

## FARM NEWS

By L. A. AMMON

From the Federal reports, I learn that there have been two hundred and fifty million bushels less of corn fed this past winter than last winter. That does not look good for those who have rocen for sale, but the same report also states that we will have to continue to save at the same rate to have enough to do us, so there is still room for good prices. Some men consider that the peak has been reached, while many others think not.

One fact the report points out is that the farmers have sold faster than in past years, and that is why reports say the visible corn supply is so much greater than in past years. It is in the channels of trade and not on the farms.

Shall we increase or decrease our acreage? Here is the results of the first March reports from the farmers as to what they expect to do in the United States. These figures compare with 1924: Corn 2.3 per cent more; Irish potatoes, 4 per cent less; sweet potatoes, 29 per cent more; hay crops, same as last year. From this, I would say with the high prices of fertilizers and an early spring, it will not be wise to plant heavy on corn, while an early spring and a decreased acreage would lend to higher prices for white potatoes. Early springs usually mean dryer weather for the Northern potato belt and less yields.

Following the same reasonings, you can expect poorer yields of hay and higher prices for hay next year. This means plan for as much hay as you will use, at least.

What about the pig situation? The United States has 18 per cent fewer hogs than last year, and this leads the Government to predict good prices for the next eighteen months. Six to eight million less pigs will be born this year, as the sows were not bred.

Beef producers have suffered very much since the war, due to over-production caused by the demands of war. The situation is now down to normal and chances are as good as in years before the war.

Fruit is having a hard time dodging Jackfrost, but the cool weather is retarding apples to such an extent that our chances are yet quite good. The second spray, which is important to control the apple scab, comes just as the majority of the buds show pink. This spray is 3-4 pound of lime sulphur to fifty gallons of water, or, some say 4-4-50 Bordeaux mixture. If you will use the Bordeaux, do not put it on peach trees, as it will just about kill the leaves. To these sprays, add one pound of arsenate of lead to fifty gallons of water.

The cannery proposition is "at ease" for the present. Capital is busy with so many things that it is hard to find more than one or two hundred dollars in a place. At this rate it would take three weeks to line up the money which depends on getting the acreage, and to get the acreage would take another long spell, thus making it past planting time. So, rather than make a poor start, we laid down for this year, and I hope every one will take note during the year just what might be saved by having a cannery here that would be large enough to take care of much acreage.

There is big profit in the canning business, and if we had a co-operative cannery here we could get very good prices for our specialties here at home, with less capital tied up, and no calls to speak of, no cars to pay part of freight on, and no waiting for our money from 30 to 60 days. It costs money to market any way you take it, and my opinion is that the cannery is the safest way.

On strength of news in other papers, I find farmers planning on growing crops for a cannery. Many have expressed their desire to grow crops for same. The matter is not absolutely dead here, but looks sick.

We now have two markets for truck, one in August and September, and a long one for those who take truck across the mountain. Unless you plan on patronizing one of these two, I advise you to let the business alone for this year.

Plant your late tomato crop in the hill and keep away from old seed beds where diseases have been for years. It works well for others. Same can be done for cabbage.

## Modern White-way Is Probability For Brevard

### Retail Merchants Want Modern System; to Ask Aldermen for Action

Brevard will have a modern white way lighting system before the opening season, if plans now in course of development by the Retail Merchants' Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce are carried out.

Definite figures regarding the cost of installation and operation of a white way system extending from Caldwell to Gaston on Main street and one block west on Broad street was presented to the Retail Merchants at their regular meeting held Monday evening. A resolution declaring that it was the sense of the meeting that Brevard should have a white way system and that all electric wiring in the down town area should be laid under ground was unanimously adopted, and a committee headed by W. E. Breese and including F. D. Clement and Dr. S. M. Macfie were appointed by President A. E. Hampton of the meeting and urge that the town take immediate steps to accomplish the installation of a white way system.

According to estimates given the Bureau by H. A. R. Grey of the Southeast Electric Co., of Asheville, a modern and thoroughly efficient white way system consisting of twenty-five standards spaced approximately 100 feet apart and carrying six hundred candle power lamps can be installed complete and ready for operation for approximately \$4,000. It was explained that the installation cost for the system can be paid over a period of ten years. According to Mr. Grey, and also several other electric companies which have prepared estimates and figures on the proposed white way, it comes under the head of street improvements and is paid for one-third by the town and one third by the property owners or tenants on each side of the street.

