

WHAT MAKES FOR PROSPEROUS FARMERS IN NORTH CAROLINA

[By C. H. Williams.] There can hardly be a shadow of doubt but what the first and most important factor in the development of the farm home, the rural church and in the betterment of schools and health in the country, is that of making farming pay better. To do this, it is obviously necessary to increase our acreage production in the state at a minimum cost and at the same time secure at least reasonably fair returns from the crops produced. Poor homes, inadequate church and school facilities are more prevalent than we should like to see them in North Carolina, because of the fact that so many of our farms are producing such poor yields and net returns for the efforts put into their operations.

During the past few years in our visits to different sections of the state, we have been struck very much with the marked correlation between the productiveness of the soil and the character of the farm homes and their surroundings; schools and churches; with the healthfulness of the families; and with the educational qualifications of the people. In close proximity to such areas, it is not uncommon to find other areas sparsely settled with the people living in humble homes without beautification and with their children not permitted to enjoy social, religious and educational advantages as do the communities established on more productive lands. The underlying conditions largely causing these differences is not hard to find. My observations are, that to a large extent they are fundamentally connected with differences in the productiveness of the soils of these different communities. Does not this then unmistakably point to the fact that the greatest and most fundamental necessity of North Carolina farming is that of securing and applying information that will aid in the economic building up of the productiveness of soils of the state? No community, state or nation dependent upon its agriculture, can prosper when its soils are not productive.

North Carolina farming, in a general way, therefore, cannot be profitable unless goodly acreage yields are secured and at economic costs per unit. No amount of temporizing along other lines in a broad way can bring prosperity to the masses of our people on the farm. Year in and year out, where farmers do not get goodly yields of their crops, it is not possible to secure large returns for labor and expenses put into their production, it matters not how favorable prices may ordinarily be.

It is evident, therefore, from the foregoing that North Carolina farmers must have economic production and in order to secure this they must have more productive soils so that larger acre yields may be secured. For the average farmer, one of the most economical means to aid in building up soil fertility is by the adoption of suitable crop rotations; on every farm in which legumes enter, and to utilize the legumes after growth in such a way so that they will aid in building up the organic matter and nitrogen supplies of the soil. On the general farm, it will have to be seen to that a portion at least of the legumes after growth go back into the soil direct. No one can, or has ever been able to remove them from the land, and have their growth on the field benefit that field in a permanent way. It cannot be done.

Again, after the crops have been produced, steps must be taken by farmers to see that the very best returns are secured for them.

Union County Shows Great Progress.

The growth and development of Union county during the past few years has been more than phenomenal. It is probably due to the fact that the county is without a tenant system, that there are no large cities, that it has more rural telephones than any county in the state, and that each township in the county, save one, has a high school. Another reason, which is given for Union county's wholesome development is that the county boys and girls have labored in season and out of season for their education and for the uplift of the communities in which they have lived.

A minister has recently been in Moore after many years' absence and has noted the improvement of Union county and in recalling its history says that although formerly a part of Mecklenburg, she has been prone to "turn her nose up" at Union, but that the time has come when Mecklenburg is glad to lift her hat to Union.

J. C. Cagle Dead.

J. C. Cagle died Wednesday, July 5 at his home near Kemps Mill, aged 64 years. He had been in poor health for a number of years. He is survived by one sister, a wife, ten children, 22 grandchildren and a host of friends.

The children are all living and are as follows: Mrs. O. H. Moffitt, Asheboro; Esten Cagle, Kemps Mill; Mrs. Beattie Holland Keny; Stany Cagle, Glenn Elder, Kansas; Mrs. Flossie Auman, Kemps Mill; Frank Cagle, Roanoke Rapids; Clyde Cagle, Caddis Cagle, Hugh Cagle and Fred Cagle, of Kemps Mill.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. T. J. Green Friday at Union Grove Christian church, and was largely attended. The grave was completely covered with beautiful flowers. The pallbearers composed of Mr. Cagle's schoolmates were as follows: J. H. Smith, D. A. Cox, E. S. Moffitt, A. M. Barker, P. P. Spoon and A. J. Mason.

