

FARM NEWS

By L. A. AMMON

The Labor Cost

All signs point to a big corn crop this year. This is shown by better seed beds than last year, and if signs do not fail, a warmer summer.

The real corn belt of the West uses very little hand labor in producing corn. They now use a three-row corn planter, and a three-row cultivator, so they cut the cost of cultivating fifty per cent. They use the check row planters and cultivate both ways, so there is little need for hoes.

Forty acres is not a large field and five to twenty cultivators going at one time is not uncommon.

If we of Transylvania wish to compete with them, we must cut the cost of labor as much as possible. This is a serious problem for each farmer producing corn for sale or commercial feeding. A few days thought just now may show you that you can make out with one man less, or grow some additional crop that will make a fuller time use of the man.

I believe I am safe in saying that the Western farmer can take our labor and their equipment and take care of twice the acreage of corn as we do. This was my first impression when I first came to the County and that impression has grown instead of decreasing.

Corn that is to be fed to cattle is best and cheapest when put into a silo. Corn that is for hard corn, is cheapest, when all factors are considered, when cut, shocked, and run through a corn shredder. These things are sadly lacking in our County, but many farms or groups of farms can make them possible at small cost to each.

The best farms in the County are allowing their hay to stay out in the weather all fall and until fed. That causes around one-fourth loss. These same farms have no hay tracks and forks in their barns so it takes twice as long to unload. And this is not a dry country where we have lots of time to get hay in. And so it is all down the list, even to the churn. Why not have more money in equipment and not so much labor.

The Cannery Again

Another company is sending a man here to look us over for a cannery. I wrote them about the first man's prices, and they feel that they can make us the same size plant for less than half the first man's price. More about this later.

Reed's Siding had a neighborhood terracing the last week. Five farmers had work done, and since they had it done at the same time, it saved the Farm Agent much travel and time. A good thing for other communities to do, as the individual calls consume so much time that I can not do the work justice.

Mr. Amos McCall is the first to start this County off in the purebred bull drive. He has a nice black Angus. If you wish to get the Angus fever, just rub up against Mr. Ralph Fisher. Guess he is not nutty either. They are a fine breed for crossing on our native stock.

The lime drive has hit 21 cars, one over the goal and a few more in sight. This means better crops for the year, and more bony stock in the future. Lime for "Holler head and tail" is proving good this winter. As yet I have not found a case where ashes or lime was being used in the feed or salt.

Considerable trouble is being had with baby chicks and the greatest cause seems to be houses that are warm. Fresh air and sunshine from the start is the best remedy.

From the experience of the growers, the oil brooders are the less apt to overheat the chicks, and gives plenty of heat with least danger of going out. The general trend in the brooding business is to get away from excessive heat, as it seems that the overheating causes the chicks to take colds more easily when let out to the air.

McCoy and O'Kelly lost two hundred chicks due to the wind blowing the smoke down the stove pipes. They have all oil burners now.

Pigs seem scarce. I will try and get seller and buyer together if you will leave your lists with me.

ATTENDING FEDERAL COURT

United States Commissioner A. E. Hampton and Federal Prohibition Agents V. E. Grant and W. W. Owen are attending Federal Court in Greenville, S. C., this week.

NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITOL

By M. L. SHIMPAN

Raleigh, N. C., April 6.—The "Old Ship of State" is still rocking, with the billows no less threatening than they were a week ago, in so far as salaries and "perquisites" are concerned. The salary and wage commission has been named, accepted service, and will soon be prying into the affairs of State departments and institutions with the view to using the pruning knife in situations which seem to warrant that course. If the Commission spends any great length of time in Raleigh and undertakes to delve to the bottom of living conditions it may learn that no appreciable number of State employees are receiving more than necessary requires. There are probably inequalities which should be adjusted but indiscriminate slashing in the salaries of departmental helpers is not anticipated on an extensive scale.

The Salary and Wage commission composed of Julian Price, of Greensboro, chairman; George A. Holderness, Tarboro; S. L. Rogers, Franklin; Robert N. Page, Bisco and Aberdeen, and R. H. Hanes, Jr., Winston-Salem, is due to start on the task assigned to it on call of the Governor. The Commission is representative of the business interests of the State and the members thereof are said to have had experience in employing and handling labor. Anyway the "destiny" of workers in and around the capitol is in the keeping of the five men picked by the Governor to decide whether the State is paying too much for "services rendered."

