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(14-17)

H. C. DEPUY.

## MICKIE SAYS

YOU GOTTA FRIEND SOMEWHERE WHO STILL CALLS THIS TOWN "HOME," AINCHA? THEN WHY DONCHA SEND HIM TH' HOME TOWN PAPER FOR A YEAR? 'N JA DON'T HAFTA WAIT TILL CHRISTMAS T' BE THAT KIND OF A SANTA CLAUSE, NEITHER!



## 1920 Taxes Due

I HAVE JUST received authority from the Supervisor of Public Accounts to begin the collection of 1920 taxes. I wish to urge upon the taxpayers not to wait until the last week in December to pay taxes. Come early and avoid the rush.

J. F. ADAIR, Sheriff and ex-officio Tax Collector.

## Residence For Sale

An offering for sale my seven-room residence and 5-acre lot, located in Old Benton and known as the Lowry place. Write or apply in person. Address—Benton, La., Route 2.

[50-2-p] R. M. RALLEY.

## Hay For Sale

Johnson Grass, Alfalfa or Mixed Hay for sale in any quantity. All 1920 cutting. Prices, \$15 to \$35 per ton. Address—Benton, La., Route 2.

[48-11] T. A. TIDWELL.

## Honey

Extracted Honey for sale. Five gallon cans, \$2 per gallon; guaranteed pure. Crop is short; get it while you can.

[36-11] J. FERRY, Plain Dealing, La.

## Cotton Men Say Big Reduction in Acreage Must Follow for 1921

Clipped from Modern Farming.

A most important conference of the cotton interests of the South was held in Memphis on the 7th and 8th. The continued depression in the price of cotton, and the apparent failure of the holding movement to stop the decline, notwithstanding the fact that more cotton has been held off the market this year than ever before in the history of the industry, has created a situation that is unprecedented, and threatens most dire results.

The only remedy in sight is the reduction of acreage next year. Farmers, merchants and bankers have come to the conclusion that this is the only remedy. This policy has been urged by the American Cotton Association ever since the June conference in Montgomery, but since the collapse of the market it has loomed up before the farmers as the last recourse. Late in September a series of parish meetings were held in Louisiana and in other cotton states as well, which adopted resolutions pledging a one-third reduction in acreage. In October Mr. W. B. Thompson issued a letter in which he urged a 50 per cent reduction. At a meeting of the Louisiana Bankers' Association in New Orleans early in November a resolution was adopted favoring a 50 per cent reduction, and requesting all bankers and merchants to arrange their credits for next year on that basis. Other Southern bankers' associations have taken similar action.

Some merchants and banks in Louisiana have gone so far as to refuse credit for planting any cotton. They feel that if the crop could be cut out entirely for one year, it would bring about a realization of the necessity of dealing fairly with the producer, and result in a stabilization of prices, which would be welcomed by both producer and spinner.

The cotton interests in Memphis united in a call for a conference to crystallize this acreage reduction movement, and they have been joined by President Wannamaker, of the American Cotton Association, who called the national board of directors to meet at the same time in Memphis. Invitations were sent to all Southern governors and leaders in the cotton industry all over the South to attend.

## Roberts and Lee Qualify.

Saturday of last week Judge J. N. Sandlin, of Minden, recently nominated and elected as Congressman from the Fourth Congressional District, held a final session of the Webster District Court, to pass upon some pending matters, and then, in a brief and appropriate address to the members of the bar and others present, retired from the bench. Members of the bar also addressed the court, voicing their appreciation of courteous and equitable treatment during Judge Sandlin's tenure of office.

Judge Sandlin's successor is Judge Robert Roberts, Jr., who was present and who on the occasion was inducted into office. Judge Roberts is not without experience on the bench, having served for about one and a half years as a Court of Appeal judge. He is forty-eight years of age, a native of Union Parish, where he was born on a farm, and was admitted to the bar about twenty years ago.

Mr. Harmon C. Drew, also of Minden, became District Attorney December 8, 1916, so his term of office ended by limitation Tuesday of last week. The following day Mr. R. H. Lee, formerly of Benton, but now of Minden, having been duly elected, succeeded to the office, qualifying before Clerk of Court McInnis. Mr. Lee, as is known to many of the Banner's readers, is a native of DeSoto Parish and a nephew of the late Judge J. B. Lee, of Mansfield. He is thirty years of age, and was admitted to the bar during 1915. During the late war he was a volunteer and while under training qualified as a captain. He is a graduate of Louisiana State University. His popular young wife is remembered in Benton and elsewhere in the parish as Miss Marion Arnold.

