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### HAYWOOD LIVE STOCK DEMAND

Haywood county is rapidly coming into its own as a livestock county. The county agent leaves today with a car load of purebred cattle, sheep and hogs to be shown and sold at the annual North Carolina Livestock and Poultry show to be held at Wilson, January 1, 2, 3, and 4. The consignors from this county are T. L. Gwyn, A. J. McCracken, H. A. Osborne, each sending purebred cattle, while H. C. Hargrove, A. C. Walker and A. J. McCracken are sending purebred sheep and T. H. Rogers, S. C. Satterthwait, and W. W. Shay are sending hogs. Sales of shorthorn, hereford and angus cattle from the best herds of the middle west will be held, while another feature of the meeting will be the sale of livestock raised in North Carolina. Haywood has the honor of furnishing a far greater number of stock for this sale than any other county. The whole state is beginning to look to Haywood for purebred stock of all kinds and the citizens who, a few years ago, risked their money in purebred stock are finding their judgment vindicated and are beginning to reap a reward for their efforts. Five years hence the amount of purebred stock in Haywood should be increased a thousand fold over the present number. It means more money for Haywood.

### TO THE UPLIFT BOYS

On behalf of the Mountaineer-Courier, we hereby accept with a polite bow the following general bouquet to weeklies from Sunday's Asheville Times:

To the weekly newspaper of Western North Carolina, The Times wishes a Merry Christmas. During the year these newspapers fighting against tremendous odds in the newspaper game, have struggled on, working for the uplift of their several communities and for the development of this section of the state. Loyal to the country, the editors and publishers of these weekly newspapers with little hope of reward, save that of a satisfied conscience, have more than done their bit for the national honor. May old Santa remember each one of them.

### State Plays Santa to Old Soldiers

The State of North Carolina, as has been the custom for many years, is playing Santa Claus by issuing checks to the old soldiers of 1861-65 and to the widows who have survived their husbands. These checks, coming as they do just before Christmas, have been increased until the smallest sum paid is \$45.00, and although pitifully small they always gladden the hearts of the dear old people. The checks for Haywood county are being mailed out from the clerk's office at Waynesville. They are divided into four classes, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th. The list shows something over three hundred names, making a total of about \$11,000, which is considerably more than was paid last year, because of the fact that the last legislature raised the amount from \$32.50 to \$45.00.—Canton Observer.

### Boy Shot

Christmas proved a day of grief for the Henry Rabb family, living above Saunook, about six miles from Waynesville. While the boys in the family were out shooting with shot guns, one of them, supposing his gun was not loaded, pointed the muzzle towards his brother at close range and pulled the trigger. The charge went thru the stomach of the 15-year old son. The accident happened about noon and he lived until three o'clock. Some ten years ago another boy in that family was shot under similar circumstances.

### Hospital Gifts

Mr. and Mrs. Gibson of Lake Junaluska were omitted from last week's report thro the absent mind (or fingers) of the Courier office force. These gifts of three or more bushels of fine potatoes comes under the auspices of the Lake Junaluska chapter. Mr. Rufus Allen 1-2 bushels apples, Mrs. Person material for 4 tray covers, Mrs. J. S. Mitchell made the tray covers with the most exquisite hand work, Mrs. J.R. Allen butter-milk, Mrs. —sterile covers.—Mrs. Claudia Hubbard, Supt.

Try a want ad for results.

### TWO FIRES

The residence of Ed Young in the south part of town was destroyed by fire about six o'clock Friday evening. He was away from home at the time and his wife and children who were at home did not discover the fire until almost the whole house was ablaze. They had time to escape only. Nothing was saved of either clothes or furniture. The house was built this year and contained four rooms. Even his Christmas turkey which was in a barrel on the porch was burned. When the fire laddies came it was too late to save the house tho the skeleton is still standing. He had \$350 insurance on the house and \$300 on contents, not half enuf to cover the loss.

Fire broke out in the residence of Dr. W. H. Limer Tuesday afternoon when the family was away from home. J. T. Bridges, lino type operator for the Mountaineer-Courier, was one of the first to discover it and he ran to the home of neighbors, to reach a telephone to call the fire department. But the residents were away from home and doors locked. On the fifth trial he found a front door unlocked and reached a phone. Some one opened a fire hydrant, but turned it the wrong way, so that it became impossible to turn the water off and connect a hose. The police chief drove his car to city fire department and brought hand fire extinguishers. The fire seems to have started from a fireplace upstairs. The flames were soon extinguished with considerable damage to the building, however, from both fire and water.

