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## CULTIVATION OF CROPS

### PLANT CLOVER WHEN LAYING BY COTTON AND CORN.

A Letter to Demonstrators From the U. S. Department of Agriculture Relative to Cultivation at This Time.

We publish below a letter from the United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry, to the County Demonstrators of the Farmers Cooperative Demonstration work. It's contents will, no doubt, be of interest to the farmers of Franklin county. The letter follows:

Just at the closing of the corn season and in the midst of the cotton cultivation, one lesson should be impressed on every farmer and that is that as a rule we lay by our corn and cotton too soon, provided we are using shallow cultivation. Deep cultivation is of course damaging. But the cotton crop is greatly helped by a continuance of cultivation just as late as possible and the best rule I have observed is to continue until some of the bolls begin to open. Just as long as the cultivators are kept running the soil is stirred and the cotton plants keep putting on bloom, which is of the greatest importance under boll weevil conditions and is almost equally important where the boll weevil is not present. Sometimes a quarter of a bale is added to the yield of an acre by this late cultivation. We are in too much of a hurry to get through and lay by. The farmer likes to think that his job is done and Nature must do the rest. We are largely founding our reform in agriculture on deep and thorough preparation of the soil, better seed, and shallow, intensive cultivation, long continued. Of course it is necessary to have the implements so that we can get over the ground rapidly and the man who has not the implements should get them in some way immediately for they pay for themselves in one year. We must also have stronger teams but that takes time and we will discuss that a little later.

### IMPORTANCE OF PLANTING A COVER CROP AT THE TIME OF LAYING BY OF CORN AND COTTON.

One of the most disastrous mistakes we have made in trying to farm our lands is limiting the product to one crop and sometimes thinking that when the land lies exposed for half a year or more that we are letting it rest. The truth is that land frequently loses more fertility by exposure during the period when it is idle than during the crop-producing period. Then too, in the Southern States, we should take advantage of all that Nature gives us.

The first progressive step to take is to keep the land doing something the year round, and we must commence in the cotton field and corn field. Last month I sent out a little letter showing the value of planting cowpeas in the corn. That is of great importance. While it detracts nothing from the corn it does give a crop of great value for feeding the stock in the fall and then it leaves in the soil a large amount of vegetable matter to feed the crops of the next season. Two suggestions come here:

In the extreme South corn is harvested and the cowpeas can be fed in time to put in a winter cover crop which should always be done, if possible. But further North it may be a little late to do this and is better in such cases to sow between the corn at the last cultivation crimson clover, or rye and vetch. We generally use about three-fourths rye and one-fourth vetch.

After the corn is harvested these crops will thrive mightily and in the spring furnish a large amount of material to turn under and enrich the soil, or may be cut for hay. Numerous cases in Virginia and the Carolinas have been reported to us where the crimson clover yielded over two tons of hay per acre and cut in time to plow the land for the corn crop in the spring. Some farmers alternate and cut half the plot for hay and the other half they turn under to enrich the soil, alternating each year. Thus the amount of food secured for the stock was nearly equal to the corn crop and made during the period when most farmers allowed their land to run to weeds.

### ROTATION.

If we are ever to become great and prosperous farmers and have thrift everywhere through the country, we must adopt some system of rotation. At least we must have a plan about our farm so that we do not continue to raise the same crop on a field each year. Soil dislikes to be put at the same task every year just as much as a boy gets weary doing one job the year round. And this is the second part of our proposition. The first, as stated, is to plant something in the corn, and for

that matter in the cotton too, where there is no infestation of boll weevil. Of course where the boll weevil is present it is necessary to plow the land early in the fall, but where there is no boll weevil, planting rye and vetch in the cotton for the winter cover crop is an excellent plan. It does not hurt the cotton and it does a great deal of good to the land. In Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas, it is generally too dry at the time the cultivation of cotton is discontinued for the safe planting of crimson clover or vetch, and under boll weevil conditions their growth would be small before it was necessary to fall plow that it would not be economic to use them even if the planting was successful, but rye can be put in deep enough to reach moisture and make a stand. Five or six rows rather close together can be planted in the middles at the last cultivation. It better be drilled and it will make a fair growth before winter sets in. The humus thus accumulated is a clear gain. But in the corn we can always follow the plan of planting rye and vetch.

