

## FARM NEWS

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What of the Summer?

To hear the local and outsiders talk, you have no doubt about what crops the farmer should grow for this coming summer. The big question is, what quantity? Those who have ventured to estimate the number of people coming here for the season, feel that we will be filled to capacity of rooms and water. Ten thousand people for July and August. That would mean about double normal times. They must be fed, and if we wish to please them and have them come again, we must give them our quality vegetables.

Land prices are so high that we cannot make profit on corn, and must turn to more intensive farming of truck crops.

Markets are assured. What we can seal at home is that much more in the growers pocket. Then during July, August and September, we have the entire Southern States wanting our good vegetables. Likewise, Greenville, and Pickens people must eat, and more, they are depending on us for fresh vegetables. If we can keep them satisfied for a number of years, they will cease to look elsewhere for food.

Chances are that prices will be the best since the peak of war times. Conservative men advise against our section running prices up too high if we should be found in a situation similar to that of Florida at present. We have been calling these people our summer guests, and to take advantages of them, would be rude.

From past years demands, the following crops are being pushed. Beans to the limit, same for Irish potatoes, early and medium cabbage, early celery, and tomatoes without number. My office can furnish you the names of the varieties of each that have done the best at our mountain experiment station.

We need the vegetables bad enough, but you can get reasonable good quality in canned goods, but chickens and eggs are another problem. We can put all our cheap spring eggs in cold storage, and push every hen to her limit, and then not have half enough eggs. The price the people pay entitles them to fresh eggs. Let's prepare for our limit this year, and next year try and come near our demands in our supply.

To hold the summer crowd, we farmers must meet their demands for fresh articles of food. It means prosperity or a slump.

## FISHER AND OWEN CAPTURE PRIZE STILL

Deputy C. W. Fisher and Prohibition Officer Owen made the prize haul of the season last week, getting a complete steamer distillery.

The outfit, which was found on East Fork, was complete in every detail. The two horse-power upright boiler was equipped with a steam gauge, pop-off valve and water glass—in fact, everything but a whistle.

Recent operation was evidenced, the boiler being warm from the last run. The outfit was neatly hid 100 feet from the usual stream of water. The water used was piped from the nearby stream through two fifty foot sections of fire hose.

Three other stills were captured by the officers, one of these being in operation. The two operators of the last named, made a dash for freedom, but were caught after a short chase.

A large quantity of beer and low wine, a few gallons of whiskey, and numerous vessels were destroyed by the officers on their three-day quest.

## REV. HUTCHISON TO PREACH AT DAVIDSON RIVER LAST SUNDAY IN JAN.; FIRST IN FEB.

Rev. W. S. Hutchison will fill the pulpit at Davidson River on the last Sunday in January and the first in February.

## REV. WALLACE HARTSELL'S CONDITION IMPROVES

The many friends of Rev. Wallace Hartsell, pastor of the Brevard Baptist church, will be pleased to know that his condition continues to improve, following a serious illness of the past two weeks.

## C. OF C. DIRECTORS HOLD MEETING

**NEARLY ALL MEMBERS BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS PRESENT  
TUESDAY NIGHT**

Almost the entire Board of Directors of the Brevard Chamber of Commerce attended the regular meeting held Tuesday evening, January 26, at the Chamber of Commerce headquarters on Main street.

The enthusiasm shown at this meeting is conclusive proof of a successful year for that body for 1926 which gives promise of being the most successful in the history of the organization.

The report of the committee on assessments was probably the most discussed topic of the meeting. The report of the chairman revealed a deplorable condition as concerns the result of that committee's canvass for additional funds to carry on the work which is believed to be most beneficial to the citizens generally of Brevard and Transylvania County. It was shown that the burden of the financing was being done by about one-half of the membership of the organization, but this information did not dampen the spirit of the directors in the task they set out to do. Rather it urged them to a greater effort in the work of financing the budget for the year within the shortest possible time. The assessment committee, by unanimous vote of the directors, was given a deserved support in the work which they had undertaken, and many of the members present volunteered their assistance to that committee for an energetic campaign in which will be raised in cash and pledges, sufficient funds to properly finance the needs of the organization for the year, in a way that will be a credit to Brevard, as other towns have done.

It is the opinion of many of the members and citizens of the county that the Chamber of Commerce is responsible in no small measure for the healthy progress shown by this community during the past two years, and it is expressed intention of that body to continue to keep pace with the general upward trend of Western North Carolina.

