

More Hybrid Corn Sown

Farmers in North Carolina planted about eight per cent, or 177,000 acres, of their total 1947 corn crop with hybrid seed.

This represents an increase of around 55,000 acres of hybrid corn over last year, when 122,000 acres, or 5.5 per cent of the total corn crop, were planted with hybrid seed.

One reason given for slowness of Zebulon farmers to adopt hy-

brid corn is the fact that the stronger strain predominates after one year, which means that the new seed must be bought by the farmer each year instead of raising his own seed corn.

Exum Chamblee, largest local producer of seed corn, is planting some hybrid corn this year. He has some ten acres of his 1947 crop planted in hybrid corn.

"This is the first year that I have planted hybrid corn," he

said yesterday, "and I am anxious to see what it will produce."

D. R. Lucas, local miller, said that he is anxious to see more hybrid corn planted, if it produces better, since corn has been short locally for some years.

"Of course the main thing I'm interested in is just more corn," he said. "I'll buy it for corn meal or feed, makes no difference which."

The trend in hybrid corn acre-

age has been steadily upward since 1938 when only one-tenth of one per cent of the total corn acreage was planted with hybrid seed in this State. However, it was not until about 1942 that the acreage of hybrid corn became large enough to have some influence on the State's total corn production. Since 1942, the average yield per acre of all corn has shown a pronounced upward trend. While this increase in average yields per acre has been the result of a combination of influences, there is no doubt that the increases in acreage planted with hybrid seed has been an important one, the report stated.

Torrid Weather Ended By Windstorm Last Night; Much Damage

The heat of the past three days was broken last night when a cold front struck Zebulon with one of the heaviest windstorms ever experienced here.

The storm hit about nine o'clock, damaging crops and power lines. Power was off locally for an hour and five minutes when the wind halved two wires on Horton Street between the Medlin house and the Carver Seawell residence. Under the direction of Ed Kitchings and Ralph Talton the wires were rapidly replaced, and light service was resumed.

The greatest wind damage reported by midnight last night was north and east of Zebulon, where apparently the center of the storm passed. Temperatures fell rapidly after the front passed, the thermometer dropping 12 degrees from ten o'clock to midnight.

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A QUESTION OF MORALS

An Address by N. E. Mohn of Beaufort

33. Over a period of 75 years there was a fight against the evil of intemperance, which finally culminated in the adoption of the 18th Amendment. This amendment was adopted by 48 states. During the 13 years this was in effect, there were more homes, school houses and churches built than in any other similar period in the history of America. There were more savings accounts carried by the people, and during that time all but seven of the 108 Keely Institutes of the country were closed.

The repeal of the 18th Amendment was brought about through a conspiracy of 54 multimillionaires to reduce their income tax. Mr. DuPont said: "Repeal will save one of my companies 10 million dollars." They formed an association to oppose the amendment and worked day and night against it. High powered organizers, such nationally known men as Raskob, Morgan, Whalen, Gene Tunney and others were employed at high salaries to work for repeal. Lying propaganda of the most outrageous type was employed. The wet press of the country deceived the people, and distorted the facts. In 1933 repeal was brought about by 15 million voters which was one vote for each 4½ of our voting population. Then followed a rush of liquor into all the states. Thirty million dollars was spent in breaking down the will of the people.

They won, but let us look at their victory. The capital stock of the big distillers equals the value of all the cotton mills of the South. There are 11 saloons for every church. One saloon for each 71 homes. We spent \$15.00 for each pupil in education and \$54.00 per person for liquor. There are 437,000 places in America where beverage alcohol is sold.

Our annual drink bill is seven billions of dollars. Our crime bill is fifteen billions of dollars. Seventy-five per cent of the crime that is punished in our courts is directly or indirectly traceable to the beverage alcohol industry.

