

THE BEST CROP FOR 1921.

The Solution of the Fertilizer and Boll Weevil Problem.

Many farmers are asking the question, "What can I do for a money crop this year?" Mr. E. J. Hancock, Peanut Specialist of the Sea Island Cotton Oil Company, believes that the farmers of South Carolina can better afford to plant peanuts this year than in 1920 and assigns reasons for making this assertion. They are now assured that peanuts both Spanish and Runners, can be successfully grown in this section. The 1920 crop being the equal of any crop grown in other sections, both in yield and quality, has relieved all doubts as to this very important point.

Thousands of dollars were invested last year in planters, weeders and picking machines for use in growing and harvesting peanuts. This, together with the high price of seed, all of which had to be brought from other sections, and at a time when peanuts and farm machinery were selling at the highest price on record, added to the high cost of labor, made the peanut crop an expensive crop. The farmer now has his seed, and in many instances, planters and weeders and pickers. All of these together with a

year of practical experience, puts him in a position to grow a peanut crop with less expense than almost any crop that can be grown in this section and with as much assurance of making a profit on his labor and investment.

Many planters were led to believe that they could not grow peanuts without first liming the land. Others were of the opinion that with a liberal application of fertilizer they could make record crops. In regard to this, Mr. Hancock continued: "Let me repeat what I have so oftentimes said when discussing peanut growing. I believe that liming of land is a good thing to do, and something that will be profitable when legume crops of any kind are grown. However, the use of lime is not necessary in order to grow peanuts and will not always give returns for the expenditures in any one or two years. (My contention in this has been proven correct by experiments made at the Florence, S. C. Experimental Station.) On soils well fielded with humus and nitrogen, 250 to 300 lbs. of acid phosphate is a good fertilizer to use. More can be applied, but the amount given has proven satisfactory in many cases. The fertilizer for peanuts should be put in furrow and never on top of the soil. Feed roots of the peanut confine themselves close to the main (tap root) root, and will be found three or four inches below the surface.

Planting.

The land where peanuts are planted should be free from weeds and grass. It should be also as near level as practical to allow the free use of the weeder, which is a very important implement in the cultivation of peanuts. After planting and just before the peanuts come through, go over the land with the weeder. In doing this you will be destroying a coat of grass and weeds just coming through and have the land in good shape for using the weeder after the peanuts are up. A better way is to run the weeder diagonally across the rows, changing the course each time. Rows should be spaced thirty inches and peanuts dropped 3 inches in the drill one nut to a hill.

Time to Plant.

"Now comes the question of the time to plant and the kind of seed to use. For Spanish peanuts, do not plant until the soil is thoroughly warm; May 1st to June 15th proved the best planting period last season. Planting very early or extremely late did not prove profitable. Runners may be planted during March or April. It is not advisable to plant runners for market."

Planting Seed.

"South Carolina has as fine a lot of peanut seed as ever grew, and I doubt if any other state has seed that is as free from mixtures as ours are."

Planting Shelled or Unshelled Seed.

This is and has been a very important question, one that we of South Carolina can answer, however, and in line with the advice given by the specialists in peanut work in Washington. Shelled seed, when properly shelled (by machine) are better than seed in the shell, and will give better results, because:

First, all immature or defective ker-

nels have been removed and we have good, sound, well developed nuts to plant.

Second, they germinate and come up more uniformly, allowing the use of the weeder before the weeds and grass have made a start.

Third, they can be planted uniformly and quickly by machine, thus saving much labor.

Unshelled seed very slowly, and sometimes require days for all of those planted to come through. During this time, or while the peanuts are coming through, the weeder must not be run over them, for if we break the young plant while in the "crotch" or while the nut is still on, we break our stand.

We must use great care in planting shelled peanuts, in that they must not be shelled long before planting. The sooner they are planted after shelling the better stands we can expect. Plant enough seed to ensure a good stand. It is easier to cultivate with a good stand than with a poor one. Make good use of the weeder and harrow and you will find little need of the hoe. Your chances are far better with peanuts than with any other crop, especially cotton. (Signed), E. J. Hancock, Peanut Specialist.

