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DATE SET FOR POLK COUNTY FAIR.

To Have Three Days' Fair This Year. Oct. 9, 10 and 11 Selected for Date.

FAIR PROGRAM TO BE PUSHED.

The Directors of the Polk County Fair Association met at the Bank of Tryon, Tuesday afternoon, with chairman Cobb presiding. Many important matters came before the Board. It was decided to ask all persons in Polk county to become members of the Association, in order that it might stimulate interest. The Fair will be handled the same way this year as last, that is, premium monies will be raised by voluntary contribution. No fees will be asked of those who become members of the Association. Membership tickets will be issued in duplicate and placed in the various townships. These tickets will be signed, the member retaining one portion, the other returned to the Secretary, who will at once enroll the signer as a member of the Association.

The President was empowered to appoint the Premium List and Prize Committees. It was decided to have three days of the Fair this year instead of one as last year, and the date was set for October 9, 10 and 11. The first day will be devoted entirely to entries, and it is hoped thereby to avoid the confusion which arose on account of so many late entries, last year.

Chairman Cobb was authorized to contract for space in the POLK COUNTY NEWS to give out such information to the officers and directors, as well as members, as to what was being done, and keep everybody fully informed as to the progress being made.

Now that the date has been set, let everybody in Polk county arrange to grow something for display this year. Suitable awards will be made, and it is hoped that there will be many entries in all departments. It is more than probable that a suitable premium will be allowed for the finest garden display. Let every garden raiser in Polk county compete for this prize.

—W. S. S.—
MILL SPRING.

Rev. J. M. Barber filled his regular appointment at the M. E. church, Sunday.

Wonder why so many of the Brevard girls are home? We are glad to see such an addition to the NEWS corps of correspondents. Hope they will continue to write, for we are glad to hear from them.

Mr. Henry Shankle has moved his family from here to Gyansville, S. C. Little Nellie and Fred Walker visited their cousins, Katherine and Robert Elliott, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. J. H. Gibbs has purchased a "J. H. Ford."

Mr. Lee Johnson, of Camp Sevier, is visiting his mother, at this writing. Minter and Fred Barber visited Gordon and George Gibbs, Sunday.

Messes Mossie Edwards and Odessa Mills passed through Sunday, en route to Columbus.

Mr. J. H. Gibbs made a business trip to Tryon, Friday.

Mr. Joe Walker and Miss Annie Lee Gibbs were pleasant callers at the home of Mr. Joseph Barber, Saturday night.

Quarterly conference will be held at the M. E. church, Saturday and Sunday. Rev. Holmes will preach. Let everybody who can, attend.

Mr. J. R. Hamilton's family certainly was missed at church, Sunday. We are sorry to know they have german measles.

Messes George and Edward Barber spent last week-end in Rutherfordton.

Mr. Ray Walker was in Columbus, Tuesday.

Glad to know that Mrs. A. M. Lynch is improving.

—W. S. S.—
SILVER CREEK.

Quite a few in this section attended services at Mountain View church, Sunday.

Mr. B. J. Hill has returned home from Spartanburg.

Miss Nona Searcy spent Saturday with Miss Lena Green.

Mr. Bona Arledge, who has accepted a position in Spartanburg, spent the week-end with his parents.

Mr. Harrison Bradley spent Sunday with E. W. Bradley.

Cotton pickings are held quite often at the different homes around here, and are enjoyed by all who attend.

Mrs. H. P. Arledge spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. Jesse Spawn.

J. D. Carpenter was here on business, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Avery Elliott and children, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Arledge.

J. L. Hill is selling out his stock and household goods, preparatory to moving out west.

Miss Searcy and Mr. Jeter Thompson were pleasant callers at Mountain View Farm, Sunday evening.

SALUDA.

Mr. John Sullivan and Mr. Harold O'Sullivan, of New York, now stationed at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, spent the week-end as guests of Mrs. H. P. Locke and Miss Rosa Box. By invitation they visited the Red Cross work rooms on Saturday afternoon. They were very much pleased with the work the ladies are doing.

Mrs. George H. Holmes, of Tryon, visited in Saluda last Tuesday.

Mrs. Henry H. McKee spent Tuesday in Hendersonville.

Mrs. E. M. Salley motored to Asheville on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. McCallister entertained Mr. and Mrs. Reed, of Spartanburg, Miss J. Thompson and other friends at dinner last Sunday.

