

## A GLIMPSE INTO THE FUTURE

Of Madison County With The Work of The Farm Agent Done Away With.

Let us (in our imaginations only, I hope) do away with our County Agent and the work that he is doing, and take a look into the future. Without a man to back the work, Biltmore will be giving notice that their cream truck will come no more, then you can't shorten bread with the butter that will be turned loose in the county. The business men and bankers of the county will greatly miss the \$10,000 that has come into the county through the sales of cream and which eventually they got.

The man that has to sell a cow now to pay his taxes, will have to sell two. They will be so reduced in price.

The market for graded eggs will also stop, and when several hundred more dozen eggs are turned loose on our local market, it will reduce the price and also make it impossible to sell a great many. You folks that are not selling a uniform graded egg to Biltmore may think you will not be hurt, but only the ones that do, but you will find that the better eggs will always sell first. You are indirectly benefited by the shipping of eggs though you ship none yourself, and you will be directly hurt by the closing of this market.

I suppose quite a few farmers have forgotten that a good grade of fertilizer went up to close \$6.00 a bag before we got an agent, and just to away with him and you will soon be paying at that again.

I guess we farmers would like to pay \$2.00 a bag for 75 lbs. of feed again and it half corn bran that a chicken won't even eat. I have tried this so I know it is true.

Had we rather buy cotton seed meal at \$2.15 for the 100 pounds or pay \$2.50 or \$3.00 for the same.

Do we want to live in a county that is made up largely of farmers and see them wear the soil out year by year and get poorer all the time, and more and more of their land be sold for taxes, just do away with the agent and his intelligent study and experiments with the soils of the county as to their needs in the way of fertilizer and lime, and his constant urging of the people to use this knowledge, and we will see this thing happen.

Every intelligent man and woman must realize the fact that it is impossible for Madison to compete with the world around her without using different methods than have been used in the past while other places are using machinery and cultivating two acres where they used to cultivate one. This is something we can not do. We must learn to make one acre produce the amount of two, and, also add dairying, poultry, hogs, and sheep to our tobacco if we hope to live. Some year, our season will make it impossible to get a crop of tobacco or hail or some unseen calamity wipe it out, or at the rate people are increasing their crops, the prices cannot hope to hold up, then we will need something to fall back on and will not find it.

Say farmers, are you going to let some men whose interests have been hurt because they can not make enormous profits off of you, talk you into letting the only thing in the county that will honest to goodness be of benefit to you, the only thing that will eventually pull you out of the rut and put you on your feet, and make you able to pay your tax?

Will you let them talk you into fighting your own interests? We never had such a fight against any former agent because they never did anything to keep some folks from living off the farmer.

Mr. Plemmons spoke of some interests getting fat. I think this fight was started because some interests were getting lean. They are not able to take things so easy and let the farmers pay the bills. I hope the farmers of Madison County will show them that they haven't got so little intelligence that the wool can be pulled over their eyes by the popular plea of lower taxes, when few folks would know the difference in their tax if the work should be done away with, the foundation whereupon it was planted.

Our county must be progressive if we ever induce worthwhile things in. Since we have an agent, people are noticing Madison and there is more business that will eventually choose Madison if we stay alive.

If you want a cotton mill and other manufacturing plants to come to Madison, by all means keep an agent, for no one wants to come to a county without a future.

A farmer who loves farmers.  
E. BRYAN

## ROARING FORK

We are having a large attendance at S. S. now.

Miss Ruth Hunter, teacher at Poplar Gap, spent the week end with friends here.

Miss Carolina Parker had as her guest Saturday, Mrs. Sidney Brown and two children, Mrs. Eula Wyatt, Misses Althea, Nellie, Eunice and Ella Wyatt, Ruth Hunter, Louetta

Payne, Messrs George and Oscar Blankenship, Hubert Pangle and Jesse Payne.

Mrs. Carl Holt of Bonnie Hill spent last week with Mrs. Tisha Gowan.

Miss Maggie Parker spent dinner Sunday with Mrs. Charlie Rainey.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brown had as their guest Saturday night a number of their friends.

Mr. Berry Brown made his usual visit to Preacher Payne's Sunday.

