

### COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE

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#### MARSHALLBERG

Mrs. Minnie Way and daughter Varina of Beaufort visited relatives here Sunday.

Miss Marjorie Lewis returned to Vanceboro Sunday after spending the holidays here with her parents. George Moore who is employed at Fort Macon C. G. station spent the week end here with his parents.

Miss Pearl Davis returned to Cedar Island Sunday after spending the holidays here with her parents.

Friends of Mrs. Richard Salter will be glad to hear that she is getting along fine.

Mrs. D. E. Robinson and children of Beaufort spent last week here with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wilkie Piner.

Mrs. Elva Brown is spending a while in New Bern with her sister Mrs. Kelly Fuchre.

Mrs. Helen Willis was taken to Duke Hospital last week for treatment.

Leslie Fulcher who is employed in New York City is spending his vacation with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Will Fulcher.

Misses Nellie and Edith Lewis returned to Beaufort Sunday after spending the holidays with their parents here.

Miss Annie Styron of Durham visited her sister Mrs. Henry Salter last week.

Mrs. Walter Mason and daughter of Atlantic spent the week end here visiting relatives.

Clarence Styron and Edgar Weaver were here a while Sunday night.

Misses Hilda Lewis and Evelyn Murphy spent a while at Beaufort Sunday afternoon.

#### OTWAY

There will be services held at the P. B. church Saturday and Sunday by the pastor Elder T. H. Edwards of Jacksonville.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Vannie Willis a son Jan. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Gillikin and family of Norfolk spent Christmas here with her parents Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hyde and little son of High Point spent Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hancock.

Mr. Hugh H. Lawrence spent the holidays with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Harrell of Beaufort spent Sunday with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Lewis.

Mr. Vernon Keller and son Harry and sister Mae of New Jersey spent the holidays here with friends.

#### SMYRNA

A family reunion of the Willis brothers and sisters was held at the home of their sister Mrs. Maggie Hancock Sunday December 29th, 1935.

Mr. Guy Willis of San Juan, Porto Rico, Mr. Elvin Willis of Punta Gorda, Fla., Mrs. Bessie Webb and daughter, Virginia of Morehead City, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Willis and son Guy Roberts of Marshallberg, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Willis and family of Atlantic and Mrs. H. C. Willis and daughter Eloise of Mobile, Ala., All enjoyed a happy day in spite of the extremely cold weather. After spending last week visiting relatives and friends Mr. Guy Willis left Sunday, January 5th for Chicago and New York on a business trip, and will sail at an early date from New York to San Juan Porto Rico, at which place he has been employed for many years. Mrs. H. C. Willis also left Sunday for Hopewell, Va., to visit her mother Mrs. Kirman this week. The many friends of these folks were glad to see them.

Mr. William O'Neal of Ocracoke was a visitor here one day this week.

Mr. Ivey Hancock of Ohio, came home for Christmas and the holidays to be with his mother Mrs. Annie Hancock. Had been most two years since Mr. Hancock had been home. Everyone was glad to see Ivey again.

Miss Hilda Smith came home from Duke Hospital at which place she is in training to spend Christmas, and the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pigott and family of Charleston, S. C., spent last week here with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Lucille Howell and children returned here Saturday after spending the holidays at Goldsboro with her mother Mrs. Hocutt. Mrs. Howell is matron of the teacherage here.

Mrs. Walker Gwynn of Straits visited her aunt Mrs. Vernon Simpson one day last week.

Mrs. Hilda Gillikin spent Sunday afternoon here with Mrs. V. A. Chadwick.

Mrs. Julian Davis and sister Miss Ida Pigott of Straits and Morehead City were visitors Sunday at the home of Mrs. G. W. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Simpson, Har-

### Poultry Raising Is Hard For Beginners

Raleigh Jan. 2.—The novice who enters the poultry business with expectations of making easy money is doomed to almost certain failure.

Poultry raising requires long hours of work and study, careful attention to detail, and a persistence that refuse to admit defeat, said Roy S. Dearstyne, head of the State College poultry department.

Too often, he said, urban dwellers invest large sums in placing buildings and equipment on a poultry farm, then purchase low-price chicks and attempt to run the farm with the cheapest labor obtainable.

Only by a miracle, he declared, can such a venture succeed.

Before any one, city man or farmer, goes into the poultry business, Dearstyne added, he should consult the local farm agent, then visit a number of successful poultry farms to see how they are run.

The beginner should start off with a comparatively small number of birds. A year's experience is needed to get a working knowledge of poultry production.

Secure the best chicks obtainable, Dearstyne emphasized. Good chicks cost only a few cents more to start with, while inferior chicks cost many dollars in lost profits later on.

Before setting up a poultry farm, ascertain whether there is a good market for eggs and chickens. There is no point to poultry raising unless the products can be sold readily.

Study measures for controlling parasites and the common poultry diseases, Dearstyne continued; feed carefully but amply, exercise sanitation at all times, and cull rigidly.

Subscribe to two or more good poultry bulletins which may be obtained free from the agricultural editor at State College, Raleigh.

### Force Garden Plants With A Cold Frame

Raleigh Jan.—A well constructed cold frame will help the home gardener get his vegetables off to a good start in the spring.

A cold frame, serving as an intermediate stage between the seed box and the garden, gives the plants a chance to harden before they are placed out in the open.

H. R. Niswonger, extension horticulturist at State College, recommends that such vegetables as cabbage, cauliflower, tomato pepper, and egg plant be transplanted to a cold frame before being set out in the garden.

For the average home garden, he said, the cold frame should cover an area six feet wide and 24 feet long. The wooden frame enclosing the bed should be 15 to 18 inches high along the back and 8 to 10 inches high in front.

Locate the cold frame in a sunny place, facing the south. Place good garden loam, mixed with stable manure, in the bed to a depth of six inches.

Second-hand sash or unbleached muslin makes a good covering for the frame. Muslin saturated with hot linseed oil will retain the heat of the sun within the bed and also shed water. Or the cloth may be treated with a solution of one pound of paraffin dissolved in a gallon of gasoline.

Young plants are ready to be transferred to the cold frame when the first two true leaves have developed.

As warm weather approaches, the plant bed should be left open a little more each day to harden the plants. Ventilation is necessary, even on cold days.

Water the plants on sunny mornings when the temperature is rising. Thoroughly wet the soil, then do not water again until the surface appears dry.

### Saves Eroded Land With Black Locust

Raleigh Jan. 2.—Steep, eroded lands may be brought back into production with black locust as a timber crop.

Black Locust not only protects the soil but it also provides high quality timber for posts, poles and fire wood, says R. H. Page, Jr., assistant extension forester at State College.

Page said that an excellent example of reclaiming a badly eroded mountain side in Avery County is located on the farm of J. L. Hartley.

Ten years ago Hartley scattered black locust seed pods on a field that was too steep to produce wheat, corn, or tobacco, and was rapidly eroding while lying idle.

He continued broadcasting seeds each year until at present there are 15 acres of land growing locusts three to ten years of age. The trees range from six to 25 feet in height.

This winter Hartley is thinning out the timber by removing all deformed and suppressed trees from the older fields. This will provide more room for the trees which will later be used for posts and poles. The wood removed is being used for fuel.

Hartley is also seeding burned over woodlands near his home with different varieties of tree seed, including poplar, ash, and northern red oak.

Planting trees on these burned over areas holds the soil in place and starts the work of building its fertility, explained Hartley, who is a fire

warden for the Linville Improvement Company. Page said that black locust plant-

ings are good for utilizing steep, eroded fields, not suitable for cultivation, in the Piedmont area as well as

in the western North Carolina Counties.

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