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SPANISH INFLUENZA REACHES POLK.

County Health Officer Dr. Earle Grady Forbids all Manner of Public Gatherings.

OLD "FLU" IS WITH US.

The Spanish influenza has arrived, and many cases are reported in various sections of Polk county. So far we have had but about ten cases in Tryon, with one fatality.

Superintendent Cobb informs us that all but five of the public schools in Polk county have been dismissed, and these are so remote that no danger is apprehended that the scourge will gain a foothold there, but at the first suspicious case these schools too, will be closed.

Don't get panicky over the situation. It is all over the United States, and will do no good to try to run from it. The physicians have given lots of good advice in the matter, and you will do well to heed it. The influenza itself is short lived, lasting only three days. The danger arises from complications that follow, principally pneumonia. If you should be attacked with the "flu," don't be in a hurry about getting out of the house. Send immediately for your family physician and follow his advice to the letter, and there is not much to be feared.

"Better be safe than sorry."

THE FAIR POSTPONED.

At the request of the North Carolina State Board of Health and our town and county health officer, Dr. Earle Grady, the Polk County Fair has been postponed.

Dr. Grady says it will take but a short time to stamp out the influenza in Polk county if everybody will do all in their power to aid. It is much easier to guard against the scourge than it is to fight it after it once gets into our midst. At present there are but few cases in the county, and it is hoped to be able to stop it where it is. Just when the Fair will be held is problematical, but due notice of the new date will be given. Don't become discouraged, but go ahead and get your exhibits in that much better shape, and let's have a good Fair when we do hold it.

ONESUBSCRIPTION TURNED IN.

Last week we published a column article on the subject of sending the NEWS to our soldier boys in France. To date on one person has responded to the appeal. The movement is Nation wide, and has received the sanction and best wishes of President Wilson, Secretary of War Baker, and in fact all the members of President Wilson's cabinet. Theodore Roosevelt, Mr. Taft, and without exception every American who has been approached on the subject.

Gen. Pershing is heartily in favor of the movement, and says nothing keeps the boys "over there" in such good fighting trim as frequent messages from home, and the home paper is especially welcomed by them.

In almost every county the citizens are sending in their donations to the cause. Is Polk county to lag behind in this move? Do we not appreciate our boys as much as other counties and localities do?

This is not a money-making affair of the publishers, for almost everybody knows that no money is made off subscriptions. We desire to help in the cause of keeping our boys satisfied.

One Dollar will send the NEWS to any boy "over there" for six months. If you have no particular person to send the paper to just send in your dollars and we will supply the names.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

Whooping cough, measles and the "flu" are conspiring to break up the Fair in Polk county, but the Juniors will not be beaten. Schools are closing, but this gives more time for sewing, canning, shop work and map drawing.

Remember to write age, class and address on back of each Junior entry card. When the new date for the Fair is finally decided the goods may be sent in with the entry tag attached.

Girls should practice making victory muffins with 20 per cent cotton seed flour, graham bread with the wheat or corn bread and muffins.

Borrow a map of Polk county from your postmaster, and make a copy to exhibit.

Practice all the patriotic songs you can find, and write to the POLK COUNTY NEWS the name and publisher of your favorite patriotic song, that plates may be secured for use in a grand community chorus.

TOBACCO FOR THE SOLDIERS.

We are again in receipt of urgent appeals for tobacco money. Last week we sent away money for that purpose, and are still accepting funds. Money collected in this way is turned over to the Red Cross, or rather the tobacco is turned over to that organization for distribution. It is all under the Red Cross supervision, and has the sanction of that body.

The appeals from the soldiers make you heart-sick, and you wish you had

millions to spend for tobacco for them. The commanding officers all tell us what a source of pleasure it is to the boys to be amply supplied with tobacco.

Send in your dollars and we will send the tobacco.

W. S. S.—COLUMBUS.

We were not disappointed to hear of the postponement of the Fair, as we were glad to have more time to finish up our exhibits.

