

# ZEBULON COMMUNITY ADAPTED TO GROWING FOODS AND FEEDS

## Cash Crops Produce Best In Rotation With Other Soil-Building Crops That Furnish Organic Matter—Zebulon The Logical Market.

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Zebulon is located in the center of a fine farming section where Cotton and Tobacco have long been considered the most profitable Cash crops. Many of the growers are learning that their soils and climate are well suited to the growing of a large variety of other crops, however, and that it is unsafe to depend entirely upon cotton and tobacco as their only source of revenue.

In fact, many of them have already begun to diversify their crops, in accordance with the recommendations of our agricultural leaders, and in addition to producing large crops of good quality cotton and cigarette type tobacco they are growing excellent crops of corn, soy-beans, small grain, sweet potatoes, sorghum, vegetable and truck crops, grass and clover hay, etc. These crops can all be profitably grown and will assure them plenty of food and feed throughout the year.

They are also learning that this territory is well suited for the raising of more Poultry, Hogs, and Dairy Cows, and have begun increasing their flocks and herds to consume home-grown feeds and furnish local and nearby markets with poultry and dairy products.

Approximately 100,000 pounds of poultry has been shipped to northern markets from this territory during the past three years, and a milk route organized and established to furnish the nearby Wilson Creamery with a supply of wholesome milk. The market for fluid milk has been quite limited, of course, but it is expected to grow and with rapid increase and development of better cows and pastures, and the growing of larger and better feed crops, many of the farmers will continue to reduce their production cost and be in position to profitably produce cream, and more cows, pigs, and poultry.

There are many advantages for this type of farming around Zebulon. Most of the soils are of a sandy-loam type and are easily cultivated. They are sufficiently rolling to afford good natural drainage. Large fields, well suited for the operation of improved machinery and implements, can be found throughout the section. Most of them are well suited to a wide range of crops and farmers who so desire will find it easy to diversify their crops and supplement cotton and tobacco with food and feed crops, and livestock.

A large percentage of the citizens are small land owners and cultivate and live on their own farms. Most of them are progressive and always manifest an interest in their community's problems and development.

Good roads, consolidated schools, and churches have been constructed in most all parts of the territory and are within reach of every farm family. A department of agriculture and home economics is being efficiently maintained in the Wakelon high school, at Zebulon, and rural boys and girls given an opportunity to study and learn better agricultural and home-making practices in preparing themselves for future farmers and farm women. Their course of study is not confined entirely to the schoolroom. Each agricultural student is required to select a farm project and keep records on the growing of one or more crops, or some form of livestock. This enables him to obtain helpful information and experience with the kind of crops and animals he wishes to grow, and become better prepared for future life on the farm.

Local and nearby farmers, and boys past the high school age, are given an opportunity to enroll in evening or part-time classes and study local farm problems. They co-operate in the introduction and development of new crops, more and better livestock, and

improved methods of farming. A community hatchery and the local milk route were established and more of the farmers are now planting a larger acreage to feed and soil improving crops as a result of these schools.

Cotton and tobacco will no doubt continue to be the principal cash crops, but these crops must be clean cultivated and usually produce best when in rotation with other crops that keep the soil from becoming depleted of organic matter and plant food. Both of the crops require frequent cultivation and lots of hand labor during the growing and harvesting season. They fail to furnish year-round employment and steady income, however, and need to be supplemented with food, feed, and soil-building crops, and some form of livestock. Farmers who have adopted and followed such a system are much less dependent upon high prices for their so-called "cash crops," and with the development of good roads, schools, telephone, electric lights, radios, autos, etc., they can now enjoy not only the freedom of an independent rural life but most of the comforts and advantages of the city.

Zebulon is the logical market for that section of eastern Wake county and parts of the adjoining counties of Franklin, Nash, and Johnston. It is a small but progressive town and its leading businessmen are usually active and ready to assist worthy farmers in the development of a safe and sound farming program.

### 9,130,000 BALES CARRYOVER AS NEW FISCAL YEAR STARTS

The new cotton year opened August 1 with Secretary H. G. Hester, of the New Orleans exchange, announcing a carryover from the old season of 9,130,000 bales and world consumption of American cotton for the year ending July 31, 1931, at 11,856,000 bales.