They told us that legalized liquor would stop bootlegging, but instead it has increased 100 per cent since repeal. The bootlegger is more numerous than they ever were in the 14 years of prohibition. For example, how about bootlegging in the 27 wet counties in our state? In one year 1,268 stills were destroyed in these counties or an average of 29 to the county, and what are the results of the ABC stores? More drunkenness; more desolation and sorrow, no less bootlegging and no less taxes.

In North Carolina we are spending 66 millions of dollars annually for beverage alcohol in beer, wine and liquor. For all religious purposes we spend 20 millions. For public schools we spend 26 millions. The people of this state spend 20 millions more for liquor than they spend for both religion and education. The legislature of this state in 1935 passed the abominable "gallon law", which permits a person to go into a wet county and buy a gallon of liquor and wave it under the nose of any policeman, who cannot arrest him. The legislature and others have misrepresented the people of this state. This state has voted dry, our legislatures have made us wet. Our people never wanted the sale of wine and beer but the legislature put this on us. In the last 13 years since repeal we have seen more racketeering, more kidnapping, more robberies, more suicides, and more men and women in Keely Institutes, more people in jail than ever before in the history of the United States.

Bob Ingersoll said: "Liquor enters an humble home to strike the roses from the woman's cheeks, and tomorrow it challenges in the public halls of Congress. Today it strikes a crust from the lips of a starving child and tomorrow it levies tax from the government itself. There is no cottage humble enough to escape it; no palace strong enough to shut it out. It defies the law when it cannot coerce suffrage. It is the mortal enemy of peace and order; the despoiler of men, the terror of women, the cloud that shadows little children, the demon that has dug more graves and sent more souls to judgment than all the pestilence that has cursed mankind."

Was wrong ever so rampant as today? Has not passion swept over the race like a wind-driven prairie fire? Has not pride in its haughtiness trodden down the poor and set up the corrupt? Is not moral laxity blighting and crushing our civilization? Can we look on with icy unconcern, Shall we not with all our might rise up against this wrong and drive it off the face of the earth?

We are in a death grapple with the mightiest single enemy of civilized man. It enters our fields and changes their grain into water of fire. It creeps into our vineyards and takes the blood of the grape, and with it boils into frenzy the blood of our men. It sends the bullet and the knife into innocent bosoms, and lays them low. It fetters and hurls our citizens into the gutter and mudhole, the county home and the madhouses; clothes them with stripes; and strangles them as criminals into eternity. It claims to build our roads, but murders our roadbuilders; claims to educate our children, but makes their fathers convicts and lures our boys to ruin; claims to improve business and better the country, but is the arch-enemy of prosperity and the public good. It seizes the honest man of toil, whether on backwoods tenant farm or in legislative halls, and changes him into a fiend, spitfire, and menace; it wrinkles with grief the face of his wife, bends her back with sorrow, robes in tatters with her also her shivering children.

Who is so blind as not to see in alcohol a most malignant and murderous foe? Who is so unfeeling that he can stroke it as a friend? Who so senseless or hypocritical as to babble in its praise?

The fire must stop its glow at the still; the farmlands must be saved from wine and woe; the city must no longer be built with iniquity, nor the state established in blood; the dealer in drink must come from behind his counter and the blind tiger be slain in the alley; the drunkard must reel no more; the demon of drink must be scourged to his lair; and accursed alcohol must be driven from the very haunts of civilization.

When the Big Four peace meeting began bogging down in Paris, it is reported that one leading diplomat resorted to cocktail parties to break the deadlock. There is an increasing tendency of diplomats to attempt to drown their differences in drink. An elaborate cocktail bar stocked with enormous quantities of liquor is furnished at every United Nations meeting place. It is reported, for example, that 16,000 bottles of vodka and wine were provided for the Yalta conference. The more we hear about what went on at the Yalta conference, the clearer it becomes that 16,000 bottles were effective. Remember what happened at Babylon when Belshazzar staged a cocktail party, National leaders need to go to God for a solution of their problems, not to a cocktail bar.

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