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The Rhododendron Edition

THE 10th annual Rhododendron Edition of the Asheville Citizen-Times which appeared last Sunday was fully up to the highest expectations of all those who remember the splendid editions issued in past years by Asheville's progressive newspapers.

The people of Franklin and Macon county were particularly gratified because of the liberal space given to descriptions of scenes and attractions in this immediate section.

It was a great edition and will mean much to all of Western North Carolina.

The Wave of Strikes

IN ALL industrial centers, and especially in those located in the United States, when work becomes plentiful and wages rise, the labor agitators get in their work and many industries are paralyzed by strikes.

In the past most of the great strikes were justified because of unfair conditions, and those strikes won for the workers the right of collective bargaining as to wages and hours. That right is now guaranteed in laws passed by congress and by the assemblies of many states.

But in the wave of strikes sweeping the country today it appears, from the best evidence to be had at this time, that there is no question of wages or working conditions involved, but that the sole condition laid down is that the authority of one organization—an organization representing a small minority of the workers—be recognized as the bargaining power for all labor; and, if the demand is not granted, it is threatened to disrupt the whole economic fabric of the republic.

It is said that in many industries less than ten per cent of the workers are members of this organization, but the strategy of the organizers seems to be to enlist a sufficient number of key men to paralyze the industry when a strike is called. These key men walk out, picket the plant and force out the real workers, who do not agitate, have families to support and are satisfied with their jobs.

To some of the oldtimers there come back the words of Grover Cleveland, when strikes interfered with the United States mails and he ordered out the federal troops: "If it takes every dollar in the United States treasury and every man of the regular army to move a 1-cent postal card from New York to San Francisco, that postal card will go."

The present strike wave so far involves only state authorities for there has been no instance where the government had authority to interfere. There was one instance where food and clothing was submitted for transfer by mail, but the conditions were abnormal and the postal officials had every right under the regulations to refuse to accept these parcels for delivery.

The outcome of the strikes cannot be seen at this time, but it seems that present labor laws are inoperative and that the authorities are helpless.

In the meantime everybody is losing—the strikers, the employers and the general public—and the public is losing most of all.

INTERESTING WAR RECORD

Civil War Service Of J. N. Arnold Told In Papers Found

An interesting civil war record came to light a few days ago when relatives of the late Rev. J. N. Arnold were looking over some of his old papers. The record was written by Mr. Arnold in very condensed form some time in 1930, and is as follows:

"I was 21 years old when the Civil War between the states occurred. In November, 1861, I volunteered in Thad Siler's Cavalry Company, which was the first N. C. Cavalry Regiment, under Robert Ransom as Colonel.

"Nearly all my service was in Virginia. I was in the seven days battle around Richmond when McClelland tried to capture the city. General Lee finally drove him to Malvern Hill and he then went to Morrison's Landing, where he was protected by gun boats.

"During these battles we were in line of battle part of the time both day and night, but our company was not actually engaged at any time.

"I was with General Lee when he first crossed the Potomac river and carried the war into Maryland. At Middletown we had an engagement in which my horse was wounded. We had to retreat. Captain Siler and some others were wounded and taken prisoner.

"My horse being lame, I had to make it on foot to Harper's Ferry where General Jackson was besieging the enemy and taking them prisoner. About 13,000 were captured.

"I was with General J. E. B. Stuart when he made his famous raid into Pennsylvania. We went as far as Chambersburg, captured about 500 head of horses, and stayed there all night and until about 9 o'clock the next morning destroying Thad Stephen's iron works. We then started on our return trip.

"We rode all day and night and finally reached the Potomac river about 9 o'clock the next morning, crossed and were safe on our own soil. A large number of the new horses that we had captured gave out on that long 24-hour march.

"We picketed on the Rappahannock river during the fall and winter of 1862 and 1863. We had an engagement with the enemy one night at a bridge between us in which one of our boys was wounded. The battle lasted about an hour and they finally retreated.

"In September, 1863, we had a fight near Culpepper, Va., and it was there that some others and I were taken prisoner, carried to Point Lookout, Maryland, and were held about 12 months. We were then taken to Elmira, N. Y., where we stayed about six months, were finally paroled, and got home about the 20th of March, 1865."

Mr. Arnold was 97 years of age at the time of his death, which occurred on January 15, of this year.

