

APRIL FROST RECORD FOR MANY YEARS

THERE WILL BE SOME PEACHES YET PERHAPS.

Not Later this Year Than In Several Others. Dr. Noble, Weather Observer, Says That We Have Frost in Every April.—Comments On Assessing of Real Property.

A few days ago your correspondent heard some parties talking about the new assessment of land and how land should be valued. One said, "a few days ago a neighbor of mine sold about fifty acres of land with 40 acres cleared on which was a very good house, for twenty-five hundred dollars cash. Now that place was valued at four hundred dollars at the last land assessment and how should it be assessed this year?" No one would say what he really thought. Can't some of your readers answer?

Every spring when we have a cold snap all say "this is the coldest spring I ever saw." Now the fact is that there is very little difference. Your correspondent has been the United States local weather observer since June, 1892, and the record for frost in April since is as follows:

- 1893—on the 18th.
- 1894—on the 3rd, 7th and 14th.
- 1895—on the 4th, 5th, 19th and 20th.
- 1896—on the 5th.
- 1897—on the 2nd, 21st and 22nd.
- 1898—on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th.
- 1899—on the 5th, 10th, 11th, and 17th.
- 1901—on the 5th, 12th, 16th, 29th and 30th.
- 1902—on the 2nd.
- 1903—on the 18th and 28th.
- 1904—on the 14th and 23rd.
- 1905—on the 8th, 18th, 19th and 24th.
- 1906—on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th, 24th and 25th.
- 1907—on the 3rd, 10th and 21st.
- 1908—on the 4th.
- 1909—on the 1st and 4th.
- 1910—on the 8th, 9th and 26th.
- 1911—on the 24th and 25th.

So all can see that there is not much difference. It might be well for your readers to cut out and save this record and in future they can note the frosts. It is an old saying that peaches are never killed in March; and, I believe it will hold good this year, for I have examined a number of peach trees and all have some on them, and if not killed by the frosts of Monday and Tuesday then will be a plenty of them and of good quality.

Messrs. M. C. Winston and N. E. Edgerton spent Tuesday in Clayton. Dr. R. J. Noble and son, Walter Moore, spent last Saturday in Washington City with Mr. Albert M. Noble and would have had a nice time, but it rained all day—a cold north-east rain.

Mrs. W. A. Green and little Miss Frances are on a visit to relatives in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Dr. J. E. Person has returned from Hot Springs, Ark., where she has been for some time with her father.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert P. Noble have moved into their residence on Noble Street.

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Selma, April 26.

CLAYTON NEWS.

Clayton, April 26.—Mr. Norwood Barbour, of Newport News, is home for a few days.

Mr. W. B. Barnes, of Hartwell, Ga., is home visiting his mother, Mrs. D. S. Barnes.

Mr. Loomis Hales, of Trinity Park school, is visiting his sister, Mrs. C. B. Turley, this week.

Mrs. D. L. Barnes spent several days in Raleigh last week with her daughter, Mrs. M. D. Jones.

Mrs. Jno. W. Massey went to Raleigh Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Coats, of Richmond, Va., are visiting Mrs. Coats' parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Barbour.

Mr. Horace Robinson, who spent several days in Greensboro, has returned home and reports a nice time.

The Clayton Graded School closed last week with a nice programme. The address Friday night by Prof. N. Y. Gulley, of Wake Forest College, was one of the best ever delivered here. It was enjoyed by all. Prof. Gulley has spoken here several times and the people always go to hear him, for they know they will be greatly benefited by his talk. Friday afternoon at 4, Clayton Graded School and Kenly High School played a game of ball, which resulted in a victory for Clayton—score 7 to 2.

The Clayton team left this morning for Wakefield, where they play to-day.

We are very sorry to note the

illness of Mr. Joe T. Barnes' little girl, Matred, which has a relapse of measles. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Dr. J. A. Griffin is having the interior of his handsome residence on Main Street repainted and decorated. The new paint will go on the outside within the next few days.

Mr. J. L. Talton is in town today on business. Mr. Talton is one of Clayton townships progressive farmers. He has recently had his residence repainted and decorated which adds much to the beauty of his already beautiful country home.

Mr. and Mrs. Atlas L. Batten, of Archer, were here Tuesday and Wednesday, the guests of Mrs. Batten's sister, Mrs. John Irvin Barnes.

Messrs. W. Lester Stancil and Neil Barnes spent Sunday at Mr. Stancil's home in Wilders.

Mr. Ed. M. Yarborough, of the News and Observer staff, was here for a short while Tuesday, the guest of his uncle, Mr. Lee H. Yarborough.

Mr. Riley R. Gulley is "the happiest man alive." The little girl is a real beauty, "he says."

The handsome new residences of Mr. John W. Massey and John S. Barnes are nearing completion. The interiors are being finished and when completed will be among the best in town.

We are informed that Mr. Battle Moore Robertson will soon begin the erection of a beautiful residence on Barbour street. Clayton is ever on the boom. "Watch her grow."