Commissioner Doughton, of the Department of Revenue, did not wait the arrival of the Salary and Wage Commission to inaugurate a wage reform in that branch of the State Government. His first official act after taking over the automobile license bureau of the State Department resulted in a 20 percent reduction in the salaries of employees inherited from the transfer and a corresponding reduction in the personnel. A saving of around \$43,000 annually in overhead expenses is announced already and the Salary Commission may "go one better" before it gets through. The places of J. E. Sawyer, former supervisor of the bureau, and A. L. Fleming, chief clerk, who voluntarily retired when the bill passed authorizing the transfer to the Department of Revenue, have not been filled by Commissioner Doughton. The two were receiving \$9,600 a year. The service of an even dozen have been dispensed with and the 117 employees remaining have submitted to reductions in compensation aggregating in amount \$1,000.

Commissioner Doughton also announced that he has effected a saving of \$21,000 in securing a new contract for the distribution through branch offices of the 1925 license plates. Branch offices operated in cooperation with the Carolina Motor Club and the Winston-Salem Automobile Association will enable the Department to dispose of license plates at a cost to the State of \$1.18 each, all told, or an actual saving on the basis of last year's sales of \$21,085.33. Agencies have been established in sixty towns and cities of the state for the sale of licenses under the revised agreement with the Carolina Motor Club and the Winston-Salem Automobile Association, which are equipped for dispatching business on a big scale.

The work of Governor McLean the past week has been largely detail, so far as the public is aware. He announced the appointments of several governing boards of institutions and designated Corporation Commissioner V. J. Maxwell as the senior of that tribunal to supervise the Blue Sky Law transferred from the insurance department by act of the last Legislature. Commissioner Maxwell will receive no additional compensation and appeals from his rulings may be made to the full Commission. The law regulating bond sales was materially strengthened by the late General Assembly and promotion schemes of questionable merit are likely to experience greater difficulty in passing the censor.

Of the increased powers vested in the Governor by the General Assembly just adjourned is the right to appoint the full membership of all boards of State institutions, the

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CIRCUIT COURT OPENED IN BREVARD MONDAY

Circuit Court opened here Monday with Judge Walter H. Neal, of Laurinburg, presiding, and J. W. Pless, Jr., of Marion, prosecuting attorney, representing the State. The twenty hold over cases and those in which true bills are found will be handled this week. The Civil court term will be held next week.

TINSLEY BUILDING NEARLY COMPLETE

The Joe Tinsley Building, adjoining the Brevard Banking Company's new building, is now nearing completion and will soon be ready for occupancy. It is a handsome building of pressed brick front, and is a credit to Brevard as well as to the progressive spirit of Mr. Tinsley.

One half of the lower floor will be used as a Cash and Carry grocery store, which will be open and ready for business about April 15th, and operated by C. Y. Patton. The other half will be used by Mr. Tinsley as an up-to-date real estate and insurance office. The upper floor allows space to rent as office rooms.

DAVIDSON RIVER CHURCH 100 YEARS OLD LAST SUNDAY

On last Sunday, April 5th, at the close of the regular morning services, Davidson River Presbyterian church held its annual congregational meeting. This church was 100 years old at that time.

In its early days, when this was the only church in this vicinity, it kept "open house" for the various denominations, having regular service of its own about once a month, and the Baptists and Methodists also having a regular monthly service at the church and all working in harmony.

The Mills River church was cut off from Davidson River in 1859. The Brevard church was built in the eighties, as a branch of Davidson River, and cut off as a separate church in 1891.

Rev. W. S. Hutchison is pastor of this church at present, and it is enjoying a very good growth.

SUPT. T. C. HENDERSON IMPROVING AT HOSPITAL

The many friends of Supt. T. C. Henderson will be glad to know that he is improving from his extended illness, but is still unable to leave the Brevard Hospital. It is hoped that he will soon be in our midst fully restored in health.

Enthusiastic Meeting Held at Brevard Chamber of Commerce; Asheville Men Main Speakers

Featured by addresses from a group of Asheville business men and attended by over 300 members and visitors, the special meeting of the Brevard Chamber of Commerce held Tuesday night was declared to be a huge success. The principal talk was made by F. Roger Miller, manager of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, on "The Chamber of Commerce and Its Importance to the Community."

Mr. Miller stressed the part that civic organizations play in the upbuilding of a community, emphasized the value of co-operation and urged that all citizens of Brevard give their Chamber of Commerce their entire and hearty support.

"When all County lines in Western North Carolina are wiped out," Mr. Miller declared, "this section will overcome jealousies and bind all towns and cities of this section into one great unity—all working for the betterment of their section. Asheville cannot succeed if Brevard fails and Brevard must have the success of her neighbors to carry on to full victory."

President Holmes Bryson, of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, spoke on "Civic Progress," drawing the parallel between Asheville's program of progress of which much is already completed and the plans of the Brevard organization for their city. He assured his hearers of the co-operation and support of Asheville and discussed the work of the new Extension Bureau of the Chamber which recently took over the

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENTS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

For the last few weeks, we have received only two or three letters. Don't forget that the people in other parts of the County are anxious to know what is going on in your section. We know that this is your busiest season, but we are anxious to hear from you as often as you can find time to write. Thanking you in advance—

MRS. ELIZA ZACHARY DIES IN CENTRAL, S. C.

