

Cabbage Brings Prosperity To Flats Township Farmers

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Until a few years ago the farmers of Flats Township, Macon county, tucked way back in the hills between Highlands, N. C., and Dillard, Ga., had a pretty tough time of it supporting their families and paying their taxes. They had little to sell besides timber, a few cattle and a very limited amount of farm produce and fruit, and frequently it was almost impossible to take what they had to market over the rough, muddy mountain road which served as the community's only outlet.

Now—thanks to good cabbages and a good road—the farmers of Flats Township are enviably prosperous. They pay their taxes on time and enjoy some of the luxuries of life such as automobiles and radios.

Period to 1930 very little cabbage was produced for market in this section. Cheap seed purchased from various places and of numerous varieties was used. Other than resulting in an inferior grade of marketable cabbage, low production and different sized heads, the poor seed caused some of the best land to become infested with disease.

Approximately 70 families live in this township, which has an altitude ranging from 3,000 to 4,000 feet. Before extensive production of cabbage was developed the livelihood of these people came primarily from the sale of timber and the production of general crops on a small scale.

In 1930 H. R. Niswonger, horticulture specialist, and F. S. Sloan, then county agent of Macon county, introduced into the section through the cooperation of J. D. Burnette, a farmer, four ounces of Reed-Strain, Short Stem Danish Bald Head seed. The four ounces of this seed cost more than a pound of the other seed most of the producers were using at that time; but what a wonderful investment it turned out to be for Mr. Burnette and, later, for other farmers of the section!

Improved methods of fertilizing and culture also were introduced. Formerly three to four hundred pounds of superphosphate per acre was used and approximately 7,000 plants were set to the acre. Two or three tons of marketable cabbage was produced per acre and the heads varied greatly in size, many of them unsuitable for market.

Producers using improved methods now get six to seven tons per acre, the average size of marketable heads being from two to three pounds. Fertilizers of 3-8-6 or 4-10-4 applied, broadcast in the row from 800 to 1,000 pounds per acre, is now used with best results. Plants are set from 12 to 14 inches apart in the row, allowing an average of around 12,000 plants to the acre. This increases tonnage and causes the heads to be more nearly the marketable size and weight. Application of Nitrate of Soda at the rate of 100 pounds to the acre on bottomland soil and from 150 to 200 pounds on steeper slopes has resulted in increased production per acre and holds the head green longer, thereby increasing the likelihood of a better price on the market.

Last year 400 acres of cabbage were planted in Flats Township, producing approximately 3,200 tons, which, at an average price of \$22 a ton, brought approximately \$70,400 to the producers. The same year 300 acres of beans were planted, producing approximately 30,000 bushels, which at an average price of \$1 a bushel, amounted to \$30,000. The total gross receipts for these two crops amounted to \$100,400.

Someone checking over the county tax lists several years ago made the significant discovery that in 1932 not a single farmer resident of Flats Township was advertised for taxes. Another interesting commentary is that during the first four years following introduction of Emergency Crop Loans, each borrower in the Flats cabbage country repaid his loan before the due date.

With an all-weather graveled road, constructed by the United States forest service, extending through this section and connecting it with main highways at Highlands and Dillard, easy access is made by car or truck. The majority of

the cabbage crop is sold directly from the patch, thereby saving the farmer the expense of placing his produce on the market.

Worms Often Attack Stored Dried Fruit

Fruits and vegetables now being preserved by drying may become infested with worms, warns Dr. Z. P. Metcalf, entomologist at State college.

To protect dried fruits and vegetables from infestation, he suggested that they should be stored in tight paper bags or other containers which can be kept tightly closed.

The dried foods should be examined from time to time to see whether worms have appeared. If they get into the foods in spite of the precautions taken, the foods should be heat-treated.

Dr. Metcalf says the fruits and vegetables found to be infested should be heated to a temperature of at least 135 degrees Fahrenheit for two hours or longer.

The oven of an ordinary cook stove makes as good a place as any to heat the fruits or vegetables, provided it has a thermometer to indicate the temperature.

