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THE COUNTY AGENT

In looking back over the year 1934 it is noticed that the work of the county agent, Mr. A. Q. Ketner, has been an invaluable asset to Cherokee county farmers and the local farming industry.

Since this section depends a great deal on its agricultural interests, it is fortunate that we have a man with the experience and intellectual view for the raising and disposing of crops that Mr. Ketner has.

This week it was announced that he is taking an active interest in having all eligible cattle registered. Although this calls for a three dollar fee it enhances their value as high as seventy dollars in some instances. Ordinarily such a fact would not be taken into serious consideration by the majority of cattle owners, and it is only through similar diligent study and work on his part that the farmers can be so expertly advised and thus helped in earning their due profit.

Mr. Ketner has taken an unstinted interest in promoting the growth of the local canner; he has been a leader in the work of digging trench silos which has proved a savior to the farmer who wanted to feed his cattle properly over the winter; he has continually travelled from one end of the county to the other advising as to the planting and raising of crops, the care of poultry and cattle and doing everything possible to aid the farmer wherever he saw fit. It was largely through his efforts that the 1934 Cherokee county fair was as successful as it was and already he is making plans for a bigger and better one to be held in 1935. His promotion of cattle sales has brought thousands of dollars in Cherokee county and kept thousands of dollars here that would have ordinarily gone elsewhere.

More than that Mr. Ketner has become a personal friend to every farmer and business man in Cherokee county. Daily many people come to his office in the court house seeking advice on any question concerning farming.

TVA inspectors and state agricultural men have become closely attached to him. They find his congenial personality and frank advice renders Cherokee county a much needed service. Every thing from sick calves to extensive programs finds his deepest and sincere interest.

The Scout believes in giving credit where credit is due and according to his 1935 plans Cherokee county farmers will share in an even greater new deal.

OUR LEGISLATIVE PROBLEMS

When the North Carolina Legislature convenes Wednesday, its members again will face a strenuous session with many vexatious problems to solve. The work of the legislator has ceased to be a sinecure. Under modern difficulties brought about by the depression, he more than earns the small amount of money he receives from the state.

Formerly, the work of the Legislature ran very smoothly as there were few problems of a major nature to be transacted. The revenue bill frequently was about the only one over which midnight oil had to be burned.

How different is the picture today. Those who run for office must be eminently qualified as to patriotism and willingness to labor diligently in times like these. Many strains are placed upon the patience and ability of members. Entry by the state into a number of activities has increased the burdens placed upon our legislators.

Quite a number of legislative matters of importance will be considered at the approaching term, according to P. D. McLean, Raleigh Times reporter, who contributes an interesting article to The State on the more important problems due to come up at this session.

Mr. McLean says that with roads, prisons and the eight-months school term now supported and directed by the state government instead of by many local units as in former days "the Legislature has about as many children as the old lady who lived in the shoe."

"PRIMING THE PUMP"

Walter Lipmann, the world's most liberal journalistic commentator, is renowned for his phraseology of catchy lines that can sum up the whole situation of national affairs in a word or two.

When the depression first struck us, he wrote an article in the American magazine likening the United States to a starving human being in the middle of a desert surrounded with canned food but having no can-opener.

Now he explains the present situation of relief funds as "priming the pump".

Those who have the idea that relief measures have been instituted as regular payrolls should go back over this simple principle of "priming the pump" and see what relief is really designed for.

When the old well gets so dry that the old back porch pump won't pull it, the wiseman will not drink his last dipper of water and trust to luck for rain, but he will pour the few drops of water down the pump thereby tightening up the suction valves and the water will run freely.

That is exactly what our relief measures are designed to do—start our old economic pump that has about run dry, to pumping back the water of prosperity.

Too many people, we are afraid, has misconstrued this "priming the pump" method believing it is a steady outpour of money by the government to sort of tide over until prosperity comes back.

But prosperity won't come back unless we all take a part and try to make a living of our own. To lay back on government funds is literally drinking the dipper full of water that should be used to start the pump going again.

One of President Roosevelt's platforms was to reduce the national debt. Whatever course he pursued, the people in general thought the United States treasury was to cut its debts substantially from the beginning. That the government is going in debt daily can not be understood.

The government is going in debt not because the Roosevelt principle called not for drinking the dipper full and idly sitting back for rain that might never come, but having foresight enough to pour it back in the pump.

Because the government is going further in debt by its relief measures is no sign that the people should be unduly alarmed. Its method and principle is sound. But it will take active support and not idle pessimism to keep it sound.

Priming the pump never fails unless the pump itself is broken. Our financial system has worked for years and with continual improvements should work even better in the future.

