

but we do have a large number of thriving cities—Asheville, Gastonia, Charlotte, Winston, Salisbury, Greensboro, Monroe, Durham, Raleigh, Wilmington, Goldsboro, New Bern, Wilson, Rocky Mount, Tarboro, Kingston, Greenville, Washington, Henderson, High Point, Elizabeth City, Fayetteville and a number of others ranging in population from 3,000 to over 30,000 and scattered broadcast over the entire State. It would be practically impossible for a farmer to locate in North Carolina and not be within easy reach of some good home market. The day is fast approaching when it will be unnecessary for the North Carolina farmer to look outside the State for his staple products. ¶ This statement can hardly be called visionary when we note the increase in number and kinds of manufactories within our borders and the large towns and consequent good markets which necessarily attend these manufacturing enterprises. New England is coming south with her mills and markets. These industries are constantly calling for more labor, and, since only white labor is wanted, a large percentage of the white farmers that were on the farm twenty years ago are now working in the mills. The former producers of farm products have been transformed into consumers of farm products. In other words, the mills have collected men, women and children from large extents of territory and thus made good local markets for those of the rural population who preferred to stay on the farm.

LEADS IN CORN AND COTTON

Corn grows in all parts of the State. It is our leading crop, and the yield is yearly increasing. It will be interesting to note that in 1910 the corn crop of North Carolina was more valuable than the corn crop of either Wisconsin, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, South Carolina, Mississippi, Arkansas, or Louisiana, and worth considerably more than half as much as that of the State of Nebraska, Kansas, Indiana or Ohio. ¶ Our genial climate, long growing season, and the rapidity with which the plant foods become available in the soil of the State throughout the year, all combine to make this crop one of especial importance both in point of yield and ease of production. ¶ In 1870 to 1879 the average acre-yield of corn in the State was 14.7 bushels. The Division of Demonstration grew an average of over 44 bushels per acre on 4,800 acres of land in North Carolina in 1911. The amount of corn grown in the State in 1909 was 34,063,000 bushels, and in 1910 it was nearly 57,139,000 bushels. The value of the crop in 1909 was \$28,954,000. In 1910, \$43,426,000, and in 1911, \$40,738,000.

TABLE NO. 2—Showing rank of North Carolina in corn production in 1911 as compared with other States.

North Carolina (57,139,000 bu. in 1910)	49,680,000
Virginia	47,520,000
Oklahoma	36,888,000
Louisiana	33,300,000
South Carolina	32,578,000
Maryland	14,455,000
West Virginia	18,170,000
Florida	9,286,000
New Mexico	2,322,000
Arizona	495,000

The cotton crop is at present the most valuable single crop in the State, ranging in value between \$50,000,000 and \$60,000,000 per annum. ¶ The total cotton

crop for North Carolina in 1906 was 579,326 bales. Since then we have gradually increased the total yield until in 1911 we produced the maximum crop in the history of the State, amounting to 1,075,926 bales. It is true that in 1911 we had greater acreage than in any other year since 1906, but the yield per acre, which should always be the basis of calculation in comparing farm crops, was considerably more than any other recognized cotton-growing State in the Union. We are, therefore, not only increasing the total yield of this product, but we seem to be doing better farming than we have done in past years.

TABLE NO. 4—Showing average acre yield of cotton in North Carolina in 1911 as compared with other cotton-growing States.

North Carolina	315
South Carolina	280
Tennessee	257
Georgia	240
Alabama	204
Arkansas	190
Texas	186
Mississippi	172
Louisiana	170
Oklahoma	160
Florida	130

Children Putt for Outlook Prizes

Winifred Croft, Helen Ellison and Virginia Burrage were winners of THE OUTLOOK trophies in a putting competition Monday afternoon. Mary Walton won the consolation. ¶ A clock, sterling cup, picture frame and Japanese puzzle were the prizes.

Please Excuse This Pun

It is said that Mrs. Beall, who was overtaken by a shower on the golf course last week, came in wringing! Mrs. Bell doesn't deny it.

Finds the Rough Convenient

"I never swear on the golf course," commented Gibson. ¶ "No," was Tad's response. "He steps into the rough."

A Drive and a Putt!

R. C. Shannon, II., recorded one on the sixth hole of No. 2 course in his Tin Whistle round Monday.



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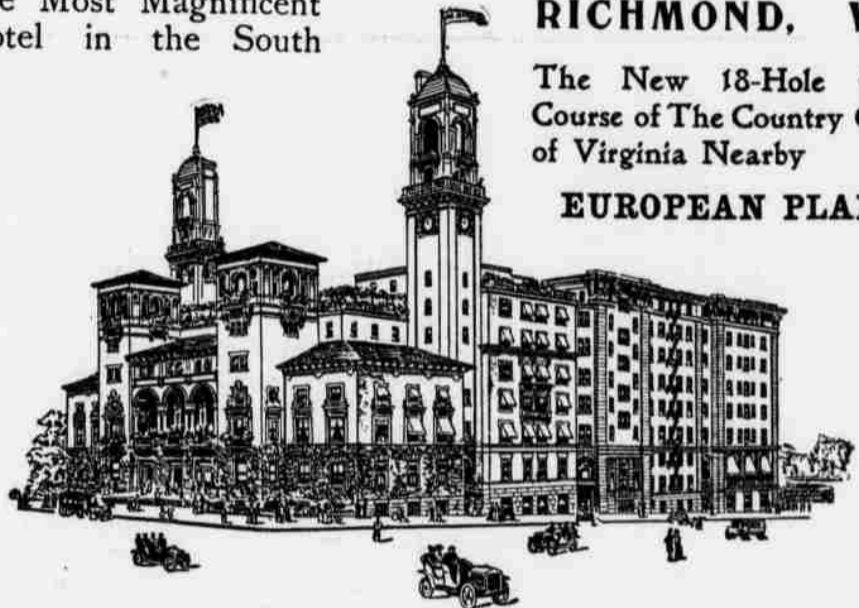
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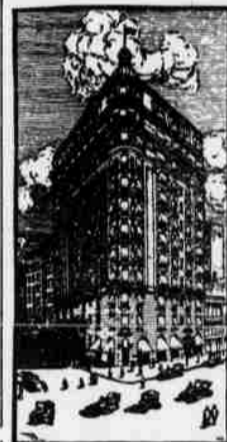
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