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Drift Towards Livestock

Down in Gaston County, long considered the heart of the cotton section of North Carolina, The Gastonia Gazette points out that there is a definite trend towards livestock farming in that county.

There in the shadows of more than a hundred cotton mills, the farmers are cutting down on cotton, giving as one of the primary reasons that they were unable to employ sufficient labor to cultivate and harvest a cotton crop.

Many of the Gaston County farmers had a hard time getting their cotton picked last fall, and that in view of the more probable scarcity of labor this coming fall caused many to abandon cotton or make drastic acreage reductions.

According to the Gastonia paper, many farmers are gradually growing into the dairy and livestock type of farming, with the dairy industry showing particular signs of marked increases, with the hopes that Gaston County will soon become one of the leading dairying counties in the state.

This news from the heart of the cotton belt is of keen interest to citizens of Haywood, in that as the demand increases for better stock, both dairy and beef, it will be only natural that Haywood cattlemen will be called upon to furnish this better stock, as here in the past few years the herds have been built up to the point where it is not hard to get purebred stock from many Haywood farms.

It is our belief, and this is shared with others, that Haywood cattlemen will in the future be called upon for breeding stock as well as looked upon to supply choice animals to the open market.

This general drift towards livestock by farmers all over the south, makes the future for Haywood cattlemen bright indeed, as the program has been underway here long enough to give a good start in getting to provide breeders for those just beginning.

It's Admitted

A bill designed to "remove the highway patrol from politics" has been introduced in the general assembly. We are making progress; at last it is admitted that the highway patrol has been in politics.

It is supposed to patrol the highways, to do something about drunken drivers, reckless fools, over-loaded trucks and otherwise to make the highways safer. There is a sufficiency of politics already without setting up a highway patrol to add to it.

One of the problems of life in North Carolina, as well as in other states, is to organize anything without increasing the amount of politics, but of all things the highway patrol should be as free as possible of it.—Shelby Star.

New President at Duke

Dr. Robert L. Flowers, a member of the Duke University faculty, who has been acting president since the death of Dr. Few, was recently made president of the institution.

Dr. Flowers is well known by Old Trinity and Duke alumni throughout the county and also to the public in general in this section as he served for a number of years as a member of the board of trustees of Lake Junaluska Summer School.

At the end of the present academic year, Dr. Flowers will have completed fifty years service in the interest of the two institutions.

His connection with Old Trinity, began in 1891, when he became instructor of electrical engineering, shortly after which he was made instructor of mathematics.

He has rendered distinguished service to both institutions, both as a teacher and in an administrative capacity, and was closely associated with his two predecessors, Dr. W. F. Few and Bishop Kilgore. No one could have been chosen to better carry forward the policies of the greater institution.

Blood For Britain

Since the war started in Europe, there have been many pleas for money—Finnish Relief, Red Cross, Britain Relief, Greek Relief, and various other agencies which sought money or supplies. These were worthy, and we rejoice at the response which they have received.

There has been another response, of which we have not been asked to join in—that of giving blood. Each week, some 600 Americans are giving up a sixth to a quarter of their blood.

Every week, 300 or more quarts of a thick almost colorless liquid are being shipped to England. It is not a life destroyer; this is a life saver. It is blood plasma, the fluid part of human blood.

These Americans are giving their blood for the aid of—who knows whom. We feel that there are other Americans ready to do the same, should need arise.

"THE WHITE CLIFFS"



HERE and THERE

By
HILDA WAY GWYN

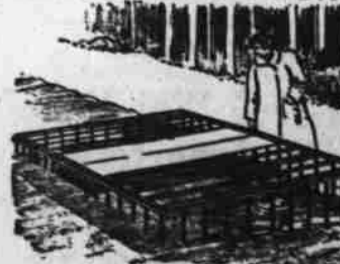
Back in 1930 an old picture of Main street in 1880 was found in the old court house . . . we recall it started a lot of talk about the changes on Main street . . . and how it must have looked in earlier days . . . W. A. Band was editor of The Waynesville Mountaineer at the time . . . we were doing some reporting for him . . . so we took on the job of finding a person who could remember how Main street looked in the dim distant past . . . and to get as much information about the buildings and people as we could find . . . we consulted the late David L. Boyd . . . known to everyone as "Uncle Dave" . . . (father of Mrs. Jerre Davis and Mrs. O. H. Shelton) . . . Uncle Dave had a wonderful memory . . . and he gave us a complete picture of how the street looked in 1882 . . . We often consulted him on local historical matter . . . We recall that once we tried to trap him . . . we got some information . . . from him and kept our notes . . . went back a few months later to interview him on the same subject . . . and he said . . . "I don't mind telling you that all that again, but I told you that four months ago" . . . after that we never questioned his memory again . . . but back to Main street in 1858 . . . the story we wrote . . . we neglected to keep . . . and have often regretted not doing so . . . on account of the information . . . recently a reader of this column gave us a copy of the story . . . the facts we now value . . . and are going to pass on some of them to you . . . so we turn back the pages of time and look down the street which was then a country lane with no sidewalks . . .

by his father, Robert Boyd . . . she would cook at the Battle House during court and then return to her master in the country . . . Lucinda and her mother had been inherited from James Boyd, by Robert Boyd . . . who left instructions that the mother was to be freed at the age of 50 in appreciation of her services and faithfulness to his family . . . On the present site of the Masonic Temple was a small frame store . . . the firm of Benners and Fitzgerald . . . general merchandise . . . it faced the Jonathan Creek road . . . which joined the town square, a part of which is now occupied by the post office . . . at the drug store on the corner . . . was a two story frame house occupied by Thornton Rogers (father of the late Samuel Rogers, one time head of the U. S. Census Bureau in Washington) . . . where the West-ern Union, E. L. Withers and Company . . . Champion Shoe Company . . . are located was a frame store . . . at the time it was torn down a few years ago . . . it had been occupied for years by the late C. W. Miller . . . leather and harness firm . . . in 1858 . . . it was the store of Bill Johnson . . . who married one of Col. Robt. Love's daughters . . . he later moved to Asheville . . . made a fortune . . . his family are still prominently identified with Asheville . . .

