

A Real Farmer Talking to the Real Farmers of Transylvania County

(By C. C. YONGUE)

In the first place I want to say that what few remarks I may make will be addressed to the average farmer of the county, I being a farmer myself will put myself in the class of the average farmer.

As you know, I did business in town for 18 years and pretty well know the business condition of every man in town. I belonged and still belong to every organization in town whose aim and purpose is the betterment of conditions throughout the county—Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, etc. I believe the average farmer believes that the Chamber of Commerce is a kind of secret order or something where the men of the town get together every few nights and have a good time eating, drinking, smoking and cracking jokes. Now, brother farmer, let me disabuse your mind of that once and for all time. The Chamber of Commerce is an organization composed of the progressive men of the town, and a few from the country. We would be only too glad for every farmer in the county to be a member. Do you suppose that we would pay our good hard earned money, from \$25 to \$200 apiece just for a bit of foolishness. No, it is our aim and purpose at all times to do everything in our power for the advancement of the town and county, and I here take the privilege of giving each of you a cordial invitation to come and sit with us on any of our meeting nights, and any ideas or suggestions that you will make will be appreciated and considered. Now that we know what the Chamber of Commerce is and that its members have our interests at heart, as well as the aim, we will talk of something else for a few minutes.

Now it is not my aim to bore you with the old tiresome story of hard times and high tax, still in order to get at just what I want to say will discuss financial conditions just a little. Let us make a little summary of approximately what money goes out of this county each year. This is somewhat guess work, but I don't think my guess will be very wrong. State and county tax, \$500,000; town tax and assessment, \$300,000; interest on farm loan and out of town money, \$40,000. This is \$890,000 which I believe is about right.

Now I will leave you to guess how much goes out of the county annually for automobiles, auto tags, gas, oil and accessories, food and clothing and many other smaller things too numerous to mention. We will stop long enough to say a word about food: I have eaten with lots of the farmers, and they all set a good table. Where do most of you get it—why, at the store. Drop in to any grocery store and look around and see how much you can find that was produced in the county. Canned vegetables and fruits from Tennessee, Maryland and California; preserves, jams and jellies from New York and California; side meat, hams, breakfast bacon from the Middle West; lard and other fats from all over the cotton belt; fresh vegetables from Florida and California; condiments of all kinds from everywhere. That about cleans up his stock. How much did you find that was produced in the county, and I forgot the most important item—butter from Tennessee and Illinois, and eggs from Tennessee, or most anywhere out of the county. All things are brought into the county and sold, so must be listed as money leaving the county.

Now about clothing: If we produced enough wool to make what clothing is sold in the county we would be all right, but did you know that they rear seven times as many dogs in the county as there are sheep. Now, brother farmer, I have tried to show you where our money is going, I am asking you one of these cold rainy days to cock your feet up on the fireboard, take a pencil and paper and see from where it is coming. See if you can figure out where in the world the money comes from to meet these heavy demands that must be met. Frankly, I don't know, but this I do know—There is decidedly more money leaving the county every year than there is coming into the county. That being the case, we are getting poorer and poorer each year. Now, just how long can we stand this state of affairs? It is not my purpose to try to offer a solution of the problem now. I want you to think this condition over carefully. When you do you will surely awaken to the fact that something must be done pretty quick.

Brother Farmer, do you ever ride around over the county and see what your neighbor in the other part of the county is doing? If you do you will see that his farm, like your own, is in twenty per cent worse condition than it was five or ten years ago. Why this depreciation of farm lands? Now, brother farmer, let's be fair with each other about this and speak the facts just as they are. You will agree with me that the stock has gone from the farms. You will also agree that when the stock went the means of soil improvement went with them. So we have since that time been trying to improve our farms by growing corn and rye and most of us have quit raising rye and now cultivate in corn one year then let the land lay idle the next year and grow up in weeds and briars. Brother Farmer, don't it take as much from the soil to grow and ripen the seed in a field of small grain? Now, Brother Farmer, I am not criticizing your way of farming, nor trying to tell you how to farm, but merely telling you that we are not farming, merely living on a farm, working about five months in the

year, loafing around the balance of the year, cussing high tax and hard times.

