

**WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN SOUTH CAROLINA.**

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are coming in from other sections of the State.

The hearty co-operation of the State Department of Agriculture has been largely responsible for the success of the demonstration work in this State. Mr. Watson has not only helped to make the work a success, but has advertised it in such a way as to create a demand for the work, which together with his own personal effort has brought about an increase in the appropriation since its introduction one year ago, from \$8,000 to \$13,000.

We have had also the hearty co-operation of the agricultural schools and experiment stations, business men and the Farmers' Union. All these have helped in establishing quite a number of farmers' organizations.

Perhaps the most beneficial meeting during the entire year was that held at Sumter, on May 8th. There were present about 500 business men and 500 farmers. Secretary Wilson, Dr. Galloway, Chairman

Scott, and Mr. Lever, of the Agricultural Committee of Congress were the speakers of the day. The demonstration agents were considerably benefited at this meeting and have been very enthusiastic in the work ever since.

This meeting also did more to advertise the demonstration work in the State than perhaps anything else we have done, and we are constantly receiving requests from farmers in every section of the State to extend the work into their locality.

The requests were so great, in fact, that Dr. Knapp had to secure a second donation of funds for the extension of the work in 1909.

The General Educational Board made an appropriation of \$10,000 for the work in 1908, but so many calls have come for its extension that an additional \$3,000 was appropriated at a recent meeting. With this amount 21 counties will be worked. The agents are now being appointed to assist the State Agent.

All agents are appointed collaborators by this Bureau at a salary of one dollar per annum and are paid by the General Education Board.  
IRA W. WILLIAMS,  
State Agent.

**Some Crops Increased 300 Per Cent.**

What the Demonstration Work Has Already Accomplished in One Virginia County.

With the close of 1908, Halifax County will have had the most prosperous year of her history and one showing more varied improvements than any. Besides the great number of other improvements, her improvement of soil has been wonderful. Among the many causes have been the efforts put forth by the Stanton River Valley League to bring good speakers to its meetings the past summer and fall, to tell the farmers what great things are being done by the different Experiment Stations and by farmers in other sections of the country.

Another prime factor in the renovating of worn out soil is the efforts being employed by the United States Government to help the Virginia farmer through the co-operative

demonstration plan. The Government's special agent has spent considerable time in Halifax County the past year, and through his advice many farmers point to largely increased corn and hay crops. In several instances, by following the instructions of the National Government's special agent the increase in corn has been as high as 300 per cent. A great and good work is being carried on, free to farmers, and of purely special advantage to them. No farmer need hesitate to avail himself of this great opportunity and should surely get in line for the coming season by becoming either a demonstrator or a co-operator. Such co-operation means money and good feeling for the Virginia farmer.

W. H. DORIN,  
Local Agent.

**WHAT FARMERS WANT TO KNOW**

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pare and apply to make one hundred bushels to the acre?  
C. P. MOORE,  
Pender Co., N. C.

The special need of your black soil is potash and probably phosphoric acid. You can plant corn four feet by four feet and have two stalks in a hill, but to get a heavy crop you must have plants enough to make it. I would advise a mixture of 400 pounds of acid phosphate and 50 pounds of muriate of potash per acre. Resting land by letting it grow up in weeds is bad farming. Better follow the corn with oats and cut peas after the oats are harvested. Cut the peas for hay, and in September sow crimson clover fifteen pounds per acre and turn it under for corn in spring after applying the fertilizer. In this way your land will increase in productiveness and the oats and peas will pay as well as the corn.

**SOW RYE AND PROTECT YOUR LAND.**

Messrs. Editors: Please give advice as to sowing rye during this month (December) at \$1.25 per bushel, also as to sowing crimson clover in early spring, say when sowing oats,

then let go to seed, and disc in at the fall, for corn in the following spring.

H. F. MOORE.

**Editorial Answer:** It will certainly pay you to buy rye at \$1.25 per bushel to sow on the land you have cultivated the past summer rather than to have your soil exposed to the leaching and washing winter rains. You can pasture the rye off in the spring or turn it under before it shoots up to head. If plowed down when young it will decay readily. One of the first lessons the farmers of the South must learn before they make their soils what they should be is to never leave land that has been cropped bare during the winter.

Crimson clover is essentially a winter growing crop—an almost ideal winter cover crop on lands that are in fair condition. It will scarcely pay you to sow it in the spring. August or September are the months to do that. If you leave your land till spring, let it go on until time to plant cowpeas or soy beans.

Tobacco growers and business men are called to meet in Danville, Va., December 29th, to consider means to secure a fair price for tobacco. Mr. S. C. Adams, Red Oak, Va., is president of the growers' organization.

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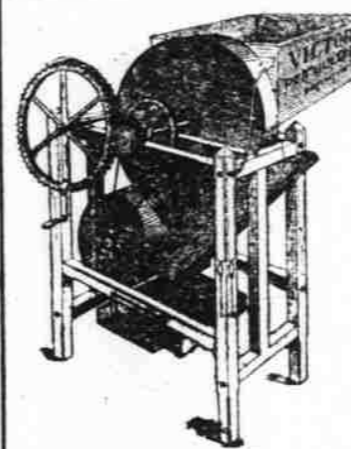
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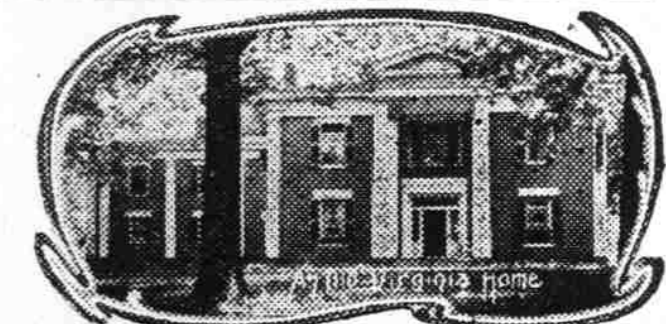
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