## Will Reduce His Cotton Acreage.

Mr. Arthur McDade, farming near Curtis, was among the several callers at this office yesterday. Mr. McDade has long been known to many residents of the parish as a successful farmer, and he is, so we are always pleased to make mention of his efforts in this direction.

During the season just closed there was made and picked on his plantation 80 bales of cotton, only 30 bales of which have as yet been marketed. All his cotton and that of his neighbors and about all to the north of him up to Bossier City has been picked, said Mr. McDade, but to the south there remains much cotton still in the fields. He added that it would quite likely never be picked, as the price offered for the baled product would not justify it.

About 40 acres of the plantation was planted to corn this season and the average yield of the crop was 30 bushels to the acre. His own corn crop is full to the rafters and his tenants also have in their crops much corn.

One hope in this conference is that it will make the outside world realize that the South is actually in earnest in its intention to reduce the cotton acreage. Heretofore when such movements have been started and it was indicated that those who pledged themselves to a reduction would live up to it, the actual result has usually been an increased acreage and consequently an over production, and low prices. This time a factor has entered into the reckoning never before active in it. The banks are planning their 1921 credits on a basis of a 50 per cent reduction in acreage, and helping the farmers to raise other crops. If they live up to this policy there will be no question as to the reduction.

But, to reap the advantage of that reduction for the cotton that is still in original hands it will be necessary for this fact to become known and to be realized as a fact by the outside world.

Early in August Mr. Thompson issued a letter, which was widely circulated in the South, in which he urged farmers to not pick the lower grades of cotton, and to turn the cattle in the fields after the first spell of bad weather. If this suggestion was adopted generally it meant a reduction of fully two million bales in the statistical crop, which was bound to have a favorable influence on the market for the better grades. This suggestion at first met with some very bitter criticism, and there was no indication that it would be generally adopted. But as time rolled on, and the price of cotton continued to go down, farmers began to realize that it would not pay them to pick the low grades. Some farmers who did wish to pick the second crop found that their tenants refused to pick it, except on payment of \$2 or \$2.50 a hundred. So they have left it in the field, and turned the cattle in. Many farmers have found it would not even pay them to pick good cotton.

So the suggestion has been adopted and carried out throughout the South, but the farmers have failed to reap any advantage from it, because they did not proclaim the fact from the house-tops, and convince the speculators and spinners that they would do something sensible for once.

Now it is hoped they will profit by this lesson, and make the average reduction so small, that the world will have to take heed of it, and when it does the price of cotton now being held will go up to figures that will justify every sacrifice made in holding it.

Not only were good corn and cotton crops made, but there is on the place an abundance of peas, potatoes, turnips, etc., and everybody is still living. Marcus Drew made 67 gallons of good syrup from a patch about the size of the Banner office, and Mr. McDade's yield of the "long sweetening" from a three-quarter acre patch was 372 gallons.

For the coming season Mr. McDade plans to reduce his cotton acreage by half. In fact, cotton will be something of a surplus crop and much attention will be given to the cultivation of corn, truck and food crops generally. He will give each of his tenants a small acreage to be planted to truck crops for their own table use and to sell. He thinks the plan will work out well and that his hands—having a surplus on which to live at present—will have no desire to leave the place.

## Lucien Wallace Dead.

Lucien E. Wallace, of New Orleans, remembered as a resident of Bossier Parish, died suddenly in El Paso, Texas, at an early hour Friday night of last week; aged about fifty-five years. Mr. Wallace's late employment was as a sleeping car conductor on the Southern Pacific Railroad, his run being from New Orleans to El Paso, which explains his presence in the Texas city.

Decedent was born in Bossier Parish and was a son of David and Lula (Scarborough) Wallace, and grew to manhood before leaving the parish (about 1861 or 1862) and is remembered as a successful teacher at Midway, Benton and Haughton. Later he conducted a mercantile business at Mira, Caddo Parish. It was about 1890 that he was united in marriage to Miss Ruby Byram, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Byram, who for years resided near Midway. To this union was born nine children. Of the eight children still living five are girls and three (all younger) boys.

Aside from the widow and eight children above mentioned, Mr. Wallace is survived by his mother, one sister—Mrs. W. E. Gibson, of Sherman, Texas—and four brothers—Mr. Walter Wallace, of Texarkana, Ark.; Mr. J. W. Wallace, of near Vancenville; Mr. David Wallace, of Fort Worth, Texas, and Mr. Robert E. Wallace, of Benton.

The interment took place yesterday in the cemetery at Mira, the Masonic lodge at that place officiating at the grave.

The condolence of the writer and many other old friends of the parish is extended to the grieving ones.