A committee was appointed by President Everett to prepare and circulate a petition for the inauguration of Village Postal Delivery Service, to which Brevard is now entitled, under the regulations of the United States Post Office Department as concerns population, paved streets and side walks. This matter was discussed generally and it was the consensus of opinion that the introduction of this postal delivery service in Brevard would be a step in material advancement for the town and would be of particular convenience to the residents and visitors when the post office is removed from the present location.

The secretary read a communication from the Asheville Chamber of Commerce suggesting that a conference of the civic and commercial leaders of Western North Carolina meet in round table discussion of problems which are mutually interesting. The Brevard organization was invited to be represented at the proposed meeting by three or more members of the Chamber of Commerce, who were to attend as the official delegates. Although the time and place of the proposed meeting is not decided upon, the secretary was instructed to communicate with the Asheville Chamber of Commerce in view of co-operating with that organization in the movement and to say, the plan has the approval of the Brevard Chamber.

An elaborate advertising campaign was briefly outlined whereby the several real estate concerns of Brevard planned full page advertisements at weekly intervals in newspapers of Western North Carolina and other places. The proposed plans provided for a portion of the space being used for general publicity by the Chamber of Commerce, such space to be a donation to the organization by the real estate concerns. The idea was particularly well received because of the publicity which would accrue to Brevard through such a campaign, without cost to the Chamber of Commerce.

The Smoky Mountain National Park project was endorsed by several of the members with much enthusiasm. President Everett, R. L. Nicholson, Dr. T. J. Summey and R. (continued on Florida Page)

## Norris-Tritt Trial Is Progressing Slowly

**Trial Expected to Last  
All Week.**

At the time of going to press, 2:30 Wednesday, the court in session here have succeeded in selecting only seven of the required twelve jurors for the trial of Mrs. Naomi Norris and Lawrence Tritt, who are being tried for the murder of William Norris, husband of the woman on trial.

A special venire of fifty men was ordered Monday by Judge Scherck from Henderson County, forty-three of whom were excused for various reasons Tuesday evening; the majority of those called being opposed to capital punishment.

Another venire of fifty from Henderson County was ordered Tuesday evening, to appear at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon, at which time the case will be resumed. The hearing of evidence is not expected to begin until Thursday morning.

The seven men already chosen are: J. F. Drake, D. E. Jones, J. L. Case, T. D. McCall, L. S. Justice, E. F. Mintz, R. M. Jackson.

The grand jury returned a true bill against Tritt and Mrs. Norris shortly before noon, Monday after examining one State's witness, the procedure taking less than ten minutes.

At the beginning of the hearing Tuesday afternoon, both Mrs. Norris and Tritt plead not guilty to the charge of murder in the first degree as charged by the prosecution.

An attempt to prove a joint conspiracy on the part of Tritt and Mrs. Norris will be made by Solicitor J. Will Pless and R. R. Fisher, prosecuting attorneys. The defense plea is not known, but it is expected that an insanity plea will be made for Tritt, and an effort to clear Mrs. Norris on grounds of non-participation, by W. E. Breese and Coleman Galloway, attorneys for the defense.

A large number of witnesses are expected to be heard for both the defense and the prosecution, probably extending the trial through Friday and possibly part of Saturday.

A record attendance has been noted through the past three days, the court room being packed at all times during the preliminary work of starting the Norris-Tritt trial.

The charge of murder in the first degree against Tritt and Mrs. Norris grew out of the killing of William Norris, which occurred at the Norris home about 2:30 o'clock Sunday morning, December 27.

Tritt is alleged to have confessed to the fatal shooting to Sheriff Sitton immediately following the killing, making it appear in his confession that he shot Norris in self defense. Saying that Norris had threatened his life.

Mrs. Norris was arrested a few days later and charged with complicity in the killing. The evidence brought out at the preliminary hearing December 31, implicated her further. It is expected that evidence will be brought out at the trial now in progress, showing threats made by Mrs. Norris against her husband prior to the actual killing.

Among the witnesses to testify against the two prisoners will be the twelve-year-old daughter of Mrs. Norris, whose testimony will probably be a deciding factor in the case.

At the opening of the trial on Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Norris had lost to some extent the expression of indifference that was so prominent in her bearing when she appeared in the courtroom Tuesday, while Tritt remained stolidly silent-like in his pose, frequently glancing around the crowded room with a calm face.

**Other Cases Disposed of**  
Several other cases of minor importance have been disposed of by the court during the past few days.

