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CLAY COUNTY RECEIVES
GOOD ADVERTISEMENT

In the November 15th, issue of the
Southern Agriculturist a farm paper
published at Nashville, Tenn., was
carried a news story of "Progress and
Prosperity in Carolina Hills," also a
page of twelve pictures of "Good
Farming in the Virginia-Carolina
Hill Country." Two of these pictures
are of Clay County, one of Mr. Otto
Waldroup's dairy herd and the other
silo on farm of Frank Rogers in
Shooting Creek Township. And in the
news story which deals with several of
the Western North Carolina counties
Clay received worthy mention. Clay
County through its progressive farm
program has received some splendid
advertisement in the Farm and news-
papers of this and other states. It
would be almost impossible to estimate
in dollars and cents what this adver-
tisement has been and will be worth
to Clay county.

In the news story, under the head-
ing "A Coming Dairy Section" Mr.
Farnham states that there will be
great development in dairying in the
Blue Ridge section during the next
ten years. He expects this to become
the great dairying center of the
south, for as he says, "There are no
wild onions up here to flavor the
cream and butter, there are good
natural pastures, plenty of free-flow-
ing cool springs, the people are natu-
rally live stock minded, and much of
the land is fitted for nothing but
grazing. We will soon see creameries
established all through these moun-
tains."

The Clay county farmers began
three years ago to realize the pos-
sibilities of Clay county as a dairy
county, and dairying in this county is
now on a firm footing and our people
are getting ready to share in and
make this the prosperous county that
it is bound to become and that within
a short time.

THE DAIRY COW
AND PROSPERITY

Elsewhere in this issue of this paper
will be found several articles written
on this subject by men of authority,
men that have made a study of the
dairy cow and dairy work. We pub-
lish them here because we feel that
they will be of news value and worth
while to our Clay county dairymen.

Where you find a community or
county making progress in its dairy
work you find prosperity, they are in-
separable and go hand in hand. Right
much has been said about Clay
county's dairy work in this and other
papers in the past few weeks, but this
paper feels that too much cannot be
said about the progress Clay county
has made and is making with the pure
bred dairy cow. She is the future for
Clay county. With her our farmers
prosper and when our farmers are
prosperous our merchants, lawyers,
doctors and men in any walk of life
prosper. The cream check coming in
every week or month as the case may
be helps the farmer to pay his bills
that he has contracted with his local
merchants and business men more
regularly, and it gives him a greater
buying power. Profit from the dairy
cow does not stop with the cream
check, the refuse from her helps to
build up the farmers' land thereby pro-
ducing a greater return from it, the
skim milk makes the finest feed
for young poultry and hogs and they

SUCH IS THE FAITH OF MEN

By A. B. CHAPIN



in turn supply the farmer and his
family with meat for the year as well
as helping to supply the local markets.
Clay county has made more real pro-
gress in the last three years through
the work of her dairymen than she has
made in years past with the common
scrub cow. And she is just making a
beginning first our farmers shipped a
few cans of cream per week to Hick-
ory and other towns, now they are
shipping a great number of cans per
week to our neighbor town of Frank-
lin where the Carolina Creamery of
Asheville has established a creamery.
Formerly the cream was collected only
once a week, but now it is being col-
lected twice. This collecting the
cream oftener results in a higher
grade of butter being made, a butter
that will sell on a highly discriminat-
ing market of Asheville and by put-
ting out a better product our farmers
receive more for their cream.

Clay county with its wide and
fertile valleys and rich hill sides is
wonderfully adapted to dairying,
there are very few farmers we dare
say in Clay county but who with a
few pure bred jerseys and them
handled right could make an inde-
pendent living, and make it easier
than lots of things they are doing.
Then we must not forget the "Hen
and the Hog" when they are handled
right will bring in a nice income al-
most the year round.

"AMEND IT
OR END IT"

"Amend it or end it?" says Jose-
phus Daniels of the absentee ballot
law. And that sums up the convic-
tions of citizens throughout the state
who believe in the principle of the
absentee ballot but who favor its
repeal unless the evils connected with
its administration are removed.

The principle of the law is sound,
as Mr. Daniels points out. Strenuous
campaigns are put on by civic orga-
nizations for the purpose of driving
home to the consciousness of men and
women the duty of voting. Properly
safeguarded, the absentee ballot is an
encouragement to the exercise of sur-
frage responsibilities. Without it
many citizens interested in the public
good and eager to take their part in
the process of government are vir-
tually disfranchised. But the North
Carolina law places the absentee bal-
lot entirely in the hands of the party
workers, with consequences that are
well known and harmful to public wel-
fare.

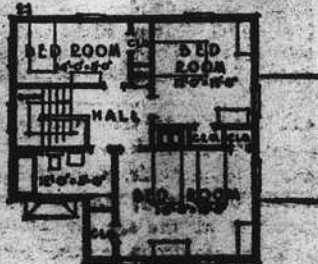
Can the law be amended? The
Times and other newspapers, includ-
ing Mr. Daniels' paper, The News and
Observer, have repeatedly urged the
North Carolina law makers to protect
the absentee ballot by placing it under
the supervision of the clerks of court
or other judicial officials. Mr. Dan-
iels reminds North Carolina that Ohio

This Thrifty Home Brings
Joy to the Rent-Weary

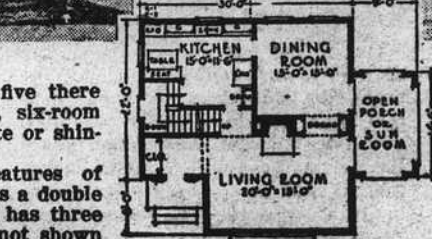


FOR THE family of four or five there
is this attractive two-story, six-room
house of beveled siding and slate or shingle
roof.