BIG WATERMELON CROP.

From 3,000 to 4,000 Cars Shipped Out of South Carolina Annually.

Many people living in South Carolina do not know the importance of watermelons as a commercial crop in this state, says E. L. Harkey, extension agent in marketing who has recently had many inquiries concerning such questions as the best commercial varieties, the shipping period, the number of melons required to make a car, etc. Figures from the office of the marketing agents show that 3,000 to 4,000 cars of watermelons are shipped out of the state annually, the majority of these being produced in Barnwell, Allendale, Hampton and Jasper counties. Indications are that the crop planted this year will be a large one.

The chief commercial varieties in South Carolina are the Excel and the Tom Watson. Shipments usually begin about July 1 and end about September 1. The 1920 shipping season was at its height from July 20 to July 30. On July 29, 1920, 300 cars were shipped.

When the South Carolina movement of watermelons is on, sharp competition is to be expected from Georgia. Some shipments are also moving at that time from Alabama and North Carolina, and a few from Florida, though the Florida movement becomes comparatively unimportant after July 15.

The majority of melon shipments from South Carolina go to Eastern markets, though many cars are sold in Southern territory throughout the shipping season, for almost every town of any size handles one or more cars of watermelons.

For the advance instruction of those planting watermelons commercially it might be said that watermelons are usually loaded in ventilated box cars 4 or 5 layers high depending on the size of the melons. When melons average 18 pounds, 1,300 to 1,450 are usually loaded in a car; when they average 25 pounds or more, 900 to 1,200 are usually loaded to a car. All cars should be clean and bedded with dry pine needles or straw. Shavings or sawdust can be used if absolutely dry but are not the most desirable bedding.

American Legion News.

A hungry rooster, who had missed his meals for five hours, made a fraction over \$1.15 for each grain of corn he could gobble in a three-hour feast for the women of the American Legion's Auxiliary in Cimarron, Kan. After being sold twice then auctioned off, the fowl netted \$328 for the Auxiliary. Placed in a show window for hours without his breakfast, the bird suddenly faced 1,000 grains of tempting Kansas corn. Guesses were sold at ten cents each as to how many grains he would eat. He tucked away 283 grains and retired for the night.

Dogs, cats, goats and bears were used as mascots by members of Wyandotte Post of the American Legion in Kansas City, Mo., when they were in the Army. To provide shelter for their pets, in peace time the post has gone on record as favoring the establishment of a municipal zoo, with the stipulation that their mascots be installed therein.

The name of Grover Cleveland will no longer be connected with that of Bergdoll, if the will of Richard L. Kitchens Post of the American Legion at Helena, Ark., prevails. The post has passed a resolution requesting the Government remove the first two names of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, notorious draft evader.

The first pilgrimage of gold star mothers overseas to visit the graves of their sons will begin about June 1, when 100 women of the American War Mother's organization will sail for France on the Steamship America. In France the mothers will be guests of the Women's Auxiliary of the Paris Post of the American Legion.

Sixty Sioux Indians, who served as intelligence scouts in the World War, will entertain delegates and visitors to the third annual convention of the American Legion at Kansas City next fall, with a tribal war dance.

Has Farm He Never Saw

John T. Roddey, well known Rock Hill citizen has a farm he never saw. It is located in Kershaw county.

When a friend asked him the other day if he ever went fishing, Mr. Roddey said: "No, I never fish because I haven't the patience to wait on 'em to bite. I've got a farm over in Kershaw county; however that I am told includes some of the best fishing waters in that section."

"I bought the place a part of the old Curston tract several years ago, paying \$2 an acre for it."

"Never having seen it I asked John G. Richards of Liberty Hill which place is nearby, what kind of a farm it was."

