

# Down on the Farm

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Riches seldom bring long life. It does, too often, bring the loss of things that money can't buy. It sends good farmers to retirement; good youngsters away from hay fields to stone sidewalks; and young heirs of fortunes to a grave in a 99-foot bay. It suppresses and creates only force and repression that go to make the wrecks in the world. It is almost as if a new sort of humanity had been produced—rolled up on us by the sheer development and fruitfulness, and heating up and pouring over, and expansion of the earth. Great elemental forces silently working out the destiny of man have seized the happy plowman and touched his eyes with vision. Some of them rich by revelation, by habits of great seeing and great doing. Too many, however, have used their souls in getting their riches, their mastery over money, but it is by discovering other men's souls, and picking out the men who had them, and gathering these around them, that their success has been kept. But thanks to the Creator, many men are rich by some mighty, silent sudden service they have done to a whole country at once. Henry Ford or the late Will Rogers didn't have time to lose their souls. There is a sense in which they might be called "The Innocents of Riches."

When we come to study the duration of human life, it is impossible to accept the view that the high mortality between the ages of 70 and 75 indicate a natural limit to human life. The fact that many men, who live away from congested centers, or have not raced at breakneck speed after the accumulation of riches, and, are well preserved at 70 or 75, both physically and

intellectually, makes it impossible to regard age as the natural limit of life.

**Life Is A Bubble**

Philosophers such as Plato, poets such as Michael Angelo, Titian and Franz Hals, President and farmer such as George Washington, produce some of their most important works when they had passed what some regarded as their limit of life.

It has been noticed that most centenarians have been people who were poor or in humble circumstances. Whose lives had been extremely simple. Poverty generally brings with it sobriety, especially in old age, and sobriety is certainly favorable to long life.

Life itself is a bubble and a scepticism, and a sleep within a sleep. Grant it, and as much more as you will, heed your private dreams: you will not be missed in the scoring and scepticism: there are enough of them: stay on your plot of earth and toil, until the rest are agreed what to do about. Your sickness, they say, and your puny habit, require that you do this or avoid that, but know that your life is a fitting state. A tent for a night pitched where you may. So you, sick or well, must finish that stint.

I love a boy reading in a book—I've seen one reading, recently, just for a moment's rest atop a stump in a cotton field. I love him as he gazes at a drawing or cast: for what are these millions who read and behold, but incipient farmers, industrialists, writers and sculptors? Not idle heirs of parental riches. All a little more in America today, of that quality which now reads and sees, and they will seize the pen and chisel and become the centenarians of a mellowed age. How

## Floyd Explains the Transfer of Quota

Growers who buy additional tobacco marketing cards from other farmers are urged to get the transfer made through county farm agents or AAA field representatives stationed in the warehouses.

When this is done, the agents and field men will make official records of the transfers that will be used next year in calculating larger quotas for producers who have heavy yields this year, explained E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at State College.

A number of growers over the State have produced good yields this season, he continued, and their production exceeds the cards. [But other growers with short crops won't use up the full amount of their cards.

All growers with excess leaf to sell should be able to get all the additional cards they need, Floyd commented, for the State quota is large enough to cover all the weed that Tar Heel growers will have to market this year.

He also pointed out that those who have a larger quota than they need will be able to get compensation for part of their lower production by selling their surplus quota cards at the rate of not more than five cents a pound fixed by the AAA.

Growers who have surplus tobacco that will sell for more than 10 cents a pound will find it cheaper to buy extra cards than to pay the tax. But it may be cheaper to pay the tax on leaf selling for less than 10 cents a pound.

The tax on all tobacco without marketing cards will be half the sales price or three cents a pound—whichever is higher.

## Careless Cutting Is Ruinous to Woods

A little care in the selection of wood for peanut poles and tobacco flue wood will prevent the removal of protective cover from land which might otherwise be subject to erosion, according to State Coordinator E. B. Garrett of the Soil Conservation Service.

Thousands of young pines are cut each year and used only for a few weeks as peanut poles, Garrett points out. Large numbers of other trees are also cut to provide flue wood for curing tobacco. In many cases steep slopes and erosion areas are clear cut, leaving no protection for the soil and very often no chance for reseeding.

There are other stands, however, which need thinning when the rate of growth begins to slow down. Such stands will be improved if poorly shaped and undesirable trees are removed for use as peanut poles, tobacco flue wood or for cord wood as needed.

The more desirable trees will thus be left for a future crop of sawlogs.

easily, if fate would suffer it, we might keep forever, these beautiful limits, and adjust ourselves, once for all, to the perfect calculation of the kingdom of successes and services.