"It Looked Like a Battledie in Europe," Said Mr. C. Dunster.

Was staying at a hotel in a small town in Indiana. Early one morning I went to the stable to hire a horse and was shown a pile of dead rats killed with RAT-SNAK the night before. Looked like a battledie in Europe. There were 25, 50, 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900, 1000, 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800, 1900, 2000, 2100, 2200, 2300, 2400, 2500, 2600, 2700, 2800, 2900, 3000, 3100, 3200, 3300, 3400, 3500, 3600, 3700, 3800, 3900, 4000, 4100, 4200, 4300, 4400, 4500, 4600, 4700, 4800, 4900, 5000, 5100, 5200, 5300, 5400, 5500, 5600, 5700, 5800, 5900, 6000, 6100, 6200, 6300, 6400, 6500, 6600, 6700, 6800, 6900, 7000, 7100, 7200, 7300, 7400, 7500, 7600, 7700, 7800, 7900, 8000, 8100, 8200, 8300, 8400, 8500, 8600, 8700, 8800, 8900, 9000, 9100, 9200, 9300, 9400, 9500, 9600, 9700, 9800, 9900, 10000.

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Giving Up the Ghosts.

It is clear that the Republicans in congress are in a hole and do not know what to do. There is so much opposition to the administration that they are turning in every direction, and are considering the matter of abandoning the tariff legislation.

The department of agriculture figures that the boosts made to satisfy the farm bloc would add to the food bills an amount equivalent to \$13 for every man, woman and child in the United States.

The speech of Senator Lenroot, of Wisconsin, in which he objected to doubling or tripling the rates on certain California products to help Hiram Johnson's re-election, and notified his party that he would vote against the tariff bill if that sort of thing was continued, could hardly be termed a filibuster, but the filibuster talk is necessary to justify the bringing up of cloture again.

The senate can change its rules whenever it wants to, and the adoption of a rule shutting off debate by majority vote would be theoretically possible. Actually there is no choice of it, for with the whole Democratic strength in opposition, reinforced by Borah, Johnson, Norris, La Follette, Moses and Brandegee, all of whom voted against cloture, there would be a filibuster against the plan that would last longer than congress.

Nevertheless, Senator Kellogg's majority cloture plan is expected to be tried out—which is another evidence of the decision to let the tariff slide over until the next session. The Democrats will fight it till the judgment day and thereby will enable the Republicans to make their campaign speeches blaming their adversaries for the delay in prosperity.

It is quite likely that if the tariff goes over until the short session, this 67th congress will never pass a tariff bill at all. Cloture being impossible and the Democrats regarding the Fordney-McCumber bill as a gigantic plot to serve special interests at the expense of the whole people, the short session is likely to be too short to get it over.

If the Democrats should carry the house of representatives at the coming election the Fordney-McCumber measure will become a museum curio. Incidentally there will be a lot of Republicans missing from the mourners' bench if this sequence of events comes to pass, for the reaction of the country has been none too favorable to the enactment of a measure calculated to shut out the imports without which there can be no real prosperity in the United States.

PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ON ANNUAL PICNIC

The annual picnic of the Asheboro Presbyterian Sunday school was held at Kemp's Mills on Tuesday of last week.

The weather was ideal, the roads fine; every fellow in full and happy sympathy with every other fellow, and trucks and automobiles unloaded one hundred and twenty joyous "hombres" at the grounds.

The bathing, boating and fishing was fine, and not an idle moment was indulged during the day. The dinner, which supplied all things that one's imagination could suggest as tempting to appetite, was so generously ample that more than enough was left to give a full, fine and greatly relished supper, after a day of such strenuous sport, which was eaten at sun down.

The use of the house, boat house, grounds and boats of Mr. J. T. Winslow, who owns the hunting and fishing lodge at Kemp's Mill, added one hundred per cent to the pleasures of the day, and an expression of appreciation and thanks was joyously voted to Mr. Winslow for his thoughtful, kindly generosity in contributing so materially to the happiness of the day by giving the use of his lovely place to the occasion.

