

IMPORTATIONS OF FOOD SUPPLIES

North Carolina Falls Far Short of Supplying Plenty of Hog and Hominy--An Enormous Drain on the Purse of the People Who Must Eat to Live

It may be startling to some to learn that the State raises only seventy five per cent of necessary food. The remaining twenty five per cent is grown in other states. Estimating that at the present prices that it costs thirty cents per day for the average person to live, then \$80,300,000 goes out of the State yearly for supplies.

North Carolina has 31,091,200 acres of land surface, the large part of which is arable. Upon this should be grown enough to feed the population as this would give to each person fifteen acres of land according to the last census. Yet we have to import 6,885,000 bushels of wheat yearly. But as this section is no wheat-growing one, the meat question will probably interest more.

In 1909 there were in the State 1,356,000 hogs; 449,000 beef cattle and 215,000 sheep. At the end of the year all the hogs had been slaughtered and they had dressed an average of 100 pounds apiece there would have been put on the market 135,600,000 pounds of pork. If all the beef cattle had been slaughtered, and they had dressed 400 pounds each, there would have been put on the market 178,600,000 pounds of beef. If all the sheep had been slaughtered, and they had dressed 40 pounds each, there would have been put on the market 8,600,000 pounds of mutton. There would thus have been put on the market the grand total of 323,800,000 pounds of meat in one year from the combined slaughtering of all the hogs, hogs and sheep in the State.

Careful statistics show that the average person in the United States, including men, women and children consumes 182.6 pounds of meat in one year. Should this average be correct for North Carolina, our people consume, basing our calculation on a population of 2,200,000 about 401,720,000 pounds of meat yearly. It will be seen from these figures that should all of our animals be slaughtered in one year, we would still have to purchase 77,920,000 pounds of meat to supply the demand. At an average price of 12 1/2 cents a pound this will amount to \$9,740,000 annually.

This drain on our resources is enormous, and lends great emphasis to the need of more live stock, especially hogs, in North Carolina. There is no State in the Union where hogs can be raised more cheaply than in North Carolina. The soils and climate are especially adapted to the peanut, soy bean, cowpea, red and alsike clovers, sweet potatoes, chufa and other cheap hog feeds, all of which flourish during the summer months. This is the latitude also where crimson clover, burr clover, hairy vetch, rape, rye, oats, etc., grow luxuriantly in the fall, winter and spring, thus providing an ample supply of feed for hogs and other farm animals the year round. Many of the farmers are taking advantage of this opportunity to produce cheap meat, and are making it pay handsomely.

Notice

There has been at our farm near Williamston for three months, a red cow about three years old marked split in the right ear. Owner will please come.

Williamston Land and Improvement Co.

E. C. T. S. Notes

Pres. R. H. Wright delivered an address before an educational rally, at Trenton, February 17th.

Mr. C. W. Wilson spoke to the teachers of Lenior county at Kinston, February 17th.

Mr. R. D. W. Connor of Raleigh spoke to the school, Monday night, February 20th, under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A.

The Y. W. C. A. gave a silver tea on a recent Saturday evening, and realized a neat little sum.

The Legislative Committee on Education spent the day here February 1st, inspecting the school. The school greatly enjoyed the speeches from the different members of the committee.

Miss Graham's Bible Study Class, composed of twenty girls, spent a delightful evening with her socially not long ago. Refreshment were served and much fun was caused by a unique contest.

The Junior Class, under the direction of Miss Davis, will give an entertainment, colonial suggestions on the evening of Washington's birthday.

Dr. Geo. D. Strayer, Prof. of School Administration and Supervision in Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City, will give a month's course here to superintendents and principals during the summer term.

Dr. Strayer and Mr. Albert S. Cook, Supt. of Baltimore county, Md., on a tour through the south for the purpose of inspecting schools, spent two days visiting Pres. Wright and looking over the school.

