

SEMI-MONTHLY FARM

NOTES MAY 1st-15th.

According to replies on inquiries sent out from the State's Cooperative Crop Reporting Service between May 1-15th, there is a spirit of optimism on the farms of North Carolina this year.

WEATHER. Reports coming from all counties state that the weather has been cool with plenty of rain. The general opinion seems to be that the weather has been favorable in most farming districts. The latter half of April gave farm work a rushing start and farmers are catching up with their work rapidly now.

PROGRESS OF PLANTING. Planting is well advanced and several counties in the southern section of the state report that all planting is completed. Work seems to be about normal in many Piedmont counties, though it has been slow on account of the late season. The most frequent remark made by our reporters all over the state was that general farm work is from ten to fifteen days late. Crops are growing fine.

COTTON. The past week has been too cold in North Carolina for cotton and, as a result, the market has shown a marked rise in price. Cotton is just coming up. However, farmers in many counties in the northern section of the cotton belt say that they are just planting. With the increased acreage, we are expecting a good crop in spite of the boll weevil.

TOBACCO. Tobacco planters are making good headway transplanting. Plants are said to be small and some farmers in the Central Coastal counties state that plants are scarce but, in the state as a whole, they are reported as plentiful.

GRAIN CROPS. WHEAT. Early reports indicated that wheat was badly damaged by winter freezes. Recent reports to this office state that wheat is improving and growing fairly well, giving promise of a good crop. The acreage is considerably smaller than usual.

OATS. Spring oats are in good condition and are coming up fine. The acreage is smaller than usual, but the prospects for a good crop are promising. Fall oats suffered from the severe winter and are showing poor stands and indicate a short crop.

CORN. Corn is coming up fine with good stands. Farmers are still planting, especially in the northern counties where the seasons are later than in the south. Several counties in the Southern Coastal Plain report that they have a poor stand of corn though little is up yet. In general, farmers are in the midst of planting.

CLOVERS. Clover crops average from fair to good. In the northern Piedmont counties some were damaged by the winter freezes and are below normal. Clover in the mountain counties is late but has a fairly good stand.

TRUCK. Truck is late but is growing nicely. The condition in the commercial area is good. Gardens are late. However, plenty of home grown truck can be bought on local markets.

FRUIT. Prospects for fruit are extra fine. The state is expecting the largest fruit crop in many years. There has been no change in the condition of the crop since last month.

LIVESTOCK. There seems to be an increased interest in all livestock, especially dairying. Prices for livestock are good considering the demand. Pastures are in good shape. Livestock seems to have wintered well.

PRICE TRENDS. Judging from reports from our reporters, the trend of prices of farm products is upward though in counties along the northern border they seem to be lower than in other sections of the state. Complaints of low prices—the fewest than usual.

GENERAL. Conditions at this season are greatly improved over last year. Good roads are making the markets more accessible to farmers. Farming is becoming more diversified. Farm labor is scarce in North Carolina, though conditions may prove later in the season as many mills and factories are either closing down or running on half time. The prejudice against cooperative marketing is strong in many localities. Farmers in the cotton belt have increased their cotton acreage to the sacrifice of other crop acreages. Weather during the early part of season held crops back but the soil is being well cultivated and crops are rapidly getting into good shape. Rain during the past three days has held work up some, but in general will be a help to growing crops. Many farmers report themselves in good condition financially and the outlook in this state is unusually promising.

Frank Parker, Agriculturist

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PRESIDENT VETOES

SOLDIER BONUS BILL

On Grounds That It Is Economically Unsound and Is Not Morally Justified.

Washington, May 15.—The soldier bonus bill was vetoed by President Coolidge today on the grounds that it was economically unsound and morally unjust. Returned unsigned to the house, where the legislation originated, the measure was immediately taken up by its friends in an effort to override the executive action and only the counsel of leaders of both parties obtained a postponement of a vote until Saturday.

The President in his veto message, a document of more than 2,000 words, declared he could see no justification for enactment of the bill into law, and added:

"Our country can not afford it. The veterans as a whole do not want it. All our American principles are opposed to it. There is no moral justification for it."

Are Owed No Bonus.

Proceeding in his discussion of the bill, Mr. Coolidge declared no bonus was owed able-bodied veterans of the world war.

