

FARM NEWS

By L. A. AMMON

And still the livestock keep one very busy looking after their health. Now that we are having some showers and grass will be more plentiful, and far more healthful, we hope for some relief. Two to four calls per day keep one from doing other required work, and sooner or later I will hear from above.

Chix coming off the past three weeks are doing much better than the early birds. The shipped-in chix have not averaged near so well as our local hatched chix, regardless of the after effects of last summer. Now is the time to spray all your fruit trees. Apples and peaches. This spray should contain not less than one and one-half pound of arsenate of lead to fifty gallons of water. It is to kill the worms that do so much damage to our fruit. The lime sulphur to be used on all trees or vines, at rate of 3-4 pounds to fifty gallons of water. This is close to one quart, so you can measure it. It is close to three table-spoons to the gallons.

Considerable fruit is left, and we will do well to take care of it. A few peaches, but very few.

The blackberry frost is predicted by all oldtimers, and seldom fails, so be prepared for same during the next ten days.

Chicken truck week with prices about the same as past six weeks. Some broilers will soon be moving, but the price this year is slightly under last years prices.

Due to short dresses and silk, the wool market is poor and buyers do not see much hope till dresses and styles change.

Mr. R. L. Sams, the bee specialist, was with us one day inspecting the bee demonstrations, and found the bees doing well. He is well pleased with the financial results of last year, yet says it can be beaten. Many hives brought in over fifteen dollars worth of honey, besides their own feed. Those who let about thirty pounds stay on their hives, now have strong swarms to make honey, while those who robbed too heavily, have few bees, and devoting their present energies to raising more bees. Keep the bee well as you would purebred stock and they will make you money.

The patent hives made five times as much honey for their owners as the square or log hives. Many are starting in with bees, and if they will start right they will keep going and make money. Mr. Sams expects to be back about the 26, and anyone wishing to meet with him kindly let me know ahead of time.

Have heard but little grumbling as to the stand of corn. Better than expected, is the general remark.

In checking up on the feeding of ashes or lime to prevent "Holler tail," I find that it does prevent, and I have as yet to pour medicine in one that has had such care.

FIRE WARDEN GETS RESPONSE TO CALL

MEN OF DUNN'S ROCK SECTION AID IN FIGHTING BLAZE

(By S. P. Verner)

On the afternoon of Friday, May 7, a fire was seen over the Jones' Gap section by the fire warden of Dunn's Rock township, G. W. Whitmire, while he was plowing in the French Broad bottoms near Island Ford. Mr. Whitmire immediately summoned all the men he could get on short notice, and proceeded to the scene of the fire, which was raging around the headquarters of Steele Creek, a tributary of Little River, which crosses the Brevard-Greenville highway about two miles east of Conestee Falls.

The fire was rapidly gaining head with a front of considerably more than a mile when the fighters reached it. The fight went on Friday night, Saturday, and Sunday, the terribly dry weather, and occasional high winds greatly complicating the fight. The fire was gotten under control on the lower Steele Creek section Saturday, but the wind carried embers from the tree tops across the defensive lines re-

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CITY WATERSHED FINISHED; SUPPLY IS NOW UNLIMITED

SYSTEM ADEQUATE TO TAKE CARE OF 24,000

Brevard's new and permanent water shed, located on Kings Creek, about two miles from the present reservoir, is now completed and water is running through the mains and now in the reservoir, according to official statement made within the week.

The plea for water in times of drought will no longer be heard, since all danger of water shortage is now at an end. Under conditions similar to the prolonged drought of the past summer, this plant will be able to furnish sufficient water to take care of the needs of 12,000 people. At normal times it will allow an output of water to abundantly provide for twice that number of people. It will thus be seen that the permanent water shed will not only provide the use of quantities of water for an increase in population far in excess of the present number of people, but will also take care of any abnormal condition that may arise at some future time, such as the drought of 1925.

The new water shed includes some of the territory of government land in the Pisgah National Forest, and is situated about one and one-half miles from Brevard. Permanent 10 inch water mains are in use.

As an added assurance of a bountiful supply of water at all times, there is being built at the intake a concrete dam to allow for storage of water, which will be available in times of emergency. It is therefore evident that the new plant is designed to keep pace with Brevard's increase in population for many years to come and to cope with any trying situation in way of water shortage.