In place of Massie's Furniture store . . . was a small building in which one Steve Miller had a tailoring shop . . . on the site of the Toggery and other Massie buildings . . . was a two-room house on property owned by J. M. Tate . . . father of Mrs. P. L. Turbyfill . . . the property was later bought by Dr. Rogers for \$600 . . . and he built the attractive home that was torn down only a few years ago to make room for the buildings . . . Uncle Dave must have been greatly impressed by the blue paint on the small house . . . but as he said there weren't many painted houses then . . . William Medford, clerk of the court, lived next door on the site now occupied by Burgin Brothers . . . the house was almost a twin to the other one . . . and also painted blue . . . near the library was located the Methodist church parsonage . . .

On the Garrett Funeral home property was a school building 30 by 30 feet . . . known as the Female School . . . and conducted by an Englishman and his wife . . . Dr. and Mrs. William Fells . . . they came to this county from Waynesville . . . first located on Jonathan Creek . . . then moved here

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK



AFTER THE BURKE AND HARE GRAVE-ROBBER SCANDAL IN SCOTLAND A CENTURY AGO, IRON GRILLS WERE PUT OVER GRAVES TO FOIL BODY-SNATCHERS



THIS FERRIS WHEEL, MADE OF 25,000 TOOTH-PICKS, HAS COLLAR-BUTTON BEARINGS - EACH CAR CARRIES 250 PICKS HELD TOGETHER BY HOUSEHOLD CEMENT - DR. M. R. STEIN OF NEW YORK CITY IS THE BUILDER

Only Handful Here Knows Precisely What Britain Wants

By Charles P. Stewart
Central Press Columnist

Voice OF THE People

Do you approve of the bill now pending in the Legislature for a State wide referendum on the liquor question?

T. L. Bramlett—"I am not certain of which is the best way to handle the liquor situation."

W. T. Shelton—"Yes, I certainly am in favor of a state-wide referendum. I feel sure that the people as a whole do not want liquor, and at least they should have an opportunity to vote their sentiments."

J. G. Terrell—"Yes I do. They have tried bringing whiskey back and conditions are worse than ever before. I notice that the large city papers report far more drunkenness than in the days of prohibition."

G. C. Summerrow—"I think it would be a fine thing, if it would result in putting the stuff out."

Jack Felmet—"I approve of the bill. I would like to see it decided once and for all whether we are to do away with whiskey."

John R. Hipps—"I think we had better let well enough alone, as prohibition never actually prohibited, and it caused people to break the law."

G. C. Ferguson—"I approve of the bill. I think the people should have a right to vote on it."

T. J. Cathey—"I approve of a method that will give us an improvement over what we now have."

Mrs. R. N. Barber—"Yes, I approve of it. I feel that prohibition never had a fair trial, and I would like to see it tried again and the law strictly enforced."

OPINIONS And COMMENTS OF OTHER EDITORS

THE DEADLY MULE

A rather surprising statement comes from Fort Bragg, which is unofficial of course, to the effect that most of the hospital cases at that great military center so far have been produced by mules. Not the motor vehicle, or big guns and war machines, but the mule is proving to be the most deadly and dangerous of all things that the men work with there. Mules know how to use their heels and they give no warning. However, inexperience in handling these animals must account for much of the unhappy results, for the mule is after

from its size it did not at any time house many females . . . but education for women back in 1858 was not considered very important . . . from the Garrett property to the home of Dr. Sam Stringfield was a cornfield . . . on the Stringfield property was the large and most pretentious residence in the village that of Col. Robt. Love . . . it was burned to the ground in February, 1865 . . . when Kirk's men made a raid on Waynesville . . .

Next week we will come up the other side of Main . . . seeing the picture through Uncle Dave's recollections . . . which we feel is perhaps the only record to be found of how the street looked in 1858 . . .

By R. J. SCOTT

he has to say is, "Britain have as much as it asks it'll cut into supplies that we need for itself." Secretary is due occasionally to make same remark as to the navy.

Yet Britain HAS TO HAVE asks for.

Thus it's up to Bill to considerably in excess of day's productive capacity to gain its benefit and then to still farther in our capacity to prevent a shortage of our own and Britain's demands.

As for Secretary Stimson he has to say is, "Britain have as much as it asks it'll cut into supplies that we need for itself." Secretary is due occasionally to make same remark as to the navy.

all a docile and patient animal is indispensable in bearing the burdens of men in peace and war. The mule played an important part in the first World War always when there is a demand for mules in peace. The mule can take it as well as in war, and speaking is harmless and safe if handled properly.—Laurie Exchange.

Do your job well. It is easier hunting an alibi.