If the dried foods become reinfested after the heat treatment, repeat the treatment, Dr. Metcalf added.

While this method has not been tried on all kinds of dried fruits and vegetables, he said, it has not injured the flavor or keeping qualities of those on which it has been tried.

It has also been pointed out that dried fruits and vegetables should be stored in a dry place to protect them from mould.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of Allie Caler, deceased, late of Macon county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 16th day of September, 1938, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 16th day of September, 1937.

J. S. CONLEY,
Administrator.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of R. D. Sisk, deceased, late of Macon county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of September, 1938, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This the 1st day of September, 1937.

J. H. STOCKTON,
Administrator.

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NOTICE OF SALE

State of North Carolina,
County of Macon
In the Superior Court
Bank of Franklin

vs.
F. H. Higdon and W. L. Higdon.

By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the Superior Court of Macon County in the above entitled action, I will on Monday, the 4th day of October, 1937, at twelve o'clock, M., at the Courthouse door of said County, sell to the highest bidder for cash, all the right, title and interest, being an undivided one-eighth (1/8) remainder interest, which the said W. L. Higdon, defendant, has in the following described real estate lying and being in Macon County on the waters of the Ellijay Creek, and being more particularly described as follows:

Tract 1. BEGINNING at a black oak on top of a mountain five poles 70 deg. west of W. H. Higdon's Spanish oak corner, runs north 72 deg. west 9 1/2 poles to a chestnut; thence north 49 deg. west with the top of the ridge 145 poles to a Spanish oak, W. L. Higdon's corner; thence south 26 deg. west with his line 94 poles to a chestnut; thence south 70 deg. west 62 poles to a chestnut oak; thence south

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4 deg. east 11 poles to a chestnut; thence south 18 deg. east 56 poles to a sourwood on top of the mountain; thence with the meanders of the top of the mountain to the beginning. Containing 100 acres, more or less. From this tract is excepted a tract of 13 1/2 acres heretofore deeded by J. H. Higdon and M. M. Higdon, his wife, on May 27, 1907, to J. L. Higdon and J. S. Higdon by quit-claim deed recorded in Deed Book YY, page 467, of Macon County Records.

Tract 2. BEGINNING at a honey locust at the public road, corner of the S. A. Higdon property, and running thence up the road with its meanders 108 poles to a stake; thence running north 50 1/2 deg. east 2 1/4 poles to a walnut on the bank of Battle Branch; thence running down said branch with its meanders to a maple at its mouth on the bank of Ellijay Creek; thence running down the creek with its meanders to a point opposite said honey locust, the beginning point; thence running west to said honey locust, the point of beginning.

Tract 3. BEGINNING at a white oak (W. W. Higdon's corner) and running thence south 18 deg. west 18 poles to a stake; thence south 74 1/2 deg. west 25 1/2 poles to a stake in the line between W. L. Higdon and J. A. Higdon; thence south 14 deg. east 20 poles to a Spanish oak; thence south 39 deg. east 16 1/2 poles to a red oak in the line of W. L. and J. H. Higdon; thence north 87 1/2 deg. east 71 poles to a Spanish oak; thence north 19 deg. east 34 poles to a locust; thence north 22 poles to a red oak; thence north 85 deg. west 33 poles to a black oak; thence north 84 deg. west 20 poles to a hickory; thence north 72 deg. west 12 poles to the point of beginning. Containing 25 acres, more or less.

This, August 31, 1937.

A. B. SLAGLE,
Sheriff, Macon County, N. C.
S9-4tc-J&J-S30

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina,
Macon County,
Macon County, Plaintiff,

vs.

W. L. Higdon, Defendant.

Under and by virtue of a decree of the Superior Court entered in the above entitled action at the August Term, 1937, of Macon County Superior Court, the undersigned Commissioner will on the 11th day of October, 1937, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Courthouse door in Macon County, North Carolina, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate:

BEGINNING on a stake, 150 feet (SE corner Alex Moore's lot) from stone corner, beginning of Bidwell lot in right-of-way of Tallulah Falls Ry. and, then, with said right-of-way of said railroad, S 25 E 300 ft. to a stake; W 228 ft. to a stake; N 5 E 258 ft. to stake (Moore's SW corner); then N 64 1/2 E 80 ft. to the BEGINNING, containing 157 rods.

