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LIVESTOCK GROWERS ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED

INTERESTING ADDRESSES MADE

Nearly seventy of Madison's stockmen were in attendance at the meeting held in the court house Wednesday in the interest of improving the live stock of the county and of securing better markets for the live stock. Mr. T. L. Gwyn and Mr. Lewis, both of the State Division of Markets, and Mr. Burmeister of the National Division of Markets, addressed the meeting. All stressed the need of improving the quality of the live stock raised in the county and laid especial emphasis upon the need of a better and more stable market.

After the talks of these men a motion was made and carried to have a live stock Growers Association organized. The purpose of this association is to supply the need of home cooperation toward getting this better stock and improved markets. A Board of Directors consisting of Mr. W. R. Ellerson, T. N. Ramsey, Andy Woody, Ed English, Caney Ramsey, G. W. Wild, R. R. Ramsey, Joe Payne, J. S. Brown, Guy Roberts, G. H. Roberts, was appointed. This Board will meet June 1st to draw up rules and bylaws for the organization and operation of such an association.

This meeting when called should be attended by all interested in not only the live stock question, but who are interested in the furtherance of the county itself. There are thousands of acres of grazing land in the county and these constitute a large source of our income; if we don't use this source and use it right the county will suffer. Let all be looking for an announcement of the meeting and be there when the time comes.

LIST PROPERTY

May is the month for listing your property for taxation. Don't forget it.

MORE LIQUOR CAPTURED

Since our last issue, liquor captured by the Sheriff department has been as follows: "Spec" Anders of Asheville, with 78 gallons. Saturday, Walter Haynie of Asheville, driving a Ford coupe, was taken with 42 gallons.

THE BURDENS

If all the days were fair
And every dream came true,
There'd be no need for prayer
Or faith to guide us through.

If trouble never came
To test us or affright,
Courage would be a name,
Success, a cheap delight.

If every day brought mirth
To mortals as they plod,
If Heaven could be on earth
There'd be no need for God.

'Tis when the storms assail
And when we're sorely tried,
When all resources fail
That God is at our side.

Through darkness and through pain
When other aid has flown,
And all our strength seems vain
He makes his presence known.

And no from hurts that grove
From anguish and despair,
Come courage to achieve
And faith to conquer care.

We rise to greater heights
Beneath the lash and rod,
Those troubled days and nights
Nearer draw us to God.
—Edgar A. Guest.

To have a paying crop
Plant good seeds.

BEAUTIFYING THE FARM HOME

An elderly man, lately returned from an automobile trip of over 1200 miles, made the remark that there was one thing he had noticed and that was the character of the farm homes in the different sections of the country thru which they traveled. "It made me feel kind of bad" he said, "when I saw how much stock people are getting behind the times; we are not beautifying our homes."

The remark impressed itself upon my mind; I thought how true that was of a great number of farmers. Many farmers do not put the thought and labor that they should on making the home attractive. There is no reason why a farm home should not possess just as attractive surroundings as any city home; indeed there is often more opportunity to make the farm home attractive than there is with the city home.

Our County is located in one of the most favored sections of the nation from the point of natural beauty. Many of our farm homes, dropped down, as it were, at the foot of some peak or in some mountain cove, are naturally pretty. Yet the setting of the home received no attention whatever. Had a little time and thought been spent in locating the buildings, in painting them, in planting some shrubbery and in grassing the lawn? Nothing can add to what would have made!

Other sections of our nation have to go to a distant point and purchase at a good price the shrubbery they wish to place about their homes. How different here. Just a step on to the neighboring mountain and we can have any number of the most attractive shrubs; the only expense a little exertion. A few that might be named are the bush honeysuckle, the azalea, the dogwood, the rhododendron, and the vines, the woodbine, or Virginia creeper, and the running honeysuckle. A little thought and some energy gets what our neighboring states go to considerable expense and trouble to obtain.

The climate is such that these shrubs do not have to be pampered, they are in their natural environment and grow at their best with very little attention. Grass is in its element in the North Carolina mountains. Why are so many yards bare of it? Why is it neglected here when other peoples go to much work and expense to make and maintain a grassy lawn? Nothing can add to the attractiveness of the home as much as a neat grass covered lawn about the house.