The figures were given a bearish view by traders here and along with reports of favorable weather in the belt depressed the market, futures declining 10 to 15 points below the lowest levels of the old cotton year.

Hester said the total American commercial crop for 1930-31 was 13,893,000 bales, a decrease of 620,517 under last year, 1,892,201 bales less than the year before and 550,779 bales under 1927-28.

Southern consumption was announced at 4,319,374 bales, 631,480 bales less than last year and 1,303,891 bales under the year before.

The year's exports, including shipments to Canada, was given at 6,927,425 bales an increase over last year of 74,789 bales.

Unofficial estimates of this year's crops is placed at around 13,130,000 carryover, makes a total supply of 22,130,000 bales.—Southern Cultivator.

### EVERY FARM WOMAN DESIRES PRETTY YARD

A beautiful yard is more a matter of desire and appreciation than it is a question of money to invest in the yard. Beautiful yards may be built at small cost by using natural shrubbery properly placed.

"If one can catch a vision of low shrubs growing about the base of the house and taller shrubs softening the corners, it will not be a hardship to go to the swamps in eastern Carolina or the hills and mountains in western Carolina and get a supply suitable to the needs of each section," says Miss Georgia Piland, Tyrell County home agent and expert in yard improvement. "Our swamps and mountains abound in native shrubs which are better suited to our needs than many we can buy and the only thing necessary to beautify the yard is a little planning and work."

Miss Piland held special classes in yard beautification at the recent short course for farm women held at State College and her lectures were some of the most popular on the program.

She pointed out that landscaping the premises means more than simply planting the front yard. There are three areas to consider. Each of these calls for special attention. There is the front or public area, the private area and the service area.

Keep the wide expanse of the lawn undisturbed and plant shrubs at the base of the house, in clumps near the gate, or as a background along the border to enhance the richness of flowers, said Miss Piland. One should also keep in mind the congeniality of plants. Many charming effects are lost by placing hardy, coarse leaved plants too near the more delicate varieties. A few berry bearing shrubs should be included to add interest throughout the season.

"Trees about the house are our best friends," said Miss Piland. "If you do not have them now, get them and protect them."

Pigs farrowed on fresh land are about twice as large as those farrowed at the same time on land used for the purpose previously, reports County Agent Neill Smith of Onslow.

## SEEN, SAID and Surmised

By MARY VAUGHAN

I interviewed a prominent business woman recently on our present financial mess. Sometimes a woman will get a certain slant on a situation that a man will overlook. She is apt to consider the minute details of everyday life, while a man sees only the tariff. Just as the pennies make the dollar, so the little extravagancies and needless expenditures often total failure in the end.

I asked this level-headed woman why so many people were hopelessly in debt.

"A dollar down," she replied, just like that. "Anybody can buy anything if he pays a dollar down and monthly installments for a period of one to three years. The installment plan is the greatest curse of all to the laboring class. The first payment of a dollar is so easy, that before a man realizes it, he is so loaded with obligations at the end of the month that he can't possibly meet them. The dealers take back the furniture, the electric refrigerators and the necessities for home comfort, the buyer, of course, losing the money paid on them. But he keeps his car."

Then she told of a business call her associate made to a house where there were not enough chairs to sit in, but a big new car was parked outside. People don't need chairs, you see. They mostly sit in cars. The home is fast becoming a filling station, where you tank up on food, and is a parking space for the night. She lowered the rent of one of her houses from \$25 to \$20. After a while the tenant told her he couldn't possibly pay but \$15 rent and keep up the payments on his car. So, as she would rather have \$15 a month than a vacant house he could have it for that if he would not call on her for any improvements whatever. Now he has come and asked her to build a larger garage as he has bought a bigger, finer car and it will not go in the present garage on the lot.

She didn't say what she intended to do, but if I had lowered his rent to fifty cents a day and he had contrac-

ed to pay upward of a dollar a day for a vehicle to tell him to find a home large big enough. I have an empty house I have gained some satisfaction told me of a man who stallments are larger. That man, of course, straight for the rocks.

There doesn't seem to do about it. The too well entrenched to ulate it. And so long free moral agents they w ly as they please. Debt burden for an honest man so burdensome, in fact, that think he would stay out from under. The crook doesn't mind it. He doesn't intend to pay a debt when he makes it and is better satisfied the oftener he can get away with it.

