

Farmers' Friends



These senators called on President Coolidge to urge a more liberal policy by the War Finance Corporation toward small country banks. Left to right: Senators Magnus Johnson, Lynn J. Frazier, McNary, Shipstead and Capper.

MUST FIGHT TO BEAT THE WEEVIL

Government Method Will Make An Increased Cotton Crop on the Small Farm as Well as the Large One.

By KEFTON ARNETT  
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New Orleans, February 28.—Reports that the Government method of boll weevil control is good for the big farms and not for the little ones were declared to be false by J. W. Fox, of Scott, Miss., manager of the largest cotton plantation in the world. In an address to the Mississippi legislature recently, Mr. Fox has had wide experience in methods of boll weevil control and has worked with Government and state experiment stations in their research and tests.

"While no one claims that the weevil damage can be overcome," said Mr. Fox, "it has been established beyond question that when needed and properly used, this method (the Government method) will make an increased cotton crop and a substantial net profit. Also, that it can be used by the five acre farmer as well as by the thousand acre farmer, provided the land is sufficiently fertile to grow a crop of cotton."

Mr. Fox outlined the recommendations of state and Government experts and stressed the first steps in control which the National Boll Weevil Control Association is calling to the attention of the farmers at this time, namely: planting of well adapted seed of the early maturing variety after all danger of frost is past and in a seed bed of good condition; high degree of fertilization, and planning to use calcium arsenate in dust form for poisoning later in the season.

Experiments and tests of experts at the experiment stations at Florence, South Carolina, and Clemson College show that in preparing the land for planting, the rows should be from three to three and a half feet apart for the best results and that the stalks should be placed from six to twelve inches apart in the drill. These measures influence early fruiting of the plant, which is considered of extreme importance in control of the boll weevil.

Producing the cotton crop just as early in the season as possible is considered of great importance as the production of cotton under boll weevil conditions is said to be nothing more or less than a race between the setting of bolls on the plant and the multiplication of the weevils, and everything possible should be done to aid the cotton plants in winning this race.

Figures showing results in favor of thick spacing over thin spacing have been compiled by Clemson College. On plots where thick spacing was employed it was found that on June 22 there was an average of 135,392 squares per acre, while on an acre spaced 20 inches there were only 34,630 squares. On the same plots it was found that at the first picking on September 5, 61 per cent to 62 per cent of the total yield was

matured on the thick spaced plots, while only 39 per cent of the total yield was matured on the thin spaced land. These figures are considered by successful farmers as sufficient proof that it will be profitable to plant from one to three stalks in hills at six to twelve inch intervals and in rows three to three and a half feet apart. Fertilizer which promotes the most rapid growth also promotes the most rapid fruiting of plants, it has been found. A liberal amount of nitrogen, from 5 per cent to 6 per cent, in fertilizer is considered necessary, while eight per cent of phosphoric acid, was found to obtain the best results in promoting the growth and increasing the rapidity of fruiting. From 500 to 800 pounds of fertilizer to the acre has been recommended. Cleveland seed has been recommended by the South Carolina experiment station for wilt free lands and Dixie Triumph where the soil is infested with wilt. Webber and Express have been recommended for those wanting to plant a long staple cotton. Readers desiring further information on the subject of boll weevil control can obtain it by writing to the state agricultural college, the county agent, or the National Boll Weevil Control Association, Room 220 Whitney Building, New Orleans, La.

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GARMENT MAKERS ARE FACING STRIKE NOW

By J. P. YODER  
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Chicago, Feb. 28.—Garment manufacturers are pessimistic over the outcome of the controversy which has arisen with the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. The union has voted a strike if demands for wage increases, the organization of arbitration machinery and employment assurance are not granted. If they are refused, Friday will see the industry practically at a standstill. Manufacturers declare that if the union demands are granted, prices must be advanced all the way down the line.

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Daughters to Award The Cross Of Service

World War Veterans Who Are Sons of Confederate Veterans Entitled to Them

On Memorial Day this year the D. H. Hill Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will present the cross of service to World War veterans who are lineal descendants of Confederate veterans. These medals bear the motto "Fortes Creantur Fortibus" which is translated, "The brave give birth to the brave."

Men who served in the World War and whose fathers fought for the Confederacy are asked to apply to Mrs. W. L. Cohoon, West Church street, Elizabeth City, for the necessary blanks to be filled out, so that they may be awarded the medals on Memorial Day. This applies to those in Pasquotank and Camden and any other nearby counties which have no chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy. It is necessary that these applications be made at once, in order that provision may be made for the medals, and the D. H. Hill Chapter is anxious to have a worthy representation.

FUNERAL HELEN SYKES

By James McMurren  
The funeral of Helen Sykes, colored, who died at her home on Bunnell's avenue at the age of fifteen, was held at Mt. Lebanon church Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. She was a student of the second year class of Roanoke Institute. The choir sang "Abide With Me," "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," and "Shall We Meet." Scripture reading by Dr. Blackwell was followed by prayer by Rev. Dan White. Resolutions were read by Mildred and Merlyn Graves, Annie Mae Pailin, Mable McMurren. A solo was rendered by Mary McMurren, also a cornet solo by Prof. Charlie Woodhouse. Prof. C. E. Graves, principal of Roanoke Institute, talked on her loyalty to her school, her loyalty to her church was the subject of her class, led by John H. White. The floral offerings were beautiful. She leaves her father, mother, two brothers, two sisters, and a host of relatives. The pall bearers were: McKinley Baker, H. J. Godfrey, Frank Carter, M. C. Twine, C. Burnard, W. Thompson. The active pall bearers were members of her class, Rev. D. S. Blackwell officiating. Interment was made in Oak Grove Cemetery.