J. M. Kilpatrick was contractor in charge of the construction work, and R. H. Morrow, civil engineer in charge.

PIERCE-MOORE HOUSE TO OPEN ABOUT JUNE FIRST

The Pierce-Moore boarding house located on West Main street is practically completed and furniture is now being placed to be ready for occupancy by June first.

The structure is two-story frame, containing 25 rooms, with accommodations for some 50 guests. Transients will be taken care of in addition to the regular house guests.

The rooms are all large and sunny, well finished and equipped, the majority of the bed rooms having connecting bath. Wide porches extend across the front and one side of the building, with an attractive driveway on the other side.

Miss G. T. Pierce of Brevard, is owner and proprietor.

MUSIC LOVERS PROGRAM DELIGHTS LARGE AUDIENCE

The musical program given Friday evening in the high school auditorium by the Music Lovers' club in observance of National Music Week was well attended and proved highly entertaining, the performers consisting entirely of local talent.

Mr. Thornwell Haynes opened the program with a talk relative to the occasion, stressing the need of a national department of music. This was followed by readings by Mrs. V. A. Crawford and Miss Russell Hollingshead, choruses by the club members, instrumental musical selections by Messrs Carter, Martin and Buckner, vocal selections by Mrs. Hugh Walker, Miss Dorothy McKee and Mr. H. Bennett, piano selections by Miss Marguerite Robertson and Mrs. C. P. Wilkins, and a quartette by Messrs Lowry, Scott, Bennett and Rev. Hartsell.

The feature of the evening was a toy symphony given by members of the Music Lovers' club, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

U. D. C. WILL MEET SATURDAY

The regular meeting of the U. D. C. was not held last Saturday, as previously announced, but will meet Saturday of this week, May 15, at 3:30 o'clock at the library.

ANSEL HAMILTON DIES IN ACCIDENT

PROMINENT CITIZEN OF LITTLE RIVER CRUSHED BY TRACTOR

People of Little River and surrounding communities were saddened last Wednesday by the tragic death of one of their most beloved citizens, Ansel Hamilton, age 40, who was crushed to death by a Fordson tractor.

The tractor with which Mr. Hamilton had been plowing, broke through a light bridge, tumbling backward, crushing his body, resulting in instant death, water from the radiator scalding him about the face.

Although no one witnessed the tragedy, it is supposed to have occurred about seven o'clock Wednesday afternoon, a neighbor seeing Mr. Hamilton drive the tractor from the field in which he had been at work at that time. The body was found about one o'clock Thursday morning after a search had been instituted by Mrs. Hamilton who had become alarmed over his failure to return home at a late hour.

Funeral services were held at Little River Baptist church Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Carl Blythe, pastor of Holly Springs church, of which church deceased was a member, assisted by Rev. C. W. Hilemon, pastor of Little River. Interment was made in Little River cemetery.

Deceased is survived by his wife and two children; his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hamilton, three brothers and five sisters, namely, Arthur and Neal, of the immediate community and Clyde, of Charlotte; Mrs. A. H. Hart, Mrs. T. H. Pickelsimer, Miss Lora, of the community, and Misses Rose and Gladys, who are at present teaching school in eastern Carolina.

It is estimated that two thousand people were present at the funeral services, a testimony of the high regard in which Mr. Hamilton was held.

Mr. Hamilton was very active in church and community work in both Little River and Holly Springs communities, and was held in high esteem by all whom he came in contact with, either in a business or social way. Plans are now being formed by the people of the community to erect a fitting monument in his memory.

PLANS ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR RE-BUILDING OF CHURCH

Announcement is made of the fact that plans for the new Episcopal church are now in the hands of church officials, and it is expected that ground will be broken soon preparatory to the early construction of the edifice.

Special Ascension Day services are this week, at which time ground un-announced to be held on Thursday of this week, at which time ground under the altar will be consecrated, services to be conducted by Rev. Perry.

POSTOFFICE MOVES TO NEW HOME IN LAWRENCE BUILDING, JORDAN ST.

Brevard's new post office was open to the public Thursday morning, and is most conveniently housed in the recently erected Lawrence building on Jordan street.

