Farmers Give Own Diagnosis

Radio Course Listeners Tell Vhat Is Matter With South's Agriculture.

"GROW less cotton—more cows, sows and hens" is the new found creed of the southeast furmer. cording to the first answers received 'final exam" given at the close of the first radio short course in ag-riculture broadcast from WSB, At-lanta, by the Sears-Roebuck Agricul-tural Foundation in co-operation with the Soil Improvement Committee of the National Fertilizer Association.

Ten questions submitted to the stufeuts at the close of the course show that the farmer of the south Atlantic states has been won away from the idea that he must grow just one crop-cotton. "Grow diversified crops that will feed the family, the live stock and the land; let cotton be grown as a cash crop and not made to support the entire farm," is the way in which me of these radio students sums up

It was the aim of the short course sell the farmer of the southeast the den of ruising enough live stock at seat to feed his family, raising enough rain and hay to feed the live stock and enough cover crops to replace in he sell the elements which are taken rom it year by year by the continu us growing of crops. The answers to this radio examina-

ion indicate that the farmer of the southeast has learned to pin solid faith in the advice of his county agent; that he is getting tired of gamling with one crop farming, and that he is going in for pure-bred seed, as well as pure-bred cows, hogs and

Three cash prizes are to be awarded to the three best examination papers submitted to the Foundation, and announcement of the winners will be de from the Atlanta radio station

D. W. Watkins of Clemson College Tells Farmers Need of Reduction.

ALTER TENANT SYSTEM

THERE should be a decrease in the total cotton acreage to restore a balance to our farming system, according to D. W. Watkins, assistant extension director, Clemson college & C., who discussed the "Cutting of the Cotton Acresge" in the Radio Short Course over WSB, Atlanta. This two weeks' course for farmers of the southeast was conducted by the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation in co-operation with the Soil Improvement Committee of the National Fertilizer Association.
"Not only should there be a de

erease in 1927, but in future years," anid Mr. Watkins, "but when it comes to saying who is to do the reducing we find there are several different classes and conditions of farmers with which to deal. There are the farmers, land, farm intelligently and while they are set back in years like 1926, manage to keep their heads above water and continue their independent, self-supporting way This class already produces 80 to 30 per cent of their living on the farm They do much of their own work and atilize labor saving machinery. They will not have to reduce as much as

"It is the duty of the landowners and others responsible for financing agriculture to bring about a different tenant system. Tenants should be led and required to give more attention to producing a living for them seives and to soil and farm improve ment. This will automatically reduce cotton acreage and will be beneficial to themselves and land-

"The light is at last beginning to dawn on all of us in the southeast, that we must be mere self-contained and less dependent on one source at income. The southern farmer must learn to have his fields covered with a green crop every winter. Our mild. open winters permit of the loss of more soil fertility than is removed by erops Northern solls are frozen and not subject to this loss. All these things have a direct bearing on the acreage in cotton in the southeast. The grower who follows these poli-cies can continue to grow cotton, and after providing for a self-sustaining aystem of diversification, may in four out of five years produce cotton at a

"The year 1927 is not a year to gamble on cotton production, but for the grower who uses the best seed and the grower who uses the best seed and the best methods and the best side lass and who reduces acreage and sits production costs, there is hope for 1927 and thereafter in cotton prowing. Such a farmer cannot be set out of business because he is the seteran and expert who puts the other lind of grower out of business."

lins, his murderers lay in wait for him, and as he was walking alone from his home at Black Rock, a short distance from Dublin, to mid-day mass, an automobile pulled up beside him and three men pumped bullets

The assassins drove away, and thus away.

ed out: "I forgive them all."

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managed to stagger across the read, where he collapsed. His assailants fired five or more other bullets into his head and body before springing into their car and driving furiously

far have escaped the police.

As he lay on the road mortally minister were Eamon Fleming, an die-hard."

The first to reach the wounded ner. "But I was always a bit of a die-hard."

Mortingins, Vice President of the Ministry of Finance, his brother, and Professor John MacNeill, Irish Mussolini on account of the former Minister of Education.

e," one of them said encourag-

"Ah! There's no hope," the Mini-ster declared in his old cynical man-

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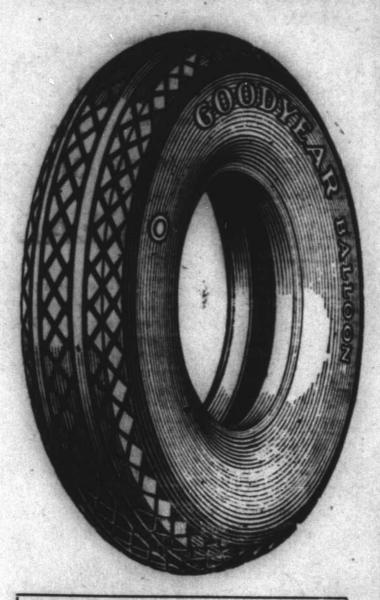
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