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AYER ESTIMATES \$500 PER ACRE IN TOMATOES

Local Truck Farmer Says He Will Plant Ten Acres If Necessary to Raise Quota

J. W. Dyer, a prominent truck farmer, living some two miles out of the Hayesville road southeast of Murphy, is of the opinion that \$500 per acre is a conservative estimate of the returns of an acre of ground planted to tomatoes. Mr. Dyer says that, taking into consideration the proper soil and proper cultivation that perhaps more than \$500 could be realized net from an acre of tomatoes.

Mr. Dyer approaches his estimation in this manner: An acre of ground will accommodate 4,900 hills of tomatoes, planted three feet apart each way, not counting the end hills. Counting in the end hills would give 4,000 hills to the acre, but he only counts 4,900. He says that under good conditions a hill of tomatoes ought to yield around a bushel. However, for the sake of conservativeness, he only estimates one peck per hill. At this rate, 4,900 hills would yield 250 bushels, figured at forty cents per bushel would make a total of \$500.00.

Mr. Dyer is highly enthusiastic over the prospects of getting a tomato cannery located here, and is of the opinion that it will mean much to the farmers of this section.

"I am now selecting and preparing several acres of land to plant to tomatoes," said Mr. Dyer the other day, "and I believe that I can easily realize \$500.00 from each acre. If it is necessary to make up the quota of acres I am willing to plant ten acres to tomatoes," he said.

Mr. Dyer believes that this is a good proposition for the farmers, and that they ought to take advantage of the opportunity to help create a ready cash market for perishable products. The cannery offers that opportunity.

School Recognizes Washington's Birthday

Although the birthday anniversary of the Father and first President of our County, George Washington, fell on Sunday this year, the school took notice of it. On last Friday Jerry Davidson Jr. and Little Nettie Houston Dickey dressed in colonial costume, presented during the chapel exercises, a little duo entitled "Reuben and Rachel." Patriotic songs were also sung by the school as a whole.

T. N. Bates To Open Saturday

Elsewhere in this issue is printed the announcement of Mr. T. N. Bates announcing that he has restocked his store with a complete line of general merchandise, and will be open for business beginning Saturday, February 28th. He will carry a complete line of groceries, dry goods and notions.

Cherokee Hardware Co. Enlarge Office

The Cherokee Hardware Company, local wholesale dealers, have just completed the enlargement of their office to practically double the space of the old office, which gives them quite a commodious office now. The enlargement was made necessary on account of the crowded condition of the old office and the expansion and volume of business. This company is doing quite an extensive business in this section, and the added space will greatly facilitate the office work.

E. C. Moore Installing New Air Compressor

E. C. Moore received this week and is installing a new Burner air compressor, for furnishing free air to his customers. The old compressor became badly worn which necessitated the installing of a new machine. He has also added much to the outside appearance of the front of his building by the application of a fresh coat of paint.

Missionary Society Gives Washington Birthday Party

On last Friday evening at the social rooms of the Methodist church the Woman's Missionary Society gave a Washington Birthday party. The guests were received by Jerry Davidson Jr. and Little Miss Edna Patton dressed in colonial costume. Games and refreshments were enjoyed by the guests. Each guest was supposed to pay for an admission charge a penny for each year of his age. There are several centenarians in Murphy, according to the donations, which totaled nearly thirty dollars, it is understood.

MARBLE COMPANY OPENING QUARRY AT COALVILLE

Machinery now being placed in position and operation will begin about April 1st

The Regal Blue Marble Company, of Regal, is placing machinery and equipment in position and preparing to open another quarry at Coalville, about two miles above Marble, sometime about April 1st, according to information brought here the other day. It is understood that this quarry will mine white marble exclusively. The main plant at Regal is now doing an extensive business, mining about 100,000 tons of highgrade blue marble per month, which is shipped to all parts of the country. It is understood that the quarry at Coalville will be on a somewhat smaller scale, but operations will eventually be extended so as to give about the same output of the present plant at Regal. The mining of blue and white marble will give this company a splendid combination of high grade Cherokee marble, which is already widely known for its beauty and quality. Mr. R. L. Harris is local manager for this company.

Minstrel Show To Be Given By Band

Everything has arrived for the Minstrel show to be given by the Murphy Concert Band, and the boys are working almost night and day in preparing it for presentation. All the settings and the songs and jokes are of the newest style and from the study of this entertainment it is believed it will be thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, and send you still laughing at the ludicrous situations.

