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HELPING THE FARMER

Every one admits that the farmer is in a bad way for the reason that he is not able to sell what he produces at a price in keeping with what he must buy.

Here is the situation. The farmer cannot control the price of what he has to sell. The laboring man finds that prices have increased. He demands and gets more for his labor as the result.

This is true all along the line from the simplest article one must buy to the most extravagant luxury. But the farmer is not able to name the price of his meat or his wheat or his cotton and tobacco.

Every one knows of the advanced price of shoes and leather and dry goods and hardware, to say nothing of the advance in the price of the doctor and the dentist and the lawyer and every other expense that the farmer must meet.

The solution to the problem is for some way to be found to secure to the farmer a price that will live and let live. It is the only solution. The way out of the trouble may be in the way of better business condition all along the line.

It is a known fact that when organization started in California the farmer was receiving about ten cents in the dollar for what the consumer was paying for his products.

NORTH CAROLINA AND WILSON

It may not be known to many that North Carolina was the first to recognize the worth of the late Mr. Wilson. It is a fact nevertheless.

During the time that Mr. Wilson was a student at the University of Baltimore he wrote a book that became the text book on government in several colleges immediately after it was published.

THE GERMAN WAR SPIRIT

It may take another war to open Germany from the spirit of hostility that she cherishes. When she was forced to lay down arms five years ago she did it with a sullen, revengeful determination to get even somehow, some way, some time.

The latest outbreak of this war spirit was when the German embassy at Washington, D. C. refused to lower its flag to half mast, as is the custom of nations at the time of Wilson's death.

Then it was that a crowd of the common people—hack drivers, milk wagon drivers and just plain people, went to the German ambassador's home and climbed up on his porch and nailed an American flag to his home.

The leading newspapers of Germany have taken the occasion of the death of Mr. Wilson to give expression to the bitterest feeling possible as to how their country has been treated.

POLITICS AND BUSINESS

Out in the Dakotas and some other wheat growing states the country banks and the farmers are in an awful fix. The farmers thought they saw a fortune in wheat during the war times and quit everything else to grow wheat.

In the face of this business tangle Congress is called upon to do something, nobody seems to know what. President Coolidge has solved the problem and is asking Congress to provide the money and loan every worthy farmer as much as \$1000 with which to buy a cow and a sow and some chickens and get back on his feet again and start life over.

John E. Marion, Minister

At his request the deacons of the First Baptist church will next Sunday morning recommend to the church that license be granted to John E. Marion. Young Marion is well known in Mount Airy and Elkin, both cities having contributed to his upbringing.

Mr. Marion was educated at Wake Forest and at that time it was known by a few of his most intimate friends that he had a strong leaning to the Gospel ministry, but the lure of the business world got the upper hand in his thoughts.

Income Tax Representative Coming

"Do your income tax figuring early," is the slogan of the Collector of Internal Revenue. That Mount Airy business men and Surry farmers who have made more money the past year than anybody has any business of making, may be assisted in making out their income tax returns, a representative of the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue, of Raleigh, will be in Mount Airy at the Blue Ridge Inn, February 25th to 28th.

EGG LAYING CONTEST STARTS MARCH FIRST

Readers of The News should be getting their laying hens in shape for egg production. The big egg laying contest will start March 1st and continue for two months, but it will be broken into four periods of two weeks each.

Begin now to feed your hens some wheat, oats and bran, or better still, get some egg laying mash to feed with your corn. In addition to the subscription prizes for the best showing in each of the four periods, for the production of both small and large flocks of hens, so call out your scrubs and drones and send them to the butcher.

Girls' Dormitory at Fruitland Destroyed

Hendersonville, Feb. 9. (Special to The News)—Fire last night consumed the girls' dormitory of the Fruitland Institute a few miles east of here, doing damage estimated around \$10,000. This was the same dormitory that caught on fire last March and would have gone up in flames at that time but for the heroic efforts of a teacher in the institution who mounted the blazing roof in bedroom slippers and poured bucket after bucket of water on the fire until he had it under control.

