

# AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

Devoted Totally to the Interests of the Farmers and Farm Women of the County of Columbus

(BY COUNTY AGENT AND HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT)

### Marketing Should Keep Pace With Production

The farmer who produces more than he can market at a profit, more than he can consume or utilize on his farm, is on the down-grade and will eventually land in bankruptcy; or else be compelled to change his occupation. This is as certain as that two and two make four. Marketing, then, should keep pace with production if agriculture is to succeed in this or any other State. Heretofore too much stress has been given production and too little to marketing. The two must go hand in hand if farming is to be made a profitable occupation. It is quite possible for production to be successful through individual initiative. Successful marketing must be done through group action which calls for organization ability on the part of producers, either along commodity lines or through general neighborhood organizations. The division of Markets of the State Department of Agriculture is prepared to assist the North Carolina farmers in the working out of such organizations for the marketing of livestock and poultry; fruits and vegetables; other general crops such as soybeans, cowpeas, etc.; in the organization of cooperative banking institutions for the promotion of thrift and the establishment of neighborhood credit; in the organization of cooperative purchasing associations so as to enable them to secure better prices on their fertilizers and other supplies; and through inspection and instruction in grading and packing.

# FURS!

Highest prices paid for Furs of all kinds, also Cow Hides and Beeswax. Bring them to us and we will guarantee the highest price will be paid at our store.

**JACOB COHEN**  
TABOR, N. C.

# REVIVAL SERVICES

AT THE  
**Vineland Tabernacle**  
BY  
**REV. A. H. BUTLER**  
of Falcon, N. C.

Service begins Dec. 8th— evening 7:30; day services announced later. Rev. Butler is one of our most able preachers. Good singing. Come and bring a friend.

A Hearty Welcome to All

enable them to establish grades and brands which will add greatly to the market value of their products.

### Standardization of Farm Products Grows Steadily In Importance

Standardization of farm products is rapidly attaining national and international importance. Federal grades are now available for 30 kinds of fruit and vegetables, one or more of which grades have been adopted by 25 States for use in interstate as well as interstate commerce.

The standardization program of the Federal Bureau of Agricultural Economics was started in 1915 with the establishment of a telegraphic market news service conveying most of the leading consuming markets in the country. Federal grades were prepared for Bermuda onions and potatoes, use of the latter being made compulsory by the Food Administration. The value of the potato grades was found to be such that with the termination of the food administration the trade continued the voluntary use of the grades, and it is estimated that at least 80 per cent of the total shipments of potatoes in the United States are now quoted on the basis of these grades.

Further stimulus was given the standardization program when the United States Food Product Inspection Service was started in 1917. This service provided for Federal inspection of shipments at receiving points when such inspection should be requested by any of the persons interested in the shipments. By 1921, Federal grades had been recommended for 13 different fruits and vegetables, and had been widely adopted by the States.

The following year the inspection service was extended to shipping points, and a tremendous demand developed for additional standards for fruits and vegetables. The grades are now being recognized abroad as evidenced by the trade preference given American products that have been officially inspected and for which inspection certificates as to quality and condition have been issued.

The North Carolina Division of Markets has secured for the benefit of the North Carolina farmers the telegraphic market news service, reports from which are included in

**PREVENTION**  
better than cure. Tutt's Pills taken in time, are not only a remedy for but prevent  
**SICK HEADACHE**  
biliousness, constipation and kindred diseases  
**Tutt's Pills**

Market News each week. This Division is also cooperating with the Federal Bureau in an inspection service for fruits and vegetables, potatoes, etc.

### Pruning Grape Vines

Now is the time to prune Muscadine grape vines, including such varieties as Scuppernon, James, Thomas, etc. This should be done between the time that the leaves fall and the first of December, to avoid injury due to bleeding. The amount and style of pruning should be varied to fit the individual vine according to the method of training, previous care, vigor, and the age of the vine. Muscadines, because they bear their fruit in small clusters, require a larger amount of fruiting surface than bunch grapes in order to secure the proper yield. Most of the fruit is borne on canes of the current season, which in turn arise from growth of the previous year. Too severe pruning usually removes most of the fruit-bearing wood, reducing yield, and causing vigorous market growth. No pruning causes growth which is too much distributed and too far from the trunk, and which is also weak and low yielding.

A familiar sight is a Scuppernon, or other Muscadine grape, growing on an overhead arbor. These vines are often very vigorous. Usually, however, they are allowed to grow so thick that light and air is excluded from all except the edge of the vine, with the result that the yield is but a fraction of what it should be, and most of the grapes are borne only on the outer edges where the growth is young and the vines receive plenty of light and air. These vines should not be permitted to become so dense, but should be pruned systematically and freely every fall.

The procedure is to cut out all dead wood first, then to thin out some of the overlapping branches and next to shorten back some of the canes. Each vine will require more or less individual treatment so that no definite rule can be applied for all. Common sense should be the guide, with the idea of opening up the vine to light and air so that a maximum amount of the surface will produce fruit. The part of the vine that bears the fruiting canes consists of arms or branches bearing short spurs. Long canes with few or no spurs should be avoided. Spurs should be cut back to three or four buds.

The overhead arbor is not recommended for commercial plantings since the vines should be trained on a vertical trellis with a definite system of training.