Mrs. Eliza Ann Zachary, aged 89, died Friday, April 3, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. T. Gassaway, in Central, South Carolina. Her body, accompanied by friends and loved ones, was brought to Brevard the following day. Funeral services and interment took place at Mt. Moriah church, Calvert, Saturday afternoon, April 4th. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. R. Welch, pastor of Brevard Methodist church.

Mrs. Zachary was born and reared in Cashiers Valley, N. C., and moved to Calvert when she was married and lived there until the death of her husband, Johnathan Zachary, some fifteen years ago. Since that time she had spent most of the time with her daughter in Central. Deceased joined the Methodist church in her youth and her entire life of 89 years was filled with acts of Christian kindness. The mother of a large family, cumbrued with many cares, she never lost her poise. Her kind and gentle ways brought into prominence her natural gifts of culture, refinement and intelligence.

Deeply religious, with charity for all, she never compromised with wrong. Gentleness, charity, love for her home and her neighbors characterized her life. She most assuredly while living, exemplified the spirit of Him whom she devotedly followed. Mrs. Zachary was a woman endowed with so many virtues that she received while living, and merits since her death, the universal plaudits. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

In addition to her many friends and loved ones, Mrs. Zachary leaves to mourn her loss, 8 children, 31 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Six children besides her husband have gone on before her.

For Mayor:
S. M. Macfie.

For Alderman:

Lewis P. Hamlin, W. L. Mull, H. R. Walker, Plato Scruggs.

functions of Western North Carolina, Inc.

Charles A. Webb, co-publisher of The Asheville Citizen, spoke briefly on the same topic, mentioning the ambitions for Western North Carolina long carried on the mast head of The Citizen and which, he said, the paper and himself are obligated to fulfill. At the conclusion of Mr. Webb's talk, it was announced that The Citizen had subscribed a membership in the Brevard Chamber of Commerce, the announcement being greeted with considerable applause from those present.

J. W. Pless, of Marion, and John Neely, of Asheville, both former residents of Brevard, gave short talks in which they congratulated their native city on its progress in the organization of a Chamber of Commerce and spoke feelingly of the good fortunes in store as a result of this progress.

W. E. Breese expressed the appreciation of the citizens of Asheville for the efforts of their business men in behalf of Brevard.

The work of Philip Warren, newly elected manager of the Brevard Chamber of Commerce, was lauded and he was pledged the assistance of all members and of the Asheville delegation.

Prior to the meeting, the group from Asheville was entertained at dinner by officials of the Brevard organization. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. F. Roger Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Bryson, Charles A. Webb, Mrs. Topping and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Neely.

THARP-SCRUGGS CHANGES OWNERS

The plumbing establishment, formerly owned by R. F. Tharp and D. C. Scruggs, jointly, has recently changed ownership. Mr. Tharp is now sole owner in this business, he having bought the interests of Mr. Scruggs. Mr. Tharp expects to add two or three capable men to his force of workmen, and will be able to give the best service to his patrons.

MRS. J. H. HAMPTON

The following notice was clipped from The Asheville Citizen of Tuesday:

Mrs. J. H. Hampton, 60, died yesterday afternoon at a local hospital after an illness of several weeks. She was formerly a resident of Asheville, but for several years has lived near Black Mountain. Funeral services will be held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock at Mount Zion church, Skyland. Besides her husband, Mrs. Hampton is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Nora Hampton Rogers, of Asheville and Miss Ethel Hampton, and three grandchildren, Charles Durwood, James and George Hampton.

SIMMS DOING HIS PART TO "HELP OUT" BOOTLEGGERS

Eck Simms has been doing his part for the past while in the eradicating of bootleggers. Among the captures to his credit are, Dock Lloyd, colored, who lives one mile north of Brevard and 9 gallons of corn. This haul attracted much attention as it was being poured out on Main street Sunday-week. Evidence was also produced in whiskey to the amount of three quarts found near Brevard Hospital, ownership of which was admitted by Tom McKinney and Spann Tinsley.

On March 27, Simms was called to East Fork, where he found Dock Hubbard at home drunk. Upon investigation a small quantity of whiskey was found in the house.

All of the above cases will come up before the judge in this term of court.

JUNIOR ORDER TO PRESENT FLAG AND BIBLE TO THE CONNESTEE SCHOOL

Transylvania Council, No. 376, Jr. O. U. A. M., will present a flag and Bible to the Connestee school on Sunday, April 12, at 2:30 p.m.