Miss Alice Smith, of Charleston, has arrived to spend several months with her cousin, Mrs. H. P. Locke.

Mrs. Brown, of Asheville, formerly of Saluda, visited friends here this week. She reports her daughter, Miss Lucy is improving.

Miss Ara Lankford visited relatives in Greenville, Spartanburg and Landrum last week, and left today for an extended visit to other relatives in Hendersonville, Brevard and Mills River. Miss Lankford is on her annual vacation.

Mr. Hugh Thompson, formerly of Saluda, has accepted a position at Campobello.

Mr. J. Price, of Camp Jackson, Columbia, visited relatives here this week.

Miss Lucille Garren and Mr. Fred Robinson, both of Saluda, were united in marriage on Thursday afternoon, February 21st, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Garren. The bride's only attendant was her sister, little Miss Kathleen Garren, who acted as ring bearer. Only the immediate families of the bride and groom and very intimate friends were present. After the ceremony dainty refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson left on the afternoon train for Jacksonville, Fla., where they will be entertained by relatives and friends. From there they will leave for other points in Florida, before returning home.

The Boy Scouts of Saluda held two meetings this week to complete their organization.

P. H. Bailey and family spent Sunday in Cowpens, S. C.

Quite an enthusiastic patriotic meeting was held last Friday evening at the Library Hall. Two soldiers from Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, were present. They were both called on to deliver an address, but only one responded. He told of his experience at the front and of trench warfare.

PROGRAM.

Washington's Birthday Celebration.

Song, Star Spangled Banner.

Address and Prayer, Rev. W. B. Allen.

Address, Mr. Walter Jones.

Saluda School Song.

Seminary Students.

Address, Mr. A. De Vere Turner.

Address, Rev. J. Folger.

Poem, Invocation.

Miss Bernice Davenport.

Song, Columbia.

Seminary Students.

Address, Mr. H. P. Corwith.

Benediction, Rev. J. Folger.

America.

Seminary Students and Audience

—W. S. S.—

SALUDA COMMUNITY CLUB.

At the patriotic meeting held at Saluda, February 22nd, it was decided to hold patriotic meetings once a month and endeavor to procure interesting speakers for each meeting. A committee was appointed to consider the matter and determine along what lines the organization should proceed. This committee met at the Library Hall February 24th and after perfecting an organization by electing Rev. W. B. Allen, chairman, and Walter Jones, secretary, it was unanimously decided to call the organization the Community Club, and it was decided to branch out and take in the various phases of community life, as well as to hold the patriotic meetings once a month.

The following committees were appointed.

On Patriotic Meetings—to arrange program and procure speakers—Mr. Turner, Dr. Little, Miss Box and Rev. Folger.

Committee on Meeting Place—Mr. Capps, Mrs. Campbell and Rev. Mr. Allen.

Committee on Agricultural Meetings—Prof. Stevens, and Rev. Mr. Allen.

Committee on Young People's Organization—Mr. Turner, Rev. Mr. Allen, Rev. Mr. Folger, Mr. Corwith, Mr. Stevens and Dr. Little.

Finance Committee—No appointment made, but left open for some future meeting.

Committee on Publication—Mrs. Bushnell.

The object of the organization is to promote and stimulate all phases of civic and community and public welfare, and more especially to awaken the people to a realization of their civic responsibilities at this time of our country's need; to stimulate their patriotism and arouse them to their duty and obligation as citizens; and to inculcate into the lives of the young people those principles of liberty and of righteousness for which we are called upon in the present great conflict to perpetuate and defend.

FROM OUR FRIENDS OVER THE COUNTY

Some Items of General Interest Gathered By Our Correspondents From Various Sections of Polk County

LYNN.

The friends of W. A. Cannon will be glad to see him back from the hospital, and it is to be hoped he will soon be able to resume his duties as Postmaster.

Don't forget the Fair when you plant your garden.

Are you planning to be at County Commencement?

Read the POLK COUNTY NEWS if you want to keep up with the band wagon.

Mr. Sams, County Agent, visited the Lynn school one day this week and made a nice talk, which was very much appreciated by teachers and pupils.

Miss Reece, who has been at Teachers' Cottage for some time, left last week, for her sister's sick bedside, Greenfield, Mass.

The family of J. B. Simmons have recovered from measles, and he is now preparing to move his family to Rutherfordton, N. C.

