

THE HUMUS FRONT

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Because of my appreciation of the great value of humus (vegetable mold) to farmers engaged in commercial crop production on thousands of farms along the coast and on the Coastal Plain in Virginia and the Carolinas, I have asked and received permission to use the following article by Dr. E. E. Stephenson, Oregon State College of Agriculture, which was published in The Pocket Book of Agriculture, Better Crops With Plant Food, July-August 1935 issue:

"Among the various fronts upon which civilization is fighting in the 'New Humus Front'. Reduced crop yields, in spite of a greater use of commercial fertilizer, are due to an increasing lack of humus in long-farmed soils. With the loss of humus the 'old force' is gone out of the soil.

In this country we are yet farming comparatively new land. Yields on the average have not fallen. In fact a slight increase, due to many causes such as better methods, more and better fertilization, better seed, etc., is probable. But we are concerned about humus economy of our soils. Those soils in which the humus has become depleted are not as productive as in their virgin state. Dry years are increasingly disastrous because of lack of humus. We have some worn-out soils. The humus is gone or going rapidly in too many soils.

Market gardeners find it increasingly difficult to secure stable manure. The family horse of the city is no more, and manure from the city is scarce and high priced. The stockyards and feed lots supply an inadequate amount. What is the solution of manure shortage.

Part of the solution to date has been the increased use of commercial fertilizer. Not four or five hundred pounds but four or five tons per acre are sometimes used in the attempt to boost yields and produce quality crops. With irrigation, which supplies the moisture, the possibilities of fertilization are illimitable, but soil fertility can never be maintained without due consideration of humus renewal. Drought years are doubly destructive as the humus vanishes, and many seasons have drought periods when lack of humus adds to the handicap of lack of water.

Green manuring is an effective means of humus renewal, and orchardists are making increasing use of green manure crops for supplying humus. The liberal use of commercial fertilizers to grow an abundance of humus is a sound practice. Orchards and even individual trees produce and are profitable somewhat in proportion as humus is removed.

Truck farmers are using green manures, but not as wholeheartedly as the orchardists. On the truck farm not less than six weeks is needed to grow the humus crop. A valuable crop can be grown in the same time and growers are reluctant to give up the use of the land to a fertilizer crop. However, the Rhode Island station found that the returns from a rotation of vegetables were greater when a green manure crop was included than without it. Three crops were grown in a season without the green manure, and only two with it. The value of the humus to the other crops was sufficient to more than overcome the handicap of a loss of one crop in the rotation to the green manure.

On the general farm more legumes should be grown, as no other class of crops renews humus as effectively as the legumes. Legumes are valuable cash crops when grown for seed, and legume pastures and hay are superior to non-legumes. Any crop which follows a legume yields more because of the supply of rich humus left in the soil.

The English are investigating a field method for making humus of farm wastes. Where grain is harvested by combine, the straw is left on the soil. Results of a two-year trial in England indicate that the straw may be worked into the soil directly and allowed to rot in place. They recommend adding 150 pounds of ammonium sulphate for each ton of straw, the fertilizer being spread on the soil and worked in with the straw. The sulphate of ammonia (any nitrogen fertilizer will do) is to cause the straw to humify readily. Straw treated in this way, and supplemented with phosphate and potash equivalent to that in stable manure, has given as big crop increases as farm manure. Much straw might be utilized in this or other ways to make humus instead of burning or allowing it to rot in place.

There is no conflict between fertilizer producers and those who promote humus renewal. When the humus is burned out, commercial fertilizer becomes less effective. Then the farmer says to the fertilizer dealer "Your fertilizers have lost their potency. Give us something to put the 'old pep' back into our soil." The elusive "something" that is needed is humus. With adequate humus renewed, fertilizers may be used in larger amounts and with greater assistance of returns.

Soil scientists, and especially the Germans, are concentrating upon

a program for healthy humus economy. The German slogan is a planned humus economy to assure "German nutrition for the German people from the German soil." Their alert soil scientists know the key to soil fertility. German farmers use more commercial fertilizers than we, and they will no doubt continue to use more. Their crop yields average larger than ours. Yet their scientists are not satisfied but have sought out the weak link in their system. The result is a nation-wide organized effort to bring the importance of humus renewal to the attention of their people. We, in this country, have a similar humus problem before us, and the time has come to give it serious attention.

