

Rural Carriers Elect Officers

The Rutherford County Rural Letter Carriers Association met in the city hall here Friday night. Officers for next year were selected as follows: president, Joe Beam, carrier on Ellenboro, R-1; vice-president Clarence Butler, carrier on Rutherford-ton R-3; secretary-treasurer, Grant Allen, Union Mills.

After the business session Mr. and Mrs. George W. Wells served refreshments to those present.

The next meeting of the Postal Workers Council was announced as May 30. This session will be held at Casar on Memorial Day, May 30.

WHAT IS NEWS?

Just the ordinary brand of kissing isn't news, but when a lot of good-looking French girls—all French girls are good looking across the ocean—kiss an American hero, that's news. And when one fellow kisses another fellow's wife, that isn't news either. One catches the other, and presto, it becomes news at once. News is funny stuff and it won't do to monkey with until somebody has showed you how. Now gossip—well anybody can handle that for the longer the experience the more careless gossip seems to be. So there's a difference between news and gossip. Remember that when you read your favorite paper you'll understand why the knowing look on a newspaper reporter's face does not seem to jibe, somehow, with the subdued way he writes a story and leaves out the details you'd like to see printed. Take a country editor for instances. He well understands what is news, but in a small community where every man knows the history of another and the gossiping old maids know a little more "on the side," news is that which it is safe to print. When Farmer Smith presents the editor with a bushel of potatoes and a load of wood that is news for two people at least—the editor and Farmer Smith—Arkansas Thomas Cat.

A DESIRABLE PLACE TO LIVE.

Census figures show that the past ten years have constituted a period of remarkable expansion of great cities. Every important American metropolis has registered remarkable gains.

But these same figures also show that the movement to suburban regions, at the outskirts of great cities, has likewise been unprecedented. In other words those who can afford it find the small town the most desirable place in which to live. They have merely found it necessary to locate their businesses in the great city because of commercial reasons.

This emphasizes the thought that the small town's greatest asset is its excellent living conditions. The confusion, the noise, the hurry of the city boulevard does not make it a desirable residential street. Business executives prefer to travel one or more hours at morning and night going to and from the office merely to escape the nerve racking grind of city life.

This leads one to believe that the time is at hand when this same incentive will work to the benefit of the average small town like Forest City. Sooner or later men engaged in big business will desire to live near their factories and at the same time enjoy the pleasing, comforting environment offered by the small town.

In times past it was almost impossible to locate most industries in small towns. Distance from markets and inadequate power were two handicaps. But this modern age is rapidly removing these. Hard surfaced roads on which high speed trucks travel are connecting all small cities with great centers. The average small city like Forest City is much nearer in time the central markets than it was even five years ago.

And now with these disadvantages removed our great advantage, namely desirable living conditions, becomes of major significance. There is nothing we can do that will boom our city like making it a desirable place in which to maintain a home.



Good Drivers—and Others

THE difference between good and bad driving depends almost entirely on the amount of thought and concentration the driver puts into it. Almost invariably bad driving is the result of thoughtlessness and inattention. As a rule the new driver is more careful than the experienced one. His inexperience fills him with the full significance of his responsibility and the danger of driving.

On the other hand, the experienced driver becomes careless or, to put it more gently, over-confident of his ability. He or she may display this over-confidence by engaging in conversation or by looking at the scenery while driving. Driving a car requires the full attention of the driver, particularly in these days of heavy traffic. I don't know why it is, but it seems that I am always running in to the bird who stays in the middle of the road when he should be over to the right. He is the cause of many accidents and should be warned by any well-meaning driver, and certainly by law enforcement officials, that he is a nuisance and a menace.

Then there is that other moron who speeds up to rush across a road just as the light is changing. It would be a real pleasure for me to tell him just exactly what I think of him.

These two examples of bad driving are direct results of thoughtlessness and recklessness and I am making it my duty to stop and talk to this sort of motorist just as a matter of motor-

ing education. In the last year, I have talked to about twenty transgressors of this type and only once has the recipient of my remarks become angry and told me to mind my own business. As it happened, I followed this driver and it was only five miles from where I first encountered him that I found him in the arms (literally) of the law. I took the trouble to add my complaint to those already lodged and I really believe he will be a better driver when he gets his license back.

It is true there is a multiplicity of driving regulations and it is equally true that it is almost impossible for the average individual to keep track of all of them. But rules of common courtesy should not have to be remembered. They should be habitual. Yet if they were observed on American highways, driving conditions would show a vast improvement overnight. And such an improvement would not only net greater peace of mind for all motorists but it would save hundreds of thousands of dollars annually as a result of fewer accidents.