"The gratitude of the nation to these veterans can not be expressed in dollars and cents," he added. "The respect and honor of their country will rightfully be theirs for ever more but patriotism can neither be bought nor sold. It is not hire and salary. It is not material but spiritual. It is one of the finest and highest of human virtues. To attempt to pay money for it is to offer it an unworthy indignity which cheapens, debases and destroys it. We must either abandon our theory of patriotism or abandon this bill."

The economic and financial grounds for a veto were stressed particularly by the President with an inference that should the bill become law hope for tax reduction must be abandoned. The government, he said, had reached a financial condition which permitted a reduction in taxation but "if this bill becomes law we wipe out at once almost all the progress five hard years have accomplished in reducing the national debt."

No Money To Bestow

The bill, he argued, would commit the country for a period of twenty years to an additional average annual appropriation of \$114,000,000 and at the end of that time it would be necessary to sell to the public two and a half billion dollars in bonds—a major operation in finance, which he said might be disastrous at that time.

The executive asserted that the disabled veterans were being given treatment and that insurance had already been provided for all veterans.

"We have no money to bestow upon a class of people that is not taken from the whole people. Our first concern must be the nation as a whole. This outweighs in its importance the consideration of a class and the latter must yield to the former."

"The one compelling desire and demand of the people today, irrespective of party or class, is for tax relief. The people have labored during the last six years under a heavy tax burden. This was necessary to meet the extraordinary costs of the war. This heavy assessment has been met willingly and without complaint. We have now reached a financial condition which permits us to lighten this tax burden. If this bill becomes law, we wipe out at once almost all the progress five hard years have accomplished in reducing the national debt. If we now confer upon a class a gratuity such as is contemplated by this bill we diminish to the extent of the expenditures involved the benefits of reduced taxes which will flow not only to this class, but to the entire people."

"When it is considered that less than \$40 a year would pay for the average policy provided by this bill, there is strong ground to assure that the veterans themselves would be better off to make that small payment and be relieved of the attendant high taxes and high living costs which such legislation would impose upon them. Certainly the country would. We have hardly an economic ill today which can not be attributed directly or indirectly to high taxes."

A tenant farmer of Union County at the age of fifty years bought his own farm last year paying \$4100 for it. The first thing he did was to find the county agent and get his help and advice in terracing and planning his work. County Agent T. J. W. Broom went out and spent two days with him. Before the agent left, the farmer pointed to a terraced field and said, "Some day, if you live, and I do, I am going to show you one hundred bushels of corn per acre growing on that land." Such was his confidence in the help of his agent.

Brown Satin Crepe for Chic Afternoon Frock



Showing a winsome afternoon frock of brown satin crepe, trimmed with finely-plaited panels and bands of ecru lace.

Barbaric Jewelry Is New Fashion Favorite

It is strange that at this stage of modern life, where the freedom of woman is expressed not only in her actions but in the borrowing of the superficial aspects of men's garments, there should be, at the same time, a wave of popularity for jewelry of a barbaric nature, almost a "throw-back" to the days when women were slaves to men. Red gold appears again in jewelry, and the precious colored gems, emeralds and rubies encroach upon the black and white of onyx and diamonds. Bangles, girdles, hatpins and gorgeous as the jewels of an Eastern potentate, are worn by the women of this hemisphere.

And, after all, this is not so strange. Fashion, working through the various mediums of costume, jewelry and headdress, balances itself and when the pendulum swings too far in costume toward a severe masculinity of line it is counterbalanced by an extravagance of jewelry.

The fob, or "regence" watch, has come into its own as an accessory for the tailleur. Of onyx bordered with diamonds it is worn either in a small upper pocket or in the pocket of the inner vest. There are also fob ornaments for the same purpose, stimulating watches.

An engaging novelty which is a development of the fob watch is the seal watch worn around the neck on a long black cord or narrow jeweled chain. This is in the form of a seal with the face of the watch underneath and is turned up when the wearer desires to know the time. These costly trifles combine onyx, diamonds and rubies.

Jeweled Ornaments on Millinery and Slippers

Another instance of a way in which jewelry complements the mode is in the use of jeweled ornaments on the small, dark hat which is the fitting accompaniment of the masculine tailleur. On these the originality of both milliner and jeweler meet happily. There are jeweled buckles and fob ornaments, usually in diamonds. The jeweled hatpin, worn in front of the hat crown, is another recent innovation. This is shown in onyx and diamonds with red gold.

