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**FARMING TO BECOME MORE PROFITABLE**

This world's no blot for us, nor blank; it means intensely, and means good.—Robert Browning.

By G. A. CARDWELL

While the writer does not claim to be a prophet or the son of a prophet, he advances the view that the well-informed, energetic, careful-of-details farmer of the future is going to find farming a much more profitable business than it has been in the past.

If there was no other reason for taking this optimistic view, farm abandonment figures recently published by the Bureau of the Census would seemingly justify this conclusion. The census report shows that 75,000 farms throughout the country have been abandoned since 1920. This falling off is referred to as "a very grave problem," and is attributed mainly to the ravages of the boll weevil in some of the Cotton States, the migration of negro farm workers, a succession of dry seasons in parts of the Northwest, the consolidation of farms, and a general recession from the war-time expansion in agriculture, which still persisted in 1920.

Instead of presenting a very grave problem in other than certain localities, the writer thinks the condition referred to—that is, the drift of farmers and much farm labor to industrial cities and towns to share in industrial prosperity, or at least to receive good wages, will have the effect of improving the chances of the man who sticks to the farm. The nation must have farms to support its rapidly expanding industrial cities; these farms will not continue unless they afford a good living.

However, the to-be-successful farmer can not be lazy on the job, and he must avoid temporary measures if he is to produce crops economically; he must build his soil for maximum production at a minimum expense, adopting a long-time program of soil-building and crop rotation. A good part of the gamble will be removed from farming when the soil is kept in good condition and a "live-at-home" or "mixed farming" program is put into effect.

Carefully worked out "mixed farming" programs have been regularly ad-

vocated, year after year, particularly since the advent of the Mexican cotton-boll weevil, and some progress has been made, but the progress has not been general.

Now that the crops have been harvested, most farmers have some ready cash on hand or in the bank; this is, therefore, a good time to start some of the things suggested in the following "live-at-home" program:

1. Raise enough corn and hay so that you will not have to buy corn or hay during the year.
  2. Make enough meat to supply the family and, for good measure, have some for sale.
  3. Furnish your table with vegetables from a 12-months in the year garden.
  4. Provide the family with sufficient quantities of milk and butter, without having to buy it.
  5. Keep an average of at least 30 hens the year through; you should have more to enable you to join with your neighbors in shipping car lots of poultry.
  6. Improve the orchard. Set out some apple, peach, pear, cherry, or pecan trees, and plant some small fruits and berries.
  7. Enrich your lands by planting vetch beans, soy beans, or cow peas in at least half of the corn; and clover or vetch with rye or oats, with or after half of the other crops.
  8. Enroll one or more children in club work, pig, corn, poultry, home economic clubs, etc.
  9. Add some home convenience, such as running water, electric lights, washing machine, oil stove, kitchen cabinet, and other things that will lessen the burden of house keeping.
  10. Beautify the homestead by painting the house or make base plantings of shrubs about the house to furnish a setting, and plant flowering trees, such as crepe myrtle, mimosa, magnolia, dogwood, or plant a lawn.
- After starting these things or least some of them, get your neighbors to join with you in organizing a community farmers club, to meet at least once each month for the purpose of exchanging ideas, experiences, and for general educational and social purposes.
- Mr. Cotton, Tobacco, and Peanut Farmer, enter into a contract with yourself to do the things suggested a-

bove or least most of them, and see if your business is not in better condition next fall than ever before. Do not stop on one year, however, should things go wrong; stick to the program and in time you will find it will pay big dividends.

**IN DEFENSE OF THE FLAPPER**

So much is being said these days about the flapper that there seems to be a growing prejudice and disrespect for womanhood. Certainly we have to admit that woman in her great desire to be attractive has become somewhat extreme and often indiscreet. Yet it can not be counted as a reflection on the honor of the sex. We have to admit that high dresses sometimes cause people to misjudge, and the deep lines of the paint brush on the lip and cheeks sometimes make us judge harshly. All of these things should be avoided, because they do not help, and may hinder the better parts of our life.

