

Always the SAME

Always GOOD

THE TURNER COUNTY PLAN.

Its Adaptation to Conditions in Piedmont Counties.

(By G. G. Cushman, District Dairy Husbandman, Extension Service.)

Why all this publicity coming from Turner County down in Wire Grass Georgia? Is it purely human interest story of what one single county is doing for itself—something for some one to read about and give only passing comment, or is there some singular significance as it might be applied to South Carolina conditions? There are certainly many interesting comparisons and deductions to be made if looked at in the right light. In fact, there are already several movements on foot to send delegations of business men and farmers over to Turner county to see how much truth there is in it all. Seeing is believing.

To the casual reader of these articles it might appear that Turner has developed an intricate system of farming and markets operating on a large mechanical scale which will take experts and leaders of every description to establish. Such is not the case. If not, then what is a simple basis of the whole plan and how was it put across?

The first and most significant condition that the observer will be impressed with is "A Balanced System of Agriculture."

"The Cow, Hog, and Hen" is the slogan. Where one is found all are found. It has been the universal adoption of this system of agriculture that has made possible whatever else can be said of Turner. Of course the marketing system that has been worked out makes possible an outlet for the products of such a system, but after all the condition on the farm must be the basis of any program of prosperity for the farmer, who must work out a system that is well rounded and capable in itself of creating a profitable return when rightly handled. Turner has done that.

HOW WAS IT PUT ACROSS?
The answer is: "Not until this program was believed in, indorsed, talked about, published everywhere, discussed, argued, torn to pieces, put back together, and finally accepted as the best and then became the one thought of a cooperative spirit taken part in by all professions in the county—not until then was it put across." "Everyone" doesn't leave out the women's organizations of country and towns, bankers' organizations, merchants' organizations, farmers' organizations, etc. Following is an extract from the Turner County program in printed form:

ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES
Turner County Board of Trade (all boards of trade of county affiliating); Turner County Farm Bureau; Turner County Local of Georgia Association; Turner County Local of Georgia Swine Growers Association; Turner County Cooperative Egg Hatchery; Turner County Boys' Pig Club; Turner County Boys' Calf Club; Turner County Poultry Association; Turner County Dairy Association; Turner County Guernsey Breeders' Association; County Agent; Home Demonstration Agent; Vocational Agricultural Instructor; Turner County Merchants Association; Association of Banks of Turner County; Ashburn Creamery and Cold Storage Company; Wire Grass Farmer and Stockman (county paper); Ashburn Woman's Club.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.
Resolved that it is the sense of this organization that of paramount importance to Turner County of which we are a part, is the successful realization of the objectives agriculturally of Turner County for the year 1923, and that we hereby pledge the best efforts of our membership to the successful promotion of the same, believing that the ends sought, duly accomplished will make Turner County a county of home owners, prosperous and content.

Not content with merely meeting and adopting a program, which means little, a regular schedule of meetings is made out and rigidly followed covering the whole year. At this time account is taken of what progress is being made and just how much this or that organization is putting into the successful operation of the program.

THE PROGRAM FOR 1923.
Below is printed the basic program for 1923 of this little county of 231 square miles.

Increase in cream production to 100,000 pounds per month.
Increase in hog production to 15 cars per month.

Increase in poultry production to 2 cars per month.

Increase in purebred calf club membership to 250.

Increase in girls' canning and garden clubs to 150 members.

Increase in girls' poultry club to 200 members.

Increase in farm bureau membership to 800 members.

Permanent pastures on every farm.

25 per cent. increase in acreage production.

Good schools throughout the county.

200 new farm families placed in the county in 1923.

The organization goes farther than that and forms the individual farm program, showing something concrete to accomplish in an agricultural way.

ONE-HORSE FARM UNIT.

Three to six good producing cows. (purebred recommended.)

Two or three good sows (purebred recommended.)

Twenty to forty brood hens (pure bred recommended.)

10 acres in corn, velvet beans and North Carolina peanuts.

4 acres in wheat, followed with Spanish peanuts.

5 acres in Spanish peanuts, or watermelons, or divided with tobacco.

3 acres in sweet potatoes and cane.

5 acres in cotton, followed early with grain.

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12 acres in permanent pastures, carpet grass, Dallis grass, and lespedeza.

Geo. T. Betts, Ashburn banker, the outstanding leader in this Turner movement, gives a pretty definite example of the banker's part in a little incident that happened. A man came into his bank to borrow \$500 with which to buy furniture, stating that he could effect a saving by paying cash. He was asked if he would need any more money to run on during the cropping season. His answer was, "No. You fellows loaned me money enough to buy a few good cows and some sows last year, and I am now getting enough cash income to run my farm so that I won't need any additional advances this summer." The bankers and business men have believed in this diversified system and have made it their business to talk it over and advise with the farmer on these things—a powerful influence toward the change that has come about.

WILL WORK IN PIEDMONT CAROLINA.

All the Piedmont section of South Carolina needs is to appreciate what that sort of farming system will do, and talk it, discuss it, keep it before the farmers through the county papers and daily conversation and it will gradually get in motion, as it is already doing. It only needs more impetus through these means.

The markets will come. Creameries have already been established within easy shipping distance of every farmer. We are already seeing what can be done in the way of shipping poultry cooperatively. All that is needed for cooperative shipment of hogs is production in sufficient quantities beyond the needs of local demands. The Piedmont is blessed with a large local demand for all this produce. Ashburn and Turner County didn't have this local demand. There is no infringement on local merchants through cooperation there. Merchants do not handle cream. They do not make a business of buying carload lots of peanuts, sweet potatoes, etc. The cooperative spirit there is simply to create a market channel that is not adequately taken care of by local markets. Production is the problem.

