitaker; Vice-president, Miss Lily Batts and Secretary, Miss Ruth Washington. Charter members of this club are: Miss Lily Batts, Mrs. William Neville, Mrs. Walter Clements, Mrs. G. L. Crump, Mrs. Don Dickens, Miss Carrie Lee Dunn, Mrs. M. E. Herman, Mrs. Bessie Lawrence, Mrs. James Lewis, Mrs. Sam Lewis, Mrs. T. S. Pettitt, Mrs. Stanton Vinerotte, Miss Ruth Washington, Mrs. Robert S. West, Mrs. W. H. West, Miss Elizabeth Whitaker, Miss Susie Whitaker, Mrs. Eugene Wood and Mrs. Gertrude Wright.

Victory Gardens no place for Trying out Budgets--The U. S. Department of Agriculture suggests that Victory Gardeners curb their desire to try out new budgets until after the War is over. There are no magic devices that will keep gardeners from having to truly work if they have real Victory Gardens. The tools the Department suggests are: steel rake, garden hose, spade or spading fork, garden hoe, a trowel, a dusting or spray device, and if your garden is large a wheel garden hoe or plow.

Tin Cans Available--Those who have tin can sealers may obtain tin cans for Canning for home use. When ordering tin cans tell the manufacturer what you expect to can in them as new regulations govern the type of can he may sell you for various products.

Soil Conservation Service
 Community cooperation in harvesting of war crops seems to be one of the main themes running through the minds of agricultural advisors today. If you have land that will make any crop which will further the war effort, be sure to plant it.

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fort. Likewise you should prepare to grow all the grain which you will need in the feeding of the livestock on your farm. Reports from government sources signify that there will be a marked shortage of feed grains during the latter part of 1943 and 1944. Probably no crop on your farm will be worth as much to you as your corn. Be sure to grow it on good land, fertilize and work it well, harvest it early and protect it from rats and insects.

For the benefit of the crop to follow in 1944, your corn should be planted in conjunction with a soil building crop. The practice of broadcasting peas, beans, or crotalaria in your corn middles when you "lay by" should not be overlooked.

Farmers of Halifax County are learning the real value of summer legumes in the use of crotalaria. The Soil Conservation District is making an effort to get demonstrations of crotalaria in every section of the county. If you have an acre or two of land which is termed "dead" due to its sandy characteristics do not overlook the opportunity of broadcasting it in crotalaria during the next 30 days. Examples of what crotalaria can do can be seen on several farms in the Darlington area. Outstanding examples may be seen on the farm of Mr. E. D. Dickens who has grown crotalaria for a number of years.

Halifax County A. C. A.
 It has been announced by the AAA Office that the Southern Cotton Oil Mill Company has available at Tarboro several thousand bushels of Wood's Yellow soybeans Grade No. 2, which are available for seed at a price of \$2.25 per bushel, F.O.B. Tarboro. They also have available at Hertford, North Carolina a few thousand bushels of Tokio, Wood's Yellow, and Ark Soy at a price of \$2.25 per bushel F.O.B. Hertford.

These beans were originally purchased under the CCC Price Support Program in 1942 and they have been repurchased from Commodity Credit Corporation by the Southern Cotton Oil Mill Company, cleaned, bagged in two bushel lots and germination tests have been obtained.

Any producer wishing to obtain seed from the mills mentioned above should place orders not later than May 20, 1943, since delivery on seed orders placed after this date may not be filled.

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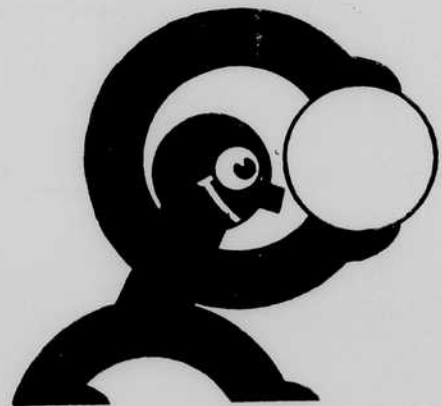
LEGAL NOTICES

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Having qualified as executor of the estate of Nicholas Elias, deceased, late of Halifax County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned at Weldon, N. C., on or before the 26th day of April, 1943, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

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