

# COUNTY AND FARM PAGE

## COUNTY AGENT W. D. SMITH'S column

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What has the New Deal done for the farmers? To appreciate what the New Deal has done, we must first understand the conditions existing in this state during the 10 years prior to March 4, 1934. All of the facts are not available, but information on the farm wealth, income, mortgage indebtedness, and taxation reflect the condition of agriculture in this state.

From 1920 to 1932 the total farm wealth declined from \$1,557,000,000 to less than \$800,000,000 or 41.1 per cent.

During the same period, the gross cash farm income declined from about \$100,000,000 to \$134,000,000, or 65.5 per cent.

The net cash income declined in a similar manner, dropping from \$277,300,000 to about \$78,000,000, or 71.8 per cent.

The farm mortgage indebtedness moved from about \$410,000,000 to \$107,000,000, or an increase of 42.5 per cent.

This increase in mortgage debt involved an increase in net interest charges of from \$140,000,000 to \$28,000,000.

The decline in income and increase in indebtedness have had a serious effect on the ability of farmers to pay their taxes.

The tax burden on farmers has increased in many ways. In 1920 the total tax on farmers was \$10,000,000.

In 1932 the total tax on farmers was \$20,000,000, or 100 per cent more than in 1920.

The increase in taxes has been due to a number of factors, including the increase in the value of land and the increase in the value of crops.

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through the efforts of the AAA a total of nearly \$10,000,000. Of this amount \$5,045,136 have been paid to the cotton farmers; \$4,200,755 to the tobacco farmers; and \$56,550 to wheat farmers. Information on the corn and hog payments is not yet available. However, this does not conclude the government's effort to help the farmer. The estimated government payment to the cotton farmers in the state for 1934-35 is \$6,406,770, and the other commodities will be awarded in proportion. In addition to these agencies, the Farm Credit Administration has made a remarkable record since May 27, when it began operation.

Approximately \$1,000,000 was loaned by all institutions under the Farm Credit Administration from May 1, 1933, through April 13, 1934, and Herbert Emmerich, "of the 90.1 amount loaned to American farmers since the establishment of the Farm Credit Administration, more than \$510,000,000 had been disbursed by the Federal Land Bank, making the mortgage loans on their own account and 9.1 of second mortgage loans on behalf of the Farm Credit Administration."

In order to relieve the farm mortgage problem, the Federal Land Bank and the Land Bank System will have made to the farmer, on \$2,700,000 farm mortgage loans, or \$2,700,000.

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### Timely Questions And Answers On Farm Problems

Question: What is the value of alfalfa meal in a poultry mash?

Answer: The practical purpose of alfalfa meal is to furnish Vitamin A. The meal is not essential when tender succulent green feed is available or when cod liver oil that has been biologically tested for vitamin A is mixed fresh with the green feed each day. When these two essentials are not available, however, the alfalfa meal should be used.

Question: Is it too late to spray apples for control of codling moth?

Answer: The last spray for the control of codling moth, sooty blotch and bitter rot should be made about the first of August and should consist of one and one-half pounds of lead arsenate to 50 gallons of Bordeaux mixture (12-50 formula). This spray should not be applied to early apples as it is apt to leave a residue that would prohibit interstate shipment.

### More Income Possible From Better Poultry

The rapid increase in egg production over the increase in the number of hens in North Carolina during the past decade attests a decided improvement in the quality and management of poultry flocks.

Yet there is still more room for development in the state's poultry industry, says H. S. Blair, general manager of the state poultry department.

He says that 21,000,000 eggs were produced in North Carolina in 1933, or 21.5 per cent more than in 1929. This increase was due to a number of factors, including the increase in the number of hens and the improvement in the quality of the flocks.

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### Austrian Winter Peas Suggested By Expert For Fall

Though all three of the winter-growing legumes commonly planted in North Carolina each fall are nearly equal in value for forage and soil improvement, it appears that this is the year to plant heavily of Austrian Winter peas.

"My reason for making this suggestion is that the seed of the Austrian pea is comparatively low in price as compared with crimson clover and vetch," says Enos S. Blair, extension agronomist at State College. "Field demonstrations show that when other things are equal, crimson clover, vetch and Austrian Winter peas make about the same yield of hay. They also give about the same increase in soil fertility when turned under; but, for some reason, crimson clover seed and vetch seed are high in price this season and if the winter peas may be purchased at a less price there is no reason why they may not be substituted for vetch and clover."

### NOTICE OF SALE

Deed and by virtue of the authority given to the undersigned Trustee in a certain deed of trust executed by J. M. Curtis and wife, Ida E. Curtis, dated January 25, 1928, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Haywood County, N. C., in Book of Deeds of Mortgage and Trust, N. C., 22, at page 13, and having been made in the year 1933, the undersigned Trustee, J. M. Curtis, do hereby give notice that the property described in the above mentioned deed of trust, to-wit: A certain lot of land, situated in the Town of Waynesville, in Haywood County, N. C., and being the same land as conveyed by J. M. Curtis and wife, Ida E. Curtis, to J. V. Noland and J. H. Walker, R. Francis and wife as Record Book 70, page 547, records of Haywood County, N. C.,

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### Terracing Saves Tons Of Good Soil

Farmers who wouldn't think of losing money by wearing trousers with holes in the pockets are losing money and are being robbed when rain-carry fertile topsoil off their cultivated fields and wash gullies in tillable lands, says A. T. Holman of the United States Bureau of Agricultural Engineering.

Soil losses measured for 1933 at the Federal Erosion Farm at Bethany, Mo., on terraced and unterraced corn fields, show a soil loss more than seven times as great on the unterraced areas—27.1 tons an acre from unterraced corn fields, 3.8 tons from terraced corn fields.

Holman, who made the measurements, calculates that erosion at this rate will strip 7 inches of productive topsoil from the unterraced fields in 35 years. If the land is terraced, the losses will be reduced by 86 per cent and it would take about 260 years to strip the land if it were kept continuously in corn.

Terraces may be constructed with simple equipment during slack times when men and teams would be idle. They cost little cash if the farmer has his own equipment and power. Good fertile lands may be terraced quickly and easily, but steep rough gullied areas require relatively large expenditures of time and considerably more money.

tired from the production of basic crops under AAA contracts permit the picking of peas from the vines for table use or the harvesting of the whole crop for hay, provided it is used at home and not sold.

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