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YE EDITOR'S CHICKENS

The editor of this newspaper is having his first real experience with chickens. Maybe it will be suggestive to others. At least it won't hurt to tell it, for anything that will help to arouse interest in the poultry business in this section is worth while.

But to get at the story. For years the editor has lived where the size of the back lot was not such as to warrant the keeping of chickens along with other things that were kept on the lot. Last year we moved to a new location and recently have had a hen house built under the back of the garage. The room is about ten feet square. Before any work was done a government bulletin on how to build a chicken house was secured from the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C., and the house was made according to directions. Then a small lot was fenced in. When all things were ready the good wife was consulted on what kind of chickens should be bought. We had family talk by the hour on the various kinds. Finally she heard of a bunch of White Wyandottes out on the farm of Mr. John Simpson that could be bought. So twenty of Mr. Simpson's chickens and one rooster were secured on the first of December. Fifteen of them were last spring pullets and had never layed. Five hens were two years old coming spring. Up to the time we got them all the feed they had was what they picked up on the farm and some corn each day.

Once they were in our hands they were fed the commercial chow and chowder put up by the folks who make a business of this kind. Directions as to feeding, water, oyster shells, scratch pen, green feed, etc., were all followed as closely as we knew how to follow them, but narry an egg for the first two weeks. The boys about the home insisted that the reason that the hens were not laying was that they were raised in a republican home and were mad about the way the election went. We refused to accept this explanation as to our failure to get eggs. But after a month they began to lay, first an egg a day, then two or three, and now they have been shelling out as many as six a day. We are expecting that more will be laying as soon as they get older or get in laying condition.

Now if any of our readers are really trying to get results by carefully tending to their chickens we will be glad to publish reports from them as to their results, methods of feeding, care of hens, and any information that will help others to get results.

We had this experience recently. On last Saturday we got five eggs, on Sunday narry a one and on Monday six. Now what we want to know, is this irregular way of laying one day and nothing the next, due to the way the chickens are cared for or is it just natural for the brute to do this way. If some of our readers know how to make 'em lay every day come on with the explanation.

ABUSING OUR ROADS

It will be at a fearful cost that we continue to maintain our roads unless we find a way to prevent their abuse. We are not ready to do it now, but some day after we have seen our folly, we will have a law that empowers the highway commission to announce that no heavy traffic go over our roads in such weather as we have had here during the past month. On all the roads where there is much travel the heavy, narrow-tired wagons and the heavy trucks have cut down through the top soil to a depth that automatically stops travel. The travel is stopped and the expense of putting the road in shape again is large. It would be common sense to stop the heavy traffic by an order from the commission rather than let it be stopped by an impassable road. That is common sense. Just why a sensible people as we are will allow our roads to be ruined for the remainder of the winter, when an order to keep off all heavy traffic for a few days would obviate all the annoyance and cost of upkeep, is hard to say.

Some day we will learn to protect our roads.

Lenoir Daily Sentinel Has Suspended; Want Receiver

Lenoir, Jan. 8.—Lenoir Daily Sentinel, after 14 months of operation, has suspended publication and has filed a petition asking for a receivership. This is the second newspaper failure in the same plant within a little more than one and one-half years.

According to one of the stockholders the Daily Sentinel was never able to develop enough business to pay operating expenses. He placed the loss at from \$800 to \$900 per month. Shortly before it was agreed to suspend a canvass of the merchants was made in an effort to secure pledges of increased use of advertising space as to make it possible for the paper to continue.

Financial Statement of Funds of The Recorder's Court

Statement Shows a Collection of Fines and Costs of Nearly \$1,000 Per Month for Past Two Years

Last first Monday Clerk of the Recorder's Court, R. V. Deyrie, submitted a report to the Board of County Commissioners showing the amount of fines turned over to the county school fund by the Recorder's court during the past two years. The large amount reported elicited several expressions of surprise as to amount of business transacted by the local court. To those who do not have occasion to attend the sessions of the court the volume of business was a distinct surprise. In view of this interest in the financial end of the court we are publishing below a detailed statement of the collections made by the court from defendants showing the purposes for which the money was collected.

As has been stated the fines collected go into the general county school

fund, of which about 18 per cent comes back to the city schools and the remainder is distributed to other schools of the county. The fees paid into the court for clerk and police purposes are turned over to the city treasurer. During the past two years this amount has totaled about four thousand dollars and goes a considerable way in paying police salaries. For the years 1923 and 1924 Recorder fees collected amounted to about \$4,000, while the prosecuting attorney was paid for his services out of costs collected about \$2,600 for the two years. Other bills of costs for the two years include \$424.90 paid to the Sheriff and his deputies as fees, and \$1,594.85 paid to witnesses for attendance in the court.