Listen, Brother Farmer, sixteen years ago you could start at Rosman and ride down our beautiful valley and in a few hours buy a carload of any kind of good cattle you wanted. I have been trying for a month to buy a few cattle to feed and I don't believe there are three dozen good feeder cattle in the county other than a few brought here from away out west.

Now, Brother Farmer, what are we going to do about it. Are you satisfied with present conditions, if so, I've no more to say; if not, let's get together and map out a plan whereby we can better these conditions. Now I don't mean get together and try to find a scheme to lower our tax by running some people out of the county or to discuss politics, but by trying to devise some ways and means whereby we can better our own conditions. We believe we have the best county in Western North Carolina, and I really think we are making the least out of it. Lumber, tan bark, chestnut wood, all the things that God gave us without any exertion on our part we have let go. Now we have got to go to work or lots of these beautiful farms and homes are going to be sold to somebody that will work. That's plain talk but I believe you will agree that I am right.

The Chamber of Commerce has appointed from among its members an agricultural committee. This committee will do every thing possible to help the farmer of the county to formulate some plan whereby we can get together and begin to get our farms on a real paying basis. The chances are that this committee that I speak of will, before long, call a few of the farmers from the different parts of the county together that we may talk over the situation and see just what can be done. Now, men, when you are asked to meet with this committee if you are interested in bettering conditions in this county, come and let it be known. You remember that last year the Kiwanis club invited forty farmers to lunch with them in town. Seven men attended this meeting. You should know that kind of interest in things will tax the patience of the devil. I want you to know that I am deeply interested in the welfare of my neighbor farmers all over the county and am willing to work day and night if I can be of service to him, and I know that the business men of the town, particularly the members of the Chamber of Commerce, feel the same way.

I hope to write you another little note real soon and have something more definite to put before you.

BACHELORS FORM THEIR OWN CLUB

A recently organized club in Brevard is the Bachelors' club, which is composed of young men of the town whose slogan is, "Young men who can get married but won't."

The club was organized several weeks ago with eight charter members, having a limit of 15 members. The remaining seven eligible young men will be admitted to membership at the next meeting of the club. Meetings are held each Monday night at the home of Charles Moore, on Maple street, and much interest is manifested on the part of the members. Emblems of bachelor buttons are worn by the members on the coat lapel.

The officers include: President, Coach Tilson; vice president, Tom Hampton. Other members are: Ed Jones, Clyde Jones, Gerald Sitton, Melvin Gillespie, Arthur McCrary, Charles Moore.

Pat Morrow

After a valiant fight for his life and failure to rally following a blood transfusion, little Pat Morrow, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Morrow, died Thursday of last week at Transylvania Hospital, following an illness of the past six weeks caused by a severe attack of influenza followed by other complications.

Short funeral services were held last Thursday afternoon, conducted by Rev. C. D. Chapman, former rector of St. Philips Episcopal church, and the body laid to rest in the little Episcopal cemetery, St. Paul's in the Valley, about three miles from Brevard. Only members of the family and close friends were in attendance at the burial rites.

Much interest throughout the community and elsewhere was centered in the illness of little Pat, due in part to the heroism, in an unusual degree, which was demonstrated on the part of about 60 of Brevard's citizens, including young men, older men and schoolmates of the little boy, when they volunteered themselves for blood transfusions as a last resort to save the life of the young patient. After tests were made by attending physicians among the numerous volunteers, young Bill Erwin was selected for the transfusion, but efforts proved futile to save little Pat's life, who died three days later.

In addition to the sorrowing parents, two brothers and one sister survive: Jimmie, Eben and Helen, all of whom are attending school away from home.

"When Leah married Frank she called him the light of her life."
"Did she?"
"Yes, and she evidently meant it, for he's never allowed to go out."

LOCAL TEACHERS VISIT SALISBURY

Julian Glazener, of the Brevard High, and J. F. Corbin, of the Rosman High, in charge of the vocational agriculture classes of the two schools, spent two days in Rowan county last week, studying the work being done in that county by W. Y. Yeager, who is said to be one of the outstanding farm agents of the South. The Transylvania county men visited many farms in Rowan, giving special attention to the crops of sweet clover and Korean lespezeza.

