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MARLBORO MAKES CATTLE AND HOGS

Big Orchard Develops Side Line
That is as Profitable as
Peaches

When the big Marlboro orchard was established a mile or so below Aberdeen the management planned to make the model orchard of North Carolina. Three hundred acres of peaches were set to which later more have been added and the orchard has been carried along in such excellent manner that doubtless it is the finest single block of fruit trees in the State. It is not likely the trees will be allowed to bear this year but all signs point to a crop on forty thousand trees next year, a record without a parallel in North Carolina. The excellent condition of the farm when the trees were planted and the cultivation given them since they were set has brought them along to the highest stage of perfection.

But while Marlboro has been figuring on making a model orchard it has accidentally developed into considerable producer of live stock. On the farm is a big barn, two silos and large feeding sheds. Two years ago cow peas were sowed between the rows of young peach trees to be plowed down for fertilizer. The ground was so fertile that the peas made a growth too large to plow under and a crop of hay had to be cut to get the vines off the ground. An aftermath of vines came up and that was plowed under. The result was the company had over a hundred tons of hay all stacked up and no where to go. About sixty acres of cotton had been planted among the trees and that gave a lot of seed and it was decided to feed the hay and cotton seed products to some cattle. Nelson Courtway, the superintendent of the orchard went up into the mountains where they raise good cattle a year ago last fall and bought two car loads of feeders and put them in the feed lot at Marlboro and then the hay and cotton seed products had somewhere to go. The cattle were sold in the spring at a profit. A vast amount of manure was returned to the orchards and last summer another crop of cowpea hay was made and another sixty acres of cotton. The growing fertility of the farm made another big crop of hay and feed stuff and then the manager decided to buy two or three car loads of the finest young beef steers to be found anywhere in the United States. After investigation they made a contract with a firm of breeders in western Texas to supply a hundred head of pure bred Herefords. It is doubtful if the equal of that shipment has ever come to North Carolina. The cattle have wintered in fine shape on the abundance of feed at their disposal, and Harry Lewis has been supplying Southern Pines and Pinehurst with a grade of beef that takes off its hat to nothing.

The orchard company is realizing a creditable profit on its venture an enormous pile of manure for its spring fertilizer and along with that has learned the virtue of cattle feeding in connection with a big orchard.

But it has gone still another step forward. When the first experiment for feeding cattle was started, knowing that a lot of feed shattered off in the feed lots, a number of hogs were turned in with the cattle and the de-

velopment of the hogs was equal to that of the cattle. When the Texas Herefords were brought up another bunch of hogs was turned in with them. And this winter the Pinehurst sausage factory has been putting up such a call for good hogs that the Marlboro Orchard Company has decided to carry about sixteen or twenty sows and make a business on a side line of raising a large bunch of hogs for the Pinehurst market. Both the hog and the cattle feeding have proven profitable and given to the orchards an amazing fertility that is crowding the growth of trees and will show its influence in the crop when the trees begin to bear. It seems that Marlboro is not only a model orchard, but a highly successful one even before it has a peach on the tree.

RACING NEWS OF PINEMURST

Last week two Season Records were lowered. Uncle Sand just clipped a fifth of a second off the Seven Furlong record and negotiated the distance in 1:30 4-5. Roundsman was second and Frank Boyd, holder of the previous record, third. J. T. Pendergrass won the half-mile race and lowered the season record half a second.

The Harness Races were well filled and every race was a contest right up to the finish line. Lady Glover marked up the best time of the day, 2:14 1/2.

The Specialties were spirited and resulted in as much amusement to the riders as the audience.

Jesse James may have been all they claim he was, but we never heard of him charging \$17 for a ton of coal.

EDGEMOORE MAKES IMPORTANT SALES

Blue Farm Sold in Small Tracts
to Several Buyers for Home
Sites

Last week Frank Buchan made another important bunch of sales in the Edgemoore property east of Southern Pines. This was on the tract belonging to Walter and Carey Blue and contained forty acres. The piece was cut into four lots of ten acres each. These were bought by George Van Camp, H. E. Thrower, Mrs. Lillian J. Halliwell and Mrs. Elida Goddorn, of New York. It is believed that this division of the property and its purchase in small pieces will result in two or three buildings before very long. The total amount realized from the sales was about six thousand dollars.

The Halliwell family has been buying considerable land in that neighborhood and regarded another ten acres as attractive enough to add to their holdings. Mr. Thrower, the Southern Pines druggist, said that he went out to the sale as a matter of curiosity but when he saw the character of the ground, its location and convenience to the village he concluded that he couldn't lose anything by putting a little money in one of the ten acre lots. He has not made positive plans as to what he will do but looks favorable on building there ultimately and particularly if others should build.

