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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.

### A Safe Plan For North Carolina Farmers In Growing Cotton Under Boll Weevil Conditions

By C. B. Williams.

If there is anything the North Carolina farmers have learned, it surely is that a large acreage to cotton throughout the Cotton Belt with a favorable season, brings a large production with correspondingly low prices. It would appear to us that what is to be desired in North Carolina at the present time as well as a throughout the Cotton Belt generally, is the inauguration by our farmers of a system of agricultural practices on our farms that will bring in the greatest and most dependable continuous profit to those who actually cultivate the land. In order to have this situation on the cotton farms of the State, cotton will have to be produced more as a business, rather than a speculation, as it must be with farmers who practically produce nothing but cotton on their farms.

A safe plan for us North Carolina cotton growers to adopt will be one that will maintain and increase the productivity of our soils in the most economical way; will produce food for our people and feed for the livestock on the farm in sufficient quantities and if there is a small surplus, it may be disposed of in the community, or small village, settlement or city near by. For North Carolina cotton farmers for the year 1922, a safe system of farming in the cotton-growing counties, as near as is practicable to be carried out, is as follows:

1. Provide for and adopt a plan of planting a sufficient number of acres on every farm in crops to provide good whole-some food for the farm family, and feed for the livestock, including poultry, hogs and milk cows. The crops grown should not only maintain the family and livestock, but might provide a small surplus, although this is of minor consideration at the present time, either of crops or of livestock products for sale locally to aid in meeting the family expenses.

2. Provision for maintaining and increasing the fertility of the soil, at the same time food and feed are being produced to meet the needs of the family and livestock on the farm.

3. Provision for a diversified agriculture with all that this means, such as a well planned and well regulated system of crop rotations, soil conservation, use of improved and well adapted seed and livestock, and the wise use of modern machinery and labor saving devices on the farm and in the farm home.

The main essentials of such a system for the cotton farmer, it would appear to us, are essentially as follows:

1. Growth of corn in sufficient amount to at least meet the needs of the family and livestock for the coming year. This would only mean an increase in production on farms where the home production has been insufficient.

2. A moderate acreage to adaptable small grains, such as rye, and oats, seeded during the coming fall, to provide some grazing and to be harvested for hay and for seed purposes.

3. Considerable acreage this spring to soybeans, cowpeas or

velvet beans, using the crop best adapted to your particular farm for soil improving purposes, for seed for planting and for sale, and some for hay and grazing.

4. Some crimson clover or hairy vetch, or it might be both where adaptable and desired, seeded next fall for soil improving purposes and for hay making the following spring.

5. A farm garden of sufficient size to provide fully for the family needs for a maximum number of days with a fresh wholesome variety of vegetables, and a surplus to can, store, or otherwise conserve for use in the home throughout the year.

6. Home sweets, such as sorghum sirup and honey to as large extent as desirable and practicable to produce on every farm to meet its own needs.

7. Produce livestock products, to at least, meet adequately the farm needs such as meats, milk, butter and eggs, provided the feed is grown for these. There should be a milk cow, something like fifty head of poultry and at least, one brood sow on practically every farm.

All all of the above needs of the farm family and livestock of the farm have been provided for in such a way as to make the farm practically self-supporting, then a certain portion of the acreage of each farm which can be determined by each individual farmer, may be devoted to cotton to be grown on good land, fertilized well and when the boll weevil arrives, to be grown in such a way as to secure the largest possible early setting of fruit and yield per acre.

With the above plan put into operation on every farm this year in the State, cotton growers will, to a large extent, be able to live at home, and may have a small amount of some other surplus crop than cotton, such as soybeans, cowpeas, rye, corn, oats, sorghum sirup, meat, butter, and eggs to bring in some cash returns regularly throughout the year to supplement the cotton receipts. The main thing it has been wished to emphasize in the article is that every cotton farmer is playing economically safe by growing on the home farm this year, the necessary food and feed needs to run the family and livestock on the farm, so that the cotton crop produced will not have to go to pay for the food and feed bills of the year. When cotton sells high all cotton may work well, but when the selling price is low the one-crop system results in hardships that could be obviated by following a "live-at-home" policy of farming.

### Change of Publication Date.

In order to reach our readers earlier in the week, thus enabling our farmer friends to take advantage of any special sales put on by our advertisers, and at the same time make this paper a better advertising medium for the merchant, we will, beginning with our first issue in May print the NEWS on Wednesday afternoon of each week instead of Thursday. Please bear this in mind and let us have the copy for your advertisements as early in the week as possible.

The best residential town in the mountains—Tryon.

