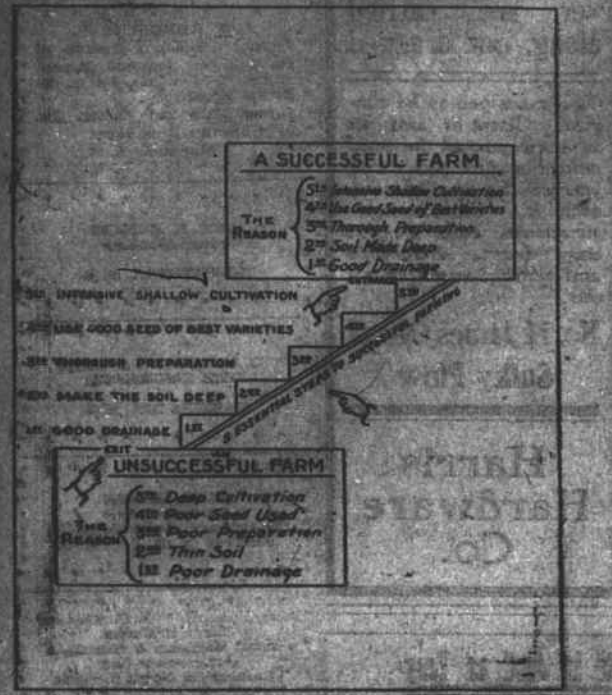


A Clean Paper is the Magnet of The Evening Hearthstone--The Daily News is Clean

THOROUGH PREPARATION BEFORE PLANTING



Up review of Article No. 1 we learn that poor drainage, thin soil, poor preparation, the use of poor seed and deep cultivation were causes for failure and an unsuccessful farm. Article No. 2, that good drainage was the first step towards successful farming and that nature has endowed certain species to assist us in our farm operations and more, also, that the way to get the most from the soil is to make the soil deep, plow in the Fall or early Winter, 2 to 12 inches, according to the character of the soil the plow and the harrow. "Thorough preparation before planting" - This step or principle is embraced in the two steps already taken for all we have done in taking the two first steps is preparatory to taking the third.

And there is yet much to be done before we have thorough preparation. We presume that the land is reasonably well drained and has been deep in the Fall or early Winter, two very essential points in the plan of thorough preparation. But no soil can be in a thorough state of preparation until it is equally balanced. That is having in it all the elements required for successful plant growth. We mentioned in a former article that there was ten different elements which are essential to plant growth, all but three of them are supplied by the air and the water we are found in all soils in sufficient quantities to support plant life.

The three missing elements in most soils is whole or in part, are Nitrogen, Phosphoric Acid and Potash. If either or all of these elements are not already in a soil, then it becomes a question of the preparation to supply them by an application of barn-yard manure or commercial fertilizer having in it the needed element or if this is needed (and most soils here in Beaufort County need this), too, should be applied, being very careful as to how it is done, because of its misapplication as to the action of lime, there is much evidence of lime in a good number of farmers. It should be remembered that, although lime is an essential element for plant growth, it is not to be applied in excess. In the promotion of plant development, going a little further as a precaution, never mix lime with any material containing ammonia, because applying it to the soil, because the lime would tend to set free into the atmosphere some of the ammonia and it would be lost. For this reason it is exceedingly unwise to mix lime directly with stable manure.

Do not add lime to Acid Phosphate. Lime added to mixed acid phosphate will make less available the soluble phosphoric acid contained in the acid phosphate. But it is not our purpose to write at this time a treatise on the use of lime on the farm; we only mention it as one of the elements or factors needed in the soil.

With commercial fertilizer. Many of us have the question asked, "How much fertilizer should I use?"

GOOD VENTILATION

An Inexpensive Means of Warding Off Disease.

Not one house in a hundred is properly heated and ventilated. This one reason for our having twice or three times the amount of colds, headaches, pneumonia and catarrhal troubles and general inefficiency that we should have in the winter. We are so closely housed at this season of the year that in badly heated and ventilated rooms, churches, and school houses and public halls it is extremely easy to contract contagious diseases and even consumption itself.

