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OUR COUNTY AGENT'S DEPARTMENT

Some Timely Talks to Polk County Farmers, and others, on Timely Subjects, by County Agent, J. R. Sams.

How Cotton Farmers May Play Safe And Make More Than A Mere Living in Spite Of The Boll Weevil

By C. B. Williams.

In the growth of cotton as of any other crop it is always wise to keep down production to a point where there will not be an over production. For this reason it will be wise that in a general way our cotton growers in North Carolina shall not this year plant too big an acreage to cotton. At the present time, it would appear from all the facts available that the acreage of cotton in the State should not be increased over that planted last year. In fact, it is evident that we as a State will profit by a reduction in acreage, and make up as much as feasible the reduction in acreage by increased production per acre. Other things being equal, the cheapest production of cotton is that secured by moderately large yields secured by planting cotton on good land, fertilizing properly, and planting and cultivating well. Cotton farmers will be forced more and more under boll weevil conditions to put into practice methods of growing cotton which will result in economically higher yields per acre than many are securing in the State at the present time. Those farmers who are producing only from one-third to one-half bale per acre will, to a large extent, be forced out of business by the coming of the boll weevil unless they plant their cotton on better land or else improve by rational means the poor land they have been using for cotton growing in the past. North Carolina cotton growers will have to reduce, in all probability, the acreage they have been devoting to cotton to what they can look after promptly and well as growers have had to do in the weevil infested states to the south of us, in order that they may plant and cultivate the cotton at the exact time and in the best manner to circumvent the boll weevil most successfully under full infestation. Particularly will this be so with our Coastal Plain growers. The acres released from cotton should go into suitable food, feed and soil improving crops needed to meet the needs of the growers' family, laborers and livestock on the farm, and to build up the production of our soils. In many cases, in fact, in most cases, outside of possibly our northeastern and eastern farmers, the acreage to corn and soybeans might this year be materially increased. The corn to supply feed for the livestock and bread for the home (and there is none better when properly cooked. Why cannot we eat more corn bread, muffin bread etc., and teach our friends to the north of us to appreciate the full value of this grain for bread making purposes? Grow soybeans and cowpeas for seed; for soil improving purposes; and for supplying at least in part, the roughage and grazing for the farm stock. Where the beans and peas are used for soil improving purposes, crops like cotton and corn which follow will usually show considerable increase in yield which should be at a cheaper cost per unit of crop. These are no Utopian schemes for thousands of pro-

gressive North Carolina farmers are already following this plan of providing most of their food and feed and are producing good yields of cotton and other crops and at the same time are building up the productiveness of their soils from year to year. Some other crops that may be used on many cotton farms to a much larger extent than at present are rye, crimson clover, vetch; in some cases peanuts, velvet beans (certainly in the southeastern section of the State), sweet potatoes, and sorghum to supply sorghum sirup for the home, tenants, less provident neighbors, and perhaps to those in the near-by villages and towns who have not lost their taste for good country "eats".

Lesson number two is to play safe in farming where cotton or any other crop is the main money crop, we must as near as practicable to do so, provide for and grow the feed needed by the farm family and laborers and the work and other livestock of the farm. When this plan is followed the farm will become largely self-sustaining and the farmer independent and happy. He should and usually will with industry and intelligence have something to spare for educating his children; for promoting civic and religious work in the community; for making improvements in the home and on the farm; and then something more for putting aside for investment and a rainy day.

Sale of Town Property for Taxes.

By virtue of my office as tax collector for the town of Tryon, in the State of North Carolina, I will sell for cash at the Town Hall in Tryon, N. C., on Monday, May 1, 1922, at 12 o'clock, noon, the following described property for taxes thereon, with all costs added as prescribed by law, to-wit:

Fannie E Fisher est.	\$14 40
J. C. Fisher, 1 lot	1 12
W B Kruse, personal	2 60
J B Melton, 1 town lot	4 00
Rhoda Neal, 1 town lot	4 60
COLORED	
Alberta Bobo, 1 town lot	1 64
Sam Bobo, 1 lot	3 00
Black, Prince, 1 lot	3 13
Jake Corry, 1 lot	3 34
Geneva Clark, 1 lot	2 62
Della Cheek, 1 lot	1 62
Thos Canady, 1 lot	2 56
Patrick Carson, 1 lot	1 40
Calvin Cheek, 1 lot	2 68
Lynn Carson, 1 lot	8 00
A Broomfield, 1 lot	4 20
Nannie Carson, 1 lot	2 00
Jno K Edwards, 1 lot	3 30
Jno Fields, 1 lot	1 94
Hattie Fields est, 1 lot	3 24
Elias Fields, 1 lot	4 25
Duff Jackson, 1 lot	11 80
Lillie Johnson, 1 lot	1 80
Will King, 1 lot	2 67
J S Miller, 1 lot	4 64
John Kirkpatrick, 1 lot	4 20
Berry Mills, 1 lot	1 44
Garfield Mills, 1 lot	2 60
Will Mills, 1 lot	3 80
Charlie Mills, 1 lot	4 20
Susie Mills, 1 lot	98
Irving Westfield, 1 lot	3 28
Harriet White, 1 lot	1 20
Mattie Mooney, 1 lot	4 80
Walter Mills, 1 lot	1 60
J S Miller, 1 lot	3 60
Ed Mitchell, 1 lot	1 60
Annie McDuffie, 1 lot	4 00
Alex McDowell, 1 lot	2 28
Jim McDowell, 1 lot	3 40
Henry McMaken, 1 lot	78
Caddy Norris, one lot	1 60