And here comes the necessity for our second suggestion, that we should do more than just rotate for cotton and corn. For farms that are eminently adapted to the production of these plants it has been suggested that fertility could be maintained by planting every third year in cotton, then run two years to corn, planting between rows each year some fertilizing plant like cow peas, crimson clover, or rye and vetch. This would restore the fertility to such an extent that we would probably get as much cotton out of the one crop planted once in three years as we now get out of the crop in two years. Some farmers may be able to take a longer rotation. If so, they are wise farmers who do this. A four year rotation is an excellent plan where cotton is planted only once during the period, corn twice and cowpeas and oats once. Other rotations will suggest themselves according to conditions. Ultimate yield in cotton production the successful planter must establish a rotation which includes some pasture or heaving-shading leguminous crop that will kill out weeds. One of the most damaging things in cotton production to-day is the presence of weeds and grass. They so foul the land, overawe and subjugate the young cotton plants, that I believe about four times as much damage is caused by foul lands as by the boll weevil. However, we can never expect to reduce this condition very much or eliminate weeds and until our highways and fence corners are kept free from weeds which distribute seed on every hand. Sooner or later we shall be compelled to make war on weeds.

But do not fail to have a plan. It is just about as wise to commence building a house without a plan as to run a farm without a plan, and the plan must include improvement in fertility as well as in annual cropping. I think one of the great failures in American farming is lack of system and an orderly way of doing things. Every man on his farm should think at least a month ahead and get ready, and it would be better if he could think a year ahead, but woe to the man that simply does what every day brings to his hand. He is always in trouble and short-handed, and somehow things happen to him and the things that happen are on the wrong side.

Very truly yours,  
S. A. KNAPP,  
Special Agent in Charge.  
July, 1910.

Among the Movers.

Dr. C. H. Banks has moved to the new residence of Mrs. Lee Battle and Baker Heights.

J. S. Howell has moved his furniture store to the W. P. Neal building on Main street.

J. P. Winston will move his stock of goods to the store rooms recently occupied by J. S. Howell on Nash street.

### That Trash.

There is being, and has been, right much kick by people who have occasion to travel the side streets in Louisburg about so much trash being thrown in them. To use their expression they say "these streets are dumping grounds for the trash of a good portion of the town." Those who practice hauling their trash to such places had better take heed as there is a strict ordinance against putting trash of any kind in the streets and ditches for any purpose and the town officials say they are going to enforce it. The town has a place they recognize as a public trash pile where you can have your trash hauled, which would be much better than throwing it in the streets. The citizens living along these streets should assist the officers in finding out who it is so they can put a stop to it.

## STATE AND GENERAL

### GATHERED FROM OUR MANY EXCHANGES.

#### Items of Interest Gathered and Condensed for our busy readers, Concerning Home and Foreign Happenings.

New York, July 22.—Three armed thieves invaded the heart of the tenderloin tonight, smashed a 6th avenue jeweler's show window, shot his clerk dead, seized \$5,000 worth of diamond rings and got away in a taxicab, pursued by scores of persons who had witnessed the murder and robbery.

Big Springs, Va.—Four dead and one fatally wounded is the result of the domestic troubles of Charles Reese of this place. He shot his wife dead, then killed the negro who loaned him the gun, then shot a negro boy and a negro woman and a white man.

San Bernardino, Cal., July 22.—Cloudbursts that filled canyons with debris and tumbled nine buildings into houseboats marked the climax of a hot wave, which sent the mercury up to 140 degrees in the Death Valley sink during the week. The terrific heat drove miners and prospectors out of the desert just in time to avoid the heaviest precipitation experienced for 30 years.

Reports at hand indicate considerable changes in the topography of the flood-swept regions.

New Bern Journal.—Mr. J. F. Rhodes, a farmer, living near Riverdale, brought to this office yesterday morning a specimen of a worm that is destroying much cotton in that section. The insect shown the reporter was about half an inch long and perhaps three-eighths of an inch in circumference. Mr. Rhodes stated that the worm cuts the stalk almost in two. Several specimens have been sent to the state agriculturist.

Richmond, Va., July 24.—The trial of Louis L. Gregory, the defaulting cashier of the Atlantic Coast Line freight department here was definitely set for July 31, by Judge Witt, in the Hastings Court today, after a conference in which the prisoner's lawyers and the Commonwealth's attorney participated.