Table with columns: Year, Recorder, Solicitor, Fines, Clerk, Sheriffs, Witnesses. Rows for 1923 (Jan-Dec) and Totals.

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Total amount collected from defendants during the year 1924, \$11,997.44

A LAW AGAINST EVOLUTION

They are talking about passing a law down at Raleigh against the teachings of evolution in the schools. If it will ease the conscience of those who oppose the teaching of this theory to make a law against it, then by all means make the law. Science has treated the folks mighty badly in all the years since men began in earnest to inquire into the causes of all that is about us. The scientists gave the world a mighty shock when they announced that the world is not the centre of the universe and in place of being a flat surface is a round ball whirling through space at an unbelievable rate. This teaching was as great a shock to the folks as is the teaching of evolution.

And now to boldly announce that man is akin to the lower animals in his physical makeup is utterly shocking to many of the nicest folks. They simply refuse any such teaching. They know better. They know because they have the authority of the Book on their side. The same was the reasoning when old Galileo recanted after announcing that the world is round. He had to take it back or lose his life. He took it back, but the facts in the case remained as they were and are.

By all means pass the law if it will satisfy these folks who denounce the theory of evolution. The theory will stand if it is the truth whether legislated for or against. It is hardly worth while to suggest to the champions of this law that they read a book on the subject before they go further, for they would hardly do it.

Major Hopkins of Pittsburgh Comes to North Carolina

Friends of Salvation Army will be interested to know that Major Barrett who has served very acceptably as Divisional officer with headquarters in Charlotte is being transferred to the Potomac division, with headquarters in Washington.

Major Barrett will be succeeded by Major Hopkins of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Surry Representatives Placed on Many Committees

Surry county's representatives in the State Legislature are now in attendance at Raleigh and both have received several assignments on important committees of the Legislature.

In the House the Speaker placed H. H. Barker on the following committees: Banks and banking, constitutional amendments, election laws, judiciary, mines and mining and senatorial districts. Lieut.-Gov. J. Elmer Long, who presides over the Senate, named Walter W. Carter, Senator from Surry and Stokes, as chairman of the committee on the Caswell training school. He is also a member of the following committees: Public roads, commerce, consolidated statutes, education, election laws, judicial districts, senatorial appointments, engrossed bills, finance, game laws, judiciary and military affairs.

Two Country Homes Destroyed by Fire

Last Wednesday the large residence of Fred Parker, near Copeland, was completely destroyed by fire, in which he lost all his provisions, including wheat, flour, meat, clothing and everything that was in the house. The family was absent from the home and did not know of the fire until they reached home and found everything in ashes.

Jesse Lawrence of the Round Peak section also suffered the same experience in the loss of his nine-room residence. His family was visiting in the afternoon and while away the house caught fire in some way and burned to the ground before neighbors could save anything. All clothing and provisions were lost. The loss to Mr. Lawrence is very heavy as he has a family of nine children. He is a brother to Chief Lawrence of this city.

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New House Burned and Personal Mention

Mount Airy, Route 2, Jan. 12.—The people of this section are having so much rain and rough weather they will be glad when it clears off.

Jesse Lawrence had the misfortune to lose his house by fire last Thursday. The house had only been built a short while and the family had recently moved into it.

Mrs. Marian Calloway of Thurmond, will spend a while with her sister Mrs. Rufus Mosley while her husband is teaching school.

Twins, a boy and a girl, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Marion McElone last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Younger spent last week with Mrs. Younger's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. East at Galax, Va. Mrs. Younger found her father very feeble with rheumatism.

Mr. Benton Taylor left last week for West Va., where he will find employment awaiting him, his wife will join him in the spring.

The friends of Glenn York will be glad to learn he has recovered after being confined to his bed several

days with something like "flu" and is able to return to his position at Thomasville.

Dixie Watson, of Winston-Salem, spent the past week end with his father P. M. Watson.

Grayson County Agent Wins Trip to Chicago

David T. Painter, County agent of Grayson, won the prize offered by the Virginia Bankers Association for the agent introducing the greatest number of pure bred sires into his county. The prize being a free trip to the International Stock Show in Chicago. Grayson supervisors recently appropriated sufficient funds to retain Mr. Painter as County Agent for the next two years.

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