The first thirty minutes will be given over to the Murphy Concert Band, and will be enjoyed by those who know that they are but six weeks old.

The second part will consist of Solos and Skits by outside talent who have consented to add to the enjoyment of the evening.

The date set for this Minstrel is March 12, and full details of the Program will be published next week.

Will Try To Hear Dr. Truett Again By Radio

*According to announcements by the pastor, Rev. T. L. Sasser, another attempt will be made to hear Dr. George W. Truett's sermon broadcasted by radio from his Dallas, Texas, pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday night. Mr. W. D. Townson, local representative for the Magnavox Radio, is furnishing the receiving set.

The regular services will begin at 6:45 and will include the regular evening sermon, concluding Dr. Truett's service will begin. The public is extended a cordial invitation.

BIRCH.

The rain and bad weather will get the farmers behind with their work through this section if it keeps up. Messrs. Willard and Glenn Green and Tom McClure left for Ohio the first of the week.

We are glad to see our young people take such interest in keeping our society going despite the bad weather. Mr. Fred Beaver has sold his farm to Mr. M. E. Rich.

MANY CONTRACTS BEING SIGNED FOR TOMATO RAISING

Officials In Charge Enthusiastic Over Responses Being Made By The Farmers

Officials of the Chamber of Commerce are highly optimistic over the outlook for a canning factory here this summer. Many farmers are making inquiries daily and signing up to grow an acre or more of tomatoes this spring, and while there is yet plenty of time, those who are interested should make it a point to see that they are enlisted as early as possible in order to have plenty of time to prepare the ground and make the necessary arrangements for planting and cultivation.

Messrs. W. M. Fain, W. W. Hyde, B. W. Sipe and J. B. Storey are those in charge of signing up the farmers of Cherokee County and are highly optimistic over the progress being made. County Agent Willard R. Anderson is signing up the farmers in Clay County. Mr. Anderson says that it is likely that a hundred or more farmers of Clay County will take advantage of the opportunity offered in having a ready market for their tomatoes at a stipulated price.

Arrangements for locating this new enterprise in Murphy were worked out recently by J. A. Polard Jr., of the J. W. Gillaspie & Co., of Virginia, Tennessee and Florida, and officials of the Chamber of Commerce, whereby an agreement was reached that a cannery would be established here provided 300 acres or more of tomatoes could be assured at the stipulated price of forty cents per bushel.

The cannery will begin operations by canning only tomatoes, although it is likely that other vegetables and farm products will be canned and prepared for market within a few years.

The terms of the contract are simple and easy, and contain no hard or difficult conditions. The grower agrees to plant a certain number of acres in tomatoes, from seed bought of the company, and to sell all the tomatoes from a given number of acres to the cannery for the price of forty cents per bushel. They are to be bought in bulk and paid for monthly. The cannery binds itself to buy the tomatoes at the stipulated price, which assures the grower of a fair price for his products regardless of market fluctuations.

The terms of the contract are as follows:

I, hereby agree to devote the land and furnish everything necessary to plant and cultivate in proper manner acres of land in tomatoes, all to be planted with the variety of seed furnished by J. W. Gillaspie & Co., to be well set with plants as early in the season as weather conditions will permit and to keep them well tended and cultivated, and I agree to deliver all the products of the above specified acreage to J. W. Gillaspie & Co., at their factory at Murphy, North Carolina, in a sound and ripe condition during the season of 1925. Tomatoes that are green on one side or not fully developed in size or color or less than 2 inches in diameter, or bruised or jammed or overripe, will not be considered merchantable, and if not merchantable are subject to dock or refusal. I also agree, should I sell to any party or parties any tomatoes from this acreage, without the written permission of J. W. Gillaspie & Co., to forfeit to the said J. W. Gillaspie & Co., the entire sum received from such sale or sales.

J. W. Gillaspie & Co. agree to furnish the growers with tomato seed, (same to be paid for by the growers) and that the growers agree to properly prepare their plant land, for the sowing of the seed, and after same is sown to canvas the beds to protect the plants against bugs and flies. All tomatoes delivered by the grower, or growers, to the said J. W. Gillaspie & Co.'s factory, mentioned above, they are to pay for the tomatoes \$ per ton of 2,000 pounds, delivered in the condition above mentioned, at Murphy, N. C.

