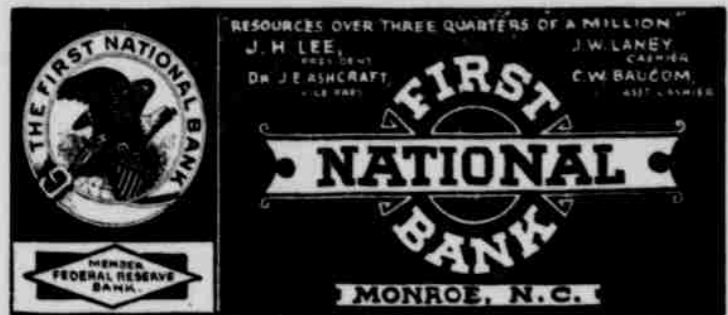




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CLEVELAND FARMER WRITES ABOUT SOIL FERTILIZATION

Three Per Cent Potash Doesn't Contribute Materially to Production of Corn in Piedmont Section.

There is nothing connected with successful farming more important than knowledge of the food value of fertilizers, says a well-known, practical farmer of Cleveland county, writing in The Shelby Star. This article is prompted by hearing a good farmer say that he was going to use a composition of 8:3:3 fertilizer for his corn this year, that is to say, he is going to use a fertilizer containing 8 per cent of phosphoric acid, 3 per cent of nitrogen and 3 per cent potash. This would make a very good fertilizer for cotton on light or sandy land, but frequent experiments and tests have demonstrated that for average three per cent of potash will not contribute materially to the actual yield of corn, therefore he will be wasting money, if he buys food for his plantation that the corn plant does not need or require. It would be just about as practical as feeding fodder to hogs.

I believe the farmers cultivating the land of Mr. O. M. Mull produce as much corn to the acre as any farmers in the county, and they use a fertilizer containing approximately ten to twelve per cent available phosphoric acid, and three per cent to five per cent of nitrogen, applying from three hundred to five hundred pounds per acre and side dressing with from seventy-five to one hundred pounds of nitrate of soda when the corn commences to bunch for tassel. He has frequently made an average of fifty bushels per acre by this method.

We have at least two distinct types of soil in Cleveland county, to-wit: Red clay loam and sandy loam; these soils require different food products. It would be unquestionably profitable to use a fertilizer containing as much as three per cent of potash on sandy loam soils planted in cotton, because this character of land is naturally deficient in potash. On the other hand the red clay loam possesses natural potash. I would suggest for cotton on this land the use of some five hundred to eight hundred pounds to the acre of a mixture containing from ten per cent to twelve per cent available phosphoric acid, and from three per cent to four per cent of nitrogen, with no potash, and to be side dressed with soda in June.

Again, it has been found that kanit is the best source from which to derive potash for cotton because it tends to prevent rust. In my opinion, a great deal of the destruction to the cotton plant attributed to red spiders is nothing more nor less than old-fashioned rust. I recommend the purchase, therefore, for sandy loam land planted in cotton, a mixture of fertilizers containing plant food in the per centage of 8:3:3 or 8:4:3 potash, to be supplied to kanit to be used in quantities from five hundred to eight hundred pounds per acre, and side dressed with from seventy-five to one hundred pounds of nitrate of soda during the month of June. With fair season and fair work, the above applications will produce on the average Cleveland county soil a bale of cotton to the acre.

Our lands are deficient in two elements, namely nitrogen and phosphoric acid, and these two food products effect the growing plant in entirely different respects. The chief function of nitrogen, commonly called ammonia, is to produce the frame work, such as leaves, stems, bolls, roots, etc., rather than seed and fruit. That is to say nitrogen produces the vegetable part of the plant and develops and strengthens it so as to be able to bear and retain the fruit. You cannot have a large crop of fruit unless you have a strong vigorous plant. Phosphoric acid is deficient in all our soils and develops the seed and produces the fruit or lint and hasten maturity of the crop.

NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Brief Interesting Items of Recent Event in Tar Heel State.

General Pershing was in Asheville Friday. He was dined and feted by a committee composed of the city's representative business and professional men.

Farmer Bob Doughton, Congressman from the eight district, in a statement to H. E. C. Bryant, Washington correspondent of The Charlotte Observer, predicts the political death of the Republican party.

The erection of a four-story building is planned for Albemarle.

The Cleveland Band and Trust Co. is the name of a new financial institution for Shelby.

A grandson of one of the famous Siamese twins was married recently at his home near Mt. Airy.

Clyde Hoey, ninth district Congressman, has come out for Thomas R. Marshall for president. In a statement he says, "I would like to see Vice-President Marshall given the democratic nomination for President. He has more common sense and a better grade of democracy than any man I know. He is free and clear of all isms and fanaticism and believes in pure Americanism and old-fashioned democracy. He will carry Indiana and be strong throughout the great middle west and as strong in other parts of the country as any other democrat. I believe the nation would welcome the opportunity of voting for a man of the Marshall type, and his election would go a long way towards getting us back to normal conditions."

State that the people of the United States face a crisis no less great than that of 1861 or 1917, the Hoover club, of Chapel Hill, numbering among its members past affiliates of the democratic, republican and progressive parties, has addressed a letter to Herbert Hoover, urging that he announce his candidacy on the democratic ticket.

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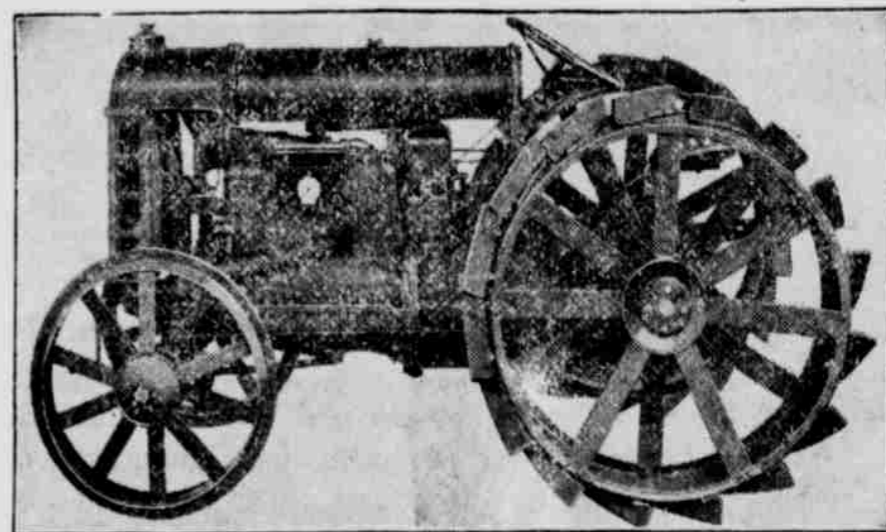
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