Asheville, July 22.—The story sent out over the country from Asheville this week to the effect that "a terrible and mysterious plague" was raging in Mitchell county, leaving "death in its wake," has evidently caused serious alarm on the part of prospective visitors to Asheville and the mountains, and as a result this section will lose no few visitors. It develops that there were but two cases of the "terrible" disease. One of these was blood poison and the other, that of Dr. Buchanan, who was taken to Johnson City for treatment, was a case where the patient had been burned in the eyes and on the face by ammonia. These facts have been thoroughly established. The health authorities of Asheville have received numbers of communications relative to the story and District Passenger Agent Wood of the Southern Railway has been officially advised that Wednesday night every reservation in the Jacksonville-Asheville sleeper was cancelled as a result of the "plague story."

Atlantic Hotel, Morehead City, N. C., July 25.—The sham battle resulted in very nearly a draw, for while the defense had the best of it on tactical points, the offensive battalions won in the results and if either side could be named as victors it was the offensive which turned the flank of the defense and put it to rout.

Because of this, the "Reds" claim the victory. The contest was from 8 till 3 o'clock. The attacking party used shelter tents as a part of the movement and did some fine military work in turning the flank of the defense.

Asheville, N. C., July 20.—According to good authority, a physician who is well acquainted with the country in question the Reem's Creek section of Buncombe county affords the most striking examples of longevity of any place in the state. Seven years ago this physician stated, there were 21 persons in this township who were over 90 years old. Within that time 16 had died leaving only five of the original number, but within that time others have passed the 80 mark to the number of eight making 15 now past that age. This statement was brought about by the recent death of Capt. J. M. Davis, of this section, at the age of 87 years. The physician was able to give the names.

Statesville, July 25.—The annual institute for the public school teachers of Iredell county opened yesterday with more than 100 teachers in attendance

and the indications for a pleasant as well as a profitable institute are good. The institute is being conducted by Prof. W. D. Carmichael, superintendent of the public schools of Durham, and Miss Ada Womble, of Peace Institute, Raleigh.

A large delegation of Statesville Masons attended the corner stone laying at the new Methodist church at Cool Springs. The event was made a picnic occasion and a great crowd was present, eleven Masonic lodges of this and surrounding counties being represented by about 75 Masons, and the crowd was by no means composed of Masons only.

Asheville, July 25.—Contending that he was duly elected mayor of Black Mountain township on the second day of last May, L. W. Morgan seeks to have the superior court declare him the mayor-elect, claiming that W. O. Hall, the incumbent, "intruded himself into the office and did unlawfully usurp the functions of the same." The defendant in his reply alleges that the plaintiff, Morgan, was not a duly qualified voter of Black Mountain, and that he (plaintiff) had moved outside the corporate limits before the election.

The present controversy has given rise to an unusual situation in Black Mountain by reason of the fact that until the courts decide the mayorality question, municipal documents and official papers cannot be legally signed by the acting mayor, who by virtue of the office also acts as police judge.

Richmond, Va., July 22.—The expected has happened in the case of the killing of Mrs. Henry Clay Beattie, while she was automobiling with her husband on the Midlothian Turnpike near Richmond last Tuesday night. The coroner's jury, at 3:35 o'clock this afternoon, reached the following verdict:

"We, the gentlemen of the jury, selected by the coroner on July 19, 1911, and duly sworn, on view of the body of Mrs. Louise Owen Beattie, to inquire when, where and by what means the said Louise Owen Beattie came to her death, do, on our oath, find that she said Louise Owen Beattie came to her death on the night of July 18, 1911, between 10:45 and 11 o'clock, on the Midlothian Turnpike at a point about three miles west of Richmond and one-fourth of a mile west of the colored church, as a result of a gunshot wound, the same being fired by her husband, Henry Clay Beattie, Jr."

### About Completed.

Those in charge inform us that the laying of the sewer and water pipes from Church street to Baker Heights has just about been completed and in a few days all persons who want it in that portion of town will be able to get water and sewer connections. This is a piece of work that has been long under consideration and our enterprising Board of Aldermen are to be congratulated upon the completion of it.

### New Hope Against Roberts.

Louisburg, July 24.—A very interesting game of baseball was played at Flat Rock Saturday between the New Hope and Roberts boys. The score was 7 to 6 in New Hope's favor. This makes three straight games New Hope has taken from the Roberts boys. The New Hope boys have won six games this season and have lost only one.

