

# Farmers' Section

## Still Growing Rice Above Fall Line

The State.

Rice growing above Columbia persists here and there to an extent not generally known. Time was when many Piedmont farmers grew all the rice they needed for the home table and for their laborers. A center of upland rice cultivation was Pendleton, perhaps because in and about that village resided in the summer many rice planters of the low country; and the world's record yield of rice to the acre is probably still held, some maintain, by Anderson county. Newberry county, upper Lexington and parts of upper Richland are now the principal seats of rice north of the fall line.

Noting in the Newberry Observer recently a paragraph recording that some 200 pounds of home grown rice had been stored for the winter by J. William Folk, M. D.—physician, planter and former legislator—residing near Jalapa, The State requested of Dr. Folk some particulars of his experience with the crop. Dr. Folk not only wrote in reply a characteristic droll account of his rice growing, but also sent generous samples of his rice, both in the ear and milled. His rice is of excellent quality and more flavored than the polished rice of commerce.

Dr. Folk, born at Pomaria, attended Wofford college, received his professional training at Charleston Medical college and was for 25 years acting assistant surgeon in the United States marine hospital service, with station at Georgetown, where he became familiar with rice planting on the members of the house of representatives. At 70 he is enthusiastic as ever and is a tireless experimenter with promising plants and farm methods.

### Dr. Folk on Rice Growing.

Dr. Folk writes to The State in part as follows:

"Born in Newberry county, I spent 25 years in Georgetown, amidst the rice cultivation on North Santee where the Lowndes, Manigault, Hazard, Doar, Reed, Johnstone, Alston and Lucas families, with many others,

grew rice for market and home consumption. Healthier men, women and children never lived than these, who had rice for dinner daily.

"I learned there that rice could be grown to better advantage, at less expense and with greater profit in upper South Carolina than in Georgetown, because in the upcountry certain expenses, aggregating \$20 to \$30 the acre, which were inseparable from the low-county cultivation, would not be incurred. These expenses included maintenance of banks, ditches and flood gates and the minding of the rice at certain seasons against blackbirds by day and ducks by night. No such protection is required here in Newberry or anywhere in upper Carolina and the rice flourishes even in Greenville and Oconee.

"There are both upland and water flooded varieties. Upland rice, in my opinion, can be grown profitably on every farm where there is constant moisture; near a branch, creek or river, suitable plots can be found which are too wet for corn, boggy underfoot, where rushes grow, with briars and willows. Thoroughly plow or dig with the hoe and pulverize without a sod. Lay off, March 10 to April 10, rows 18 inches wide and one-fourth inch deep. Plant ten grains to the hill, a hoe's width apart, cover lightly and when the rice is four inches high cultivate like corn or cotton. About September 15 is the time to harvest. Cut the rice with a sickle, lay it on the stubble for three days, tie in bundles, then in shocks as with wheat or oats, and after two weeks thresh in any machine that will clean wheat or oats. If the quantity is less than 50 bushels, the rice may conveniently be hauled clean over a barrel or an inch plank nailed between two posts. The average yield to the acre is 40 to 65 bushels, which, when milled, gives 35 to 46 pounds to the bushel. I harvested my crop at a yield of 40 bushels to the acre, without any fertilizer or nitrate of soda, otherwise the yield would have been greater.

"I W. H. by at Ballentine has an upland rice mill and a more compact miller I have never seen. A rice milling machine can be obtained from a Columbia firm for \$100.

## Other Rice Growers

"In this county Felix Graham, Bunyan Epting and myself grow rice, possibly others. In and around Irmo, Jesse Folk and many others grow rice.

"Rice is one of the best foods for man, beast and poultry. Horses and mules will leave corn fodder for rice straw. Hens fed on rough rice will lay more eggs in November, December and January than on any other food I have seen given them, while as for turkeys fed on rough rice, they will be so fat and juicy there will be no need of claret champagne. To illustrate: The reed or rice birds, when they come from Canada, are in flesh like our swamp sparrows, but after a while in the rice fields they become fat as a lump of yellow butter, or, as some one has said, when shot from a tree at this stage, they burst in falling like ripe plums!