This section of the building leased by the Government for a period of ten years has a frontage of 20 odd feet on Jordan street and a depth of 90 feet. Large plate glass covers practically the entire front, with large double windows at intervals of six feet apart running the entire length of the structure. The flooring is of oak and the ceiling of an ornamental white metal design.

A total of 605 boxes are installed, an amount practically double the former supply. A complete equipment of furniture and fixtures adds distinction to the local post office and increases the convenience, comfort and speed over former facilities. Three separate windows dispense the business of the office, including money order, registry, postal savings, stamps, general delivery and parcel post.

The equipment which is modern

CUTTER RETAINED AS BAND LEADER

OPEN AIR CONCERTS TO BEGIN JUNE FIFTEENTH

As a fitting climax to Music Week which was observed in Brevard last week, comes the announcement that Mr. F. J. Cutter, prominent musician of Brevard, will be retained as leader of the Brevard Band. For the past three years Mr. Cutter has been instructor of band instruments in this section and his ability as tutor, organizer and leader is recognized by those who have had occasion to be in contact with him and his work. Mr. Cutter's experience in band work has been varied and covers a long period of years. His qualifications in his profession have enabled him to produce an organization which would be a credit to a city much larger than Brevard. Taking such raw material as is usually found in the smaller cities, mostly among boys, and adding those who had some training in music, he discovered talent and soon had an organization that attract the attention of those who sponsored a permanent band for the town.

Last year on many occasions the band gave concerts which were enjoyed by visitors and residents alike and the band's popularity increased with each entertainment. All during the winter months the teaching was continued and much time was given to concert practice with the result that a most creditable twenty-two piece band is now at the service of the public and for private functions.

To the Board of Aldermen, the Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club is due the credit of the arrangements for retaining Mr. Cutter as the band leader. The Aldermen are paying a substantial portion of the leader's salary for three months and the civic organizations have undertaken to raise the balance, so that Brevard is assured one of the most entertaining forms of public amusement during the coming season. Open air concerts will begin on June 15 and a program of two evenings each week will continue through the summer to September 15, on Tuesday and Friday evenings.

Mr. Cutter says that in addition to the regular scheduled concerts, he is willing to have the services of the band available for public occasions, without additional cost and asks that sufficient notice be given him to permit arrangements with sufficient men to make a creditable showing for the band.

MUSICAL DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL TO GIVE RECITAL

On Friday evening, May 14, at 8:15 o'clock the music department of the Brevard high school will give a piano recital in the auditorium of the new high school building.

TEN B. & L HOMES IN CONSTRUCTION; COST \$40,000

DIVIDEND SHOWS INCREASE OVER PREVIOUS YEAR

The members of the Brevard Building & Loan Association now have 10 homes under construction which will, when completed, represent an investment of \$40,000. The building of these homes is but another proof of the growth of Brevard, and shows the part the local Building & Loan association is taking in this growth.

The Brevard Building & Loan association was organized in 1909 and has experienced a continual, steady growth. During its 17 years of service, the association has loaned \$325,000 to build 250 homes in Transylvania county. Last year the association earned 6.6 per cent on its investment, which represents a substantial growth over that of 4.6 per cent for 1924; likewise in its assets there has been a constant growth. In 1915 the association listed its assets as \$44,700, and the audit of 1925 shows assets of \$156,998, or an increase of \$112,298 during the 10 years.

The growth in business of the building and loan has also been felt by the community as a whole. It is estimated that \$93 out of every \$100 invested in the building and loan is spent with the building tradesmen in the community.

Aside from the service to home builders, the association performs a valuable work as an attractive depository for savings.

Connected with the association in the capacity of directors are some of Transylvania county's most prominent business men. Thos. H. Shipman is president of the association, J. M. Allison is vice-president, and Mrs. H. E. Perkins is secretary-treasurer. The board of directors is composed of W. M. Henry, J. H. Tinsley, S. M. Macfie, C. C. Yongue, R. W. Everett, J. M. Allison and Thos. H. Shipman.

MOTHER'S DAY IS OBSERVED IN LOCAL CHURCHES

Mother's Day was fittingly observed the past Sunday in various ways in different churches of the town.

At the Presbyterian church the pastor, Rev. V. A. Crawford, delivered a sermon on "The Power of Parents' Influence," and Mrs. Crawford's Sunday School class conducted exercises appropriate to the day.

