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MONTHLY MEETING POLK CO. FARMERS.

To Meet in Columbus on First Monday in Each Month. Of Great Benefit.

NEXT MEETING APRIL FIRST.

Editor NEWS: As announced in your valuable paper, at 1 o'clock p. m., sharp, Monday, March 4th, the farmers of Polk county held a meeting, looking to a permanent organization to meet on each first Monday of the month. This meeting adjourned till April 1st, which will be the first Monday. There being more than 30 farmers present at this meeting, and we want 100 or more to be present April first. At that meeting we want every farmer to bring with him one, two or more ears of just such corn as he expects to plant. We want this done for comparison, that farmers may learn where the best seed corn can be had. The very best is none too good. Then we want to discuss fully the very best preparation of Polk county soil, in order to get best results. Remember that good seed corn and thorough preparation of good soil is what guarantees a good crop of good corn. Remember the time, April 1st, at 1 o'clock, p. m., at Columbus. Come and take part in the organization and discussions. Respectfully, J. R. SAMS, County Agent. W. S. S. MILL SPRING.

Everybody glad to see such pretty weather, especially the farmers. Rev. Holmes preached at the M. E. church Saturday and Sunday. He delivered some interesting sermons. Quite a number from here attended the cotton picking Saturday night at the home of Mr. E. B. Edwards. They all report a nice time. Messrs. Jabe Lawter, Ziba Wilson, Jesse Lewis, and Grover Thompson, of Camp Sevier, spent Saturday night and Sunday at home, returning Sunday night. Mr. Lee Johnson went back with them, after spending five days with his mother. Mr. Bill Pack has a very sick child. Messrs. Frank Jackson and J. H. Gibbs made a business trip to Tryon Saturday. Miss Pearl Edwards gave a cotton picking, Saturday night. Mr. Nun Arledge, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Arledge visited Mr. H. P. Arledge, Saturday night and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Splawn visited the latter's mother last Sunday. The school at this place is progressing nicely. Plans are already being made for county commencement. Let's everybody go to county commencement and each school try to win the most prizes. W. S. S. SALUDA ROUTE 1.

Rev. A. T. Howard filled his regular appointment at Mt. Page, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. John T. Staton spent Monday in Hendersonville. R. P. Ward is working out the Nine Mountain road, and putting it in fine shape. Miss Della Wade spent a few days at Fruitland Institute, recently. The Sunday school at Mt. Page is progressing nicely, and planning to carry out a program on missionary day, which is March 31st. Mr. and Mrs. Early Staton spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Pace. W. L. Davis has gone to Fletcher, N. C., where he will teach a singing school. Several in this section have already begun planting their gardens. Mr. Leroy Pace has purchased a fine young horse. Levi Pace and family have moved to the Wilson place, near W. M. Guest's. W. S. S. WALKER.

Rev. C. G. Walker filled his regular appointment at Bright's Creek, Sunday last. There was a large attendance at Bright's Creek, Sunday last, but not like usual. Glad to see Mill Spring attendance come again. Misses Perlia Bertha Laughter and Eva Mille Hill attended singing at Mt. Valley church Sunday last. There will be a singing at Mt. View church the fifth Sunday. Everybody cordially invited to come and bring well filled baskets. Wiley Bradley will be the leader. Mr. Rufus Constant has purchased two hogs from John Hill, paying \$10 for one, \$8 for the other. One has died, we are sorry to learn. Mr. Z. V. Thompson's horse died last week. Mr. Deway Hill and wife will live on the house with the father of Mr. Hill, this year. Good old Polk is progressing fine, with good roads and farmers raising all they can to make food for the soldier boys. Mr. W. G. Hill has been planting potatoes for the past few days. Mr. T. C. Laughter has just returned home from Spartanburg. Miss Lizzie Thompson and Mr. Fred Corn visited the Hickory Flat farm, Sunday.

Miss Eva Hill and Mr. Geter Thompson attended church at Bright's Creek Sunday.

A meeting will be held at Bright's Creek the third Sunday, to organize a Sunday school. Everybody requested to attend.

Mr. J. B. Hill went raccoon hunting, and caught one weighing eighteen pounds.

Miss Ola Thompson has been quite ill for the past week. Hope she will recover soon.

