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WHO IS GOING? BETTER GET BUSY

All Are Urged to Attend Guernsey Sale at Columbia—See Noted Herds on Trip—Dairy Cattle Scarce—Cheap Cows do Not Pay—Buy Good Ones.

Last week the county agent went with two of the progressive farmers of this county down into South Carolina to look over the dairy situation in general, and the Guernsey situation in particular. They had some very interesting facts brought home to them. One is that the cattle situation is at a very low ebb. I mean that there is not many cattle to be had. It is very hard to find grades at any price and the purebreds are very scarce. The price of grades are higher than the purebreds. One other thing that was brought out most forcibly is that the day of thirty forty and fifty dollar dairy cows is far gone. When a man gets a dairy cow these days that is worthy of the name he will pay from seventy five to three thousand dollars for her.

Some of the cows that we looked at showed a clear profit above feed costs of four hundred dollars per year. One that we saw sold the day before for three thousand dollars.

This trip was made with the idea of looking over the ground to see what was down there and what was going on sale on the third, so that the folks that go down to the sale would know what to expect. We found that this sale is going to be well worth any ones time to go down, even if they do not buy anything at all. The county agent especially asks that all who can avail themselves of this opportunity to see some real stuff in action. If the parties going wish, they may go via Asheville and return by Clemson College and Georgia, and see several worth-while dairy herds en route. The trip will not cost a great deal if every one shares his own expenses and doubles up in his neighbor's car. Should any one want the agent to arrange the trip he will do well to see the agent between now and Saturday night, so that he will have a chance to give out the data.

The Glenwood herd at Spartanburg is the best herd of Jerseys in the United States, at the present time. They are well worth the trip to see. The Osborne herd at Canton is another sight that is an education in itself. The same applies to the herd at Clemson College.

There is a tendency among a lot of our folks to think that one hundred to two hundred dollars is too much to pay for a pure bred cow. They are just whistling in a cyclone when they talk such stuff. I do not mean for a man to go and mortgage his farm, starve his children or work his wife to death just for the sake of owning a standard cow. But I do mean that where a man has two, three or more cows that are just cows it will pay him to keep one good cow that does her work at a profit, rather than to own several poor or mediocre cows. One good cow will net its owner anywhere from two to five hundred dollars per year over and above the feed costs and give him a calf that will sell at a week old for one hundred dollars. In fact some of the cows that we saw on this trip that are bred to good bulls and are for sale will drop one hundred dollar calves and the sellers are offering to make a contract with any buyer to buy the calf back if it is a heifer.

Again let me say that the man who is thinking that he is going to get into the high-class stuff on a fifty or sixty dollar cow is way behind the times. It just cannot be done. There are too many people looking for good stuff that know its value and will pay its value for us to think that we can get in unless we meet the market. And here is another thing. Cows of the kind that we ought to have in Macon county and of the kind that will pay us best are just as cheap as they are going to be. And furthermore if we are going to compete with the business cream producers in the land we have got to have the stuff to do it with.

The county agent will buy for anyone that wants him to, provided they put up a bank guarantee and will come in and go with him out to some farm and show him what they look for in a cow. But the agent will not buy any cheap or scrub stuff and bring it in to the county. While he will do all that he can to get the stuff here safe, he will not be held responsible for the safe arrival of the cattle after he sees them on the train. Also he will

WANT DAIRY COWS?--SEE FARM AGENT

After multitudinous correspondence and a good deal of trouble the county agent has located several lots of dairy cattle both grades and purebreds in both the Guernsey and Jersey breeds. These cattle will all be sold by the end of next week. And it is not the present intention of the county agent to look for more any time soon. Therefore, as there are numerous farmers in the county that have said that they want some dairy cattle, now is the time for them to get them. Some of these cattle are in Tennessee, some are in Virginia, some in this state and some are in South Carolina. If you want cattle and good ones and really mean business see your county agent this week for he will be gone next week most of the time.