Stearns High School closed for a week pending further developments of influenza. Several out of town cases have been reported to be improving. Mrs. Gaston Mills is very sick at this writing.

The revival being held by Rev. J. B. Arledge, in Columbus, the past two weeks, closed Sunday night. There were ten who joined the Columbus Baptist church, seven were baptized Thursday.

Mrs. A. L. McMurray, Mrs. Hutcherson, Mr. Major Hutcherson and Mr. Ed Cloud went to Rutherfordton, Saturday. Mr. Cloud went to visit his wife who is at the Rutherfordton hospital. We are glad to say Mrs. Cloud is recovering nicely from her operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Newman, Mrs. John Lewis Smith and daughter, Aurenia, Mrs. R. F. McFarland and Mrs. E. W. S. Cobb attended the Carson-Jackson wedding at Tryon, last Wednesday.

Miss Dorothy and Master Kenneth Bostic, of Forest City, are spending a few days with their grandfather, Mr. J. P. Arledge.

Miss Minnie Arledge, Mr. J. P. Arledge, Mrs. Robert Hill and children and James Carnegie, attended the Green River association held at Piedmont, Rutherford county, last week.

Mr. Wash Hill is spending the week with his family.

Miss Nell Constance is home, having closed her school on account of the epidemic.

Mrs. F. L. Weaver and children have gone to DuPont, Va., where they will make their home. Mr. Weaver has had a government job there for some time.

Mr. John Lewis Smith, of St. George, S. C., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walker Newman.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis Smith visited relatives in Henderson county, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Angie McFarland returned from a month's visit with Mrs. Ed. Shields, at Chesnee, S. C.

Miss Rose Bailey, one of the high school teachers was on the sick list this week, but is out again.

Mr. Fred Henderson, son of Mr. Jas Henderson, of Chimney Rock, was buried at the Ridings cemetery, Monday. Mr. Henderson died at Camp Jackson of influenza.

—W. S. S.—
RED MOUNTAIN.

No doubt you will be surprised to hear from this nook. Most everyone is busy, making molasses.

Mr. A. F. Corbin visited the school here, last week, in the interest of the Fair.

Mrs. Elmina Whiteside spent Sunday with Mrs. J. B. Wilson.

Messrs. Jonas Bidy, T. N. Wilson and Twitty Jackson attended the Green River Association on Friday of last week.

Mr. J. B. Wilson visited his brother in Rutherfordton, Sunday, returning Monday.

Sunday, two of our older ladies and a number of young folks about here were out looking for one of the "writing spiders" reported in this vicinity, but failed to find Arachne.

Hey, Sunny View and Mountain View, you haven't anything on Red Mountain school. What other rural school in Polk county can boast a Teacherage, also three and one-half dozen supplementary readers for the primary room?

Hope the "hen-flew-end-ways" don't invade this community.

—W. S. S.—
COMMISSIONERS FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the financial statement by the County Commissioners, of Polk county.

It shows that when the present Board assumed control of the county, our outstanding indebtedness was \$54,773.00, and during their tenure of office there has been paid on this indebtedness \$17,422.28.

This is condition of which the Commissioners deserve great credit, and have a just reason to be proud. It shows that the aim of the present Board has been in the interest of Polk county.

FROM OUR FRIENDS OVER THE COUNTY

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

LYNN.

At a meeting of some of the people of Lynn, one night last week, for the purpose of selecting a committee to solicit Liberty Loans, A. N. Kunkle was chosen as chairman, and Twitty Thompson vice chairman. We do not know what progress has been made.

Mr. H. C. Rhodes, located at Anderson, S. C., was here, Saturday, returning Sunday. He was looking as though the water down the country agreed with him.

Jake Justice, who has been at the state hospital at Morganton, for treatment, has returned, looking very much improved.