To curb the latter class England adopted in the olden days, the debtors prison. It was a powerful persuader to induce men to live well within their incomes. We may eventually have to adopt the same system, it would certainly mean a saner, happier people. Only those who never let the sun go down owing a five cent piece can possibly know the peaceful feeling it inspires. It is grand to be able to look the world in the face and tell it where it can go.

I don't like to get personal, but the debts of this house are forty-five cents for shoe repair and \$4.60 for cement, a trifle over \$5.00, which we intend to pay or we would never have made the debt. It is so easy to pay cash for what you must have and just as easy to do without the things you can't pay for. I heard of a wise man once who loaned money to friends and neighbors. A man came to him one day, and said "I've just got to have \$5.00." It was at a saw mill. The money lender was busy.

"Now, you think you have to have it, but I wonder if you do? I'll give it to you all right, but you sit over yonder on that stump till I get through here, and think it over and see if you can figure some way of getting along without borrowing it."

The man sat down on the stump and pored over the situation. He decided that maybe he could do without it. It occurred to him that what it would purchase was not an actual necessity, certainly not worth going in debt for. And he was man enough to say so.

"Uh-huh," the money lender said. "I thought so." On the way home the man met a

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### VISTAS

Proud mortal, be shorn of the boasting,  
Every deed, every green myrtle wreath  
Shall fade as the leaves of the woodland.  
All shall pass as a smoke or a breath.

Sea spawned you and Earth has sustained you,  
And the sweet and the music and mirth  
Shall sob at the cistern and slumber  
As becalmed as the flesh in the earth.

An eddy of dust from a chasm  
At the end of a nethermost pole;  
A dust of primordial matter  
And the dust is yourself and your soul.

Could Chance, like a witch of Endor,  
Catch the leven of intricate plan  
And red in the wrath of a cunning,  
From the deep, draw a midget named Man?

Should midget, complaining and pulling,  
Fling contempt at the art of the Whole  
Or comb a thin road through his visions,  
In pursuit of a fugitive soul?

The drama of man and his madness  
Is as dust by a whirlwind unrolled  
But dust that a Potter is finding  
For His fingers continue to mold,

The Earth draws us all to her bosom,  
But the Earth, e'en herself shall depart.  
Then where is the sound of the singing  
And the home of the hurrying heart?

The Night hides the stars in her hair  
And each life is a dim, fleeting spark  
That falls like a star in the bowl of  
The great Night and the desolate dark.

One shepherd's an infinite shearing,  
And the music and passion is still;  
But Daughters of Music run, laughing,  
For dumb Chaos is slave to a Will.

Consider the Earth, our Mother  
She was sterile and sealed as a tomb  
Till spirit exalted dull matter  
And a progeny poured from her womb.

Consider the limitless heavens  
With the ribbon of milky white lace  
And caravan candles of saffron  
That illumine the reaches of space.

Consider the Cosmic pulsing,  
Multitudinous murmurs of living.  
Oh, panopied mortal and pompous!  
You are reed in the Wind that is blowing.

Though man, in Earth's crucible, crumble  
He is knit in the ethereal then  
And follows the flame of a Pillar  
To horizon beyond our ken.

The flesh is a ripening vintage  
Which is kissed in the sun and the sack.  
The husk of the fruiting is trodden  
But the wine is the fruit of the task.

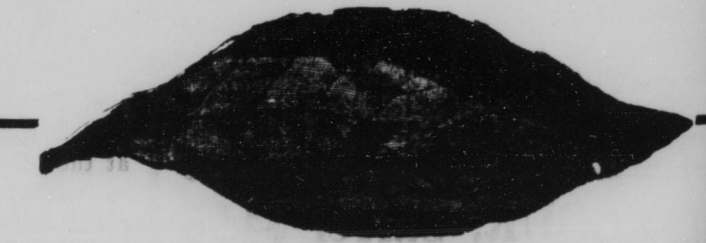
The Hosts of the Ages are children  
And are lapped in the cradle of God.  
Soulstreaming, outspreading, stretch vistas  
But the body returns to the sod.

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