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How About It?

The hog, the cow and the little red hen
Will greatly enrich the poorest of men.

It's only a question of time until moving pictures will be used in all the schools.

Your neighbor may not say anything, but he does a heap o' thinking when you borrow his newspaper.

The story of Lot's wife and what she got for looking backward scares a lot of advertisers about this time every year.

And now comes a man with a different theory of evolution. What's the idea in stirring up more trouble?

Now that the question of a county agent for Macon county is settled for the next two and a half years, let's all go to work and see what can be done for the county.

It is a mystery to us how the 500 sheep in Macon county have escaped the fangs of the 1500 sheep-killing dogs. The figures were given us by Uncle John Harrison.

There are in Cleveland county, N. C., 473 farms served with electricity while in Macon there are not more than half a dozen farm homes with this convenience.

Burley tobacco grown in Western North Carolina has been bringing 50 cents per pound on the market. And yet Macon sends out of the county each year more than \$50,000 for tobacco. What's the answer? Indifference.

We have never believed in boring another well to augment Franklin's water supply, but have preferred a gravity system. However, we hope that the town board will be lucky and strike water in abundance in the new well now being bored.

The Charlotte Observer suggests that the psychological time to introduce the bill authorizing doctors to prescribe liquor for patients is when an epidemic of colds attacks the members of both houses. We hear rumors to the effect that such an epidemic is even now making considerable headway.

For sometime many of Franklin's citizens have been eating cold storage eggs. Due to lack of proper management Macon's hens just will not lay in the winter time. Six dozen eggs per year would probably be a fair average for hens in this county, and experts say that a hen, to be a paying proposition, must produce 150 eggs per year.

Jackson county's representative in the general assembly has introduced a bill which would permit the county to loan not exceeding \$250 to any one farmer for the purpose of making improved pastures for cattle and sheep. This bill requires that all dogs be kept confined at night so that the sheep may escape being killed by the dogs. Macon county has had such a dog law for several years, but it amounts to nothing. Kill a man's dog and

In this issue appears an article under the heading of Development Rural Power Is Suggested to Help Agriculture. This article is taken from Conservation and Industry, a pamphlet published by the department of Conservation and Development at Raleigh. It will be of much interest to the farmers who are contemplating the installation of electricity in their homes.

Impatience

A NUMBER of citizens about Franklin are becoming unduly impatient concerning the improvements promised by officials of The Jupollo Public Service company in connection with the electric distribution system of the town, extension of power and light lines into the rural communities and the development of Lake Emory holdings. Mr. Mead, president of the company, is a very busy man and is now engaged on projects that will mean much to Western North Carolina. However, such things can not be accomplished in a few weeks. If he succeeds in bringing industries to Franklin within a year after his company assumed charge of the plant no one will have grounds to complain. As to the power and light lines in the town, Mr. J. H. Smith, district manager of the company, stated recently that he will soon have two construction crews released from other work and brought to Franklin. All in all prospects for Franklin and Macon county during the present year appear very bright. Let us all be patient until the power officials can work out the immense amount of detail in connection with their plans for the future of the town and county.

Farmers as Public Benefactors

BUTTER FAT is selling at the creamery for around 46 cents per pound, yet many of the farmers of the county insist on making butter and selling it for 25 to 35 cents per pound. However, we are mighty glad that they do so, because we like country butter better than the creamery product and can buy it much more cheaply. If the farmers insist on selling their produce for about half price, there is no one to say them nay. In fact there are many who will pat the farmers on the shoulders and tell them that they are public benefactors—and so they are. So it has been since the days of Abraham and so it will be until eternity—or until the farmers

class organizer, a young man who thought much of his ability along this line, one who came with the intention of sticking to the job until his work was accomplished, come into Macon county and try to organize the farmers. Unless there should be a change of sentiment his whiskers would be gray and his footsteps tottering before he could receive the plaudit: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." The farmers are independent and they are going to stay that way regardless of market prices.