"Why man," he replied, "I can't say a great deal for the land but the best fishing in all that country is to be had in the waters bordering it. All you've got to do is to put your hook in and they'll bite."—York Enquirer

SHORT NEWS STORIES.

Items of Interest gathered from Many Places.

Women members of the village council of Henrietta, Mich., recently defeated in an election, refuse to give up their offices and the men who defeated them will have to resort to the courts.

The Pacific fleet ordered a million eggs when it called at Valparaiso. Chill the other day, and the supply merchants of the city were unable to fill more than half of the order.

Two cars of black powder, about 40,000 pounds, exploded at Fredericksburg, Va., last Sunday, seriously injuring two men. The explosion could be heard for a distance of from ten to fifteen miles.

Al G. Field, the premier of American minstrels died at his home at Columbus, Ohio, last Sunday in the 72nd year of his age.

The Western Electric company with headquarters at Chicago announces a wage cut of 5 per cent. affecting 25,000 persons.

Fighting has been going on between the Turks and French in Cilicia, Asia Minor, and it is believed that there is a break up of the agreement between the French and Turks, as concluded in London.

An effort to impeach the governor of Oklahoma has failed for lack of enough votes, the vote being 42 with eight absent.

It has been definitely announced from the White House that Editor George Harvey, of Harpers Weekly, is to be Minister to England.

The city of Newberry has awarded a \$175,000 street paving contract.

The people of Prosperity and community are protesting a twenty per cent increase in telephone rates.

Masked men late Friday night took Alex Johnson, negro bell boy in a local hotel, to a lonely spot six miles south of Dallas, Texas, flogged him until he bled and then branded with an acid the letters "K. K. K." on his forehead. Johnson was brought back to Dallas in the automobile and thrown from the machine in front of the hotel where he was employed. Police said the masked men accused the negro of association with certain white women.

American Indians who served during the World War are lining up with the American Legion according to applications for post charters received at National Headquarters. An application for a post at St. Charles, S. D., bears the names of four Sioux Indians who signed themselves: Benjamin Comes Out Bear, Charles Owl Walks In The House, Naresse Mac Kenzie and John Bluebird.

Lillian Helen Ballew, the fifteen-month-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bellow, of near Imanu, died in the Good Samaritan Hospital at Spartanburg Thursday afternoon, as the result of burrs received Tuesday afternoon when the child's dress caught afire from an open fireplace. The mother was in the yard at the time the child caught afire and was attracted by its screams.

LONG LOST SON FOUND

Kidnapped When a Boy, Now on a Visit to Charleston Homefolks.

Charleston, April 7.—Kidnapped when a child of seven years at Wrightsville Beach and not having seen a member of his family for nearly 27 years, Harry Teboe is in Charleston, the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. R. Turney, and is looking forward with keen anticipation to the coming of his mother from Montgomery, where she has been notified of her long lost son's arrival here. Mr. Teboe went under the name of Robert Hayes for the greater part of his life, but a few months ago learned his real identity through an advertisement inserted by his sister in a magazine. She always believed he was alive and did not let up in her efforts to get in touch with him. Meanwhile, young Teboe had grown to manhood, spent many years in the navy, and took part in the world war, winning distinction by gallantry. It was after his return to the Pennsylvania town where he was brought up that he saw the advertisement which led to correspondence with his sister and establishment of his identity. He was married about a year ago, and will bring his wife here from Philadelphia to make Charleston their home. Mr. Teboe has obtained employment as a mechanic with the Standard Oil company here. He came to Charleston as soon as he could arrange his affairs. Twice he was in this city previously, once as a sailor on the U. S. S. Topeka, and later while on his way to France. But he and his sister and mother, although in the same city on these occasions, had no inkling of their nearness to one another.

Mrs. Neel Goodman Rolander, was convicted of mayhem in Atlanta Wednesday on account of throwing acid into the face of Mrs. Gladys Presnel, a ticket seller in a local moving picture show. Mrs. Rolander claims that Mrs. Presnel alienated the affections of her husband.