The slipper which completes the tailored mode is again feminized by a buckle, sometimes jeweled. A quaint conceit is the use of the initials in diamonds, either placed at the front of the shoe or slightly to the side.

Newest in Aprons

Lots of clever people are always trying to make life easier for women—and goodness knows there is room enough. The newest thing is the "ever-clean" apron, which looks like cretonne or fancy saten, but is water and grease-proof, and needs only sponging over when it is dirty. For housework and nursery wear it's delightful to have these, as they are well cut in many shapes and, being of soft fabric, fall into graceful folds which the ordinary waterproof apron never does.

Beads Popular in London

Many of the London stores have established bead departments to meet the increasing demand for bead necklaces, chains and other ornaments. A stone for which there has been much demand lately is the "chalcedony," which is mentioned in the Book of Revelation. Others that are popular are Persian jaspers, Baltic amber, Chinese jade and imitation-Indian cornelian.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF LOIS GERTRUDE DIXON.

On March 25th 1924, God visited our home and took from us our precious little girl, Lois, age seven years two months and four days.

Lois your sweet voice is hushed, your tender little heart is still, on your pale and peaceful face is resting death's cold chill. Little Lois you have left us but we love you still and a place is vacant in our home that never can be filled. I cannot forget you while in this world I stay. God only knows my sorrows since you have passed away, and many tears I often shed while others are asleep. Mother misses your willing little hands and sweet little songs you use to sing. Oh! how sad is life around me without my little girl, how sad it is to hear little sister talk of things she is going to tell you when she meets you in heaven.

She is gone but never will the memory of her fade, sweetest thoughts will ever linger around thy lone and silent grave. The flowers I place upon your grave may wither and decay, but the love I have for you will never fade away. Heaven retaineth now my little girl, earth your casket keeps, and how the sunshine seems to linger where my dear little girl sleeps. We hate to part with her, but God knew best.

Written by her mother, Mrs. Janis Dixon.

TARHEEL COW BREAKS RECORD.

Winston-Salem, N. C. May 19. Reynolda's Oxford Susie 471367, recently completed an excellent test. She produced, with calf, 703.17 lbs. of fat and 12910 lbs. of milk in 365 days at 3 years 3 months, and has been awarded a Gold Medal and a Silver Medal by the American Jersey Cattle Club, reports J. A. Arey, dairy extension specialist for the State College of Agriculture.

This record wins for Oxford Susie a Gold and a Silver Medal. In addition to this it establishes her as champion junior three year old Jersey cow of North Carolina, superseding Penn's College Farm Krisy 466988, that held this record with 477.03 lbs. of butter-fat.

Susie was tested at two years and two months when she won a Silver Medal by producing 491.42 lbs. butter-fat, and dropping a living calf within fourteen months of previous calving.

Her sire is Exile Oxford Jolly 147974, a bull with four daughters in the Register of Merit.

The dam of new champion is Sans Alo's Bess 321092, who is a daughter of Sans Alo's 81012. Sans Alo's has eighteen daughters and two sons in the Register of Merit.

The new champion is owned by Reynolda Inc., of Reynolda, N. C.



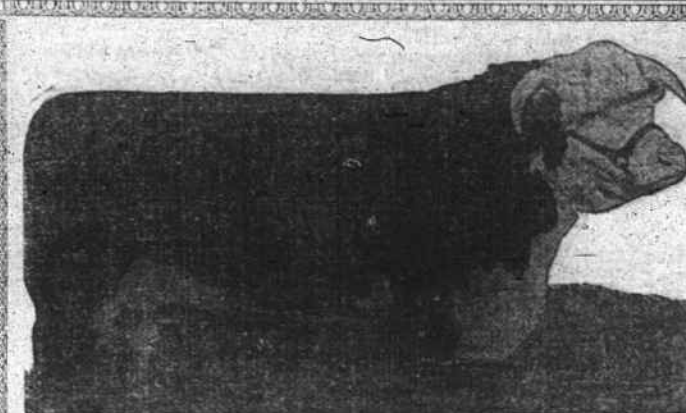
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