

## Weed Farmer Should Depend On Experiment Station And Self

Some Seasons We Speak Of Tobacco As The Golden Weed—Other Seasons It May Not Be Thusly Pictured

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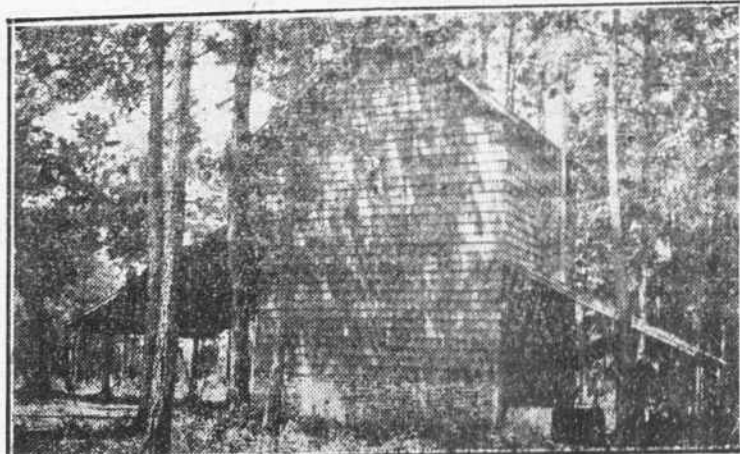
Both Landlord And Tenant Are Responsible For Bad Practices In Making The Tobacco Crop

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In some seasons we speak of tobacco as the "golden weed"—then we are on top of the world. We have money for a new automobile or at least a used car, an ample supply of gasoline and oil, a pair of shoes and silk stockings for the hard-working wife or daughter, and for other luxuries and necessities, according to ones desires and needs. At other times the growing of tobacco is pictured as a pauperizing, crime-producing practice, foisted on poor ignorant people by hard-boiled, money-grabbing landlords. In my opinion both of these pictures are exaggerated. There is a lot of money carelessly spent when tobacco is bringing good prices due to quality, lack of quantity, demand or something else; but we should not too severely criticize the individual or a class of people for going on a spending-spree when the desire to spend has been suppressed for a long time. Neither should we condemn the landlord for forcing the growing of a crop that has a ready sale and produces pro-

fits as large or in excess of most crops. In a sense, however, both the tenant and the landlord are at fault in permitting the continuance of a bad system and unwise practices. The tenant should think of the future and should tone down his desires for things that he cannot afford; and the landlord should see that the tenant is encouraged to support the tobacco crop with supplementary secondary crops, so that he may be enabled to hold on to a larger part of each tobacco dollar paid him for his labor. Both landlord and tenant are jointly responsible for bad farm practices employed in making the tobacco crop, and they should each have interest in the other sufficient to inspire them to do their best to bring about a satisfactory accomplishment so far as can be controlled by them. The following suggestions made by E. Y. Floyd, Tobacco Specialist, North Carolina State College of Agriculture, are based on experiments. They should be helpful to tobacco growers. **Suggestions To Tobacco Growers** 1. Plant tobacco only on the best suited lands. 2. Use only those varieties which produce the largest yields of best quality tobacco. 3. Use fertilizers of the kind and analysis that are best suited for the production of quality tobacco on the soils of each farm. 4. Use suitable crop rotations with the tobacco which are designed to supply the soils with moderate amounts of well rotted organic matter from non-leguminous plants and at the same time

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  6. Practice only the best cultural methods.
  7. Space the crop in the field to best fit the soil and fertilizer treatment.
  8. Harvest, cure, and handle the crop in marketing to get the most out of it.
  9. Carefully field select and save seed for planting purposes from year to year.
  10. Put in and handle the plant beds so as to get strong, healthy plants for transplanting.
  11. Each grower should keep down his acreage of tobacco to what can be handled properly.
  12. Select good soils, well protected, with a southeast exposure, for growing plants.
  13. Fertilize the seed bed liberally. Scatter uniformly over it 30 pounds of wheat, rye or oat straw as soon as the bed is planted to 100 square yards and then cover with the best grade of canvas with 25x25 strands to the inch.
  14. Seed one ounce of good reliable seed to 300 square yards of bed.
  15. Care should be taken not to carry trash tobacco to the seed bed in any way.
  16. Exercise great care in using only healthy, well graded plants in transplanting to the field.
  17. Space and top so as to encourage maximum yield of cigarette types.
  18. Grade according to Government grades before offering on markets.
  19. Grow enough food and feed crops for use of all people and livestock on the farm.
  20. Require tenants to plant a garden and produce pork, poultry, potatoes, peas, etc., in sufficient quantities for home use.
- Wilmington, July 27, 1936.

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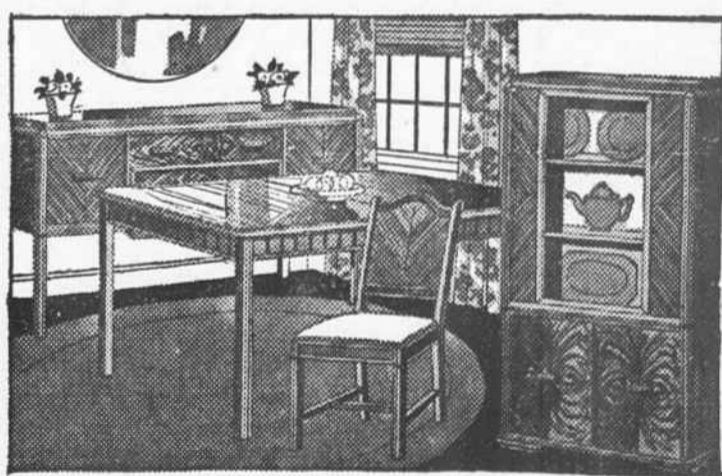
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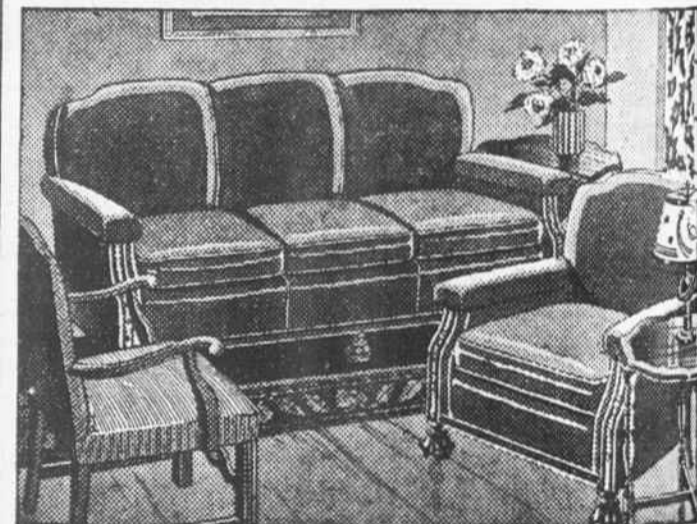
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