Settlement to be made Tomatoes to be delivered between the hours of 7 a. m. and 5 p. m. on each working day of the week except Saturday, no tomatoes to be delivered Saturday without permis-

Spring Rally W. N. C. Association To Meet Here March 18th

According to information coming from Walter L. Gilmore, publicity director for the Baptist State Convention, with headquarters at Raleigh, the Baptist leaders of the Western North Carolina Association including all pastors, active laymen, women and young people, are called to meet in the Murphy Baptist church on March 18th for an all day mission rally, beginning at 10 o'clock. It is expected that lunch will be served at the church at the noon hour.

The purpose of the rally is purely informational and inspirational. Addresses on missions and different phases of the denominational program will be made. Roundtable discussions on the present status of the work and on future plans will be open to all. Besides the local talent of the association, the following general denominational workers will take part in the program: Rev. R. L. Randolph of Bryson City and Prof. Joel Hough of Wingate. A representative group is expected from each church in the association.

Stone Mt. Memorial Association To Give Veterans Certificates

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 23. — Announcement has been made by the Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial Association that an official certificate will be issued to all living veterans, and to all women, of the sixties, whose names are memorialized through the Children's Founders Roll of the Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial. This has stimulated an even deeper interest in the enrollment of the children of the South in the Book of Memory of the Memorial.

A number of these certificates have already been issued and the old men are much pleased at this evidence of the fact that their names will be perpetuated in history's greatest memorial. U. D. C. chapters throughout the South, and a number of individuals, who are keenly interested in honoring the veterans of the sixties, have begun an active campaign to memorialize all living veterans by April 30th, Georgia's Memorial Day. Butts County, Ga., is the first county to complete memorialization of all living veterans.

The Daughters of the Confederacy are co-operating actively in the enrollment of the children and a number of the Chambers of Commerce of the South have very generously offered their co-operation in the great movement to perpetuate the names of the heroes of the sixties.

The Children's Founders Roll provides for the enrollment of white children, who have not passed their 19th birthday, in a great Book of Memory. With each child's name will be inscribed the name of a Confederate man or woman.

Each child, who becomes a member of the Children's Founders Roll, receives a beautiful bronze medal from the Association and to each veteran and to each living woman of the sixties a certificate is sent.

Applications for the Children's Founders Roll may be secured from local U. D. C. chapters, or directly from the headquarters of the Association, 222 Grant Building, Atlanta, Ga. Names may be sent in through the mails without application blanks. The following information should be given: Name of the child, age, name of parents, complete address to which medal is to be mailed, name of Confederate to be honored, service record and kin of veteran to the child.

I hereby agree that in case of the destruction of the cannery by fire or by the elements, or if for any unavoidable cause the factory is unable to receive all the tomatoes grown, said factory shall have the right to limit delivery of said acreage.

Grower Accepted: J. W. GILLASPIE & CO. Witnesses:

LIME ON LAND BRINGS RESULTS TO CLAY FARMERS

One Hundred and Seventy-five Tons Placed On 26 Farms Last Year By Agent

HAYESVILLE, Feb. 24.—According to a statement given out here the week by County Agent Willard R. Anderson, a total of 175 tons of lime was placed on 26 different farms of the county in the spring of 1924. This lime was broadcasted over 80 acres and included practically every kind of soil found in Clay County, and the results obtained therefrom were highly satisfactory in every respect.

Mr. Ed Meace got the greatest returns from the lime he limed," the statement explains. This is accounted for in that he got out his lime earliest, while Mr. Bob Anderson got the least results on his corn crop as he was the last to put out his lime.

The text of Mr. Anderson's statement follows:

"Last spring there was put out in Clay County 175 tons of lime in two months on twenty-six different farms, eighty acres was limed. Perhaps Mr. Ed Meace, Hayesville, got the greatest returns for his lime this year. This is accounted for in that he got out his lime earliest, while Mr. Bob (R. L.) Anderson got the least results on his corn crop as he was the last to put out his lime. But all observing men are called as witnesses to the results. If they have occasion to travel the Murphy-Hayesville highway No. 28 to see what and why growing on those old dead bottoms in front of Mr. Anderson's home back and to the right of his barn.

"This lime has been placed on every kind of land in Clay County with excellent results in every case. It was put on dead bottom land, on poor dewberry land, on general cultivated land over the county and all produced the best of results. The idea of not getting results the first year I can refer you to J. C. Zimmerman, Brasstown; P. P. Platt, Ogdon; Jno. O. Serogus, and any of the twenty-six men that put out lime, as to results the first year.