## NEW REALTY FIRM OPENS FEBRUARY FIRST

A new realty firm, known as Laurens Trust Company, will open for business February 1st, in the Tinsley building, occupying a section of the first floor. C. R. Bishop, of Laurens, S. C., will be general manager, with Fred Johnson, of Brevard, head of the sales force. The firm will handle real estate and

## O. F. MCCRARY MAKING GOOD IN CHOSEN FIELD

O. F. McCrary, son of Silas McCrary of See Off, makes rapid rise from mountain youth to college graduate, teacher and District Agriculture Extension Agent.

What were the dreams of Silas McCrary and mother Emma, (Emma Ball), when forty-one years ago this promising boy was born? Did they dream of a man near six feet tall, strong, sturdy, and red headed, with ability to direct the affairs of other men? Such seems to have been true.

O. F. or "Mac" as the boys know him, started to school at six. His first teacher was Mr. Hardin, our present County Surveyor, in the Burnt Mountain school house. Later sent to the See Off school. These schools not being high schools, the parents decided to move to Greenville where they put their children in school. In the North Greenville Academy Mac secured the necessary studies for entrance to Clemson College.

Entering Clemson in 1908, Mac worked his way and finished in 1912 with many honors to his credit. The four years were hard work and living as poor students must live, having to see many wealthier boys enjoy what he could not, but was not in vain for it developed a greater man out of the boy.

With his "sheepskin" under his arm the first job was teaching in Northwest Georgia. This he followed for three years. A better position was offered him in Louisiana, and he taught in that State one year, but the unusual graduate was induced to come back to the home State to teach, so for two years he taught Agriculture and Science at Hampton High School.

Having too much ambition and energy for a small school room, Mac decided he would try County Agent work. His application at Raleigh found favor and the new recruit was placed at Kinston in the Eastern part of the State. Mac made good, and in three years he had so impressed the Extension officials that they made him District Agent of the Central District, with headquarters in Raleigh.

About this stage of the game, Mac says he made his worst mistake—he married Miss Unice Penny, of Wake County. Then he remarked: "We have two fine children and a good home, so I guess it was not so bad after all."

The Extension officials were asked if they had a more popular or more effective district agent, and they emphatically said "No."

It is hoped that this honorable son of Transylvania may be induced to visit us some day and let all see the man as he is—he is another Roosevelt.

## RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVE MAKES VISIT TO BREVARD

A meeting of the local Red Cross organization was held at the Library Tuesday afternoon, at which Miss Cordelle Kemper, field representative of the American National Red Cross, of Washington, D. C., was present.

Miss Kemper has under her supervision 59 American Red Cross associations in the Western section of North Carolina, it being her duty to visit each two or three times during the year for the purpose of reviving or rendering assistance to the various organizations. Miss Kemper, in her talk to the members assembled, recalled to mind the three-fold purpose of the Red Cross as an organization, that of disaster preparedness, aiding disabled ex-soldiers, or their families, or constructive work as carried on in various local organizations. The disaster aspect of the work was especially stressed by Miss Kemper, who strongly advised the appointing of a disaster chairman for the local organization.

It was decided to call another meeting of this body at an early date, at which time officers and committee chairmen for the ensuing year

## PAVING PROGRAM MAY BE EXTENDED

**PETITIONS FOR CONTINUING OF  
ROADS THROUGH UPPER  
END OF COUNTY**

Since the recently announced proposal for the paving of the Brevard-Greenville road to Caesar's Head, petitions are being circulated through the upper section of the county asking that the paving program be extended through that section.

An enthusiastic mass meeting was held at the court house Friday morning relative to the Greenville-Brevard proposal. Following the meeting a petition with several hundred signers, favoring the paving of the Greenville-Brevard highway to Caesar's Head, was presented to the County Board of Commissioners. The board deferred decision of the matter until their next meeting, the first Monday in February, at which time they will decide whether or not to float this bond issue. This proposed project for paving from Brevard to the South Carolina line will cost if ordered, approximately \$150,000.

A petition is now being circulated for a \$250,000 project in the upper section of the county for signature, to be presented to the board at its meeting Monday, to petition them for the paving program to be extended from Rosman to the Jackson County line, Highway No. 28; and paving Highway No. 283, Pickens Highway, from Rosman to the South Carolina line; also the grading and paving of a road leading off Highway No. 28, near E. D. Reid's residence, to the South Carolina line, near White Water. (This road to be built only on condition the South Carolina authorities meet this road at the State line with a paved road.)

Leaders of this proposed project for the upper end of the County heartily endorse the paving of the Greenville-Brevard road; at the same time, as opinion is expressed, they feel that they have a right for the paving program to extend through their section.

