

# Social and Personal

(Edited By Mrs. A. S. Clarke)

Mr. Edgar Johnson, who was graduated from the State University last spring and now of Raleigh, was the guest last week of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson, of Hot House, on his return to Raleigh. Mr. Johnson was accompanied by his brother, Mr. Ernest Johnson who graduated from the high school at Copper Hill last year and was the star of the foot ball squad of that school.

Mrs. W. A. Savage is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Selby Benton in Cordele, Ga.

Mr. L. L. Smathers, of Asheville was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. L. E. Mauney and Mrs. S. S. Christopher left Wednesday for Knoxville to be the guests of Mrs. E. H. Pope.

Mrs. Ralph Harbin and little son are visiting in Marietta.

Mr. and Mrs. Briggs Gillespie are occupying a cottage near Mrs. J. H. McCall.

Mrs. Jack Brown of Macon, Ga., is spending some time at Junaluska Terrace.

The Mission Study Class of the Baptist Church were entertained by Mrs. Jerry Davidson, Tuesday afternoon. After a study hour, delicious refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Butt and children, of Blue Ridge were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Fain.

Mr. Elbert Ledford, of Copperhill is spending a few days in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrison Maneval motored to town Sunday, Mr. Maneval returned Monday, but Mrs. Maneval will be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Axley for a while.

Mr. James Cruze left Tuesday night for Atlanta, in response to a message stating the serious illness of his mother.

Mr. Bob Phillips, of California, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Sallie Phillips.

Mr. C. H. Lawrence and sister, Miss Mattie have been the guest of their father Mr. D. J. Lawrence of Ranger. Mr. Lawrence hold a responsible position with the Western Union in Miami, Fla.

Mrs. Elizabeth Miller of Atlanta, Ga., has been the week-end guest of her mother, Mrs. A. H. Davidson, of Ranger.

Theatre Monday, "Winds of Chance," Western. Tuesday, James Cruze production, "The Pony Express." You saw the "Covered Wagon." Don't miss this.

Mrs. T. L. Harris and children of Wrightsville, Ga., have been visiting Mrs. Harris' father Mr. T. J. Lawrence.

G. L. McGuire and family of Maryville, Tenn., are visiting T. G. Kinsey and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Calloway, of Knoxville, have recently moved to Murphy and are occupying Mrs. Dickey's residence next to the Postoffice. Mr. Calloway takes the place of Mr. C. S. Hasson, of the House-Hasson Hardware Co., of Knoxville. Mr. Hasson having been elected president of the company.

Ex-Judge T. D. Bryson, of Bryson City, was in town Wednesday.

ROOM and BOARD for desirable parties. See Mrs. E. E. Davis, Peachtree St., City. (7-2t-d)

Mr. T. J. Cooper was a business visitor in town last week.

Midshipman Harvey Akin returned Sunday to the Naval academy at Annapolis, his father, Mr. S. D. Akin accompanied him as far as Asheville.

Mr. Walter Mauney motored to Asheville Sunday.

Mrs. E. E. Adams has returned from a visit with her mother in Knoxville.

Mrs. W. O. Buchanan, of Sylvia, is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Cope.

Miss Anne Candler will have as her guest ever the week end, Miss Helen King of Etowah.

Mrs. Quinlan, who is vice president of the State Federation of Woman's Clubs, was the guest of Mrs. E. B. Norvell, Saturday. A call meeting of the Murphy Women's Club was held that afternoon.

Mrs. Tabitha Holder is visiting relatives in Asheville.

Mr. G. H. Cope made a business trip to Asheville, Tuesday.

Mr. Fred Swaim went to Asheville, Tuesday to accompany his mother home. Mrs. Swaim has been receiving treatment at the Mission Hospital of that city.

Mrs. J. W. Thompson, Misses Roberts, Anne Willson, Blanche Howard, Kathryn Thompson and Messrs. W. E. Studstill, Tom McCombs and W. C. Boyce formed a congenial party picnicing at Junaluska, Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Campie Holder are living at the Patton House.

Miss Maida Voyles is resting comfortably following an operation for appendicitis at the Murphy Hospital.