The Tryon Hosiery Co., seems to have a good supply of wood on hand, just now.

Its time to plant early peas and potatoes. Don't fail to make a garden. If you do you might fail to have anything to eat.

How the roads will dry with the approach of spring. High winds, and lots of sunshine.

Dr. Pratt filled his regular appointment at Lynn, last Sunday, preaching to a small, but very appreciative congregation.

Any further progress on the new chapel fails to materialize.

MILL SPRING ROUTE 1.

A. F. Corbin closed his writing school in Riverside district, Rutherford county, and is now visiting pupils in Lebanon, and Pea Ridge. Mr. Corbin has received a large number of Red Cross magazines since his appeal was printed in the February issue. These he is distributing among his pupils, who are using the colored pictures in decorating fireboards and wall panels.

Alberta Edwards has purchased two Giant Black pigs, and proposes to make a record for Polk county, in the Boys' Pig Club.

War Savings stamps were shown to the children of the Lebanon school recently, by one of the committee. The girls plan to join the Poultry Club and make money to buy stamps, and thus help to pay the soldiers.

Some of the good housewives are going into moulting. Hens are worth 25c per pound in Spartanburg, and no one allowed to sell that.

A. A. Edwards has purchased another farm. He plans to raise sweet potatoes, exclusively, on the new purchase.

Misses Mossie Edwards and Odessa Mills returned to Lebanon, Sunday, about 12:30 after visiting friends and relatives in Columbus. They plan to go again soon.

Sponges in Australasian Seas.

Sponges are known to be very abundant in the Australasian seas, especially in this the case with the horny or highest form of sponges.

SINCE YOU WENT AWAY.

Since you went away, every sailor lad,
Every khaki-clad soldier I see,
Has a place in my heart and a share in my thoughts,
And belongs, just a little, to me.
He's a comrade of yours and is bearing his share
Of the burden that rests upon you;
Both are doing the task which a nation has set
For it's glorious manhood to do.
Since you went away, I have entered within
A sisterhood—mystic and great—
Of women who've learned the great lesson, to give,
And are learning another, to wait.
But I strike like the rest, not to doubt or to fear,
To murmur, or sigh, or complain,
But to trust in his might, and to know in His eyes
That the sacrifice cannot be in vain.
Since you went away, every fold of the flag
Has a message that's tender and true;
It has always meant liberty, freedom and right,
It now means my country—and you.
Your honor is a part of the azure field,
Your courage, of each crimson bar,
And the soul of you, shining resplendent, and clear,
Is a part of each beautiful star.

—Allison Brown, in Metropolitan Magazine.

PEA RIDGE.

Miss Nettie Davis spent Wednesday night with Miss Myrtle Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Birch Gosnell visited Mr. Jim Gosnell, last week.

Arthur and Willie Lee Gray, are at home from Caroleen, very ill with small pox.

Lawyer Bob Eaves passed through this section on his way to Rutherfordton, after spending several days in Asheville.

Miss Reba Field visited her parents at Horseshoe, N. C., Saturday and Sunday.

The many friends and relatives of Mrs. Delphia Wilson gave her a surprise party and birthday dinner, last Sunday. A large crowd attended, and enjoyed the day.

Mrs. Charlie Russell left last Saturday, for Tennessee, where her husband is at work.

Miss Maggie Jackson and sister spent Saturday night with Misses Mamie and Alice Wilson.

Mrs. Richard Jolly spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. W. R. Turner.

Miss Bessie Thompson spent Sunday with Miss Iva Gosnell.

Mrs. Dora Arledge spent the week with her daughter, Mrs. Jesse Spawn.

Mr. John Wilson, from Rutherfordton, visited his mother, Mrs. Delphia Wilson, Sunday.

Mrs. B. F. Gibbs spent Sunday at Mr. J. B. Dalton's.

Grover Thompson, from Camp Sevier, was at home, Saturday night, returning Sunday.

W. R. Turner and daughters visited Mr. Richard Jolly, in Chesnee, S. C., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Moore visited Mr. and Mrs. Manning Lynch, Sunday.

Mrs. J. T. Green is visiting relatives in Landrum, S. C.

—W. S. S.—
MELVIN HILL.

Farmers are still busy gathering last year's crop of corn and cotton.

Mrs. Etta Branscomb received news of the death of her sister, Mrs. Amanda Ross, of Dayton, Ohio, a few days ago.

