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ATLANTA ROOSTER LAYS THREE EGGS

Fowl owned by Mrs. S. S. Welch of Cascade Road, Produces Eggs Under Close Observation That Makes Fraud on the Part of the Rooster Impossible. Egg-layer has Large Tail, Comb and Spurs.

An Atlanta rooster has laid three eggs in less than two weeks. The fowl belongs to Mrs. S. S. Welch, of Cascade road, and aside from this strange accomplishment which he developed a few weeks ago, he seems to be an ordinary, strutting, crowing rooster.

"He is about a year old," Mrs. Welch explained, "and we have never noticed anything queer about him before. But a week or so ago my cook came to me and said, 'Mrs. Welch, one of your roosters is layin'.'"

"Good gracious," I said, "that can't be so. You are mistaken, Lena." "No, ma'am. I saw him on the nest."

"And she showed me the egg she said he had laid. It was a little egg, larger than a guinea egg, and not as large as a hen's. I broke it to see how it looked inside, and found that the yolk and white were all mixed up together. Lena has been with me for eleven years and I didn't think she would willingly tell me a story, but I simply could not believe her, and I told her so.

"So last Monday, when she came in from the chicken yard, she was very excited, and called to me that the rooster was on the nest again. I went out with her and looked. There he was, sitting on the nest. I crept up to him and felt in the nest to be sure the egg was not already under him before he got on. There was nothing there but the china nest egg."

"Well, Lena, I said, 'this is the funniest thing I ever saw, and we'll stay right here and watch that chicken till he comes off the nest, and see that no hen gets on in the meantime.' So we got chairs and sat under the tree about fifteen feet from the nests for two hours.

"At the end of that time he hopped off. He didn't exactly cackle like a hen or crow like a rooster, but made the funniest sound I ever heard from a chicken.

"I walked over to the nest and sure enough, there was one of the same little eggs that the cook had brought me a few days before. I kept it and showed it to my husband, and he could hardly believe his ears and when I told the neighbors, they all thought I was crazy."

Mrs. Welch pointed out the remarkable fowl among about a hundred other chickens in the run. He was a cross between a Wyandotte and a White Leghorn, and had spurs on his legs, a large tail and comb, in fact, all the characteristics of an ordinary rooster.

Totally oblivious of the to-do that his strange habits were causing among the human species, he pecked the feed thrown upon the ground just as greedily as the rest of the feathered tribe. To look at him one would think he had a masculine scorn of edibles. To look at him one would think he had a masculine scorn of edibles. To look at him one would think he had a masculine scorn of edibles.

Mrs. Welch declares that she has been raising chickens for fourteen years and, although many queer things have happened, she has never known of anything to surprise her quite so much.

"I have had chickens ever since my husband and I moved to Atlanta, from Nashville, fourteen years ago," she said, "and since we bought this place here in the country three years ago I have had quite a number of them, and not only chickens, but guineas and turkeys, but this is my queerest experience."

"I had a chicken hatched this spring that is a cross between a guinea and a chicken, but usually chickens are very much alike and not very interesting."

"Mrs. Welch is fond of animals, and has a number of pets. The queen of them all is 'Sister,' a beautiful German Police dog, which is almost like one of the family.

"I have had her for a number of years," Mrs. Welch continued, "and although I've had a number of other dogs, an own another one right now, which isn't here at present still I am fonder of 'Sister' than I have ever been of any other. Living so far out of town, I might get lonely if it weren't for her. She seems to understand everything I tell her and a lot of other things I don't tell her.

"Whenever she sees me put on my hat she knows I am going to town, jumps on the running board of the car and she runs right to the garage, and I take her almost everywhere I go, particularly if I am driving alone, not only for company but because I know she would never let anything hurt me."

"Another thing 'Sister' does

which seems very intelligent to me is that every time a chicken leaves the chicken yard, she goes after it and catches it. She never harms one, but holds it in her mouth until one of the family comes out and takes it away from her and turns it back into the chicken yard."

"Then, she not only polices the chickens and keeps me company, but I have trained her to go down to the mail box, open it and get the mail and paper. All I have to say is 'Go get the paper,' and off she starts."

The only thing that could not be ascertained about "Sister" that afternoon was her attitude on the subject of the egg-laying rooster. She went through a series of her tricks, she constantly refused to be interviewed.

Lena, the cook, was only a little less brief. She had been the one who had first discovered the phenomenon, but all she could be induced to say, was, "That chicken has sure got my goat."