Swain Anniversary to Be Observed June 19

The 66th anniversary of Swain county will be observed with fitting ceremonies at Bryson City on Saturday, June 19.

The exercises will begin at 10 a. m. and continue until 12:30, and there will be field day sports in the afternoon and a street dance at night.

The people of Swain county are expected to turn out en masse, and many visitors from all of the western counties will be on hand to join in the festivities.

Gneiss

By MRS. F. E. MASHBURN

Mrs. Margie Norton and daughter, Miss Arma Lee, and Misses Myrtle and Blanche Vinson, of Dillard, Ga., visited relatives here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Higdon, of Higdonville, were guests of Mrs. C. N. Jones for the week-end.

Mrs. Howard Keener and three children, of Ellijay, are visiting friends and relatives here.

Everett Mashburn is working at "Sunnybrook" farm for Mr. Fulton. Our people are very busy farming and logging.

Good Words For Rev. W. B. Underwood

A few days ago A. G. Beshears, Franklin agent for the T. F. railway, received the following note from the agent at Fort McPherson, Ga., enclosed with some bills of lading:

"Do you know W. B. Underwood and have you ever heard him preach? He is one of the best, and you people should consider it an honor to have him in your town. If you don't belong to his church, go around one time and hear him. Also go fishing with him some time.

—J. R. Burke."

Mr. Underwood is pastor of the Franklin Baptist church, and all the people of the town, as well as the members of his own church, are glad to have him here.

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Q. What spray or dust should I use to protect my late cantaloupes from worms?

A. The most common and destructive worms that attack cantaloupes are the pickle worm and the melon worms. These pests can be controlled by frequent applications of a .75 per cent rotenone dust containing 25 per cent of sulphur. The rate of application should be from 15 to 20 pounds per acre depending upon the size of the plants. Treatments should begin when the worms first appear and continue at seven day intervals as long as the worms are present. For best control, the stems, foliage, and leaves should be completely covered with the dust.

Q. Is it necessary to feed both mash and grain to poultry during the developing period?

A. This is a most important period in the life of the birds and it is necessary that they have a balanced ration at all times so as to develop a large frame and the body reserve so essential to heavy egg production. The developing mash may be kept before the birds at all times with grain feeding in the morning and evening or both mash and grain may be left before the birds all the time. Either way will work out very satisfactory. In all cases the poultryman should keep a careful check on body weight and vitality and, if the birds do not make a normal gain, the feeding program should be checked immediately.

Q. When should alfalfa be cut for hay?

A. For best results the cutting should be made when from one-tenth to one-fourth of the flowers are in bloom or when new growth is well started from the crown. Cutting too early weakens the vitality of the plants, lowers the yield, and shortens the life of the field. Late cuttings lower the feeding value as the stems become woody and the leaves shed from the plants. Too frequent cuttings weaken the root system, cause poor stands, and reduce future yields. Four cuttings a year is the maximum that should be made under most conditions.

Need Storage Plants For Poultry Products

Providing two or three centrally located packing and storage plants would work to the advantage of both buyers and sellers of poultry, believes T. T. Brown, extension poultryman at State college.

At present large grocery companies and packers are forced to buy the bulk of their poultry, meat and eggs outside North Carolina because their demands cannot be satisfied within the state.

Yet, declares Brown, North Carolina poultry growers ship large numbers of their chickens and eggs to eastern markets.

This discrepancy is brought about because buyer and seller find it

difficult to get together. Consequently, the buyer will continue to make his purchases outside the state, and the seller will continue to ship his poultry north.

When there is such a huge potential market right here in North Carolina for poultry and eggs, some plan should be worked out so that local products could be bought by home companies and packers, Brown adds.

One large packing company made a survey of poultry resources in North Carolina a few years ago, but decided, at the time, there would be an insufficient amount of poultry and eggs to justify the erection of a packing and storage plant.

However, declares Brown, poultry production has expanded to the extent that two or three of these plants could be employed to good advantage at present.

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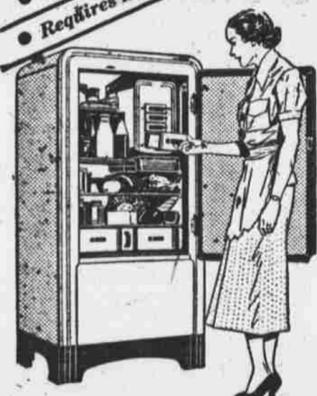
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