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WANT ALL COUNTY CATTLE INSPECTED

Government Veterinarians Will Ask Commissioners to Make Appropriation

Last week Dr. J. G. Sallade, of the State Animal Department, and Dr. W. C. Dondinger, from the Federal Department, were in the county discussing with the people a movement they are trying to bring to a climax, having for its aim the testing of all cattle in the county to discover any cattle tuberculosis. Their plan is a veterinary surgeon to be hired by the county to inoculate every animal in the county to find out whether it has the disease. In case it has it will be killed, and the owner reimbursed by a fund provided by the State for the purpose.

Tuberculosis in cattle is a frequent cause of infection of the people who use milk and butter, and is a dangerous malady. Dr. Dondinger, talking with The Pilot, says that he does not expect to find a great deal of tuberculosis in Moore county yet, but that now, before it gets a hold, is the time to discover whatever may exist and get rid of it before it gets to be a more grave menace to the health of the people. The disease is communicated by one animal to another. By getting rid of any that have it, and then keeping Moore county cattle away from others that have it the county can be kept free from animal tuberculosis, and to a great degree from the disease in man.

The process of overcoming this disease is through an inspection of every animal, and an injection of a preparation that is made for that purpose. In few days after the injection of the serum if the animal is infected a feverishness will show, which is a positive test. The animal is at once slaughtered, and paid for from a fund of the State provided for that purpose. If the test does not induce a fever the animal is passed as free.

Some of the biggest herds of the county have been tested. The Pinehurst herd has been tested continuously for fifteen years, and is absolutely free from tuberculosis. The patrons of the Pinehurst dairy are safe in the use of butter and milk from that source, as should be the case in every part of the county, individuals as well as patrons of public dairies. The subject will be brought before the county commissioners at their next meeting week. It has the backing of a lot of the leading men of the county.

Dr. Dondinger says the disease in cattle is the one sole cause of tuberculosis in hogs, and that where it is eradicated it is wiped out in hogs as hogs do not convey it to each other. A hog gets tuberculosis only from cattle. He says to clean up the county will be the work of several months as all cattle will have to be tested individually to make the job complete.

HOW TO PRUNE THE PEACH TREE

The peach should be trained to the open head system to produce an open, spreading, low-topped tree which is easily pruned and sprayed. By using this system the fruit will be more highly colored, contain less brown rot, and can be harvested more easily. The main object the first three years after the tree is set is to shape the tree and

PROGRAM

For the week at the Carolina Theatre, Pinehurst, N. C. Friday, February 1st—"Six Cylinder Lové." Matinee Saturday at 3 P. M. Monday, February 4th—"The Humming Bird." Matinee Tuesday at 3 P. M. Wednesday, February 6th and 7th—"The White Sister." Matinee Thursday at 3 P. M.

develop a good strong framework. The tree should be headed back to 20 inches from the ground when set. The primary scaffold limbs should be selected at the end of the first season's growth. Looking down on the tree from the top, select three limbs that divide the space of the tree into nearly three equal parts. These limbs should be spaced over 12 inches distance along the trunk of the tree in order not to form a weak crotch. The limbs selected should be headed back and all the rest removed. The second season select two good, well-spaced laterals on each of the primary scaffold limbs chosen the previous year, head these back and remove all the rest. The training of the framework is continued the third season on the same principles, some fruiting wood may be left in the center of the tree during the third season's pruning.

Annual pruning of the trees should be continued, the amount of the shearing will depend upon the growth made the previous year and the number and condition of the fruit buds. Two principles must be kept in mind in this pruning—fruit is always borne on wood that grew the previous season, and response to pruning takes place in the immediate vicinity of the cut. Therefore, cutting should be done over the entire tree to have the proper distribution of fruiting wood the following year.

Besides clipping back the ends of the fruiting woods, some of it must be removed entirely in order not to leave too much. In removing fruiting wood, that on the under side of the limb should be removed first as the fruit produced there will not color properly. All competing branches should be removed or headed back for temporary fruiting wood. The peach should not be pruned too severely as the bearing surface developed will determine the maximum crop that can be produced. A well-cared-for tree is a good investment. Prune your peach tree immediately.—R. F. Payne, in Extension Farm News.

SANDHILL FOLKS WHO ARE THRIVING

Members of the Old Angus Ray Family Back From Distant Points

Last week visiting in the Sandhills of Moore county were four representatives of a family that were well known to the older settlers of the community and whose ancestors were among the early folks to locate in the Sandhill territory, establishing here for themselves a home that was rated among the substantial of the surrounding holdings. They were Mrs. Kate Ray Baker, Florida, and her brother, Duncan Ray, also of western Florida, Dr. Jack Ray of Kansas City, Mo., and Laura Ray of Lowville, N. Y., a son and daughter of Mrs. Ray. Mrs. Ray's father a number of years ago held a large acreage of the land in Upper Hoke county that was sold to Will Briton who put in at Lumbardale one of the largest saw mills ever operated in this part of the country. This was all some twenty years ago. But in the passing of the last possessions of the long time owners over to Uncle Sam in more recent years for an artillery range all ties have been relinquished by that family in this section, but those held by the ties of friendship. And the family come back to visit again the relation and the folks who are living and scattered around in Moore county.