We think the postponing of the County Fair will result in having a better attendance and exhibition of the county products. It's a very busy season, picking cotton, peas, making sorghum, etc.

Hello, Fishpot, what about those rattlers. Have you sent any of them to the Kaiser yet?

The tent meeting closed last Saturday night, by order of Dr. Grady, county health officer. It's reported that some complained and said he ought not to stop the gospel. We think it's better to be careful than sorry.

Edgar Covil, who has been suffering with a burned leg, is very much better.

Mr. D. A. Goodman, of East Flat Rock, was in our village last Saturday and Sunday. Andy looked as though he had been well fed and not very hard worked. Come again, Andy, we are always glad to see you, and you remind us of days gone by.

Earl G. Hudson, of Camp Sevier, was home, Sunday and Monday, returning Tuesday, looking fine and dandy, although he was turned down on first examination over there.

Mr. Whitsall Rollins has been quite sick with Spanish influenza, but is up, and some of his family are sick.

Quite a number of our people just at this writing are sick with the flu, or colds, and some in bed, while others are going about.

MILL SPRING.

Rev. Liper, of Hickory Grove, delivered a very interesting sermon to a very large crowd at White Oak, Sunday, using for his subject, "I have thought on my way, and have turned my steps unto the testimonies of God," taken from the 119th Psalm. We wish everybody could have heard this sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Barber and daughter, Jennie, attender services at Lebanon, Sunday.

We are sorry to hear of so many cases of Spanish influenza. We are hoping that very soon this awful disease will disappear from our midst, and your midst.

Since our Fair is postponed we will have more time to prepare for it.

Mr. J. H. Gibbs and daughter, Miss Esther, made a flying trip to Rutherfordton, last Thursday.

Glad to note that Claude Lewis is improving fast.

Miss Sue Gibbs is very ill at this writing.

Mr. Hubert Foster, of Camp Sevier, Greenville, returned to camp, Saturday, after spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Foster.

Four Liberty Loan workers from Tryon made very interesting talks at both churches here, Sunday.

Leader for Christian Endeavor next Sunday, at Bethlehem, Hubert Gibbs; topic, "Weak points in our society to be strengthened." We urge every member pay their fee next Sunday. We are two months behind, and we want to buy service flags for each church.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Dicus, Mrs. L. E. Gibbs and Mrs. Nesbit Walker motored to Rutherfordton, last Saturday.

BUYERS OF LIBERTY LOAN BONDS.

This space will be devoted to publishing a list of the names of those who have subscribed to the Fourth Liberty Loan.

WE ARE GOING OVER THE TOP

and want our people and the boys at the front to know who did it.

Get on the list this and next week.

FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN COMMITTEE.

This space donated by Polk County News.

SILVER CREEK.

Spanish "flu" is now in this country. Let us try in every way to prevent the disease from spreading.

Mrs. H. V. Arledge and children have returned from an extended visit to Spartanburg.

Misses Aida and Grace Arledge were unable to return to Stearns High School this week. They have Spanish influenza.

Mr. Twitty Thompson and Miss Lizzie Hooker, of Lynn, were callers on the route Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Ragan Bradley, who came home on a pass, from Camp Sevier, Greenville, was kicked by a mule, last Saturday and was unable to return to camp Sunday.

Miss Edith Arledge is very ill at this writing.

Farmers are busy making sorghum in this section.

Mr. J. R. Sams visited this section, Friday.

Mr. Warner Walker, of Spartanburg, visited his cousin, Mr. Jeter Bradley, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Thompson have moved to J. H. Gibbs' farm, near Mill Spring.

Miss Mary Ann Bradley spent the week-end at Walker.

—W. S. S.—
SUNNY VIEW.

School has closed here for three weeks.

had been more cruelly treated than the negro.

Say, Mr. Editor, why can't we have more correspondents from over the county? Think of our soldier boys "over there" who are now receiving the POLK COUNTY NEWS; think how eagerly they search for news from the immediate locality from which they come. Think the matter over and wake up, people.

