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More and Better Dairy Cows.

To the Editor of The Journal: Dairywomen of the rank and file, who see only the present and disregard the future, and inclined to get rid of their cows, believing they can market their grains and grasses to more profitable advantage as such than feeding them to cows.

As a result, the most thoughtless ones have gotten rid of their cows and even a larger number have disposed of their young females. I doubt if a great number of good cows or good heifers have yet gone to the slaughter. The good have been largely picked up by more thoughtful dairymen.

Milk prices are adjusting themselves or being adjusted in various sections of the country, and I am inclined to think that from now on the dairy cow is going to prove herself to be the most profitable of farm animals under war conditions, even as she has been in peaceful times. Moreover, the slaughter of dairy cattle has been tremendous in all parts of Europe. When the war is over there will be a tremendous demand for good cows and good heifers, not only from Europe but from all sections of this country and South America.

If prices will adjust themselves in a manner so that our best cows will be conserved, our breeders and dairymen encouraged to use good sires, breed up their herds and get rid of the poor ones, the United States is destined to become a great exporting nation for dairy cattle.

We have advanced further and more rapidly in the development of good dairy animals than any other country. This of course refers to our leading breeders, for Denmark far surpasses us from the standpoint of high production from dairying in general. Denmark has demonstrated what the rank and file of dairymen can do, and the United States has demonstrated what leading breeders can accomplish.

In a nut shell, it seems to me that the best advice that can be given to dairymen and breeders is that which will lead them to get rid of the loafing cow and the poor sire and then breed up their herds in quality and numbers, for I doubt not when the war will have ended dairy cattle will be as good property as one can possess if they are good and as poor property as one can possess if they are not good.—O. D. Hawn.

County Teachers' Examination

On Tuesday July 8th beginning not later than 10 o'clock modern time an examination for all applicants for teachers' certificates, whether for Elementary, Grammar Grades, Primary, or High School, also for the entrance examinations for A. and E. College, will be held.

All applicants should provide themselves with pen and ink and either foolscap or legal cap paper.

Tuesday and Wednesday for white teachers, and Thursday for colored teachers. Examination held at office of County Superintendent. All applicants respectively, required to be present on first day of examination and remain until they finish the work.

Very respectfully,
 R. N. NISBET,
 County Superintendent.

Arthur Peedin has confessed to the murder of Elisha Grice at Selma, the body of Grice being buried in a negro grave yard. The two fell out over a game of poker, Peedin says, and he asserts that he shot Grice in self-defense. He is held without bail for trial.

DAYS OF FARMER'S ALLIANCE

Zeb Recalls Several Humorous Occasions—Believes War Will End Soon.

(By J. Z. GREEN, in Marshville Home.)

Rev. Bruce Benton, a native of this county, who has been pastor of the First Baptist church at Rockingham for several years, is at New York attending lectures at the Columbia University and brushing up on his French preparatory to going to France for Y. M. C. A. work. While in school at Unionville, when Prof. O. C. Hamilton was at the head of that notable institution, Bruce ranked with the best of them in debate and his old classmates are not surprised at his success in the ministry. The Rockingham Post-Dispatch says of him: "Mr. Benton is one of the ablest ministers in the State. He has deep convictions concerning the righteousness of this war against German domination, and for many months has felt the call to go overseas and do his bit. Though over the draft age by a score of years, he simply could not stay out of it. Many a Richmond county mother would feel better were she to know that Rev. Bruce Benton was near her boy."

John Tice is a great believer in burr clover as a soil-building crop. He sold 50 bushels to Dr. Blair "Now is the time to put in the seed, while cultivating the crop," says Mr. Tice. With the wholesale price of other kinds of clover seed close to thirty dollars a bushel, burr clover (which re-seeds itself) should come into use more as a winter legume crop. A late-crop of corn may be planted after the burr clover seeds mature, about the first of June. Perhaps the quickest and most economical way to get the land seeded to burr clover is to sow a seed patch in the garden. I gathered thirty-five bushels of seed from one-fourth of my garden this year.

"The war news is more in our favor" That is the substance of an expression made by farmers who have dropped into The Home office during the past week. It is rather remarkable that so many citizens of the rural districts keep well up with developments along battle lines across the seas. Of course quite a good percent of farmers in east Union county get daily papers, but many farmers who do not get daily papers keep well up with the war news. The rural telephone is an important factor of disseminating information and Union county has more rural telephones than any other county in the State and perhaps than any other county in the South.

"I think the war will come to an end soon," said a Marshville township citizen. It is well enough to keep in an optimistic frame of mind. The morale of the Allied armies has improved wonderfully since American troops have been landed in France in such great numbers and their fighting spirit is improving. While the manpower of the Allies is being rapidly increased by arrival of men from the United States Germany's manpower is weakening with no place to draw fresh troops from, and as a result the Kaiser is putting old men and also sixteen-year-old boys into army service. But this does not necessarily mean an early ending of the war before 1919. Yet, it is all right to be optimistic if we will speed along our preparations for five years or more war if it requires that long

to wipe Prussian militarism from the face of the earth. If our optimism should cause any relaxation of our effort to win a decisive victory we'd better leave the optimism off and vigorously prosecute our war plans.

