

Poole's Medley

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Speculators still buy future cotton. Some call it gambling, and it is close to it. They buy and sell sometimes cotton not in existence.

Some say anything you do is a gamble. Not altogether, though, when you fertilize, and keep the grass out of it.

The American people seem to possess every shade of Christianity the world has.

My mother made her own yeast and she made me stand guard.

When that material began to rise, it had to be made into wheat dough, placed in an oven, and baked.

Soon after I had grown up, I became acquainted with a family in which was a son who could spell every word in Webster's Blueback Speller. That was an

accomplishment.

Certain names disappear. The people thus named die, or move away. There were 65 Mac's in this vicinity when I began to publish a newspaper here. Not so many now.

Red bugs, ticks, several varieties of flies, fleas, seed ticks, insects and innumerable pests which were a source of annoyance are largely gone. Are we ungrateful?

I still love those churches where I attended services in my youth and where I made my profession of religion.

There was no one living at our old home in Montgomery County, and in recent times a forest fire swept the place of all its buildings.

I used to feed the fattening hogs, then take a basket of corn to feed the "out hogs" those in the woods.

If you enjoy country life raise cattle, sheep, goats, turkeys, geese, etc., and listen out at feed time.

A neighbor of ours had two dogs who liked venison and came near killing all the deer in that section. One was a large dog and the other a small one.

The large one ran slowly and bawled every jump. The small dog squealed occasionally and he caught every deer. The small dog delayed the deer until the big one got there and they had breakfast.

We were shucking corn one night at our Drowning Creek farm home and someone noticed a comet in the North.

That comet rose in the North and ascended to nearly overhead and still all the tail did not come into view.

I remember well when we could wear cheap clothes and eat what we had and be glad to get it—fried side and corn bread, water, or persimmon beer.

The first news we had of Fort Bragg was that Fayetteville was locating an Army training ground a short distance over Haymount, a military grounds, and had donated ten thousand acres of piney

woods for that purpose.

There was not any mention of the new County of Hoke. Nothing was said about Raeford, nor Hoke County.

Fayetteville has prospered because of increased business. On payday, Fayetteville folks do big business with soldiers who beat the roads flat going there to shop.

STATE COLLEGE HINTS TO FARM HOMEMAKERS

To make that laundering job easier try these suggestions from Mammie N. Whisnant, extension home management specialist at State college, Raleigh.

Give each piece a good flip before hanging to remove wrinkles and shorten drying time.

Hang like articles together to save sorting time before ironing. Hang garments straight from their strongest parts.

Use hangers for drying dresses,

blouses and shirts to save ironing time.

Fold and roll each piece carefully as you sprinkle, so that when it is unrolled, it will be in position for ironing and not full of wrinkles. Don't roll tightly—it makes extra wrinkles; dampness penetrates better when rolled loosely.

When practical iron directly

from line, bring clothes in as they become dry enough for easy ironing.

Fold at the line those articles which may be put away without ironing.

Use soft water for washing and rinsing when laundering. If you have a hard water problem, learn the most economical way to solve it. (See your County Home Ag-

ent, if you haven't yet done so.) Raise wash tubs (if you are now having to bend over them); raise them so that you can stand correctly and you will avoid a lot of that "worn out" feeling on washday.

Use a light weight iron with good automatic heat control and sit while ironing.

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