**Up Again, Old Heart**

On the streets, in the fields, and in the newspapers, life appears so plain a business, that many resolutions and adherence to the multiplication-table through all weathers, will insure peace of mind and abundance of comfort. But ah! presently comes a day, or it may be only a half-hour, with its angel-whispering,—which discomfits the conclusions of nations and of years!

Tomorrow again, everything looks real and angular. The habitual standards are reinstated. Common sense becomes as rare as genius,—is the basis of genius, and, experience is hand and foot to every enterprise.

Of what use is fortune or talent to a cold and defective person? Who cares what sensibility or discrimination a man has at sometime shown, if he falls asleep on his job? or if he laughs and giggles with the masses? or if he doesn't apologize for his rudeness? or is affected with too much egotism? or thinks of his dollar? or cannot go buy food? or has mistreated a child in boyhood? Of what use, if the brain is too cold or too hot, and you do not care enough for results, to stimulate you to experiment, and hold you up in it?

Of what use to make heroic vows of amendment, if the same old law-breakers is to keep them. We see young men who owe us a new world, so readily and lavishly they promise, but they never acquit the debt. They die young. They dodge their account. Or if they live, they lose themselves in the crowd.

Never mind the ridicule. Never mind the defeat. Up again, old heart!—it seems to say,—there is victory yet for all justice. The true romance which the world exists to realize, will be the transformation of genius into practical power mingled with the ripeness of a centenarian age.

## Cold-Pressed Grapes Make The Best Juice

Cold-pressed grape juice has a much better flavor and quality than hot-pressed or cooked juice, said Mrs. Cornelia C. Morris, extension economist in food conservation at State College.

The Scuppernon, Thomas, Luola, Nish, Eden, James, Memory, Smith, and Flowers grapes of the Muscadine family make good juice, she added. The Thomas is perhaps the best, and does not need the addition of any sugar.

Select firm, ripe grapes for making juice. If a large quantity of juice is to be made, a grape crusher will be needed, but for smaller amounts the grapes can be mashed in a dishpan with a potato masher or a bottle.

After crushing, pour the grapes into a cheesecloth bag and strain off the juice. Allow the juice to stand in buckets for an hour to settle, then filter it through a flannel jelly bag and pour at once into hot, sterilized pans.

Partially seal the jars and place them in a hot water canner. Cover the jars with water. When the water begins to boil vigorously, take the canner off the stove, remove the jars, and complete the seal. Mrs. Morris pointed out that when the water begins to boil vigorously, the temperature inside the jars will be approximately 185 degrees F. Higher temperatures will impair the flavor of the juice.

The hulls left in the cheesecloth bag may be used to make grape paste stock. Cook the grape pulps slowly in a large dishpan until the seeds begin to separate from the pulp. Stir constantly with a wooden spoon while cooking, as the pulps scorch easily.

Remove pan from the stove. Pour the pulp through a colander or use a potato ricer to remove the seed. Pour the hot pulp into hot, sterilized pans and process in a hot water canner for 30 minutes at boiling temperature. Remove jars from canner, complete the seal, and store until the stock is to be used for making grape paste.

## Phosphate Is Good For Building Soil

The agricultural conservation program offers North Carolina farmers an opportunity to apply much-needed phosphate to their soils, according to E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at State College.

Farmers cooperating in the program can earn part of their AAA payment by applying phosphate to their land, or they can secure triple-superphosphate free from the AAA in lieu of part of their payment.

No charge is made for the triple-superphosphate, which is obtained from the TVA and other producers, Floyd added, but the farmers are asked to pay the transportation costs. Triple-superphosphate is highly concentrated, and does not cost as much to ship as other phosphates.

Most North Carolina soils can be greatly improved by applications of phosphate, and many farmers whose soil is too acid also apply lime to their fields. Lime applications will also help farmers earn their AAA payment.

Under the program, the phosphate should be applied in connection with perennial or biennial legumes, perennial grasses, winter legumes, lespedeza, crotalaria, or permanent pasture.

Growers who have used phosphate in the past report that it makes these crops produce a thick and luxurious growth and when the legumes are plowed under, the yield of succeeding crops such as corn, wheat, and other small grains is greatly increased. Some farmers have doubled and trebled grain yields by applying phosphate to legumes and then plowing under a growth of these soil-building crops.

## MEMBERS 4-H CLUB WILL BE ON AIR SOON

Three 4-H club members of Wilkes county will broadcast a program over radio station FAIR in Winston-Salem Saturday afternoon, 12:15 o'clock, September 3. The program, which will be on the subject of "Preparing Apples For Exhibit," will be put on by Sam Gray and Mary Jane Burchette, of Ronda, and M. C. Nicholson, of Cycle, under direction of County Agent Dan Holler and Miss Harriet McGoogan, home demonstration agent.

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