

FARMERS LOSE BY DOING BUSINESS ON OTHER THAN CASH BASIS

YEAR PAST WAS PROFITABLE ONE

But Farmers Who Had to Settle Up in Fall for Year's Expense Made Little Clear Profit.

Although the year just passed was a most profitable one for the farmers of the Albemarle section, and the entire State, it is evident that the farmers did not receive all the profits which should have been theirs had they been operating upon a cash basis.

The percentage of those who purchase most of their farm implements, seed and fertilizers, on time is not known but, that it is large is undeniable. Most of the dealers in this and other cities carry large sums on their books for farmers who are unable to pay cash for their supplies and who give paper in the form of land and crop mortgages to cover the bill.

The attitude of the dealer is summed up in the statement made to a buyer by a farm implement merchant of Elizabeth City, and overheard by an Advance reporter.

"We don't want your land," he said, "All we want is the money for our machinery. Now save your money and pay this up. You can do it if you will put by a little at a time."

The dealers would much rather have the cash and are anxious to do business with cash customers even though the price of every article is much lower than on time.

The importance of doing business on a cash basis is emphasized in a letter written by Director B. W. Kilgore of the North Carolina Extension Service to G. W. Falls and the other State county agents. Dr. Kilgore says the three important things for the farmers to do this year are:

Pay all possible back debts. Put aside enough money to buy fertilizers for cash. The difference between cash and time prices is too great not to do this.

Reserve enough money to buy supplies, tools and equipment for cash for the cultivation of crops this year.

The importance of operating on a cash basis is not to be denied at any time but under boll weevil conditions it is especially advisable that farmers make every dollar count as much as possible, according to Dr. Kilgore.

If the rule is carried out, and food and feed crops, meat, milk and butter are produced on the farm, then money crops, whether large or small will be real money crops, he says.

Mr. Falls and the entire extension service is anxious for farmers to get upon a cash basis as to their buying and to free themselves from the tenant system.

READY FOR START IN FIGHT AGAINST WEEVIL

Attendance at the boll weevil meeting held at the Pasquotank County Courthouse on Tuesday morning was estimated at 250 and was considered satisfactory if not as complete as it should have been. Those who were present will probably have a head start on their neighbors in fighting the weevil on the next crop because they have first hand knowledge of the methods of combating the pest.

The proper fertilizer to use in this section according to the speakers is 10-3-3, with its source of nitrogen derived from nitrate of soda available in soluble form. The heavy percentage of acid phosphate will hasten maturity, the experts agreed. Some lands, they maintain, can stand a mixture of 12-3-3.

BOYS GOING IN FOR PURE BRED LIVESTOCK

Moyock, February 6 — Several boys in and near Moyock are making rapid strides in their agricultural club work. Milton Sears has just completed a chicken house for his flock of 18 pure bred White Leghorn hens. His house was built according to the plans recommended by the State Department of Agriculture.

Adrian Mathias and Lawrence have completed their houses for their brood sows. Protection from the elements will pay them cash returns, they believe.

Manly West has ordered the lumber for his sows' residence and will build it shortly.

W. M. Pendleton of Route 2, bought two John Deere plows from W. C. Glover a day or two ago.

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COUNTY FARM AGENTS HOLD SESSION HERE

A meeting of the county agents of Eastern North Carolina district was held Tuesday morning at the office of G. W. Falls county agent of Pasquotank County. J. M. Gray, assistant director of the extension service and W. B. Pace of Washington, N. C. district agent, were present and explained several matters to the agents.

The county agents present at the meeting were: J. F. Ritchie, Beaufort County; R. W. Johnson, Washington County; M. K. Rowell, Chowan County; L. W. Anderson, Perquimans County; J. E. Chandler, Currituck County; and G. W. Falls, Pasquotank County.

Farm News and Views

John Brown of Weeksville bought a John Deere middle breaker from W. C. Glover a few days ago.

G. L. Sherlock of Hoover has a new potato planter which was purchased of W. C. Glover recently.

Farmers in this section would probably find it of benefit, say Elizabeth City seedsmen, to run their soybean seed over a sieve to eliminate all undersized seed and seed of other plants.

An interesting demonstration of dusting apparatus was given after the boll weevil meeting at the Pasquotank County courthouse Tuesday morning. The dusting machine was sent down by the Niagara Company, through Spence-Hollowell Company, their representatives in this territory. C. C. Prophet of Asheville was in charge of the demonstration.

A number of farmers have purchased John Deere disc cultivators from W. C. Glover within the past few days. Among them are: R. W. Sawyer, Route 5, who also bought a section harrow and a middle breaker; J. L. Tuttle, Route 5; J. M. Keaton, Route 1; Jasper Thompson, Route 1; T. W. Smith, Route 2; P. F. White, Route 5; Dr. W. A. Hoggard, Woodville; and W. L. Pritchard, Route 5.

ROD AND GUN CLUB MEETS

Asheville, Feb. 6 — The Black Mountain Rod and Gun Club will hold its annual dinner at the Plaza Hotel Wednesday evening next. Reports for the past year will be made and the election of officers for the year 1924 will be held.

"Pigs Is Pigs"

By T. B. ELLIOTT (Moyock Teacher Agriculture)

John Jones had just arrived from school where he was studying vocational agriculture. John's father was not much in favor of some of the things he had studied about, but unlike some fathers, he was willing to let him try them out. After running into the kitchen to get a sweet potato to eat John went out behind the barn to look at the sow he had just bought. He was surprised to find his dad already there for the same purpose.

"Well Dad, said John, "I think I got a bargain in her. She just cost me \$50 and is already bred."

"Fifty dollars! You don't mean to tell me you paid \$50 for that gilt. Why I have three here that look about as good as she does that I would take \$50 for."

"I know Dad, but they are not registered."

"Not registered? What difference does that make? Won't they eat just as good as yours? And when we kill them won't they taste just as good?"

"Yes, but when you try to sell your pigs, some white and some mixed in color, you can only get about \$3 apiece, while I can get \$12 for mine."

"How do you know you can?"

"Because they will be all one color and registered. They will sell themselves. Mr. Jackson and Mr. Smith were down at the station when my sow came in yesterday and they both said they wanted one of my pigs. Then too, some of the older boys sold all they could raise for \$12 last year."

"I don't know, I don't know"

mused Mr. Jones. "Maybe you can, maybe you can. She looks a little better than mine anyhow. If Don Jackson is willing to pay \$12 for a pig there must be something to it, because he is the stingiest man around here."

They went off together to get a load of corn and John felt more proud of his pig than ever.

PLAN IMPROVEMENTS AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

Asheville, February 6 — Preparations are already being made in way of improvements of grounds and buildings for the 1924 conference of the Methodist Southern Assembly at Lake Junaluska which will start on June 21, according to an announcement made public here by J. Dale Stenz, manager of the Assembly. It was also stated that the faculty of the educational department of the Assembly will be increased. There will be more supervisors for the playgrounds and recreation centers, and more instructors for the departments of music, art drama and other studies.

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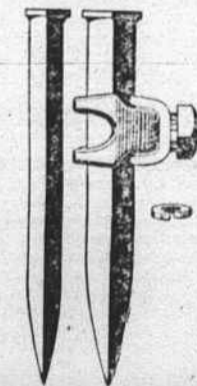
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