Inspecting Small Grain For Certified Seed

Judging from applications for inspection service received at State college to date, there will be approximately 25,000 bushels of certified small grain seed for sale this fall if the amount is not reduced by the dry spring weather.

Gordon K. Middleton, seed specialist, is now busy in the field making inspections of the standing grain.

The work should be completed by June 10. Mr. Middleton says about 8,000 bushels of small grain passed both field and bin inspection in 1929 and most of the growers of this seed have enlarged their acreage this year. A number of additional growers purchased certified seed from breeders last fall and plan to have their seed certified. In this way a supply of good seed grain is being built up in the State.

Small grain which is certified by the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association is not only grain of high seed quality and germination but must also be of an approved variety. To be approved means that it has been in official tests conducted by the North Carolina Experiment Station and has shown itself to be adapted to that area of the State where tested. It must rank high in yield and quality.

In tests made by the Experiment Station this winter with Abruzzi rye, Rosen rye, and the common variety, the Abruzzi was 12 to 15 inches high when plowed under for soil improvement. At the same time, the common rye was only 4 to 6 inches high and the Rosen was only 2 to 3 inches high. This means, says Mr. Middleton, that the Abruzzi would have furnished from three to four times as much grazing or material for turning under as the other two varieties. The Abruzzi is much better adapted to the coastal and piedmont sections of this State than the other two varieties.

These are some of the facts being developed in the crop improvement work now being done in the State, says Mr. Middleton.

Swap 200 Lbs. "Soda" For 18 Bushels Corn

Yields Increased 100 Per Cent in Demonstrations on 526 Southern Farms.

That corn yields in the South may easily be doubled is conclusively shown by the results of 526 side-dressing demonstrations conducted by Southern farmers during the last two years.

A summary of the tests shows that these farmers added 18.2 bushels to their yields and \$13.03 to their net profits from each acre. They side-dressed the corn with Chilean nitrate of soda at an average rate of 200 pounds an acre when the plants were about knee-high.

The average increase in yield resulting from the side-dressing was just about the equivalent of the average corn yield in the South, as shown by Government figures.

HOME OWNERSHIP.

Right now a number of new homes are being erected in Forest City. Older homes are also being improved, grounds beautified, flower gardens planted, and lawns carefully groomed.

This is a highly encouraging spectacle. It is indicative of the interest the vast majority of Americans still have in their homes. It shows that after all the majority of our citizens are not really carried away from the home by the myriad of outside attractions that this confusing and noisy age presents.

The social significance of this cannot be emphasized too strongly. The very basis of American culture is created in the home. In the development of character and mind in growing boys and girls it is of far greater significance than even the school. In the creation of a stable, sensible electorate that will keep our democracy functioning on a successful basis it means far more than new laws or governmental and economic reforms.

The significance of home ownership and home interests to the general well being of the country is epitomized in the statement: "Men will fight for a home but never for a boarding house." In other words those who own homes and care for their homes are interested in good government, schooling that will raise the general level of American intelligence, improvements that spell true progress spiritually as well as financially.

It is gratifying, therefore, to note that in Forest City interest in home ownership and home maintenance is on the incline.

The new Blakemore variety of strawberry is reported by J. F. Williams of Mt. Olive to be more prolific and vigorous than the Missionary variety.

Will Teach Grading To Cotton Growers

A six weeks course in cotton grading and classing will be offered to growers, buyers, warehousemen, millmen, and scientists interested in cotton lint at the State college summer school this year. The course begins on June 16 and lasts through July 25.

"We have been conducting this short course in cotton grading since 1922," says Dr. J. B. Cotner, professor of farm crops at State college, "and during that time have had men in attendance from every cotton growing country in the world and from nearly every cotton growing state in America. The United States Department of Agriculture cooperates with us, supplying samples of cotton and an expert grader and classer. This summer, J. I. Johnson, expert grader from the Division of Cotton Marketing in Washington, will be with us. Mr. Johnson will assist in giving a practical but thorough course in grading and stapling."

Dr. Cotner explains that thousands of samples of cotton representing most of the grades produced in the United States will be available for study. The Universal Cotton Grades worked out and established by the United States Department of Agriculture will be used as a basis for comparison. Those who attended the course will be given a certificate from the college. Dr. Cotner says also that many who have received these certificates have later passed the rigid examinations given by the Civil Service for positions as federal graders.

The course as designed by Dr. Cotner will give thorough training in cotton grading at small cost. No entrance requirements are asked. The student must be mature and with a sincere purpose to learn what he can.

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