Too much stress cannot be laid on the point that delay now means a good long wait before things will be as favorable again for getting good stuff, and the price is not going to be any lower until the present crop of calves get to milking; if then. And we have a lot of feed that should be turned into money by the cream route in the meantime.

Grand Jury's Report

Extensive repairs to the county home, a new jail, and closer attention to the condition of the public toilets in the courthouse—these were the outstanding recommendations of the Macon county grand jury in its report, made to Judge A. M. Stack, presiding at the present term of Superior court. The report, probably one of the shortest ever filed in this county was made last Friday.

The report, signed by the foreman, J. B. Mason, follows:

"Having visited the county home, and find it well kept; occupants well cared for; good beds and food. But find that the house is badly in need of repair; three rooms need flooring; screens for seven windows; eve trough for entire building; all chimneys and fireplaces badly in need of repair; porches need new roof; wire for four screen doors; some new sills and other lumber for repairs.

"We find the jail as well kept as present conditions will permit. We suggest that a new jail be built.

"We find the offices in the court house well kept, but too small.

"We find the toilets in a very bad condition; not sufficient water nor attention to be kept in a sanitary condition.

"We attach herewith report of Clerk of Superior Court."

Iotla Locals

The Iotla Baptist Sunday School has been having an interesting and large attendance for the last month.

We welcome Miss Edna Linner back to Sunday School after a long spell of absence.

The B. Y. P. U. is progressing nicely under the leadership of Mr. Paul Swafford.

Miss Eva Smith spent the week-end with her grandmother, Mrs. H. E. Roland.

Miss Eloise Morrison, of Etna has been visiting her cousin, Miss Pauline McCoy for the past week.

Misses Blanche Fouts and Beulah McCoy motored to Asheville this week end to do some spring shopping.

We are sorry to say that Miss Fannie Gibson sprained her ankle getting on the school bus the other morning.

Mr. Beuford Fouts, who is working at Rich Mt. spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Fouts.

Misses Ella Bryant and Grace Fouts attended Sunday School at Rose Creek Sunday.

Miss Ruby Solesbee was visiting Miss May McCoy Sunday afternoon.

Misses Eula Fouts and Pauline McCoy were the guests of Miss Pauline Fouts Sunday.

Aberdeen-Angus

I expect to have a carload of pure bred registered Aberdeen-Angus young cows, heifers and bulls in my lot here next Saturday, April 30. Experts who have examined them tell me that they are the finest lot to their knowledge that was ever brought to Western North Carolina. I invite all lovers of the beautiful to come and inspect this shipment of cattle.—J. LEE BARNARD.

buy the kind of stuff each man wants in the order that they give him their instructions. That is first come first served.

CHAMBER TO ASK FUNDS FOR YEAR

Membership Fees Set at \$25, \$10, and \$5.—Without Funds Organization Will Cease to Exist—Drive Starts April 30th.

The Franklin Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, organized in midsummer of last year to run on the \$2,000 subscribed at that time until January 1, 1927, has continued to function to date on the funds collected from these first subscriptions.

To all things, however, there is an end. And if the organization is to continue, it must have additional funds subscribed by the hotels, business houses, and individuals of the town and county. Without new funds for a new period, the organization itself, of course, would cease to exist.

The Board of Directors is making plans for a year's work—from May 1, 1927 to May 1, 1928. And it has hit upon the plan of setting a definite membership fee for the year. The schedule of annual membership rates is: Hotels, \$25; business houses, \$10; individuals, \$5.

In arranging this schedule, it was felt that the rates were in proportion to the benefits to be derived from advertising Franklin. The first and most direct return is to the hotels; next, and less direct, are the business houses; and third in the amount of benefit derived by the individual.

It was also felt that the small fee of \$5 for an individual membership would make it possible for everybody to join, and that those able to contribute more would take more than one membership.

It is assumed that every business house in town will take at least one \$10 membership for the firm, and that the various individuals connected with the business will become individual members of the organization.

The drive for new memberships will begin on April 30.