This the 7th day of September, 1937.

R. S. JONES, Commissioner.
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NOTICE OF RE-SALE

North Carolina,
Macon County.

In The Superior Court

J. E. Watkins and wife, Mary Watkins, et al, Plaintiffs

vs.

Susan Watkins, widow, et al, Defendants.

WHEREAS, the bid of ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000.00) Dollars, entered in the above entitled matter, has been raised, the undersigned Commissioner, by virtue of an order of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon County, will, on Monday, the 27th day of September, 1937, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the Courthouse door in Franklin, North Carolina, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described land:

FIRST TRACT: In District No. 13, being Section No. 45, and known as the Granny Jones place, on the waters of Middle Creek, BEGINNING at a white oak, the north-west side of No. 26, and runs north 28 degrees west 100 poles to a white oak; then south 65 degrees west 80 poles to a sourwood; then south 33 degrees west 32 poles to a white pine; then south 52 degrees east 10 poles to a Spanish oak; then south 10 poles to a chestnut; thence south 34 degrees east 98 poles to a stake in the line of No. 26; thence north 45 degrees east 80 poles to the BEGINNING, con-

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taining 69 acres more or less (but excepting about 20 acres, more or less, conveyed by John Watkins to May Ramey and Margaret Bryson (Hartness) as shown by deed).

SECOND TRACT: Being 10 acres off the south end of Grant No. 7056 as described in a deed from P. Howard to John Watkins, for more full description see said deed, same being all of No. 7056 except what said Howard conveyed to G. P. White, this ten acres begins where the line of Grant No. 7056 touches the Granny Jones tract and runs thence with the Granny Jones tract to the Martin line, and then with the Martin Line to the Fisher line and thence with the Fisher line till the line of Grant No. 7056 leaves the Fisher line, and then to the BEGINNING.

SUBJECT to life estate of N. R. Ramey and Pearl Ramey in tract of land described in deed to them from W. H. Watkins, dated December 5, 1935, and recorded in the Register of Deeds Office for Macon County, in Deed Book X-4, page 498.

This the 8th day of September, 1937.

R. S. JONES, Commissioner.
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NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA, ASHEVILLE DIVISION

In the Matter of The Vercalite Corporation, Incorporated, under the Laws of Delaware, Debtor.

By virtue of an order issuing out of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of North Carolina, Asheville Division, on the 3rd day of September, 1937, authorizing and directing the undersigned trustee to sell all the property of the debtor, The Vercalite Corporation, I will, on Monday, the 11th day of October, 1937, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Court House Door in Franklin, Macon County, North Carolina, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property:

Approximately 800 tons Crude Vermiculite, about 35 to 40 tons processed Vermiculite; 4 elevators; 2 kilns; 10 electric motors; 1 spike roll crusher; 1 pit crusher; 1 electric furnace; all laboratory equipment; stock room equipment and supplies; bags; ropes, etc.; 3 ratchet jacks; all office furniture and equipment; 7 tram cars; wheelbarrows; picks, shovels and other tools; one Ford V-8 Station Wagon, 1932 model, Motor No. 18-115167; and all other property, equipment, tools, machinery and supplies, all of which is located in and around what is known as the H. Arthur Osborne buildings and warehouses near the Franklin, N. C. Depot. Also one Kelvinator Electric Refrigerator; one living room lounge; two cots and mattresses; one electric broiler; one electric heater; sheets and all other items of property belonging to the said debtor.

Also all the property, right, title and interest which the said debtor, The Vercalite Corporation has in and to any and all real property, together with all the right, title, interest said debtor has in and to any and all leases, leasehold estates, options, contracts, privileges and rights in and to any and all real property situated in Macon County, North Carolina.

This the 9th day of September, 1937.

