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### Special Notice

Polk county farmers who desire to improve their dairy cattle will do well to go with me to Salisbury, Dec 8th, 9th and 10th, 1920 to attend the State Livestock Association. See notice elsewhere in this issue of what will be offered to farmers. The best dairy type of cattle will be there, beef cattle, sheep and hogs. It is not far away, so do a lot of you get busy and lets go down and see what the Old North State is doing in the way of growing livestock and get into the game. Remember the time is Dec. 8th, 9th and 10. All who will go with me let me know and we will get together at Tryon and Landrum on the morning of Dec. 8th and go together.

### Beef and Mutton Raisers to Celebrate at Salisbury

Livestock men from all over the state will celebrate December 10th, in honor of the sleek barreled beef steak producer and the animal which provides warm clothes. "Beef cattle and sheep day" at the State Livestock Meeting, Salisbury, is to be a big day, according to County Farm Agent J. R. Sams who outlines the program and urges cotton and tobacco farmers to go to Salisbury and find out how pure-bred cattle and sheep are making farming more profitable in North Carolina.

Among the speakers on "Beef cattle and sheep day" are; Dr. Tait Butler, one of the South's noted agricultural leaders, C. S. Plumb of the animal husbandry division, Ohio State University, and J. C. McNutt, Amherst Mass., representing the American Milking Shorthorn Breeders' Association, who was formerly with the N. C. State College.

"All the live livestock men will be there" is the way the officers of the association put it, and they are inviting all the folks who don't raise livestock now but will someday to come and find out what the wise ones are doing to bring permanent prosperity to the Old North State.

### Dehorning Cattle

Last week several farmers interviewed me relative to the time and method and treatment of dehorning cattle.

In the Southern Ruralist I read a piece by Dr. C. A. Cary, Alabama College of Agriculture,

who is high authority, which is published this week that hits the nail square on the head. I trust every farmer in Polk county who is not well posted on dehorning cattle will cut out what Dr. Cary says and paste it up by the side of your clock where you can have it for future use. It is excellent on the subject.

Young calves can be easily and readily dehorned when the horn button can just be felt by applying a little caustic potash. Before applying, put a little lard all around the place, on the skin. A knife or chisel can also be used to cut out the horn button, or bud and a little tar and then cotton applied. With calves, dehorning may be done at any time of the year. Dehorning older animals should be practiced only in cool weather, from November to March.

Dehorning shears or clippers may be used on young feeders or stockers, but for breeding cattle and other cattle it is best to use the saw. In older animals some clippers are hard to work and in some cases the bone is crushed and splintered besides, it is not adjustable, so that a neat cut at the proper place can be made so as to produce a typical poll. A good saw can be used to cut the horn off so as to produce the best type poll and make a good-looking head. It is best to have a good dehorning chute so that cattle can be handled with the least trouble and danger of injury. If only a few are to be dehorned, tie the animals up to a post or fence in such a manner that they will not be hurt or injured.

After clipping or sawing off the horn, it is well to take a little clean fresh absorbent cotton and wipe the hair, etc., from the opening and then apply a little tar on the hair around the wound followed by a pad of absorbent cotton.

It is always best to clip or saw down far enough to get the growing, live or matrix part of the horn. Generally this requires cutting or sawing at least one-half inch of the skin. Sometimes in November or in warmer months, flies get their eggs or maggots into the wound. Then it is necessary to take up the animal, clean out the place, remove the larva of the flies, and disinfect with weak carbolic acid or creolin. Sometimes filth or in-

fection gets into the cavity of the head and these produce inflammation and pus and the outside of the wound may heal. Then the pus may run down and out at the nose or by pressure cause pain. In such cases, it is well to open the cavity at the place of dehorning and drain out the pus by holding up the nose of the animal and tilting its head to one side. Then apply tar and cotton. Repeat this treatment daily for a week.

### Columbus

Mrs. Carnegie is having her house repaired and porches added.

Misses Mabel Lynch, Bernice Smith, Ruth Byers, Barbara Voorheers, Alice McCrain, Eva and Estella Pace, Elma Newman and Mr. Philemon Head spent Thanksgiving with home folks.

Professor S. M. Clarkson, Mrs. Jack, Misses Carrie McNeeley and Alice Tallant attended the Teachers Assembly in Asheville, last week.

Misses Ethel Starnes and Orphie Sherhard, visited Miss Starnes home in Hickory, N. C., through Thanksgiving.

J. G. Hughes and wife, are quite ill at this writing.

Dr. Hardwick and family from Boston, Mass., are spending a few days camping at the "Riceholm".

M. P. Spears was called to Spartanburg on business Saturday.

A. H. Elliott is home for a few days.

John T. Gilbert principal of Fox Mountain school spent last week in Asheville.

### Stearns High School Notes

There were 31 pupils of Stearns High School that were neither absent nor tardy during the past month, and 12 made grades above 90 on attendance, deportment and lessons.

Mrs. L. T. Williams is camping near Columbus. Her brother and sister are with her.

A. S. Caldwell and family spent Sunday in Lynn at the home of Fred Swann.

J. P. Arledge, daughter Minnie and son Roone, spent Thanksgiving in Hendersonville.

Miss Jeanette and Robert McFarland, visited in Lynn last week.

R. T. McFarland and wife were in Asheville Friday.

J. A. Bishop and wife of Campbell, S. C., visited relatives near Columbus last week.

Miss Leila Denton, daughter of G. M. Denton, and John Spurgeon Arledge son of Rev. J. B. Arledge, were married at Tryon November, 21.

Clarence Davenport the five year old son of Charles Davenport and wife, had an operation for adenoids at Tryon last Saturday.

Dink Ridings is very sick at his home.

Professor Clarkson, on his way back from the Teachers' Assembly, spent a few days with Thos. E. Pace and family.

Mack P. Spears will soon move his family to Hendersonville.

Miss Orphie Sherhard, our music teacher, is quite sick at this writing.

There was quite a large crowd at the corn shucking at O. L. Feagan's last Monday night. Everyone reported a fine time especially the young ladies.

Miss Mattie Phillips had a cotton picking Thursday. Oh! what a fine time we high school pupils had.

Mr. Examination will visit our high school the week commencing December 13.

Frank Green has entered school after being absent for two weeks, working at home he says.

### Notice of Sale.

The parcel of land known as the old water shed tract, consisting of about sixty acres of mountain land and situated above Horse Shoe Curve and belonging to the Town of Tryon will be sold at Public Auction at Town Hall on Monday Dec., 27, 1920 at ten o'clock.

By order of the Mayor and Commissions of the Town of Tryon of Tryon.

M. G. BLAKE  
Clerk

### At The Congregational Church.

Rev. W. A. Black, A. M. Pastor.

Bible School Sunday morning at 10.

Public Worship and Sermon at 11.

Bible Studies in Matthew Wednesdays at 4. p. m.

Tourists and all citizens cordially welcome.