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EGGS AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

MUCH HAS been said about poultry products in the Sandhills. Gradually the output increases. The amount of money realized from this source adds a material sum to the income of the territory. Whether the limit of possibilities has been reached is doubtful. What is to be the ultimate relation of the Sandhills to poultry as a leading product is still undetermined. Many suggestions are offered from various sources. Undoubtedly the poultry men are making progress, and delivering to the market a better type of eggs and fowls. So far not much headway has been made in sending out to the general markets any great supplies.

Reliable farmers say here is a region in which poultry can be grown to advantage. Two schools of practice divide the sentiment of poultry raising as well as all kinds of farming in North Carolina. One group holds to the doctrine of raising at home the things needed on the farm. The other inclines to the buying of feed and supplies, depending on the farms of other sections and using home income to pay for the feed products bought. Both groups believe they have the logical end. Possibly where a highly organized poultry farm is operated skillfully it is prudent to buy chicken feed rather than to raise what the farm can supply. Possibly on other farms it is wise to permit the birds to rustle for themselves to some extent and to eat things that can be grown on the place. Possibly it is wise to have eggs hatched at one of the hatcheries at home or to buy small chicks from establishments devoted to that line of work. Yet it would seem that as far as possible hatching eggs produced on the farm, and possibly by hens on the farm, takes less of the farm money than to buy such things. Possibly both of these methods are to be approved, depending on the man who carries on, for all men cannot follow a single method.

Eggs are coming in now freely, and the price has been going downward. It is likely the figure will go down still more. Yet if eggs can be brought from Kansas and California and sold in New York they should find a profitable market there if sent from North Carolina. But price and quality must meet price and quality of the western stuff. Price and quality determine the sale of the offering, whether eggs or anything else. The quality of the eggs now to be had in this section is high. The prices locally are low, making them desirable as a supply for the table, justifiable for extensive use. If eggs from here can be marketed in the north it is likely that even with low prices the supply will be increased, for farmers are coming to have a much better knowledge of egg production than in the past, and also they are inclined to diversion of farm crops rather than the system of one or two crops that stake too much on one throw. It is probable that the poultry crop is promising for the future.

HEMP GETS ITS IMPROVED ROAD

After years of floundering in the mud and dust Hemp is to be given its new road to connect with the main highway through the northern part of the county. Bids are asked by the highway commission and it looks as though not much time will elapse until the road already graded will be covered with a gravel top that will make a passable outlet and inlet for the big

travel that is moving in the direction of that progressive industrial village and farm center.

A gravel top road is not as pretentious as the hard tops laid down in some sections of the county and state, but as it seems the best that the attenuated condition of the road pocket book permits at this time, it is like Mercutio's wound, which not so deep as a well nor so wide as a barn door, served, for it killed him. A good gravel top road is a decided addition to the travel of any community, and if we had learned a few years ago that we could do an awful lot of hauling on a good gravel road we might not these nights be dreaming dreams of road debts that are clamoring for money from taxpayers who give up as willingly now that the piper is to be paid as they give up their eye teeth in the dentist's chairs.

Hemp has a logical call for a good road, for it is a productive community and a good road is a profitable asset, not merely a luxurious plaything to help folks spend their time and money for the hilarity of burning gas. And now that it is to be provided Hemp is getting more like a fair shake than it has had, even if not all it deserves in comparison with other industrial communities of the state.

PENNSYLVANIA RESUMES DIVIDENDS

One of the most assuring things that has happened since the depression is the announcement that the Pennsylvania railroad has resumed its dividends. The payments will be small, fifty cents a share for the March allotment. But it is not the amount, but the fact that the road sees its way clear to pay out a return to its stockholders even though it is a small one. The inference is that the company is in a cash position that warrants this modest dividend, and that the prospect is such that it is likely to be continued.

Along with this pleasing bit of news comes the further information that the electrical construction has been so far completed that trains will soon be operated between New York and Philadelphia by electricity, which foreshadows an economical handling of traffic together with increased efficiency in many ways. With the new installation ready for use the road has crossed one of the big bridges that stood in the way of economical operation, and from now on it is to be expected that its progress will be much easier.