On Saturday evening, February 11th, Pres and Mrs. Wright entertained in honor of the Seniors Class and their guests, Dr. Strayer and Mr. Cooke. The ladies of the faculty assisted in receiving and serving. The Seniors appreciated not only the honor of being entertained, but also the privilege of meeting the distinguished visitors.

The Pitt County Teachers' Association had a meeting of great interest in the school auditorium on Sunday, February 11th. Many people came from adjoining towns and counties. The two notable visitors, Dr. Cooke and Mr. Strayer, spoke. Mr. Cooke spoke on the problems that confront the rural schools, giving an interesting and helpful account of how Baltimore county is solving these problems. Mr. Cooke is one of the most successful county superintendents of the country. His address was of special significance.

Dr. Strayer's theme was The Meaning of Education in our Democracy. This was divided into three parts: Education must give opportunity (1) to grow in intelligence; (2) to grow in responsibility; (3) to grow in power to appreciate the best in life. He closed by saying: "The future of democracy and the hope of humanity depend upon the kind of education given to our children." It was a great speech, strong and inspiring reaching into the heart of the democratic spirit and showing how this should be developed in each individual.

Tortured for 15 Years

by a cure-defying stomach trouble that baffled doctors, and resisted all remedies he tried, John W. Modders, of Moddersville, Mich., seemed doomed. He had to sell his farm and give up work. His neighbors said, "he can't live much longer." "Whatever I ate distressed me," he wrote, "till I tried Electric Bitters, which worked such wonders for me that I can now eat things that I could not take for years. Its surely a grand remedy for stomach trouble." Just as good for the liver and kidneys. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50c at Saunders & Fowden.

Teachers' Meeting

The teachers of Martin County met February 18th, in the Graded School Building of this place. The meeting was ably conducted by Mr. Eason, of Robersonville, he discussed with a great deal of interest a chapter from McMurry's "How to Study."

One of the most enjoyable features of our last meeting was the presentation of a medal by the teachers of the county to Mr. Peel, County Superintendent. Mr. Corey, with appropriate words, went over a few of the many things that Mr. Peel has done for the schools of the county. He said that no words were needed when new school houses, both up-to-date and modern, proclaimed unceasingly the fact that good work had been done; that on account of their love for him, and their appreciation of the good he had done them individually the teachers presented him with this medal.

There were then reports from the Betterment Association and the meeting adjourned.

I would like right here to express our sincerest thanks to those of the town who have aided us in the building up of our library. These books will do more good than people may ever dream of.

A. M. JORDAN.

When her child is in danger a woman will risk her life to protect it. No great act of heroism or risk of life is necessary to protect a child from croup. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and all danger is avoided. For sale by all dealers.

Lilley-Dickens

Cupid had a hurry call on Tuesday night and responded on time before the Court of Hymen, when Miss Hattie Dickens, of Halifax County, and Mr. C. A. Lilley, of Martin County, appeared to have the sanction of the Court on the formation of their partnership to engage in the business of life under the firm name of Lilley. This agreement was entered into in the office of Attorney A. R. Lunning, and the vows were given by Rev. George J. Dowell, pastor of the Baptist Church. The young couple arrived on the evening train, having skipped from under the eyes of the bride's parents. The friends of the young pair wish for them a long and happy life.

You are probably aware that pneumonia always results from a cold, but you never heard of a cold resulting in pneumonia when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy was used. Why take the risk when this remedy may be had for a trifle? For sale by all dealers.

Darden-Allen

(Reported)

On Wednesday evening, February 15th, at 6:30 o'clock, a very beautiful marriage was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Allen, when Miss Neva Allen became the bride of Mr. Stewart P. Darden, of Plymouth.

The parlor and hall were beautifully decorated with evergreens, etc. The bride was attired in a going-away gown of blue cloth with hat, gloves and shoes to match. Rev. A. L. Harrison, of Plymouth, pronounced the vows in a most impressive manner.