A Question of Dogs

UNCLE John Harrison states that there are 500 sheep in Macon county and 1500 sheep-killing dogs and wants to know what can be done about the matter. Mr. Charlie McClure announces that he has four hundred acres of mountain lands that he would like to fence as a sheep pasture. He also says that there are numerous other farmers in Macon who would like to raise sheep, but that they do not dare risk the danger of having their sheep killed by dogs. The dog law in Macon county is plain. It prohibits dogs running at large at night, but this law, like many others, is absolutely ignored. There should be 100,000 sheep in this county to graze on lands that are now lying idle. With the lambs and wool each sheep will yield an income of \$10.00 per year. However, the sheep industry in this county will lag so long as the law relating to dogs is ignored. Shall a few dog owners in Macon county be permitted to check an industry that should bring to the farmers an income of \$1,000,000 per year? That is the question that should have the serious consideration of the enforcement authorities. It is suggested that the county commissioners pass an order requesting the sheriff and his deputies to see that the dog law is enforced. With this done it will be only a matter of a short time until the mountain sides of Macon are covered with sheep.

Movies Raise Grades

SOME interesting tests with a view to determining the benefits derived from supplementing ordinary instruction by motion picture films illustrating the subjects taught were recently made in schools in San Diego and eleven other California cities. In all more than 11,000 children were tested, each school being divided into two groups, one of which received both book and film instruction, the other being taught through text-books only. The tests covered a period of ten weeks, at the end of which examinations were held. Pupils having the advantage of the motion pictures made grades averaging 33 per cent higher in geography and 15 per cent higher in general science subjects than those who used books alone. This experiment appears to have been extensive enough to warrant the conclusion that the combined book-picture method is highly advantageous in such sub-

Not only is this method beneficial to the individual pupil, but by reducing the number of failures in examinations, it reduces the number of pupils who must repeat courses, thus effecting a saving in expenses for school purposes.

The introduction of educational films is becoming widespread, and there is little doubt that they will become standard equipment for schools of the future.

The New County Agent

AT A CALL meeting of the county commissioners Thursday the resignation of Lyles Harris as county agent was accepted and Frederick Sloan was employed in this capacity. The commissioners revoked their former order appropriating only \$800 for this work and passed an order making the appropriation \$1200. Under this action District Agent John W. Goodman agreed to supply the county with an agent and accepted Mr. Sloan with the understanding that this appointment be approved by the Director of Extension.

Frederick Sloan is a native of Macon county, a graduate of State College and, with the exception of experience, is well qualified for the work he will soon undertake. The entire county knows that this paper is in favor of the extension work and it is our intention to support Mr. Sloan to the best of our ability. We had hoped that Mr. Harris could be persuaded to remain here as agent, but no one can blame him for accepting a position with greater remuneration.

It is suggested that the citizens of the county be patient with the new county agent until he has had time to acquaint himself with his duties. It goes without saying that he will be unable to please everybody. No man can. However, with the support of the better element of the county we believe that Mr. Sloan will make a good county agent. He should not be handicapped by undue criticism.

The Electric Year

NINETEEN-twenty-eight was a year of marked progress and achievement for the electric industry. In all phases of operation it further improved the efficiency and economy of its service to the public.

Wherever possible, refinancing was carried out at lower interest costs, resulting in large savings to the customers by reduced rates throughout the nation.

Much additional area was added to that served by electric utilities, and many more communities now have the advantage of adequate electric power. A number of important construction projects were executed to the further enhancement of service.

In the new and outstanding field of farm electrification, great progress was made. Scientific research, carried on over a period of years, has definitely established that if electricity be properly employed in agriculture, it will more than pay for itself in comfort, efficiency, speed, certainty of operation, economy and labor saving. As rapidly as is practical, new farm areas are being given electric service.

The outlook for the future is encouraging. The industry's great past triumphs are but a beginning; there are vast potentialities for electric power yet to be exhausted. In the farm, the home and in industry new uses are appearing almost daily.

At the root of our industrial expansion is the tireless hand of electricity. Without it, our great modern civilization could never have developed.

Extension Work Continued

THAT the two commissioners who made pre-election promises to continue the county agent work in Macon intend to carry out these promises was made manifest here Thursday of last week when they employed Mr. Frederick Sloan as county agent for a period of two years from July first, 1929. Since Mr. Harris had submitted his resignation in order to accept a position with a commercial poultry firm at an increase of salary we believe that the selection of Mr. Sloan to carry on the extension work was a wise one. There is no doubt whatever that both Mr. Harrison and Mr. McClure wish to do what is best for the county and, all things considered, we believe that they have acted wisely. The important thing is to continue the agent's work and this they have done. It is true that Mr. Sloan, without a stenographer, will be unable to carry on all the projects undertaken by his predecessor. However, when the finances of the county will permit, the appropriation can be increased and thus the scope of the extension work can be enlarged.