The local teachers have long contended that sweet clover will work wonders on the soils of Transylvania county, and they have been so instructing their classes, and, in the meantime, they have several acres planted in sweet clover to demonstrate the value of this crop to the soils.

Mr. Glazener told of the experiences of the Rowan county farm agent in growing the Korean lespezeza. It is found to be an unusually fine legume, and has also a great value as a money crop. He is confident that it would prove of great value to this county, as the soils here are especially adapted to the crop.

The Salisbury Post had the following account of the visit made by the Transylvania county teachers:

"J. F. Corbin and Julian A. Glazener, vocational teachers from Transylvania county, were visitors in Rowan yesterday. Under the supervision of W. G. Yeager, county farm agent, and W. V. Fielder, agriculture teacher at Woodleaf, the men were taken to a number of leading Rowan farms, and special attention paid to the soil improvement program which is now being carried on."

"The planting and benefits of Korean lespezeza and sweet clover were two topics given especial consideration. County Agent Yeager has recently received honors for his work in soil improvement, and the visiting teachers wished to learn something first hand of the extensive program Mr. Yeager is now supervising."

NEW INDUSTRY IS GIVEN MUCH PRAISE

Have you visited it—the Handicraft industries that is making rugs in our town? It is a treat for any one who cares for the beautiful things in the home. The rugs now on exhibition are first of all well made, closely worked, durable. But their loveliness thrills one with eagerness to learn the art for one's own enjoyment and profit! Some of the designs carry back to the unique patterns of Persia and the far East; some are severely classic in outline; others riotous with romanticism. Whatever the figures, however, there is evidence of an artist's eye for harmony, color and form.

And when you meet the proprietor you will understand how such things can be, for Mr. Peckham sparkles with appreciation of all that speaks of beauty. He is the designer, the creative power that directs the mechanical workmanship of others through his assistants carry out the details of supervision and instruction of the workers.

An enthusiastic group of women it was who paid their first visit on Monday, and expressions of appreciation were still more pronounced when Mr. Peckham presented one of the lovely rugs to the Children's Bazaar, which will be held in the early spring. His gift is the first to be contributed by a Brevard business house to this enterprise sponsored by the Woman's Bureau.

YEAR'S GAS TAX IS \$280,000,000

(By E. M. DUFFY)

Spending in excess of two billion dollars for gasoline in 1928, motorists also contributed more than \$280,000,000 to the country's highway building funds through the gasoline tax, conservative estimates show. This gas tax money was largely used for constructing first class highways which, happily, reduced car operating costs by an amount greater than the entire gas tax outlay.

The gasoline tax rate, varying throughout the country from two to five cents a gallon, averages 3.2 cents. Without this tax, which adds about one-eighth to one-third in a few instances, to the gasoline cost the mileage of hard pavements would be far less than at present, for the gas tax represents a large share of the money available for highway improvement beyond the gravel stage.

Although the total gas tax collection figure of \$280,000,000 seems like an immense figure, it actually averages less than six million dollars for each state. It represents but a small portion of the total annual cost of motoring which has been variously estimated from one billion dollars up.

The gasoline tax is now well stabilized as an equitable means for collecting road money. In 1928 only three gas tax changes were made, two upward, while in 1927, 22 changes took place.

A 15 per cent gain in the total gas tax income is estimated for 1928 over 1927. A survey of the figures indicates that although more cars were in operation the gain for the most part was due to increased use of the automobile. The old belief that the gas tax would lessen travel has been dispelled as tabulations have shown that motoring increases with the mileage of improved roads, largely made possible by the tax.

TEACHERS DESIRE 8-MONTHS' TERM

February meeting of the Transylvania division of the North Carolina Educational association held last Saturday proved interesting and helpful.

Carolina and Santa Lucia were sung, after which the president, Prof. J. B. Jones, presented Mrs. E. W. Blythe, the speaker of the occasion, who told of the ten medals the D. A. R. are giving to the pupils in the different schools in the county competing in the United States history contest in the seventh grade. The medals go to those making the highest average for the term. Mrs. Blythe also spoke on the code of the United States flag and the proper respect due it, stating that in order to keep down war, the children must be taught to be law abiding citizens, and be taught the meaning of the flag.

