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The most astonishing announcement ever made in Clarendon County will go to the public in next week's Times. Keep your eyes open and

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COTTON FARMERS HAVE SERVED NOTICE TO WORLD

Columbia, July 11.—The reduction of 28.4 per cent in the cotton acreage this year as shown by the government report issued on Friday, shows the temper of the cotton farmer in the opinion of R. C. Hamer, president of the South Carolina Division of the American Cotton Association who said yesterday that if the farmers did not receive a fair profit for their crop this year there would be a much more drastic cut in the crop next year.

"Our farmers have served notice on the world that they are tired of growing cotton at a profit to everybody else but themselves," said Mr. Hamer. "They have cut the crop this year over 5,000,000 bales and if this does not bring them a fair price they are going to make a much more drastic cut next year. It is my belief that unless this year's crop brings a fair profit this fall that next year not one-half of a crop will be raised."

"In the past the threat of the Southern farmer to reduce his acreage has not been taken seriously and when the American cotton association launched its campaign this year for a reduction there were many who smiled and recounted many past efforts along the same line, practically all of which had resulted in failure. This year, however, a systematic campaign was conducted and the government report says that there has been an ac-

creage reduction of 28.4 per cent. Some private reports place the reduction at over 30 per cent.

"It would really seem that the cotton farmers are profiting by their bitter experiences of the last year. Not only are they decreasing their production of cotton but they are planning to market that which they do grow along the most scientific lines. A co-operative marketing association is being formed in each state of the belt. There will be a working agreement between them all so that in the future there will be no rush of cotton to the market in the fall but instead the supply will be regulated to meet the demand. Instead of the farmer, asking the buyer each fall what he will give him for his cotton, the buyer will be asking the farmer, represented by the co-operative marketing exchange, what he will let him have cotton for."

ADVANTAGE OF CO-OPERATIVE LIVESTOCK SHIPPING

Clemson College, July 12.—Livestock shipping associations among the farmers of the state have many advantages, according to L. H. Lewis, Extension marketing agent, who is working among the growers of livestock with a view to promote the livestock industry by means of better facilities and opportunities for marketing stock. Some of the benefits derived from co-operative

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1. The producer receives a greater net return, since he gets the market price for his livestock less actual marketing cost. This is particularly true of the miscellaneous stock, such as canners and veals, as it is not often that shipment of such stock is made.
2. Farmers become familiar with the market and its demands as to grades and classes and can govern production accordingly.
3. Farmers learn how to feed and otherwise care for stock to prevent excessive loss from shrinkage, death and injury while in transit.
4. Much time and labor is saved in the buying, collecting and delivering of stock, since the co-operative association handles the business through one manager.
5. Stock can be marketed when it is ready for shipment without waiting for buyers to see it.
6. In periods of car shortage the association can obtain cars better than can individuals.
7. Crippled stock can be disposed of at more nearly market prices.
8. Higher standards of livestock breeding are established, since farmers shipping good material see that it brings correspondingly higher prices.
9. Better consideration is received at the central markets because of the volume of business and better quality of stock handled through an association.
10. The community in general will gain in reputation and importance as a live, enterprising, livestock section.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Please advise me about growing fall beans as a truck crop.—W. O. B., Williston.

Beans, when properly grown, nearly always prove to be a profitable crop, especially when they can be brought to maturity just before frost, when there is a scarcity of green vegetables and beans usually bring advance prices. The Bountiful and Extra Early Valentine are two good varieties.

My bees are carrying dead brood out of the entrance. What must I do?—

We suggest requeening. Full directions may be found on Information Card No. 10, Extension Service, Clemson College, S. C.

Is there any danger of my mules being poisoned when dusting cotton?—J. W. D.

Always muzzle the mule when dusting cotton. If open sores exist, cover with vaseline. Wash well after operation is over.

How can I prevent ants from eating my peaches?—W. B. F.

Spray the tree with nicotine to kill the lice. To prevent the lice from ascending the tree, tie a piece of tanglefoot paper around the trunk

with the paper side to the trunk. Active cultivation is the best ant controller.

I would like advice as to diseased Irish potato tubers.—W. P. P. Easley.

The disease of the tubers is no doubt due to potato scab, but I can not be certain of this without first examining the tubers. Potato scab may be prevented by treating the potatoes before they are planted and by being sure that the ground on which the potatoes are being grown is not infested with the disease.

Please tell me about the cabbage snake. Is it poisonous?

Cabbage snakes or "horse hair worms" spend part of their lives in the bodies of other insects and the remainder in the earth. When es-

caping from the body of a grasshopper or a cabbage leaf, the worms may be easily lodged in the water at the base of the cabbage leaf. They are not injurious and no doubt all of us have eaten many of them without knowing it.

A GOOD EXAMPLE OF DIVERSIFICATION

Clemson College, July 13.—"I have a farmer who believes so strongly in diversification that 40-cent cotton did not change his plans, and he is therefore in better condition financially than many larger farmers who pinned all their faith to cotton," says county Agent J. W. McLendon of Florence. This farmer is J. C. Wiggins of Effingham, who is not worrying at all about boll weevils and who states that so far as he is concerned it makes little difference if there were boll weevils on every square inch in the county.

Mr. Wiggins has sold tobacco as high as \$600 per acre and cotton at its highest price, but he firmly states that there has been no better money crop for him than the sweet potato, for during the past four years he has made not less than \$200 per acre from this crop. His success with potatoes has been a great stimulus to the growing of potatoes by other farmers in the county.

The crop diversification of Mr. Wiggins as practiced for five years is represented by this year's acreage

of various crops as follows: 25 acres of corn and velvet beans, 11 acres of oats, 4 acres of sweet potatoes, 6 acres of tobacco, 8 acres of cotton and the remainder in forage crops for hogs and 2 milk cows and foodstuff for the family.

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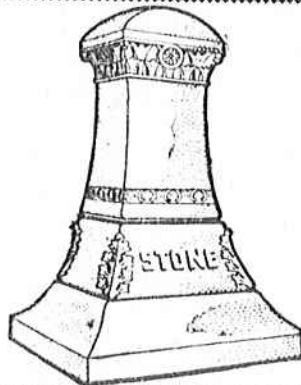
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