It will take effort on our part to make the present relief movement a success. Some are opposed to it. But that is no reason why they should knock it. It has been started and will continue until the government's financial system is made sound again or ruined altogether.

Whether or not the policy of sound economic conditions through the present system of relief is successful depends on the attitude of the people and their willingness to cooperate to the greatest extent.

He believes revenue again will be a knotty problem and thinks retention of the sales tax in some form is certain. The reapportionment of the Senatorial districts, he thinks, will be undertaken. Efforts along this line were defeated in 1931 and 1933 but he looks for a showdown this year in the matter which would give the East fewer men and the West several more. Unemployment insurance, he thinks, will come up for discussion. Two years ago, Senator W. O. Burgin, of Davidson, introduced such a measure but didn't get very far with it.

"Watch for a real fight on the absentee ballott law", writes Mr. McLean. Too, he anticipates overhauling of machinery for the operation of the eight months school; he expects a little liberalizing in the matter of supplements.

He looks for shorter session this year. He says the appropriations measure is sure to be reported out ahead of the revenue bill and will in all likelihood contain greatly increased figures.

He says the administration of Gov. Ehringhaus is greatly pleased with the personnel of both houses; that most of the members of the Senate are deemed to be particularly friendly to it.

Mr. McLean believes prohibition will get some attention at this session. He says: "Present signs give the Drys the decided edge but there has been a noticeable change in sentiment since the repeal election of November, 1933.

Funds for relief are seen as commanding much attention, but the writer believes the state will show a tendency to place the responsibility for this work on cities and counties rather than to push it off on the shoulders of the state which, he says, has already assumed so many former local responsibilities.

He sees capital punishment as having at least a short interval in the state spotlight since Dr. Charles A. Peterson, of Mitchell county, is planning to introduce a measure to substitute lethal gas for the electric chair.

—The Asheville Citizen.

LET'S TURN BACK HISTORY'S PAGES...

TURNING BACK HISTORY PAGES 10 YEAR AGO

(In The Cherokee Scout) January 19, 1925.

Miss Sara Cook, manager of the local telephone exchange, is in Atlanta this week. Miss Miller, of Waynesville, is in charge of the office in the absence of Miss Cook.

Miss Pearl Taylor, daughter, of Mrs. Matyie Taylor, returned to Asheville Normal school last morning.

Misses Hazel and Lois Howard returned to Atlanta Sunday, after having spent the holidays with their father, W. A. Howard, at Regal and Murphy.

Dr. H. N. Wells, left Thursday morning for Florida where he plans to spend several months.

Dr. W. H. Meroney left last Sunday for Chapel Hill and Haleigh on business.

Mr. Ivan Adams, of Copperhill, was in town last week.

Mrs. J. W. Thompson entertained at the tea room last Saturday in honor of Mrs. R. T. Campbell, of New Port, Tenn.

Messrs. C. A. Brown and C. C. Cagle, of Andrews were Murphy visitors one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Winslow McVeey and son, Mrs. Dave Townson and children and Mr. Richard Brendle left last week for a months motor trip through Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Haigler spent Monday night in Murphy enroute to Hayesville.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Russell have been the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Palmer.

Mrs. G. W. Fleming has returned from an extended visit to Columbia, S. C., and the West Coast resorts of Florida.

Miss Florence Lovingood, of Peachtree was shopping in town Wednesday.

Miss Tom Posey spent the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. L. O. Rector, of Granite Falls, and with friends in Lexington.

Mrs. Claude Butt and daughters of Blue Ridge, Ga. spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Haup.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Fleming and children, of Asheville, are expected to arrive about the 15th for a visit to relatives.

20 YEARS AGO

January 10, 1910.

(The Cherokee Scout)

R. L. King, of Atlanta, arrived Sunday.

Capt. J. P. Robinson, of Atlanta, is spending the week here.

Dr. A. E. Brown, of Asheville, preached Sunday at the Baptist church.

Mrs. A. H. Colvard, of Bryson City, was here last week visiting relatives.

J. L. Smathers has returned from Atlanta.

Mrs. B. P. Grant, of Robbinsville, after a pleasant visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Barnett, returned Sunday to her home.

Attorney Ben Posey and A. A. Fain returned Tuesday afternoon from Knoxville, where they had been on business.

W. A. Bryson returned Wednesday from Denoir City, Tenn., accompanied by his daughter, Miss Beryl, but Miss Lillian will remain with relatives for several weeks.

30 YEARS AGO

January 10, 1905

(The Cherokee Scout)

Mrs. R. L. Herbert of near Hayesville, will move to Murphy this week and place her children in school.