The children were happy in having several friends, members of other Sunday schools of the town, as their guests.

MOORE COUNTY TO OPEN APPLE ORCHARDS ON TRIAL

The board of education of Moore county met last week discussing plans for opening some demonstration apple orchards in the county. Many farmers who have become interested in the project met with the board.

The general plan is to select one or more farms of fifty acres of adaptable land and plant this fall such early maturing varieties as will bring best results. Several propositions were offered by individuals from Hamp, Glendon, Hallison and Carthage and many more will come in a few days. The idea now is to organize an apple growers' association which will take control of one or more of the larger tracts and in the meantime encourage all the smaller farmers to plant from 5 to 10 or more acres of apples and let those orchards be under the supervision of the association.

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It may sound mechanical to repeat that North Carolina business men should take more interest in the development of foreign trade. But our principal money-crops, cotton and tobacco, are exported in large quantities; while there are a number of concerns in allied industries that enjoy a large foreign patronage. Of our raw cotton over sixty per cent is shipped abroad. North Carolina tobacco is used in many foreign blends of the finished product, and the quality is so much appreciated that the fact that Carolina tobacco is used is almost invariably advertised on the outer wrapper. Yet this demand has grown naturally without very much concerted effort on the part of our business interests. Our place in foreign markets has now become so secure, however, that we can look beyond New York and the larger financial centers and begin vigorously to establish direct marketing arrangements between grower and foreign merchant.

To this end, North Carolina banks in time should be able to take care of the local grower or dealer who wants to export his product at a cost commensurate with sound business practices. In the same way, too, local growers should organize for the protection and furtherance of their interests. Foreign trade—its possibilities, dangers and eccentricities—should be studied as thoroughly as our home markets. Expert advice, rigid organization, and development of a growing sentiment conducive to export activities, are all factors that contribute to foreign exploitation. And in doing all this we should try to look not always to federal aid, but to local individual initiative for our needs. In this way, we are not only promoting a sturdier foreign business but we are also contributing to our own domestic well-being. More than that we are helping to restore what is now so greatly needed—economic equilibrium throughout the world.—A. W. McLean.

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EIGHT CHILDREN KILLED BY SHELL EXPLOSION

Eight children are dead as a result of an explosion of a shell known as a "dud" which was picked up last summer after target practice of the 104th Field Artillery at Pine Plains, N. Y., and was supposed to be "dead." The shell was picked up and used to prop the back door at the home of Edward G. Workman and Morris Salisbury at Watertown, N. Y. It is thought that the heat from the sun or a croquet mallet striking the shell caused it to explode. The children were playing croquet in the back yard when the explosion occurred and were blown into bits. The Salisbury and Workman children together with some friends are those who were killed, the total reaching eight.