Miss Valma Constant visited Miss Lillie Belle Gibbs, Tuesday.

Mr. Twitty Thompson has returned home from Lynn, to spend a few days.

Miss Lillie Belle Gibbs gave a birthday party last Monday. Those attending, Misses Perlia Bertha Laughter, Lizzie Eunice Thompson, Valma Constant, Mabel Thompson, Mary Ann Bradley, and Messrs. Mose Gibbs, Geter Thompson and Ernest Laughter.

Mr. Bill Gibbs has moved from this locality to Mill Spring.

Mr. C. M. Hill is building a new residence.

Bachelors and widows are plentiful in this section.

Mr. E. W. Bradley has sold all his land on this side of Green river.

W. S. S. FISHTOP.

Another week of fine weather has kept the gardeners busy, and the farmers are plowing their land.

Rev. Joel Sherfy went to the county home of Henderson county, on Wednesday, of last week on business. Posey Henderson went to Henderson on Saturday to meet his father, and returned Sunday.

E. J. Bradley was a business visitor in Hendersonville last Wednesday and Thursday.

Lafayette Morrison, in company with another man, were in this section Friday, trying to buy cattle.

T. W. Bradley sang for the Mt. Lebanon people last Sunday, for the first time since the bad weather began.

All correspondents should chip in every week, so that we can hear from all parts of the county regularly.

Let's raise a bumper crop of all the cereals grown in this latitude and send samples to the Fair next fall, and ship loads of it to our allies.

Seems that spring is here in earnest. The timber is showing some, apricots and Japan plums are in full bloom.

Miss Flora Bradley went to Saluda on Saturday, to see a doctor on professional business.

Fire broke out on Short End Mountain, Sunday, and did some tall burning. Keep an eye on fire throughout March, as it is the windy month.

C. C. Jones visited his uncles, John and S. S. McMurray, of Fingerville, S. C., Saturday and Sunday last.

Posey Henderson caught the ratamont, Tuesday. He is as large as a dog, and the rabbits are rejoicing.

W. S. S. LYNN.

Get ready for the county commencement. Don't forget the Fair's coming next fall.

Subscribe for the POLK COUNTY NEWS and keep posted on all local affairs of the county.

Buy War Savings and Thrift stamps, if you are patriotic.

The County Commissioners have put a new floor on the bridge at Lynn, and it was very badly needed.

Mr. and Mrs. John Eaton were visiting their children, Mrs. Jay and Earnest Ballard, last Sunday.

Mr. W. T. Hammett made a week-end visit to home folks at Inman, S. C., last week.

Sheriff Robertson was in Lynn last Saturday, collecting taxes, on his last call.

Mr. R. F. T. Fowler is doing carpenter work at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg.

The town of Lynn has employed J. H. Metcalf as town marshal. It's to be hoped he will make them a good officer.

James Fowler, the efficient and faithful freight hauler of the Tryon Hosiery Mfg. Co., has been quite sick, but we are glad to say that he is improving.

Mr. W. N. Randall visited his mother at Blacksburg, S. C., last week.

Guy Thompson has purchased a pair of fine mules, and looks very much at home when he gets seated on a heavy load behind them.

Mr. and Mrs. Will McCall, of East Flat Rock, visited friends and relatives last week-end, in Lynn.

Mrs. Ed. Foster is quite sick at this time. Dock, her son, stationed at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., and Felix, stationed at Portsmouth, Va., Edgar, Maude and Roxey, of Spindie, N. C., all visited her last Saturday and Sunday. It is to be hoped that she will soon recover.

The Sunday school resumed its work last Sunday, after a three months' vacation, on account of cold weather, and fuel shortage.

Honor roll for Lynn school, last week: Blanch Covil, 3rd grade; Elsie Rollins, 4th grade; Bently Foster, 2d grade; John Rollins, 1st grade; Virgil Henson, 2d grade.

The school is preparing for county commencement. It's to be hoped that it will make a good record.

FROM OUR FRIENDS OVER THE COUNTY

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

COOPERS GAP.

Well, in December and January we rested six days, and got in a little wood the seventh. Now we have gone back to the old rule again, since the weather has got so nice, and work a day and rest the seventh.