Messrs. Claude Wilson and Virgil McGuinn were callers at Mr. U. S. Gibbs' Sunday.

A large crowd attended prayer meeting at Cooper Gap, Sunday evening. We hope the people won't forget to attend again next Sunday. The purposes of these meetings is to have prayers for soldiers who are "over there," fighting liberty battles for you and me.

Br. Squire Brown, who has been attending to business in Cherokee, S. C., is visiting home folks.

Mrs. Myrtle Pack and Mrs. Walker Arledge, teachers of Red Mountain school, attended prayer services at Cooper Gap, Sunday afternoon.

Miss Bertha Dalton spent last Friday night at Mrs. S. J. Helton's.

Mrs. Posey Wilson spent several days with her grandmother, Mrs. N. L. Lynch, last week.

Mr. Noah Lynch spent Saturday night with Mr. Harry Bennett.

Miss Maggie Jackson visited her sister, Mrs. Sallie Jackson, Sunday.

Hello, McDonald school, come around some Friday and visit our school. Our program is every two weeks.

With much success to the NEWS and our soldiers.

W. S. S.—MILL SPRING ROUTE 2.

Mr. Bill Pack passed through this section with his traction engine, one day last week.

the insane asylum at Morganton. She leaves many friends to grieve her loss.

Mr. Martin Gilbert visited his father Sunday.

Mr. Landrum Jackson spent Saturday night with his son, near Sandy Plains.

Mrs. M. H. Gilbert spent a few hours with Mrs. S. J. Helton, Helton, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Gibbs attended Sunday school at Cooper Gap Sunday.

Miss Kansas Jackson was the guest of Miss Bessie Jane Helton, Sunday last.

—W. S. S.—
PEA RIDGE.

Mrs. J. B. Dalton spent last week at Rutherfordton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Foy and two daughters spent Sunday night with Mr. John Foy.

We are glad to know that Mr. Oscar Phillips is able to be at home again.

Mr. Roland Walker has returned from Hopewell, Va.

Mrs. Harriet Splawn is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Chap Turner spent Sunday with Mr. Jim Melton.

Mr. J. T. Waldrop and son, Edgar, spent Sunday with Mr. J. T. Green.

—W. S. S.—
MILL SPRING ROUTE 1.

Rev. J. M. Barber filled his regular appointment at Lebanon, Sunday. He was accompanied by Mr. A. L. Hill, who made a splendid talk on the Fourth Liberty Loan. We hope everybody will do their duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Barber and daughter, Jennie, visited Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Powell, Sunday.

Misses Eliza White, Mossie Edwards and Dorcas Edwards, made a trip to Rock Spring, Sunday afternoon.

Cotton Picking is going on these hot days, but the girls of this section pick from 100 to 250 pounds a day, despite the hot weather.

Miss Lucy Abrams spent a few social hours at A. A. Edwards', Sunday afternoon.

—W. S. S.—
MELVIN HILL.

Mrs. M. E. Morris arrived home from a visit to her daughter at Clinton, last Friday.

Mr. Arthur Waldrop is visiting her mother, Mrs. Tate, at Chesnee this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Henderson were shopping in Rutherfordton, Saturday.

Mr. J. E. Jones is putting in a grist mill at his garage.

There was a sociable singing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Cantrell, Saturday night. Miss Mamie Cantrell was organist for the occasion.

Mr. G. C. Peagan was at the Greens Creek precinct, last Saturday, for the purpose of opening registry books, and he will be for the next two Saturdays.

Mrs. Wm. Ridings is spending this week with Mrs. Foster Lawter.

The Rawley medicine man was in town, Monday, and the people were inquiring of him if he had anything that would cure the Spanish influenza.

—W. S. S.—
FISHTOP.

T. E. Pace and daughters, Misses Estelle and Eva, visited Saturday and Sunday in the mountain top section.

POULTRY RAISERS ORGANIZATIONS

Every Township in Polk County Requested to Perfect an Organization.