Former Emperor Charles of Austro-Hungary, is back in Switzerland after his recent unsuccessful hunt for reinstatement as king of Hungary.

Plasterers and cement finishers of Jacksonville, Fla., have announced their willingness to consent to a reduction in their wages from \$1 to \$7 1/2 cents an hour.

POTATOES AND CURING HOUSES

Effort To Be Made to Get Farmers Interested in Increased Acreage.

The following is a copy of a letter being mailed to farmers and land owners in Kershaw County, relating to growing potatoes and establishing curing and storage houses:

Camden, S. C., April 15, 1921.
To the Farmers and Land Owners of Kershaw County:

At the farmers meeting held at the Court House on last Saturday, which was called by our Chamber of Commerce, the Chairman of the Kershaw County Division of the American Cotton Association and myself, some parts of the county were not represented and it was found impossible to get any correct estimate or idea of acreage to be planted to potatoes, consequently, no definite steps could be taken in the matter of providing Curing and Storage Houses.

If we are going to plant potatoes for market we must provide curing houses and storage houses, and we must also, at the proper time, find a market for what we have to sell.

Furthermore, if we are going to plant potatoes for market, we must decide at once how many we are going to plant and place order at once for slips.

The farmers present at the meeting Saturday seemed to be in earnest about this matter and expressed themselves as heartily in favor of every farmer in the county planting at least one to two acres per plow in a variety of potatoes, such as may be agreed upon by the farmers in their respective communities. Some communities may plant Porto Rico's, another may plant Nancy Hall, but as far as possible, each and every community should adopt and plant one particular variety.

It was thought that farmers producing around 2,000 bushels or more could well afford to build a curing house on his farm. It was also suggested that when possible, several farmers producing, say 5,000 bushels could jointly build a house for their requirements. It was further suggested that we should have Community Curing and Storage Houses at several railroad points, say, Cassatt, Boykin, Blaney, Lugoff, DeKalb, Kershaw and Bethune. The houses can be built at a very reasonable cost and without

very much money if our people would furnish such lumber and other materials as they can, and also furnish the labor when farm work is not pressing.

As your Demonstration Agent, having the experience and advice of Clemson College and the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture behind me, I feel that I can be of real benefit to the farmers in the matter of building curing and storage houses and marketing crop produced.

With the view of rendering the greatest help possible to every farmer, I am asking that you supply me at once with information necessary as indicated by questions asked.

The all important question just now is reaching a decision as to acreage you will plant and placing order immediately for slips so you will be sure of getting plants.

Very truly yours,
J. W. Sanders,
Farm Demonstration Agent for Kershaw County.

TWO MEN FOUND DEAD.

Taxi Car Drivers Killed in Wood Near Spartanburg.

Spartanburg, March 31.—The latest quest over the death of Guy H. McDowell, the taxi driver who was found dead in a clump of woods a few miles west of the town yesterday afternoon with two bullet holes through his head, was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock. It was brought out at the inquest that McDowell, Glenn Foster and T. E. Lanford went out of town together Tuesday afternoon about 3 o'clock going in the direction of where the body was found, and that was the last seen of McDowell alive.

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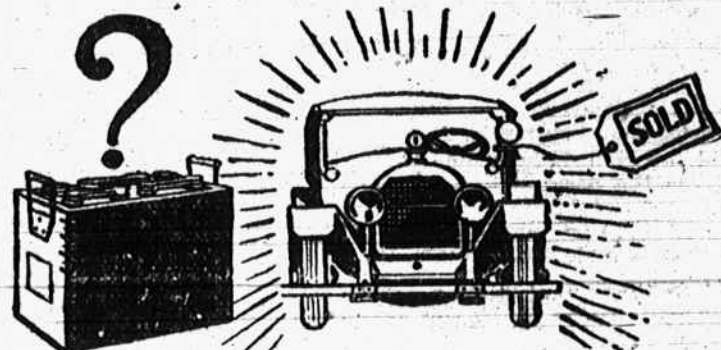
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