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AN ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING IS HELD

Ladies of the Eastern Star Hostesses to Business Men at Oyster Supper Thursday Night, October 23rd.

The ladies of the Eastern Star were hostesses to a goodly number of the men of Franklin at an oyster supper in the Odd Fellows' Hall on the 23rd of October.

It was an occasion long to be remembered and the men of Franklin who were present are a unit in singing the praises of their delightful hostesses. After the ladies had finally succeeded in warming the hearts of the men by the method most usually employed by their sex the meeting was called to order by our worthy postmaster, Sam L. Franks. Mr. Franks apologized for the delay in getting to business by stating that the ladies had had unusual difficulty in winning the heart of Tom Johnston, several helpings of oysters being required to bring that recalcitrant organ to submission. However, from the speech of Mr. Johnston, who was then introduced, it was evident that either the ladies or the oysters had furnished supreme inspiration. Before proceeding to his speech, Mr. Johnston spoke feelingly concerning the absence of Mr. Frank Williams, who above all others in Franklin has made all previous meetings of a similar nature such great successes.

Mr. Johnston then proposed a toast to Mr. Williams, at the same time wishing him a speedy recovery. There was not a man present who failed to stand and raise his glass in honor of his absent friend.

Those present then heard Mr. Johnston trace the history of previous meetings and tell of some of their results. Among the results of former meetings he mentioned the new telephone company, the concrete road soon to be constructed from the Georgia line to Dillsboro, and the municipal power dam. During his discussion of the bonds for the power dam Mr. Johnston mentioned the fact that Franklin has issued bonds on previous occasions for streets, sewers, water system, and high school. "None of these improvements, though absolutely necessary, yield a direct financial return to the city," stated Mr. Johnston. "However," he said, "the bonds for the power dam are destined to yield a handsome revenue in cash. Engineers," he further stated, "have estimated that the hydroelectric energy which Franklin will have for sale, even when sold at the minimum, will yield a gross return of \$50,000 annually to the town of Franklin."

Mr. Johnston then proceeded to a discussion of the Lake Emory Company, its failures and disappointments and present status. He stated that this company was organized for the purpose of building a pleasure resort on Rabbit Creek. This proved not to be feasible. The company then turned its attention to the Little Tennessee and tried to raise by popular subscription a sufficient amount to build a power dam and cotton mill. Another failure was the result. However, the Lake Emory Company holds options on nearly all the land the municipal lake will cover and on about 500 adjacent acres. The company now proposes to sell to the city at actual cost, not to exceed \$100 per acre, the lands under option that the water will actually cover.

"It is not the intention of the Lake Emory Company," stated Mr. Johnston, "to hold to their contracts those who formerly subscribed to the power dam and cotton mill. This company now proposes," said he, "to develop the lands adjacent to the proposed lake and to sell lots, provided the necessary funds can be raised for the purchase of the land and for the necessary development."

Mr. Sam L. Rogers was then called upon and stated that the dreams of the Lake Emory Company have at last come true. "Franklin is now at the dawn of a brighter day," he said. Mr. Rogers was in favor of supporting the Lake Emory Company, provided, after investigation, that what it has to offer is proven meritorious.

Mayor Dean Sisk then made a ringing speech pleading for the co-operation of the citizens with the town board and the Lake Emory Company. "The town wants to purchase the land that the water will cover from the Lake Emory Company," said he "because it is believed that by so doing several thousand dollars can be saved to the tax payers. On the other hand," the Mayor stated, "the Lake Emory Company must succeed in order to help the town dispose of

NOW IS SEASON TO APPLY LIME

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 20.—From all over North Carolina come reports that Tarheel farmers are interested in improving their soils by planting soil improving legumes and along with this comes the need for using more lime.

According to the agronomy workers of the State College extension division, the fall season is the best time to apply this lime. This is true even if the clover is to be planted on the small grain next spring. Nearly all crops grown on the farm will benefit from an application of lime to the soil; but, legumes, especially, are benefitted, and experiments show that these crops will take up for food purposes from three to four times as much lime as will the cereals. It has been found in Ohio that a normal yield of alfalfa will contain 225 pounds of carbonate of lime to the acre.