J. FRANK RAY, Trustee.
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NOTICE OF SALE

State of North Carolina,
Macon County.

WHEREAS, power of sale was vested in W. M. Cleveland, Mortgagee, by Mortgage Deed made, executed and delivered by S. E. Potts and wife, Alice Potts, to W. M. Cleveland, dated January 10th, 1927, and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County in Record of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust No. 30, page 374, and whereas, W. M. Cleveland has died and Elinor C. Cleveland is the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administratrix of his estate; and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the indebtedness accrued by said Mortgage Deed:

I will, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale in said Mortgage and by law in me vested, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, at the Courthouse door in Franklin, North Carolina, at 12

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o'clock, noon, on Monday the 11th day of October, 1937, the following described land and property:

BEGINNING at a stake (Witnessed by a 6 inch chestnut south 52 degrees west 7 feet, also by an 8 inch chestnut oak north 46 west 16 feet), said stakes being the northeast corner of said W. M. Cleveland's home tract, conveyed to him by Highlands Land Company, runs south 84 degrees 30 minutes west 236 feet to a stake (witnessed by a 3 inch white oak south 50 degrees 30 minutes West 18 feet, also by a 5 inch white oak north 41 west 25 feet); then south 4 degrees 30 minutes east 100 feet to a stake (witnessed by an 8 inch mountain oak south 89 east 11 feet, also by a 3 inch oak south 34 degrees 30 minutes east 10.5 feet); then north 85 degrees 30 minutes east 222 feet to a stake in the east line of the said W. M. Cleveland tract and in the west line of the J. C. Richert tract, said stake being north 4 east 164 feet from the southwest corner of the said J. C. Richert tract (witnessed by a 12 inch white oak north 11 east 7 feet, also by an 8 inch chestnut north 53 west 14.5 feet); then with said line north 4 east 100 feet to the BEGINNING, containing one-half acre, more or less.

In the event the purchaser does not pay cash at the time of sale, the sale will be continued and concluded at 2 P. M. of the same day. This the 9th day of September, 1937.

ELINOR C. CLEVELAND,
Administratrix of the
Estate of W. M. Cleveland,
Deceased.

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NOTICE OF SALE

State of North Carolina,
County of Macon,
Macon County, Plaintiff,

vs.

W. L. Higdon and F. H. Higdon, et al, Defendants.

Under and by virtue of a decree of the Superior Court entered in the above entitled action at August Term, 1937, of Macon County Superior Court, the undersigned Commissioner will on the 11th day of October, 1937, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Courthouse door in Macon County, North Carolina, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate:

An undivided 2/5 interest in the following described tract of land lying and being in the County of Macon, State of North Carolina, and lying near the Town of Franklin, and known as Union Tanning Company, and S. L. Rogers land, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a sycamore, near the old Phillips ford, corner of Rogers and Johnston, and runs thence with the old road and Johnston's line, S 89 W 680 feet, crossing a small branch, to a stake in the old line; runs thence N 3 degrees 45 minutes W 1500 feet to a stake; thence N 89 E 990 feet to a stake at the river bank; and runs thence up the river, with its meanders, to the BEGINNING, containing 22 1/2 acres, more or less.

EXCEPTING, however, from the above conveyed land all the rights, title and interest conveyed by said S. L. Rogers and wife, Mamie, to the Blue Ridge Atlantic Railway Company, by deed dated the 12th day of June, 1908, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County, North Carolina, in Book of Deeds A-3, page 532, to which said deed and record thereof, reference is hereby made for more full description.

This, the 7th day of September, 1937.

R. S. JONES, Commissioner.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE DIVISION

In the Matter of The Vercalite Corporation, Incorporated under the Laws of Delaware, Debtor.

By virtue of an order of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of North Carolina, Asheville Division, in the above entitled cause, notice is hereby given to all creditors of said debtor to prove and file their claim with the undersigned trustee on or before the 11th day of October, 1937.

This the 9th day of September, 1937.

J. FRANK RAY, Trustee,
Franklin, N. C.

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