The special program at the Methodist church was in charge of the M. G. F. Sunday School class of young ladies, with Mr. Thornwell Haynes delivering the address, stressing among other things the purity and devotion of mother love. Members of the class stood at the outer door and pinned a white or red flower on each one entering.

St. Philips Episcopal church observed the morning service with fitting remarks from the rector, Rev. H. Perry, paying high tribute to motherhood.

At the Baptist church the pastor, Rev. Wallace Hartsell, devoted his sermon of the morning to thoughts relative to Mother's Day.

T. H. SHIPMAN IS HONORED BY BANKERS ASSOCIATION

At the recent meeting of the State Bankers association held in Durham, Thos. H. Shipman, president of the Brevard Banking company, and former president of the North Carolina Bankers association was elected to the position of vice-president of the American Bankers association, representing the state of North Carolina in that capacity.

This is a signal honor, placing him as it does in the national eye in the realm of bankers, reflecting credit not only on Mr. Shipman himself and his abilities, but on Brevard as well.

ing enough for our daily wants, we may grow and abound in all good works, ever remembering Thy tender mercies and loving kindness daily in grace before meat, to the praise of Christ Jesus, our Saviour, to whom belong honor and glory and power, now and forever, Amen.

—C. D. C.

THE PRAYER CORNER

GRACE BEFORE MEALS

The custom of grace before meals is beautifully natural. Our food received daily at regular intervals is the most conspicuous and constant reminder of our Fathers loving care and beneficent provision for our wants. It means to us the continuance of life, and all that life means or ought to mean to us. It has been taken up into the blissful of all symbolism—The Bread of Life, The Water of Life, The Lords Supper. If at any time of the day thanksgiving is to be given to God by our Christian families, it should be at their meals.

Grace before meals is also an indispensable mode of testimony. It marks off Christian households from those that are not Christian, or are Christian less in devout reality, than in name. If visitors are present, it declares at once and in the most quiet and modest of ways the position of the family in religious matters. Before the children it is a daily training in reverence and gratitude—these Christian graces may the head of the family, the father or mother, or whoever performs this sacred office, becomes more grateful and cheerful because of the continual offering of outward thanks to the Giver of all good.

The bread belongs to God, and what we need can become ours only through His gift to us. We may take it and use it without asking Him for it, but if we do, we take that which we have no right. Even if the food be on our table ready to be eaten, it is not yet ours, until we have asked God for it. Those who pray not, nor even think of God, seem to be fed as well as the righteous, sometimes more bountiful.

"God maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust." But there is a difference. Those who ask God for their bread, get it as His gift, and with His blessing upon it, while those who take it without asking for it, get it, and may be fed, but they miss the blessing. And it is the blessing of God that maketh rich, that giveth value to anything we have. This suggests the true meaning and the fitness of asking a blessing or saying grace before meal.

A PRAYER FOR GRACE BEFORE MEAL

Blessed be Thou, Our Father, Who giveth us day by day our daily bread. The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord, and Thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest Thy hand and fillest all things living with plentousness.

Father of Mercies, we thank Thee for our daily bread. May we never take it as though we had a right to it. May we take it from Thine own hand. May it be to us the minister of grace. Let us never forget that bread belongs to Thee, and what we need can become ours only through Thy gift to us. We may take it and use it without asking Thee for it, but if we do, we take that to which we have no right. Even if the food be on the table ready to be eaten, it is not yet ours, until we have asked Thee for it.

O Thou in Whom all the families of the earth are blessed, teach us that the "Custom of grace before meal" is beautifully natural, that our daily food is a constant reminder of Thy loving care and beneficent provision for our wants, that it means to us the continuance of life, and all that life means or ought to mean to us.

Bring home to our hearts the blessed truth that grace before meal is an indispensable mode of testimony; that it marks off Christian homes from those that are not Christian, or are Christian less in devout reality, than in name; that it declares to all present at once and in the most quiet and modest of way, the position of our families in religious matters and that before our children it is a daily training in reverence and gratitude and in the expression of these Christian graces.

Blessed be Thou, O Lord our God, who hast fed us from our childhood, Who givest food to every living thing. Fill our hearts with joy and thankfulness, so that we (continued on column to left)