Generally in the fall, the land is well prepared for the small grains and the lime, when applied before the seed bed is firmed, is thoroughly incorporated into the soil. A late, wet spring means soft land, hard to work and makes it difficult to apply lime at that time. As lime must be thoroughly worked into the soil to give best returns on its use, the agronomy workers advise its use during the fall season.

In some counties of North Carolina as much as ten tons of legume seed has been ordered co-operatively by farmers for planting this fall. Over the whole state the acreage is increasing with the growers realizing that to improve the soil over a wide area legumes must be used. It is therefore suggested by the agronomy workers that liming sour soils is about the only hope for success with such crops as clovers and alfalfa and that liming is one of the best ways to improve old pastures. Many Tarheel farmers are now putting their farms on a paying basis by the use of lime and legumes.

Livestock Needs Better Feed and Care, Says Curtis

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 27.—The biggest problem before the livestock grower in North Carolina and the one thing which is holding back the development of a large livestock industry in the State is the lack of attention to proper feeding.

"This," says R. S. Curtis of the State College Experiment Station, is the one thing to which our prospective livestock farmers must devote attention if they would be successful. I saw an example of this at the recent State Fair where an exhibitor brought in an animal having some of the finest blood lines in America; but, he had not fed it properly, had allowed the animal to run down in flesh and therefore the feed consumed was not shown advantageously in the body of the bull. I believe that the feed given this entry while he was at the fair was about the best feeding he had received since coming into the State. We need to devote more attention to the better feeding of our livestock.

"Along with this, we need to give them protection from inclement weather. Such protection will cut down the cost of feeding and help to keep the animals in good condition. With fat animals, the open shed might be all that is needed, but for dairy cows, ordinary beef animals and sheep, we should have some place provided into which they might go in freezing, rainy and extremely cold weather. Once an animal gets in low flesh because of exposure and poor feeding, it may eat nearly all the time and still show no effects from the food.

"A good shed, leak-proof and closed at the back and sides, used as a retreat for the animals in extremely bad weather, will pay even in our equable climate."

its surplus power." His general idea was that the success of one proposition depends upon that of the other.

During the evening several others spoke, including Lee-Crawford, W. B. McGuire and Gilmer Jones.

Subscription blanks of the Lake Emory Company were handed around and several subscriptions were received. It is understood that this company, under the new proposition, has about \$30,000 subscribed toward the \$75,000 necessary to purchase the land adjoining the proposed lake and to make necessary improvements in the way of building roads, streets, etc.

With the exception of a dash of cold water here and there, the meeting proved a great success.

FOUR INJURED IN WRECK OF AUTO

Miss Annie May Cloer Seriously Hurt and Three Others Slightly Injured Last Saturday Afternoon.

Last Saturday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock, the car driven by Thad Cloer was wrecked on the Bryson City road about two miles from town. In the car with him at the time of the accident were Miss Annie May Cloer, Luther Raby and Miss Annie Bryson.

It is reported that these young people were on their way home from Franklin when a car driven by Bob Randolph passed them and suddenly slowed down. In trying to avoid a rear-end collision young Cloer turned suddenly to the left, causing his right front wheel to give way under the strain. This turned the car over, resulting in serious injury to Miss Annie May Cloer. The other occupants were only slightly injured.

Mr. Randolph stopped his car some distance ahead of the wreck and returned on foot to the scene of the accident, asking if he could be of any assistance. A passing motorist brought the injured people to a local hospital.

For 36 hours after the wreck Miss Cloer was unconscious, but at last reports is some better. After having their bruises attended to the other occupants returned home.

Thad Cloer is the son of Rev. George Cloer, of West's Mill. Miss Cloer is a sister of the minister.

It is understood that the car was making only moderate speed at the time of the wreck.

Use Storage Pit For Winter Vegetable Supply

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 20.—Farmers living in the upper Piedmont and Mountain sections of North Carolina may prolong the season for fresh vegetables this winter by digging and using a storage pit.

This storage pit may be used to advantage with any of the root crops such as turnips, carrots, parsnips, salsify and to a limited extent with cabbage.