Tar Heels Aiming For Vols With Revenge

Chapel Hill, N. C.—To break a six game winning streak of the Tennessee gridmen over them will be the main thing in the minds of the North Carolina football players when they make the trek across the Appalachians for the all-important battle in Knoxville on October 5.

Way back in 1909 the Tar Heels emerged victorious by 3-0 over the Volunteers, but since then their attempts have been in vain. This year may be another story. The Carolinians are out for revenge.

In 1930 Tennessee barely managed to keep its record intact with a hard-fought 9-7 win. The following year they were pushed to the limit, emerging a satisfied 7-0 victor. Last year the Tar Heels led 7-6 at the half but a great and wonderful supply of Vol reserves turned the tide and gave Major Neyland his sixth victory, 19-7.

To date in scrimmages the Carolina defense has pulled along nicely, with a hard charging and hard tackling line. But the old jinx seems to be working overtime. Injuries, and more injuries have taken their toll on the Tar Heel pre-season preparations. Not once has Coach Snavely been given the opportunity to work a whole afternoon with the eleven which is likely to start the opening game or the battle with Tennessee.

The backfield will be the same as last year, not the one which started against Tennessee but the one which played the latter part of the season. That consists of Herman Synder, co-captain and blocking back; Harry Montgomery, co-captain, and Don Jackson, halfbacks; and Jim Hutchins, fullback. Montgomery calls signals, blocks, punts, catches passes and can really run. Jackson's main assignment will be the passing, as well as punting and running. Hutchins is the best line plunger in the state.

On the reserve list are Crowell Little, spectacular soph flash who can run, pass, and kick in deluxe style; Jim McCahren, either blocking back or fullback; Dick Dashiell, slippery runner, who can pass and punt; Randy Cooner; Art Ditt, rated more powerful but not as fast as Hutchins; Wallie Dunham and Tom Burnette, best kicker on the squad.

The line will be minus the valuable services of Barclay, of All-American fame; Kahn rated by some as good as his mate; and Tatum. All-Southern tackle now with the New York Giants. At the two guard posts will likely be Paul Pendergraft and Johnnie Sniscak, although PUNCHY Joyce has been playing in the No. 1 right guard post this week. Sophomore Sniscak has been assigned the role which Barclay played last year and to date has shown well with his overtime duties of leading interference and backing up the line.

Tom Evans and John Trimpey, both lettermen, are slated for the first tackle berth, although Henry Bartos, soph, is giving both a fight for the No. 1 places.

Carolina possesses the best end material in the South. Four letter flankmen and a sophomore will give the Tar Heel opponents plenty of worry from the outer posts of the forward wall. Dick Buck and Andy Bershak, soph, are conceded the inside chance of starting the opening game. McCarn and Moore will see plenty of action. Babe Daniel is assured the post at center. Besides being an excellent pivot man, place kicking is his specialty.

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NOTICE OF SALE By virtue of a deed of trust executed to me by J. J. Fleetwood and

wife for certain purposes therein mentioned, which said deed of trust bears date February 24, 1935, and is registered in the office of the Register of Deeds of Perquimans County, North Carolina, in "M. D. Book 17, page 68, I shall on Friday, the 27th day of October, 1935, at 12 o'clock M. offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, at the courthouse in Hertford, Perquimans County, N. C., part of the property conveyed in said deed of trust as follows:

That certain tract of land in Bethel Township, Perquimans County, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of Levi Thompson heirs, J. O. White, Priscilla Parker heirs and others, and known as the Frederick White land, containing 144 acres, more or less.

This 24th day of September, 1935. CHAS. WREDBEE, Trustee.

Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of E. J. Chappell, deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Belvidere, N. C., on or before the 17 day of September 1935, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 17 day of September, 1935.

CLARENCE CHAPPELL, Administrator of E. J. Chappell. Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of W. H. Overman, deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Hertford, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2, on or before the 18th day of September, 1935, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 18th day of September, 1935.