Those interested in advertising Franklin and Macon county, and otherwise improving the town and county in business and other ways will have an opportunity then of adding their individual pull to that of other persons, concentrating the public spirit and community ambition of the many into a single driving force, through the medium of a community organization—the Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture.

Two Tickets In Field

There are now two tickets in the field for mayor and aldermen at the coming election, May 3. The first ticket is headed by George B. Patton for mayor—and so is the other. Hence it appears certain that that promising young attorney will be Franklin's next mayor. Four out of the six names appearing for aldermen on each ticket are the same, namely: M. L. Dowdle, H. W. Cabe, W. N. Sloan and John Rickman. The names of S. R. Joines and R. C. Gabrels appearing on the first ticket are replaced on the second ticket by the names of T. W. Angel and W. L. Higdon. Hence the election will only determine which of the four last named will serve as aldermen for the next two years, as the mayor and four candidates for aldermen are the same on both tickets.

Double Wedding

At a double wedding at the home of Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Pipes Saturday evening, Miss Willie Mae Hall became the bride of Mr. Adolph Zoellner, and Miss Agnes Wallace was married to Mr. Gilmer Waldrup. The Rev. Pipes performed the double ceremony. The wedding took place at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Zoellner is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wallace. Her husband is a son of Thad Waldrup.

The Zoellners will make their home with Mrs. Zoellner's parents, for the present, since Mr. Zoellner, who is from Highlands, is connected with the road construction work of the Forest Service, and is away from home much of the time.

Somewhat Chilly

Last Saturday morning the thermometers in Franklin registered from 20 to 24. Wayah Bald had a coating of snow. Leaves on small poplar trees were killed. Much fear is expressed as to the safety of the apple crop, many claiming that serious damage was done.

Revival At the Methodist Church

The Franklin Methodist church will begin a series of revival services on next Sunday morning, it is announced.

The services will be conducted by the pastor, the Rev. A. P. Ratledge. To lead the music during the meeting, the services of Scott Gibson, member of the choir of the Dilworth Methodist church in Charlotte, have been secured. Mr. Dilworth this week is leading the music at a meeting in his own church.

The first of the series of services will come Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and they will be held nightly thereafter at 8 o'clock. Present plans call for a meeting of two weeks' duration.

A cordial invitation to attend these services is being extended not only to all Methodists, but to the people of the town generally, of all denominations.

Citizens' Training Camp Does Not Obligate

In discussing the Citizens' Military Training Camps, Lt. Col. R. T. Phinney, U. S. A. in charge of the camps for the Fourth Corps Area, said today: "I am anxious to correct the impression that has gained considerable headway in certain sections of the Corps Area that in conducting these camps, the War Department is endeavoring to secure recruits for the Army. Such a course of action is entirely contrary to the letter and the spirit of the instructions of the War Department, which are based on the National Defense Act.

The government, in an effort to build up the young manhood of the nation so that it will be better, mentally, morally and physically, has established these camps, and provides the transportation to and from camp, food, shelter, clothing, laundry and medical attention for thirty days without any expense on the part of the individual.

In his application to attend a Citizens' Military Training Camp, the young man signs his name to the following: "The above statements are correct to the best of my knowledge (This refers to his name, address, age, place of birth, schooling, etc.) It is my understanding that attendance at any course does not constitute any present or future contract of enlistment in the Army of the United States; and that my expenses to and from the camp and for food, uniform and the necessary expenses during the camp will be paid by the Government. I will bring to camp the personal articles of clothing indicated in Instruction No. 3, and to the best of my ability I will care for the clothing and other equipment loaned to me at camp; and I do agree to remain at camp for the full thirty days unless sooner relieved by the commanding officer and to obey the rules and regulations while at camp." And so, the young man knows that he is in no way obligated for future service in the Army by attending a C. M. T. Camp. He knows he can go to the camp, having all expenses paid by the government and enjoy camping facilities, food, clothing, medical attention, and the benefits of instruction that could not be duplicated by a private enterprise for less than several hundred dollars. And all he has to do is to obey the rules and regulations while at camp.