Glenn O. Randall, extension horticulturist for the State College of Agriculture, states that the use of the storage pit will overcome some of the deficiencies of diet experienced by many families in winter because of a lack of vegetables in the food.

The pit is made as follows: Secure a well drained location; dig out about four inches of soil of the area as that desired for the pit and fill this with straw; pile the vegetables upon this straw in a conical form about a four-board ventilator or flue made by nailing four six-inch boards together; cover the vegetables with a layer of straw about eight to ten inches thick and then put on a thin layer of earth and the pit is made.

As the weather becomes severe, the layer of earth may be made thicker and thicker and during an unusually bad spell it might be wise to add a layer of manure over the whole. The end of the flue should protrude slightly above the mound and need not be closed except during the most severe weather.

Mr. Randall states that where a large quantity of vegetables is to be stored or many different kinds, it would be wise to build more than one pit. In this way, the other vegetables would not be exposed when only one kind was wanted.

Greensboro Students Hear Arctic Explorer

Greensboro, N. C., Oct. 27.—Vilhjalm Stefansson, arctic explorer, writer, and scientist, spoke tonight to the faculty and students of North Carolina College here. The explorer spoke of his work and travels, and it was while in the arctic that he encountered the blond Eskimo, which, up to the time of his second trip, 1906-12, was unknown. Difficulties of arctic travel and work, including mapping, were explained. In his last trip, 1913-19, he mapped out 100,000 square miles of territory. Details of "living off the country" were related.

Big Realty Sale.

Mr. E. S. Hunnicutt has sold the Junalaska Inn and lot extending to the Town Branch to Mr. W. L. Higdon and associates.

RED CROSS HELPS EX-SERVICE MEN

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 28.—In 406 Southern communities Red Cross Chapters have assisted 54,947 ex-service men or their families during the current year, states the annual report of the Southern Division made public today.

As a result of this work, it is declared that hundreds of disabled ex-service men have been placed in government hospitals with a chance to recover from handicaps resulting from war service. For those who do not understand the proper procedure to procure this assistance, the report states, Red Cross workers have compiled the necessary information, and placed it in the correct form before the proper officials.

In addition to the work of the local chapters, the National Red Cross during the year has given assistance to 63,872 disabled veterans in government hospitals, and thousands of others now in the service in the various camps and training stations in the South.

In the hospitals, Red Cross workers assist medical authorities in procuring accurate information on the home conditions of patients, and other information which is declared to be of great assistance in treating cases, especially the mental patients. Besides these services, the workers act as the patients' personal advisor in solving their perplexing problems, and through the Red Cross chapters assist their families are cared for while they are recuperating. Hospital authorities have declared this service indispensable to the welfare of the disabled veterans.

Announcement was also made today of the Annual Roll Call or membership campaign of the Red Cross through which its work is financed. The drive will be held in November by the 702 Red Cross chapters in the Southern Division.

Livestock Folks Gather Second Week in November

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 27.—The next big agricultural meeting in which farm folks of North Carolina are interested is the annual meeting of the State Livestock Associations at Asheville on November 11 to 14.

According to R. S. Curtis, of the Animal Industry Division, State College Experiment Station, this meeting will be held in conjunction with the Western North Carolina Livestock and Agricultural Exhibition and will be featured by addresses from prominent livestock leaders, exhibits of livestock and sales of pure bred breeding stock.

On swine day, November 11, there will be an address by Dan T. Gray, formerly in charge of livestock work in North Carolina. The afternoon will be devoted to a sale of pure bred swine. Earl Hostetter and W. W. Shay of the State College of Agriculture will make talks and several leading swine men will take part in the discussions.

Beef cattle and sheep day, November 12, will be featured by an address by David Fyffe of the Ohio State University. Mr. Fyffe is an international character in the livestock world and his address promises to be one of the interesting events of the meeting. There will be a sale of pure bred beef animals in the afternoon.

Dairy cattle and poultry day, November 13, will be featured by an address by S. C. Thompson of the Bureau of Dairying at Washington. There will also be talks by members of the dairy extension office at the State College followed by an educational poultry program. Dr. B. F. Kaupp and A. G. Oliver of the poultry department will help put on a poultry show and arrange the speaking program.