Yet the man who throws his hands up in holy horror and condemns all short-dressed women to perdition and would cast every ruby-lipped girl into outer darkness is going a long way in his judgment.

On the other hand, some articles of men's apparel display less brain on the part of the wearers than any of the styles of women. The big-leg pants now worn by some young men are more evidence of mental weakness than the short skirts worn by their sisters. The short skirts may have some convenience and is certainly more sanitary than the old street-sweeping skirts in the "decent" days of old, which can not offer for sanitation, economy, beauty, nor freedom. Then the golf-legged fellows would be another class of men who would not have a legitimate reason for criticizing their sisters for wearing short skirts.



**Treat Colds Externally**

For sore throat, bronchitis or deep chest colds, rub Vicks VapoRub briskly over throat and chest and cover with warm flannel.



**NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND**

Under and by virtue of the authority contained in a certain deed of trust executed by O. M. Lilley and wife, Clara M. Lilley, on the 8th day of March, 1924, and of record in the public registry of Martin County in book Q-2, at page 87, to the undersigned trustee, said deed of trust given to secure certain notes of even date and tenor therewith, and the stipulations in said deed of trust not having been complied with and at the request of the parties interested, the undersigned trustee will, on Monday, the 21st day of December, 1925, at 12 o'clock m., at the courthouse door in the town of Williamston, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate:

Beginning at a post oak on the Main Road, a corner in Joseph Ward's and John A. Roberson's line, thence N. 40 E. 104 poles, N. 70 E. 34 poles to a sweet gum, then N. 12 W. 68 poles to Nicholas Roberson's line, then S. 13 east 11 poles to a corner; S. 29 W. 60 poles to a corner; then S. 74 W. 82 poles to the new road, thence along the road to the beginning, containing 77 acres, more or less, and being the same land deeded to R. R. Lilley by B. B. Bazemore.

This 18th day of November, 1925.  
WHEELER MARTIN,  
Trustee.

**TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue of the power vested in me by that deed of trust executed to me on the 11th day of March, 1924, by J. C. Ross and Charity Ross, his wife, which may be seen by reference to said deed of trust, of record in the register of deed's office for Martin County, in book R-2, page 443, default having been made in the payment of said note therein mentioned, and at the request of the legal holder of same, I will, on Thursday, the 17th day of December, 1925, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock, at the courthouse door in Williamston, North Carolina, sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, the real estate hereinafter described:

First parcel: That tract of land in the county and State aforesaid, adjoining the lands of Oak City Gin Co., and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co.'s right of way, and being all of lots Nos. three (3) and four (4) in plot made for Everett and Daniel by S. Peele on November 21, 1917, and March 6, 1918, and recorded in land division book 1, at page 426, and being the same lots conveyed to the said J. C. Ross by H. S. Everett and wife on the 18th day of September, 1919, and recorded in the register of deed's office for Martin County in book Y-1, at page 380.

Second parcel: All those certain pieces, parcels, or lots of land situate, lying and being in the town of Oak City, County of Martin, and State of North Carolina, being all of Lot No. three (3) and the south half of lot No. two (2), in block "C," as shown on blue print of the said town of Oak City, on which lots there is located a store and hotel, said lots being the same which were conveyed to the said J. C. Ross on the first day of April, 1916, by the East Carolina Land & Improvement Co., by deed of record in the register of deed's office for said county of Martin and State of North Carolina in book N-1, at page 596.

This 16th day of Nov., 1925.  
S. A. DUNN,  
Trustee.