One of the interesting features of
this house is that every room has a double
exposure, while the living room has three
sides exposed. Extra windows not shown
in the plan may at slight expense be added
at either end of the living room. While



SECOND FLOOR PLAN



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

this type of house affords the utmost in
light and cross-ventilation, it would be well
to protect it against the extremes of cold
and heat by insulation with celotex for the
walls and roof. Such insulation will also
cut down outside noise, to a marked de-
gree, as in addition to its insulating prop-
erty, celotex is an efficient sound deadener.
The living room has the much desired
open fireplace and cleverly arranged book-
shelves flanking the entrance to the dining
room. The sun porch may be put either to
the side or the back of the house, accord-
ing to the builders' wishes or to conform to
the demands of the lot.

Colotex Institute, Chicago, 1928.

Kansas, and other States have
absentee ballot laws so drafted as to
serve the public interest without pub-
lic scandal.

The next General Assembly of
North Carolina will neglect a plain
and easily grasped opportunity to
serve the State if it fails to amend
the absentee ballot law.—Asheville
Times.

Father Sage Says

A woman lives in
her affections, and as
long as those affec-
tions awaken a re-
sponse she can en-
sure almost anything.

Joe's Joke

MOST MEN'S CALLING
IN LIFE SEEM TO BE
DOWN



A man who lives to love or loves to
live will probably do both.

By Arthur Brisbane
NOISE CUTS LIFE.
THAT VEHEMENT FLAME.
WORLD MONEY LENDER.
FARMERS NEED CANALS.

Dr. Bundeson, Chicago's Health
Commissioner, says human life
would last seven years longer, on
the average, if nerve-destroying
noises were eliminated.

We think we are "used" to a cer-
tain noise, but use up as much en-
ergy conquering noise, crowding it
out of the brain, as in doing real
work.

Millions of brains are cut down
80 to 60 per cent. in efficiency by
noise. Absence of noise means
greater efficiency, less wear in
machines. But men pay no atten-
tion to their own machinery, worn
away by noise every day.

And to complain of noises is
considered effeminate. If unneces-
sary noise were accurately classi-
fied with assault and battery, life
would be longer.

When the Bible says jealousy
hath a most vehement flame; it
doesn't exaggerate. Horrible testi-
mony given by a doctor as to the
killing of Mrs. Mills, in the Hall-
Mills murder case, proves it.

The unfortunate woman, after
three bullets had been fired into
her head, was dreadfully mutilated.
Her throat was cut twice,
her tongue cut out, and there were
other horrible wounds inflicted on
the dead body. The tongue is sup-
posed to have been cut out because
the woman's singing had charmed
her clergyman from his straight
and narrow path.

The horrible case will again re-
mind men that whoever stirs up
jealousy stirs up danger. They
have been reminded of it, often
enough, for five hundred thousand
years, by blows on the head with
sharp flints, by poison in the Mid-
dle Ages, by pistols later. But they
never seem to learn.

Wall Street is very proud of hav-
ing "supplanted London as the
world's money lender." This year
the United States will lend more
than a thousand million dollars in
gold to foreign borrowers. In
three years past this country has
lent Europe four thousand million
dollars. Gratifying, of course, but
when will they get that money
back?

London as world money lender
charged usually moderate, and al-
ways legal, rates of interest. Our
financiers lend money to Europe on
a basis that makes the borrower
pay at the rate of 13 per cent for
the first year, as much as 7 and 8
per cent thereafter.

The usurer in many States loses
principal and interest. Some of
those American lenders will get
unpleasant replies later when they
ask for their principal. Meanwhile
it is profitable for middlemen that
get the "rakeoff."

All farmers and some Congress-
men are wondering what "can be
done for the farmer." The farmer
says: "Guarantee me a definite
price for my crops." Common
sense says that invites overpro-
duction, such as now breaks the
price of cotton.

With wheat at \$1.40, farmers
will increase their acreage by 15
per cent. How much wheat would
they plant were the price \$2.49,
which the farmers feel they ought
to have? And when would the
Government get money to buy the
surplus \$2.49 wheat?

Farmers can help their wheat
situation by backing Secretary
Hoover's plan for a canal to the
Gulf through the Mississippi Valley
and another from the Great Lakes
to the Atlantic ocean.

That would make every bushel
of wheat worth from six to eight-
teen cents more.

Since the war railroads have
raised rates six to eighteen cents
a bushel, and surplus American
wheat on its way to Liverpool pays
that tax.

Argentine and Australian wheat
has the six to eighteen cents ad-
vantage per bushel over American
wheat at Liverpool, where the price
is made.

A nine foot canal from the lakes
to the gulf would send freight in
barges carrying a thousand tons,
as against box cars carrying fifty
tons, hauled by a tugboat instead
of a locomotive. And ten such
barges, carrying ten thousand tons,
would require no more men than
one of the old-fashioned river
boats carrying one hundred and
fifty tons.