Road Show coming to Bonita Theatre, Wednesday and Thursday, September 29th and 30th. "Down Upon the Swanee River", story by Hapsburg Liebe. Matinee 10c and 30c; night 15c and 35c. Two reels comedy extra. Watch for big truck coming to town playing "Swanee River" on a steam calliope. "Swanee River" Strikes the responsive chord in the heart of every man, woman and child. Meet me "Down Upon the Swanee River" at the Bonita Theatre September 29th and 30th. Try to get in.

Mr. John O'Dell, who was injured in an auto collision, Sunday evening, is reported to be improving at the Murphy Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Butt and little daughter, Marion, of Blue Ridge motored to Junaluska Terrace, Sunday.

Col. J. E. Adams, of Copper Hill, motored to town Sunday.

## DIPPING INTO SCIENCE

### Greeks Discovered Earth Is Round

That the earth is round was a well-established fact long before the time of Columbus. As far back as 400 B. C. estimates were being made on the number of miles around the earth. Aristotle put this figure at 40,000 miles, and later, about 290 B. C., Eratosthenes figured more accurately 25,000 miles. (©, 1926, Western Newspaper Union.)

## Cheap Explosive Available For Carolina Farmers

Raleigh, N. C., August 31.—The Government of the United States through the federal department of agriculture has again set aside a quantity of pyrotol, the cheap explosive manufactured from wartime materials, for the use of North Carolina farmers.

"Last year this state was allotted 900,000 pounds of pyrotol," says A. T. Holman, agricultural engineer for the extension division of State College. "This year our allotment has been increased to 1,400,000 pounds and the material is now available for those farmers who wish to clear their land of stumps or to drain wet spots or otherwise use the material on the farm. The pyrotol is not available for merchants or dealers and farmers may secure it only by ordering through their county farm agents or through the extension division of the College."

Mr. Holman states that the farmers of Pender County are the first to take advantage of the new allotment. They have placed an order for 160,000

pounds through county agent W. H. Robbins and the material will be shipped to Burgaw for distribution. This shipment was financed by the county Board of Commissioners so that land-owners could have a supply to blow out stumps and otherwise improve the condition of their fields.

"While we were allotted only 900,000 pounds last year, we actually got a little over one million pounds," says Mr. Holman. "This material was used for removing rocks and stumps from fields, for ditching and for squaring up the poorly shaped fields. The use of explosives for land clearing purposes results in larger fields, more economical use of labor and power machinery, greater acre yields and increased returns per farm worker."

## Democratic County Convention

The Democrats of this, Cherokee County, will meet at his or her voting place at 2 o'clock P. M. on Saturday, September the 25th, and select delegates to the County Convention, which will be convened in Carnegie Library, Murphy at 12:30 P. M. on Monday the 27th, day of September 1926 for the purpose of naming candidates for Representative and other County offices, and to transact such other business as may come before it. This September 11th, 1926.

C. E. HILL,  
Chairman Dem. Ex Com., Cherokee County.  
A. L. MARTIN,  
Secretary.

## The Wool Industry in South Africa

(Letter from E. S. Barlett, Bloemfontein, O. F. S. Africa)



Underwood & Underwood  
Weaving on a primitive loom in Africa.  
Note the Overseers.

The Union of South Africa is rightly classed among the great wool producing countries of the world. Climatic conditions there are admirably adapted to the breeding and raising of the Merino type of sheep with a strong, staple wool.

A large part of this country is suitable only for the raising of sheep, and the government is making progressive and intelligent efforts to improve both the sheep and the manner of preparing the wool for market.

Jackals being a strong menace in South Africa, long-time government loans are extended to sheep owners for the erection of jackal-proof fencing. Government sheep experts are maintained permanently in allotted districts so that their services and advice may be assured at a nominal fee.

The mutton sheep of South Africa is the fat-tailed, black headed Cape—a non-wooled sheep. As no cross-breeding for mutton lambs is done, the wools are purely Merino in character.

Progress in this South African industry is particularly noticeable in the harvesting. Despite the fact that Kaffir labor can be secured at the equivalent of \$3.50 American, per month, there is a trend towards the modern shearing machine as against the age-old hand blades, which, even in America, have not been discarded by many otherwise entirely progressive wool raisers.

A study of this fact, however, readily reveals the reason for it. While there is a first cost for the machine, the unskilled black adapts himself to its use much more readily than to the hand blades, and soon does a remarkably smooth job of shearing with the machine.