Supt. T. C. Henderson read resolutions to adopt a uniform minimum eight-months' school for the county, a copy of which was sent to Senator Galloway and Representative Hamlin at Raleigh. The resolutions were unanimously adopted by the teachers, a copy of which follows:

Senator T. Coleman Galloway, Representative Lewis P. Hamlin.

The following was unanimously adopted by Transylvania Local of the North Carolina Education Association, consisting of all the public school teachers of Transylvania county, in session at Brevard on Saturday, February 2, 1929:

We, the public school teachers of Transylvania county, recognize the fact that investigation has proved the tragic wastefulness of short term schools, causing a large per cent of retardations, involving the extra cost of teaching repeaters, and causing a large number of boys and girls to drop out of school in the lower grades unprepared for the responsibilities and duties of useful citizenship. In order to avoid these great losses in time and money and manhood and womanhood, we favor a minimum eight months school term for all the children of our state.

To secure this much needed but long delayed result, the members of the present session of the General Assembly of North Carolina are carefully considering ways and means whereby discrimination against about one-fourth of the children of the state may cease to exist and more nearly equal educational opportunities be provided.

We endorse the general principles of the McLean bill which is now before the Educational Committees of the General Assembly, and we favor an Equalization Fund of around \$10,000,000 by means of which the state may share more equitably in providing a general and uniform system of public schools, as required by our State Constitution, and enabling the counties to materially lower property taxes.

We wish to commend the members of our County Board of Education—J. S. Bromfield, C. F. Woodfin and C. R. Sharp—for their progressive, economical and efficient administration of the public schools of the county.

As C. R. Sharp's term of office expires this year, we hereby endorse him for re-appointment to this position, as we recognize the real value of his service as a board member.

J. B. JONES, President, Transylvania Local, N.C.E.A.
MRS. J. E. RUFTY, Secretary.

LOST—On English Hill, one sled. Any information phone to 119 or 250 or see Rowell Bosse.

The man who breaks the law often find out that the law evens up by breaking him.

LIST YOUR HOUSES WITH SECRETARY

(MISS MATTIE LEWIS, Sec.)
Some time ago the Chamber of Commerce requested that all people having houses or apartments to rent for the summer months to list them with the secretary, so far very few have complied with this request.

We insist that you get some good photographs (Kodak) of your houses, at least six, and leave them at the Chamber of Commerce, also stating price by the week, month or season.

We have written to several towns requesting a list of people who take vacations, and we are now getting a list of tourists, so let us have the information we desire concerning your house or cottage at an early date. If we have a successful season we must have the cooperation of everyone in the county.

We would suggest that all who keep tourists form an association and elect officers to handle the affairs. Call a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce rooms and formulate plans for carrying out an extensive campaign for tourists.

Everyone must or should realize that it is going to take work and a more concentrated effort to secure tourists, and every organization that we have can benefit us. Please call at the Chamber of Commerce at any time for aid and assistance. If we are unable to assist you we will see that the problem is worked out.

DOUBLE-HEADER GAME SCHEDULED NEXT WEEK

A double header basketball game will be staged at the High School auditorium Tuesday evening of next week, which event promises much fun for basketball fans. One game will be between the fat and lean ladies of the town, and the second between the faculty of Brevard High School and Brevard Institute faculty. Brevard High School girls.

P.-T. ASSOCIATION FOR LEGISLATION

A movement is on foot by the State Parent-Teacher association to have legislation enacted whereby children of North Carolina will be given certain educational and citizenship rights.

Following are the legislative aims of this organization:

The three legislative aims adopted by the North Carolina Parents and Teachers Congress concern the children of the state in a most important way. First: "An eight months school term for North Carolina." Second: "Attainment as well as age the basis of compulsory education." Third: "An eight hour working day for the children under sixteen years of age."

It is the inalienable right of every child in North Carolina to receive the best possible education and training for citizenship. To do this we must do away with the short school term, it is a handicap. The short school term is a hindrance to educational progress, to the consolidated school, to the supplying of competent teachers, to the health education which is going forward with rapid strides.