The meetings will all be held in a large concrete building recently constructed near the ball park in Asheville.

A Word of Welcome.

Major S. A. Harris, who has made his home in Franklin for the past two or three years, has recently acquired the Franklin Press, and took charge last week. The first issue under Major Harris' direction shows undoubtedly that the Press, under the new management, intends, in its own words, to "boost and pull for Macon County."

The Tri-County News, in common with the press of Western North Carolina, extends Major Harris a hearty welcome to the newspaper field, and wishes for the Franklin Press a continuation of its many years of success and usefulness.—Tri-County News, Andrews, N. C.

A GOOD WOMAN PASSES BEYOND

Mrs. W. A. Curtis, One of the Oldest Residents of Franklin, Died Last Friday Night, October 24th.

A wave of sorrow swept over Franklin last Friday morning, when it was learned that Mrs. Mary Rebecca Curtis, whose maiden name was Butler, had gone to her reward, having died on Thursday night at eleven o'clock, at the age of 81 years.

Mrs. Curtis had been an honored and beloved resident of Franklin for many years, and numbered her friends by the number of her acquaintances.

She was born in Grandville County, N. C., on April 29, 1843. On January 15, 1867, she married Mr. W. A. Curtis. Soon after their marriage they moved to Clay County, N. C., where they resided for a number of years, and then they moved to Rabun Gap, Ga. In 1890 the family moved to Franklin, where until his death in 1910 Mr. Curtis published The Franklin Press.

A faithful member of the Methodist Church, Mrs. Curtis never failed to attend services until she became too feeble to walk only a few weeks ago. The burial took place at the Methodist Cemetery in Franklin at 3:00 P. M. Friday.

Mrs. Curtis is survived by a sister, Mrs. V. A. Crawford, of Franklin, and the following named sons and daughters: Mrs. Florence Hampton, Bryson City, N. C.; Mrs. Judson Allen, Saginaw, Ore.; Mr. A. C. Curtis, Vesta, Wash.; Mr. H. O. Curtis, Sylva, N. C.; Mr. Will F. Curtis, Franklin, N. C.; Mr. Frank E. Curtis, Franklin, N. C. and Mrs. E. L. Ladd, Gordonsville, Va.

The public who so loved Mrs. Curtis extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

Facts Most folks don't Know

The population of the globe is 1,646,000,000, divided into 6 great races as follows: Mongolian, 655,000,000; Caucasian, 645,000,000; Negro, 190,000,000; Semitic, 81,000,000; Malayan, 52,000,000; Indian, 23,000,000.

The average depth of all the oceans is from 2 to 2½ miles.

The value of gold and silver in the world is just about equal—gold, \$18,100,874,536; silver, \$16,256,913,158.

The number of stars visible with the naked eye is only about 7,000, but the number visible through the telescope is over 70,000,000.

In 1830 there were 23 miles of steam railroads in the United States; now there are over 263,000 miles, enough to go 10 times around the earth.

There are twice as many non-Christians in the world as there are Christians.

The Panama Canal cost more than all the other canals in the world combined, \$375,000,000.

There are 20 waterfalls in the world higher than Niagara Falls, the highest being Grand Falls, Labrador, 2,000 feet.

The volume of the sun is 1,300,000 times that of the earth.

The largest railway tunnel is the Simplon between Switzerland and Italy; it is 12 miles and 458 yards long.

The heaviest material in the world is Platina. Its specific gravity is 2,150.

The largest diamond in the world is the Cullinan; it weighs 3,025 carats.

The center of population in the United States is located six miles southwest of Union City, Indiana.

The geographic center of continental United States (exclusive of Alaska) is located near the town of Lebanon, Kansas. Latitude 39 degrees, 50 minutes; longitude 98 degrees, 35 minutes.

There is imported into the United States each year over 1,352,312,000 pounds of coffee.

Turkey Sales.

It is reported that the "Turkey Crop" of Macon County is good. Some have suggested that an effort be made to sell a car load just before Thanksgiving.

Owing to the way a number of farmers acted at the last car load of poultry last summer, Count Arrandale hesitates to promise of turkeys and order a car load has the promise from reliable sources of enough turkeys to fill. If interested let him hear from you at once.