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The Sheep Industry

BY J. H. ETHERIDGE.

A learned writer says, we live in the day and in the land of waste. Enough to feed all the hungry in the United States is wasted three times over. The vegetables wasted in our gardens equal those eaten. The fruit that rots on the ground would supply every poor child and its master. He might have continued and said, thousands of acres of land and successive grasses are wasted for want of flocks of sheep. In a new publication of the United States Department of Agriculture (Farmers Bulletin), it is stated that sheep killing dogs kill in 26 States 100,000 sheep annually.

Prior to the Civil War Bertie county had over 30,000 sheep that clothed three fourths of the people in the county, now there is only about 1600. What a fearful waste born of ignorance and prejudice! If the fog question could be satisfactorily settled there seems to be no reason why this number and more could not be raised here. In England there is one sheep or lamb for each 2 5 10 acres of the total area. In the 36 farm States in this country there is one sheep or lamb for each 31 8 10 acres.

The English farmer handles his land on an intensive basis and feeds his sheep on forage crop pastures. Such pastures not only increase the fertility of the land but also free the sheep from many internal parasites. In England and Scotland many of the thin, chalky hill lands would be useless were it not for the large flocks of sheep which are kept on them.

The same conditions prevail in many counties in this State, yet very few resort to the sheep industry for said improvement. In two counties of this State the Western North Carolina Sheep Breeders Association have achieved marked results in sheep production.

Are the obstacles fewer and the risk less hazardous under their conditions?

From a climatic standpoint the conditions are not as favorable as in the coastal sections. The following table shows the profit derived by twenty-six farmers reporting on their sheep work for the last five years. The average for five years of breeders who reported was 9 6 10.

The number of ewes kept per farm 41 3 10.

Average age of lambs marketed was 4 27 100 months.

Average weight of lambs marketed 81 2 10.

Average price received per cwt. 6.30.

Net profit per animal, \$4.37.

This statement shows that in the 922 sheep farms which these figures were obtained; the average net profit was more than 70 per cent on the investment. While these figures may seem abnormally high, most sheep men will admit that a small sized flock will ordinarily return a profit of 75 to 100 per cent on the money invested.

No other farm animals will return such a profit under normal conditions. There must be a weeding out of worthless dogs in Bertie county to again increase the number of sheep. In twenty counties of the State a tax has been imposed that is accomplishing this results. It is my honest opinion that the Virginia dog law would be the best solution of this menace to the industry and give more satisfaction to owners of canines of mutton proclivities.

In that State the farm papers state there has been an increase in sheep and of better breeds since the law went into operation. Here is the Virginia law.

1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia, That it shall be the duty of every person owning or having in charge any dog or dogs, to at all times confined such dog or dogs to the limits of his own premises or the premises on which such dog or dogs is, or are regularly kept. Provided, that nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent the owner of any dog or dogs, other person or persons having such dog or dogs in his or their charge from allowing such dog or dogs in his or their charge, to accompany such owner or other person or persons elsewhere than on the premises on which such dog or dogs is, or are, regularly kept.

Any person violating this act shall

Five Simple Rules For Happiness

I
Cultivate the habit of always looking upon the bright side of every experience.

Worry and anxiety are the great killers. Worry has the physical effect of breaking down the nerve centers and making one less able to do one's work or to meet any difficulty. Don't cross the bridge before you come to it. Meet every trouble as it arises.

II
Accept cheerfully your place in life while you are in it, believing that it is the best possible place for you.

This does not mean that one should not strive to better his condition, but it means that while you are in one position make the most of it and don't be envious, fretful, and jealous of others. "Oh," you say, "if I just had something else, or were in some other situation, I could be happy." No you would not be. If you cannot command happiness in your present position you could not find it in another.

III
Throw your whole soul and spirit into your work, and do it the best you know how.

No matter what your work is, while you are in it you must make a delight of doing it well or you will never be happy.

IV
Get into the habit of doing bits of kindness and courtesies to all those who touch your life each day.

This means at home, principally. Any one can be polite and pleasant and thoughtful when out on dress parade. But the folks who love you most and whom you most love are those in your own household or immediate surroundings. Try thoughtfulness, kindness and courtesy with them—husband to wife, wife to husband, children to parents, parents to children, brothers to sisters and sisters to brothers.

V
Adopt and maintain a simple, child like attitude of confidence and trust in God as your own Father.—From a report of Dr. Charles E. Barker's lecture, "How to live to be One Hundred Years Old."

