

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

IN SPITE OF REVERSES AND DIFFICULTIES, MAY CHEER AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP PREVAIL FOR YOU THIS CHRISTMAS. MAY YOUR HEARTS BE LIGHTED WITH THE BEACON OF LOVE. A THOUSAND GOOD WISHES.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK

DEER ARE PESTS IN NEW ZEALAND

Wild Pigs and Deer, Introduced to Provide Sport, Thrive Too Well

Auckland.—Deer and wild pigs, introduced in New Zealand to provide sport for hunters, have proved a countryside pest.

In no part of the world is there such thrilling deer-stalking as in New Zealand, but there are not enough sportsmen. The animals, secure in their forest fastness, have multiplied so rapidly that the Government has sent out official hunting parties to thin the herds.

One party spent three months in the Libburn valley, shooting 700 magnificent red deer, the hides of which were exported at a dollar apiece.

In another region—Canterbury—where is some of the finest sheep country in the world, the depredations of the fallow deer were so severe that the graziers asked Government action, and within three weeks an official party had bagged 500.

If pig-sticking were a popular sport here—which it is not—the scope would be unlimited. So destructive are the wild pigs that the Government pays 25 cents for every snout that is delivered to its depots.

Island Off Coast of Ireland Is Evacuated by Residents

Inistrahull Island, six miles northeast of Malin Head, Northern Ireland, was evacuated recently, the 75 inhabitants being conveyed with their household goods in boats to the mainland at Malin Head. The people of Inistrahull lived almost entirely by fishing, and when steam trawlers swept the extensive fishing bed around the island of fish and destroyed the spawning beds, they had to leave. Only the keepers of the lighthouse and a caretaker of a discontinued fog horn remain on the 114-acre piece of land with its cluster of empty houses and school house. Inistrahull is most northerly of inhabited Irish islands, and is passed by many American liners.

Bids Low by .0009 Cent; State Saves Total of 18c

Phoenix, Ariz.—Nine-tenths of one-thousandth of a cent is obviously a small sum of money.

Multiplying by 20,000 it is 18 cents, however, and for a Phoenix firm it meant receiving the contract for furnishing the Arizona State highway department 20,000 gallons of fuel oil. The accepted bid was the lowest of three by .0009 per gallon and the saving to the State was 18 cents.

BERTIE POULTRY PROJECT REPORT

Six Flocks On Which Records Were Kept in County

During the year 1929, there were six poultry flocks in Bertie county on which records were kept by the owners in cooperation with the Office of Poultry Extension at State College and the county agent. The three breeds represented in these projects were White Leghorn, Rhode Island Reds and Barred Plymouth Rocks. These are the most popular breeds and farmers desiring to make the most out of their poultry are advised to confine themselves to one of these breeds. The average number of hens per flock for the year in these projects was 116. These hens ate an average of 38 pounds of grain and 40 pounds of mash each and laid an average of 146.5 eggs per hen. The average feed cost per dozen eggs was \$2.21. Average sale price of eggs per dozen was 30 cents. Average returns above feed costs per hen of all flocks was \$1.82.

More farmers should keep records of various operations on the farm so that they may know what phases of the farm are being operated at a profit or loss and be thereby better enabled to make improvements where they are needed.

Only pure bred hens were kept in the above flocks. They ate as much mash as they did grain. Grain alone is too fattening and will not give the most profitable egg production. Only one breed should be kept on the farm and they should be pure breeds that are bred for egg production.

Women Now Hold 41 Per Cent of Wealth

Washington, D. C.—Reports of big financial institutions as 1929 draws to a close, show that 41 per cent of the country's wealth is in the hands of women and more of it is drifting toward them each year, according to Woman's Home Companion.

Today 9,000,000 women share in the payrolls of the country. There is \$95,000,000,000 worth of insurance in effect in America and 80 per cent of it is payable to women. One trust company estimates that 70 per cent of all the estates left by men pass into the hands of women.

Livestock Growers Will Meet January 7, 8, and 9

Livestock growers from over the South will gather at State College on January 7, 8 and 9 for the seventeenth annual session of the Southern Livestock Association.

WILL GIVE HELP IN IMPROVING SEED VARIETIES

N. C. Crop Improvement Association To Aid Farmer Groups

Raleigh, Dec. 23.—The North Carolina Crop Improvement Association will aid groups of farmers in a community project, says Gordon K. Middleton, seed specialist at State College. "Two of these, the Woodleaf community in Rowan county, and the Red Oak community in Nash county, have been developing their program for two or three years. Benson and Candor in Johnston and Montgomery counties, began their work this season. This is being done in connection with the local schools. County agents in several counties are also developing county-wide programs. Examples of this are seen in the cotton work in Union, the lespedeza development in Stanly and the production of certified Irish potato seed in Ashe, Avery and Watauga counties."