### Taint No Joke

Some weeks ago a parody on "It Ain't A-Gwine to Rain No More" came out and now comes one of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee." Here it is: "My auto 'tis of thee, short road to poverty—of thee I chant—; I blew a pile of dough on you three years ago. Now you refuse to go — or won't or can't. Through town and countryside you were my joy and pride, a happy day. I loved thy gaudy hue, the nice white tires new; but you're down and out for true, in every way. To thee, old rattle box, acme of many bumps and knocks, for thee I grieve. Badly thy top is torn; frayed is the seat and worn; the whopping cough affects thy horn, I do believe. They perfume swells the breeze, while good folks cough and sneeze, as we pass by I paid for thee a price, 'twould buy a mansion twice; now everybody's yelling "ice"—I wonder why? Thy motor has the grip, thy spark plugs has the pip and woe is thine. I, too, have suffered chills, fatigue and kindred ills, endeavoring to pay my bills, since thou were mine. Gone is my bank roll now, no more 'twould choke a cow, as once before. Yet if I had the mon, so help me John, amen, I'd buy a car again, and spend some more."

Read our Advertisements.

### Fifty Feet of Frontage

Only fifty feet of frontage is the width of our estate, So a man of many acres wouldn't call it great, And in length a hundred forty, little more or little less, So a man with views and vistas wouldn't call it much, I guess. Yet I'm very well contented with this little place of ours,

Not because my tastes are simple, not because I love the flowers, Not for all the usual reasons that you read of in a "pome"—

There's another splendid reason why it's large enough a home.

Only fifty feet of frontage, but the fifty feet will pass

When reminded by the Missus that it's time to cut the grass.

If you're troubled with ambitions, if your place looks rather small, If you're feeling rather crowded, if dissatisfied at all,

If 'the millionaire you envy with his acres grand and great,

Hustle cut and run the mower from the sidewalk to the gate.

Use your scissors on the edges, shove a mower through the rough,

And, although your place is little, you will find it large enough.

Yes, if fifty feet of frontage seems a rather narrow lot,

You'll be actually astonished at the acreage you've got.

If you think your place is tiny, if you think it hasn't style,

If you wish your lot were bigger, push the mower for a mile.

### NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND UNDER JUDGMENT

Pursuant to a judgment rendered in the Superior court of Columbus county on the 22nd day of Sept., 1924, in an action entitled: F. M. Hester et al. vs. J. C. Williamson, J. R. Williamson et al.

The undersigned Commissioner will offer for sale and sell for cash, at public auction at the courthouse door in the town of Whiteville, on the

1st Monday in January, 1925,

the same being the 5th day of Jan., 1925, at 12 o'clock noon, the following described real estate:

Beginning at a point a stake it being the old E. Gowan & Byrd corner, at the Southeast corner of the old Zanie Bullard two acre tract on the south side of the Fair Bluff public road and runs thence westwardly with the south line of the said Zanie Bullard, (now owned by Mrs. J. F. Benton) two acre tract to her southeast corner of the said two acre tract; thence with her line the said Riddick or Griffin line to

northwardly about 60 yards to the south edge of the Whiteville and Fair Bluff public road, a stake; thence westwardly with the east line of the Marion Gausfield, thence southwardly with the east line to Wolf Tap Branch; thence up Wolf Branch to a stake a corner of the Williamson and Brown land and Lumber Company's mill quarters; thence eastwardly with the Mill quarters north line containing same course to the Riddick old line; now Mrs. Griffin's line; thence northwardly with

the beginning corner, containing the acres more or less.  
Second Tract: A land lying and being above described tract C. L. Railroad Company way, formerly owned by J. C. and J. R. Williamson, dec. and now sold to Williamson & Lumber Company.  
Dated this the 1st day of Dec. 1925.  
J. D. LEWIS,  
(out Dec. 26)

JUST RECEIVED  
TWO (2) CAR LOADS OF  
**FORDS**  
Get Yours for Christmas  
**LEWIS MOTOR COMPANY**  
Tabor, N. C.



You may choose Gifts here for the entire family:

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- Grandma
- Pa
- Ma and
- All the Children

**Harrelson, Graham & Co.**  
L. G. GRAHAM, Mgr. TABOR, N. C.

# Christmas Candies

Just received large shipment of Christmas Candies direct from manufacturers

Finest Fancy Box Chocolates, Heide's and Schrafft's in 1-pound, 2-pound and larger packages.

Full line of Fresh Bulk Candies of all kinds. Glossy and Satin Finish Hard Candies. Plum Pudding Fudge. Glace Bon-Bons. Coconut Squares. Jelly Beans. Jaw Breakers. Gum Drops. Circus Peanuts. Noah's Ark Mixture. Stick Candy — and many others.

We also have another shipment this week of Florida Oranges at Sixty [60] cents per peck

# Vineland Market Company

# The Floyd-Anderson Drug Company

GUY L. BAILEY, MANAGER

Everything for Christmas Presents for young and old! Fireworks, Toys, Candles, Ivory, Jewelry, Kodaks, Fountain Pens, Stationery, Cut Glass, Flashlights. The most complete line in Columbus county.

GUY L. BAILEY Manager

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