A rather generous offer on the part of the government, to say the least. And all the government asks in return is good behavior for thirty days. At the close of the camp the government says "Hope you have had a good time. Be a good citizen."

The book is then closed. When the next year comes, the young man may attend the camp again, and so on for four years but always he knows that he is under no obligation to enlist in the Army of the United States, by reason of his having attended a Citizens' Military Training Camp."

Scout Board Meets

Due to the fact that the details of the boy scout supervision have reached such proportions that two scout masters are unable to properly attend to all the duties, the scout council met last Saturday at the Bank of Franklin and elected two additional assistant scout masters, namely, County Agent Lyles Harris and Dr. Fleet H. Scroggs.

The newly elected assistants are thorough believers in scout principles and will bring a wealth of enthusiasm and knowledge to aid the scouts during the present year. The scout council considers that the election of the assistants named is an extremely fortunate move for the local troop.

TWO MICA MINES CONSOLIDATE

General Mica & Clay Co. and Mica Products Co. Will Hereafter Operate Under the Name of the Former—Minimum Payroll of \$18,000 Per Year.

A disclosure of interest to the people of Macon county was made here Saturday when it was announced that two of the leading mica and clay mines of the county have been consolidated and will hereafter operate under one management. The mines concerned are the General Mica & Clay Company, operating at Iotla bridge, and the Mica Products Company, whose mines are at the head of Cowee creek. The new organization will conduct its business in the future under the name of the General Mica & Clay Company.

Under the new organization Mr. Earl H. Moore, of East Point, Ga., becomes president, while Mr. D. D. Rice, of Franklin will hold the offices of vice-president and general manager. Mr. H. B. Webber will continue as superintendent of the Cowee plant. In fact all subordinate employees of the two former company's will continue with the new company in their same capacities.

Mr. Rice states that the payroll of the new company will amount to a minimum of \$18,000 per year and will employ approximately 40 men. In addition to the payroll the company will pay the town of Franklin approximately \$7,200 per year for electric current. The company will also pay out a considerable amount for hauling and for wood.

Mr. Hamilton Douglas Jr., has been elected to the position of secretary and treasurer of the consolidated organization. "The chief purpose of the consolidation," stated Mr. Rice, is to enlarge the field of their operations in Macon county. The consolidation will also serve to simplify operations and marketing problems.

The new company according to Mr. Rice, will market about 250 tons of mica and 150 tons of kaolin per month.

Sam Tippet Passes

Sam Tippet, formerly a citizen of Macon county, suddenly died at his home in Canton last Saturday, at the age of 37 years. The funeral services and interment were at Cowee, in this county.

He is survived by his widow, who, prior to her marriage, was Miss Belle Holland; two children; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Tippet; one sister, Miss Minnie Tippet; and three brothers, Walter, Buel, and Adam Tippet.

Mr. Tippet, who made his home in this county until his removal to Canton, was a faithful member of the Iotla Baptist church, and was known for his interest in and work for his church.

He had many friends in this county, a large number of whom were in attendance at the funeral.

Epworth League Will Conduct Services

The Epworth League of the local Methodist church held its first service last Sunday evening. The organization in future will have charge of the Sunday evening services on the second and fourth Sundays, the regular preaching service to be held on other Sunday evenings.

The organization, which was perfected at a supper at the church on April 14, is headed by George B. Patton, president. Other officers chosen at that time were: Miss Kate Penland, secretary; Miss Mary Louise Porter, corresponding secretary; and Misses Ferrell Bolton, Oliver, Pauline Snyder, and Rose Rogers, department superintendents.

Broadway Locals

Mr. R. B. Wilson has been killing rabbits for the last few days. His daughter, Addie his niece, Stella Wilson have had a good time eating fresh meat for the last week.

Mr. N. H. McKinney has been in this section for the last week visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Jean Wilson and Miss Nellie Wilson was the guest of Mrs. Fannie Ballew Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Fannie Ballew has made another shipment of 155 chairs to the Toy Furniture Shop Saturday.

Mr. John Brown was in this section Monday.