But you say, what is proper heating and ventilating? Proper heating and ventilating is supplying from 1,500 to 3,000 cubic feet of fresh air at a temperature of 70 degrees to each person every hour. In addition to this, the air should contain considerable moisture. Air that is so dry that it will shrink and draw the furniture apart and kill flowers and plants in a room is at least unfit for human use.

In the average house using a fireplace or stove for heating it is difficult to properly heat or ventilate the house in cold weather, but even then much can be done to improve conditions.

In the first place, get the thermometer habit. Keep an easily read thermometer in the living room and the work room. Hang it in a place where it can be readily seen and a glass having the average room temperature. Next, keep this thermometer standing at as nearly 70 degrees as possible.

In ventilating don't be afraid of fresh air. Warm it up if possible, but have it in the room at all times regardless of its incoming temperature. Fireplaces are now so constructed that fresh air is admitted from below the floor and passes up behind the grate, and then allowed to enter the room above the fireplace. Or this heated air may also be allowed to enter an adjoining room or into one or more rooms above. If stoves are used, by all means have them unrounded, at least part way, and surround them with a shield of galvanized iron sheet; this shield should extend to the floor. Fresh air should be admitted through an opening in the floor beneath the stove, so that it may become heated by passing up between the stove and the shield.

While these are probably the best means of warming the air that comes into a room, a small amount of fresh air may be admitted by raising the lower sash of the window about two inches and placing a strip in the opening below the sash. This will permit a small quantity of air to enter near the middle of the window, between the two sashes and will give it an upward motion as it enters the room, thus preventing "cold drafts." Better ventilation may be secured by raising the lower sash several inches and placing a shield opposite this opening to deflect the incoming current of air.

Another excellent practical means of ventilating is by thoroughly "airing" the living rooms not less than three or four times a day. This is done by simply opening the windows and doors for a minute or two and allowing fresh air to flood the room. The feeling of exhilaration following these "airings" is well worth the trouble. Try it once. Fresh air is cheap and no trust controls it. Let us have our share of it.

SHIP-CARLOAD OF EGGS

Hickory, N. C., Feb. 13.—The Catawba Grocery in connection with F. A. Yoder, shipped Saturday to New York a car load of eggs, and are making preparations in this general way each week in the future.

NORDICA TOO ILL TO

Boston, Mass., Feb. 14.—Mrs. Lillian Nordica, who was to have sung tonight in "Tristan and Isolde" at the opening opera of the Wagnerian jubilee at the Boston Opera House tonight, was unable to appear because of a bad cold of the throat.

THROUGH

Washington, Feb. 14.—The largest of living is to be investigated by the Department of Justice to determine if a law has been passed in the State of North Carolina which would prevent other combinations of similar nature from being formed.

WASHINGTON BEAUTY MAKES DEBUT



Miss Fannie Stewart, who in the winter spent in the city, has introduced to Washington society her daughter, Miss Katherine Hiltcock, and the young lady's success is assured by her beauty and admirable qualities.

MISS STEWART ENTERTAINS FIRE WIPES OUT AT VALENTINE PARTY PART OF VILLAGE

Most Pleasant Evening Spent as the Men, Women and Children Battle to Save Their Homes in Zero Weather.

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OFFERS A COUNTER PROPOSITION TO PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY

Lawyer Wiley C. Rodman Offers New Ideas to the Property Owners of This County on the Good Roads Question

Washington, N. C., Feb. 14. Mr. Editor:—I have read with a great deal of interest a letter from your correspondent in today's paper. If you will permit me to say so, I, in the main, agree with the gentleman. As a citizen and tax-payer I have always felt great interest in Good Roads.

At the last Democratic convention, I offered a resolution for putting the roads on taxation, and, as County attorney, drew up the present law under which the roads of Washington, Long Acre and Chocowinity Townships are to be worked. I believe that the law is a good one, but realize that we are blasing unknown paths, and in order to meet with success, we must proceed with caution. I have always been in favor of progress and public improvement; yet I realize that the taxes in this county at the present time are to some extent burdensome. I agree with the gentleman that it would be a great benefit to the people of this section to improve the roads, and, it ought to be done, but I do not believe that the taxes ought to be increased for this purpose.

