

narrows his intellect too much; makes him "The Man With the Hoe" type of agriculturalist. It should be large enough to warrant good buildings and equipment, support sufficient stock, and furnish labor for the family. The annual income should be enough to carry on the improvement of the farm, educate the kiddies, and give 'em some start in life, and finally to provide a reserve for old age. The area of such a farm would depend on various conditions. ¶ Dozens of farms that answer Dr. Knapp's requirements are not far to seek in the Sandhills. You can find them in any corner of the Blue neighborhood south of Carthage, where Mr. Zeb Blue and his neighbors are building up a big canning industry while the rest of us are talking about doing so. The report is that he gets three thousand cans off the average acre of beans, and we are told that he can't produce enough to supply the demand that already exists in the neighboring towns and cities. Alex Currie and Will Carpenter, over at Jackson Springs, are doing just what Dr. Knapp thought a successful farmer should do. Zet Lemmons, as a tenant, made enough money off one tobacco crop to buy a home for himself, so Charlie Bennett tells us. The fact that Sandhill agriculture can captivate and hold the versatile and tempestuous soul of Charlie Bennett for three whole years in succession, is prima facie evidence that few propositions beat it. George Leach of Aberdeen never farmed until he was older than some people ever get, and yet he made good money this year in spite of drouth and international war. The Carolina fruit company paid a dividend of forty-five per cent last year and the orchard has already paid twelve per cent interest on every dollar that has been invested in it. The trees are now about six years old. That means that the most profitable years are yet ahead. Some of the most sensible and profitable farming in the section is done near West End by the Von Cannons, McDonalds, Cochrans, etc. Levi Cole and Robert Hamer down at Norman, understand the farming game and priced some of their recently cleared land to me the other day at a hundred dollars an acre. Levi's family was very much opposed to selling any land even at this staggering price.

The point is that the people who are farming on this soil are a pretty well satisfied lot. Mr. Stafford, down at Ellerbe, is one of the many men who have moved in off the clay and who finds that with a given number of mules, they can cultivate a third or a half more acres here. Mr. Fletcher, over at Pinebluff, who came in a few years ago from the eastern part of the State, is as proud of his farm as a school girl of her first compliment. He says its the easiest country to farm in he ever saw; that he "just plants the seed and the doodle bugs bust out the middles while he sleeps." The praise that Messrs. Bilyou, McPherson, McLean, McNeal, McDonald, Priest, Springford, Peele, Cameron, Page, Norman, Thomas, Palmer, Williams, Stuart, Gouger, and all the corn club boys have for this section cannot be given in this brief article. These men all feel more than they can express, too, for there is none of them that has the faculty for expression that Farmer Bion Butler over by Southern Pines has. Farmer Butler

is one of those fortunate individuals who can express, while the rest of us constitute "the inarticulate masses." So when anyone reads a Butler article he should imagine that the rest of the Sandhill folks are standing up and saying "them's my sentiments too" at the end of each sentence.

But in spite of all this the letter says we are not well located. It was formerly believed that this section was not valuable for agriculture. When a lie gains general acceptance it is harder to kill out than a field of Bermuda grass. A century ago the tomato was considered a poisonous weed. Thirty years ago professors of "Natural Philosophy" were proving conclusively that it was impossible to throw a curve with a baseball. But irreverent pitchers began throwing curves and foolhardy men began eating tomatoes. A government expert came down here, not many years ago, and standing in a field of cotton that made a bale to the acre, said: "This land won't make cotton." But in spite of his theoretical ipse dixit and his impressive test tubes, we are making a bale or more to the acre and at a good fat profit, too. Wise men proved Columbus crazy for thinking the world round and many men still believe it flat. The story that the Sandhills were made out of the dirt that was left over when the world was finished, is still heard. The type of man who still votes for Jackson, ridicules sanitation or says cotton won't grow where it is growing, will be repeating it twenty years from now and repeating it in all seriousness. ¶ "Six months ago," writes Wells, the author, "I heard it proved conclusively in a debating society that war was impossible; and I have no doubt that they are still holding to that belief in that debating hall today." ¶ It's the old, old story of results or "explanations." ¶ Which do you want?

CLYDE L. DAVIS, Sec'y,
Sandhills Board of Trade.

First of Trap Handicaps

H. N. Spaulding of Manchester, N. H., the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Parker Whittemore, was the trophy winner in the first of the weekly trap shooting handicaps, shot on Monday. He recorded ninety-six shooting with an allowance of thirty targets. Close after him came Mr. Whittemore who recorded ninety-four, his allowance 5; with B. V. Covert of Lockport, the scratch contestant, third in eighty-nine. ¶ The scores:

H. N. Spaulding	30—19	13	19	15—96
P. W. Whittemore	5—21	22	23	23—94
B. V. Covert	0—21	22	23	23—89
James Craig	2—20	22	20	20—84
W. H. Weller	20—16	10	12	16—74
D. J. Ellsworth	10—20	19	15	15—79
D. T. Leahy	0—18	20	21	x—x

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