According to these figures the cost would be less than twenty-five cents per front foot for the first year and would decrease each year as the principle sum was reduced, the interest automatically lessening.

Several members of the Bureau in discussing this project declared that up to date and efficient street lighting was an absolute necessity if Brevard expects to secure and hold the interest of visitors and possible investors. The fact that Hendersonville has recently purchased some \$10,000 worth of additional equipment for its white way system was cited as an example of the value of such a system from the merchants' point of view, as well as from the point of view of community progress as a whole.

Members of the Retail Merchants' Bureau present at the meeting Monday night laid stress on the advisability of making the white way installation as soon as possible from the standpoint of economy in laying the underground conduits before permanent cement sidewalks are laid and also in order that the system might be in operation before the beginning of the summer tourist season.

Mr. Grey, who is an engineer of wide and varied experience and is also a member of the Brevard Chamber of Commerce, very graciously offered to loan the equipment necessary for the installation of a white way system absolutely without profit to his company and to assist the town and Chamber of Commerce in preparing specifications and receiving bids from electrical contractors for the installation of the system.

Following the meeting Monday night, members of the Bureau expressed the opinion that the Board of Aldermen and the property owners of Brevard would readily see not only the advantage by the absolute necessity for better lighting in the town and would take every step possible to secure the installation of a white way system immediately.

### MARCH MARRIAGE LIC. NSE

James A. Brewer, Late Tokeway Pearl E. Kinsey, Late Tokeway C. Moore, Rosman, to Olive Nicholson, Rosman. Also one colored couple, Charlie Mcowan to Otella Walker.

### DR. SUMMEY TO ADDRESS LOCAL W. O. W. APRIL 6TH

Dr. T. J. Summey will address the W. O. W. on Monday night, April 6th. His subject will be "How to Maintain Good Health." All members and visiting Woodmen are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Philip Jerome and W. H. Grogan, Jr., will attend Head Camp W. Jurisdiction of N. C. W. O. W., on April 15-16, at Wilmington, N. C.

### APRIL MEETING OF CHAMBER COM. TO BE TUESDAY NIGHT

A splendid program is being arranged for the April membership meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, which will be held Tuesday evening, April 7th, at 8 o'clock p.m., in the County Court House.

F. Roger Miller, manager of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, has accepted the invitation extended by chairman W. E. Breese of the program committee to deliver the principal address at this meeting. Other guests who will be invited to attend the meeting will include President Holmes Bryson of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, Charles A. Webb, co-publisher of the "Asheville Citizen," Dan W. Hill, postmaster in Asheville, and other prominent citizens of that city.

President Thomas H. Shipman of the Chamber of Commerce, who has been absent from the city on account of illness for more than a month, has returned and will preside at the meeting Tuesday evening. It is expected that President Shipman will have a forceful and timely message to deliver to the members.

F. Roger Miller, who will deliver the principal address, is widely known throughout the eastern portion of the United States as one of the most efficient commercial organization executives in the country. Mr. Miller is a forceful and eloquent speaker and is greatly interested in Brevard's program of progress. Since Mr. Miller became manager of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce that organization has grown to be one of the most efficient in the South, and has cooperated fully and whole heartedly with the Brevard Chamber of Commerce in securing publicity for Brevard and has pledged itself to render every assistance to the Brevard Chamber of Commerce in carrying to a highly successful conclusion its program of progress. The Asheville Chamber of Commerce, by the unanimous action of its Board of Directors, has applied for membership in the Brevard Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Miller will deliver this application from his Board of Directors in person Tuesday evening.

"I sincerely hope that every member of the Chamber of Commerce will be present at the membership meeting next Tuesday evening," declared Chairman W. E. Breese, of program committee yesterday. "We also hope that as many citizens as possible who, for one reason or another, have not yet affiliated with the Chamber of Commerce will be present at the meeting." No one will be solicited for membership at this meeting but an opportunity will be given to those who are not already members of the organization to affiliate themselves with the Chamber of Commerce and help Brevard accomplish great things this year and in the years to come.

### AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

By request, the pastor will preach a special sermon Sunday morning to local Junior order. Reserved seats will be kept for them. The Junior order is one of our finest fraternal organizations and is accomplishing much good.

At 10:30 Mr. Austin, of Austin's Studio, will take the class picture. It is urged that every member of the class will be in attendance for this picture.