Cutting this tract into lots changes it from farm land to suburban home sites, and means that farm holdings have been moved much farther out of the village. Owners of other property in the vicinity regard this as placing their investments on a positive footing for it confirms values and goes far to remove any uncertainty as to the basis on which prices out that way should be figured.

James Swett has also sold on the highway between Southern Pines and Manley a number of his well located lots, disposing of about six thousand dollars' worth.

The real estate men say that the season is showing a fairly active demand for investment buying and home sites and attracting considerable proportion of buyers from the North who are impressed with the prospects in the Sandhills.

COOK PLACE IS SOLD BY FRANK BUCHAN

Fine Midland Orchard Goes to
Robert G. Shaw, Who Hails
from Boston.

Frank Buchan negotiated a fine sale last week, with the help of Richard Tufts, which disposed of the Will Cook orchard between Pinehurst and Knollwood Village to Robert G. Shaw, of Boston. This is one of the valuable young properties in the Pinehurst vicinity. It includes 50 acres, a model modern bungalow, and it is understood that it brought close to \$20,000. Will Cook has been one of the prominent successful orchard men for years, for a long time having the management of the big Van Lindley orchard. When it was sold and cut up he planted an orchard for himself in the immediate neighborhood and everybody who drives that way knows that Mr. Shaw has bought a highly desirable property.

One of the significances of this transaction is that it leaves Will Cook free to turn loose on another piece of ground, and brings into the Midland road region another enthusiastic peach man and new settler, and emphasizes the values of the kind of property that is opening along this new avenue. By the time Mr. Shaw has operated his orchard a few years the encroachment of Pinehurst from the one side and Knollwood from the other will bring his holding up to home site prices and he will be cutting it into small tracts for building and making money in that way. The Midland road is orchard locations for a while, but ultimately the expectation is that it will be a solid succession of homes from Pinehurst to Southern Pines.

Frank Buchan is quietly selling a great deal of land in big and little tracts. In the last five or six years he has handled close to a million dollars' worth of Sandhill property, and he has been a ready buyer as well as a ready and capable seller. Some of the biggest transactions ever recorded have been through his efforts, and he was one of the first men to see the direction of prices, and to point out to buyers that no price is too high a price for desirable locations in this region. Frank Buchan was largely instrumental in making ten dollar sandhill land blossom into \$200 sandhill land, and the interesting feature about it is that when he began to ask a hundred or two hundred dollars an acre people did not hesitate to pay it. The Midland sale is a fair price for a mighty good property, and some of these days its value will be much higher.

CO-OP CASES IN SUPREME COURT

Tobacco Growers Gain Favorable
Decisions; Heavy Deliveries
as Season Nears End

Favorable decisions for the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association resulted in four out of six cases recently tried before the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

Chief Justice Walter A. Clarke in handing down the most important opinion resulting from recent co-operative cases before the North Carolina Supreme Court last week, declared that a member in a suit against the co-operative association cannot raise the question of insufficient sign-up. The Chief Justice found no evidences of fraud on the part of the tobacco association and upheld the decision of the Superior Court against G. H. Pittman, a wealthy merchant who had been an early and earnest advocate of co-operative marketing and later alleged fraud in securing his contract.

In the cast of the Tobacco Association vs. J. L. Bland the Supreme Court affirmed the action of the Superior Court in dissolving an injunction, but held that failure to settle for the 1922 crop prior to the 1923 delivery season does not constitute a

breach of the contract by the association and does not relieve the member from further performance of his contract. Intense interest has centered about this case which Jas. H. Pou, well-known member of the Raleigh bar, summarized as follows:

"The court does not hold that unless the association has settled with its members for one year's crop, it cannot secure an injunction against them to prevent them from selling their next year's crop in violation of their contract. It follows that the association is not compelled to make a final accounting for one year's crop before the next is harvested and delivered to it."

A great rush of deliveries to the co-operative tobacco warehouses is marking the last operations of the association's second season, which closes on March 28 at all the delivery points for the bright and dark leaf of Virginia-Carolina farmers which still remain open. While close to five million pounds of tobacco reached the co-operative receiving points last week, new contracts were pouring in from North Carolina and Virginia. Over a hundred North Carolina farmers signed during the first few days of March.