One way of bettering farm life, as we see it, is in making the home more beautiful. A home beautified is something that touches the pride of the owner; it reacts upon him for his own good and makes him feel more nearly his own worth and value. It also reacts on his neighbors; they raise their estimation of his value to the community and also must bestir themselves to keep pace. A farm home made beautiful is an asset to not only that farm alone but to the community and the state. Let the farmers of Madison County make a special effort to improve the home surroundings. It will bring not only a look of prosperity but will actually work to make the county more prosperous. We can give no directions for working on all places; each home is a problem in itself and each must receive special attention. Call on your County Agent if you need any help.

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR MADISON COUNTY TO OPEN JUNE 3

The summer school for Madison County will open at Mars Hill Wednesday, June 3, instead of Monday, June 1, as previously published.

WAREHOUSE FOR MARSHALL ALMOST ASSURED

The committee in charge of the tobacco warehouse in the town of Marshall has employed Mr. Caney Ramsey to take subscriptions to stock in the warehouse and the prospect for building the warehouse at an early date seems very promising. The tobacco growers of Madison County cannot afford

to allow the proposition to fail.

CULLOWHEE CLOSES MAY 24-29

The commencement exercises of the Cullowhee State Normal School will be May 24-29.

SUPERIOR COURT NEXT WEEK

Superior court for Madison County will convene Monday, May 25, and the first day or so will be for criminal business. The civil calendar has been made out by the calendar committee commencing Wednesday

DON'T KILL THE BIRDS

There seems to be a pretty general opinion that there is no law prohibiting the killing of any birds except the game birds. This is a very erroneous idea of the law.

Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina, Section 2102 provides, "If any person shall at ANY TIME hunt, capture or kill any non game bird, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and be fined not more than fifty dollars or imprisoned not exceeding thirty days."

Of course, it is also against the law to kill any game bird except in the open season.

Consolidated Statutes 2101 "GAME BIRDS DEFINED. Under the laws of this state, the following only shall be considered game birds: Loons, grebs, swans, geese, brant, river, fish and sea ducks, rails, coots, marsh hens and gallinules, plovers, shore and surf birds, snipe, woodcock, sand-pipers, yellow legs, chewink, or tohee and curlews, and the wild turkey, grouse, partridge, pheasant, quail, dove, robin and meadow lark."

The law does not prohibit the killing of English or European house sparrows, owls, hawks, crows, black birds, jack daws, turkey buzzards, vultures and rice birds.—Consolidated Statutes 2102.

The State of North Carolina and the National Government are doing almost everything possible to protect the birds and to absolutely prohibit the killing of all classes of birds at any time except those above defined by the statute. Every time a person kills a song bird or any of the birds prohibited to be killed under the law, such person violates the law and is subject to indictment for every offense, and to pay a fine of fifty dollars or thirty days imprisonment.

Boys are running around with guns of different types and varieties and are killing the birds. They should be apprehended by the officers and their parents or guardians should take cognizance of the fact, when they furnish the boys guns to kill birds that they are aiding them to violate the law. One of the most pleasant things that can be about any home is to have a variety of birds to build their nests, sing and move about among the trees and on the lawn. We cannot have these birds, which are among the most precious things of God's creation, if people are permitted to kill them. Besides, the scientific people who have put much study on the question tell us if it were not for the birds that human existence, within a comparatively few years, would perish from the earth, that what goes to make up human life would be devoured by insects and worms of all descriptions.

According to investigation, even in a space no larger than Madison County, the birds every year devour many tons of insects. When you kill the bird, you not only destroy one of the most beautiful things of creation, but you destroy that which is working industriously every day to save your own life.

—John A. Hendricks.