Mr. Gus Morris Dead

The body of Mr. Augustus Morris was brought to his old home in Bertie county this week and interred. Mr. Morris died in a hospital in Washington City where he has for several years been enjoying a lucrative and responsible position. He was a son of Mr. J. T. Morris, who was at one time manager of the County Farm. Mr. Morris married Miss Dora Phelps, daughter of our esteemed countymen, Mr. Gray Phelps of Merry Hill. We extend to the bereaved our sincere sympathy, and ask some of his near friends to send us an appropriate obituary sketch of our friend.

be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than two nor more than fifty dollars. This law will eliminate a large lot of dogs because persons will find it impossible to keep half dozen dogs confined to their premises. If such a law was enacted, Bertie, Northampton and Hertford counties could by cooperation become an exclusive sheep territory separated, and protected from the savages of dogs in other counties by the rivers that bound them. Beginning on the Blackwater at the Virginia line, thence down the said river to the Chowan, thence down Chowan to Roanoke, thence up the Roanoke river to where it joins the Warren county line, thence to the Virginia line to the starting point. We feel confident that the representatives of these counties, would agree to a law fraught with such vital interest to the farmers. Farmers of Bertie do you want to raise more sheep? Now is the time while bees of political promotion are beginning to hum in the bonnets of those who desire to represent you in the legislature, for you to speak out. Let us support men who will pledge themselves to protect the sheep industry.

Home Coming Day

Oct. 11, 1915 was Home Coming day at Chowan College in reality. Everything was in readiness, and to those who were fortunate enough to come home, the welcome was warm and sincere.

Indeed the day was ideal and one of those not to be forgotten. The first thing in the morning was the meeting of the Chair Fund committee.

We found that the comfortable new seats had been a little more than half paid for, and only a few of the Chowan College clubs had contributed. So the committee recommends that all the clubs be asked to take part in helping to raise the amount needed to pay off this specific debt.

The Alumnae Association then met in the chapel, after singing "Nearer My God to Thee" Mrs. Julian Newcome from Winton read a part of John 15, and Miss Nell Ward led in prayer.

Roll was called, minutes read, and reports of President and Treasurer were heard. It is interesting to note how wisely the Funds of Alumnae Association have been handled. It has a Loan Fund being used by worthy girls. They have "free use" of this money all the time they are in college and for one year after. But after the first year they are required to pay three per cent interest.

The programme for the day was splendid, and in every way worthy of the occasion.

It was an inspiration and rare treat to have Miss Eunice McDowell "at home" that day. In her address she said she had yet to find "one" Alumnae who was not loyal to the college, and made plain to us why Chowan has not been able to keep pace with other colleges financially.

The Association decided to continue the Basket Dinner Plan. The same officers were re-elected.

The morning session closed with a prayer by the President, Miss Esther Wynns.

Then came the meeting of friends and school-mates,—to many the great feature of "Home Coming Day".

In response to the call of the old dinner bell, all went down to the dining room where the tables were loaded with everything to eat.

Then for an hour or more all were free to roam over the buildings and grounds and to talk with friends college and class-mates.

The sanitary condition of everything was noticeable. One spoke of how the kitchen windows shone.

Upon being asked how they managed to get so much work done, in so short a time. One of the teachers replied, "We all work here". And they do seem so happy at their work.

Mr. Lineberry and his wife have won the confidence and love of all.

Dr. Swope's address "The Search for Truth" made a forcible impression upon his hearers.

The young ladies expressed their allegiance in "A Song to the College"

Revs. Tom Speight, Watson and others spoke not emphatically of their faith in the college, and so ended a great day in the memory of those present, and in the life of Chowan College.

The evening before, October 10th, a most delightful reception was given in the form of a Six Course Dinner, in honor of the class of 1893. Out of the twelve only three were present.

The vacant places at the table were occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Lineberry and the Faculty, and Mrs. Julian Newcome.

College Days Reminiscence naturally became the topic of conversation.

Quite naturally, some were not altogether pleasant and creditable to recall, since we were eating in the room which used to be Prof. John Brewster's study. But looking back upon those days when we were arraigned for bad conduct, we get an altogether different view of the situation.

The class mentioned most tenderly the two who have entered the Beyond—Rosa Speight and Jennie Joyner. It was the regret that others could not be there to enjoy the honors that had been arranged for them.

The Faculty kindly offered to give this class special recognition in "The Columns" in the near future.

Each member of this class is loyal to her Alma Mater, but it does seem to us who were present on this occasion, that we love her more because of her

adversity, and we want to express our devotion in some material way. Perhaps the class will be heard from later.

MRS. JULIAN P. GRIFFIN.

The News From Merry Hill

Farmers are busy housing their crops.

The peanut crop doesn't seem to be very good.

Misses Lelia and Katie Blue of near Fayetteville, N. C., are visiting their sister, Mrs. Dr. McGoogan. Miss Katie will stay over until Christmas.