Dr. Jack Ray and Laura are of the younger generation and are two young people who have met with decided success in points somewhat distant from their native state. Laura Ray graduated from Columbia University last February and later was doing work under the Extension department of Cornell University, from where she was sent to Lowville, in the upper part of New York state, near the lake country of Ontario. Here the Tar Heel girl is finding all kinds of new and novel experiences, and is making a hit with the people. She is sup-

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BAILEY AND BREWER DISCUSS CAMPAIGN

Hon. J. W. Bailey Writes Candid Letter Which is Answered in Same Friendly Tone

Among the mail coming to The Pilot during the week was the following cordial letter from J. W. Bailey, which speaks clearly for itself. Assuming that in sending this communication to the owner of The Pilot, and intimating that his support would be appreciated, it is fair to suppose that Mr. Bailey desires his announcement to have as wide publicity as the paper can give, wherefore the letter is published. With his is also published the reply to it, indicating the views of The Pilot, as far as they have developed, for it must be understood that Mr. Brewer's opinions and The Pilot's opinions must be identical. Mr. Bailey in his letter says:

Raleigh, Jan. 24, 1924.

Mr. Stacy Brewer, Vass, N. C. Dear Sir:

I have not heretofore felt at liberty to write to you concerning my candidacy for Governor, because the considerations and causes upon which my candidacy is founded had not been made public. Now that my statement has been printed in all of the daily papers, and you, perhaps, have read and considered it, I write to say that I should be happy to know that you were inclined to support me in behalf of the causes that I have set forth.

I do not intend that my candidacy shall assume a personal aspect. I propose not to think any less of any one for choosing to vote against me; I think every voter's right should be respected. I am trying to stand for certain measures; I think the time has come for a great forward move in our politics, and I look to you as one likely to respond to such a movement.

May I not ask you to write me frankly what you think of my candidacy, as set forth in the announcement. I promise that I shall appreciate your candor, whether it be favorable or unfavorable. I should be greatly encouraged by your support; but I would not be writing you if I could not say that—whether you support me or not—I shall respect your position.

Yours, J. W. BAILEY.

The response to Mr. Bailey's letter was as follows:

Hon. J. W. Bailey, Raleigh, N. C. Dear Sir:

I was pleased to get your letter, and with its frankness I will undertake to answer you in the same frank tone. I have been paying more or less attention to you and Mr. McLean for some time, expecting that you would both be in the race, and many things that you have done have met my approval. Yet some that you have done, or perhaps that have been done in your behalf, have not seemed so commendable.

My idea of a candidate for governor of North Carolina is that he should be a big, broad, honest man, standing, as you say, for certain measures, basing his candidacy on the merits of his measures and his capacity to render service. Much in your circular announcing your candidacy appeals to me, and I would like to see that much of it seized upon by our people and made a part of our political practice.

Yet there are some things in your circular I do not follow, and probably the emphasis laid in the machine seems to me to be the most vulnerable spot in it. To be candid, having been the beneficiary of the machine for so long I do not see why at this particular juncture you are so vigorous in your denunciation of this bugaboo. Personally I am not disturbed by the (Continued on page 8)

ANOTHER GREAT PICTURE AT THE CAROLINA THEATRE

The Carolina Theatre, Pinehurst, takes great pleasure in announcing the premiere showing in the South of one of the greatest pictures of the year, "White Sister," with Lillian Gish, adapted from the story by F. Marion Crawford.

"The White Sister" is now running in New York at \$2.00 admission and will probably continue there for the balance of the winter along with "The Covered Wagon" and "Scaramouche."

This is without doubt, one of the most inspiring pictures ever produced and the crowning achievement of our greatest screen artiste, Lillian Gish. Perhaps the best argument for the

greatness of the "White Sister" is contained in the criticism of Alan Dale, New York's most severe dramatic critic, which is a great tribute to an artiste by a great critic. Alan Dale says, "There is nothing on the stage this season, nor was there anything on the stage last season, to compare for one moment with the pathos, the suspense, the spectacular magnificence and the gorgeous finale of the picture which presents Lillian Gish in "The White Sister."

While David Belasco paid her a rare and gracious tribute when he said, "It was a revelation to see this little girl who was with me only a few years ago reach the very highest point in action, charm and delightful expression."

