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## Maple Sugar in North Carolina.

There are many townships in our mountain counties where sugar maple trees grow in abundance and where maple sugar has been made from early times. For various reasons, but chiefly on account of the abundance and low price of cane sugar, this industry has greatly declined until during the last few years maple sugar has been made in only a few townships in North Carolina.

The present emergency, however, makes one wonder if we are not carelessly neglecting this valuable source of sugar which nature has put ready to our hands. If only enough can be made to supply the needs of the farmers themselves who can make it, the sugar shortage would at once be relieved locally, and at the same time, the farmers themselves would be placed in easy circumstances, as far as sugar is concerned.

It is not necessary to have a large grove of maples available in order to start sugar making; a few good trees will do. A family in the middle part of the State has been making sugar for years from a few sugar maple trees growing on a bluff overlooking Haw River, and it can be much more easily made in the mountains. An average yield for a 100 tree "camp" is 40 gallons of syrup or 300 pounds of sugar, that is, an "oreyard" of 50 trees should furnish sufficient sugar to carry a family of four through a year, basing consumption on the Hoover allowance.

It may be no cheaper to make syrup from maple trees than it is from sorghum, but the product sells for more money and what is of equal advantage, the work is done in the late winter, before the rush of the spring farm work commences, leaving the season clear for the production of other crops.

There are many farmers in Western North Carolina who have been making maple sugar for years. The scarcity of sugar will induce them to redouble their efforts this winter and it is to be hoped will cause their neighbors to give the industry a trial. The State Department of Agriculture at Raleigh and the State Geological and Economic Survey at Chapel Hill are trying to secure the services of an expert to demonstrate improved methods in sugar making in some of the mountain townships. With better methods and improved appliances there seems to be no reason why a record crop of maple sugar should not be saved this coming spring. Make maple sugar and help win the war.—Press dispatch, Raleigh, N. C.

## William I. Carender.

William I. Carender of Matney, Watauga county, died at his home Dec. 1, 1917. He was born Jan. 20, 1848, died Dec. 1, 1917. He came from Wilkes county about 38 years ago. He lived on this same home, on which he settled, until his death. He was buried at Liberty Church, near his home. The burial services were conducted by Rev. Edgar Tufts, of Banner Elk. All of the children and grand children were present at the burial, except one grand child. A large congregation of his friends and neighbors who lived near him, and many who lived away, were present.

Mr. Carender died suddenly at his home. He left four sons and one daughter to mourn the loss of their good father. He professed religion several years ago. He will be greatly missed by his many friends, especially by the wayfarers who would often stop

## IN MEMORIAM.

### Mrs. Martha M. Shearer.

The subject of this sketch is too well known for comment, but as one who loved her, I offer this tribute to her memory:

More than 50 years ago, Mrs. Martha M. Shearer came from the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Madison Estes in Caldwell county as the bride of Mr. Robert Shearer, who departed this life 20 years ago. In the year 1850 she united with Three Forks Baptist church and remained a most faithful member until she passed away June 2, 1917, in her 80th year. She was a most devoted Christian. She was always in her place at church unless providentially hindered. To her home she invited and welcomed ministers of the Gospel of all denominations as well as others. She will no doubt occupy a prominent place among those named in Matthew 25: 34-36.

As a neighbor she had no superior. She frequently remarked that she had the best neighbors living. This was because she was such a good neighbor herself, always glad to render any assistance needed.

As a wife, mother and grandmother her true worth was well known. A more loving and devoted mother never lived. Her self-sacrificing spirit was remarkable. She was always patient, prayerful and cheerful, although for several years a great sufferer.

She served her day and generation by the will of God, and belonged among the true heroines of the world, for the true heroes and heroines are not to be found among those who figure in public places, but among those who adorn a life-time, and not an occasion. Truly it can be said of her, she lived to contribute to the happiness and welfare of others. She will be missed in her home, church and community. Her dear face will not be seen in the world again, but her influence for good will live on and on and her life will ever be an inspiration to those who knew her.

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## Chamberlain's Tablets.

Chamberlain's Tablets are indicated especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of those diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain any permanent relief, have been completely cured by the use of these tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are also of great value for biliousness. Constipation may be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and observing the plain printed directions on each bottle.

In these times of national need this country has no room for slackers, either military or industrial, and the man who is unwilling to work should not be permitted to eat.—New Bern New Bernian.

with him on dark and stormy nights and there find shelter and kind treatment.

We don't know how we love our friends until they are gone. We know it is heart rending for this kind father's children to know they have looked on his face for the last time. This thought makes a wound in the heart that no earthly balm can heal; the kindest and most consoling words from our best friends are all futile. The one who bade our friend's heart be still is the only one who can give relief.

R. C. BILLINGS

## A Virginian Against Tobacco.

Much is being said about conservation of food. Any willful waste is unpatriotic and is in favor of the Germans. It is our patriotic duty to avoid all waste. Yet, for some reason, the officials lack the backbone to strike the real, most hurtful and useless waste.

Mr. Hoover asks us to have meatless days and wheatless days, but never says anything about tobaccoless days. It is a shame and a sin to waste food when thousands are suffering, and our boys who are stepping in between our homes and Kaiserism, to be supplied, and our allies to be aided. All true Americans will quickly adopt the most economical methods possible and help out in this time of need. But it does look a little bad to ask the hard working farmer to eat less of the food he makes while many a less useful fellow goes about on the fool's end of a cigar or cigarette, and pollutes the air with tobacco smoke.