Following is the program which will be carried out:

Song—America
Prayer—Rev. W. H. Nicholson
Presentation of Bible—Rev. E. R. Welch
Acceptance—G. W. Whitmire
Presentation of Flag—L. P. Hamlin
Acceptance—S. P. Verner
Hoisting Flag—W. A. Lyday, and P. H. Galloway
Song—Columbia
—J. P. Mason, W. A. Lyday, L. P. Hamlin, Committee.
Hamlin, Committee in charge

DR. SUMMEY ADDRESSES MEDICAL SOCIETY IN ASHEVILLE MONDAY

At the Tenth District Medical Society, which convened in Asheville on Monday evening, Dr. T. J. Summey, of Brevard, appeared on the program, opening the discussion for Dr. John D. McRae on "X-Ray Examination of the Gastric-Intestinal Tract."

At least one hundred physicians were in attendance at this one-day meeting, and all present pronounced it one of the most successful sessions ever held. It was the first held in Asheville since the society was re-organized in 1921.

Dr. G. B. Lynch, of Brevard, was also in attendance at this meeting.

SOUTH AMERICAN MISSIONARY WILL BE HEARD AT BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY MORNING, 12

Rev. A. R. Phillips, a returned missionary from South America, will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday morning. He will also deliver a message at Mt. Moriah church, Calvert, Sunday afternoon, and probably again in the evening at the Brevard church.

Rev. Phillips is a native North Carolinian. This will be the first opportunity the local church has had of hearing a South American missionary and a general invitation is extended to all interested in missions to be present at this occasion.

THE PRAYER CORNER

OUR DAILY BLESSINGS

May I share with my readers some happy thoughts from my readings?

"My heart for gladness springs,

It cannot more be sad,

For very joy it laughs and sings,

Sees naught but sunshine glad."

We cannot be half thankful

enough. God has bestowed so many gifts upon us, is bestowing them now, and will continue to do so as we live.

Last years acorns lie half buried beneath the dead leaves, and though cast aside and trodden under foot of man, they still hold their shapely cups open to the sky, ready to gather the dews of the heaven. It may be a tiny germ is sleeping there and now is fed and watered by those refreshing drops; sometime a mighty tree shall spring up and spread its leaves, and lend shelter to the passerby.

Oh, let us make the most of our daily blessings, showered down upon us as the crystal drops of dew that fill the little brown acorns cup. Is not your cup and mine running over? Let us plant a germ of thankfulness in our heart soil every day, that shall take root and grow towards God. If our cups are always ready to catch God's blessings, it will not be long until the world shall be able to see, under the shadows of our kind spreading oaks of thankfulness; for like the chalice the acorn holds, there will always be heavenly dews to fill them.

"Enough that He who made thee so fill the soul!
Here and hereafter till its deeps o'erflow;
Enough that love and tenderness control
Our fate where'er in joy or doubt we go."

A PRAYER FOR OUR DAILY BLESSINGS

O Thou Blessed God, the source of our blessings, make us thankful. We cannot be half thankful enough. Thou hast bestowed so many gifts upon us, art bestowing them now and will continue to do so as long as we live.

We know that last years acorns lie half buried beneath the dead leaves, and though cast aside and trodden under foot of man, still hold their shapely cups open to the sky, ready to gather the dews of the heaven. It may be a tiny germ is sleeping there, and now is fed and watered by those refreshing drops; sometimes a mighty tree shall spring up, and spread its leaves, and lend shelter to the passerby.

Oh! Help us to make the most of our daily blessings, showered down upon us as the crystal drops of dew that fill the little brown acorns cup. Are not our cups running over? Enable us to plant a germ of thankfulness in our heart soil every day, that shall take root and grow toward Thee. We know that if our cups are ready to catch Thy blessings, it will not be long before the world shall be able to see under the shadows of our wide spreading oaks of thankfulness, for like the chalice the acorn holds, there will always be heavenly dews to fill them.

Father, Thou who made can fill our soul here and hereafter, till its deeps o'erflow. Thy love and tenderness control our fate, where'er in joy or doubt we go. Thou hast given so much to us, O Lord, give one thing more—A Grateful Heart, for our daily blessings, for Christ's sake. Amen.

—C. D. C.

CASH AND CARRY GROCERY STORE TO OPEN APRIL 15

The Brevard Cash Grocery store will open in the new Tinsley building about April 15, under the management of C. Y. Patton.

Mr. Patton intends to carry a complete line of staple and fancy groceries, and will have on display many attractive bargains in the grocery line to suit the most critical buyer.

Mr. Patton needs no introduction to the people of Brevard and Transylvania County, having spent the greater part of his life at Davidson River, until the past year when he has taken up residence in Brevard.

If you like our paper, we would be pleased to hear from you in the form of a club of subscriptions.