The Clayton Dramatic Club played Tomkins' Hired Man, at Smithfield, Tuesday night to a large and appreciative audience. This play has had two very successful nights at Clayton and was largely attended each night.

The Democratic Primary for the nomination of candidates for five town aldermen and a mayor will be held next Friday. There are quite a number being talked for aldermen. We understand that the only candidates for mayor will be Mr. Ernest J. Hinton, the present incumbent, and Mr. John T. Talton, assistant cashier of the Clayton Banking Co. The regular town election will be held next Tuesday, May 2. We have not thus far heard that the Republicans will have any ticket in the field.

By order of the town aldermen, a mass meeting of the citizens was held Tuesday night in the Graded School Auditorium to discuss the amendments to the Charter of Clayton, providing for an election for the purpose of issuing bonds for water works, sewerage system and electric lighting plant. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 o'clock by Mayor E. L. Hinton and Attorney J. R. Williams was called to the chair to preside. After the preliminaries the amendments to the Charter were read by Chairman Williams and then an open discussion of the water works and electric lights was begun. There was not a single speech in which the speaker did not express himself as being heartily in favor of this much needed improvement. The meeting represented every class of our town folks from the laborer to our biggest financiers and every expression was for water works and electric lights. The board of aldermen have secured the services of a competent civil engineer to survey the town and to give an estimate of the cost of installing this plant, or plants, as the case may be. This information will come in sometime during the month of May and at that time the Board of Aldermen will call the people together for the purpose of again discussing this matter and call an election for the ratification by the people of the town, of this law giving us the aforesaid improvements.

Henderson county commissioners have appropriated \$100 to be awarded to prize-winners in corn-growing contests next fall. The lad who gets his name on that list is going to raise some corn.—Charlotte Observer.

Now to Benson let us say, "Be smart and go to school; Not now but some old day, Folks wont think you such a —"

To Kenly and Smithfield, "Keep your head, Don't lose your nerve or get mad;"

Because Benson is almost dead, Over the worst beating they ever had.

A JOHNSTONIAN.

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JOHNSTONIAN TAKES NOTICE OF SPOKESMAN ARTICLE.

Causes It a Great Thought Producer And Tells How It Disposes of Its Praise, Winding Up With A "Pome."

Editor:

I seed in the Benson Spokesman to-day what the school meeting far our county were a mighty great success. I notice that Benson best, which is primary face evidence that brains do count. Ever who the reporter were, I no he are burdened wid great thinking capbilities. To read that article makes me think of such as were great like Pat. Henry, Dan. Webster, Uncle Geo. Washington and Dem-most-thee-nees. But by what is writ, I cant tel what kind of doctrin 'tis, being I aint got much edication no how. It sounds sorter like Resiprocity. I don't know no tense in gramer, but I guess they were writing about what is agoing to happen in the future when they be what ther expectashions are. They have high ideels and if ther dreems are ever realized, they will be a great people. I awfully love to see folk's ideels piched high. It shows what a great country we are living in—in the future. I love to see one of our country towns affording sich litery gems of sich an ennobling character. A place in the World's Clasics will be reserved. Every time you read this article you will think of something else, which shows it's a great thought producer. The one great future in it is, they give all the praise to Kenly and Smithfield, "Forgetting themselves entirely," which shows, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." They won (ted) all the debate, all the basket ball and all the contests, and I were surprised they didn't git all the meddles. It were a redicklers shame they couldnt git nothing "only in the neck."

Now I aint in the poultry business, but I'll try to raise a few bits.

Benson went to the H. S. Meeting, And carried all their town;

What they got was the greatest beeting,

That has ever been handed down.

They whooped and hollered and stamped their feet,

They stuck out their lips and got mad;

They were not prepared for their defeat,

Now aint that awfully sad?

But the greatest speeches ever said, Came from Benson's side(?)

But when the Judges divided the bread,

They went off and cried.

They said, "you cheated it out, Everybody knows you did;"

Then stuck out their lip with a pout,

Like a little ten year old kid.

But the greatest thing after all, Is the singing of their own praise,

They know their defeat and their fall,

But wont submit in many days.

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WILSON'S MILLS HIGH SCHOOL.

Commencement Exercises Next Week. A Play, "Graduation Day At Wood Hill," Will Be Given By the Students. A Game of Baseball With Clayton Thursday Afternoon.

The Commencement exercises of Wilson's Mills High School will take place next Wednesday night, Thursday and Thursday night, May 3 and 4th.

The exercises on Wednesday night will begin at eight o'clock and will be given by the pupils of all grades.

On Thursday morning, May 4, at eleven o'clock the literary address will be delivered.

At 12:30 there will be a Basket Picnic on the grounds.

At 3:30 P. M., there will be a game of baseball between the home boys and the Clayton team.

On Thursday evening at eight, a play, "Graduation Day at Wood Hill School," will be given by local talent. A small admission fee will be charged for this play, the proceeds to be used for the benefit of the school.