Among the out-of-town friends present were Miss Myrtle Darden and Mr. M. G. Darden, Mr. and Mrs. James Allen and Mrs. Joseph Gurganus, of Wilson.

The bride is an attractive and accomplished young woman of Jamesville, and the groom is a prosperous young farmer of Plymouth.

Enlarging Stock Farm

Drs. Biggs and Rhodes have recently purchased a number of Angus cattle, which together with those already on hand, will make a fine herd. They have leased the Whitley lowlands for a number of years. This land adjoins their own lands and will become a splendid range for the cattle. The Angus breed are raised for beef, being very heavy in weight, tipping the scales from 2,000 to 2,500 lbs. at two years old. The breed originally came from Scotland and is very hardy. Biggs and Rhodes also are raising horses and hogs. Stock raising could become very profitable in this section if people would engage in it. There have been more hogs slaughtered in the county this season than for any year previous, and people are keeping a better breed of hogs. Cholera has not been so prevalent, because farmers are becoming better educated along every line and therefore can more easily combat the ravages of diseases among stock.

Planing Mill Needed

The sale and removal of the McNaughton Mill at Everetts will occasion great inconvenience to the people in this section. One can get lumber in the rough but ceiling, flooring and moulding cannot be secured except from a distance, which with increased freight rates works a hardship on the purchaser.

A small planing mill located in Williamston would be a good investment, and there is no reason why some enterprising man cannot establish same and serve the public. The town is a good point from which to distribute and the mills in the adjacent country could furnish the rough lumber, if the mill did not cut its own supply. Often a small industry leads to larger things and when a section needs such a plant there should be some man to enter the business.

How to cure a cold is a question in which many are interested just now. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has won its great reputation and immense sale by its remarkable cure of colds. It can always be depended upon. For sale by all dealers.

Booze Swiped

Some one, no doubt, assisted by some one else, in getting and drinking the old "red eye holer" entered the A. C. L. station house Saturday night and carried away ten gallon keg and several pails full of their favorite. The door in the office which opens on the South platform was opened by removing the glass therefrom and unlocking same by reaching inside. Then the rest was easy. This morning, the feed room of the Va. Car Repair Co. was entered and some corn taken, the tray being used, perhaps, to carry away the corn and the liquor.

The officers were put on the job but failed to make good, so the burglars are securely resting and imbibing the stolen goods. It is quite the sad here to steal whiskey from the depot.

Notice! Farmers Union

I will be in Martin County for the next few weeks in the interest of the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union, of America, and will visit all sections of the County for the purpose of establishing Local Unions. Any section of the County desiring my services can address me at Williamston, N. C. All communications will have my prompt attention.

JOHN L. WARREN,
Local Organizer, Lecturer.

Lack of Patriotism

The public schools of North Carolina have been for the past few years keeping in touch with those of other states in the observance of those events which make for a deeper patriotic feeling in the breasts of the boys and girls. Upon the foundation which is laid in the hearts of these children must the future of the State be built, and a people without reverence for the men who have suffered and died for their country, cannot properly lay this foundation. So it is that the schools are called upon to observe the birthdays of Washington, Lee and others who have made history and whose characters are models for every boy in the land.

But the schools in Williamston year after year pay tribute to the holidays which the National Government as well as the Educational Board has set apart. Shall our boys and girls be less patriotic than those of other sections? When they come from out the school room to begin the battle of life in earnest, will they be full of that love for their country and those men whose deeds emblazon the pages of history? How can they be brought face to face with the beauty of reverencing the memory of a man like Washington, when the daily routine of the school must be carried on? The banks and public offices close and yet the schools—the very foundation of our social and civil life—are in session.

In a town the size of Williamston with an enrollment of several hundred pupils, it is odd to see the lack of patriotism displayed. If a crowd comes to town, school is closed; but there is no time to show that the boys and girls reverence the greatest men of the American people.

PATRIOT.

OAK CITY ITEMS

Miss Mary Worsley was in town Friday.