As a counter-proposition I would suggest for the consideration of your readers and to the people of this section, this proposition: That an election be called to issue \$50,000 bonds. This amount of money will build approximately 75 miles of sand-clay roads, and will cover all of the main thoroughfares in the three townships. It should be provided that the interest on these bonds should be paid out of the Town of Washington and Corporation tax annually, and that from said tax, there should also be set aside annually a sinking fund to retire the bonds at maturity.

According to the statistics, \$1,000 a year would pay the interest and provide a sinking fund. Without taking into consideration the natural increase in tax values, this would leave \$2,000 a year for the purpose of general maintenance of the roads, and at the same time would leave to each township the taxes which it pays to be used on its own roads as now fixed by the Board of Road Commissioners.

This plan would, in my opinion, meet the demands of your correspondent, would give us good roads at present, and would inflict no burden upon posterity. In my judgment, this would be better than a hundred thousand dollars worth of bonds as suggested. I believe that the Road Commissioners realize fully the importance of good roads, and that they feel their inability to provide them when they are compelled under the present law to spend the tax money in dribblets.

If the people of this district really wish to see good roads, they have only to prepare the proper petitions for an election to be ordered, and if a majority are in favor of the plan suggested, the roads can be had. For one, it gives me great pleasure to say that I am willing to do all that I can to assist in the movement, and will be glad to discuss the matter with the people of the district at any time. I would like to hear from other readers of your paper as to how they feel upon the subject.

Very respectfully,
WILEY C. RODMAN,
Attorney for District Road Commissioners.

BRIEF NOTES OF INTEREST

Our correspondent from Broad Creek wishes to know what's become of our newgatherers at Jessama, Pine-town and several other points. These letters are interesting news disseminators and are read by hundreds of people who like to keep in touch with current happenings.

We are not daffodiling with Mr. Luther Burbank that creates new fruits and the like, but a man who comes into the town and fills up on our good licker and writes back home that everybody else is drunk why isn't he a Newberry?

From an undercurrent we are towed up the stream to the upper end of town where we hear whisperings that substantial improvements are going to be made this spring. As the tide recedes we fall against the pier at the lower end of town and are pointed to some yacht spots that look very suspicious for much to be doing about the time the ground hog comes out to make his next observations. All along the line everything "looks good" and we bump up against the court house, and here we can't find the landlord to inquire whether or not he anticipates any improvements this spring.

Another party of home seekers will visit us within the next few weeks. Mr. B. E. Rice has been notified to leave his Newberries with Luther Burbank on his next trip.

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HOLD UP TOWN IN WESTERN STYLE

New Albany, Ind., Feb. 12.—Two men held up the little town of Green-ville, Ind., in the most approved wild western fashion yesterday afternoon and for two hours not a citizen of the place showed himself out doors while Charles Lee and Lewis Morgan poked up and down the length of the main street with drawn revolvers, uttering threats and whoops of defiance. Finally Sheriff Fisher arrived in answer to telephone calls and put the men under arrest.

MR. POE TO WED DAUGHTER OF AYCCK

Editor of Progressive Farmer is to Marry Daughter of Ex-Governor.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 14.—The engagement of Mr. Clarence Poe, editor of The Progressive Farmer, and a widely known magazine writer, and Miss Alice Aycock, eldest daughter of ex-Governor Charles R. Aycock, was announced this afternoon at a brilliant luncheon given by Mrs. Albert Anderson, in honor of Miss Aycock and Miss Rosa Powell, of Goldsboro. There were 30 young ladies who shared the hospitality of Mrs. Anderson for this delightful occasion. Tonight Dr. Anderson had Mr. Poe, the judge of the Supreme Court and other State officials and other gentlemen as guests as a sort of a stag party sequel to the charming event by Mrs. Anderson. The marriage of Mr. Poe and Miss Aycock is to take place May 25.

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