The public is cordially invited to attend all these exercises.

Misplaced.

On Monday at the County Educational Meet day one long black cloak of diagonal weave that is darned in right arm seam. Suitable reward will be given to notify, Miss Velma Brady, Benson, N. C.

NYAL'S SPRING SARSAPARILLA—One of the greatest blood purifiers, the best spring medicines, but good at any season, contains 100 doses and cost \$1.00. MONTAGUE PHARMACY, Garner, N. C.

DON'T FORGET—ON THE 5TH and 6th, days May, Hawke's Eye Specialist at Montague Pharmacy, Garner, N. C.

TWO MILK COWS FOR SALE—I have at my farm on the Clayton road, where Mr. W. E. Godwin lives, two young milk cows for sale. First calves both heifers. Price \$35.00 and \$40.00. J. M. BEATY.

FOR SALE—THOROUGH BRED English Yorkshire and Poland China pigs. Now Ready for shipping. Come and see for your self or write to Hamilton Bros., Smithfield, N. C.

JUST RECEIVED TO-DAY. NICE shipment of horses, by The Austn-Stephenson Co., Smithfield.

18 MAMMOTH BLACK PIGS FOR sale. Pure bred and best of all purpose hogs. \$15.00 per pair. C. M. WILSON, Wilson's Mills.

NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as Administratrix on the estate of W. P. Hicks, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 28 day of April, 1912, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.

This 22nd day of April, 1911. MRS. POLLY HICKS, Administratrix, Selma, N. C. POU & ALLRED, Attorneys.

STAMPS FOR NEEDLES

If you want Sewing Machine Needles, send Thirty Cents for One Dozen assorted sizes and they will be mailed to you at once.

If you need a Sewing Machine buy a NEW HOME. For sale by

J. M. BEATY SMITHFIELD, N. C.

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TREASURER'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

I have moved the Treasurer's Office from the rear of the Smithfield Bank Building to the office in the Court House, formerly occupied by Attorney J. A. Wellons. I will be in my office every Monday and Court Weeks. In my absence the Bank of Smithfield will attend to any official business.

W. LESTER STANCIL, County Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, In the past I have always been a "money spender," parting with my earnings like an "easy mark," and,

WHEREAS, I have never had a cent saved up for a rainy day but have always been broke and have had to borrow nearly all the time,

RESOLVED, That from now on I will become a "money saver" and hang on to my earnings like the proverbial leech, and,

RESOLVED, That I will hereafter keep my earnings in the Farmers Commercial Bank, Benson, N. C., and if anybody gets it away from me without giving value received he is a "peach."

Farmers Commercial Bank, : Benson, N. C.
CAPITAL \$12,000.00

ICE-CREAM FREEZERS

Ever hear of the small boy who said he didn't know much about freezing ice cream but that he was great on thawing it?

Little work or knowledge is necessary to use one of our Ice Cream Freezers. An inexperienced person can make Ice Cream that is deliciously smooth and mellow, and that will fairly melt in your mouth, thus making hot weather a pleasure instead of a discomfort.

We sell all sizes. Make your own Ice Cream. It is better and Cheaper.

Cotter Hardware Co.

SMITHFIELD, N. C.

SALE OF TOWN LOT. North Carolina, Johnston County. Pursuant to the powers of sale contained in a certain contract to convey land, entered into on the 5 day of October, 1907, by Edward W. Pou to Annie Smith, the conditions of said contract having been broken by the said Annie Smith, this is to give public notice that the undersigned, Edward W. Pou, will expose the lot described in said contract to public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, on Monday, the 29th day of May, 1911, at 12 M., in front of the court house door, in the town of Smithfield, N. C., said lot of land being described in said contract as follows:

Lot No. 33 in that addition to the town of Smithfield, in the county of Johnston, in said State, situate East of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and South of the depot in said town, known as Lowell, a plat of which is recorded in the register's office of said county, in Book X, No. 8, at page 234. This April 26th, 1911. EDWARD W. POU, POU & ALLRED, Attorneys.

SALE OF TOWN LOT. North Carolina, Johnston County. Pursuant to the powers of sale contained in a certain contract to convey land, entered into on the 18th day of January, 1907, by Edward W. Pou to James Dublin, the conditions of said contract having been broken by the said James Dublin, this is to give public notice that the undersigned Edward W. Pou, will expose the lot described in said contract to public sale, to the highest bidder for cash, on Monday, the 29th day of May, 1911, at 12 M., in front of the court house door, in the town of Smithfield, N. C., said lot of land being described in said contract as follows:

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This 24th day of April, 1911. D. W. GLOVER, Admr.

THOROUGHRED BLOOD HOUNDS for sale—Untrained—a pair, male and female, about 6 months old—nice dogs. Apply to R. M. Nowell, Smithfield, N. C.

INSURE YOUR PROPERTY AND live stock with Barnes & Stancil, Clayton, N. C.