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The people in Polk County evidently are not very anxious to have good roads—if they were they would get to-gether and make them.

We may not have good roads and there are a great many other things we do not possess but we certainly do have a magnificent climate and people are finding it out.

By the way, we are going to have a telephone system. The Polk County Telephone Company says so, and we think they mean business.

The air of bustling activity and the stir of the numerous shoppers on the streets of Tryon these afternoons remind one of the approach of Christmas.

We observe many new faces among them which is an evidence of the fact that new people are continually being attracted to our county on account of our fine winter climate.

**EDUCATIONAL.**

To the Editor:

The subject of public education is now assuming a very prominent place in the public mind and it may be well to call the attention of our people to the necessity of getting into line. It was my good fortune to attend the Educational Conference at Raleigh recently and to meet with representative men from most of the counties in the State. It required but a short time to convince one that the State of North Carolina is on the eve of a great educational movement. The superintendents of about eighty-five counties were present. The meeting was full of life and enthusiasm from start to finish. Supt. Joyner presided with grace and dignity. The success of the meeting was due to his efforts and his program was excellent. He is the "right man in the right place." Interesting addresses were made by Dr. Butterick Secretary of the Southern Education Board, Dr. McIver of the State Normal, Pres Venable of the University, Prof. Claxton of Tenn. and others. The principal subjects discussed were Consolidation of School districts, Better School houses, better Attendance and Local Taxation. This question of local taxation it seems to me very nearly solves the problem. I am aware that the subject of local taxation is one that must be cautious, and I wish to state emphatically that I am opposed to taxing people without their consent. It is always best to submit the question to the people and abide their decision. We pay taxes and taxes, but how little of it goes for the improvement of the children's minds. Would it not be far better to put more of our money into the brains of our boys and girls than to spend so much of it in trying to suppress crime. If we educate our children crime will diminish as intelligence increases.

Our people will be elevated in proportion as their minds, hearts and hands are trained. How are these things to be brought about? By having better and longer schools. We cannot have schools without paying for them. It is said "Providence helps those who help themselves." We must rely mainly on our own efforts if we would

reach the desired end. Any school district or township under the present law, can vote a tax for their own individual schools. In 1902 we had a four months term in all our districts. To do this we had to ask aid from the State. We need to depend more upon ourselves. If we would vote a tax of ten cents on the \$100 worth of property and thirty cents on the poll we could increase the length of our schools about six weeks or two months. Let every tax payer of the county calculate for himself how much this additional tax would increase his school taxes, and then let him decide, if he can invest the same amount in any way where the results would be more satisfactory.

Friends of education it is time to bestir ourselves! Let us discuss this subject through the columns of THE POLK COUNTY NEWS. I am sure the worthy editor will give us space. We cannot afford to lag behind in this great work.