THAT TOBACCO WAREHOUSE

I understand that the original warehouse proposition for Marshall has fallen through. Parties are now undertaking to promote another scheme to build a warehouse at Marshall in the island. As a citizen of the town of Marshall and Madison County I am opposed to building a tobacco warehouse in the island. The island was selected by the State authorities as a very appropriate place to construct a high school building, and it is very evident that we need such a building at Marshall. In my opinion we should have something in the nature of a central high school here open to any high school student in Madison County. The island is the only appropriate place we have for such a building and the state authorities said, it was one of the finest places for a school building that they had seen in the state. It is true that a great clamor was made against the island when the proposition came up upon the ground that the building would wash away, and the children would be in great danger of being destroyed by floods. Of course, there was nothing tangible in this argument, and a number of the leaders who raised this issue are now advocating the building of a large tobacco warehouse on the island. We understand that the warehouse would be about 200 feet wide, which would be quite a large obstruction to stop the flow of water in the time of very high water in the river. The fact that parties who opposed the school building in the island on account of floods now advocate building a warehouse on the island in which large quantities of tobacco would be handled, which, if it should get wet would be absolutely destroyed, answers their argument completely, that the island is not a suitable place for the high school. If there is no danger of a warehouse being washed away there certainly would be less danger of a school building on a concrete foundation ten feet above the surface being in anywise disturbed by flood or high water. The island is the ideal place for the school and every year we are repeatedly reminded of the fact, that we not only need the school building for school purposes, but we need a suitable place to hold the various entertainments which we have at Marshall.

Personally I am very much in favor of a tobacco warehouse at Marshall. There are a number of good sites for it directly on the railroad, or even it might be placed at Rollins on the siding, which is now within the corporate limits of the town. And to show my good faith, if parties interested will procure a lot or get an option on a suitable location I will contribute

my mite by assisting in putting in a week's time helping to canvass the county, and other parts of the country for the sale of stock for the proposition. But for the welfare of the boys and girls that we now have and for all those to come in the future generations, don't destroy the only available place we have for an ideal high school building. I may be absolutely alone on the proposition, but I am opposed to destroying the island even for a recreation ground by placing on it the obstruction of a tobacco warehouse.

Let us be fair with ourselves and consistent to the cause of education.

I am opposed to destroying the prospects of that which we most need for a small mess of pottage.

—John A. Hendricks.

Every family in Madison County should subscribe to this paper.

What Madison County Farmers Are Doing

It is always interesting to read of what is being accomplished in any line of endeavor in our midst. Because of this and because of the encouragement it may lend to some other farmers we are interested in a report of the results of last year's work that came out in the course of our conversation with Mr. W. S. Jackson, who is farming out on Haynes Run. Mr. Jackson had in crops as follows: 12 acres of corn, grown on clover sod and without any fertilizer; 10 acres of wheat upon which he used 4 bags of acid phosphate; 5 acres of tobacco which received 7 bags of 8-2-2 fertilizer; 4 acres of red clover and 1/2 acre of Irish potatoes.

He harvested as follows:
Corn—660 bu., worth \$891.00.
Wheat—126.5 bu., worth \$283.50.
Tobacco—5315 lbs., worth \$1275.60.
Clover hay—6 tons, worth \$180.00.

Potatoes—43 bu., worth 32.25.
Total value \$2662.35
Mr. Jackson harvested from 31 1/2 acres of land crops which if put on the market at the current prices would have brought him \$2662.35, a very comfortable income.

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BOTH HAD ONE

An Idaho man was fishing in Lake Crescent recently. He caught a big northern pike, the biggest he had ever landed in his long and busy life. He was elated. He was crazed with joy, and he telegraphed his wife: "I've got one; weighs 7 pounds and it is a beauty." The following was the answer: "So have I—weighs ten pounds. Not a beauty—looks like you. Come home."

HAM AND BACON SHOW

A "HAM AND BACON SHOW" is to be held at the State Fair, Raleigh, N. C., October 13-17, 1925. Prizes are offered for farm cured hams as follows: 1st, \$12; 2nd, \$10; 3d, \$8; 4th, \$5; and 5th, \$3. For shoulders, the prizes will be \$10, \$8, \$5, \$3, and the same for bacon.

Have you some extra fine home cured meats? If so, and are interested in finding out how they compare with the other fellow's, see or write your County Agent, Marshall, N. C., for further information regarding the show.

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