Miss Hannah Long returned from Raleigh Friday.

Prof. Smythe, R. A. M., went to Robersonville Saturday.

W. O. Cunniff went to Scotland Neck Monday on business.

Mrs. R. L. Halfin, of Hamilton, is spending a few days at home.

The many friends of H. K. Harrell are glad to see him out again.

Tamie Johnson, of Hillsboro, spent Sunday in town with relatives.

Misses Olivia Early, Lola and Bernice, Council were on our streets Friday.

Misses Marc Johnson, Lila and Dora Council were on our streets Monday.

F. L. Halfin was in town Friday. Clifton Williams left for Aulander Saturday.

Miss Charlotte Casper and Olivia Early made a flying trip to Parmele Friday.

Miss Hattie Johnson spent Saturday and Sunday with Misses Olivia and Fannie Early.

John House, of Scotland Neck, was the guest of Mr. J. J. Long Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Lizzie Harrell, Fannie Early and Annie May Daughterridge are at home for a few days.

Mrs. Henry Everett and daughter, Mrs. Alicia Rawls, of Robersonville, spent the week-end in town with relatives.

While playing near the fire on Thursday, Julia, the little four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Price, caught on fire and was painfully burned before the flames could be extinguished.

ROBERSONVILLE NEWS ITEMS

Local Happenings and People who are Coming and Going, Here, There and Yonder as Gathered by our Regular Correspondent.

W. L. James went to Everett Tuesday.

J. C. Robertson went to Oak City Tuesday.

J. Harrell, of Norfolk, was in town Monday.

B. W. Mosley, of Greenville, was in town Tuesday.

Will Hurst, of Oak City, was in town Wednesday.

Miss Ora Taylor, of Oak Grove, spent Sunday here.

P. C. Rives spent Sunday at his home near Hamilton.

Arthur Barnett, of Hobgood, is in town for a few days.

Miss Facer Taylor, of Spring Green, was in town Sunday.

Lester Edmondson, of Gold Point, was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. R. L. Smith and children are visiting in Williamston this week.

Rev. Mr. Parish, of Wilson, filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Miss S. M. Everett, of near Gold Point, visited Miss B. R. Roberson last week.

Miss Alice Edwards, of Raleigh, visited her sister, Mrs. J. W. Hight last week.

J. E. Warren, of Oakesville, is doing some painting for the Parker Buggy Company.

M. G. Warren here was married to Miss S. E. Edmondson of Spring Green, Sunday.

Quite a number attended the basket party at Grodool Friday, given by Miss Marie Robertson.

Mrs. Robert Nelson and son spent several days with Mrs. A. R. Downing at Williamston this week.

J. C. S. P. Miss Susie and Morgan to the Chamber spent Sunday with Miss Anna Fleming near Hillsboro.

Miss Dora Burroughs, of Bethel, who has been visiting friends and relatives here, returned home Monday.

Early Sunday morning, W. H. Bennett, J. and Mrs. Myrtle Hight were en route to the depot to see the arrival of the train—two tickets were called for to Bethel. Two minutes later a young gentleman commonly known as Pete, advanced to the ticket office and called for one ticket to Bethel.

The use of Gray's Pneumonia Cure has proven to be very beneficial to Messrs. G. C. Taylor and Jodie Woolard, who were out sporting Sunday night. Their horse was restless and would not give Taylor a chance to get in the buggy—you can guess the rest. But they are getting along as well as one could expect now.

M. E. Church Sunday

Rev. Rufus Bradley, pastor of the Methodist Church, announces his subjects for Sunday, February 26, as follows: Morning—"Divine Searching" Night—"Clinging to the Faith."

The public is invited to attend these services.

A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Liniment and bound on the affected parts is superior to any plaster. When troubled with lame back or pains in the side or chest give it a trial and you are certain to be more than pleased with the prompt relief which it affords. Sold by all dealers.