OUTLOOK FOR POULTRY.

"It pays to advertise" is an old saying, and never was there a truer one. An account of the organization of the Tryon township poultry association appeared in the Asheville Citizen a few days ago. Already inquiries are coming in, and one party from a South Carolina town writes in and wants to buy White Leghorn or Blue Andalusian pullets. If any of our readers have any for sale and will let us know, and what price you want for them we will send the gentleman the information.

Another gentleman from Asheville, a Mr. Campbell, a traveling salesman, says he is in the poultry business, and will gladly lend his aid to further the cause in Polk county; that he will send a few coops of chickens to our Fair for exhibition if so requested.

You just watch old Polk on this proposition. We can and will raise thousands of full blooded chickens. The day of the scrub chicken is past, and he is doomed.

If you have any thoroughbred chickens, or want to raise such, write the editor and tell him all about it.

W. S. S.—TRYON POULTRY CLUB.

In pursuance of call through the NEWS, a few of the faithful met at Miss Sidline Hall, Saturday morning, to talk over poultry matters. The meeting was strictly informal, but much interest was manifested, and it was the unanimous opinion of those present to go ahead full speed in poultry production.

The matter of thoroughbred versus scrub poultry was gone into, and it was agreed to get every raiser interested in Tryon township if possible, and to have them do away with scrub stock and substitute full bloods instead. This is the request, not only of the North Carolina State Board of Agriculture, but the U. S. Board as well.

Remember that you don't have to own a large flock to become an active working member of the new club, but if you have any chickens at all, and desire to raise thoroughbred chickens you are asked to become a member.

Mr. B. F. Copeland was elected president, and Mrs. T. H. Cogge secretary. Another meeting will be held soon, and it is desired that everybody interested will attend.

W. S. S.—BUYS LAND FOR GRAZING PURPOSES.

Mrs. Fannie J. Ricks, living on Mount Tryon, has purchased a tract of land from Mr. Geo. B. Cobb, of Tryon, for converting into a cattle pasture.

Mrs. Ricks has been experimenting along the line of raising, thoroughbred stock for some time, but has been badly handicapped on account of all her land lying on top and on the north side of the mountain, depriving her of winter pasturage. The land bought from Mr. Cobb lies on the South side of the mountain, and Mrs. Ricks will immediately proceed to convert it into the much-desired winter pasture.

This is welcome news, and from present indications there is a grand awakening taking place in old Polk, and soon we will be very much in evidence in the cattle raising industry.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture and the North Carolina State Board of Agriculture tell us that Polk county is peculiarly adapted to the raising of cattle, and they are both going to do everything in their power to bring it about. All hail the day.

W. S. S.—WANT A THOROUGHBRED HOG?

Elsewhere in this paper appears an advertisement from Mr. Chas. Lynch pertaining to a thoroughbred broken-nose Berkshire boar. Mr. Lynch is very much interested in raising fine hogs and doing all he can to induce others to engage in it. This fine animal will be sold by Mr. Lynch to any Polk county farmer who will agree to keep him for breeding purposes, and will be sold at the market price per pound of pork.

This is certainly a fair proposition on Mr. Lynch's part and we hope to be able to report the sale to some Polk county farmer in our next issue.

W. S. S.—TRYON ROUTE 1.

Sorry we couldn't be at Bethlehem, Sunday, to hear the good talks given by our Tryon lady patriots.

Several on the route are sick with lagrippe or influenza. Mr. Ray Edwards is very sick at the camp with it.

Mr. Arthur RuRppe is home on an honorable discharge. He was afflicted with gas.

Our mail man's mother, Mrs. Wilson, fell the other day and was very badly hurt. We hope she will soon be up again.

Mr. Parris who was hurt with a car, has returned home, but not fully recovered.

Let's all do our part in helping send the NEWS to our brave lads in khaki.