## Premium List

### Community Fairs of Polk County

Columbus, Monday, October 9th  
Sunny View, Tuesday, October 10th  
Mill Spring, Wednesday, October 11th  
Greens Creek, Thursday, October 12th  
Tryon, Friday, October 13th  
Saluda, Saturday, October 14th

#### Farm and Field Crops

	1st	2nd	3rd
1 best 10 ears of corn	3 00	2 00	1 00
2 best single ear of corn	50	25	
3 best peck of wheat	50	25	
4 best peck of oats	25		
5 best peck of rye	25		
6 best stalk soy beans	25		
7 best bale soy bean hay	50	25	
8 best bale mixed grasses	50	25	
9 best legumes	25		
10 best general display of field crops	5 00	3 00	2 00

#### Horticultural Department

11 best plate Staymans	25		
12 best plate Grimes	25		
13 best plate Delicious	25		
14 best plate Winesap	25		
15 best plate Virginia Beauty	25		
16 best plate Limbertwig	25		
17 best plate Ben Davis	25		
18 best plate any other variety	25		
19 best plate pears	25		
20 best one-half peck walnuts	25		

#### Garden Products

21 best one-fourth bushel sweet potatoes	50	25	
22 best one-fourth bushel Irish potatoes	50	25	
23 best cabbage, single head	25		
24 best half peck onions	25		
25 best one-fourth bushel turnips	25		
26 best lima beans, shelled	25		
27 best half peck field beans	25		
28 best specimen table beets one-half doz.	25		
29 best plate parsnips	25		
30 best sweet peppers	25		
31 best one-fourth bushel rutabagas	25		
32 best plate of five tomatoes	25		
33 best pumpkin	25		
34 best celery, 5 stalks	25		
35 best bunch rhubarb	25		
36 best six stock beets	25		
37 best general display of garden vegetables	2 00	1 00	50
38 best collection of vegetable seed from home garden	1 00	50	50
39 best collection cut flowers	1 00		

#### Canned Fruits, Vegetables, Etc.

40 Best collection of fruits canned this year. There must be at least six varieties and they should be in quart jars.	1 00	50	
41 Best collection of vegetables canned this year. There should be at least six varieties and they should be in quart jars.	1 00	50	
42 Best collection preserves. There should be at least six varieties.	1 00	50	
43 Best collection of fruit or vegetable pickles canned this year. There should be at least six varieties.	1 00	50	
44 Best collection of jellies made this year. There should be at least six varieties.	1 00	50	
45 Best collection dried fruits and vegetables. Entries in this class must be product of exhibitor. Two or more varieties of fruit must be presented. Variety, condition and appearance will be considered in judging this exhibit.	1 00	50	

#### Pantry Supplies

46 best loaf light bread	50	25	
47 best corn bread	50	25	
48 best layer cake	50	25	
49 best loaf cake	25		
50 best school lunch, considering balanced ration, preparation, neatness of pack and kind of container	50	25	
51 best grape juice	25		
52 best quart cider vinegar	25		
53 best quart molasses or sorghum	25		
54 best section comb honey	25		
55 best quart extracted honey	25		
56 best soap (home made)	25		
57 best pound home made butter	25		
58 best home made cottage cheese	25		

#### Livestock Department

59 best horse colt, under 1 year	1 00	50	
60 best mule colt, under 1 year	1 00	50	
61 best calf, under 1 year	2 00	1 00	
62 best pig, breeding and age considered	1 00	50	
63 best sow and litter under three months	2 00	1 00	
64 best pen of chickens (one cockrel and four pullets) general purpose	1 00	50	
65 best pen of chickens (one cockrel and four pullets) layers	1 00	50	

#### Sewing and Fancy Work

66 best home made house dress	25		
67 best child's dress	25		
68 best calico quilt	25		
69 best silk quilt	25		
70 best specimen patching	25		
71 best specimen darning	25		
72 best rug, woven	25		
73 best rug, plaited	25		
74 best rug, tufted	25		
75 best buttonholes	25		
76 best specimen drawn work	25		
77 best specimen cross stitch	25		
78 best hemstitching	50	25	
79 best collection embroidery	50	25	
80 best collection crocheting	50	25	
81 best collection tatting	50	25	
82 best collection knitting	50	25	
83 best splint basket	50	25	
84 best willow basket	50	25	
85 best collection baskets	1 00	50	
86 best collection weaving	1 00	50	
87 best display chairs	1 00	50	
87 best display handles	1 00	50	

## FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

Items of Interest Gathered From Various Sections of Polk County by Our Corps of Faithful Correspondents.

### Cooper Gap.

The farmers of this section are making use of this fine weather and are planting their crops.

Look out, all who have cases in court. We hear that Judge Shaw is coming back again.