"The imperative need of lime in Clay County and Cherokee County is so great that I must recommend that if you must put out fertilizer to the exclusion of lime, or lime to the exclusion of fertilizer, then let the fertilizer be excluded and this year put out two to four tons of lime on all corn land. Do not understand me to say that lime takes the place of fertilizer, but lime has very little fertilizer value, if any, but it makes what fertility there is in the land available to the plant. Lime lasts ten to fifteen years and fertilizer one.

"Mr. Reader, if the thought is flashing through your mind 'He is telling me to use lime and I can't get it,' let me tell you a little more. On the border line between Cherokee and Clay Counties there is a lime mine with almost enough lime to cover the two counties. The Clay County farmers are now forming a co-operative group and organizing a corporation to crush this lime for agricultural lime. They invite the Cherokee County farmers to co-operate with them by taking stock in this corporation to crush this lime. The stockholders will get lime at cost of production, while non-stockholders will get it at a marginal price. The profits of the mine will go to the stock holders as profit on stock.

"If you are a progressive farmer you will assist in organizing this corporation to crush this lime, for this is the most urgent need of these two counties. This is not only the most urgent need of these two counties, but lime is the most urgent need of every farmer in Cherokee and Clay Counties. Lime must come before progress in these counties, and there must be devised a systematic way of obtaining lime before lime will be used in a wholesale manner. Until lime is used in a wholesale manner, these counties will not be progressive.

"The agent offers every assistance where lime is wanted. The agent will try to keep lime in Hayesville for the next sixty days at least."

Forest Fire Ravages Graphically Depicted By Free Movie Tuesday

Tuesday afternoon at the local theatre educational moving pictures were shown depicting the ravages of forest fires and graphically calling attention to the fast disappearing forests of this country and the inconvenience and even danger that such a course would entail if pursued to its logical conclusions. The pictures were brought here under the auspices of the Junior Red Cross organization of the Murphy Public School through the co-operation of the district forester for Western North Carolina, C. I. Peterson, of the State Forestry Department. Mr. Peterson was to have been here and make a talk as the picture was being shown but was detained for some reason in Asheville.

One of the pictures shown was made under the direction of the Forestry Department of Connecticut; the other under the auspices of the Maryland State Board of Forestry. They both belong to the United States Department of Agriculture, which department has lent them to North Carolina for a series of showings in Western North Carolina.

The wording accompanying the pictures was illuminating. The hundreds of school children and parents who gathered to witness these educational films learned that something like \$25,000,000 worth of timber is destroyed each year, most of which is due to carelessness. The pictures showed how an occasional cigarette butt carelessly cast down by the side of the road, the contents of a pipe emptied in the woods, or the careless camper who builds his fire too near brush, or the person with a grudge at his neighbor sets the woods on fire; also how rapidly the fire spreads and the condition of desolation and destruction that follows in the wake of this red enemy of the forest. The results of such destruction was also strikingly brought out by calling attention to the fact that so many industries that are dependent on the forests are having to close down or ship lumber from the Northwest and pay tremendous freight rates to get it to their plants. This is reflected in the prices of lumber and forest products of all kinds, which burden must be borne by the public. The scenes of desolation and the raging blazes in the forests cast a gloom over the audience. But there was a brighter side to the pictures.

In contrast with the destruction, the work of the various forestry departments in cultivating seedlings and replanting cut over and burned over lands was graphically depicted both in words and pictures. It was pointed out that acres and acres of land that will not produce crops worthy of mention will grow good timber, which will save our wood-using industries, our fish and game, our water powers, and prevent floods. Comparisons were also made between government logged and private logged forests much to the advantage of the government. The pictures suggested that the conservations of the forests will depend more and more on the state and federal governments buying up timber reserves for the growing of timber. A romance woven into the picture added interest.

The bringing of these pictures here was one of the ways the Junior Red Cross is making practical its slogan of "We Serve." Incidentally this particular kind of service will be reflected in a better informed citizenship in the future when the present generation grows up. These pictures will be carried into other points in Western North Carolina during the next few weeks.

House At Hospital Being Remodeled

Drs. Hill and Adams, of the Murphy Hospital, are remodeling the building adjacent to the hospital and transforming it into an apartment house. It will consist of about 21 rooms, and have all modern conveniences. It is the building formerly occupied by the Baptist school which was located here some years ago.