—Atlanta Journal.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION MEETING

Marshall Baptist W. M. S. was delighted to have such a big crowd of cultured, religious women spend last Thursday with it. The program was much enjoyed, each feature of it well planned and prepared. The Union wishes to thank the Marshall women for the "sumptuous dinner" served by the Marshall women. We would like to mention each one who took part, but for lack of space cannot. The Demonstration by the Marshall Girls Auxiliary under the leadership of Mrs. H. L. Smith was beautifully carried out. We regretted that Miss Della Huggins was not strong enough after an illness of several weeks, to be present.

The program for this meeting was printed in the July 1st issue of this paper.

Tax Rate For Next Year

Raleigh, N. C.—The question of carrying on the activities of the county without increasing the tax rate is now facing the board of county commissioners in many of the counties, for the budget estimates which they received from the accountants last week show an increase in the amount of money proposed to be spent next year over the expenditures of the past year.

There are certain things that the boards shall do that may have a bearing on the tax rate for next year. First, there is a further analysis of the budget if the figures have not already been published. Increases asked for should be scrutinized very carefully, in order that waste in the conduct of activities and departments may be eliminated.

The board of commissioners is also charged under the Machinery Act to begin this week with a board of equalization and review for the purpose of equalizing the valuation of real and personal property as shown on the tax lists, so that each tract of land or article of personal property shall be entered on the tax list at its true value.

The board should also see that new property is added to the list. In fact, everything that can reasonably be done before August 1, when this work must be completed, should be done, as a proper assessment is a big factor in keeping down the tax rate. Forsyth County, with its rate of 55 cents on \$100 of property is said to give much care to its work of assessing.

This is a quadrennial year, that is, one of the four years when the valuation of real property is made. After the assessment on such property is made, it cannot be changed until four years from now, except for extraordinary causes. Any citizen, however, who is dissatisfied with the valuation of his property may appeal to the State Board of Assessment, which board shall fix a time for the hearing of such an appeal.

Efficiency and thoroughness in every phase of the administration of the board of county commissioners and other officials in the counties are necessary if the county government in this state is to reap the full benefits of its new system.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The annual session of the French Broad Baptist Sunday School Convention will be held with Chapel Hill Baptist church July 30-31, 1927.

THE NEW PARKING LAW

(EDITORIAL)

What the editor of this paper has to say in this article is not intended as a criticism or knock at the present administration. So far as we know these men are doing the best they can to give Marshall a satisfactory government and what we have to say is our opinion of this particular law, and not of the men who passed it. We commend these men for passing some regulations with respect to parking. Travel through Marshall is becoming greater all the time, especially since the opening of the River road to Asheville, and congestion or danger of collisions should be reduced to a minimum and heretofore parking on the Main Street of Marshall has been permitted to be done too carelessly. The business men of Marshall, some of them at least, have been keeping their cars parked on the street all day. The garages have been parking their numerous cars on the street, many of them all day. And the parking law recently passed was doubtless intended as a remedy for this condition.

But this law as it now stands is too drastic, makes wrong impressions, and fails to bring about the desired results. If the business men and garages can make arrangements to keep their cars off the street, all good and well, and so much the better. If they cannot, then some provision should be made to accommodate these people, for business men and garages are necessities, and the town should go as far as practicable to accommodate everybody.

Why regulate parking at all? 1. Ample roadway should be provided for people passing through. 18 feet should be sufficient. If this width is marked off and kept open, what harm comes of parking in the remaining space? Main Street is from 24 to 28 feet wide or more. All over 18 feet could be used for parking and it should be used, and marked off so as to take as many cars as possible. All cars should either head in or back in at the same angle and so as not to take up any of the 18 foot space. As we understand the present law, it makes no difference how straight across the street a car may be parked; it is within the law provided it is moved in 30 minutes. Hence to keep the road open the how of parking is more important than the length of time. If after the cars are properly parked, there is sufficient room to accommodate all the cars, why set the limit at 30 minutes? Very few visitors to town can finish their business in 30 minutes. Besides, what

the town needs is to keep visitors in town and not drive them away! The town should offer every convenience and attraction possible, not only to bring people to town, but also to keep them as long as possible. If the law is not intended to apply to out-of-town people, the wording should be changed so the people living out of Marshall all will understand. Moreover, it is a poor policy to discriminate in the enforcement of law. All laws should be respected and observed and if not right, should be changed but not violated.

Clearing Main Street of cars is not only not necessary but it is undesirable. Tourists passing Marshall, would get no conception of the size of Marshall or the amount of business done here with the street cleared and vacant. With the Main Street filled with cars properly parked, a stranger would be impressed at once that Marshall was a business center and while they might wonder where the people live, they would know they lived somewhere. For this reason alone we would like to see every available parking space on Main Street filled every day and all day. But if necessary for any cars to be parked on the back street or in back lots, it should be the cars of Marshall people, for visitors to town should have the parking spaces on Main Street.