Were this merely an indication that this one company has come out of the woods it would be gratifying, but it is also to be assumed that the conditions that have permitted the railroad to get its feet under itself are working on other industries. The better condition of this one company means a greater degree of employment and greater division of dividend payments which have their influence on other industries. All working together these things have a hand in shaping the future. It is not to be imagined the recovery will run wild, but this fact remains, that one big concern is on the up grade. Conditions that stimulate its recovery cannot help but favorably affect other things.

WORK ENOUGH FOR SOMEBODY

One of the complaints that is common today is that a lack of work confronts the people. Men, and not only colored men but also white men, drift about showing little interest in anything, and apparently without clear conception of what they may do to occupy their time. Lack of their regular customary occupation has clouded their ideas of doing things and they have given themselves over to the drift.

But a lot of work is available for nearly every man in this section. It may not have an immediate wage return, but that is not essential, for idleness that brings nothing whatever is no better than work that brings its return only indirectly or in the future. Idleness never pays anything. But the idle may utilize his time by fixing up around his house, or lawn, or farm or wherever he may be or whatever his possessions. The work done improving the roads and roadsides and streets shows

what value is added to possessions and to the community by work. More than that the man who puts in his time in some occupation that calls into play his faculties is better mentally and physically than the man who hangs on merely in the hope that something will turn up. The idle man is the most valueless and helpless man, to himself and his neighbors, of all the population. But the man who will put in time that he finds on his hands in doing something, no matter whether it brings a wage return or not, is finding a satisfaction in his production, and as time goes by he gains a profit in what he has done.

The great worth of this community is the attractiveness of the landscape and the picture presented by the homes and the village and rural accessories. Every man who has nothing else to occupy his time could benefit himself, his family and his community by cleaning up about his place, preparing for a garden, making some repairs about his house, by planting some trees, by doing as his grandfather did before him, employing his time in some useful thing no matter what, for any work is more helpful than sitting around wearing out the seat of a pair of trousers. Continued idleness is probably the worst sin that can be committed by an able bodied man or boy. There is enough work on the home grounds and buildings of this community to employ the whole population the balance of the spring, and it would be worth while for everyone to engage in it on his own place, owned or rented.

Grains of Sand

Too many people are putting the emphasis on the second syllable to have Technocracy come to anything.

"By the way, here we take occasion to compliment Southern Pines upon its refusal of a postoffice building and a hard-surfaced road. Such unselfishness is as rare as praiseworthy," writes Editor O. J. Peterson in his new and interesting paper, "The State's Voice."

Pinehurst hotels are running ahead of last season. Business generally is picking up about the Sandhills.

Incidentally, the consumption of cotton by textile mills in the Carolinas and Virginia showed a marked increase during the last four months of 1932, the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond reports.

The only winner in the Bailly-Pritchard contest appears to be Robert McNeill, Pritchard counsel, for whom a fee of \$12,000 is recommended by a Senate committee.

Last summer was made pleasurable to hundreds in the county by the baseball games of the Moore County league. A few of the teams ran behind in their finances, and benefit performances of various kinds are being arranged to make up the deficits. League baseball next summer depends on the success of these benefits. Don't let us have a summer without those exciting contests. Give the boys a hand—and a hand-out.

The General Assembly is going to create a board of examiners for beauty parlors. Doesn't sound to us like a bad job to go after.

Aberdeen's Standard Store might just as well hang out a sign reading "BURGLARS WELCOME—HELP YOURSELF," and leave the door unlocked. There doesn't seem to be any way of keeping them out anyway. They made their fourth or fifth visit there this week.

Thirty-two thousand of last year's automobiles have yet to get their 1933 license plates, Raleigh informs us.

Now is the time to invest in building and loan associations which have held up consistently well through all the late unpleasantness.

REMOVING RUINS OF SOUTHERN PINES HOTEL

As noted in The Pilot of last week permission for the removal of the remains of the Southern Pines Hotel having been given to Mayor D. G. Stutz by J. J. Harrington, the structure is now being demolished by men in the employ of the Committee for Unemployment Relief, and in a short time this well known corner will assume a pleasing prospect.

Season's Tobacco Price Average Well Ahead of Previous Season

Aberdeen Sales Totalled Only 1,835,809 Pounds, Reflecting General Crop Decrease

The State Department of Agriculture, through its crop reporting service estimated the season's average price for tobacco will be \$12.21 per hundredweight, in announcing December sales and average prices.