## Brevard Banking Co. Has Served County 26 Years

### DATE SET FOR MAYOR'S AND ALDERMEN ELECTION

Tuesday, May 5th, has been set by the city fathers as the date for the election of Mayor and Aldermen for Brevard. F. E. Shuford has been appointed Register, and his books are open for twenty days, beginning with today for the purpose of registering those who have not previously registered. B. W. Trantham and Lewis P. Hamlin have been appointed as judges.

### DEMONSTRATION AGENT IS DOING EXCELLENT WORK

The girls and boys of Transylvania County are availing themselves of the opportunity to increase in knowledge and understanding in the art of cooking, sewing, poultry raising, and the laws of health and sanitation, through the untiring efforts of the Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Ada Walker.

Throughout the County are numerous well organized clubs among the girls and boys. There are 14 sewing clubs comprising 275 girls, ranging in age from 10 to 18. These girls are taught not only the rudiments of sewing, such as basting, stitching, sewing on buttons, making buttonholes, making seams, darning patching, etc., but also, they learn the most suitable color and kind of material, how to design and draft their own patterns, and actually produce many finished garments of their own design and handiwork. On completion of the required amount of work in sewing, the girls are granted first and second year certificates. The allotted course in sewing was completed April 1st, after which the girls enter upon a well-planned course in the study of foods and nutrition with their application to cooking.

The poultry Clubs consist of 125 members of both boys and girls, comprising eleven different clubs. The members are taught the standard breeds of poultry, the kinds most suitable to this section of the country and the proper care and feeding of baby chicks. The Rhode Island Reds, Brown Leghorns, and Plymouth Rocks were chosen as the best breeding stock. Many of the girls and boys of the County are proving themselves quite expert in their successful and profitable enterprises in the poultry raising business. Among the best clubs is the Connetquot Poultry Club, which has displayed especial ability in their successful efforts along the line of profitable poultry raising.

In connection with their other work, the young people are also taught, directly or indirectly, better health and sanitation laws as applied to their every day life, such as proper care of the teeth, need of fresh air and bodily cleanliness, how to avoid bad colds, cause, prevention and treatment of indigestion, etc.

Several Women's Clubs were organized the first of April, where mothers are taught the art of making hooked rugs, and other household conveniences and necessities.

It is the plan of Miss Walker to conduct in Transylvania County, during the coming summer, a three-day encampment for girls, having specialists along different lines present to give further instruction along the various lines of study now in progress, and also a recreation specialist, clothing specialist, etc.

If there are in any community, as many as ten members who would like to have a Club organized in their midst, Miss Walker would appreciate being notified of the fact, that she may take steps toward such organization.

The summary of the Club work in Transylvania County is that the boys and girls of our County are learning the practical and theoretical side of such branches as will be the most valuable to them in their every day life, and at the same time prepare themselves for a broader field of service and usefulness in the communities in which they may live in later life.

To have a good paying corn crop, plant good sound seed.

### Started With \$15,000 Capital: Resources Now Over Million

The Brevard Banking Company, to whom this issue of the Brevard News is dedicated, has the honor of being the oldest charter bank in the Tenth Congressional District of North Carolina. The institution was established in February 1899 by N. McMinn, one of the pioneer citizens of this section. The original capital stock was \$15,000.

In 1901 the present owners of the institution bought out the McMinn interest. At that time the capital stock was still \$15,000 and the deposits were \$35,000. The bank has grown until in January 1925 the capital was \$100,000 with a surplus of \$38,000, deposits of \$750,000 and total resources of more than \$1,000,000.

This remarkable record of growth has taken place under the able executive leadership of Thomas H. Shipman, who has been connected with the bank since 1903. The officers, in addition to Mr. Shipman, include Joseph S. Silversteen as vice-president, R. B. Lyon, cashier; and Annie L. Shipman, assistant cashier. The board of directors include Thomas H. Shipman, Joseph S. Silversteen, W. S. Ashworth, C. C. Yongue, R. W. Everett, C. E. Orr, and W. M. Henry. In erecting the handsome new structure on the corner of Main and Caldwell streets which will be the home of the bank for many years to come, the officers and directors of the institution did so with a feeling of pride in the record of past accomplishments of the bank, and with a profound faith in the future prosperity and progress of Brevard and the entire community of which Brevard is the center.

The new building is one of the most handsome and commodious banking houses in the State for a town anywhere near the size of Brevard. The structure is built of steel and brick with a handsome limestone front, and the exterior walls of buff colored pressed brick. Outside dimensions are 35 by 100 feet, approximately 40 feet high.