Spring Planting



Robt Owens 1 lot	4 20
Paul Parsons, 1 lot	4 20
Chas Patterson, 1 lot	4 20
Crate Paris, 1 lot	8 24
James Paine est. 1 lot	3 50
Henry Peake, 1 lot	3 20
John Tice, 1 lot	1 60
L T Tribble, 1 lot	2 64
S R Tucker, 1 lot	4 92
Charlie White, 1 lot	4 74
Wm Westfield, 1 lot	2 00
Wenry Wofford, 1 lot	7 30
Alex White, 1 lot	1 34
Amanda Westfield, 1 lot	1 00

Tryon Route 1.
Those of us who attended the dinner party of Mrs. J. T. Waldrop's reported a splendid time. Misses Esther Gibbs, Sallie Wingo, Thelma Hague, were Saturday's dinner guest of the Misses Hamilton. Miss Wingo spent the week-

end with Miss Hague. John Cabiness and Furman Brannon of Chesnee S. C. spent Monday last with J. D. Carpenter. Robert Champion and son Pearson were visitors on the Route Sunday. Roma Edwards and family spent Sunday with home folks on Mill Spring Route 1. Miss Pearl Edwards was a pleasant caller at Walnut Grove Sunday afternoon. King Brown and family, James Page, Hugh Edwards, Loran Tony also called on the route to hear some of Edison's canned music. Lest you forget, Miss Sallie Carpenter gave a walnut cracking recently, needless to say all had a cracking good time.

Mill Spring R. 1
A number of youngsters were fishing near the "mill pond" Saturday. Miss Sarah Gilbert entertained a number of relatives one day last week. A. A. and J. T. Edwards and Talmage Allen were in Spartanburg Wednesday. Alma Hodge is very sick with pleurisy. We hope she will soon be well again. Mrs. V. B. Hyder and daughter Valma were callers at R. Gilbert's Sunday. There was a very interesting debate at Lebanon schoolhouse Friday which was Resolved that a dish rag is more useful than a broom. Affirmative speakers Vinnetta Hyder and Knox Wo-

Mid-western Folks Lose Lives In Sea Plane



A determination to live up to the letter of his responsibility in caring for his passengers is the reason sea-plane pilot Robert Moore lives to tell of a thrilling 56-hour struggle in the gulf stream off the Florida coast, in which five pleasure seekers from mid-western states lost their lives. Mr. and Mrs. August Bulte, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith of Kansas City, and Mrs. J. S. Dickson of Memphis were those lost after a heroic effort against waves, storm and exposure. They were passengers on the sea-plane "Miss Miami" which made 40-minute trips between Miami, Fla., and Bimini, West India Island. When within three minutes of their destination on Wednesday, a pro-

pellor blade broke, forcing the sea-plane down. The craft landed within a mile of a fishing boat, but, caught in the gulf stream, it was carried north, signals for help being unheeded. One of the sea-plane's pontoons sprang a leak, and in the heavy sea the plane was overturned. The passengers were thrown into the sea. Moore succeeded in getting Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Bulte back on top of the wreckage, but Mrs. Dickson and Mr. Bulte were lost. Then started the battle against wave and a storm which came in the night. The two women died from exposure. Smith died on Thursday, Moore was found Friday by a passing fishing boat, strapped to the wreckage, and unconscious.

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Saluda
R. T. Hopkins has purchased the M. E. Shuler lot on Henderson street.
Mrs. W. Bruce Fuller and little daughter Betty have gone to Atlanta for a month.
Sam Staton and wife and son Roy and his wife, of Hendersville, were in Saluda last week.
Frank Spratt of Greenville spent last week at the Esseola.
Mrs. "Red" McAllister is moving to Bryson City.
Dr. Hooper and wife went to Asheville last week.
Pearl Metcalf has returned from a visit in Asheville.
The revival conducted in the Woodman Hall for the past two weeks closed Sunday night. Much interest was manifested by the large numbers attending.
At the regular meeting of The Civic League Tuesday it was decided to observe "Clean up Day" in conjunction with the civic authorities. At the same meeting H. P. Corwith resigned his position as one of the trustees of The Community Park. His successor is to be elected at the next meeting.
Mrs. Coates has been appointed sanitary inspector of the town of Saluda with police authority.
John Berry Gosnell died Sunday afternoon at his home after a lingering illness. The burial was at Mt Page. Rev. A. T. Howard-by the deceased request conducted the funeral. Mr. Gosnell leaves a wife, a daughter of John A. Ward, and three little children.
Mrs. Mary Summey went to see her brother who is sick in Greenville Sunday.

There will be a union service in the Episcopal Church Easter night to which everybody is invited. The choir is to be composed of young people from all churches.

Saluda High School Base ball team went to Columbus Tuesday afternoon to play the Columbus boys in their diamond. As heretofore the game was interesting. The final score stood nine to nineteen in favor of Saluda.

The remains of private Cumbers Pace son of Mrs. Henry Pace who was killed in battle near St Quinten, France Oct. 29th 1918 will arrive in New York March 30th, and should reach Saluda about April 3rd. Interment will be at Mountain Page.

mack; negative: Ida Edwards and Gordon Hyder. The negative won.

Hurrah for our weekly singings! It seems as if they are increasing. There have been three held the past week at the homes of Ed Allen, J. C. Griffin and W. W. Womack.

Oscar Hyder spent one night last week with friends here.

Clarence Elliott and son, David from Mill Spring enjoyed Tuesday with relatives in this vicinity.

Enough Said.
Frequently a question contains its own answer. Such a question was the one put recently by a Kansas young woman who had failed to qualify for a position as teacher. Feeling that she had not been considerably dealt with, she wrote: "I think I am entitled to an exclamation of why I failed, anyway."—Boston Transcript.
Do It Now.
If, as somebody has said, "every new day is a new life," we should never "put off until tomorrow what should be done today."