Mr. Ziba Wilson has been home on a short visit.

Misses Myrtle and Leona White are home from Fruitland Institute.

Miss Minnie Wilson spent last week-end at Mr. C. L. Wilson's.

Messrs. J. A. Ruff and W. N. Dimsdale have gone to Rutherfordton on a big expedition.

Mrs. J. B. Wilson is very sick. Dr. Waldon has been in this section again.

Mr. Henry Brown and Miss Naomi Insdale made a flying trip to Mill Spring, Sunday.

Mr. King Gibbs, who has been out on a sheep ranch for the past twenty years is back home on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Biddy were callers at Mr. J. P. Dimsdale's Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Delphia Wilson spent last week-end at Mr. J. B. Wilson's.

The school at Rea Mountain is in fine progress, with the largest attendance it has ever had.

Mr. Martin Gilbert has sold his team of mules.

Born, on Feb. 26, to Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Ruff, a baby girl. On Feb. 23, to Mr. and Mrs. Belton Jackson, a baby girl.

Mr. John Spicer and family have moved to South Carolina.

SILVER CREEK.

We were glad to see Mr. Sams, our County Agent in this section, last week.

Robert Jackson, who has been home from the camp for some time, has the snuffles.

Misses Myrtle and Charity Williams spent Saturday and Sunday with their relatives in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Arledge and their "Pet" Nun, came up in their car, Saturday night, and spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Arledge.

Messrs. Will and Frank Green have had measles for the past week.

Preparations are being made by the teachers and children of Silver Creek, for a great time at county commencement.

Mr. Helton, the attendance officer was here on business last week.

Mr. Clem Arledge, Sr., was very ill last week, but is now much better.

Mr. Walter Green spent Sunday at Mt. Lebanon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arledge spent Sunday with relatives here.

W. S. S.

Ready-Made Pie Crust!

Someone has invented a ready-made pie crust that will keep a year. By the evidences that have been encountered it might be judged that many ambitious cooks have been experimenting for a long time with this object in view. We can guess now where some of these new composition shoe soles originated.—Providence Bulletin.

A SPRING SONG.

Oh! the warm days; Oh! the bright days!
Oh! the wild brook's ceaseless roar!
Oh! the twitterings; Oh! the bird songs
Trilling, "Winter is no more."

Oh! the blue haze on the mountains!
Oh! the red buds on the trees!
Oh! the playful, free caressings
Of this saucy little breeze.

Soon the violets and the star-flowers
In their shady nooks will peep;
And the fuzzy balls of the fern fronds
Stretch themselves and wake from sleep.

Soon the oaks will hang their tassels,
Push out leaves, pink furry things,
While 'oer meadows and 'oer roadsides
Soon will flutter downy wings.

The fresh greenness of the tulip,
And the fruit trees pink and white,
Soon will make the valley Eden,
A fair haven of delight.

Then along and up the mountains,
Verdure, beauty, life will go,
Till the world, a brim with spring-time,
Makes our g'ad hearts overflow.

—Grace L. Morrison.

BURNETT SCHOOL.

We read an article in the NEWS last week about smokeless days. Will you please just change that a little and make it tobaccoless days, as that would mean so much more, and would be the means of raising lots of money for the conduct of this war. It would also mean the one using cigarettes, the man or woman who chews the stuff, and those who fill their lips with snuff. Have you any idea as to the amount of money that would be saved by this plan? The attention of the President might be called to this matter, but he now has plenty to occupy his mind, with not only the United States to look after, but all our allies in Europe as well. God help him and all other persons who pray for peace. Some people get so angry when they have to do without tobacco that tobaccoless days might lead to warfare at home between those who use and those who don't use tobacco.

Messrs. Grace and Oma Gibbs and Annie Wilson, and Messrs. Reuben Wilson, Noah Lynch and Wheeler Odell, took dinner with Mrs. N. L. Lynch, last Sunday.

Mr. King Gibbs and mother are visiting relatives in this section this week. We are glad to see them back again.

We sure had some hard wind Monday night.

Mr. Ernest Thomas, from the Camp, is visiting his wife this week. We have not learned why he was not released to make a crop as were sev-

eral others from this section. Mrs. P. D. Williams and others are ordering a car of cans. They mean business for several persons.