Once adapted to the use of the machine, its economic value is demon-

strated in the materially greater number of sheep shorn daily, the better market value of the wool, the fewer maimed sheep, and not least important, the additional 5% to 12% more wool obtained with the machine over and above the amount of wool secured with the hand blades. As a consequence, the machine recoups itself into a small investment with certain and big returns.

Steadily, the science of wool-marketing in South Africa is fast approaching the scientific efficiency of the Australian marketing plan, which is, without doubt, the most practical and efficient in existence today.

Considering that the four provinces, Natal, Transvaal, Orange Free State, and Cape Province, which comprise the Union of South Africa, have 20,000 square miles less of territory than Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming combined, it is surprising to note that they contain two and one half times as many sheep as our five states named.

This alone, makes that country a strong contender for future leadership in the wool industry. It is interesting to note however, that the great bulk of foreign progressiveness is due to American initiative, American implements, and machinery and American ingenuity. The South African wool industry holds true to this in that American methods and American machinery are destined to take a large and important place in the economic progress of the far distant Union of South Africa.

## Cheer Up, Cherries Are Ripe!



RED flush, coloring huge tracts of beautiful farm land beckons thousands of people from town and city to great orchards. It is the vast crop of cherries waiting for the army of pickers who will swarm through the orchards and will the trees for the July picking season.

Cherries ripe on the trees are almost as beautiful as the blossoms of late May when the orchards look like a creation of the fairies with their acres and miles of purest most delicate white blossoms. They beckon to the eager throng to whom cherry picking is a two weeks' or a month's avocation.

On foot and on horseback, by rail, boat, and bus they come. In Ford's and trucks, brimming over with babies and camping equipment, come workmen and school teachers, Boy Scouts, seminary students, housewives, factory hands, dark-skinned Indians from nearby reservations, all heading for the cherry orchards. For many it is the yearly holiday when the work of picking is combined with camp life, recreation, and touring. For others it is a chance to eke out slender earnings; for all it means pleasant, healthful occupation that pays well.

Five thousand pickers are kept busy in Door County, Wisconsin, alone, thousands more in the Traverse City section of Michigan and the Finger Lake section of New York. Many of the same people come back every year, for, though cherry picking is

not mere play by any means, the festive spirit, the campers' impromptu fun, and the planned programs give everyone such good times that they seek the same holiday year after year.

Though many bring their own camping equipment, accommodations are provided by most of the orchards. A camp for one thousand pickers is maintained in Door County at the world's largest cherry orchard which covers five hundred and sixty acres. Quarters here include a dormitory for women pickers, tents for families and for men pickers, and a huge cafeteria for their meals. An unsocial group are the one hundred and fifty Indians from a reservation who have their own quarters, do their own cooking, and frown with native distaste on the cosmopolitan camaraderie of the other pickers. No promiscuous mingling for them.

Other orchards vary from fifty to two hundred and fifty acres and maintain camps of proportionate size. Lodging and meals are furnished at cost, for the orchard does not attempt to make a profit on the pickers' accommodations.

Early in the day the campers swarm to the orchards. They are anxious to get to work for they are paid by the quart for their pick. To each is allotted one or more trees, a ladder, and a supply of pails. A mule team, or truck comes through the orchards, collecting and tabulating the pails as they are ready. One picker holds the

Door County record of 329 quarts of cherries in one day.

When the day's work is done, the campers bring out their musical instruments, games, even costumes, and every evening finds them strumming, singing, or playing ball. The conversations, if one could overhear them, would cover the widest range of subjects, not omitting philosophy, theology, and the arts. An assortment of languages, too, would reach the eaves-dropping ear.

Once a week there is usually a program when all the home talent has a chance to show off. Minstrel show, vaudeville, dances, sports, all have their turn. Many a romance has the cherry orchards for a background.

Of the 45,000,000 pounds of cherries produced in the United States in 1924, 15,000,000 came from Door County, most of the rest from Michigan and New York. Eighty per cent of the crop is canned. Montmorenci and Early Richmond, both sour red cherries, are the principal kinds grown, since they are in great demand for household and hotel use in pies and preserves.

Cherries are canned the same day they are picked, thus keeping them all year round in their lusciousness for the armies of cherry pie and preserve eaters. Large cans of three or more quarts are packed for hotel pie and household preserve use, but for household pie use they are packed in cans of one pint or a quart.

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