Prof. T. B. Jones was with us last Sunday, and we had some good singing at the church.

Mr. Berton Cantrell and Miss Martha Tipton were married last Thursday.

Mr. S. S. Lawter has received word that his mother, is quite sick of pneumonia.

Mr. John Tipton was honorably discharged from Camp Sevier, and is now home with his folks, and expects to farm.

Mr. Lee Reed and Miss Cora Prince were married last Saturday. It seems as if President Wilson has made Saturday marriages popular to a certain extent.

Mr. Mike Kimbrell and family are moving back to Melvin Hill.

Mr. Jim Morris and two little sons, J. T., and U. G., visited Mrs. Mary Morris, Sunday.

Mr. C. B. Sanders made a flying trip to Melvin Hill, Sunday.

We had two mail-less days last week, one of them on account of the many holidays observed by rural mail carriers.

—W. S. S.—
FISHTOP.

Another week of nice weather, and we must make use of all seasonable weather, for the time is short.

R. L. Price came home on a 24 hours' leave of absence, from Camp Sevier.

Married, at E. J. Bradley's home on Feb. 24th, Miss Delphia Case to Mr. Dock Constant, Eli J. Bradley, officiating.

Jasper Henderson is on an extended visit to his son, Leonard, at Hendersonville.

There was singing at Mountain View church, Sunday, and will be another on the second and fourth Sundays.

T. W. Bradley will sing at Mt. Lebanon, next Sunday.

Born, on the 14th inst., a boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Posey Henderson.

Sheriff Robertson was in the cove, Sunday.

We learn that officers captured two stills near Tryon, last week. Better stop, they are closing in on you. When near Tryon they are at headquarters in this county, so it is thought.

—W. S. S.—
TRYON ROUTE 1.

We were glad to see the announcement of the program for our county commencement, in last week's issue of the NEWS. Glad to know it will also be a patriotic rally. Let's all do our bit to make it a success.

We are glad to welcome Mrs. Lola Edwards Mull and family back, to Dixie land, after an absence of two years in Cincinnati.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shankle and baby H. Dewitt, spent Friday night with home folks on lightning rod ridge, en route to Willard, S. C., where they will spend awhile with Henry's mother, Mrs. H. D. Shankle.

Miss Clara Edwards has returned home from Brevard school.

Miss Pearl Edwards went to Spartanburg, Monday, to have her eyes treated.

Messes Margaret Bryant and Elsie Edwards had german measles, last week, Bessie Hamilton, this week.

Mr. F. B. Nance and family are convalescent.

Messes Floyd Toney and Bob-Jack Hamilton also had very severe cases of german measles, last week.

Mr. Lee Thompson looks quite patriotic, donned in khaki.

Mr. Paul Hamilton has caught thirty-two rabbits on the Hamilton farm this winter. If there's no soy beans raised on the Hamilton farm this year, rabbits won't be the cause.

Mr. E. B. Edwards, who has been quite ill for the past three weeks, is reported to be some better.

Messes Joyner, of Buncombe, are constructing a pioneer log house for Mr. Rice, which is nearing completion.

Hats off to Mr. Sams, county agent Also to the old "hee haw," who is doing his part for the boys "over there."

—W. S. S.—
COLUMBUS.

There was a large attendance at the funeral of Grover C. Hutcherson of the late James Hutcherson. He was 31 years of age, and died Feb. 20th, at Strawberry Hill Sanatorium of pneumonia, where he had gone a week before for treatment. He had been employed by the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co., of Virginia for seven years. He was a member of Junior Order, Masons, and K. of P.

The patrons of the school responded well to the call for workers for clean up day, last Saturday. Everybody worked, and had a good time, too. Men workers in all walks of life were there. Minister, lawyer, clerk of court, merchant, war veteran, postmaster, farm demonstrator and farmers. The ladies, of course, did their share.

Register of Deeds, A. L. Pitman has bought a new Buick car.

Mr. T. F. Stedman, of Green's Creek, was in town this week.

J. A. Feagans was in Greenville, Saturday.

Mr. C. E. Shore was in Spartanburg, Monday.

Messes Walter Ridings and Glen Clark visited Mr. James Ridings, who is seriously ill, at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Spartanburg.

Mr. Leroy McFarland has accepted a government position at City Point, Va.

Lawyer Jones and Mr. B. Ballenger were in town Tuesday.