Mr. J. G. Whiteside canned a two-horse load of apples. Guess he will bring back a load of money.

The boys had a chicken roast at Taylor Brown's on the 21st. Guess they will stop roasting hens for awhile.

Mr. Tom Beam is building a dwelling. Is also going into the merchandise business, and put up a corn mill. We are glad to have him move into this community.

Some from here attended Sunday school at Cane Creek, last Sunday.

W. S. S.

BRIGHT'S CREEK.

Rev. C. G. Walker filled his regular appointment at Bright's Creek, Sunday.

Mr. Thomas Early recently purchased a pig weighing seventeen pounds, for which he paid fifteen dollars.

Messrs. Sam and White Williams and Johnnie Jackson were pleasant callers at Bright's Creek, Sunday.

Let everybody plant a big garden this year. Plant for self and some for our neighbors.

Messrs. Miam Bradley and Roxie Walker spent a few pleasant hours at the home of Valma Constant, Sunday.

Messrs. Bannum and Gray Hill spent Saturday night with Ernest Laughter.

Mr. D. J. Hill made a business trip to Tryon, one day last week.

Mr. U. C. Stepp, of Atlanta, returned home after spending several days with friends and relatives.

Misses Eva and Lou Hill were guests of Perlia and Bertha Laughter Wednesday.

David Patty visited the Miller family, Sunday.

Misses Lizzie and Eunice Thompson spent Sunday afternoon with Rella Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Hill visited the Thompson family, Sunday.

Mr. G. B. Hill, of Edneyville, spent Thursday night with his brother, Mr. W. G. Hill.

Miss Pearlina and Ernest Laughter, Eva, Millie and Gray Hill spent last week-end with friends and relatives in Fruitland.

Mr. Tedia Arledge was in this section Tuesday.

We are glad to see our old miller, W. P. Jackson, back again. It reminds us of old times past.

W. S. S. PEA RIDGE.

Mr. Calvin Phillips and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Edney visited the latter's father, Mr. Bud Mills.

Grover Thompson was home again Saturday, on a surprise visit to his father and mother.

Miss Reba Field was the pleasant guest of Miss Bessie Thompson Sunday.

Miss Annie Philips is home from Gaffney, S. C., to spend the summer with Miss Mills spent Sunday night with Mrs. T. F. Rowland.

Mr. Ralph Edwards, Misses Mossie Edwards and Odessa Mills were the callers at Mr. E. G. Thompson's, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jud Green, from Inman, S. C., spent the week-end at the latter's mother's, Mrs. Jim Gosnell.

W. R. Turner made a business trip to Spartanburg, Friday.

Misses Iva Gosnell, Mamie and Alice Wilson visited at Mr. Dalton's Sunday.

W. S. S. HILLCREST.

Miss Margaret Brian is home for week. German or "Liberty" measles has invaded her school, and it is thought best to suspend for awhile.

Miss Mary Lizzie Houser visited relatives in South Carolina, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Spurlin and family were back among their old neighbors, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kidd, Miss Love, and two of the Hillcrest girls motored to Spartanburg Saturday, to shop, and see the soldiers.

Miss Lelia Lowrie, of Charlotte, is a new pupil at Hillcrest.

Mr. T. C. Coxie is at Cedar Hill plantation again.

Mr. Metcalf and family, of Rutherfordton, are occupying Mr. Hampton's house, and the rest of the family will join the great army of food producers.

W. S. S. SANDY SPRINGS.

Rev. Teal filled his regular appointment at Sandy Springs, Sunday, his first time to preach there this year.

Mr. Grayson Blanton, of Camp Sevier, is home for a few days' visit to home folks.

Mrs. Perry Cantrell is ill at present.

Miss Cora Westbrook has returned from Union, where she has been spending some time with her mother.

Mr. Berton Cantrell and wife and sister were business visitors in Rutherfordton, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Cantrell are going to begin housekeeping, soon.

We are wondering if the children of this place will have to miss the county commencement. They have had no school to attend this winter and no teacher to carry them to commencement.