Batteries: For New Hope, Edwards and Floyd; for Roberts, Jeffreys, Roberts and Wiggins.

### Informal Dance at Louisburg.

On last Thursday evening an informal dance was given in honor of the visiting young ladies and Mr. Robert Lewis, of Littleton, who was the guest of C. W. High. Music was furnished by home talent.

Those participating were as follows: Miss Frances Lacy, of Raleigh, with Glenn L. Crowell; Miss Agnes Lacy with Wilson Green; Miss Maggie Howell with H. L. Candler; Miss Mattie Howell, of Tarboro, with W. D. Jackson; Miss Annie Belle King with L. M. Hales; Miss Frances Boddie, with Mr. Robert Lewis; Miss Lula Sutherland, of Danville, with W. B. Tucker; Miss Mary Williams with Geo. Walker; Miss Lillian L. High with N. B. Allsbrook; Miss Katie High with Jack Collins, of Spring Hope; Miss Eleanor Cooke with Dr. Joe Uzzell; Miss Bettie Boddie with C. W. High; Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. McAden, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Clifton, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. King, Mrs. and Mr. L. E. Scoggin.

Stags—Dr. Yarborough, B. T. Holden, A. W. Person, Alex Clifton, S. P. Boddie.

### Farmers Union Meeting.

The next county meeting of the Farmer's Union will be held in Louisburg, on first Thursday in August. All locals are urged to send delegates.

T. H. SLINGS, Sec-Treas.

## THE MOVING PEOPLE

### THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN

Those Who Have Visited Louisburg the Past Week—Those Who Have Gone Elsewhere For Business or Pleasure.

W. M. Person visited Raleigh Tuesday.

A. W. Person visited Norfolk this week.

Mayor B. T. Holden went to Raleigh Saturday.

Miss Lillian High left Monday for Asheville.

C. C. Hudson left Monday for a trip to Asheville.

W. F. Battle, of Vaughan, was in Louisburg yesterday.

T. W. Watson left this week for a visit to Washington.

E. L. Jones, of Stem, was a visitor to Louisburg yesterday.

Roger Lewis, of Littleton, visited C. W. High the past week.

J. S. Strickland and W. H. Jackson spent Sunday at Norfolk.

Rev. E. H. Davis, of Rockingham, is visiting his people here.

Miss Annie Pegram, of Henderson, is visiting Miss Erin Shipp.

Clarence Stimpson left Friday to visit his people near Statesville.

J. I. Gillis, of Norfolk, was a visitor to Louisburg the past week.

Mrs. E. W. Furgurson left Saturday to visit her sister in Oxford.

Miss Jennie Fleming, of Boston, is visiting at Dr. A. H. Fleming's.

F. W. Hicks and family visited relatives in Nash county the past week.

W. H. Ruffin left Tuesday for Hickory where he will spend several days.

Maj. and Mrs. J. B. Thomas left Monday on a trip to Western North Carolina.

Mr. J. C. Tucker and wife, of Henderson, visited her mother here the past week.

P. F. Monger and wife, of Sanford, Fla., are visiting relatives in and near Louisburg.

Misses Eliza Love and Janie Green, of Littleton, are visiting relatives in Louisburg.

Mrs. D. G. Pearce and daughter, and Mrs. Ida Pearce are visiting relatives in Nashville.

E. P. Massenburg and wife, of Durham, spent Sunday in Louisburg, guests of his parents.

K. P. Hill and family left the past week by automobile to spend awhile at Morehead City.

Miss Hart, who has been visiting Mrs. J. H. Johnson, has returned to her home at Littleton.

Misses Onnie and Beulah Tucker returned the past week from an extended visit to Durham.

Miss Josephine Pernell, who has been visiting her sister in Henderson, returned home Monday.

K. W. Edwards, the popular Register of Deeds, of Vance county, visited Louisburg Wednesday.

C. W. High leaves today for Durham where he will be the guest of R. G. Lewis while in Durham.

Miss Lula Sutherland, who has been visiting relatives in town left this week for her home at Danville, Va.

Miss Maude Hicks who has been visiting at Southport and Goldsboro, returned home one day last week.

J. T. B. Hoover, of Henderson, State Organizer of the Red Men, was a visitor to Louisburg the past week.

E. C. Barrow, who has been visiting his people here the past week, returned to his home at Greensboro Sunday.

Rev. Jos. W. Fulford and wife, of Wilmington, are visitors to Louisburg this week, guests of W. H. Ruffin.