"Water flooded rice may also be planted in upper Carolina at nominal expense.

"I will be pleased to have any one interested visit my farm and will cheerfully give any desired information. Let us leave the boll weevil to seek other places and grow more rice, the food for man. If your readers need far building, let them eat rice for bread, laugh and grow strong, men, women and children. In addition, let us grow ribbon sugar cane, that makes the finest syrup that can be procured. I have obtained from this variety some 300 gallons the acre. Then in the garden plant November 10 the Folk frost, ice and snow proof, prolific garden pea; they yield some 300 bushels the acre. The present price is \$16 the bushel or 50 cents the quart.

"South Carolina soil is unsurpassed by that of any state. The boll weevil, in my opinion, is a blessing in disguise. Fellow tillers of the soil, start now on diversification of crops, for though cotton be king, we can not eat it, but can grow fat and laugh at the boll weevil and rice and man.

## HOW TO

Dry Material in Spraying, but It May Give Poor Results.

Dry lead arsenate is convenient to handle in spraying fruit, and it is cheaper than paste, but it may give poor results, if abused, warns the Illinois Horticultural society, in a recent bulletin. The dry powdered lead should be made into a creamy mixture before being strained into the spray tank. To do this easily, sift it into a vessel containing a small quantity of water, stirring gradually. Handled in this way, the results should be entirely satisfactory. Check up on the amount of sediment in the bottom of the tank at frequent intervals, to be sure that all the materials are being carried out through the nozzle.

We are having so many demands for small farms near Pageland that we have decided to revive the real estate department of our agency. Experience this year has proved that boll weevils make little headway in the high and dry sandy soils of Pageland, and the cotton crop this season is the best in years. Watch this list for offerings each week, and call at our office for any information. We will be glad to show you any of this property. We have other offerings not listed here, and if you will make known your wants we can fit you up. Any one desiring to sell or exchange real estate will do well to see us at once, as the season is now on for making changes. We give below a few of our offerings at this time.

83 acres, clay land farm three miles from Pageland, in high state of cultivation, good buildings, good water, good pasture. land, an ideal home for a good citizen.

54 acres, sand hill farm 1 1/2 miles from Pageland, has 400 peach trees, good dwelling and barns, buildings alone worth price of the farm, two horse farm in cultivation.

209 acres, sand-clay farm, 3 miles from Pageland, one-half in cultivation, good pasture, good water, three good houses and barns, situated on public highway.

166 acres, sand-clay farm, adjoining above farm, 100 acres in cultivation, good pastures, good water, three good houses and barns, located on public highway.

252 acres, clay and gravel land, heavily timbered, good buildings, fine bottom land in cultivation, located on government highway, six miles north of Page-

65 acres, located in good community, three miles from Pageland, two horse farm in cultivation, red clay soil and very fertile. We have an attractive price on this farm.

4 lots, size 25 x 150 feet centrally located in Pageland, ideal business lots, fronting on Pearl street.

2 Lots, size 25x100 feet fronting on McGregor street, centrally located and very desirable.

3 Lots and dwelling 50x150 feet fronting on Pearl street, a good house centrally located.

2 Lots and dwelling in Pageland fronting on Maple street. New house and barn, well located.

92 1-2 Acres, good clay land farm 3 miles from Pageland, good buildings, good two-horse farm in cultivation, good pasture.

## Pageland Insurance and Real Estate Co.,

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J. S. WALLACE, Manager.

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On the basis of confidence, courtesy and real personal service, we invite your account.

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L. L. PARKER, President  
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U. F. MOORE, Asst. Cashier.

# The Chesterfield COUNTY FAIR

Nov. 14, 15, 16, 17, 1922

**Will be Unsurpassed in the State in Poultry and Live Stock Department**

Other Departments are Expected to Surpass their usual Excellent Showing.

First Day, Nov. 14, all White School Children will be Admitted Free.

Last Day, Friday, Nov. 17, all Colored School Children will be Admitted Free.

Matthew J. Riley Carnival Co. will furnish Amusements.

ADMISSION, ADULTS, 50C, CHILDREN 25C.