COTTON CO-OPS COMBINE

Shreveport, Feb. 28.—Andrew Querbes, president of the Louisiana Cotton Growers Cooperative Marketing Association, declared today that by July 1 all cotton growers' co-operative associations would be brought under one management with headquarters at Memphis.

The Louisiana cane growers experienced a most satisfactory season in 1923, due largely to advantageous marketing methods, and there is reason to believe that this success will give encouragement for extending production.

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EVERGLADES NOW PRODUCING SUGAR

And Opening of Big Cane Mill Near Miami Starts Discussion as to Future of Industry.

By J. C. ROYLE  
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New York, Feb. 28.—The opening of the big mill of the Pennsylvania Sugar Company 17 miles from Miami, Florida, is regarded by American cane growers and beet sugar men as a distinct blow at control of the American market by refiners who own plantations in Cuba. The domestic cane and beet producers have always claimed that by buying from themselves and thus transferring profits from one pocket to another, the refiners with Cuban plantations have been enabled to dominate the prices of both raw and refined sugars.

The new Florida plant which began functioning this month and now is working into steady operation, is the outlet for a great plantation covering 300,000 acres in the Florida Everglades. The first cane was planted years ago but the investment already exceeds \$4,000,000. The significant fact of the initial grinding, however, is that it has proven that a tremendous territory in Florida is available for successful cane culture and that its expansion will serve still further to relieve the United States from dependence on the Cuban supply.

There were only 378,560,000 pounds of cane sugar produced in the United States last year, or but little more than half as much as in 1922. The best sugar crop helped out, for it was 1,980,160,000 pounds, a gain of over 400,000,000 pounds from the previous year, but this country consumed over ten and a half billion pounds.

Sugar receipts at Cuban ports are nearly as large as they were last year. The crop is progressing favorably and the weather has been fine. Nearly all of the 174 mills which were expected to operate in 1924 are now grinding, and there seems little doubt that the Cuban crop will be about that of 1923, although the increase is not at present estimated to be excessive. These are factors which would tend toward a stabilization of prices, at least during the early part of this season.

English refiners are not expected to prove a factor in price increases for Cuban raws, at least for the present, since they seem to have supplied their needs pretty well up to April. It is undeniable, however, that Europe will have to look largely to Cuba for supplies until the Java sugars begin to arrive on the continent in June.

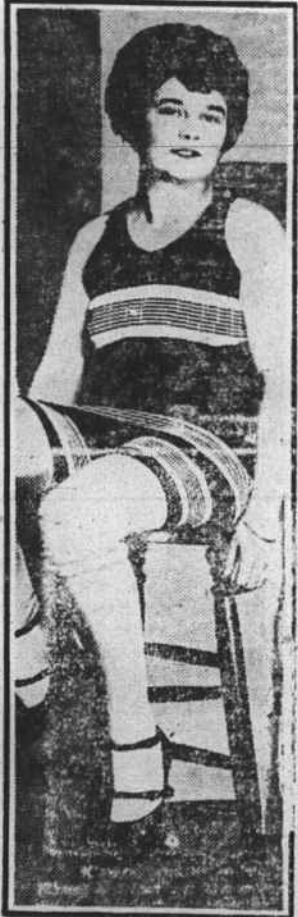
Later, however, the European beet sugars will come on the market and there is every indication that the yield from that source this year will be heavy. The French beet sugar crop now is placed at 450,000 tons with large contracts for acreage done and a big increase next year relied on.

Consumption in this country, however, is counted on to improve materially over last season. The wild fluctuations in sugar prices last spring had a detrimental effect on consumption, not only by the housewife but in the case of the canners. Then, too, some of the fruit crops in various sections suffered materially from bad weather in 1923, further diminishing consumption of sugar in package. Candy manufacturers all over the country report a steady and increasing demand. Soft drink manufacturers who use sugar largely in their products are increasing their plants and preparing for a big summer season, and preliminary estimates of fruit crops are encouraging to growers and canners.

Other factors which intensify the significance of the success attending the Florida cane operations are that the district is available to water transportation and that the land suitable for planting to this crop is

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Searching



Authorities are looking for Maye Cookson (above) of Needham, Mass., alleged white slave victim of Dr. Edwin C. Ruth, former federal narcotic agent, who also has disappeared.

REV. W. P. CONSTABLE DEAD

Washington, N. C., Feb. 28.—News has been received here that the Rev. W. P. Constable, who until recently was pastor of the Swan Quarter Circuit, Hyde county, died in the Watts Hospital, Durham, Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Constable was a patient in the Washington Hospital of this city up to a week ago. His condition being somewhat improved, it was thought best to take him to Durham where he could be near his immediate family. One of the most faithful ministers of the Methodist Church, South, and of the North Carolina Conference, has gone to his final reward in the passing of this preacher.

Born in England, he came to this country when quite small. His lot was cast in North Carolina. Early in life, he became a Methodist preacher, and until the time of his illness, was a most faithful servant of the church. At the last session of the annual conference held in Elizabeth City, Mr. Constable was stricken with a disease which continued to prey upon him until death came Tuesday.

He was appointed to the Swan Quarter circuit for the second year; but was unable to fill the pulpit at any time since the Conference.

He died at the age of 59, leaving a widow, two sons, Palmer and Ernest; and two daughters, Mrs. Watson of Fairfield, and Miss Edna.

FLETCHER-PRICE

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Rev. R. F. Hall, 521 North Road street, when Miss Hatie Price, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Price of the Olivet Community, became the bride of Mr. B. C. Fletcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Fletcher of Weeksville. Only the sisters of the bride, Mrs. H. B. Owens, and Mrs. Leo Ives, and little daughter witnessed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher will make their home at Weeksville.