

### Crop Report

(Crop Reporting Service, Department of Agriculture - Raleigh)

An increase of 13 per cent in the tobacco acreage, and a slight increase of yield, at 607 pounds per acre, insures an increased production of about 22 per cent. The average prices on the auction markets are not yet equal to those of last year. The total value of the crop is less than two per cent more. The value-per-acre is \$152.80, based on the present information available. This is over two per cent less than it was last season.

#### White (Irish) Potatoes

Irish potatoes are too abundant this year. Great stocks are going into storage and many left to rot. This state's late crop is grown primarily in the western counties. The combined early and late crops occupy about the same acreage, have the same yield and production as last season. The value, however, is much less. At 75 cents per bushel, it would mean an 87.5 bushel yield, \$65.25 per-acre value, and 4,025,000 bushels mean \$3,018,000 value. They were worth twice as much last season.

#### Sweet Potatoes

The acreage of sweet potatoes was increased four per cent, as well as the yield. The price has declined rapidly and an over supply is reaching many markets. The Southern sweet potato is not appreciated in the North because they do not know how to cook them. As with the prunes and raisins, the demand must be created. At 75 cents per bushel, the average acre of 106 bushels will be worth \$79.35 this year, if sold.

#### Peanuts

As the digging of peanuts is just begun and the previous weather was so unfavorable in the commercial northeastern counties, it is difficult to estimate the results. The acreage was reduced; the yield expected will be perhaps nearly 900 pounds per acre, giving approximately 115,000,000 pounds production, which, at 90 pounds, will give 1,250,000 bags in this state if all were marketed. There is quite a large acreage that is not picked and not counted in the above.

#### Hay

The wet weather and prospects of failures of several crops has resulted in far more hay than was expected. This is particularly true in the eastern half of the state. The yield, as well as the acreage, is increased. It will be needed to tide the farmers over an unprofitable year. Many acres of soy beans, intended for picking, have been cut for hay.

#### Speculative Crops

In spite of the adverse wet and dry weather extremes experienced here this year, we have already reached the goal ahead of last year in several crops and sure to get there with others.

#### Corn

Corn at 80 per cent of a full crop is better than last year, excepting in certain drowned-out areas of eastern counties and in excessively dry parts of central sections.

#### Oats

Oats are much the same at 86 per cent quality on the same acreage, but much better in yield at 22 bushels per acre, when last year they averaged only 18 bushels, but the average price is lower at 63 cents. The total crop value ranks us with the average state.

The area has been much the same for three years, as also was the yield per acre. The total production barely misses 50,000,000 bushels, but the value of the present crop is about 20 per cent more at 96 cents per bushel than last year's. On the per acre basis of \$18.43 at present quite an improvement is apparent over the \$15.05 of a year ago. The state's rank in total value is perhaps 13th.

#### Cotton

The large increase of 12 per cent in the acreage of cotton to be picked this year over a year ago doesn't net nearly the production—730,000 bales, made last year—776,000, but the average price is better, it having increased, whereas it decreased during the previous season. The 218 pounds this year mean a decrease of perhaps 25 per cent in the per-acre yield, but fifteen per cent increase in total value at 21 cents over 16.4 cents last season. This means, too, that the per-acre value may be \$45.75 as compared with \$43.29 the previous season. Of the cotton states, North Carolina leads in the per-acre yield and value. She also has the most cotton mills. It is reported that 43 per cent of the mills in the 14 Southern states are hers.

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### Europe Going Back to Farm



Dr. L. C. Gray, economist of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, after an extended survey in Europe says big estates are being cut into small tracts and the people are going back to the land, producing more for home than commercial uses.

**QUESTIONS and Bible Answers**

If Parents will encourage children to look up and answer the Bible Questions, it will prove a precious heritage to them in after years.

How did Jesus begin his great "Sermon on the Mount?"—Matt. 5:3-11

### Legion Women's New Head-dress



Thelma Sines, of Logansport, La., wearing the new head dress of the women's American Legion Auxiliary as adopted at the New Orleans convention.

### A RECORD OF FAKING

Attitude of the Republican Party on the League of Nations.

By Wallace Bassford (Special News Correspondent) Washington, D. C., Oct. 16.—Senator Medill McCormick, in a desperate effort to draw public attention away from high taxes, high living costs, Newberryism, the huge deficit in the Treasury, strikes, coal shortage and other troubles, tries to raise the issue of the League of Nations. He taunts the Democrats with having dropped the League.

A few weeks ago the country was astounded that Secretary Hughes would reopen as foul a wound as the Newberry scandal; now the thinking people are astonished that McCormick should bring up a subject upon which his party has such a record of faking. So far as the Democratic attitude is concerned, it is recognized that the election in November can have no direct bearing on the fortunes of the League one way or another. If the Democracy should lick the platter clean in the coming election it would be in no position to initiate or carry through any desires it might have in the matter of the League. The Constitution gives to the House of Representatives, for control of which the Democrats are fighting, no voice in the determination of our foreign policies excepting in the matter of declaring war. If the Democrats should win all the Senate seats in contest they could not control that body, which the President who stands pledged to an Association of Nations, is, notwithstanding that pledge, a bar to such a union for peace.

How much more appropriate to ask, What is the attitude of the Republicans on the subject? Today that party is in absolute control of all branches of the government, with printed in black and white in the record a pledge to go into the league of nations. The most absolute of all the recorded pledges on the subject is the one signed by thirty-one of the most eminent Republicans in the country, printed all over the land before the election of Harding, telling the people that the proper way to get into a league of nations was by electing Harding to the Presidency. Among the signers were Secretary of State Hughes, Secretary Hoover, ex-Secretary Root and former President Taft. Can anyone believe that this statement was sent broadcast without fullest consultation with Mr. Harding and the highest officials of the Republican National Committee? It is the recollection of this writer that Senator Medill McCormick himself was one of the immortal thirty-one. Any reasonable man would take the position that that pledge is binding on the President and his party. But no one can see them making a move toward carrying it into effect. This raises the question of sincerity. There were many who at the time of its utterance believed it was merely a political fake for the purpose of holding within the Republican party that host of Republicans who had enrolled for the League under the leadership of Hamilton Holt. It was another of the many baits the Republican party had used to catch gudgeons—and it caught a great many. If it did not meet with the President's approval, he had a strange way of showing his displeasure. He put Hughes and Hoover in the Cabinet and Taft on the Supreme Bench.

The beautiful young woman interviewed a fortune teller on the usual subjects. "Lady," said the clairvoyant, "you will visit foreign lands, and the courts of kings and queens. You will conquer all rivals and marry the man of your choice. He will be tall and dark and aristocratic." "And young?" interrupted the lady. "Yes, and very rich." "The beautiful lady grasped the fortune teller's hands and pressed them hard. "Thank you," she said. "Now tell me one thing more. How shall I get rid of my present husband?"—Gas Magazine.

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### First Woman U. S. Senator is 87



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gave enthusiastic indorsement to the campaign for a \$600,000 expansion and endowment fund for Davidson college, near Charlotte, N. C., according to announcement and urged Presbyterians all over the South to contribute liberally to this campaign for Christian education and "A Greater Davidson for a Greater Southern Church."

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