

COUNTY AGENT W. D. SMITH'S column

That Haywood county is short 25,000 head of cattle and that that shortage can be met with good Western stock are two of the facts brought out at a meeting in Asheville Friday, February 22.

Mr. W. M. Landess, of the Agricultural Administration of TVA, and other representatives of the Authority, Mr. L. I. Case, State Beef Cattle specialist, Mr. F. R. Farnham, district dairy specialist, Mr. J. W. Goodman, district extension supervisor, and other state extension representatives met the farm agents of the 15 counties in TVA territory, citizens interested in promotion of the beef cattle industry, and members of the production Credit Association of Columbia, S. C.

Due to the depression and the price of cattle in the last few years growers were forced to sell more of their cattle than they should have. Moreover, many farmers sold their own cattle with the expectation of wintering some of the Federal relief cattle from the drought region, and perhaps pasture them next summer.

Mr. T. L. Gwyn, who had charge of the federal cattle here, said there are now none of the relief cattle in North Carolina. As a result of their removal there are many farmers and cattle growers in Western North Carolina who have plenty of feed and will have pasture which will not be consumed for lack of livestock to use it.

Mr. Gardner, of Columbia, in discussing the objects and methods of the PGA, said that his association will advance money on their loans. Cattle bought with the loan money will stand good for 65 per cent of the loan; the borrower will have to put up the collateral for the other 35 per cent.

A committee was elected to work out some thing definite relative to the situation in which the cattle industry is involved in this section: Mr. T. L. Gwyn, Mr. L. I. Case, of State College, ex-officio members, Mr. T. J. Wilson, reward stock grower, Mr. J. Dills, Sylva, farmer and stockman, Mr. Grover Roberson, Candler, farmer-stockman, and Mr. Frank M. Davis, Wood, chairman.

After discussion and contacting the Asheville Stock Yards Association the committee submitted the following plan to the group: Mr. Hawkins, a buyer for the Asheville Stock Yards and well known in this section of the country, is now in Oklahoma City. He agreed to purchase for our farmers a carload of heifers for breeding purposes and ship to Asheville within the next few days so that the farmers who are interested in getting good quality of that type may see them and what they cost. He can get a variety of beef cattle breeds of quality.

Later, as the farmers place orders for cattle totalling a carload, Mr. Hawkins will buy and ship. He will buy according to specifications as to breed, age, and sex and weight. They will be shipped to the farmer at his nearest shipping point for actual cost plus \$1.00. Any farmer who is interested in getting some of these cattle should get in touch with his farm agent at once, and place his order with him.

The committee recommends that the purchases be good, light, young cattle. Although it looks now as if the prices are good and going to be, there is less risk in buying young cattle.

To 4-H Club boys and farmers who want to fit young animals for the Fat Stock Show next October:

We have received notice that a carload of very choice Hereford calves will be on sale at the stock yards in Asheville Friday, March 1. This carload will not be sold at auction, but will be sold to private buyers. This is an opportunity for us to get some choice animals to grow out this summer.

To 4-H Club boys I would say talk it over with dad. If you do not already have the calf, then go over to Asheville and see if you can get what you want and need.

In this carload are five young Hereford bulls which can be bought. If you are interested in these act at once.

We have just received the notice that we can secure a few more Asiatic chestnut trees for this county. Those who wish to get these trees should come in and make application at once.

Those who wish to do some reforestation work on their farms this year should see the county agent and get

the seedlings. Short leaf pine seedlings cost \$3.00 per thousand, and 1,000 will set an acre. If we are to get these seedlings we must get our order in at an early date.

ASHEVILLE FAT STOCK SHOW

Any farmer or 4-H Club boy wishing to line up their animals to show this fall in the Asheville Fat Stock Show, the prize list of which is given elsewhere, should get in touch with the county agent at once, in order that we may select the best animals for the show. We are depending on Haywood farmers to back this movement fully.

MR. LANDISS TO SPEAK IN WAYNESVILLE

On Thursday, March 7, Mr. Landess, of the TVA is to be in Waynesville for a public meeting. This should be a good opportunity for the people of the county to enjoy and profit by this contact with one of the men who is heading the TVA program of farm development. We suggest that the farm folk and business folk all over the county plan to be in town and listen to Mr. Landess at 10 A. M. March 7. It is probable that there will be an opportunity for questions to be asked and answered. With TVA cooperation in the county to the extent of the cannery, and the possibility of our getting other projects under way by the proper interest and effort on our part we should take advantage of every opportunity to inform ourselves about the program.

Mr. W. M. Landess, Administrative Assistant of Agricultural Division of TVA.

TEN-TON TOMATO CLUB

Ten tons are a lot of tomatoes to be produced from one acre of land, but the best tomato growers in Maryland have been doing it consistently during the past few years. Maryland has long been a great tomato growing state. Only a few years since in 1891 has Maryland failed to produce the largest pack of canning tomatoes of any state in the Union.

It was not until 1923, however, that growers and canners began to realize the possibilities of big yields per acre and their relationship to big quality production. That year the University of Maryland extension service, under the energetic and devoted leadership of Dr. Thomas B. Symons, co-operated with the Tri-State Packers' Association in the organization of the "Maryland Ten-Ton Tomato Club" to encourage the production of higher yields per acre of canning tomatoes. These farmers entering the contest were urged by the extension service to adopt the following cultural practices:

1. Select a well-drained, fertile field.
2. Plow the land in the fall or winter.
3. Follow a four-year rotation, including green manure crops.