## Smart Alegs.

*Slick City Feller*—See that hill over there? Well, it's all bluff.  
*Just as Slick Farmer*—See that cow over there? Well, it's all bull.—*Mercury Legend Weekly.*

## Some December Prices

35 and 40 cent Ginghams now	25c
50 cent Ginghams now	35c
\$1 Ginghams now	70c
35 and 40 cent Cheviots now	25c
40 cent Outings, light and dark	25c
40 cent Percales, light and dark	25c
35 and 40 cent Domestic now	25c
35 and 40 cent Cambrics now	25c

All other Dry Goods priced in line with these reductions.—Shoes, 20 per cent off—all grades and styles.—These prices **cash**; no charges to any one.

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## Something About Pecans.

In a late issue of *Modern Farming* (published in New Orleans) B. Szyniak, connected with the Agricultural Extension Division of the Louisiana State University, writes as shown below to the queries as here given:

What are the best varieties of pecans for this section? What size trees should be purchased? How far apart should trees be planted? What is the best time to plant? How much should trees be pruned when planted?—E. F. J.

*Answer*—The best varieties for planting in this section of the country (that is Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama where pecan trees are grown) are the Schley, Stuart and Success varieties. They are not the largest pecans grown but are very fine in flavor, good bearers, free from insects and diseases and command the best prices on the market.

The size of trees for planting should be from four to five feet tall, with a good root system. Do not buy from unreliable tree agents. The future of the orchard depends on the reliability of the nurserymen who send trees that are true to name. There are a number of nurserymen who are thoroughly reliable.

The trees should be planted at least 60 feet apart on soil of medium fertility and 70 to 80 feet apart on second bottom soils of good fertility, while on alluvial lands the trees should be planted from 80 to 90 feet apart.

In setting out the trees it is necessary to prune the roots and cut the tops of the trees back at least twelve inches, digging a hole two or three feet wide and about three feet deep. Place fertile top soil in the bottom of the hole and pack the soil firmly around the roots with a tamper. The soil must be in contact with the roots as it has been before the tree was dug up. On sandy soil it is best to plant the tree a little deeper than it stood in the nursery, but on heavier types of land the trees should be planted as in the nursery. Loose soil should be mounded up around the base of the tree above the place where the bud or graft has been inserted when the tree was being developed in the nursery. The mounding of the soil around the tree protects the tree from drying out. If any fertilizer is to be used this should be applied on the surface of the ground at least one foot away from the tree. Do not plant the trees in wet soil, especially if there is water standing in the holes dug for the tree. The best time to plant the trees is during the latter part of November and during December, especially if the weather is favorable.

## Pink Boll Worm's History.

A publication of especial interest to this time to Louisiana cotton growers is a circular issued this week by the State University Extension Division, entitled "The Pink Boll Worm and Its Control." The circular is the joint work of W. E. Anderson, state entomologist, and Thomas H. Jones, entomologist of the state agricultural experiment stations.

The circular gives an account of the introduction of the pink boll worm into this country, tells of its life history and different stages of growth, and describes control measures. Free copies of the circular may be had by addressing *Extension Division, University Station, Baton Rouge.*

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Address—305 Levy Building, Shreveport. [50-4-p] W. E. HALL.

## Estrayed

From my home, at Ivan, on December 10th, a dark brown MARE, about five years old, about 14½ or 15 hands high, weight about 800 pounds; Texas bred; unshod; no brands remembered; white spot in forehead, and white specks on hips; hog-backed; had on rope halter when last seen. Also, a dark sorrel mare MULE, about nine years old, about same height as mare, old collar scar on shoulder; no brands remembered. Reward will be paid for information leading to their recovery. Address, Ivan, La. CHARLIE HARRIS.

## Estrayed

From my place, in Bossier City, a dark bay MARE, about seven to nine years old, foretop cut back, shod all around, Indian brand on right shoulder. Also, a sorrel COIT, 1½ years old, build face, two white feet from knees down. A liberal reward will be paid for information leading to the recovery of these animals. Address—Bossier City, La. [51-2-p] J. C. MILLER.

## Duroc-Jersey Hogs

I have for sale at present four straight bred Duroc Jersey hogs—all subject to registration—three gilts, about twelve months old; one male, about four months old. Will make close price if all are taken at once. Address—Benton, Route 3—(at Linton). [49-3-p] C. W. JONES.

## Estrayed

A mouse-colored mare MULE, about eight years old, 14½ hands high, has two white stripes across back that look like rope burns; holds head high, and is a nice trim mule. A reward will be paid for her recovery. Address—Taylortown, La. [49-11] A. F. McFARLAND.