

Specialist Explains Tobacco Situation At Farmers' Meet

Says Critical Situation Attributed to Various Factors

A county-wide tobacco growers' meeting was held at the Edenton Community Building Tuesday afternoon of last week, at which Roy A. Bennett, Extension tobacco specialist, was the principal speaker.

Mr. Bennett explained the tobacco situation and advised growers relative to how to produce the type of tobacco in 1956 that buyers appear to want. He told those present that the critical tobacco situation is due to many factors. "While acreage has been being cut," he said, "yields have been increased by higher yielding varieties, closer plant spacing and higher fertilization. These higher yielding varieties mostly used are of low nicotine content and aroma, and light in body. Due to the tremendous shift toward filter tip cigarettes, the companies are demanding tobaccos of higher nicotine content and aroma and of heavy body. More burley and other heavier types tobacco are now being used in cigarettes than ever before and this results in a lower per cent of flue-cured tobacco use particularly that of the light body type. Another thing contributing to this situation is that too many growers are using too few varieties. For example, a large per cent of the flue-cured tobacco growers have been planting their acreage to three or four of the lighter bodied varieties resulting in less variety for the tobacco buyers to choose from."

For 1957, Mr. Bennett recommended that growers plant varieties nearer the old type. Some of the varieties suggested were Bottom Special, Buyers Choice, Golden Gem 711, Coker 187, Vester strains, and several others. Where wide rotations are being followed and a grower feels fairly safe, he recommended using the older non-black shank resistant varieties.

Wider spacing of plants so that ample sunlight can reach the entire portions of the plant and facilitate full plant development are recommended. Generally speaking,

plants should be spaced not closer than 22 to 24 inches in the row. While fertilizer use depends upon the need of the soil which can possibly more nearly be determined by the grower than any one else, high fertilization should be avoided. Generally, 1,000 to 1,200 pounds of 3-9-6 or 3-9-9 per acre or 900 to 1,000 pounds of 4-8-10 fertilizer per acre is recommended. A tobacco side dressing may be used if the grower sees the need.

Mr. Bennett urged growers to use control type ventilators occupying the full length of the barn roof. The proper use of control ventilators facilities better curing and also saves fuel. Plans for constructing such ventilators are available at the county agent's office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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be a conflict between good and evil. It is only when man accepts Jesus Christ and receives salvation from sin which He offers, can man hope to reestablish the communion of his soul with its maker, God.

The ultimate hope of every Christian is to be forever with his Lord, Jesus Christ. John, in his vision, received a revelation of the place where the redeemed souls will spend eternity. Deep down within the human heart there is a firm conviction that death does not end all for the individual—that there is a future life for that part of us that can never die—the soul.

Man has always been interested in the question, asked by Job long ago. "If a man die, shall he live again?" The Christian answers, "Yes." We know that, the body dies, but the soul—the real self—lives on after death.

Take Jesus as an example. The New Testament tells us that he died physically on the cross, but on the third day, he arose from the grave. We believe he is alive today. Because he conquered death, we believe that we, also, shall live another life beyond the grave.

Granted that this is so, what will our future abode look like, who shall be there and what shall we do? John, in the 21st and 22nd chapters of Revelation, gives us a description of Heaven. It is a city—the new Jerusalem—which was the beloved city of the Jews and the home, not only of the king, but

the location of the Temple and, in the Temple, the holy of holies. Dummelow says that "Jerusalem" represents the society of the redeemed on earth, while the "new Jerusalem" represents the society of the redeemed in heaven. In this city there will be no temple, because there will be no need of a Temple—God himself is there.

Heaven will be an inhabited place. The redeemed of the Lord will be there and we have reason to believe that they will be recognizable. Moses and Elijah were recognized when they met Jesus upon the Mount of Transfiguration. Unless souls do retain their identity, some of the joy of Heaven would be lost—that of reunion with loved ones and friends.

Inside the wall which surrounds the city of God will be those who have put their faith in Christ, those who have hungered and thirsted after righteousness, those who have proved faithful. However, outside the walls are pictured the fearful, those who denied their Lord, those who refused to believe in Christ, those who were guilty of idolatry, the murderers, the fornicators, the sorcerers, the liars or deceivers. Instead of being permitted to enter and enjoy the blessings of Heaven, these will be cast into the lake of fire—Hell—or the scrap heap of the Universe.

The life in Heaven is to be a perfectly happy one, for Heaven is a place of joy. The sorrows of life—tears, death, sorrow, crying—will be done away with. There will be no sickness, there will be no fear, because we will be with God eternally.

Ask yourself this question, now, today: "Will I be with God and his redeemed throughout eternity?" If you want to be you can. Paul declared, "The Wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Accept Him, live for Him and Live with Him eternally. This life here on earth is extremely short, eternity is very, very long! Where will you spend eternity?



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