More money is wasted on the filthy weed than is spent for education. Why not quit tobacco; at least until the war is over. Save the millions thus wasted, save the manhood, brains and nerves uselessly sacrificed to the filthy tyrant, and turn the vast acres that grow it into profitable fields of grain, and turn the vast amount of labor that is used in cultivating and manufacturing it into useful lines, producing food or something useful to

man. Whiskey has gone to stay, and may God hasten the time when tobacco will go. I know it is unpopular just now to make any attack upon tobacco, but it is time we were waking up to the greatness of this evil waste, and begin to economize in the right manner. The one who wastes bread and meat is no more unpatriotic than the one who wastes money, land, brains and health with tobacco.

Why not get out pledges to quit tobacco? Why not also leave off most of the ice cream, soda water, gum and movies, and save the money to buy Liberty bonds.—Mrs. J. M. Moseley, in The Weekly Star.

Col. Roosevelt insists on the "addition of one woman to the national Republican committee from each suffrage state." This would be a good time for some inquisitive Republican to ask the Colonel whether he gives advice as a Progressive or as a Republican.—Wilmington Star.

## NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of M M Mast deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are notified to exhibit the same before me on or before the 13th day of Dec. 1918, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate settlement. This Dec. 13 1917. W. W. MAST, Adm'r.

## Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association, Avery, Watauga and Caldwell Branch.

Pursuant to notice and call of the president, the members and policy holders of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association, Avery, Watauga, and Caldwell Branch, met in the court house at Newland, N. C. on December 22, 1917, a majority of the directors and a large number of policy holders being present. The meeting was called to order by the President at 11:25 o'clock, and the minutes of the last annual meeting were stated. The president thereupon called for a report of the standing of the business of the branch and the following report was read and submitted, viz:

Amt. of insurance in force at last annual meeting	\$370,565.00
Amount of new business during present year	136,075.00
Amt. dropped during year for non-payment dues	50,500.00
Amount in good standing at present	456,140.00
Number of members at this date	498
Number admitted during past 12 months	118
Collected on assessments during year	903.51
Collected on initial assessments on new insurance	273.51
Losses paid during year	707.26
Office and incidental expenses for year	303.18
Money on hand in bank	117.43
Losses remaining unpaid, and to pay which an assessment was laid Dec. 18, 1917, and is being collected	485.00

A motion was made and unanimously adopted by the meeting to have a canvassing agent in each of the three counties to solicit and write new business, the agent to be selected by the directors of the county which the agent is to represent. The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers and the following were elected to fill the respective offices for the following year:

President, H. Neal Blair, Boone, N. C.; Vice-President, R. L. Wieman, Ingalls, N. C.; Secretary-Treasurer, J. B. Horton, Vilas, N. C.; Directors for Avery county, R. L. Wiseman, Ingalls, N. C., J. M. Jaynes, Hughes, N. C. and R. W. Wall, Newland, N. C. Director for Watauga County, W. H. Mast, Sugar Grove; J. W. Horton, Vilas; and T. H. Taylor, Valle Crucis. Directors for Caldwell county R. L. Isbel, Lenoir; W. F. F. Palmer, Granite Falls; and C. C. Steele, Yadkin Valley, N. C.

It was moved and carried that the following be included as a part of the policy contract "That no loss or damage by wind storm of less than \$10.00 is to be considered or paid."

Moved and carried that the limit of time for paying assessments be 30 days hereafter instead of 60 as now, and that this be made a part of the policy contract of this Branch.

Moved and carried that the President and Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to move their office to suit their convenience. (The office has since been moved to Vilas, N. C.)

(At a meeting of the Directors held in Newland on December 6 1917, I. A. Abernethy offered his resignation to take effect at once to take up other work on account of his health, and R. W. Wall was elected to fill the vacancy until the annual meeting on December 22.) It was moved and carried that R. W. Wall finish collecting the assessment laid on December 18, to meet office and incidental expenses and pay the losses remaining unpaid.

It was also moved that a copy of the minutes be handed the papers in each county for publication for the information of policy holders. There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 1:30 o'clock.

J. B. HORTON, President.

R. W. WALL, Secretary.

## BANK STATEMENT.

Following is a report of the condition of the bank of Blowing Rock at Blowing Rock in the state of North Carolina, at the close of business Dec. 31, 1917:

RESOURCES:	
Loans and discounts	\$73,154.12
Overdrafts Secured	1,218.48
Overdrafts Unsecured	312.50
Banking house and lot	2,750.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,298.00
All other real estate owned	190.34
Due from national banks	669.60
Due from b'ks and b'krs	13,763.85
Cash items	46.90
Gold coin	1,200.00
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency	913.26
National bank notes	2,356.00
Total	\$97,987.05

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock	\$16,000.00
Surplus Fund	900.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	1,685.78
Bills payable	14,800.00
Deposits subject to check	36,487.39
Time Cert. of Deposit	28,031.14
Cashier's c'ks outstanding	82.74
Total	97,987.05

State of North Carolina, Watauga county, s s: I. G. M. Suddarth, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

G. M. SUDDARTH, Cashier.  
Correct—Attest: J. D. Brown,  
J. A. Lentz, Directors  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of Jan. 1918.  
FRANK EDMISTEN, J. P.

When doing your bit seems a drudgery, think of the trenches—Bladen Journal.

## Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

## Life Was a Misery

Mrs. F. M. Jones, of Palmer, Okla., writes: "From the time I entered into womanhood . . . I lived with dread from one month to the next. I suffered with my back and bearing-down pain, until life to me was a misery. I would think I could not endure the pain any longer, and I gradually got worse. . . Nothing seemed to help me until, one day, . . . I decided to

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