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Our Agricultural Efficiency.

The Baltimore Sun is proud of the fact that Maryland trails closely after North Carolina and three other states in the matter of "agricultural efficiency." Perhaps it will be another cause of congratulations for Tar Heels that her agriculture is ranked nationally as a self-seeking industry, about as near so as possible except in the one particular of livestock.

Maryland stands among the leaders in a special sort of agricultural efficiency. Its farmers raise 78.5 per cent of all the food which they eat, and a better record than this is found only in four other states—namely, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina and Utah.

North Carolina farmers are given credit by the United States agricultural department for producing some 80 per cent of the requirements of the farms in food and feedstuffs. That may be surprising to many mere observers, but North Carolina produces record crops of the 22 leading American farm products, and in that respect she stands fourth among the five leading states, the rank being as follows: Texas, \$594,619,000; Iowa, \$418,414,000; Illinois, \$386,617,000; North Carolina, \$298,044,000; California, \$226,170,000.

Fifth in North Carolina's farm record in the value of all crops, the five leading states ranking as follows: Texas, \$716,408,000; Iowa, \$454,787,000; Illinois, \$419,584,000; California, \$418,833,000; North Carolina, \$342,637,000.

In total crop values for 1922 North Carolina fell back approximately \$10,000,000, owing to boll weevil damage, but her increase in the value of 22 leading crops she gained \$77,467,000. The significance of that is that North Carolina's agriculture made a great stride towards being self sustaining.

North Carolina's importation of food and feedstuffs are due to North Carolina's industrial and urban population. Only 20 per cent of the feed and foodstuffs coming from other states is for our farmers. The other 80 per cent is to feed the city and industrial population.

Governor Gifford Pinchot, of Pennsylvania, has appointed a woman member of his cabinet. How many times will he have to listen to those words, "Listen, now, Giff."

The Ohio State Journal has invited the contribution of "unmitigated falsehoods," its aim being to publish one every day this year.

Down Columbus Way.

Making a city fit to live in is the function of a progressive municipal administration. Year by year, Whiteville is becoming a good residential town, as well as a growing town.

Somewhere down in the southeastern neck of North Carolina, there is bound to be a city, and Whiteville is going to be it. Few county seat towns in North Carolina have made the substantial progress scored by Whiteville during the past ten years.

The Whiteville News Reporter is one of the best county papers in North Carolina, and we expect Editor Keziah most any time to claim 3,000 population for his two towns in one. Whiteville is a tobacco warehouse market and it is a good cotton market when the staple is produced to any extent.

Many growers have already prepared their tobacco beds and have the seed sown. Within another week or two travelers who are unacquainted with tobacco growing will be wondering at the canvass covered beds that will be dotting the roadside all over the county.

Largely as a result of the poultry exhibit at the county fair last fall there is now a great deal of interest being manifested in poultry raising in this county.

Farmers in this county are yearly becoming more alive to the importance of agricultural time on wet lands. One dealer here in Whiteville has made two sales of 100 tons each to be used on farms in the county, and many smaller sales are being made daily.

A Virginian recently informed The Star that he had located in Columbus to go into the farm dairy industry, and while he found all the adaptabilities for that branch of farm industry even more remarkable than he anticipated, he had to limit his efforts because there is no creamery market in Wilmington.

proposes to remain in Columbus and grow up with the county.

Whiteville has a chamber of commerce and its activities include promotion work in the entire county as well as at the county seat.

The New York Times marvels at the shifting about of diplomatic verbiage as it is used by the Harding administration. The Times says, for instance:

The state department has made large use of a truly blessed word in explaining its policy and changes of policy. The familiar phrase, "it is expedient," is used again in connection with the order withdrawing our troops from the Rhine.

We have to admit that at one time or other a thing may be expedient but may become inexpedient under changed circumstances. However, it makes all the difference in the world as to who is to be the judge of the appropriate time for action.

After all, we shall have to suspend judgment as to the expediency or in expediency of the recall of our soldiers, till we can judge from future results of our abandonment of Germany at a time when France began to carry out her military adventure.

Thieving Trickery

Negro boys have again revived the practice of calling at homes and asking for suits of clothes for pressing clubs. These thieves acquaint themselves with the conditions, so that when they appear they invariably give the right name of the pressing club and call the name of the gentleman whose suit is inquired for, so that the servant who delivers the suit is naturally misled and imposed upon.

The order withdrawing American troops from Germany seems to have hurt France feelings. France seems to have been unmindful of the possibilities of her insouciance with regard to the Washington government's feelers.

The monster Equitable building in New York city is offered for sale at \$40,000,000. Of course, that is what New York realtors want for it.

We Are Not Out of the Woods Yet.

In the house of representatives at Washington a few days ago, Representative Crothers of New York read numerous newspaper articles breathing optimism about the industrial and business outlook for this year.

CONTEMPORARY VIEWS.

GREAT BALTIMORE ASSET. Walters art gallery is now open to the public on Wednesdays and Saturdays. This is perhaps a routine piece of news, for it is made public every year about this time; but there is one fact concerning it which has never been properly appreciated.

WITHDRAWAL OF OUR TROOPS.

President Harding's decision that American troops are to be withdrawn from the Rhine, as announced by the secretary of state, is a moment, in an unfavorable moment, when it is likely to be subject to considerable misinterpretation.

HOPELESS MINORITIES.

It is the irony of fate that the only place in the world which bears the name "Minor" should be the land where the hopeless minorities. Yesterday's report from Lausanne intimates that the allies have abandoned hope of securing special guarantees for the permanent home of the head of the American Red Cross.

New Bern Officials Probe Cause of Fire

NEW BERN, Jan. 12.—An investigation aimed to determine the origin of the fire that destroyed the store of Robert Davis, negro, in Jacksonville, started today by Deputy Sheriff James Bryan, who is also chief of the city fire department, with the co-operation of Sheriff Brockwell, deputy fire insurance commissioner of Raleigh.

THE FUTILITY OF IT



FIRE BUGS APPEAR ON SENATOR'S TRAIL

Luther P. Tapp Twice a Heavy Loser By Alleged Incendiary Fires.

Special to the Star. KINSTON, Jan. 12.—The authorities here today admitted they were at sea regarding the identity of incendiaries believed to have been wreaking vengeance upon Luther P. Tapp for some time past.

The blaze yesterday morning which gutted Tapp's fire home in Northwicket was believed by neighbors to have been incendiary. The fire started in the rear of the house. One report said the flames were first noticed on the back porch.

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Buncombe Sportsmen Want Fish Conserved

ASHEVILLE, Jan. 12.—Although heartily in accord with the proposed state-wide game law as drawn up by the North Carolina State Fish and Game Development League, with headquarters in Charlotte, members of the Buncombe County Fish and Game Protective Association, meeting tonight, were of the opinion that the measure should also carry definite provisions for the conservation of fish.

Eastern North Carolina Towns Are On a Boom

(Special to the Star) KINSTON, Jan. 12.—An indication of the construction boom that is under way in the South Atlantic states, a local engineer today cited public improvement programs in seven small towns in the region, calling for outlays totalling more than \$2,000,000, that he has been retained to supervise. The improvements will include waterworks, lighting, sewerage and paving systems.

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