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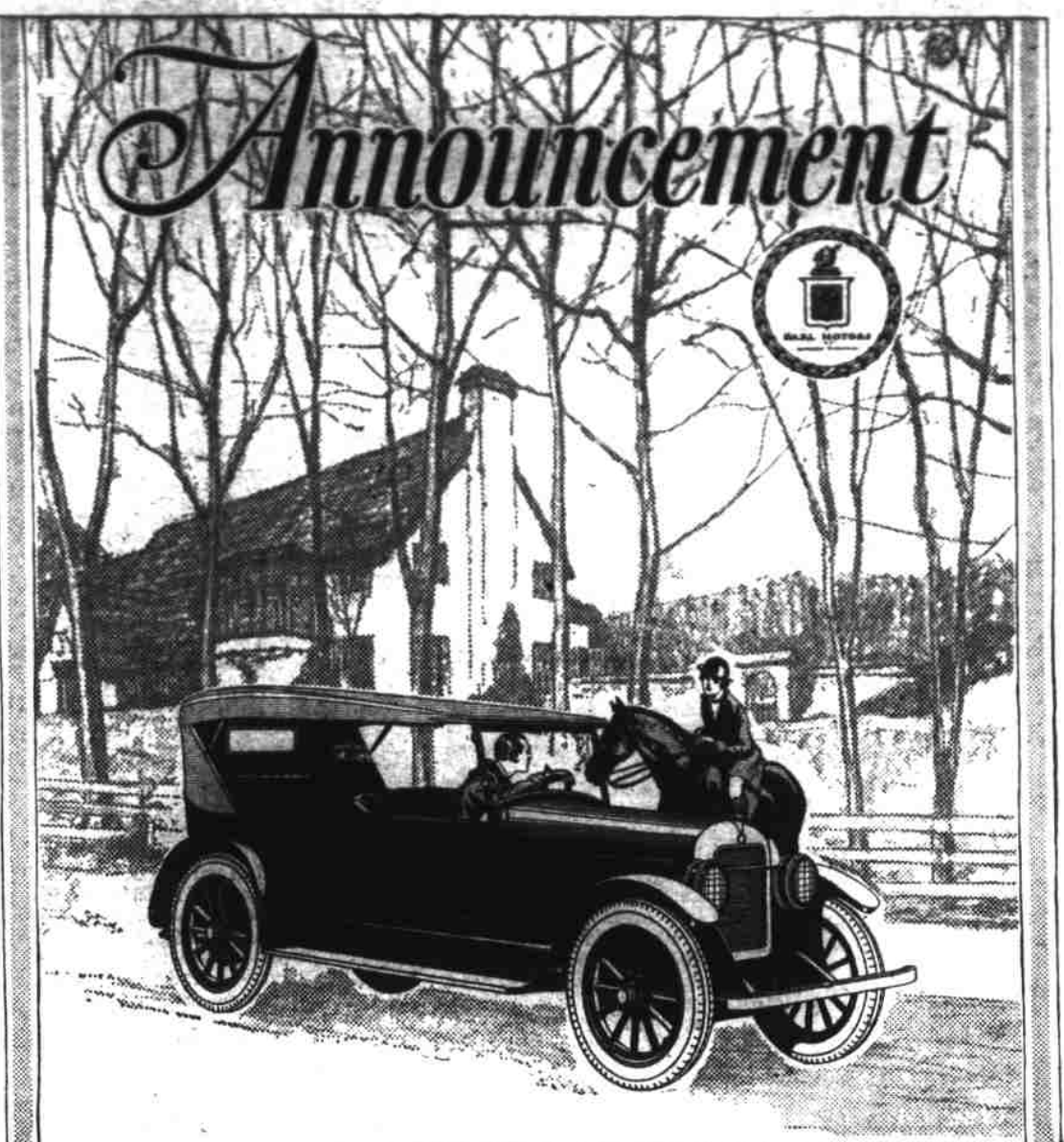
The sight of a man or woman being tried in the court for crime is always a shock to the law abiding element. Yet how many of those who go through life without doing bodily harm to their neighbors stain their tongues each day with the venom of gossip and slander. If you hear a bit of scandal do you let it die in your memory or do you tell it to the next friend you meet as a toothsome piece of news? If you do the latter there is not much difference between you and the prisoner who answers in open court for his misdeed. He stabbed with a visible weapon; you cut with an invisible knife and your hurt was in the back.

Do you live your life and let your neighbors live theirs in the sweet satisfaction of letting one another alone, or do you keep an eye across the way and spy out things that are not meant for public gaze and then whisper them to the neighbor next door? If you do this you are no better morally than the street Arab who picks your pocket. Dishonest prying and tattling are in effect character picking. Gossip begets gossip.

While you are stabbing others in the back are you sure your own ribs are invulnerable and that your neighbor's slanders does not find an entering place for as deadly a thrust as the one you give? You are an ass-trich if you go about thinking you can thrust your head in the sand and hide from retaliation.

Slander is a chicken that comes home to roost. Abuse your neighbor's

daughter and some one may kill the good name of your own. The most poisonous reptile in the world is a man or woman with a serpent tongue. That person lives from the carrion of character and the venom is an acid soul goes on and carries its stain to the courts of last appeal. A tongue red with the killing of character is as deserving of punishment as hand red with actual life blood.



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