Sunday last must be autoist favorite day from the way they were out joy riding

Joe Searcy and Lillie Searcy and Willard Searcy and Eva Burgess went to Spartanburg last week and got married.

Furman Jackson visited at the home of Walter Burgess Sunday. Beauford Whitesides was out joy riding down in Greens Creek last week-end.

### Sunny View.

Several from here attended preaching service at Big Level Sunday.

Miss Arkansas Jackson was a guest of Lola Gibbs Sunday.

Willie B. McGuinn was a caller at Mark Laughter's Sunday.

The closing exercises of the school here, will be held Saturday, April 30. At 10 a. m. Prof. Simmons of Tryon will address those present and at 8 p. m. will be the final entertainment.

Miss Maggie Isarel of route 1 spent Sunday with Lucile Taylor.

Born to J. W. Cash and wife Sunday, a boy.

John T. Ammons spent Sunday night at the home of T. F. Mills.

Several from here went to the river Saturday fishing.

Ernest Corn called to see Miss Margaret Brian Sunday.

W. D. Helton and Willie B. McGuinn made a business trip to Chimney Rock one day last week.

Miss Birdie Allen of route 1, was the dinner guest of Miss Pearl Mills Sunday.

Robert Whiteside called to see Hoyt Stepp one day last week.

Williams Bradley and family visited the home of Bergans Gibbs Sunday.

W. W. Gibbs was laid to rest in the cemetery at Cooper Gap Tuesday. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn his loss. We sympathize with the bereaved ones.

### Fishtop.

Born to Harrison Arledge and wife on the 14th of March, a giant boy, 12 pounds; not named. No name seems big enough for him.

Robert Price, Spurgeon Bishop and Clinton Case attended the singing at Silver Creek Sunday.

John Paty of Asheville, visited D. Paty a few days last week. He came for the loaves and fishes; especially the fishes.

Curtis Newman was in Tryon one day last week.

A few of our folks hauled in their fertilizer last week.

A friend handed me a copy of the Hendersonville News, I suppose for the purpose that I might know how little the editor knows about his neighboring county. Among other things he says:

"The Polk County News says: 'Polk county has a growing season from three to six weeks longer than any other mountain county in the state,' and that he is not in a position to challenge this remark but if the News can establish this truth as an undis-

puted fact, it has something to preach about every day of the year." I do not know about all of the mountain counties but I do know that the truth of the assertion has long ago been established and can be reestablished again if it were necessary as to Henderson county and some others. If he is from Missouri and has to be shown, just let him step over the bridge and he can see for himself.

### Mill Spring Route 1.

Rev. W. J. Hackney filled his regular appointment at Lebanon Sunday.

V. B. Hyder sang for the people near Sandy Plains the fourth Sunday.

We are glad to say that the little daughter of W. E. Elliott is improving.

Miss Birdie Allen was an after church guest of Miss Pearl Mills.

Rev. J. W. Liner preached a very interesting sermon at Big Level Sunday on the second coming of Christ.

Q. M. Powell and V. B. Hyder made business trips to Landrum last week.

Several people near here are attending court at Columbus this week.

Miss Faye Walker and her school children spent last Monday evening kodaking near Bear Den mountain.

Miss Virgil Ogle enjoyed Sunday with her little friend, Vesta Odel.

Mrs. V. B. Hyder and Miss Minnie Womack were afternoon callers at Mrs. W. E. Elliott's Monday.

School closed here Friday. Our term was not quite out but the people so busy with their work it was almost impossible for them to send any longer.

Miss Faye Walker visited Miss Gilreath Edwards Saturday.

### To The Parents and Physicians of Polk County.

I have received a letter from the State Board of Health telling me that in 1922 a very accurate record will be kept on the reporting of contagious diseases. The accuracy of reporting one county will be compared with that of another. Especially interesting will be a comparison of the reporting in counties with whole-time and part-time county health officers.

Let me say that reports are to be made by parents and teachers when cases are known to them. If your doctor forgets to report, the householder should remind him of it and ask me to get a record of the case from him.

Don't forget to report every case. Because your house has a placard on it does not excuse you from reporting other cases as the law requires.

A large number of cases were not reported last year. The State Board of Health does not desire to prosecute people, but the law is going to be enforced more strictly this year than formerly. Yours very truly,

E. B. CAWTHRAY  
Quarantine Officer.

### Cathedral Resembles Grass Hill.

Of the world's cathedrals, probably the most curious is that which crowns a hill in Uganda. In appearance it resembles nothing so much as a mountain of grass, although on closer inspection one is able to see that mud and wood have been extensively employed. The structure can accommodate 4,000 people.