This figure compares with the season's average price of \$8.93 on the 1931 crop. The report pointed out the greater portion of the 1932 crop had been sold and New Bright Belt markets, the largest in the state, already had closed.

Asserting sales in 1932 were only 63 per cent of the volume for the previous year, the statement declared "There are ample grounds for justifying the \$12.21 season's average price."

The December average State price was \$11.02 on 27,185,772 pounds sold as compared with 72,289,385 pounds a year ago, averaging \$6.74 per hundred. Season's sales through December totaled 268,403,318 pounds, compared with 422,631,212 in 1931.

The Old Bright belt of which the Aberdeen market is a part, led in December sales, with 15,312,764 pounds auctioned at an average of \$10.43 compared with sales of 31,970,957 pounds in December, 1931, at \$6.38.

New Bright belt sales last month totaled only 7,109,924 pounds, bringing an average of \$11.64 per hundred. This was less than a fourth of the 31,555,752 pounds sold in December, 1931, but the price was almost doubled. The 1931 December average was \$6.96 per hundred.

Asheville's burley belt market showed a large gain in average prices, with December's 1,281,778 pounds of tobacco selling for an average of \$14.55. In December, 1931, 1,532,205 pounds sold at \$9.22 per hundred.

The following figures represent poundage handled on the markets in this vicinity to January 1:

Aberdeen, 1,835,809; Carthage, 1,674,134; Durham, 11,953,968; Fuquay Springs, 2,134,500; Sanford, 1,679,418; Winston-Salem, 26,947,901. Totals for the entire Old Bright belt: 1932, 83,947,615; 1931, 130,329,180.

For a Valentine present a new Novel—Hayes.

Correspondence

POLITICAL PLUMS

Editor, The Pilot:

A great, great deal has been said about them, but very little ever done, as Mark Twain once remarked about the weather. But really why should they exist at all.

The day has come when men whose claim is based largely upon political activity must make way for men who while not able to claim that they have held public office, are yet capable of doing so; it is time to bring new men into service where the gates have been opened only to professional politicians.

This policy is one that would recognize the fact that some men are worthy of political preferment on other grounds than service rendered "the party." When men of this type are recognized by the dispensers of patronage, a service of considerable value will be rendered the State and Nation, and public service will have been greatly improved.

—H. E. THROWER.

MINOR RECOMMENDATIONS IN REPORT OF GRAND JURY

Among the recommendations made by the grand jury in its report last week were the placing of three desk lights in the register of deed's vault to avoid the necessity of burning the ceiling lights; the placing of proper lights in the basement where old records are kept; the replacing of broken chairs in the ladies' rest room with chairs from the basement and the replacing of glass in the door of this room; the repairing of outer door checks on the court house. The court house offices and records were found well kept.

Conditions were very satisfactory at the jail, but minor repairs were deemed necessary such as repairing plastering in the jailer's living quarters and fixing lock on outer door of jail. The door is opened with difficulty, and this recommendation was made "to avoid a tragedy in case of fire."

The prison camp was found in the

very best sanitary condition and the jury complimented the management. The inmates of the county home were found to be well fed and cared for and they reported kind treatment at the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy. The home was well supplied with farm products and vegetables, poultry and eggs. The addition of one cow was recommended, also several minor repairs and the replacing of all straw mattresses with good cotton mattresses.

The report was signed by T. K. Gunter, foreman.

ILL OF PNEUMONIA

Miss Katharine Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude T. Johnson is ill at her home on the Southern Pines Road with pneumonia.

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It is an institution so operated secondarily as to safeguard the material welfare of those whom compose it, and without profit beyond affording a reasonable and consistent return to those whom make use of its facilities for accumulating and investing savings. It does not gamble or take chances for the purpose of enlarging its profit in excess of that received from its investments. Its investments are secured by first liens on land and buildings, conservatively appraised and owned by its members. The basis of all value is land. Its very nature forbids ostentatious operation. It does not discriminate as to whom shall compose its membership. It is strictly a co-operative institution; one in which each member shares alike and no favors extended. Only the officer whose responsibility it is to collect and disburse its funds is compensated for services rendered, and each official who occupies a position of responsibility is amply bonded.

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