Miss Maggie Hackney has returned to Blue Ridge, but will return in the spring with millinery goods.

Among the visitors to our town Thursday were E. R. Hampton, of Mineral Bluff; W. M. Harris, of Hot House; Rev. A. N. Smith, of Marble; S. E. Cover, of Andrews.

W. P. Brittan, of Peachtree was in town Friday.

Mr. Reuben Carver, of Graham County, was married last Wednesday night to Miss Candice Hardin, of Clay county, passing through Murphy the next day enroute to the former's home.

40 YEARS AGO

Tuesday, January 10, 1895

(The Cherokee Scout)

W. A. Bumgarner, of Hayesville, was in town on business the past week.

Mr. Pate Kilby, of Atlanta, well known here, spent Sunday in town on business.

A. M. Brittan left Saturday for Virginia with another car load of fine beef cattle.

Julius Reid, who has been among us for a few years has moved back to Vest, this county.

Mr. A. Rice, of H. House, is

visiting her mother and brother, D. L. Watts, of our town.

Miss Hattie Thomas after a visit to homefolks at Dalton, Ga., returned Sunday and has taken charge of her classes of our school.

Miss Belle Penland one of Clay county's attractive young ladies, and Mrs. Nannie Hayes, daughter of Dick Bristol, were in town a few days the past week.

Van King, and Miss Minnie Bryson, of Shoal Creek, were married Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. S. C. Heighway returned last Thursday from a pleasant visit to Cincinnati, accompanied by Mrs. Heighway's niece, Miss Carrie Parrish, of Bellview, Ky.

O. G. Martin, and wife, who spent the holidays with his mother at Miller, Ga., returned last Thursday O. G. (Old Gold) is the clever postal clerk between Murphy and Blue Ridge, Ga.

Dr. S. B. Henry, after spending the holidays with homefolks, left for Atlanta Wednesday where he will soon complete his course and come out a full fledged M. D.

A. J. Phillips, of Andrews, was in town last Tuesday, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Mammie, who left on the South bound train for Mineral Bluff, to enter school.

BELLVIEW

(Last week's Letter)

Mr. J. H. Carper met with a number of the Bellview M. E. church women and organized a Missionary Society.

Officers elected were as follows: Mrs. Maude Hatchett, chairman. Mrs. Clyde McNabb, secretary. Mrs. Claud King, treasurer.

Next meeting will be with Mrs. Clyde McNab, January 24, at 1:30 P. M.

Mr. Emory Davidson and Miss Clifflie Robertson were married, Dec. 24.

Mr. Coda Lauder milk has returned home after serving several months with the C.C.C.

The Women's club have decided to fix up the old school building for community use. We hope the children and young people will help us take care of it. The next club meeting will be with Mrs. Maude Hatchett.

Miss Estelle Bryson and her father are visiting relatives in Bellmont, N. C.

Mr. Paul Lance and Miss Louise King were married Sunday, December 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Dalrymple spent the Xmas holidays with Mr. Dalrymple parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Dalrymple.

Mrs. Candler Anderson and Mr. Frank Anderson of Houston, Texas are visiting Mr. Anderson mother, Mrs. John Anderson.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Cordelle, December 23, a daughter.

VIOLET NEWS

(Last week's Letter)

Mr. Oliver Hamby, of Maryville college, spent the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Esco Moss.

Aline and Lottie Taylor spent Saturday night and Sunday with their aunt, Mary Beaver.

Mr. Lester Taylor, Mr. Glade Lovingood and Mr. Grady Allen were visiting at Mr. Dillard Morrow's Sunday.

Hazel Taylor spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Clara Phillips.

Mr. Marion Davis, of Unaka, spent Sunday night with Mr. Bill Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Moss, of Madisonville, Tenn., are now visiting Mr. Moss' sister, Mrs. Lester Taylor and Mrs. Mary Beaver.

Mr. Ralph Beaver is now visiting his sister, Mrs. Mathie Rolan, of Makby.

Mr. Oliver Hamby, of Maryville college was a visitor at Lester Taylor's Saturday where he made some music on his mandoline.

Miss Evelyn Morrow, who is attending Murphy high school, spent the Christmas holidays at home.

Mr. James Beaver, of Rome, Ga., spent the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Mary Beaver.

Mrs. Hobert Cole and children are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Morrow.

Mr. Frank Morrow is now on the sick list and has been for some time. We hope he'll soon get better.

Mr. Winston and Jeff Hamby, of Farmer, spent Saturday night with their mother, Mrs. Esco Moss.