Scores of girls and many teachers lost all the clothes they owned except what they had on their backs. It is feared that many of the girls who roomed in this dormitory will have to leave the institution for lack of quarters. A movement is under way to raise a large sum to build two new dormitories.

Winston-Salem Leaf Market Closes March 14

Winston-Salem, Feb. 9.—The tobacco board of trade today decided to close the 1923-24 season March 14. Auction warehouse men believe all of the 1923 crop of leaf can and will be sold by that time.

SERVICE PHONE 53 QUALITY W. S. Wolfe Drug Co. DRUGS Prescriptions Carefully Compounded WHITMAN'S Candy Van Lindley's Flowers W. S. Wolfe Drug Co. SERVICE PHONE 53 QUALITY

Moved The Willard Service Station Announces its removal from Moore Avenue to the Welch Block on South Main street. It is prepared to give expert battery and electrical service on any make of car. Agency Willard Batteries Batteries for Rent Batteries Rebuilt and Re-Charged Battery & Electric Service Co. J. C. Vogler, Owner Phone 408

Many Cases Mumps Reported

During the month of January mumps led all other diseases in Surry county both in point of the number of cases reported and in fatalities, according to reports made to the office of the county health officer Dr. L. L. Williams. Sixty-seven cases of mumps were reported while three persons died from the disease.

During the month there were reported a total of 58 births and 13 deaths in the county. Mount Airy led the birth list with 21 and Shoals township brought up the rear with one. Smallpox vaccinations to the number of 172 were made by the county Health Department during the month.

Answers Final Roll Call

Another veteran of the Civil war, W. H. (Buck) Arrington last Friday answered the final roll call at his home at Claudeville, Patrick county, Va. Deceased served the Confederate cause during the entire conflict and passed to his reward the day following his 87th birthday.

Mr and Mrs. G. C. Welch have returned to this city after spending some time in Florida.

Dr. Mitchell Increases Office Space and Equipment

Dr. Roy C. Mitchell has added an operating room to his original office space and, in addition to his regular office equipment has installed equipment for the treatment of diseases of the Ear, Nose and Throat. Dr. Mitchell's experience in this specialty was received during two and one half years service in the Pennsylvania Hospital, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, and Philadelphia Hospital for Contagious Diseases, all in Philadelphia. This work was taken after graduation from the University of Pennsylvania, School of Medicine, in 1919.

Pittsburgh Fencing



We are this year specializing on Pittsburg wire fencing because it is a heavier and better wire. Get our prices before buying. We also carry a stock of Square Deal fence: Prices: Four foot Square Deal fence, 10 rod roll, \$4.65 Five foot Square Deal fence, 10 rod roll, \$5.65

Our business is now on a cash basis is the reason why we can make the big cuts in hardware prices that you will find when you buy from us.

Distributors for BOYCE-ITE, the great Carbon remover and GAS SAVER.

Galvanize Roofing

We are also under the market on the best grade galvanized roofing. Get our prices before buying. We have just unloaded a car.

CEMENT, per bag, 88c. Less 10c for bag when returned.

Chattanooga Plows

We have a special proposition for the farmers on this plow. Come in and let us tell you about it.

Seeds

We have a complete stock of all kinds grass, clover and garden seed. Prices, as usual, right.

Goodyear Tires

For the past three years we have sold nothing but Goodyear Tires. Every day we have propositions from other tire companies, something we would not consider for two minutes. We have just received a part of our spring order which was bought last fall at approximately 15 per cent below present prices.

Remember we do not guarantee automobile tires but only pass you what the factory gives us.

Paints

We have today received instructions that our car load of Sherwin-Williams Paints and White Lead has been tipped. This car was bought right. In buying in car lots it is considerably cheaper; this saving we pass on to our customers.

We have been contracting houses to paint for the past two years, and we will be glad to make prices to anyone on their job for the paint and labor. Phone or write us your needs.

HORSE SHOES, \$7.50 per bag. We have a complete stock.

F. E. Myers Sprays and Pumps

We have invoices for a big assortment of F. E. Myers Sprays and Pumps. Our prices will murder competition.

OIL STOVES—Florence and New Perfection.

Holcomb & Midkiff

WE SELL FOR CASH—BUT FOR LESS