S. D. FRISSELL.

MY COMMUNITY

My community is the place where my home is founded, where my children are educated, where my income is earned, where my friends dwell, and where my life is chiefly lived. I have chosen it, after due consideration, from among all the places on earth. It is the home spot for me. Here let me live until death claims me. Then let my neighbors say I was a friend to a man.—Cotton Grower.

FREEDOM TO THINK THE STATE'S NEED

Judge Winston Tells Kiwanians Intellectual, Religious and Political
Independence is Necessary

The Kiwanis Club held its meeting Wednesday at the country club house in Southern Pines. A full house greeted the officers and the speakers who had been secured for the dinner hour. After proper deference had been paid to the dinner the president announced that Judge Robert Winston, of North Carolina, would talk briefly on the conditions that face the state.

Judge Winston needs no introduction to the majority of the people of the state, but to any of this section who have not been here long enough to know who he is, The Pilot will say that he has been one of the foremost public men during recent years, and is now looking back on a creditable career and taking life in comfortable fashion, spending his winters at Southern Pines.

Judge Winston said so much in the short period allotted to him that his entire address should be printed, but the space allowed is not sufficient to give more than a brief synopsis. His whole argument turned on the value of thinking, and he seemed to fear that we do not think enough in this state, and that we do not encourage independent and fearless thinking. He said any man ought to have the right to be a republican in this state if he wants to, which the Judges do not, or to be a Jew, or Catholic, or Mohammedan, or Buddhist, and that he should be as much respected for his views on religion, politics, morals, progress or anything else as the man is who differs.

Judge Winston did not give very hearty approval of Cameron Morrison who told teachers of public schools what they should teach, for the judge argued that any thinking instructor should be free to teach the student to think for himself on any line, and that every man should have absolute political, religious and intellectual freedom. "Truth," said the Judge, "is never so poor and helpless that it cannot stand without a prop." Great thinkers are the need of this state, he told his hearers, and not office holders. The office holder is afraid of his job, and will not think and stand courage-

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DR. ROSSER SAYS TRY CANTALOPES

Thinks This Would Be Good Diversification
for Sandhills
Around Vass

Dr. R. G. Rosser thinks the country around Vass has opportunities that are not developed as they might be, and that along with peaches, dewberries, and other more familiar things it would be wise to make cantaloupes for the market. Talking to The Pilot on this subject the doctor said, "We have here a soil and climate that are known to produce melons of all kinds to perfection, and cantaloupes flourish as if they were native. That this part of the state can make cantaloupes that will compete with anything that goes to market is so generally understood that no talk is necessary on that score. Then we have here the best possible distribution facilities. The Seaboard delivers express and refrigerator freight directly into the Potomac yards at Washington without unloading or touching until that distributing center is reached. The Potomac yards are the great breaking up point for all freight bound north, and there is sold a great proportion of the Southern stuff sent northward.

"Arrangements are such that express shipments loaded up to the time the six o'clock train goes south can go forward and be in Washington in the morning, and in New York and Philadelphia in the early afternoon, and shipments at the station before the morning train goes out can forward their stuff to reach New York the next morning in time for the markets. The train service is practically perfect, and the Seaboard has a record for getting its fruit shipments through.

"We have now in the county a peach growers' association and an organization of the dewberry men, and cantaloupes could be worked either with these or through another organization. Fruit men in the county know how to do these things now. I would like to plant some cantaloupes this year, but to make the venture wise several farmers should form a plan and plant acreage enough to be sure of enough fruit to load cars rather than to ship by express. Cantaloupes grow prolifically, and the name of the Sandhill Cantaloupe would make a hit in the market. Just as Sandhill peaches and dewberries have. We would have the reputation that the other folks have been years in building up."

The Pilot passes this proposition along to the farmers and the Chamber of Commerce of Vass, with the recommendation that it is worthy of consideration and action.



SENATOR LENROOT

United States Senator from Wisconsin, is in Southern Pines, where he has come for a rest from the strenuous work on the committee that has in charge the oil tribulations now agitating Washington and the senate. He has since resigned as chairman of this committee. He has not been improving as fast as he hoped for and may have to stay in the Sandhills for some time yet.

PROGRAM
For the week of the
CAROLINA THEATRES,
Pinehurst and Southern Pines
"Icebound"—Pinehurst, Friday,
March 14th. Matinee Saturday,
3 p. m.
So. Pines, Saturday, March 15.
"The Fighting Coward"—Pinehurst,
Monday, March 17th.
Matinee Tuesday, 3 p. m.
Southern Pines, Tuesday, March
18th.
"The Marriage Circle"—Pinehurst,
Wednesday, March 19th. Matinee
Thursday.
Southern Pines March 20th.