

# Faison News, Features, and Ads

## 'A LOOKIN' UP

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When a set habit has been established in our way of life over a long period of time it is very difficult for us to depart from that way of living into something different, even though it might appear to be a better way and would prove more profitable to us in the long run. This appears to be especially true with those who make their living by farming.

The economic status of the farmers during the last World War and up to the present time has

been very satisfactory. There has been a good domestic and foreign demand for our products for several years and it has not been difficult to sell for satisfactory prices. Now we have come to the time when we are meeting competition from foreign countries with some of our products and prices are beginning to fall on some of our row crop commodities. It is true that the government is stepping in and helping us in some instances but there is a limit to just how much it can do. Too, we never know what to expect when Congress meets next year. The next Congress may not be so favorable with the continued distribution of money to help carry the farmer along. Any

intelligent person can recognize this plan as only a temporary relief to the farmers, brought down from the depression of the early 30's to the present time. Just how long it will last is anybody's guess.

The threatening disaster, similar to the last depression, is the constant hair pulling worry of our national, state and county agriculture workers. Many plans to help the farmers work out the solution of the impending disaster are being advanced by them. Some of these plans are being put into practice and are proving satisfactory in some places.

I have been travelling around over the southeastern part of the state during the past week and have seen quite a number of small dairy farms that have just started up. The operators are having a rather difficult time paying for their feeds and equipment at the present time but after they have gained the experience in growing most of their feeds and have paid for their equipment they should get along alright. At least the dairies are giving them additional income to supplement cotton, corn and tobacco income of the past.

I understand from our County Agent, L. F. Weeks, that the state is now furnishing enough milk to meet our consumption demands. That is certainly encouraging and it is about time that we start exporting milk to other states. We have imported it long enough to warrant this.

But the dairy is not the only diversified endeavor open to our farmers. Hogs, beef cattle and poultry should also be considered. North Carolina, especially some parts of our county, are ideal for both summer and winter pastures and there is no more economical way of growing livestock than on a good pasture for year around grazing.

Last fall most of our bumper corn crop was sold for as little as 90 cents per bushel. Hogs at 12 cents a pound fed out with 90 cent corn would have proved a profitable venture.

Our agriculture workers in the county, headed by Mr. Weeks, have been trying for over a year to make the farmers in the county see this opportunity but few are listening to the advice given them. It appears difficult to persuade the farmers to get away from their set habits of corn, cotton, tobacco and truck and to take advantage of more diversified farming. I am afraid that their plight will grow steadily worse unless they do listen to the advice of others and practice more diversified and scientific methods than they are now doing.

It is understood that a new packing house for hogs will be opened soon in Clinton. If there is enough beef type cattle grown in this section to justify it a packing house for beef will find it attractive and will locate close enough, or preferably in Duplin, and furnish a ready market for the farmer's cattle.

If any farmer in this county is interested in changing over some of his land into pasture and going into the raising of stock to furnish added income it might prove profitable for him to get in touch with Mr. Weeks. He will be glad to advise and help him get started off on the program. In order for the present program to be a success in this county more people will have to take an interest in it than they have thus far.

Circumstances may force the farmers into a change unless we have another war and at the time this is written the situation looks critical. With a war the growing of more livestock will be a great asset to the country.

Some may hesitate because feed is so high at the present time but most all feeds can be grown on the farm and the biggest expense is at first in stocking the farm and equipping with necessary fences and feeders. In learning how to raise the necessary feed and grow the necessary pastures is the main reason why we should consult our county agent before we start. He has the scientific methods that should be of first importance in any project, farming or anything else, in order to make a profit.

### CARD OF THANKS

We want to sincerely thank all our many friends, neighbors and relatives for their generous help and gifts since fire destroyed our home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Matthis and family

### Baseball

Faison baseball team, of the Produce League got knocked from their perch on top of the league standings last Saturday as they lost to Rones Chapel 9 to 2. They took the game in Faison Sunday, however, by the score of 9 to 3.

The schedule for this week is: Saturday, Clay Hole at Faison; Rones Chapel at Suttontown; Calypso at Mt. Olive, Sunday; Faison at Clay Hole; Suttontown at Rones Chapel; Mt. Olive at Calypso.

These games are good and prove more interesting than some of the



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