

THEN AND THERE

History told as it would be written today

By IRVIN S. COBB

A Memory of a Cruel Colonial War

Two centuries and a half behind us the French and the British were at war, each striving for mastery over the New World, or such part of the New World as the geographers of the time included in the debatable spheres of influence over which these two peoples claimed authority.

In the first of these so-called French and Indian wars, the Indian auxiliaries of the French crown turned whole sections of the present state of Massachusetts into a veritable shambles.

A certain young frontiersman, named Quintin Stockwell, who endured such a precarious captivity, later gave the story of his experience as an illuminating contribution to the early history of what now is our own nation.

I hope Quintin Stockwell's straightforward account of his captivity may move the reader as it moved me when I found it in an old and rusty volume in the New York public library.

HERE is his narrative exactly as Quintin Stockwell set it down—spelling and all:

In the year 1677, September 19, between Sun-set and dark, the Indians came upon us; I and another Man, being together, we ran away from the outcry the Indians made, shouting and shooting at some other of the English that were hard by.

A Terrifying Midnight Journey.

I (as it happened) had a Pistol by me which though uncharged I presented to the Indian, who presently stepped back; and told me if I would yield I should have no hurt, he said (which was not true) that they had destroyed all Hatfield, and that the woods were full of Indians, whereupon I yielded myself and so fell into the Enemies hands, and by three of them was led away into the place whence first I began to make my flight.

The next day when we were to be burnt, our Master and some others spoke for us, and the Evil was prevented in this place.

Whilist we were here, Benjamin Stebbins going with some Indians to Wachuset Hills, made his escape from me, and when the news of his escape came we were all presently called in and bound, one of the Indians a Captain among them, and at ways our great Friend, met me coming in and told me Stebbins was run away; and the Indians spake of burning us; some of only burning and biting off our Fingers by and by.

He said there would be a Court, and all would speak their minds, but he would speak last and would say that the Indian that let Stebbins run away was only in fault and so no hurt should be done us, fear not; so it proved accordingly. Whilist we lingered hereabouts, Provision grew

scarcely one Bears Foot must serve five of us a whole day; we began to eat Horse-flesh, and eat up seven in all; three were left alive and were not killed.

All the Indians went a Hunting but could get nothing; divers dayes they Powowed but got nothing, then they desired the English to Pray, and confessed they could do nothing; they would have us Pray, and see what the English-man's God could do.

One Man is Worth Fourteen Beavers. Six miles of Shamblee (a French Town) the River was open and when I came to travel in that part of the Ice I soon tired; and two Indians run away to Town and one only was left; he would carry me a few rods, and then I would go as many, and that trade we drove, and so were long a going six miles.

At night having crossed the River, we met again at the place appointed. The next day we cross the River again on Squakheag side, and there we took up our quarters for a long time, I suppose this might be about thirty miles above Squakheag, and here were the Indians quite out of all fear of the English; but in great fear of the Mohawks; here they built a long Wigwam.

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INTERESTING FACTS FOR FARMERS
TIMELY HINTS ON GROWING CROPS.

Farm News

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DOINGS OF CHATHAM FARMERS

STOCK FARMING, POULTRY, ETC.

News of the Week on Chatham County Farms

There is now some six or seven hundred bushels of Lespedeza seed grown in the county available for sale. Mr. T. R. Green harvested some 80 bushels of seed this fall, some of this seed being of the Korean Variety.

Mr. C. H. Brannon, Extension Entomologist, was a visitor in the county this week, assisting the County Agent in holding farmer's meetings in the communities of Gum Springs, Bynum and Hickory Mountain.

CHATHAM COUNTY FARM CALENDAR

THINGS TO BE DONE THIS MONTH

Agromony
For better profits plant cotton that will produce staple of one inch or better.

Plant only cotton seed that gives good germination tests.

Do not plan for more cotton that that can be given proper attention.

Study fertilizer needs and buy materials intelligently, to make more profitable yields.

Plan for food and feed crops that will make the farm self-sustaining.

Agricultural Engineering
Rearrange farm buildings and fields for more efficient use of labor and materials.

Remove stumps, stones and other obstructions and terrance or drain the land for better use of land and machinery.

Plan to use at least two-mule teams for every operation possible.

Decide now whether you will have silage for your cows next fall and plan for its production.

Analyze your herd records for 1929 and decide where you can improve in management and feeding for the coming year.

Repair pasture fences, clean out undergrowth, bushes and briars, and stop the washes in pastures.

Start the new year right by keeping daily milk record on each cow and by feeding grain in proportion to the milk yield.

Animal Husbandry
Give the ewe flock shelter from rain and what legume hay they will clean up.

Provide hogs shelter and liberal bedding for the winter.

See that the hogs have green feed-barley, rye, oats or rape.

Feed horses and mules roughage liberally and enough grain to keep them thrifty.

Poultry
Provide the breeders with a well-balanced ration and ample sunny range.

Make breeding hens about two weeks in advance of securing hatching eggs.

Use one male to each fifteen hens in the smaller breeds, one male to

each twelve hens in the larger. Repair brooders houses and get stove ready for use.

Plan to secure some eggs or chicks from high-producing stock for flock improvement.

FRANK FARMER SWEARS OFF FOR 1930

1. I swear off from the poor business of growing only one cash crop.

2. I swear not to plant inferior seed as a first step to failure.

3. I swear not to rob my soil, but to "pep it up" with soil improving legumes and intelligent fertilization.

4. I swear to swear off from scoups and to swear by pure bred livestock.

5. I swear by the live-at-home program for my family trough, gardens, orchards, poultry and other good eats.

6. I swear that I will plan work more logically and systematically.

7. I swear that I will keep records to enable me to study results.

8. I swear to do more mind farming so that I will have less muscle farming to do.

LESEPEDEA AGAIN

It's Lespedeza time, and indications point to the seeding of the largest crop in the history of the county.