Miss Ora Blankenship spent Thursday night with her brother, Mr. Sanford Blankenship.

Mr. J. N. Parker is attending court this week.

Mrs. Berry Brown called on her daughter, Miss Nola Brown, at Hot Springs, Wednesday.

Mrs. Rose Williams and daughter Anna Mae and son Tilman motored to Tennessee Saturday.

Misses Althea, Nellie, and Eunice Wyatt spent the week end with their uncle, Mr. Melvin Wyatt.

Mr. George Blankenship spent dinner Sunday with Mr. Melvin Wyatt.

Mrs. Gertrude Spearman and Misses Carolina and Ellen Shetley attended S. S. at Bethel Sunday.

Mrs. Lora Brown spent dinner Sunday with her son, Mr. Berry Brown.

Misses Edith Gowan and Ardell Brown called on Miss Bonnie Williams Saturday.

Mrs. Clarence Holt of Bonnie Hill called on Mrs. Tisha Gowan Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Payne and children spent dinner Sunday with Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Payne.

Mr. Claude Rainey called on Mr. and Mrs. Billie Baldwin Sunday.

Messrs Berry and Harrison Brown, George Blankenship, Hubert Pangle, Nick and McKinley Sexton, Misses Gertrude and Sue Woody spent dinner Tuesday at the home of J. N. Parker.

Mrs. Charley Rainey took supper Sunday with Miss Maggie Parker.

## ARRESTED, TRIED, CONVICTED AND SENTENCED IN 50 MINUTES

BILL DANIELS AND C. CARSON, OF WEAVERVILLE, SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS EACH

Arrested, tried, convicted and sentenced to serve two years each on the county roads, all in less than 50 minutes from the time they had been speeding happily along the highway with two young women in an automobile, was the fate that befell two young men in Marshall Tuesday afternoon.

Bill Daniels and Cline Carson, said to be residents of Weaverville, were arrested by Sheriff R. R. Ramsey, who suspected that they were carrying liquor in their automobile. Examination revealed 21 gallons. The two, with Miss Bessie Carson and Miss Marion Daniels, were taken into the Superior Court room where Judge Michael Schenck, of Hendersonville, was holding a term of criminal court.

The men entered a plea of guilty to a charge of transporting liquor and were sentenced to serve two years on the chain gang. The women declared they were ignorant of the contents of the automobile, and were freed. They were arrested at 3 o'clock and at 3:45 they were again in the county jail with their sentences pronounced.

Judge Schenck declared from the bench that if all such law violators could be arrested and as speedily punished, there would soon be fewer violations of the prohibition law.

## RIDDLE CASE IS CONTINUED

The case of Carter Riddle, 17, of Robbinsville, who was seriously shot here Tuesday morning of last week, has been continued to the next term of criminal court.

People will be interested to know that Riddle is now up and walking around.

## From GRAND VIEW

Next Saturday and Sunday will be our meeting days. We would be glad if everyone in this community would attend as well as others.

Mr. R. M. Reese was visiting Mr. T. C. Hooker who is very ill, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. C. M. Burnette was visiting her daughter Mrs. J. G. Reese who is ill, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Rice and children of Burnsville Hill were visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Rice Sunday.

Mr. R. H. Reese of New Bridge was visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Reese Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Keys of Long Branch were at this place Sunday.

Mr. Jonah Rice, Misses Minnie and Stella Rice motored to Big Pine last Sunday.

Mr. Donald West and Willard Clark of New Bridge were motoring through this community Sunday.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Reese Sunday afternoon, were Mr. and Mrs. W. G. McDaris and child-

## THE PUBLISHER'S COLUMN ABOUT VARIOUS MATTERS

Not many more days now until the 1929 session of the legislature will be history. What it will have accomplished for the good of the state, we cannot mention here. We have not kept very closely in touch with the bills passed, but there are many more local bills than bills that have a general nature affecting more than one county. We wonder if purely local measure affecting only one county or one community should occupy the attention of the entire legislature. Especially now that the salaries of our legislators have been raised to about where they should be, would it not be wise to find some way of reducing the time of the legislature, letting that body consider matters of more general importance than purely local matters. Why take the time of the legislature to name a bridge across the Roanoke River? We believe that much valuable time is lost by this big and expensive body that could be done just as well by a smaller body and if they are needed for the entire sixty days on the larger measures, let them remain in session; if not, let them stop and go home as soon as possible. We are kept in anxiety too long, not knowing what they may do or what they may not do, and the sooner it is over the better it will be for us, anyway. We have too many laws now. It is not laws we need, but proper enforcement of those we have and proper respect for law and the officers charged with enforcing them.