ALICE OVERTON, Administratrix of W. H. Overton. Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to give notice that Trim W. Wilson has withdrawn from the partnership of J. C. Blanchard and Company and has sold his interest to J. C. Blanchard. The business will continue under the name of J. C. Blanchard and Company. All debts and obligations of the present partnership of J. C. Blanchard and Co. will be paid by the new firm of J. C. Blanchard and Co., and all debts and obligations due the present firm of J. C. Blanchard and Co. will be paid to the new firm of J. C. Blanchard and Co. The new firm of J. C. Blanchard and Company will be composed of J. C. Blanchard, Julian Blanchard and William G. Blanchard.

This September 16, 1935. J. C. BLANCHARD T. W. WILSON JULIAN BLANCHARD WILLIAM G. BLANCHARD Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11.

North Carolina, Perquimans County. J. C. Blanchard Vs.

Mrs. Corrie E. Godfrey, her husband, A. L. Godfrey, Mrs. Annie Thompson, her husband, Elma Thompson, and Mrs. Betty Ward, Widow.

NOTICE The defendants, Mrs. Annie Thompson, and her husband, Elma Thompson, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Perquimans County, North Carolina, to sell a tract of land for partition owned by plaintiff and defendants as tenants in common, said tract of land being in Parkville Township, and known as a part of the Stephen Skinner Tract of land; and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the clerk of the Superior Court of said County in the Court House in Hertford, N. C., on the 11th day of October, 1935, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of being heard on the merits of the case.

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NOTICE!

All delinquent taxes will be advertised on OCTOBER 4th for the year 1934.

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Please come forward and pay promptly and avoid penalties and cost.

Town of Hertford

W. C. Newby Tax Collector

ford, N. C., on the 24 day of October, 1935, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for relief demanded in said complaint. This 17 day of September, 1935. W. H. PITT, Clerk Superior Court. Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of Charlie Lloyd, deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Hertford, N. C., on or before the 4th day of September, 1935, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 4th day of September, 1935. PEARL LLOYD, Administratrix of Charlie Lloyd. Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of Gurganus Felton, deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Hertford, N. C., on or before the 31 day of August 1935 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 31 day of August 1935. ESSIE FELTON, Administratrix of Gurganus Felton, Deceased. Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11

NOTICE! SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY By virtue of a deed of trust executed to me by Frank Cutrell for certain purposes therein mentioned, which said deed of trust bears date September 7, 1927, and is registered in the office of the Register of Deeds of Perquimans County, North Carolina, in Mortgage Book 16, page 267, I shall at 12 o'clock M. on Saturday, October 5th, 1935, offer for sale at the Court House door in the said County, at public auction, for cash, the property conveyed to me in said deed of trust, to-wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land in New Hope Township, Perquimans County, North Carolina, adjoining the Thomas Griffin lands, the lands of the heirs of Dr. William M. Riddick, the lands of Noah Bright, Jr., and the River Run, lying on the North side of the Main Road leading from Woodville to Hertford, and bounded on the North by the River Run, and on the East by the lands of Noah Bright, Jr., and on the South by the Main Road aforesaid, and on the West by the lands of Thomas Griffin, and on the Northwest by the lands of the heirs of Dr. William M. Riddick, being a part of the R. H. L. Blount lands containing by estimation 65 acres, more or less, and being the same land conveyed to George W. Gregory by Noah Bright, Jr., by deed dated March 31, 1904, and recorded January 12, 1907, in Deed Book No. 7, page 45 office of the Register of Deeds of Perquimans County, being the same tract of land conveyed to said Frank Cutrell by George W. Gregory and wife. This September 8, 1935. C. E. THOMPSON, Trustee. Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27

NOTICE SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY By virtue of a mortgage deed executed to me by Wm. H. Chappell and wife, Balzora Chappell, for certain purposes therein mentioned, which said mortgage deed bears date March 23, 1931, and is registered in the office of the Register of Deeds of Perquimans County, North Carolina, in Mortgage Book Number 17, page 517; I shall on Monday, September 30th, 1935, at 12 o'clock noon, offer for sale at the Court House door in the said County, at public auction, for cash, the property conveyed to me in said Mortgage Deed.

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adjoining the lands and bounded as follows: On the north by the lands of T. E. Perry, J. Henry Copeland; on the west and south by the public road leading from Goodwin's Mill to Hunter's Fork; on the east by the lands of R. H. Copeland and Elmer Chappell, containing nine acres, more or less.

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