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## FARMERS PROFIT MOST BY WAR SAVINGS CAMPAIGN

"The farmer is the man who's going to get out of the War Savings Campaign," says Mr. Gilbert T. Stephenson, in one of the best speeches he makes in the interest of War Savings and Thrift Stamps. Mr. Stephenson has made a careful study of what the Thrift Campaign will mean to the visitors classes of investors, and says: "As a purely business matter, the farmer stands to profit more by the War Savings Campaign than anybody else in the State."

Mr. Stephenson figures out that the farmer will for once be able to eat his cake and have it too. He says this can be done by the farmer lending his money to Government with good interest which the Government will use in buying food and clothes for its soldiers. The farmers will grow the food and clothes-products which the Government will buy. So the money which the farmers lend to the Government by purchasing War Savings Stamps will come back to them in the purchase of wheat, corn, cotton, wool, pork and beef, and other farm products that they have grown.

The North Carolina farmer is not as rich as he ought to be, says Mr. Stephenson, for the reason that he has never learned to save. He says that the crop producing power of North Carolina in 1910 was \$24.84 per acre, while that in Iowa was \$17.91, and that in Oklahoma, \$10.95. Yet the per capita wealth of North Carolina in farm property was \$322 as compared with \$3,386 for Iowa and \$994 for the United States as a whole. In per capita wealth the farmers of North

Carolina stand forty-fifth in the list with only three other States, all Southern, showing a lower per capita wealth in farm property.

However, Mr. Stephenson believes North Carolina farmers are not only going to their part in financing the war, but that they will be quick to take advantage of this easy, safe, profitable and convenient form of investing their savings in four per cent. interest bearing, non-taxable Government securities in the shape of War Savings Stamps. He believes that the farmers in this State will recognize what has been opened to them in this plan of purchasing War Stamps and what it will mean to them in doing business on a cash basis after the war.

## FARMERS WILL BE BENEFITED

North Carolina farmers will be benefited to the extent of probably more than \$2,000,000 by President Wilson's proclamation fixing the price of 1918 crop of wheat at \$2.20 Chicago basis instead of the \$2.00 guaranteed by Congress.

The larger mills of North Carolina are allowed to pay not more than the Wilmington or Newport News price of wheat minus freight, but the mills of less than 75 barrels capacity are not restricted to the price they shall pay, and these mills, comprising probably 90 per cent. of the flour mills of the State, are maintaining a price for wheat in North Carolina at least equal the Newport News or Wilmington price plus freight so that the price of wheat in North Carolina today averages not less than \$2.35. With the increased acreage planted in wheat during the past season it is estimated that the difference in the value of North Carolina's wheat crop will be considerably in excess of \$2,000,000.

This increase in price will justify and encourage increased use of fertilizer on wheat. On average land an application of 100 pounds of nitrate of soda or a good top dresser should increase the yield of wheat by four or five bushels. One hundred pounds of top dresser should cost not more than four or five dollars so that the investment should return a profit of at least 100 per cent.

Many farmers are utilizing wood mold, forest leaves and stable forest

manure on wheat also. All in all, with fair seasons from now on, North Carolina will produce its record crop of wheat, probably not less than 6,000,000 bushels.

United States soldiers on their way to France will be fed in accordance with menus mapped out by the United States Food Administration for all American ships sailing the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico. The Food Administration announces that menus prepared for the service in the merchant marine have been formerly adopted by the United States Army Transport Service.

North Carolina farmers and food consumers have come to realize that there was no hot air about the warning they received last Spring that unless they produced their own food and feedstuffs they would have to go without. The railway situation has been such, is such, and promises to continue such, that this section will not be able to import food commodities and foodstuffs in any considerable quantities until after the war is over and by that time let us hope that our people will have realized that it is foolish under any circumstances to import corn, oats and hay, to feed livestock, to grow cotton, tobacco or any other crop, especially when the production of cotton and tobacco need not be reduced in order to secure an increased production of food and feedstuffs. Crop rotation a better farming will turn the trick.

John Paul Lucas, who conducted the production and conservation propaganda last Spring and summer for the State Conservation Commission, and who is now executive secretary for the Food Administration, estimated that the garden products raised last year were worth \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000 more than the garden products of the previous year. Later reports from canning clubs and other sources proved that this estimate was extremely conservative. Merchants all over North Carolina very readily state that the demand for canned vegetables and fruits during the past season have been small during the past season as compared with the former years and they do not hesitate to say further that they would not have been able to supply the usual demands because they could not have secured the stocks themselves.

## MADISON

Rev. Robt. Kallam, colored, who lives between Rocky Springs and Stokesdale, is in both trouble and jail. It seems that on last Saturday he became angered at his wife and proceeded to beat her up pretty badly. Not satisfied with this he threatened to kill her. A warrant was issued for his arrest and he was brought to this place Sunday and given a hearing before Esq. J. A. Pratt, who placed the colored divine (?) under a two hundred dollar peace bond. He was unable to give said bond and is now languishing in jail at Wentworth.

At a call meeting Monday night the board of town commissioners ordered the day current put on just as soon as those who are going to use the juice can get ready for it. This is a good piece of news, for it had been "norated" that the day current had fallen through.

John M. Galloway has purchased the Sterling Webster property in front of Dr. Matheson and also the adjoining property of W. A. Webster heirs and will erect a handsome new residence on same within the near future. We learn that the residence will be composed of stone and brick and that there will be fourteen rooms. An architect was here last week going over plans with Mr. Galloway and it is presumed that work will begin within a short while.

A new enterprise will soon be in operation in Madison. It will be a hog-head and stave factory and will employ about ten men. S. F. Webster will have charge of the same and will cut this material for Liggett & Myers exclusively. The plant will be operated by electricity.

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As a means of stimulating movement of farm products to the consumer, Postmaster General Burleson increased the allowable weights of parcel post packages, effective March 15. Packages when mailed in the first or second zones for delivery in the first second or third zones may hereafter be as heavy as 70 pounds. The weight limit for all zones was increased from 20 to 50 pounds.

Regulations designed among other things, to prevent at American ports such disasters as resulted from the collision of a Belgian relief ship and a French munition ship at Halifax recently have been issued by Secretary McAdoo, with the approval of the President. They provide for rigid control and supervision over the loading and handling of munitions and the movement of the vessels in the navigable waters of the United States.

Immediate steps to reduce the number of collisions by student aviators

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by spreading out the training areas few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets are about to be taken by the war department. It is planned to lay out the flying fields in various directions from the training camps, to which the student aviators would fly each day in a previously arranged schedule. It is believed this will eliminate the crowding in the air which has resulted in many "tight places" in which young aviators have not been able to maneuver safely.

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