Our greatest American actor, John Barrymore, added another wonderful tribute to "The White Sister" when he said: "I remember seeing Duse many years ago, also Madame Bernhardt—and for sheer technical brilliancy and great emotional projection, done with an almost uncanny simplicity and sincerity of method, it is great fun and a great stimulant to see an American artist equal, if not surpass, the finest traditions of the theatre."

Pages could be filled with the glowing tributes that have been heaped upon Lillian Gish in "The White Sister" and the management assures Carolina Theatre patrons that they will be thrilled, captivated and exalted as never before.

This is the most costly production that has appeared in Pinehurst since the day of big productions and is worth every cent of it.

To accommodate the patronage, which will be more than the theatre will hold in one night, we have extended the engagement to two nights and a matinee.

The same prices as for "Scaramouche" will prevail: box seats, \$1.50, orchestra \$1.00, parquet 85c and 75c, balcony 65c and 50c. Matinee prices: main floor 75c, balcony 50c.

The Management.

REMOVING OLD BATH HOUSES

Owners of Lakeview Make Start To Be Ready for The Summer Business

Work has started at Lakeview on the new project that is to follow the transfer of the property to James Barber. The complete plans have not been announced, but the first job undertaken will be to tear down the old bath houses, which was commenced on Wednesday, and to replace them with larger and more commodious buildings that will be in keeping with the future needs of the place.

The bath houses will be ready for the spring business, and will be capable of caring for a bigger patronage than ever. It is expected that the plans for a big hotel will follow later in the season, but this is still not in a state that an announcement can be made.

ANNOUNCEMENT

All those who desire to enter the membership of the Methodist church are requested to present themselves next Sabbath, 11 a. m. Parents please attend with their children. Those who have not been baptized be prepared to receive same.

EUCLID McWHORTER, P. C.

Due to delay in the mail service somewhere between Carthage and Vass our Carthage News arrived too late for publication this week. However, The Charlotte News will be interested to know that Bill Cagle, negro who was "fatally" injured in a sawmill accident, and whom we reported last week as getting along so nicely, is now able to be at work again.

SURVEY IN VASS FOR WATER WORKS

McCrary Engineering Company, of Atlanta, Engaged to Make Preliminary Plans

Vass has taken the first steps towards securing water and a system of sewerage. The town commissioners last week signed an agreement with the McCrary Engineering Company, of Atlanta, to make a survey of the town with maps and estimates that would serve the needs of the growing community. The agreement goes no farther than the survey, although it provides that if the town should care to undertake the construction of the plant, the Atlanta company will act as supervising engineers while the work is carried on.

D. A. McLaughlin, clerk of the board, said to The Pilot, when discussing the contract that this is a step which is merely a beginning. What it will lead to depends entirely on the desire of the people of Vass. It is evident to those who have watched the growth of the village that a water supply must be arranged for before very much longer, for several reasons. The growth of the town has already reached a point where surface shallow wells are no longer satisfactory. The new buildings that are growing up must be fitted with water supply, and a sewerage system is becoming imperative. Then if a water supply is to be secured from the springs in the vicinity a selection must be made before the stream heads are given up to farms and allowed to be contaminated by the presence of buildings and barn yards.

While it seems easy enough to secure a water supply around Vass an investigation a year or so ago by A. Cameron, and R. W. Beadle of Brockwayville, Pa., showed that the really serviceable sources of supply are not many. Mr. Cameron and Mr. Beadle looked over the streams within two miles of the village and found two or three places that appeared satisfactory on first investigation only to show some obstacles when they were located into more closely.

Mr. McLaughlin says that this survey which has been contracted is for one thing to find out as much as possible about what the town requires and what can be done. After the information has been secured the proposition will be laid before the people and possibly Lakeview may be interested in the movement, as that town will have to face the same problem before long. A number of things will then have to be decided. Mr. Beadle has been interested in building a plant to supply water and possible operating a plant himself, selling water to the town. Mr. McLaughlin says this project has its advantages as it would involve much less outlay on the part of the community. Another idea is for the community to build the plant itself with the public funds and oper-

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TO BE HERE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd

Mr. G. A. Norwood, of Goldsboro, president of the Co-operative Tobacco Growers' Association, will be in Vass, Saturday, to attend the County Meeting of the Moore County growers.

All members are urged to be in Vass that day, and anyone else interested in Co-operative Marketing.

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To ascertain if Mr. Norwood would be sure to fill his appointment, The Pilot wired him to that effect. The following is his answer:

GOLDSBORO, N. C. 1-30-24, 7:25 p. m.

THE PILOT, (Answering date) VASS, N. C.

"YES I WILL."

G. A. NORWOOD.