Dr. and Mrs. Crumpler spent Saturday evening of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Britt on Cashoke.

Mr. J. H. Williford killed a large rattlesnake last week. The reptile had 20 rattles.

Mr. Clinton White of Windsor made a flying trip through the community this week.

Messrs. F. M. Dunstan and J. B. Gillam were in town this week on business.

Mrs. Monroe Britt spent Wednesday with Mrs. Dr. Crumpler.

Mrs. Eddie Cullipher of Mt. Gould is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Britt this week.

Rev. Hunnicutt of Mars Hill preached a strong sermon on missions at Merry Hill church last Sunday.

Prof. Ives of Harrellsville also delivered an excellent address on missions.

Rev. L. D. Hayman filled his regular appointment at White Oak Sunday.

The Joseph E. Cherry Chapter of the U. D. C.'s at Merry Hill are getting up a play, the "Old Maids Club" which they hope to present in the near future.

Miss Mittie Phelps, principal of Merry Hill school, has been called to Washington City on account of the illness of her sister's husband, Mr. A. H. Morris of that city.

The Misses Blue and Miss Ruth Smith and Messrs. Ernest Warrington and Billie Smith spent Saturday evening at Dr. and Mrs. Crumpler's.

Mr. R. M. Brinkley, of near Mars Hill, made a flying trip to Merry Hill Sunday.

"Newsy."

The News From Powellsville

The Holy people left Monday after a two weeks stay in town.

Miss Hattie Tayloe left Sunday to resume her school near Windsor.

Mr. J. E. Mitchell of Colerain, was in town Sunday.

Miss Lucile Tayloe was hit by a baseball at school last Friday and she has been suffering with a black eye.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Waters spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harden, of Indian Woods.

Mr. W. S. Tayloe spent a few days last week in Norfolk buying his fall goods.

Mr. Sitterson of Colerain, and Joe Season were in town Sunday.

Mrs. Beard who has been visiting her father Mr. M. F. Parker has returned to her home in Richmond, Va.

Mr. Willie Tayloe was in Aulander Sunday for a short while.

The graded school is doing fine work so far, we have on roll over a hundred.

There will be a Hallowe'en Party at the school building Friday night Oct. 29th. The public is cordially invited.

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Colerain Chowan Club

On Saturday, October 16th, Miss Wynns, one of the most efficient teachers and enthusiastic workers of Chowan College came to Colerain and organized a Chowan Club. Some of the ladies of the town assembled at the Baptist church and were entertained by a most interesting talk from Miss Wynns in behalf of the college, which resulted in the organization of eleven members, the following officers elected: Mrs. D. R. Britton, President; Mrs. N. G. Phelps, vice-President; Miss Grace Beasley, Secretary and Treasurer. We are indeed glad of the organization, yet realizing the work to be done, we feel that good results can be obtained by all of us working harmoniously together, for in "Union there is strength." We have our first meeting November 10th and have for our subject the study of the Bible. How it came to us divided into five sections a bit of its history, poetry wisdom, strength and consolation.

We are looking forward to an increase of enrollment at our next meeting and hope to accomplish work of which our Alma Mater will be proud.

We are indeed grateful to Misses Rose Godwin and Rosebud Nowell for giving us a most enjoyable recital on Friday evening, Oct. 15th. The proceeds amounted to twenty dollars, which amount they donated to the Chowan Club.

Farmers' Union Speaking

There will be public speaking at the following school houses and places at 7:30 o'clock at night.

Wakeland, Tuesday, November 2.

Mizell's, Wednesday, November 3.

Brown's, Thursday, November 4.

Golden Belt Local, November 5.

It is expected that every Union man will attend. The public is invited to attend. School boys and girls are especially invited.

JAMES M. PERRY,
Organizer.

Hallowe'en Party

The Kelford Graded School will hold a Hallowe'en party Monday evening, November 1st, at the school building, commencing at 7.30 o'clock.

Charming young ladies and handsome young men will present the world famous play "The Haunted Gate" which for Hallowe'en is the most pleasing play ever written.

Those so fortunate as to see this delightful presentation of the world's most renowned Hallowe'en entertainment will enjoy an evening long to be remembered with pleasure. After the play, refreshments of all kinds will be served.

Taxes Due

I will be at Sprull's store, in Indian Woods on Saturday of this week—Oct. 30th for the purpose of collecting 1915 taxes. They are now due so please be prompt.

I will also be at Merry Hill the same day Saturday, Oct. 30th.

Watch for further notice.

J. W. COOPER,
Sheriff.

A Card

I wish to extend my sincere thanks, and gratitude to the many people who so kindly extended their services and did us so many kindnesses in our recent trouble.

C. C. BRIGGS.