Prof. E. W. S. Cobb and Dr. H. H. Edwards attended a meeting of the Polk County Fair Directors, at Tryon Tuesday.

The president of the Betterment Club requests all members and other ladies of the county to be present at the club meeting Saturday, March 2nd, to make plans for our County Commencement.

Miss Bertha Kelz, our music teacher, organized a Junior Red Cross at the exercises on George Washington's birthday, at the High School Auditorium. Thirty members were secured. Chairman, Mrs. H. H. Edwards; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Feagans.

Christian Endeavor Thursday 7:30 p. m. Leader, Miss Pearl Keenan.

WHY BIG GARDENS MUST BE GROWN.

State Agricultural Extension Service Tells Why it Must be Done This Year.

THRIFT GARDENS FOR 1918.

Because of the present world shortage of food supplies and the urgent call from Europe to this country for such supplies as can be shipped, it is imperative that every one on the land in this country do his utmost to grow all the food possible. Every pound of food produced, even if it may be used at home, releases that much more for shipment abroad. The object, therefore, of "Thrifty Gardens" is twofold, states Mr. W. N. Hutt, Horticulturist, North Carolina Extension Service. First, to promote thrift and encourage the production of home supplies, and, second, to release food for shipment to our allies in distress in Europe. A well-planned, well-managed garden can be made to produce an abundant supply of fresh wholesome fruits and vegetables that will meet the needs of the family the year round, and often, in addition, have some to spare for those who cannot enjoy the luxury of a garden of their own.

The size of the garden in town need be limited only by the size of the lot, while the garden in the country should be limited to the supply of labor available to insure its being well cared for. The hand labor in the country garden can be reduced to a minimum by spacing the rows wide enough apart to admit of the convenient use of the horse cultivator. In the town garden, hand labor may be greatly facilitated by the use of a wheel-hoe.

Garden Should be Protected. It is useless to plant a garden unless it is to be protected against the depredations of poultry and other livestock. In the country, where poultry usually has free range, the larger is not so serious; but in town, where the range is limited, poultry must be confined. The garden, in town, then becomes a valuable source of green food necessary to profitable poultry keeping.

A well-planned garden should include a fairly wide range of crops, at least wide enough to satisfy the varied tastes of all members of the family, and sufficient to provide a bountiful succession of produce throughout the whole year.

Bulletins Available. Detailed information regarding the culture of different garden crops, can be obtained from the bulletins of the Agricultural Extension Service which will be sent out free to individual growers. Farmers' Bulletin No. 547 of the National Department of Agriculture, on "The Home Garden in the South," is especially suited to country gardening in the South. Farmers' bulletin No. 818, on "The Small Vegetable Garden," with suggestions for using limited areas, will be of special interest to people in town who want to get the most out of their back yard gardens. These latter publications will be sent free of charge by writing to Mr. Joseph A. Arnold, Chief, Division of Publications, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Let us make everything count in our thrifty gardens this year in both country and city. By autumn we hope and believe that these will become victory gardens.

—W. S. S.—
FARM TOPICS IN SEASON.

The war is on, the boys in the trenches must be fed, and this food must come from the farms. It cannot be purchased from factories and stores until it leaves the farms. Then let's get busy and stay by our job until the thing is done next fall.

1st. Towns of Polk county see to it, that a good family garden is planted, and planted at once.

2nd. Thoroughly prepare the seed bed for all crops. This is half the battle in growing a crop of any kind.

3rd. Apply all the manure possible, that is made on the farm.

4th. Plant nothing but the best seed of all kinds.

5th. Plant a multiplicity of crops—the more the better.

6th. Increase largely your meat supply by growing poultry this year, and now is the time to get busy along that line. Set the incubators; set the old hens. Do not sell or kill the hens. "Swat all the old roosters" in the county after May 15th, but spare the hens.

7th. Grow more pigs this year than ever before. If you do not have them, send out and get them.

8th. Encourage your boys and girls to join corn, pig, poultry and other clubs, and help them to do the great task ahead of us.

9th. Let every man, woman, boy and girl constitute a committee of the whole, to buy Thrift Stamps and War Certificates. I mention this because in its way, it is as important to winning the war as to make meat and bread.

10th. Now let one and all do the other ten thousand things willingly, from time to time, that we will be called upon by our State and Nation to do, as the great and bloody war goes on.

J. R. S.