W. M. JUSTICE,  
County Supt. of Education.  
Mill Spring, N. C.  
Dec. 2, 1902.

**Annual Report**

OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF

**Polk County,**

FOR THE

**Year Ending Dec. 1st, 1902.**

J. E. Smith, Coroner, for holding an inquest on the body of Henry Barnhill,	18 60
Dr. Earle Grady, for witness fees, State vs. Will Henderson and Bud Sanders,	25 60
T. F. Mills, for inquest juror over body of Henry Barnhill,	1 00
N. E. Williams, for inquest juror over the body of Henry Barnhill,	1 00
L. Brown, inquest juror over the body of Henry Barnhill,	1 00
N. L. Whitesides, inquest juror over the body of Henry Barnhill,	1 00
G. L. Taylor, inquest juror over the body of Henry Barnhill,	1 00
A. H. Lynch, inquest juror over the body of Henry Barnhill,	1 00
J. W. Newman, for jail fees for Nov. 1901,	7 80
R. L. Garren, for listing taxes in Tryon Township, for 1901,	20 00
W. C. Robertson, for various jurors and other fees filed,	46 05
W. C. Newman, for interest on judgement vs. County Commissioners, No. 9, page 146, C. S. C. office,	9 90
H. P. and G. H. Arledge, for support of county poor,	90 20
W. C. Robertson, for various jurors tickets, fall term, 1901,	42 20
B. Jackson, jailer for Henderson County, jail fees for Will Henderson,	26 50
L. M. Brown, purchase money paid for land sold in the name of L. W. Wilkerson,	5 11
J. E. Shipman, services as attorney for the board of County Commissioners,	16 00
Elizabeth Cornwell, for support of Chas. Cornwell for Dec. 1901,	4 00
N. B. Hampton, C. S. C. for various fees and accounts filed,	8 55
T. C. Hampton, various half fees, fall term, 1901,	36 26
T. P. Covington, services as County Commissioner from Nov. 7th, 1901 to Jan. 7th, 1902,	11 90
J. R. Rhodes, for services as County Commissioner from Oct. 7th, 1901 to Jan. 7th, 1902,	18 80
A. E. Jones, for services as County Commissioner to date,	26 00
C. C. Hampton, for yards of bell rope and table cover,	51
A. L. McMurray, for services as clerk board of County Commissioners and various other fees filed,	63 05
Geo. Smith, for special juror, fall term, 1901,	1 10
Edwards & Boughton, for record of deeds,	7 50
W. C. Robertson, Sheriff, for various juror tickets proven fall term, 1901,	27 41
W. C. Robertson, Sheriff, for various juror tickets proven fall term, 1901,	22 10
W. C. Robertson for C. W. Wilson for arrest and expenses of conveying Ose Rhodes to Polk County jail,	11 35
J. B. Smith, Coroner for inquest over the body of Mose Holbert,	8 90
D. F. Morrow, for judgements vs. County Commissioners, No. 6, page 142, C. S. C. office,	83 45
L. W. Wilhelm, for inquest juror over the body of Mose Holbert,	1 00
Clemens Waters, inquest juror over the body of Mose Holbert,	1 00
John Waters, for inquest juror over the body of Mose Holbert,	1 00
J. W. Newman, for jail fees for Jan. 1902,	4 20
T. P. Covington, for services as County Commissioner, 1 day and mileage,	3 30
A. E. Jones, for services as County Commissioner, and mileage,	8 60
J. R. Rhodes, for services as County Commissioner and mileage,	3 20
N. B. Hampton, C. S. C. for various fees and accounts filed,	8 45
W. H. McFarland, for inquest juror over the body of Mose Holbert,	1 00
H. E. Gray, for recovering rooms over Registrar of Deeds office and front of court house,	67 37

W. C. Robertson, Sheriff, for various fees filed,	19 40
J. W. Newman, jail fees for Feb. 1902,	14 65
M. W. Page, special juror, fall term 1901,	1 10
W. C. Robertson for L. M. Brown judgement vs. County Commissioners No. 17, page 144,	208 73
J. T. Waldrop, for judgement vs. County Commissioners, No. 1, page 145,	206 26
Ballenger & Quint, for supplies in small pox cases at Tryon for Jan. and Feb. 1902,	33 71
E. E. Misseldine, druggist for medicine furnished in small pox cases at Tryon, for Dec. 1901 and Jan. and Feb. 1902,	6 45
Sue Mills, for cleaning and white-washing house in small pox cases at Tryon,	5 00
P. H. McDonald, for cotton bats furnished in small pox cases at Tryon,	3 00
L. M. Thompson, for house rent in small pox cases at Tryon,	5 00
Elizabeth Cornwell for support of Chas. Cornwell, for Jan. and Feb. 1902,	8 00
J. D. Childers, inquest juror over the body of Mose Holbert,	1 00
A. L. McMurray, for jury proven by C. D. Elliot, spring term 1902	7 30
A. L. McMurray, for jury tickets proven by L. H. Cloud, s. t. 1903	6 10
A. L. McMurray, jury tickets proven by J. A. Mills, s. t. 1902,	2 10
N. G. Rhodes, inquest juror over the body of Mose Holbert,	1 00
W. C. Robertson, Sheriff, for various jury tickets proven s. t. 1902 and various other accounts filed,	125 25
W. S. Croker, for publishing annual report of county commissioners for 1901,	19 50
R. L. Newman, special court officer for 5 days, s. t. 1902,	7 50
J. R. Rhodes, for services as county commissioner for two days and mileage,	6 40
T. P. Covington, for services as county commissioner, 2 days and mileage,	6 60
A. E. Jones, for services as county commissioner for 6 days and mileage,	17 20
J. W. Newman, for jail fees for March 1902,	40 95
W. S. Green, for Dr. E. Grady for services as county physician from Oct. 1901 to April 7th, 1902	7 751
N. B. Hampton, c. s. c., various claims filed,	8 05
J. E. Shipman, services as attorney to the board of county commissioners for 3 months,	16 00
M. A. Moore, repairing the Wilkins ford bridge over green river	3 50

**RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.**

At a recent meeting of the K. of P. Lodge of Columbus the following resolutions were adopted:—

Whereas we have in the center of our town, a square owned by F. M. Stearns, of Cleveland, O., used as school property and whereas the same has been neglected for a number of years, bushes and briars have been allowed to grow and become repulsive in appearance and in the opinion of said Lodge an injury to the appearance of the town and whereas we desire to promote the interests of our town and offer a little expression of our appreciation of the liberality and good work done here by Mr. Stearns, the founder and promoter of the Central Industrial Institute.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Columbus Lodge, No. 114, K. of P. shall undertake with the assistance of the citizens in general to clear school house lot of superfluous brush, plant trees where needed and sow the lot to grass, make walks and otherwise improve and beautify said property and make of the same a Central Park.  
J. E. SHIPMAN,  
J. P. MORRIS,  
DR. W. C. BOSTIC, } Committee.

**CHURCH NEWS.**

The C. E. Society held the regular monthly consecration and business meeting Sunday evening. A number of applications for membership were received and the society voted to subscribe for the "Christian Endeavor World" for the use of the members.

Mrs. John Carnegie and Miss Estelle Webster rendered two delightful duets that were much enjoyed.

Rev. John Walker, of Rutherfordton, the new pastor of the Columbus Baptist church, preached his first sermon last Sunday from the text: "What think ye of Christ?" It was a very eloquent and touching appeal and many favorable comments were heard. A large congregation was present and every one went away well pleased with the young man's earnestness and sincerity of manner.

Rev. W. H. Perry will preach next Sunday at Bethlehem 11 a.m.; at Pleasant Hill 3 p.m., and at Columbus 7 p.m.

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**Mortgage Sale.**

By virtue of the power contained in a certain mortgage executed on the 22nd day of March, 1902, by Elias Lynch and wife, Nancy Lynch, to Aurena Newman to secure an indebtedness of \$28.75, which mortgage is duly recorded in the office of the Registrar of Deeds for Polk County, in Mortgage Book No. 1, at page 319, and default having been made in the payment of said indebtedness, I will, on Monday, January 5th, 1903, at about 12 o'clock, offer for sale at the court house door in Columbus, N. C., at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, to satisfy said indebtedness with interest, cost and expenses added, the following described lands, lying and being in the State of North Carolina, County of Polk, and Township of Columbus, adjoining lands of N. B. Hampton and F. M. Stearns and bounded as follows:  
Beginning at a point on the east side of the Columbus and Tryon road, thence south 70, east 10 poles to a stone; thence south 8, east 9 poles to a stone; thence north 70, west 10 poles, to a stone on side of Columbus and Tryon road; thence north 8, west 9 poles to beginning. Containing one-half acre, more or less.  
AURENA NEWMAN,  
J. E. SHIPMAN, Mortgagee.  
Attorney.  
This Dec. 4th, 1902.

**Mortgage Sale.**

By virtue of the power contained in a certain mortgage executed on the 16th day of May, 1901, by Jackson Foster and wife, Aggy Foster, to Rena Newman, to secure certain indebtedness therein named, which mortgage is duly recorded in the office of the Registrar of Deeds for Polk county, in book 17 at page 80, and default having been made in the payment of the same, I will, on Saturday, December 20th 1902, at about 12 o'clock, offer for sale at the court house door in Columbus, N. C., at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, to satisfy said indebtedness, to wit: \$150.00 with interest, cost and expenses added, the following described land, lying and being in the State of North Carolina, County of Polk, Township of Tryon, and known and designed as follows, viz: Adjoining the lands of Daniel Pace and others, and be-

ginning at a stake on the How Gap Road, thence north 36, west 2 1/4-100 chains; thence north west 7 90-100 chains; thence north east 6 16-100 chains to a stone; thence west 8 40-100 chains to a stone; thence south 56 1-2 chains to a stone; thence south 24 east 14 chains to a stone; thence north 64 chains to the beginning, containing 40 acres more or less, excepting acres sold to F. A. Thompson.  
RENA NEWMAN,  
Mortgagee.  
Per J. E. Shipman, Atty.  
This Nov. 20th 1902.

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