Probably all farmers in the county are now well acquainted with the merits of Lespedeza, but something has yet to be found that will equal it for pasture and soil improvement.

Over five hundred Chatham farmers have seeded Lespedeza without a single failure. It needs no lime or inculcation and will grow and thrive on our poorest soils.

The demand this year for Lespedeza seed is strong, and bad weather prevented the harvesting of a normal crop.

The County Agent has seed booked for \$16 per 100 pounds, and would like to hear from farmers who intend to seed Lespedeza.

AN ACRE OF PASTURE FOR EVERY COW IN CHATHAM COUNTY?

For every dairy cow in Chatham there should be an acre of improved pasture. We cannot expect our cows to produce as they should on native pasture, which is either too scanty, or does not contain the proper mixture of grasses and clover to support dairy cattle.

Regardless of whether or not we are in the dairy business, whether we only keep one or two cows for family use, or whether we keep a few head of pearlings for beef cattle, they should have the proper pasture mixture.

Experiments conducted by dairymen in various parts of this state have shown that prepared pastures give their owner profits varying from \$15 to \$50 per acre per season in the increased production of their cows on these pastures, and the lessening of grain feed required while the cows are on these pastures.

The County Agent is now making preparations to order seed for pasture grasses and clovers, and much can be saved by ordering in large

amounts. The following mixture of grasses and clovers will furnish a good permanent pasture, and will grow and thrive anywhere in this county. The price of the seed is also listed:

4 pounds Kentucky Blue Grass \$21 per 100 pounds.

5 pounds Orchard Grass \$15 per 100 pounds.

5 pounds Herds Grass \$17 per 100 pounds.

5 pounds Alsike Clover \$20.50 per 100 pounds.

5 pounds White Dutch Clover \$24 per 100 pounds.

6 pounds Lespedeza \$16 per 100 pounds.

Total seed per acre 30 pounds. Cost per acre for seed \$5.62 (less freight).

This mixture may be seeded in late January, February or early March, alone or on fall-seeded grain or spring oats. We are recommending at least 1000 pounds of ground limestone per acre with these mixtures and 300-400 pounds of Acid Phosphate. On small grain, the seed may be drilled on the grain; to seed alone, the ground may be harrowed lightly as soon as the weather permits, and the seed drilled or broadcasted. The seed can then be brushed in lightly. These pasture mixtures require a firm, rather than a loose seed bed.

There are three main benefits resulting from the seeding of improved pastures that will be well for us to consider; first, a prepared pasture enables your cows to produce more milk with less feed; second, pastures hold soils together and prevent washing; third, pastures are constantly enriching the soil.

There are thousands of acres in this county lying idle that could be at least paying their owners taxes through the seeding of pastures. Soils of this county are especially adapted to pasture production.

The County Agent would like to hear from all farmers interested in seeding prepared pastures sometime within the next thirty days.

OLD SHAFT AT CUMNOCK MINE WILL BE ABANDONED

(Sanford Express)
Mr. John R. McQueen, president of the company operating the coal mine at Coal Glen, and who has also bought the Cumnock mine, tells The Express that the company plans to abandon the old shaft, use it as an airway and enter the mine by a sloping shaft, similar to the operations at the Coal Glen mine.

The cost of operating the Cumnock mine by the old method is too great. Less than a ton of coal can be pulled up the slop at Coal Glen at a single "draw."

There is still considerable water in the Cumnock mine and it is not being pumped out at this time.

Operations at the Coal Glen mine are almost normal. For some time the company has been taking out about 150 tons a day.

Mr. McQueen tells The Express that they expect to soon be taking out 200 to 250 tons a day. The matter concerning insurance at the mine, of which mention was made in this paper last week, has not been settled by the State Industrial Commission.

MORTGAGE SALE OF HOUSE AND LOT

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred on me in a deed of trust executed by Joe Weathers and wife, Anna Weathers on the 5th day of July, 1920, and recorded in Book FS, page 306-7, I will on

Monday, February 10, 1930, at 12 o'clock noon, on the premises in the town of Ferrington, Chatham County, N. C., sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder the following land, to wit:—

A certain house and lot being in Williams township, in the town of Ferrington, Chatham county, and described and bounded as follows:

Adjoining the lands of John Bryant on the north, John Bryant on the east, Joe Weathers on the south and Hence Luder on the west, and being a lot 100 by 50 feet, and being one of the certain lots conveyed to Joe Weathers of the first part by deed of Dr. Wilson and Fannie Wilson, said deed being registered in the office of the Register of Deeds of Chatham county, to which reference is hereby especially made for further description of the above described property, and being the lot on which said Joe Weathers of the first part erected a frame dwelling house.

This sale is made by reason of the failure of Joe Weathers and wife, Anna Weathers to pay off and discharge the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust.

This the 8th day of January, 1930. D. L. BELL, Trustee

NOTICE OF SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of the powers contained in a certain Chattel Mortgage registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Chatham County in book G L, at page 324, the undersigned will, on the

3rd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1930 offer for sale at the Courthouse door, Pittsboro, North Carolina, the following described personal property, to wit:

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TIME OF SALE—12 o'clock, noon.
TERMS OF SALE—CASH.
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R. E. BOONE and
A. J. BOONE, Mortgagees.

W. P. Horton, Attorney.
Jan 16 and 23

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