In connection with the co-operative poultry sales it might be well to mention here that before his resignation Mr. Harris had made arrangements with the poultry firm he represents to carry on these sales. The services of Mr. Harris will also be available to the people of the county in the matter of buying baby chicks, culling, feeding and marketing of poultry. In fact he can relieve the new county agent of all details in connection with this phase of the agent's work, should this be deemed advisable. Mr. Harris, while he remains in the county, will also be glad to give Mr. Sloan any information possible relative to the duties of a county agent. The

former agent states that hundreds of farmers in the county have stood by him through thick and thin and that he will be glad to aid in all ways until the new agent becomes familiar with the extension work.

Others' Comments

THE COUNTRY EDITOR

He's close to the heart of the people
And he hears its intimate throb;
He knows their thought and their purpose,
The laughter, the sighing, the sob;
He senses the struggle within them—
Sometimes it is nigh-undefined—
And he voices their aspirations,
-He voices the thought of their mind.
Sometimes before they have formed it
He says what they long to express,
So closely in his sympathy with them,
So true is the inwardness
Of their working together and striving
For things that are upward and out,
Where the vision is clear and the future
Is clouded with never a doubt.
Speaks of them and for them and to them,
Defends them and scolds them by turns,
He praises and brags on them heartily
And warns, as he danger discerns;
He's the big, loyal brother-in-service
Of village and country and town—
And hist'ry will hunt in the future
For the things he is now writing down.
-D. G. Bickers.

CABBAGE AND TOBACCO

THE howl goes up throughout the land that farming does not pay any more. This may be true in the grain and cotton sections of the United States; but Carl Jamison and others have given it the lie so far as Western North Carolina, and especially upper Jackson county are concerned. Last year Carl Jamison, up in Hamburg raised 20 tons of cabbage on a single acre (and Hamburg cabbage are the best that ever grew out of the ground anywhere). Mr. Jamison made a net profit of \$340 from this acre. Other Hamburg growers reported a net profit of from \$225 to \$275 per acre from cabbage.

It is true that not all Western North Carolina will grow cabbage and other truck crops like Hamburg will; but Canada, Mountain and other counties in that section

Jackson county will do the same as Hamburg. The cabbage industry, supplemented with a canning factory for kraut, located either in Glenville or Sylva, to insure caring for the surplus that cannot be marketed easily, can be developed into a most lucrative pursuit.

Henry Cook over in Madison sold one acre's tobacco crop of North Carolina Burley, this year for \$475.68, other growers in Madison and Haywood got excellent crops and good prices on their Burley.

There is no place under the sun where Burley will grow better than in Western North Carolina mountain country, and Burley brings good prices. There is no reason why the growing of tobacco cannot be made a big cash business for Western North Carolina.

Efforts to bring sheep husbandry and cattle raising back to where it once was is meeting with success throughout the mountain country. The leadership of the county agents, best farmers, and business men, in promoting the dairying industry in the mountain region is meeting with generous response.

A few years will see agriculture and its allied pursuits in the mountains again become a source of much wealth. With a climate and a soil like ours, and with so diversified an agricultural possibility, farming in Western North Carolina has a bright future.—Jackson County Journal.

MACON COUNTY'S AIR

IT IS worth a little tussle with one of mankind's meanest enemies, to be presented with a cup of cheer like this from the hands of The Franklin Press: "All Western North Carolina will rejoice to learn that Editor Wade Harris, of The Charlotte Observer, is recovering from an attack of flu." And a quaff of air, such as that which breezes over the Macon county mountain tops, is all that is needed to set a fellow firmly on his feet.—Charlotte Observer.

THE Franklin Press, our esteemed Macon county contemporary, suggests that the county agent business be removed from the bounds of politics, and that the state take the matter over, so that the business of farming can go ahead without the annual political fight to dismiss and retain the county agent work. Amen! Brother, that's hitting the nail on the head!—Cherokee Scout.

Letters

Shookville, N. C., Jan. 16, 1929.

Major S. A. Harris, Editor
Franklin Press.

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed forty cents to renew my subscription for three months to The Press.

I do not want to miss a single issue of your interesting and instructive paper.

Yours truly,
W. G. WOOD.