### Christmas Program

A very interesting Christmas program was given at the Methodist church Sunday evening, by the children. All the numbers were well rendered and enjoyable. Perhaps the most entertaining number was a recitation by Walter West, Jr. He was vigorously applauded and so excited over the enthusiasm he had stirred up that he rushed back and delivered his message a second time, much to the delight of the audience. A dialogue by Martha Mock and Betty West was very nicely given and a solo by Elizabeth Matney proved the little girl possessor of a sweet voice. Several of the primary classes sang, and did it well. A row of little boys sang with particular lustiness—making up in fervor what a critic might have said they lacked in harmony. The program was thoroughly enjoyable throughout and appreciated by the large audience present. The children received the usual treat of candy and oranges from Santa Claus.

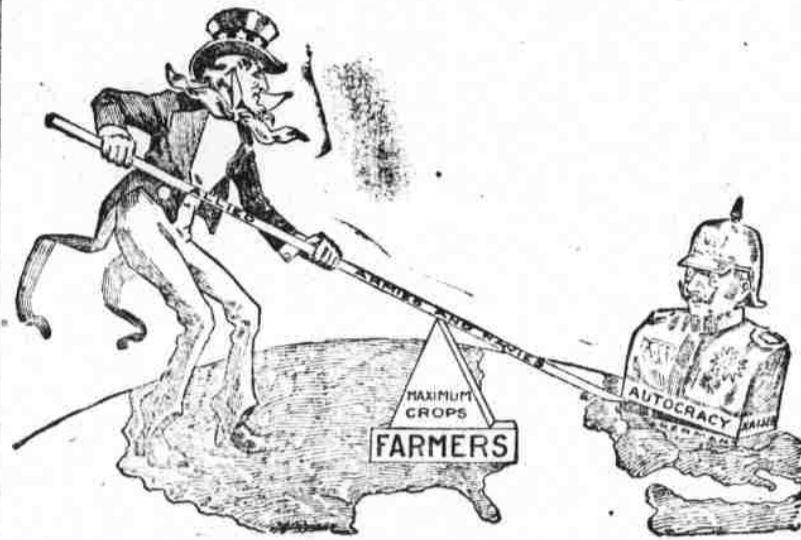
### Ten Tons of Hay Per Acre

W. D. Graham, a farmer in Rowan county, claims to have put up nearly ten tons of hay on one acre of ground this year, according to the Mooreville Enterprise. He received the first prize of \$50 offered by the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company of Winston-Salem, for the one who raised the largest amount of hay on one acre of land. There were seven counties in this state and several in Virginia contesting for the prize, \$250 being the amount divided out among the various contestants. Mr. Graham sowed his acre in tall meadow oats, Italian rye, red clover and timothy grass, and harvested 19,875 pounds of cured hay. That is practically ten tons of hay from one acre, and if sold at \$25 per ton, he would reap \$250 for his feedstuff from this small plot. This hay-raising contest has been going on for three years. The first year 5,000 pounds from one acre won the first prize, the second year it was 14,000 pounds and this year 20,000 pounds.

### Canton Man Shot

The condition of Raymond Groom, who was shot by L. V. Shepherd while on duty at the Champion Fibre plant, is quite favorable, according to reports sent out from the Merriweather hospital. The two boys were peeling wood for the company when they got into a difficulty, in which Grooms is said to have struck Shepherd on the head with a piece of timber, when Shepherd shot Groom in the back. Shepherd, who immediately left the plant, is still at large, and is supposed to have gone to Macon county, his former home.—Canton Observer.

## Better Farming in the South



## THE FARMER—ONE OF UNCLE SAM'S DEFENDANTS

By D. B. Osborne, Chairman Soil Improvement Committee, Atlanta, Ga.



### Mr. Farmer:

The above picture exemplifies the vital importance of your position in the World War—the fight for freedom and democracy against German autocracy.

Upon you is placed the grave responsibility of producing abundant crops with which to feed and clothe our army and navy; the armies and navies of our Allies—our own people at home and the peoples of our Allies in Europe.

Failure would bring disaster to our army and an untimely and unnecessary death to many of our boys who have gone forth to battle in defense of our liberty. But, Mr. Farmer, we know that under the great responsibility placed on you by our Government, that there is no such word as "fail" in your vocabulary and that nothing short of insurmountable providential causes could prevent your answering fully to this responsibility.

However, maximum crops can only be had by the judicious and intensive use of fertilizers, good seed, thorough cultivation, and labor-saving machinery.

One of your most pressing problems and one to be acted upon without delay, is the matter of obtaining your fertilizer.

In spite of the best efforts of the manufacturers and the Government, materials for making fertilizers are scarce and high in price. Therefore, it is all the more necessary that what fertilizers are to be distributed, should be used upon soil that has received the very best preparations the farmer is capable of giving.

