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AGRICULTURAL NEWS

Compiled by County Demonstrator verett F. White.

Last week, I promised to give a discussion on some of the points connected with our agriculture which my association with the needs of the county suggested to me should be remedied. In whatever I shall say, let it be borne in mind that it is constructive criticism, meant only for whatever benefit it might have in suggesting corrective measures.

In our article last week, we named as the weak points in the agricutural system in Queen Annes county several important points, among them were (1) The need for greater fertility of the soil, (2) the need for more accurate book keeping, (3) better seed selection and (4) more cooperation.

More Soil Fertility.

Most men now living in this county can recall easily when wheat and corn yields were much higher than they are today. Scores of us recall from our own memory when the yield of wheat in this county was double what it is now. This is an unfortunate state of affairs and only unprecedented high prices of grain have enabled us to make a profit at the business when our yields were gradually becoming smaller as the years roll by.

No farmer is a good farmer unless his land grows richer and more productive from year to year. It is a mistake to believe that just because one has mined the soil and extracted from it money, but leaving it poorer when he finished than when he began, that he is a good farmer. He has simply succeeded in spite of himself and not because of himself. No farmer is a good farmer unless every year that he is on the farm that farm shows improvement in productive powers.

Many Poor Farmers.

If we accept the statement that formerly our soils would grow more wheat than they now do, we must also accept the proposition that we therefore have a great many poor farmers, for any man who has brawn (without even one whit of brains) could mine a soil. The good farmer has a good soil or, at any rate, he is all the time making it richer and better.

There are several ways of increasing the fertility of the soil. The two most approved ways are turning down legumes grown on the soil, and feeding all the roughage and grain possible from the farm to the stock on the farm and returning the manure to the land. Grain sold directly off the farm carries with it 100 per cent of the fertilizing value, but grain sold to the dairy or beef animals in the form of food, and the manure returned to the land, sells only 20 per cent of the fertility from the farm in the form of milk and beef.

That is to say, where manure is properly protected and is returned to the land, in it we return 80 per cent of the fertility which was originally drawn from the soil to produce the grain which was fed these animals. As the animals will pay the highest price for the grain and then throw in the manure, this seems the most sensible and economic means of handling it.

But there is one serious thing in the way of such a program in this county—it is tenancy. Now the only way to overcome this obstacle, as I see it, is for the profits from the stock to be divided between tenant and landowner, not in equal parts, but it seems to me that three-fifths for the tenant and two-fifths for the landowner is a just division, each to pay for half of the stock in the beginning.

Longer Leases Needed.

What would assist in the improvement of the soil is a system or practice of longer leases. Under a one year lease system, one cannot hope that a tenant who will not occupy a soil for more than one year will take any interest in the improvement of the soil. Now soil improvement cannot be effected in a day or a month or a year. It takes years and the only way that a landlord will be able to interest a tenant in greater soil fertility is to arrange it so that the tenant can expect to get some real benefit himself from the soils which he enriches.

Next to the need for greater soil fertility, which is fundamental, we must name the need for more accurate bookkeeping on the farms. Ninety-five per cent of the best farmers in this county also keep the best set of farm books. The two go together—knowledge of one's business and success. They are comates.

The "Know Hows" have it every time on the "Slipshods." Success in farming, as in any other business, comes from knowledge, knowledge and accurate knowledge of one's business. The only way to have knowledge of one's business is to keep books. That is what we keep books for, those of us who keep books.

Need Simple System.

I do not advocate a complicated double entry system of book keeping for the average farmer. He has no need for a complicated system. But he has need, and a great need, for some simple and efficient form of book-keeping which will give him accurate knowledge of his business. I have advocated the keeping of three accounts, viz: the Inventory, the Cash Account (subdivided into receipts and expenditures) and a Farm Work account in which is kept a record of the labors of man and beast and accredited to its correct enterprise.

I have tried to arrange the needs in the order of their descending importance, with fertility as of prime importance, correct records of business as of second importance and good seed as of third. If everything were ideal for crop production, and the seed were wrong, the crop would be wrong just in that proportion. None of us would think of sowing tobacco seed in the tomato beds, transplant them to the tomato field, cultivate and fertilize them as if they were tomatoes, and expect in the end that they would yield a crop of tomatoes.

We know that they would yield tobacco, if they yielded anything at all. While we will not do this, we do something which is nearly as bad. We plant seed from poorly producing specimens, perhaps on a good seed bed and give it the best attention and then, at the end of the season, we expect a bumper crop because we have fertilized and cultivated properly.

Overlook Seed Vitality.

But we overlook the fact that the vitality of the seed is one of the limiting factors in crop production. We would not plant tobacco and expect to get tomato, but we do plant poor seed and expect that they will produce something unlike their parent. Here, though, like begets like just as in other forms of life and one will have just as good plants as are the seeds from which they spring. As ye sow so shall ye reap.

The selection and pulping of one's own tomato seed, field selection and germination selection with reference to vigor and vitality of seed corn, and properly fanning the light and chaffy grain from the heavy plump seed grains of wheat—these are some of the vital needs of farming improvement in this county. More increase in the output of this county can be obtained from time and attention to the proper selection and after-care of seeds of all kinds that can be attained from the same amount of labor expended in any other way on the farm.

More Cooperation.

This is a day of organization. On every hand the farmer finds himself dealing with others in a body cooperate. This is a day of big things. The individual is more or less blended into the general body. The individual, of and by himself, can have but little power, even though he be an extraordinary individual. Union and cooperation are everywhere dominant and necessary.

The need for them among our farmers is imperative. We are lately showing combination and cooperative ability in our Tomato Growers' Association and they are bearing fruit.

We need and must have more unified action. We must appreciate that what is an individual need is most often also a community need, and that union will give strength.

Chance For Experimental Field.

A recent session of the Maryland Legislature appropriated a limited fund for the establishment of experimental fields in different parts of the state, covering the different soil types of the state. The bill appropriating this fund also provided that none of this fund should be utilized in purchasing or leasing lands. So that a field to be used by the Maryland Experiment Station for soil experiments will have to be furnished by the county or by some other interested organization.

According to Dr. A. G. McCall, who recently has come to the Maryland Station from Ohio, the station will require about 15 acres of land for this work. The station will have to be assured of the land for a period of five years, with the privilege of releasing it at the end of that period if it is deemed advisable. The reasons for this are that experiments that really count for much to the agriculture of the county must be carried on over a series of years.

This certainly is an unusual opportunity for the county to locate such an experimental field in Queen Annes. In addition to the 15 acres, there will have to be storage room for tools, fertilizers, seeds and other things used in the experiments.

As there is not now enough money to establish such stations in all the counties, it is imperative, if this county wishes to have such a field, that the Commissioners or some public spirited organization arrange to obtain such a field and storage room and notify Dr. McCall to this effect.

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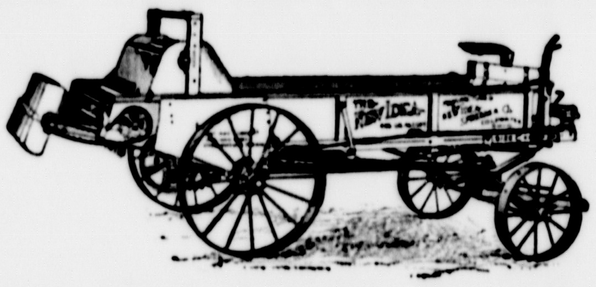

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