We are printing elsewhere in this paper this week another article sent us for last week's paper by Senator Ira Plemmons. We are printing it in full again notwithstanding the fact that it contains some statements that are misleading. You will notice in one paragraph that he has tried to make the impression that this writer used the word "mob" with reference to some Madison County voters. In illustrating my point that the majority is not always right, I said that the mob crucified Christ and now the Senator would have you believe that I used the word in another sense entirely. Fortunately there are copies of my papers in our files running back to the very first and they speak for themselves. To be sure our Senator would not try to deceive our people whom he is representing in Raleigh.

In our issue of February 1, in his article, Senator Plemmons says, "I have tried to make careful inquiry from the representatives of the different counties that have a hospital of the kind proposed for our county. In every case the same thing very nearly has been said to me, and that is that it is breaking the county up to maintain it." That statement was intensely interesting to this writer. We believed and do yet believe that if such a condition exists as he says the people of our county should know about it and it was our intention to join with the Senator in warning our voters that it would not be wise to follow in their trail. We wrote to Mr. Plemmons to furnish us with names of people and counties he referred to so that we might investigate first hand and give our people the benefit of our investigation. We wrote him three times urging him to furnish these names, and finally wrote him that we understood he had been offered a hundred dollars to furnish one name and he had not done so. That is what he refers to in his article, but you notice he does not deny having been offered the amount and tries to make it appear that he was offered the amount as hush money, or to OPEN his mouth, when really the amount was offered to get him to try to excuse his silence by saying, "Men outside our county who have talked with me about the hospitals do not want to make statements to the press on matters that do not in the least concern them." That is certainly a strange statement. This writer would be only too glad to let other counties know it if our county was being broken up to maintain a hospital, if our letting them know it would keep them out of such trouble. Besides, it is not necessary for us to call names in the press or refer to specific counties, if they wish to keep their misfortune secret. We could have given facts without calling names if it had been necessary. The truth is, Senator Plemmons himself gave the press what he said they said whether they like it or not. "Sunny!"

One of the disadvantages of a weekly paper is the fact that so many important matters happen to fall on press day. We go to press with this paper on Thursdays. No one but those in the shop knows how many things happen on this day. The most important trial in this court, for instance, started giving evidence Thursday morning. If we were to hold the paper until this trial had been completed, you would not get it as early as usual. But everybody has his or her worries. Let's take them as they come and not worry over them.

We are giving our readers notice this week that we shall be compelled to stop their papers if they do not pay up. If you will be kind enough to look up on your label how far you are behind and renew at once by mail, you will certainly help us a great deal. Or come in and talk the matter over.

The Frisby case will probably continue for two days or more and it is being watched with a great deal of interest.

## TAXES AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

By Wm. S. Rice  
Editor News-Record,  
Marshall, N. C.  
Dear Editor:

Please allow me very little say about "Here and There".

First I want to say that the cry about high taxes is somewhat overdone. Too many fail to see what we have to pay taxes for, in the way of improvements. Let us look back twenty-five years and travel the old roads, with the old teams and take a peep at the little red school house with one teacher and the house chock full of children, he teaching three or four months in the year. Then let us take a wagon load of tobacco to Greenville, Tenn., and sell it for about \$80.00 taking three days to make the trip. Then think of eating breakfast and packing three or four hundred pounds in our Ford, go to the market in two hours, sell and come home for supper, bringing back \$125 or \$150. Then think long enough to draw the contrast. We all like the good roads, we all enjoy the car rides, we do not object to the larger and better school buildings with modern equipments and better school system in general but we do kick hard when it comes to paying taxes for all these good privileges. Now I am in a posi-