The mobilization of our army, requiring a maximum movement of troop trains and supply trains, has over-taxed the capacity of our railroads as never before, and in order for fertilizers to be distributed this season, the movement must of necessity, begin early and the unloading of cars at destination be done with utmost despatch. Every car must be loaded to capacity.

Today fertilizers are cheaper than farm crops or farm labor. A bale of cotton, a bushel of corn, oats or wheat, will buy more pounds of fertilizers now than ever before, hence to assure the performance of a patriotic duty, with great profit to yourself, order your fertilizers promptly so that you may be sure to get them. And when you get them, use them with the greatest degree of intelligence.

Satisfactory results are bound to follow—both to you and to the Government.

### WILL YOU PAY INCOME TAX

Collector Watts announces that a federal income tax officer will be in this county to assist income tax-payers with their returns without cost to them, as follows:

Waynesville, Jan. 7 to 12, Feb. 11 to 16 inclusive.

Canton, Jan. 2 to 5, Feb. 18 and 19 inclusive.

Returns of income for the year 1917 must be made on forms provided for the purpose before March 1, 1918. Because a good many people don't understand the law and won't know how to make out their returns, the government is sending this officer to do it for them. But the duty is on the tax-payer to make himself known to the government. If he doesn't make return as required before March 1, he may have to pay a penalty ranging from \$20 to \$1,000, pay a fine or go to jail. So if you don't want to take chances, you should call on the income tax man. If you are not sure about being subject to the tax, better ask him and make sure. Whether you see the income tax man or not, you must make return if subject to tax.

The collector suggests that everybody start figuring up now his income and expenses so as to be ready with figures when the officer arrives. Expenses, however, don't mean family expenses, money used to pay off the principal of a debt, new machinery, buildings, or anything like that. They mean what you spend in making money—interest, taxes paid, help, amount paid for goods sold, seed, stock bought for feeding, rent (except for your dwelling), etc. Income includes about every dollar you get.

### He Offers \$50 Reward

R. H. Goodwin runs the following adv. in the Bryson City Times: I will pay \$50 reward for the arrest and evidence to convict the man who shoved me off the train at Bryson City, Tuesday night, November 12, 1917.

### WESTERN N. C. NEWS

J. W. Robinson of Beaverdam claims to have butchered a 12-months' old hog which netted 500 pound.

The only picture show in Tryon had to close because the light company couldn't furnish sufficient power.

About the most interestingly edited and best printed country town exchange in this section is the Polk County News published at Tryon.

The Bryson City Bank with a capital of \$30,000 made 20 per cent last year and at the recent meeting of stock holders, 8 per cent dividends were declared and the remaining 12 per cent placed to undivided profits, making total undivided profits of \$11,550.

Venders of mountain dew thought that Murphy would be a good town in which to dispose of their product just before Christmas. But some how information reached the sheriff who advanced to meet them and gather them in. They managed to escape by taking hurriedly to the tall timber, but had to drop the dew as it only served to handicap them in their flight.

As the annual Tryon postal receipts now exceed \$5,000, Postmaster Stearns has been informed that the town is entitled to free delivery, twice a day, by two postmen. First, however, an inspector must visit the place, he satisfied with the sidewalks and other facilities for getting around.—A meeting at the K. P. hall Friday evening should interest every citizen of Tryon. The question of two free mail deliveries a day will be discussed. The establishment of such a system will depend upon how many citizens want it—a two-thirds petition required, and the condition of the sidewalks. The meeting is to get an expression of opinion on the subject, and unless it is a pretty full one the town will probably go without such service.—Tryon News.

### CHANGED HER MIND

It is a woman's prerogative to change her mind. This was responsible for a somewhat amusing near-trial before Justice of Peace W. J. Haynes at the court house Monday afternoon when Attorneys Hannah and Ward, supposedly opponents, found they were in reality both representing the same client, the one for the prosecution and the other for the defense.

A colored girl had authorized Chief of Police Mitchell to bring prosecution against a young man of her own race on a serious charge and had sanctioned the employment of George Ward to prosecute the case. But later she changed her mind and authorized W. J. Hannah to appear for her in court and ask that the action be dismissed. When the case was called for trial the girl and both lawyers were present, Ward to prosecute in her behalf and Hannah to dismiss the suit in her behalf. It was found she had signed one paper authorizing the arrest, but she claimed to Mr. Hannah she didn't know what she signed when she signed it. And Mr. Ward contended in turn that she denied knowing what she signed when she signed the statement submitted by Mr. Hannah authorizing that no suit be brought. Naturally the justice of peace had a worried look. He was wondering just where he "was at," when it was mutually agreed that the girl, who was in court, should state to the court just where she stood in the matter at that particular moment. When she said she didn't want any prosecution, Hannah smiled, Ward looked puzzled and the court heaved a sigh. "The court is dismissed," he proclaimed, "but," he added, "I am going to report this matter to the commissioners; they may take action." The law is that only the girl in the case or the county commissioners have authority to initiate prosecution. The girl got herself in bad with the court by admitting that the young man's father had given her a dollar to sign the paper not to prosecute.