**SALE OF VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY**

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon us in a deed of trust executed by J. N. Pugh and wife, Ethel Pugh, on the 18th day of April, 1925, and recorded in book of mortgages X-2, page 49, we will on Saturday the 19th day of December, 1925, at 12 o'clock noon at the courthouse door in Williamston, Martin County, sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, the following land, to wit:

First tract: Adjoining the lands of J. H. Sherrod on the west; the lands of F. J. Roebuck and J. G. Staton on the south; the M. W. Ballard land and H. G. Slade on the east; and the dower of Mrs. Margaret Boyle on the north, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning in J. H. Sherrod line in the center of the Williamston and Hamilton road, in the line of the old Confederate breastworks; and running along the line of the old Confederate breastworks, J. H. Sherrod's line, south 4 degrees west 96.41 chains to the center line of the run of Conoho Creek; thence along the run of said creek, along the line of F. J. Roebuck, J. G. Staton, and the M. W. Ballard land, general directions, south 76 degrees, east 10.60 chains; south 74 deg. 30 min. east 13 chains; south 60 deg. 30 min. east 20 chains; north 34 deg. 30 min. east 10 chains; north 11 deg. east 21 chains and north 35 deg. east 6 chains to H. G. Slade's

corner, opposite the center line of Deep Bottom; thence along the line of Deep Bottom H. G. Slade's line, general directions north 11 deg. 30 min. west 12.12 chains; north 4 deg. 45 min. west 10.30 chains; north 21 deg. 45 min. east 13 chains; north 4 deg. west 10.60 chains; north 13 deg. 45 min. west 12.65 chains, and north 44 deg. 30 min. east 13 chains to the center line of the Hamilton and Williamston road, H. G. Slade's corner and the corner of the dower of Mrs. Margaret Boyle; thence along the center line of said road, the line of the Boyle dower, north 58 deg. 30 min. west 1.90 chains; north 90 deg. west 2.80 chains; north 63 deg. 45 min. west 5 chains; north 75 deg. west 9.30 chains; north 77 deg., 30 min. west 13 chains; thence south 81 deg. 30 min. east 13.90 chains; south 77 deg. east 6 chains and south 67 deg. 45 min. east 3.45 chains to the beginning, containing 542 acres, more or less.

Second tract: Adjoining the lands of Will Baker and the M. B. Ballard land on the east; Roanoke River on the north; Mrs. Margaret Boyles dower on the west; and the lands of H. G. Slade and Will Baker on the south, and described as follows:

Beginning in the center line of Deep Bottom and the center line of the Williamston and Hamilton Road, H. G. Slade's corner and the corner of Mrs. Margaret Boyle's dower; thence running along the center line of the said road, H. G. Slade's line, south 58 deg. 30 min. east 1.60 chains; south 45 deg. 45 min. east 4 chains;

south 61 deg. east 2 chains; south 79 deg. 45 min. east 11.51 chains and south 65 deg. east 19.60 chains to Will Baker's corner; thence along Will Baker's line north 24 deg. 45 min. east 22 chains to the edge of the river low ground; thence around the edge of the river low ground, general direction east 15.50 chains to the line of the M. B. Ballard land; thence along the line of the M. B. Ballard land, north 24 deg. 45 min. east 29.50 chains to the southern bank of Roanoke River; thence up and along the meanders of said bank, general directions, north 48 deg. 15 min. west 16.20 chains; north 86 deg. 30 min. west 19.30 chains; north 75 deg. 45 min. west 27 chains to the corner of Mrs. Margaret Boyles dower south 16 deg. 15 min. west 52.60 chains to the beginning, containing 288 acres, more or less.

Both of said tracts having been conveyed to said J. N. Pugh by R. H. Smith and T. F. Darden, commissioners, by deed dated February 21, 1924, and recorded in Martin County public registry in book R-2, page 413. Both of said tracts containing 770 acres, more or less.

This sale is made by reason of the failure of J. N. Pugh and wife, Ethel Pugh, to pay off and discharge the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust to the North Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank of Durham.

This 11th day of Nov., 1925.  
FIRST NATIONAL TRUST CO.,  
n20 4tw Trustee.  
Durham, N. C.

**NOTICE To Tax Payers**

The 1925 Tax Books are now in my hands, and I am ready to serve the people who desire to pay their taxes, and I will appreciate an early settlement, as there will not be any extension of time next spring, and the time to pay is while the 1925 crop is moving. Thanking you, I am,

Respectfully yours,

**H. T. Roberson**  
Sheriff

**Jr. O. U. A. M. Meeting**  
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