Fires and Loss of Life.

That was a sickening tragedy in Kershaw county the other night, when a country school house caught fire and burned while a school entertainment was in progress resulting in the loss of 77 lives, but it is a wonder that we have not had something of this kind before. It might have happened in almost any community in the state.

A crowd is easily panic stricken, especially if it is composed largely of women and children. All wooden houses are inflammable, and in the country districts there is rarely any sort of fire protection. A two-story wooden building with an auditorium on the second floor and with but one stairway, is nothing but a fire trap. And yet there are school houses of this type in nearly every county in the state. There are not so many now, of course, as a few years ago, for many new and modern school buildings have been erected during recent years, but there should not be a single one left.

Not only are two-story frame buildings dangerous fire traps, but many brick buildings are but little better, especially if the second floors are used as assembly rooms or as sleeping rooms and where there are not sufficient exits or fire escapes. There are many rooms in cities that are used as lodge rooms and the like that should be condemned for such purposes. There is need for a general cleaning up and a tightening up of the laws relating to fire prevention.

—Carolina Citizen.

Bearer of Death Message Killed.

Cap Sowers, negro, met death on the Smith-McGhee road below Staar, in Anderson county, Tuesday morning while en route to the home of Mrs. W. B. Watt to tell her of the sudden death of her father, Gilmer Todd, who had died a few minutes earlier. The car in which the negro was riding skidded in the road and turned completely over, crushing the negro to death beneath it. His body was removed by passerby a few minutes afterward but it is thought that he was instantly killed.

Governor Smith of New York is receiving mail by the ton relative to the pros and cons of the signing or vetoing of the Culliver bill repealing the state's prohibition enforcement laws. The governor is very much worried over the situation and remains silent as to what he expects to do. A public hearing on the bill will be held at Albany on Thursday.

The yacht Noma put into the harbor at Charleston this week after an expedition to the Galapagos Islands. 730 miles off the coast of Ecuador. The vessel was loaded with all kinds of reptiles and birds taken from the island. The animals and birds on the island were so unused to human beings that it was easy to capture them by hand.

Has Large Out-of-Town Patrons

The Majestic Theatre is a trade drawer for Camden. Hundreds of people come here to patronize this up-to-date picture show and spend much money here in the meantime. Many come early in the afternoon, shop and go to the Majestic Theatre. Citizens of Camden should and no doubt do appreciate what a first class picture show with the reputation of the Majestic is to a city or a town.

Many people do not stop to think that hundreds of men and women living outside of Camden in several counties, who have a choice of trading in several towns of about equal distance from their homes and with about equal shopping accommodations stocks of goods, prices, courteous treatment, etc., will take in the city or town that has a modern picture show, a superior picture show, with nothing but first-class, clean, educational and amusing pictures. The Majestic Theatre is justly known for the regularity of its daily program. That is to say, this theatre keeps up a standard of excellent pictures and maintains a steady program of excellence. The comfortable, cleanly, sanitary and roomy conditions of this theatre appeal to the particular likes of a particular public. Why not "tell the world" what we think of a first class public-spirited and hustling local enterprise—let the owners and the management know—and while we are at it, last but not least, there are few cities and towns under fifteen thousand, and plenty from ten to fifteen thousand population where an automatic, nerve-wrecking piano player takes the place of a modern orchestra, or where all the music supplied is by more or less playing of an individual who bangs a piano. The Majestic gives its patrons a fine orchestral program every evening. This is what a newcomer thinks about the Majestic and he has seen quite a few motion picture theatres in his day.

President McClothlin of Furman university has declined a \$2,000 increase in salary voted him by the trustees last week. He declined it on the ground that the university needs money for the endowment fund.

Rev. John McSween of Timmons-ville has sent a check of \$5,000 to Thornwell orphanage, Clinton, in memory of his father, John McSween.

Edwin W. Robertson of Columbia made a gift of \$20,000 to the Salvation Army in that city.

Wants--For Sale

FOR SALE—One Dodge delivery truck in good condition. Apply to E. H. Dibble, Camden, S. C. 9sb

WANTED—All persons having books borrowed of the late Mrs. T. B. Bruce to please return them to Miss Miriam Bruce, 1013 Lytleton Street, Camden, S. C. 8-10pd

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WANTED—Jewelry, watches and clocks of all kinds to repair. All work guaranteed. F. D. Goodale, Jeweler, East DeKalb Street, opposite postoffice. 7tf

LOST—Small white bitch, right ear brindle, spot on tail, has collar and ring but no tag. Suitable reward will be given for her return to H. F. Smith, rfd 4, Camden, S. C. 8-9pd

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CASH—for your automobile. V. M. STEIN, 29 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C. 4-15pd

FOR SALE—40 acres good land six miles from Camden. Fine stream, some timber. \$1,000.00; easy terms. R. M. Kennedy, Jr., or R. E. Stevenson, Camden, S. C. 49 tf

Mrs. May O'Connor, aged 94, and three of her daughters, were burned to death in their home at Mountain Lake Park, Md., Friday. The fire was started in the yard to burn trash and leaves, the wind blowing the burning leaves under the cottage and the house was destroyed along with the women.

A Chinese baby has been born in St. Andrews Parish a few days ago which is the first ever born in Charleston county and among the few in the state. The father is a farmer and is named Clu Chy. He has lived in this country 20 years. The mother is named Tseng Shee and the baby will be called Chu Kee Sang.

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