### DOGS VS. SHEEP.

The decrease in the number of sheep throughout the world is so great and the demand for wool is so far exceeding the supply that I verily believe the time is very near when it will be impossible to procure woolen goods for clothing at any reasonable price. In France and other European countries and Australia the decrease in sheep is due to the exigencies of war. In America, however, and in Western North Carolina particularly the decrease is due entirely to lawless dogs, as for that matter, to dogs of every kind.

The law making bodies of some states have become so alarmed over the situation that they are making strenuous efforts to overcome the dog rule to the extent at least of protecting sheep husbandry. And not only as a matter of wool production, but as a matter of food saving that our country demands a stringent dog law.

With all the principal nations of the world at war and a cry from all classes of people of the world for the farmer to produce more food stuffs, I think it high time there is something done with the unlawful, wasteful and useless dog. The same food that is required to keep a dog one year if properly fed to a pig will produce a nice porker worth from \$25 to \$50. Herbert Hoover our food administrator, says every hog produced means a German dead.

I think it would be wise for many

### CHANGE TO CASH BASIS

We wish to sincerely thank our customers and the public generally for their patronage for the year now closing and wish them much prosperity and happiness in the year to come. The new firm wishes to state that after January 1st, we will change to a strictly cash basis. We consider this will be a benefit to both the customers and the firm. It will enable us to serve our people better and with a yet larger and better stock of goods. Again thanking our friends, we are, yours for service, WAYNESVILLE BOOK CO. H. C. Lindsay. Frank Lindfors.

### NOTICE TO REGISTRANTS

A booklet of questions, known officially as the questionnaire, has been, or will be, mailed to last known address of all registrants who have not yet qualified for military service. If you registered and do not receive your questionnaire by the middle of January, it does not exempt you from responsibility in procuring one, filling it in and returning it promptly to the exemption board.

Each county exemption board began mailing these at the rate of five per cent each day beginning December 17. As there were some 2200 registrants in this county of whom 19 were accepted in the draft and probably 100 others have volunteered, the number sent out each day from the Haywood county exemption board is 105.

In an office in the court house is a committee of volunteers, lawyers and others, who will gladly help you make out your replies. But you must file your reply with the exemption board which has an office upstairs in the postoffice.

Be careful in making replies so there will be no errors or omissions. Some of the replies will have to be returned to registrants on account of errors.

As each days' list of questionnaires are mailed out, a list of registrants to whom sent is hung up for public inspection in that office.

The purpose of these questionnaires is to classify all registrants, for the purpose of calling to the colors first those who have no dependents and who are not engaged in an occupation considered essential to the prosecution of the war.

You may still enlist in army or marine, but to do so you must first apply to the local exemption board for a certificate to that effect. The board will then send you to the proper recruiting office for the service you wish to enter.

Remember these questionnaires must be filled out and returned by you within one week regardless of whether you are called for examination in or were exempted from the first draft. In due time you will receive a postal card notice telling you when to appear for physical examination.

Grover C. Davis and Chas. U. Miller are assisting the local exemption board in their present work.

### AGAINST QUAIL SHOOTING

We heartily endorse the following letter from a North Carolina farmer to the Albermarle Enterprise;

I contend that quail should not be killed. They help the farmer by destroying insects. Our Representative in the legislature a few years ago procured the passage of a law for Stanly county, which was intended to protect the quail, and also to protect the farmer in his rights.

This law provides a penalty for hunting over the lands without first procuring a written permission from the owners of lands over which they hunt. Notwithstanding this law, some hunters (nimrods) go right on hunting, and shooting quails, regardless of law, lands being posted, the destruction of quail, the rights and the feelings of farmers, or anything else. Just gratifying their own desires. Those nimrods should remember that farmers have some rights which should be respected. As the quail are raised on the farm, live on the farmers' grain, they belong to the farmer. I think the nimrods have about the same right to come in my yard and kill chickens as they have to go into my fields and kill my quail.

All farmers should enter their protest against the killing of quail.

### Spraying Potatoes

When a farmer can spray an acre of Irish potatoes four times at a cost of less than \$10 for equipment, materials and labor, and get an increase of 40 bushels per acre as a result, it does not take much figuring or intelligence to see a chance for profit in spraying potatoes. The figures are entirely within bounds for the Piedmont and Mountain sections of North Carolina.—Tryon News.

a man to make a change. Our country demands it. I wonder how long it will be before the law makers of North Carolina will wake up to the situation. A. L. M.