Gray marble, with bronze grills and walnut woodwork form the interior finish with light admitted through tall windows equipped with steel sash. The electric lighting fixtures are of modern and pleasing design. The building contains one story, with a balcony and basement in which is located the heating plant, and a large storage vault.

On the main floor are the working rooms of the bank's force of employees, the office of the executives, a ladies' room, and the main safe and a large vault containing nearly 400 individual safety-deposit vaults. The furniture is all new, handsome mahogany with heavy bronze fittings.

Only the finest materials obtainable were used in the building, which represents an investment of approximately \$75,000.

Through times of financial stress the Brevard Banking Company has stood as a bulwark, serving Transylvania County and the business interests of Brevard. The officers of the bank are among the most popular and respected citizens of the community, and the institution numbers among its customers, a large number of farmers, business men in all lines, as well as individuals of moderate means.

### SHERIFF SITTON 'BAGS' A STILL

On Monday night, Sheriff Sitton, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff C. W. Fisher, took a friendly stroll out to the Cedar Mountain section and came back with a small steam distillery outfit.

The operators, either by their seventh sense, or by reason of their feet desiring spirited action, departed for parts unknown without so much as a "Howdy-Do."

A quantity of beer found by the officers was destroyed.

The largest Men's Bible Class in the County—Methodist Sunday School.

## THE PRAYER CORNER

A DAY OF GOOD WISHES

The wind is sweeping along the highways and blowing open the first young flowers of the year. Nature is stirring and pushing and pulsing up and out into light and joy, and liberty. What a sweet privilege it is to live and to grow; to breathe and to expand, to progress and to go on progressing throughout eternity.

My wish for you is that your heart may be like the spring highways; and that the winds of opportunity may not pass you by, but that they may blow open the buds of purity and gentleness that lie folded within you, and carry their fragrance unto all the world. My wish for you is a forgiving spirit—may the breath of Heaven scatter all clouds in your sky, and blow away all unpleasant thoughts: forgive as you wish to be forgiven.

Again, I wish for you a useful life. Let head, hands, heart and feet, be engaged in active service; allow no part of your being to grow old and rusty through neglect. Polish the gold and silver of your character and it will shine so brightly, as to throw its lustre into the lives of others—I wish for you God's Blessing, in your hearts and homes and daily walks, His Blessing that maketh rich and He addeth no sorrow with it.

### A PRAYER FOR A DAY OF GOOD WISHES

O Thou God of Good Will and Good Wishes, today is the spring time of the year. Nature is stirring pushing, and pulsing up and out into light, and joy, and liberty. Help us to realize what a sweet privilege it is to live and to grow, to breathe and to expand, to progress and to go on progressing throughout Eternity.

Fill us all with good wishes for our loved ones, our friends and neighbors, and the strangers that are in our midst. May our hearts and theirs be like the spring highways, and may the winds of opportunity pass them not by, but blow open the buds of purity and gentleness that lie folded within us all and carry their fragrance into all the world. Give to us all a forgiving spirit. May the breath of Heaven scatter the clouds in our sky, and blow away all unpleasant thoughts: may we forgive as we wish to be forgiven.

Above all, grant that our lives may be useful, that our heads and hearts and feet, may be engaged in active service, allowing no part of our being to grow old and rusty through neglect, but that we may polish the gold and silver of our character, that it will shine so brightly, as it throws its lustre into the lives all about us. And may Thy blessing be with us, in our hearts and homes, our social circles and our business, and every day be a day of good wishes, for the sake of our Dear Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.

### PRESENT MOCK WEDDING

The Epworth League of the Methodist church will give a mock wedding, Friday evening, April 10th, at the high school auditorium.

### WATERS FILLING STATION REOPENED BY L. A. NAVA

The filling station on Main street, formerly operated by J. E. Walker, has been purchased by L. A. Nava, recently of Greenville, S. C., and opened for business Monday morning with Mr. Nava in charge. This business will be known as the Central Filling Station.

Mr. Nava will carry a complete line of tires, tubes and accessories, and will specialize in car washing. He intends to have the exterior of the building thoroughly lighted with the addition of numerous electric lights for business at all hours. Prompt and courteous service is assured the public.

Mr. Nava is originally from Spain, but has been in this country for the past eight years. For several years he was teacher of languages in the schools of Newport News, Va., and Greenville, S. C. The past year he taught in Transylvania County, having had charge of the school at East Fork. Mr. and Mrs. Nava and family are now occupying Mr. J. W. Cobble's home adjoining The Bryant, on Depot street.