Moreover, people who attend church services at Marshall and ride should be permitted to park near the church and that means to park on Main Street for a period longer than 30 minutes. It is often raining just before and after and during a service. Why compel people to walk through rain or mud to go to the car on a back street or lot? Too many people wish an excuse to stay away from church anyway and this will give them another. And church services are not only on Sundays; they are on other days as well.

In view of the above considerations, we would be pleased to see this law changed. If we are not right in our contentions, we invite an answer to this article.

From REVERE

The Sunday Schools are getting along fine.

We are all sorry to hear that Mr. Joby Ramsey is not improving. Mrs. R. N. Ramsey and children of Marshall are spending a few days in Revere.

A number of people from Revere attended church at Shady Grove Saturday night.

Mr. Jake Ramsey of Kentucky was called to Revere on account of his father's illness.

Miss Faye Wallin went horseback riding Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Shut Norton of Belva took dinner with Mrs. H. E. Wallin Sunday.

Miss Pattie Rice spent Sunday night with Miss Faye Wallin.

Mr. Hubert Ramsey was the guest of Miss Nellie Ballman Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Franklin were in Revere Sunday.

BIG PINE GETS PENNANT

ALSO GETS MADISON COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION NEXT YEAR

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wild, daughter and friend, attended the Sunday afternoon session of the Madison County Sunday School Convention held in Marshall Baptist Church last Saturday and Sunday. As a result of these four people attending the session, their church and Sunday School on Big Pine have the pennant given for the Sunday School in the County having the largest number present, considering the distance. The convention will also go to this church (North Fork Baptist) next year about this time.

The Convention this year in Marshall was enjoyed by those who attended. The two principal speakers, Messrs. D. W. Sims and W. J. Vaughan, are fine speakers and experts in their lines. Local people on the program were Mr. A. J. Dennis, Mr. A. W. Whitehurst, Mr. J. Coleman Ramsey, Miss Della Huggins, Mr. Robt. Tweed, Mr. W. B. Ramsey. The last three, on account of sickness, did not take their parts, but Rev. Mr. Knox of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. Mr. Smith of the Baptist church supplied for the two men absent.

FROM HOT SPRINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ruffy of Atlanta, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Gabey and children of New, Tenn. and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Rhyne and son of Newport all motored to Hot Springs Sunday and are guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ruffy.

Mr. and Mrs. Lippard and children motored to Newport, Tenn. Thursday. Mr. Shuford Coward and Mr. H. E. Martin of Spring Creek were in town Thursday.

Mr. Banie Lusk of Chicago, Ill. is visiting home folks at Bluff, N. C. this week.

Mr. D. B. Duckett and family and Mrs. Z. W. Norris motored to Asheville Saturday.

Mr. Andy Woody of Trust was in town this week.

Mr. Ed. Ebbs was in Hot Springs Monday on business.

Mr. W. R. Odell lost a good cow last week and it is thought she must have gotten poisoned.

Mrs. C. C. Brown and Mrs. Joe Brooks motored to Weaverville, N. C. Sunday and spent the day with the latter's niece, Mrs. L. J. Fuller.

Mrs. Thomas Ruffy returned home Friday night from Newport, Tenn. where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Pat Rhyne.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellerson and Miss Fannie Lance motored to Newport, Tenn. Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Grubbs and family returned from Bristol, Tenn. Wednesday.

Mr. W. F. Davis was in Marshall on business Monday.

Mr. Evans of Winston-Salem and Rev. Newton are holding a Sunday School meeting this week at the Methodist Church.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wright on July 2, a daughter.

Mr. G. S. Lippard was a visitor in Asheville Tuesday.

Early in the morning of July 4th, before it was yet day, the Death Angel came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reeves of near Hot Springs and bore away their precious little darling Kenneth Wesley, who had been the charm of this splendid home and the common interest of the community for the past twenty days. Little Kenneth Wesley became seriously ill of cholera infantum, running into meningitis. Although an able physician, the faithful friends and anxious parents labored for his life both day and night without ceasing, together with perhaps the hardest fight ever waged by a child of his age but alas of no avail and now little Kenneth Wesley has gone to be with Jesus while his little body sleeps on in the old Antioch cemetery.

A. A. Angel, Pastor.

(By another writer)
Mr. Tally is getting along nicely with the farm at the Willows of the Dorland-Bell School. He has the finest corn and potatoes in the country.

