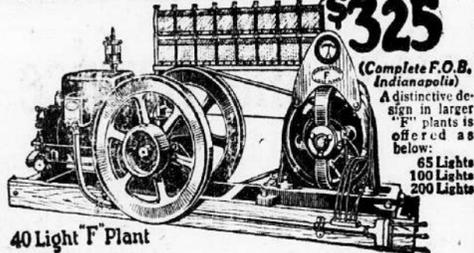


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"One of the biggest things done for the farmers of our section in years," was the comment of a leading citizen of Colfax in discussing the erection of this storage house. The local company is planning to increase the capacity of this house from 16,000 to 50,000 this season.

This house was erected under the supervision of the Horticultural Department, Extension Division, Louisiana State University. The Department furnishes plans free of charge for the erection of Sweet Potato Storage Houses.

Records recently compiled by the horticultural department, Extension Division, Louisiana State University, show that Louisiana has 108 sweet potato storage houses with a total capacity of 629,400 bushels. Fifty of these with a capacity of 265,000 bushels were erected the past season (1919).

The average Louisiana farmer little realizes what vast strides the sweet potato industry has made within the last five years or the importance this crop plays in agriculture of the state. From an acreage of 603,000 and a production of 60,000,000 bushels in 1914 this crop has grown steadily year by year to an acreage of over one million and a production of 103,579,000 bushels in 1919, valued at \$138,085,000.

That Louisiana has kept pace with the other states in the development of this industry is shown by the fact that within the last five years her acreage in sweet potatoes has increased from 28,000 to 70,000, her production from 1,428,000 bushels to 6,300,000, per acre yield from 51 bushels to 90 bushels, per acre value from \$48.75 to \$103.50, total value from \$1,365,000 to \$7,245,000.

This increase has been a healthy one and not accompanied by the glutted markets and low prices that usually follow such increased yields, as is evidenced by the price of this crop having advanced from 75 cents a bushel to \$1.43 in the same period.

When our farmers, especially those in the hill and cut-over pine land sections of our state, compare these figures with the 94-pound acreage yield and per acre value of \$32.20 for cotton, and the 17½ bushel yield and per acre value of \$26.25 for corn (1919 crop) they should have no trouble in convincing themselves of the value of increasing their acreage of sweet potatoes.

Bloody clashes in several German cities came as the aftermath of the Knapp revolution.

Saxony urged the other German states to refuse allegiance to the "mad reactionaries" who have seized power in Berlin.

Both the former kaiser and Frederick William were greatly excited by news of the German revolt.

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## WHAT THE PARISH AGENTS ARE DOING

WEEKLY REPORTS INDICATE CONSTRUCTIVE WORK BEING DONE.

### WORK IS PROGRESSING

Cooperative Purchases Through the Agents Efforts is Saving of Many Dollars to the Farmers.

A. A. Mendoza, St. Landry.—Farmers are highly pleased with the results of their experiences in potato curing and planning to increase the acreage of this crop this season. One man netted \$825 on three acres planted to sweet potatoes.

B. M. Jackson, Ouachita.—Four hundred and eighteen pecan trees were received on a cooperative order recently. A demonstration in putting out trees was held in Monroe. Two cooperative cars of hay were sold.

E. P. Barrios, Lafourche.—More and more tractors are to be found in every section of the parish. Many of the large sugar planters are making daily use of tractors, and smaller farmers are purchasing these machines after seeing their advantages.

V. A. Guldroz, Lafayette.—Cattle purchased recently in Wisconsin have been delivered to their new owners. The First National Bank furnished funds for purchasing some of these cattle, which were sold at cost to farmers in the parish.

J. B. Anthony, Caddo.—The sweet potato storage-house at Shreveport, with a capacity of 25,000 bushels, has not been able to take care of half the demand for curing space. The potatoes put in the house cured out nicely.

C. W. Davis, Morehouse.—A carload of corn purchased cooperatively by people in Bastrop was distributed recently through the agent. This car of 530 bushels was purchased by 30 different people at a saving of \$238.50.

E. M. Sledge, West Carroll.—Delivered a car of meal and hulls at Forest. This carload was so much cheaper than was expected by the farmers that another car was immediately subscribed for. I recently ordered two purebred bulls for grading up local herds.

C. C. Chapman, Beauregard.—The community organization at Longacre has decided to order all fertilizers cooperatively and has appointed a committee to investigate prices, etc. This community recently fed out a car of hogs for cooperative shipping, but found it to advantage to accept local prices.

F. M. Bacque, Lafayette.—Farmers with a surplus crop of sweet potatoes on their hands now see the necessity of having a large sweet-potato curing plant in the parish to take care of this year's crop.

H. V. Harris, Caldwell.—The police jury has voted an appropriation to supply the agent with tools needed in demonstration work, such as a complete spray pump, a terracing level and a number of tools needed in veterinary work.

L. W. Wilkinson, Jefferson.—Most sections of this parish now being tick-free, indications are that dairy farming in the parish has a bright future. Every herd visited recently showed an introduction of better milk producers, usually a Holstein grade with a few Jerseys and Guernseys.

A. B. Curet, Pointe Coupee.—Plans were made recently to organize the farmers into an agricultural league in order that farm demonstration work might be facilitated. We expect to organize communities or wards as units and finally effect a parish organization.

C. P. Seab, Concordia.—Having got rid of the cattle tick, we are now working on the eradication of the scrub sire. A number of purebred bulls have already been purchased.

J. A. Anders, Bienville.—Many of the farmers who were given instructions in pruning last year now have the work well in hand. However, the agent is receiving more calls for help in orchard work than he can possibly respond to.

H. F. Cassell, Tangipahoa.—The sweet potato crop harvested last fall was the best both in quality and yield in a number of years. The storage-house at Amite was filled with 16,000 bushels and another on the farm of J. G. Prichard now has 3,000 bushels going through the curing process.

J. O. Montegut, Ascension.—An outbreak of blackleg in the Hope Villa community was checked by inoculation. Farmers attending this demonstration showed ready aptitude in learning the technique of inoculation.

A. B. Curet, Pointe Coupee.—A campaign was put on during the fall to destroy the Argentine ant. Poison was prepared by the agent and sold to the householders at cost. The idea took well with the people and the remedy was very effective.

W. M. Wiggins, Winn.—The sweet potato crop was good and the two potato curing plants in the parish were rapidly filled. The agent photographed a field which he estimated would yield four hundred bushels to the acre.

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