J. R. Collie, E. S. Green, L. L. Joyner, B. T. Holden and J. E. Thomas left Tuesday for Washington City.

O. R. Smith, of Henderson, the originator of the Confederate flag, was a visitor to Louisburg the past week.

Miss Roxie Harris, who has been on an extended visit to Washington and other points, returned home this week.

Misses Agnes and Frances Lacy, who have been visiting their sister here, left for their home in Raleigh this week.

Misses Hattie and Maggie Howell, of Tarboro, who have been visiting their sister here, returned to their home Wednesday.

T. G. Boddie, of Kinston, is visiting his people here. His many friends are glad to see him so much improved from his recent illness.

Mrs. J. W. Case, of Hasting, Fla., who has been visiting her brother, Capt. J. H. Finlator, returned home the past week.

Dr. S. P. Burt and Mr. R. P. Taylor left Tuesday in company with Mrs. Taylor for Baltimore, where they went to take Mrs. Taylor for an operation.

J. H. Hunt, who was taken from here to the Mercy hospital at Baltimore, about five weeks ago to undergo an operation for appendicitis, returned home Saturday. He is much improved.

Rev. J. E. Underwood, Presiding Elder of the Warrenton district, of Littleton, spent Friday at the College. He was en route to attend quarterly conference at Sarepta.

William Barrow, who holds a responsible position in the Commonwealth Bank, of Richmond, Va., is visiting his people here this week. His many friends here are glad to see him looking so well.

Miss Helen Thomas, who has been visiting Miss Eleanor Thomas the past few weeks, returned to her home in Raleigh Wednesday. She was accompanied on her return by Misses Eleanor and Louise Thomas, who will visit her some time.

Mr. R. Y. McAden accompanied by Misses Agnes and Francis Lacy, of Raleigh, Hattie and Maggie Howell, of Tarboro, Messrs. H. L. Candler, G. L. Crowell, W. D. Jackson and Wilson Green, went over to Littleton Saturday afternoon by automobiles where they attended the week-end German at the Panacea hotel.

### Excursion to Norfolk

The second excursion of the season to Norfolk over the Seaboard will be run on Tuesday, August 1st. This will be one of the best trips of the season and a large number of people will go on this one. The schedule and fare is as follows:

Leave Raleigh	Time	Fare
Wake Forest	12.14 a m	\$3.00
Youngsville	12.23 p m	3.00
Louisburg	11.30 a m	3.00
Franklinton	12.35 p m	2.75
Durham	11.05 a m	3.00
Oxford	11.55 a m	2.50
Henderson	1.06 p m	2.50

### Increases Stock.

John S. Howell, who for some time has had the distinction of being Louisburg's popular Nash street furniture dealer, has moved his stock of furniture and house furnishing to the W. P. Neal building on Main street where he has just added three car loads of furniture to his already large stock. It will be seen from his advertisement in another column that he is going to make it interesting in this line of trade this fall. John is a hustler and you may rest assured he will do his part in giving you a bargain. Keep a watch on his space from time to time.

### Directors Meet.

The directors of the First National Bank met in regular session on last Thursday afternoon and made their usual inventory of the banks business. From their report they were very highly pleased with the conditions found and it was shown that the bank was enjoying a liberal share of the public's patronage. At this meeting the directors declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent which was paid to its stock holders at once.

The future of this institution gives promise of as bright a record as the past and our people are glad to have such an institution in their midst.

### Increased Interest.

The physicians of the State are manifesting increased interest in the crusade against hookworm disease. Two-thirds of them have supplied information concerning the prevalence of the disease in their practice, and one-half of them have used the State Laboratory of Hygiene to have examinations made, and practically an equal number have treated anywhere from one to several hundred cases. So keenly are they alive in some counties that they are constantly distributing literature about the disease and its prevention where it will do good. Many have appeared before the county boards of commissioners to secure aid in the establishment of the rural free dispensaries for the examination and treatment of the disease. Dr. Wickliffe Rose, Administrative Secretary of the Hookworm Commission, who visited the State Medical Society at its recent meeting in Charlotte, spoke in the highest terms of the unusual high type of men who constituted the assembly. When the physicians of the State are seen and known one will expect and receive their untiring and unselfish support in every movement for the uplift of the people.