At the mass meeting held Friday a number of influential and progressive men of the county spoke also other prominent people. H. Walter Fuller, of Hendersonville president of Laurel Park Estate, and owner of Caesar's Head, sounded the keynote of the enthusiastic support which all present expressed toward the proposed project.

In his speech, Mr. Fuller brought out the point of the benefits this road would bring to him in his development at Caesar's Head, also Laurel Park, and expressed the opinion that the whole of Transylvania as well, would derive great benefit from the paving of this highway.

Other out of town speakers were D. C. Geer, Greenville, C. V. Zimmerman, Greenville, L. B. Houston, prominent real estate man of Greenville.

The total project will, if carried cost approximately \$400,000, the money derived by this county through the sale of bonds to be loaned to the State Highway Commission. The amount advanced will be repaid on the Transylvania program as the highway commissioner makes appropriations for road building in this county.

The Greenville News of January Sunday, 24, says:

The goods roads bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, together with other interested citizens, has recently inaugurated a movement looking to the resurfacing of the Caesar's Head road from Greenville with the hope of completing this work so that a part of the road can be used as a detour while the Buncombe road is being paved to the North Carolina line. The subject has been taken up with the highway department, and the aid and cooperation of that body will be given, it is believed. The highway department has already put road machinery on the highway to rebuild and put in shape several portions of the road that have shown deterioration.

## WOMAN'S BUREAU MEETS MONDAY NEXT

The regular meeting of the Woman's Bureau will be held at the Chamber of Commerce room, next Monday afternoon, February 1st, at three-thirty o'clock. All members are requested to be present, as important business will be discussed.

## THE PRAYER CORNER

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

A glorious, fateful wonderworking New Year! Go forward into it with—The Spirit of Love and Trust and Freedom in your Heart.

Do not make good resolutions and turn over new leaves on The First of January only—but remember that every hour, and every minute of life is crammed with opportunities—teeming with chances for, better, nobler, and more loving effort.

Let go of yesterday. Live today! And trust, hope, believe with all your might and main in Tomorrow. Yesterday has a tiresome habit of clipping the wings of Today with old grudges, old regrets, old wounds and old sorrows.

Get rid of yesterday! And go trustfully, bravely on into that wonderland where all ideals await. A certain fulfillment for The Loving and for the true Pilgrim who has laid aside the Bothers of Yesterday.

## A PRAYER FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Gracious and Loving Father: Make this year a glorious, fateful, wonder-working new year for us. Help us to go forward into it with the Spirit of Love and Trust and Freedom in our hearts. Let us not make good resolutions and turn over new leaves on the first of January only, but remember that every hour and every minute of life is crammed with opportunities, teeming with chances for better, nobler, and more loving effort.

Enable us to let go of Yesterday. Live Today, and trust, hope, believe with all our might and main in Tomorrow! Give us to see that Yesterday has a tiresome habit of clipping the wings of Today, with old grudges, old regrets, old wounds, and old sorrows.

Grant us grace to get rid of Yesterday! to get free, and go trustfully, bravely on into that wonderland called The Future—that land where all ideals await a certain fulfillment for the loving and faithful pilgrim who has laid aside all the burdens of Yesterday.

And all this we ask in the Name and for the Sake of Jesus Christ, who is the same Yesterday, Today and Forever, Amen.

—C. D. C.

## BREVARD BAND TO PRESENT COMEDY

The Brevard Municipal Band will present a farce comedy in three acts, "The Poor Married Man," at the new high school auditorium, Friday night, February 5, at 8:00 o'clock.

All those who attend the minstrel which was given by the Band last season remember how enjoyable a program was rendered. Now they are preparing to present a play, "A Poor Married Man," which promises to more laughable than the program of last season.

"A Poor Married Man" is offered by the Brevard Band with the confidence that their audience will be delighted with a play combining the best elements of comedy with the action and movement of pure farce. It is not a "sit down and talk" play, but rather a decidedly "get up and do" play. The refined comedy scenes of the innocent old country doctor and his modest little daughter are sharp in contrast to the ludicrous adventures of the newly married college professor and the antics of his negro servant, who thinks himself poisoned. Action is the dominant keynote of the play.

A professor has married a charming young lady whose mother insists on accompanying the pair to their new home, much to the disgust of the groom. His friends mistake the mother for the bride and relate to the professor sundry escapades of the mother's husbands and her daughter. Professor Wise naturally thinks they are referring to his wife instead of her mother; finally, he is led to believe that his wife means to poison him and then "business picks up." The mix-up that follows is simply side-splitting.

Suffering from lost memory, is getting to almost as good a defense as going through it.