Attainment as well as age should be the compulsory basis for the compulsory education. There are so many children of today, beyond the age of compulsory school attendance out working for a living, yet unable to read and write intelligently. Difficulties arise and important decisions are to be made in life, they are not fitted to meet them. They are handicapped, the community and state is handicapped. We not only need our people to be able to think but it should be their heritage. The North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers asks that the child complete the fourth grade as well as attain the age of 14 before being permitted to leave school and go to work. The aim of this association is to have every child able to read a newspaper and write an intelligent letter. Many states have a much higher attainment clause, some going as high as the 8th grade.

—Mrs. R. H. Crowder,
N. C. P. T. State Pub. Chmn.

CLASSIFIED ADS BRING RESULTS

SECOND HAND Portable Phonographs for sale; also several Uprights—all good as new—\$10 up; Easy Terms. Free Records with each machine. Houston Furniture Co. Jan. 3 tfe.

NIGHT CLASSES—Will offer night classes in Shorthand, Typewriting and Bookkeeping two evenings each week. Reasonable rates. If interested, communicate with Miss Earlene Poindexter, Brevard, Institute.

TYPEWRITER FOR SALE—Good as new, up-to-date in every way. Cheap for cash. Apply at News of the Day.

FOR SALE—Willys-Knight "Four" Roadster; good condition, at a bargain. Brevard Battery Company.

FOR SALE—An old "Atlas of the World" published in 1823 by Fielding Lucas, Jr. It contains about one hundred maps 8½ by 11 inches. Mrs. W. T. Bosse, Brevard. 1tp

LOST—Truck tire chain, last Saturday night, between Brevard and the Tom Wilson place. Suitable reward for return. B. & B. Seed Store. 1???

WANTED—Competent man to take charge of my mill and truck farm in Brevard. Good proposition for man of character. Apply S. T. Lipsey, 820 Habershan St., Savannah, Ga. Janu 10 tms???

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ANNOUNCE NAMES OF GRADUATES

Superintendent J. B. Jones, of the Brevard schools, makes announcement of members of the 1929 senior class of the Brevard High school who have qualified for graduation in May. Of a class of 51 members, 33 have qualified to date for graduation.

Following is the list. Others may remove deficiencies and be added to the graduating class later.

Rowell Bosse, C. L. Corn, Joe Crary, Walter Glazener, Spencer Macfie, Tom Mitchell, Charles Morgan, Edgar Osborne, Carlton Parker, Ralph Waldrop.
Helen Allison, Azilee Baker, Geraldine Barrett, Sara Barrett, Rowe Burrell, Willowree Byrd, Mary Etta Fisher, Ruth Galloway, Mary George, Louise Hayes, Alberta Jenkins, Jewell Justus, Azilee Justus, Ruth Kilpatrick, Margaret Miller, Anna Mottsman, Margaret Patton, Lillie Raxter, Sadie Reed, Myrtle Wilson, Nina Wheeler, Ruby Whitmire, Mary Osborne Wilkins.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed in trust from K. Dahlberg and wife Viva Dahlberg, to the undersigned trustee, bearing date of September 2, 1925, and registered in Book No. 14 on page 613 et seq. of the records of deeds in trust for Transylvania County, N. C., said deed in trust securing certain indebtedness therein named and default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said deed in trust whereby the power of sale therein contained has become operative, and all notices required as to said default having been given and said default has not been made good, and the holder of the note evidencing said indebtedness having requested the undersigned trustee to foreclose said deed in trust and exercise his duties as a trustee in deed in trust provided;

Now therefore the undersigned trustee will on Saturday the second day of March 1929 at 12 o'clock M. at the court house door in the town of Brevard, North Carolina, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described real property, to-wit:

89 acres more or less, and being the same land fully described in the deed in trust herein-before referred to which deed in trust and the record thereof reference is hereby made for a description of said land by metes and bounds.

Excepting however one acre from said boundary heretofore released from the said deed in trust.

The proceeds of said sale to be applied upon said indebtedness, commissions, and other costs of sale.

This the 30th day of January 1929.

D. L. English, Trustee. F4-14-21-28

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