Mrs. Julia Talley and Mrs. Campbell were out berry picking Friday.

Mr. Talley went to Mrs. Safford's Monday and she made him a nice present of a fine collie of which he is much pleased.

Mr. Talley and family are planning on taking a visit to Foster's Creek to visit Mrs. Talley's father and mother Mr. and Mrs. Fender.

(By another writer.)
Miss Corena Vinson of Knoxville, Tenn., spent the past week with her aunt Mrs. E. E. Smith.

Mrs. Mark Rates of Newport, Tenn. is spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Smith of this place.

We have had a wonderful meeting in this town for the past month also a baptizing last Sunday. This meeting has awakened the people and let's hope they continue to stay awake.

MARSHALL BUS LINE ABANDONED BY RAMSEY

A bus line formerly operated by W. M. Ramsey of Marshall, between Asheville and Marshall, via Weaverville and Mars Hill, has been discontinued because its operation under present circumstances is not justified, it was announced Tuesday by Mr. Ramsey.

Mr. Ramsey said he surrendered his bus line franchise to R. O. Self, clerk and director of the state motor transportation commission, when the commission ruled that in order to continue operation, a fifteen-passenger bus would have to be put on the line to take the place of the seven-passenger touring cars which were being used.

No other changes in bus lines operating in and out of Asheville were ordered by Mr. Self, who was here Monday, it was stated by officers at the Asheville Bus terminal on Biltmore avenue.

The Asheville-Johnson City, Tenn., bus lines follows the new road along French Broad river making stops at Marshall, it was stated, and there is to be no change in this service. No change has been made in operation of the bus line between Asheville and Mars Hill, it was stated.

A ruling of the state motor transportation commission, made effective June 30, last, it is stated, provides shall be used instead of the regular passenger automobiles on lines obtaining new state franchises.

—Asheville Times

PRINCESS THEATRE Marshall, N. C.

—playing—
The Pick of the Pictures
"THE SEA BEAST"

"The Sea Beast" will open Monday and Tuesday, July 18-19, at the PRINCESS THEATRE for a run of two days, and will justify in every way all the glowing heaps of golden adjectives that have been piled up about this supreme effort of the Warner Brothers.

John Barrymore, the star, but even with Barrymore, the one actor who brings to the screen the feel of that indefinable quality called genius, the drama of "The Sea Beast" is the thing. For "The Sea Beast" in its suggestive power, in its overtones of surging life, in more than a photograph; it is an epic of the heroic lives of the American whalers, when in their swift clipper ships, they carried their whale hunts through the seven seas. It is a picture of rich, colorful beauty; of heart-searing pathos; of poetry that sings in action of courageous deeds; of emotions as violent and eternal as the terrific storms that sweep through the picture.

The sea dominates, and, even Barrymore, superb actor that he is, is less as any human would be less, than the epic that flashes tumultuously across the screen; the epic of the American sailors of 1840.

Nevertheless, the picture gives Barrymore the opportunity for the biggest and most impressive characterization that he has given to the screen. As the New England harpooner on the hunt for the great white whale, Moby Dick, he is so breathlessly fine that he makes even his own stirring performers in such pictures as "Beau Brummel" and "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" fade from memory, insignificantly.

The beauty of the scenes in Java, the magic way in which the atmosphere of the East has been captured, the never-equalled thrill of the surging storms at sea, the anguished suspense of the battle with the whale, are some of the things that stand out most vividly.

But it is in the massing of detail that "The Sea Beast" achieves its total effect. Such things as the titles, by Rupert Hughes the photography, by Bryon Haskins, the scenario, by Bess Meredyth, are exceptionally fine; and, dominating all, the magnificent direction of Millard Webb. The cast is long and perfectly chosen, the outstanding performers, in addition to Barrymore's, being those of Dolores Costello and George O'Hara.

"The Sea Beast" is founded upon Herman Melville's novel, "Moby Dick."

The dairymen who send poor cream to his creamery helps to destroy the reputation for North Carolina butter.

From Thomas Branch

The weather is very pretty at this writing.

Misses Neta and Lena Thomas visited Mrs. J. O. Revis Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Walter Smith and children visited Mrs. Watt Smith Sunday.

Mrs. John Freeman was visiting her father, Mr. Jack Thomas Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Revis were visiting Mr. John Treadway Sunday.

David Thomas and son of Knoxville were visiting his brother, Mr. Jack Thomas Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Thomas were seen in Walnut Saturday.

Miss Olive Revis was in Walnut Tuesday.