W. S. S. COLUMBUS.

Mr. James Ridings died at the Good Samaritan hospital, Spartanburg, Feb. 27th, and was buried at his relatives' family burial ground, Friday, March 1st. Mr. Ridings was 70 years of age, and had been a member of the Columbus Baptist church for 35 years. The large crowd that attended the funeral showed that he had many friends.

Little Ruth Hutcherson, daughter of John Hutcherson, has been very sick with tonsillitis.

Pearl McGuinn is still very sick.

Miss Minnie Arledge has been visiting her brother, Mr. Walker Arledge.

Mrs. Willoughby Arledge has been visiting her sister, Mrs. B. Leonard, who is very sick.

Mrs. F. L. Weaver and baby are visiting Mr. Weaver at City Point, Va.

We are fortunate in securing Rev. Mr. Pratt as pastor of our church here. To hear him once will make you want to hear him again.

The house occupied by Clara Feagans caught fire on Sunday, but was extinguished quickly by people on their way home from attending church services.

Mrs. Hosca Arledge and Miss Arledge were visiting at Mr. L. L. Tallant's, Tuesday.

MUST FEED THE ENTIRE WORLD.

This Heavy Responsibility Will be Placed Upon the United States.

THE SOUTH MUST FEED THE NATION AND HER ALLIES.

Under the above caption the last number of the Manufacturers Record, among other things says:

Upon the South, however, rests the supreme task of saving the nation.

Every bushel of corn which this section produces this year will be worth, not measured by dollars and cents, but by power for good, more than any bushel of corn ever raised in the history of the world.

Every bushel of peanuts will increase our supply of food and fats; but while we are urging and stressing the importance of raising more peanuts and more corn, more oats and more hogs, more poultry, more potatoes, more cattle and more everything else which will furnish food for man or beast, we would also stress the importance of an enlarged production of cotton. Another short cotton crop would be an international disaster. Cotton and peanuts and soy beans are among the South's great contributions to the world's supply of fats, and the world is verging close upon starvation for these things.

We beg with all the power at our command that the seriousness of this situation be realized, and that the South increase its food production not from any narrow point of view of feeding itself, but from that broad point of view that the South alone can save this nation and our allies from starvation. The rest of the country is a burden upon the South in this respect to a greater extent than the South is a burden upon any other part of the land, and the South must carry the burden. It must save the day; it must meet the responsibility which rests upon it to save the nation from starvation and to save our allies.

It behooves every man in the South to preach this doctrine, to urge it everywhere and to use the utmost power of the South to increase the production of corn, of peanuts and of other foodstuffs, as well as of cotton, not simply to feed ourselves, but to feed other sections of this country dependent upon the South for food and to help the Allies.

T he South alone can these look with hope for salvation through this year's crops.

st Cloud, J. Ernest Cobb, Robt. McFarland, Guy Hill, Guy Davenport, and Thomas Edwards.

Messrs. Edgar Newman and Prince Clark have returned to Camp Sevier after a few days' visit to home folks.

Prof. E. W. S. Cobb has had the Deleo Light System installed in his home.

Our Farm Demonstrator, Mr. J. R. Sams, will talk at the Columbus Betterment Club meeting, Saturday, March 16.

Mr. Gordon Johnson will be leader at Christian Endeavor this week.

W. S. S. URY LIST, SPRING TERM, 1918.

First Week.

1. W. W. Capps
2. H. Doubleday
3. J. A. Davidson
4. C. C. Jones
5. J. W. Edwards
6. J. E. Morgan
7. E. B. Thompson
8. H. M. Green
9. W. T. Head
10. N. L. Whitesides
11. J. C. Davidson
12. C. B. Edwards
13. F. P. Bacon
14. H. G. Cannon
15. Clayton Constant
16. D. L. Shehan
17. W. D. Westbrook
18. E. F. Ruff

Second Week.

1. Forest Milton
2. J. J. Garren
3. Joseph Gurley
4. W. H. Prichard
5. R. T. F. Fowler
6. T. C. Mills
7. G. W. Denton
8. D. E. Connor
9. Floid Pitman
10. John Griffin
11. J. T. Wilhelm
12. Jesse Splawn
13. J. F. Jones
14. John Waldrop
15. J. M. Shible
16. W. G. Splawn
17. J. M. Roe
18. L. O'Dell