Esq. Mark Austin was making a Farmers' Alliance speech back in the nineties, trying to strengthen up the faith of the membership. Several times he referred to the "doubting Thomases" who were hindering the cause. Neil Thomas came away from the speaking in company with one of his neighbors. "How did you like the speech?" asked his neighbor. Then after a little pause he continued: "But what has Mark got against the Thomases?" "Why," said Neil, "he hasn't anything against the Thomases. Haven't you heard of the doubting Thomas referred to in the Bible?" "No, I never heard of him," came the response. I also recall another incident of that period. A county Farmers' Alliance meeting was being held at Gilboa. Bob Lemmond was the orator of the forenoon. After holding the audience away from a picnic dinner by prolonging the speech until one o'clock, Mr. Lemmond looked at his watch and then said, "Brethren, I must bring this discussion to a close—it's dinner time." "That's a good idea!" responded Mark Austin, who was sitting over in the amen corner fanning himself with a broad-brim hat. The applause was spontaneous and Mr. Lemmond suddenly closed his speech, agreeable to that "good idea."

"Do you have as many onions as you had last year?" The Home man asked Will Purser. "Not much of a good crop this year," said he. With about 25 bushels of red multiplying onions spread out under his shade trees to "cure out" and more in the garden not gathered I don't know what Will would call a "good crop" of onions from a garden. I don't know who can get more from the same amount of land unless it's the South Carolina farmer who claims to have a variety of Irish potatoes that produces a heavy yield of potatoes on the roots and also a heavy yield of tomatoes on the potato weed. Calvo Leonard was giving me this information Saturday but I failed to get the name of the farmer who is getting Irish potatoes at one end and tomatoes at the other end of the same plant.

"Looks like there might be a circus in town," remarked a citizen Saturday afternoon. The streets of Marshville were simply congested in places, so much so that it was difficult to get through. The volume of business here seems to be steadily growing. "I bought some dry goods in Marshville the other day at the old prices," said a Monroe man Friday, and he was manifestly pleased with his purchases. In some instances there may be some "marking up" to hedge against advancing prices, but it is notable that merchants here have been selling several lines of goods for much less than manufacturers are now getting at the mills for the same goods. Occasionally a fellow comes along and wants to buy out the entire lot in stock of certain lines but when that happens there's nothing doing. "We've got a few bales of this goods stored back," said a merchant. "And are not trying to sell. But when a customer calls for it we let him have it on a basis of first cost to us." And

so it runs. There is active business rivalry and competition here all the time. "I know I ought to get more for this piece of goods," remarked another merchant, but others are selling at this price and I've got to meet competition.

"We are selling a chair that brought 75 cents when cotton was eight to twelve cents for \$1.25 now and this is much less advance than has been made in other lines," said Wade Bivens of the Marshville Furniture Company, who had been trying to get deliveries of some orders for chairs for the past six months. With seven hundred chairs now in stock they ought to be able to meet demands for a while at least. But referring to airplane prices somebody calls attention to the fact that soda and coffee are still selling at practically before-the-war prices.

Whole German Company Killed

Hurling themselves at the tip of the salient driven into the allied line by the Germans late in May, the American and French have won important ground near Chateau Thierry. The attacks were local in character, but its success may prove important in the future operations in that part of the battle front nearest Paris.

The assault was aimed at the hamlet of Vaux, which is situated on the south side of Chateau Thierry-Parris road and on the northern slopes of Hill 204. Vaux is about two miles from Chateau Thierry. This was carried by the rush of the French and Americans, who also occupied two small patches of woods in the immediate vicinity.

The Germans almost immediately began counter attacks in an attempt to regain the lost positions, but their effort failed in every instance. In the initial attack and in their repeated assaults against the new line held by the allies, the Germans have suffered very heavy losses, at least 500 prisoners having been taken by the French and Americans. One entire German regiment is officially reported to have been virtually annihilated in the battle.

A thrilling air battle between nine American airplanes and an equal number of German machines is reported in the Chateau Thierry sector. At least three German planes were destroyed, while two American machines have failed to return from the encounter.

Thursday night while on a train going from Goldsboro to New Bern, Miss Alice Patterson, traveling saleswoman for Jeffries and Sons, of Goldsboro, was robbed of \$100 by another woman, who occupied a seat with Miss Patterson. Before the train reached Goldsboro Miss Patterson discovered her loss, and after making quiet search, became suspicious of the woman who had been her fellow passenger from New Bern. A description of the woman was given to Chief of Police Edward Tew, who ordered her arrest. She was taken to police headquarters and gave her name as Elize Conway, but later was recognized by an acquaintance who informed the Chief Tew that her correct name was Elizabeth Bell. When the woman was searched the money was found on her person and was later turned over to Miss Patterson, who did not care to prosecute the case, therefore Mayor Higgins informed her that she must leave the city by the first train going to her alleged abode in New Bern.

Chesty de Nut

HE SAYS THAT HORSES HAVE OUTLIVED THEIR USEFULNESS.

by F.R. Paul