Two Boys Dig Up \$27,000 In Gold In An Old Cellar

Near the homes and opportunities of their dreams by one substantial court victory, the two boys who found buried gold worth \$27,000 in an East Baltimore cellar confidently expected to leap the remaining legal hurdles this week, and take the money for their own.

Theodore Jones and Henry Grob will build new houses for their mothers, fill the wardrobes with new dresses, and the cupboard with shining new pots and pans in fairy-tale style, if no higher court ruling upsets the award given them by Judge Eugene O'Dunne in Circuit Court.

Judge O'Dunne ruled that the two sixteen-year-old boys had a right to keep the cache of gold they dug up from a cellar under the Jones home at 132 South Eden street last August 31.

Awakened from their beds with the news that Judge O'Dunne had given their treasure back into their hands, the two boys, close friends for many years, lived again the thrill of finding a fortune under their fingers. Theodore lives with his mother, Henry with his mother and sister. Both families have long been in straitened circumstances, and Theodore and his mother have been on relief rolls.

The youngsters, who have heard the word "numismatic" for the first time in their lives, have been told that the numismatic value of their treasure is much greater than the actual worth of the coins themselves. They are planning a great auction sale, offering the 3,558 old gold coins, ranging in value from \$1 to \$20, to collectors.

4. Use stable manure and 600 or 800 pounds per acre of a 3-12-0 or 4-8-7 fertilizer.

5. Set plants in the field before July 1.

6. Practice shallow cultivation.

7. Pick red-ripe tomatoes and deliver promptly.

Although the average yield of tomatoes per acre for Maryland is in the neighborhood of three tons per acre, every year since 1928 the best growers in these clubs have produced well over ten tons to the acre. The winner one year produced nearly 17 tons of marketable tomatoes by following the above suggestions. These are methods every tomato grower should use in the vegetable garden, for market or for the canning house should give the Maryland plan a trial in 1935 and produce "more tomatoes from fewer acres."—Editorial Comment, Southern Planter, February, 1925.

The above is the program of the Maryland growers. We hop to have a number of Haywood farmers making an effort to produce ten tons or more of tomatoes per acre. The Co-operative is furnishing the best plants possible. These plants are grown from certified seed and are sprayed to prevent disease. We are going to do everything possible to make a success this year of the Co-operative Cannery project.

MANY BANKS LONG LIVED

In the United States—
168 Banks over 100 years old.
2,472 Banks over 50 years old.
10,391 Banks over 25 years old.

There are in the United States 158 banks that have been in continuous existence for more than one hundred years. There are 2,472 banks over fifty years old, while 64% of all the banks in this country, or 10,391, are twenty-five years old or older.

In other words, practically two-thirds of the banks in this country have come through several successive periods of depression and panic, including 1907, 1914, 1920 and 1929-33.

The Oldest Bank

The oldest bank in the country, which is in Boston, was chartered February 17, 1784.

In the 64% of banks that are twenty-five years old or older is lodged a major portion of the banking resources of the nation. In commenting recently upon the stability of a great majority of the banks in the United States, Dr. Harold Stonier, Educational Director of the American Bankers Association, said:

"The fact that we have so many banks that have been in existence a long period of years is an eloquent tribute to the genius of American managerial ability, for no other country has experienced such wild gambling eras and resultant periods of business stagnation as those through which our country has passed at frequent intervals during the past century."

NEW WEALTH FROM SOIL

New wealth which comes from the soil is of special interest to those to whom falls the responsibility of maintaining our credit structure.

Unless agriculture is successful farm borrowers cannot ultimately succeed, neither can the banks they serve. Foreclosure sales are not a sound basis for good farming or good banking. Bankers, therefore, are as much interested in the permanent success of the agricultural industry as are the farmers, whether the deposits come directly from farm patrons, or indirectly through the ordinary channels of business.—D. H. Otis, Director of Agriculture, American Bankers Association.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation, to our friends for the many services rendered, the kind words of sympathy and the beautiful floral offering given, during the recent illness and loss of our dear wife and mother.
J. R. Tervell and Family.

who will value them for their age and history. The coins themselves are worth only \$11,400.
"We'll want to keep a few of them for ourselves, just as luck pieces. I think I'll want one on a watch chain, probably, and my mother and sister have put in their bids."

Iron Duff News

Mr. Lee Noland was taken to Asheville to the Hospital and returned to the Haywood Hospital Sunday. He has had bad health for some time.

Miss Bertha Steverson and Wilma Smarth were visitors Monday.

Miss Christine Hogan, of Asheville Normal and Teachers College is at home for two weeks.

Design of an Eagle

The design of an eagle was adopted for the national flag and was done for the stunner shirt and flag. It has often been used on American coins about 1785 and half cents issued from the Massachusetts mint.

Grasshoppers Shed Skins

All the most injurious grasshoppers shed their skins on an average of three times during the course of their life span. The grasshopper's skin does not keep pace with the growth of the insect, so this pest goes through several processes of molting by being upside down attached by its legs to some support and slowly wriggles out of its old coat.

Parry Sound

Parry sound is an inlet of the bay, in Canada, 70 miles from Collingwood. It is also the name of a district in Ontario, and of an entry in Ontario, which is the capital of the district.

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