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**A FEW THOUGHTS ON COTTON SITUATION**

Mr. Editor:—  
 It is claimed that the textile industry has considerable stock cotton on hand, and an over-production of the staple this year is the cause of the decline in prices. Let's seek a remedy by which the planters can receive more remunerative prices for their cotton. Those who are able should hold their cotton. Those who are able should hold their cotton, and those who are bound to dispose of theirs especially need assistance.

The State and National Government should help those fellows tide over the existing depression. It is true the wearing apparel calls for less cotton fabric than used to be. The women, for instance, now wear silk dresses (though abbreviated) and silk hose.

I want to ask why don't they wear more gingham dresses, for the textile industry is turning out beautiful patterns and would be a credit to our womanhood if they would wear more of it, thereby aiding in a material way the hard pressed cotton producers. Even the men want all wool clothing, why not part cotton?

All this helps to depress sales and output of the factories, thereby affecting prices of the raw material. Caswell county produces as good cotton as almost anywhere. Many of our good citizens have enlisted in the production of cotton, some on a large scale.

The slump in price is simply deplorable. Our humble advice is, hold your cotton, friends, and we are sure you will be more highly remunerated. We would borrow necessary money, rather than sacrifice a year of expense and hard labor. Remember it is a bad wind that blows no good. Cotton, as well as other products, reaches low tide, then reverse to reach high tide prices.

Of course supply and demand are the usual governing factors. However, changes some times come without apparent cause, filling pocketbooks, at the same time causing that broad smile to adorn the faces of the tillers of the soil.

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**FARM PROGRAH AVAIL- ABLE IN PRINTED FORM**

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 10.—The program of diversified farming adopted this fall by the agricultural extension service as its ideal of work for the coming months and years is now available in printed form. The program was supplied to the press of the state in a condensed form during October. The program was given further publicity through the columns of Extension Farm News, the official publication of the extension service, and now it has been printed in an edition of 10,000 copies for further distribution to those who are interested in profitable farming in North Carolina.

Agricultural workers of State College say that there is nothing startling about the program nor is there so much that is new to the farmers of this State. The program simply gives voice to those principles which have guided the extension workers for a number of years. The facts given in the program have been established by successful farmers who have worked with the county agents and extension specialists and in some cases, the best land-owners of entire counties have followed the ideas which the program embodies.

The program pleads for a sound diversification of crops. It calls for the growing of grain and hay. It emphasizes the importance of a year-around garden and it shows the profits which may be expected by that farmer who has his own poultry, his hogs, and his dairy cow in addition to the usual cash crops which he grows. The program shows the profits to be made from cotton when rightly handled and planted on fertile soil and it points out that every farm should have a definite rotation of crops in which legumes

are included for soil improvement. Since the program was announced, the extension service has received letters of endorsement from many leading citizens, from the development services of industrial organizations, from farm journals, from bankers and from farmers, all of whom pledge their efforts to assist in promoting the ideas which the program embodies.

**FARM RAISED BIRDS WIN HIGH HONORS**

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 10.—That the farm boys and girls of North Carolina can now produce poultry that ranks with the best in the United States was demonstrated by the results of the Sesqui-Centennial Poultry show where 40 such birds made a clean sweep of all the highest ribbons and silver cups awarded in the club classes.

Through the generosity of former Governor Cameron Morrison, Allen G. Oliver, poultry extension specialist at State College, was able to send 40 birds to this International Poultry Show held during the last week in October. The birds were accompanied to the show by county agent J. W. Hendricks of Catawba county and were selected from Catawba, Lincoln and Stanly counties. Out of the forty birds sent, 22 won blue ribbons, eight won red ribbons and two won white ribbons. In addition three silver cups for the best birds in the show were won in special sweepstakes contests. Two entries consisting of a Rhode Island Red pullet cockerel were judged the two best birds in the show of any breed by any contestant.

Poultry workers at State College express themselves as being highly pleased at this wonderful showing. For a number of years, extension workers have been placing pure-bred poultry with farm boys and girls. Demonstrations in how to mate, breed and care for the birds have been made and the results show now that the boys and girls are learning these valuable lessons very rapidly. It is felt that the State has gained some valuable advertising as a result of this contest. Mr. Oliver states that this is not the first time that the poultry club members have won first prizes at national events.

Walter Young, of Dayton, Ohio, one of the Sesqui judges, stated that the North Carolina birds were as good as any that he had ever seen. He felt that the entries would have won first prizes in the open show as well as in the club classes where they were entered.

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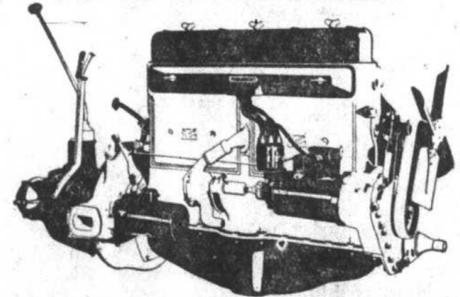
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