tion to know that some of our tax cry is overdone. I am seventy years old and own the same farm now that I owned twenty-five years ago. I paid then, from \$18 to \$25 for taxes. I have been paying near \$100 a year for several years. I am honest in believing that I pay my latter taxes as easy as I did the former taxes. I was looking to the farm then for everything and I am still doing the same thing. It is true I have set a few traps of late to try to catch some money. Twelve years ago I set a trap for some fruit money. I had to wait several years, but this trap is catching some money for the last few years. Another trap is in using high grade fertilizer to catch more tobacco, corn, oats and hay per acre. Now I would like for my taxes to be reduced if it can be done without bleeding to the bone the things that make our rural community welfare worth while. I am a strong advocate of economy; but not to the miser's degree. He thinks a dollar is everything. I like economizing on one corner. I believe we have too many chronic kickers these days. Too, I think we have too many people who cannot or will not adapt themselves to new surroundings or opportunities. We can acquire adaptability if we try. If I should go to the West to farm, the first thing I would do would be to inquire of the best farmers there how they did things. Then I would adopt their mode.

Another thing that hurts all of us is our prejudices toward those who do things differently from the way we happen to do things to earn a living. Not long ago a man said he would not sign anything nor belong to anything that a lawyer or doctor was in. I said, "You don't mean it." "Yes I do," he said. I said, "Well, we will see if you do, suppose you go home, you get into trouble and kill a man, will not your mind run to the best lawyer you can think of? Or suppose you become seriously ill. Your mind again will run to the best doctor." He said, "Well, I was not looking at it in that light." We should see the good as well as the bad in all people. How many of us know that there is so much good in the best of us and so much bad in the worst of us, that it doesn't become any of us to talk about the rest of us.

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## FRISBY TRIAL NOW IN PROGRESS

JOHN R. FRISBY OF REDMON ON TRIAL FOR THE MURDER OF HIS SON

Evidence is being heard in the court at Marshall as we go to press, in the only murder case in this term of court—that of State against John R. Frisby for the murder of his son. Court convened Monday, Judge Michael Schenck presiding. Quite a number of whiskey cases were tried and Judge Schenck made them sit up and take notice by imposing chain gang sentences.

Charged with shooting to death his son, Erna Frisby, 47, on Saturday night, August 4, 1928, John R. Frisby of Redmon, near Marshall, is now on trial on a charge of second degree murder.

The selection of a jury was effected with great difficulty, many having been rejected by State and defense attorneys for various reasons, and it was not until late in the afternoon of Wednesday that the trial got under way.

Second Trial  
This is the second time the defendant has gone on trial in connection with the shooting of his son, a mistrial having been ordered by Judge P. A. McElroy at the first trial last August after the majority of an imposing array of State and defense witnesses had been heard. The father is represented by George M. Pritchard, of Asheville, and John H. McElroy, son of Judge McElroy, of Marshall.

Mr. Frisby, who is 68 years of age, was arrested while asleep on a path, leading from the home of his son at Redmon, a short time after the bullet-riddled body of the former had been found by Paul Frisby, son of the deceased, on the living room floor of the mountain home.

At the inquest and post mortem examination the following day Mrs. Erna Frisby, wife of the dead man, stated that she did not see the shooting, as she had just left the room. However, she swore that she heard her son say: "Dad, put up your gun," a few moments before a shot rang out in the room occupied by the father and son. She also said that she heard her husband say, "Dad, please don't shoot me any more," and that immediately afterwards, several shots were fired.

Officers stated that they found the house deserted, and that a .45 calibre revolver with several empty cylinders was found by the side of the aged man as he slept on the pathway.

The father since his arrest has protested his guilt and is making a strenuous fight to evade conviction. His sons and daughters are reported to be aiding their father in his fight for acquittal. Mr. Frisby was released under bond of \$3,500 a few days after his son was killed.

As we went to press, the following witnesses had been heard: Dr. Dittmore, Paul Frisby, Clark and Mrs. Erna Frisby, widow of the deceased.

Indications are that New Yorkers are at last in for a good Whalen. —The Pathfinder

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