Mr. Middleton says that this kind of work, whether done on a community or county basis, has for its purpose the establishing of good standard varieties of each crop in the community and the production of surplus seed for sale. The first should be the chief objective because not every farmer is so situated as to meet the certification requirements of the Crop Improvement Association. Any community wishing to start the growing of one variety this next season should see that every grower gets enough registered or certified seed to plant a small area and then produce enough seed for his entire farm the second year; or, one or two growers can get enough seed for the whole lot and multiply them for the entire community. This latter is probably the best plan, says Mr. Middleton, as it does away with some of the danger of mixing varieties.

Of the 29,000 bushels of cotton seed inspected this fall, 13,000 were grown by the four local community associations mentioned.

Negro Farm Agents Hold Meet in Raleigh

The local Negro farm agents of the State College extension service held their annual conference and short course at Raleigh on December 17 to 20th.

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a decree of the superior court of Martin County made in the case of Rebecca White and husband, et als, vs. Hazel Sherlock and husband, et als, the undersigned commissioner will offer for sale at public outcry at courthouse in Williamston, N. C., to the highest bidder, for cash, on Saturday, the 25th day of January, 1930, at 12 o'clock noon.

That certain tract of land lying and being in Robersonville Township, Martin County, State of North Carolina, and adjoining the lands of W. S. Williams, H. B. Roberson, S. T. Woolard, and others, and better described as follows, to wit: Situate on the south side of the public road leading from Robersonville to Hassell, N. C., in said county, and beginning at the corner

of said S. T. Woolard and J. E. and V. A. Ward, on the south edge of said road, and running thence southerly with said Woolard line and line of this tract to the line of H. B. Roberson and the old Ayers line; thence southerly with said Roberson and Ayers line to corner of this tract and old Ayers corner; thence westerly along said Roberson's line to a corner, an iron stub, being the old three pine corner; and being the said Williams corner; thence westerly and northerly along said Williams line and the line of this tract to the center of said road, thence easterly along center of said road to the beginning, and being a part of the Bryant Ayers tract and all of that tract described in that deed from Joseph Bullock and wife, Allie, to J. E. and V. A. Ward, dated September 18, 1919, and of record in the office of register for Martin County in book Y-1, at page 377; and being the same land conveyed to L. Fleetwood by J. E. and V. A. Ward and wives by deed dated 14th day of September, 1927, and of record in the office of the register for Martin County in book Z-2, at page 189. The whole of this tract containing 90 acres, more or less. Posted this 23rd day of December, 1929.

SILAS M. WHEDBEE, Commissioner.

Under and by virtue of a judgment of the superior court of Martin County in an action entitled "D. G. Matthews vs. William Riddick et al," the undersigned commissioner will, on the 20th day of January, 1930, in front of the courthouse door of Martin County, at 12 o'clock noon, offer for public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described land:

A 21-acre tract of land in Williamston Township, Martin County, North Carolina, bounded on the east by the lands of J. G. Staton, and by Eli Taylor land on three sides, and being the same land purchased of Ransom Riddick by William Riddick, said deed being recorded in the Martin County registry, to which reference may be had for a complete description.

This 18th day of December, 1929. B. A. CRITCHER, Commissioner.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of a judgment of the superior court in an action entitled "D. G. Matthews vs. Augustus Teel and wife," the undersigned commissioner will on the 20th day of January, 1930, in front of the courthouse door in Williamston, North Carolina, at 12 o'clock noon, sell to the highest bidder the following described property:

A house and lot of land in Cross Roads Township, Martin County, North Carolina in or near the Town of Everetts, adjoining the lands of J. T. Barnhill, S. F. Everett, John Purvis lands, and others.

This 16th day of December, 1929. B. A. CRITCHER, Commissioner.

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Lying and being in Williams Township, Martin County, and State of North Carolina, containing 200 acres, more or less, adjoining the lands of P. E. Manning, M. T. Gardner, and others, and being all of the lands owned by the said Julius D. Hardison. Saving and excepting the following described land which has been allotted to the said Julius D. Hardison as his homestead, to wit: Beginning in the center of the public road leading west from Fairview Church, and in Church Hardison and Julius D. Hardison line, and running a northwesterly course along said line to the Dennis Simmons Lumber Company and J. D. Hardison line; thence along said line easterly to the Alexander Lilley and J. D.

Hardison line; thence southwesterly along said line to the center of the public road north of Fairview Church; thence along center of said road a southwesterly course to the beginning. This the 6th day of December 1929. C. B. ROEBUCK, Sheriff of Martin County.

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