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## DEPARTMENT FOR POULTRY RAISERS.

Will be Conducted by One of  
the Ablest Experts in  
North Carolina.

TO START NEXT WEEK.

In order to aid the poultry raisers of Polk county in every manner possible we have decided to add a Poultry Department to the NEWS, and will do so probably next week. This department will be edited by Mr. B. F. Kaupp, Poultry Pathologist, of the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station, West Raleigh. Dr. Kaupp is authority on diseases and utility of poultry, and will cheerfully answer any question that any reader of the NEWS may ask.

Just send in your question, with your name signed thereto, to the editor of the NEWS, at Tryon, and all questions will be forwarded to Dr. Kaupp.

This department will be of untold benefit to poultry raisers in Polk county, and we want everyone to feel free to ask questions.

Let our motto in the future be "Nothing but full blooded poultry for Polk."

Read what Dr. Kaupp says about it.

West Raleigh, Oct. 10, 1918.  
Polk County News,  
Tryon, N. C.

My Dear Sirs: I was pleased to note that Tryon township had perfected an organization and that all other townships are going to organize similar associations. We would like to have all the members of your Township Poultry Association to become members of our State Association. I might state that our State Association is a member of the American Poultry Association which is our national organization. We want to help you in every way possible and it will be a pleasure to me to edit your poultry department for you. One of the best ways to get material is to have the various persons who have poultry problems they want information on to write to you and then in turn send the questions to me and I will answer the questions and use these as bases for short articles. In this way the poultry department of your paper would be of the most value to those interested in poultry. We want to help you in every way we can and have agreed to furnish five sittings of Rhode Island Red eggs for each township this coming year. The 30 sittings will represent the value of more than \$100.00. This work will be carried on through my assistant, Mr. J. E. Ivey, and your county demonstration agent, Mr. Sams, together with the assistance of the officers and committees from your township organization.

Very truly yours,  
B. F. KAUPP,  
Poultry Investigator and Pathologist.

—W. S. S.—  
SALUDA.

Mrs. Q. C. Soner and a party of friends have been on a visit to her daughter who is attending school at Demorest, Ga. They went in her own car and had an enjoyable time of several days.

Mrs. Campbell and sister, Mrs. Killian, are entertaining their sister and family, who came in their car a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Lane spent a day and night recently, in Hendersonville, visiting Mr. Lane's sister who is making her home there at present.

Miss Louise Lane expects to spend the winter in Charleston, S. C., with Mrs. Bertoleto, which will be her second winter there.

Mrs. J. C. Bushnell went to Tryon, on business, Tuesday afternoon, and enjoyed the trip, as usual.

Miss Lucile Hazard has gone to Asheville to take a nurse's training course at the Mission Hospital there.

Mrs. B. I. Hazard is visiting her son in Birmingham, Ala., who is quite sick with pneumonia.

Mrs. H. B. Locke is spending a few days with her son, Russell, who is sick with lagrippe, at Demorest, Ga., where he is attending school.

Miss Wilcox has gone to New York to visit her brother, who is quite sick.

Mr. Clough Steele, the son-in-law of Mr. Aiken, of this place, is sick with influenza, at the residence of the latter.

The Mayor of Saluda, Mr. John Pace, passed away, Tuesday, and his remains will be interred at the cemetery at Friendship church. Mr. Pace was a kind husband and father, a useful citizen, and leaves many relatives to lament his loss, and his place will be hard to fill. His son, Clarence, is with the army, somewhere in France.

—W. S. S.—  
COLUMBUS.

Some of the patriotic children of Columbus have decided to work for Uncle Sam while the school is closed, and have earned enough to buy several "Baby Bonds." These children are killing three birds with one stone instead of two. That is, helping the former whose families are sick pick their cotton, taking care of their health by being out in God's pure air and sunshine, and laying up treasures

that will be a benefit not only to themselves but their country.

Our school closed its doors again Tuesday, for how long a time we do not know.

Mrs. T. M. Johnson, one of our teachers, and her children, have returned to Arden until school opens.

Mr. John Carnegie left for Charlottesville, Va., having enlisted as a mechanic.

Solicitor Huffman was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. A. D. Brown received a telegram informing her of the serious illness of her husband, of pneumonia, at Petersburg, Va. A child is also very sick.

Mrs. Ed. Cloud expects to leave the Rutherfordton hospital this week.

Mrs. Robert Hill has closed the dormitory and has taken her family to their home near Rutherfordton, until the opening of school.

Dr. and Mrs. Bostic and children have returned home after a visit at Mr. J. P. Arledge's.

Mr. John Burgess returned home from Davidson college. He has just recovered from an attack of Spanish influenza.

Mr. Frank Burgess left for Erwin, Tenn., to visit relatives who are suffering with influenza.

Mrs. Pink McAbee and Mrs. O. L. Feagans and several children are out of town people sick this week. Mrs. Gaston Mills is recovering from a serious illness.

Mr. J. A. Feagan is remodeling his home near Columbus.

The many friends and schoolmates of Miss Bertha Jackson, of near Tryon, whose death occurred last week, regret to lose one whose life was a benefit to the community in which she lived, and worthy of imitation. She was a special favorite with the children, and was a member of the graduating class of 1917 of Stearns

—W. S. S.—  
PEA RIDGE.

Miss Mollie Dalton has returned from Brevard Institute. She brought company with her, the Spanish influenza.

Miss Bessie Thompson, brother Dexter, and Mr. Bramette Thompson have returned from Brevard Institute.

Rev. J. M. Barber preached an excellent sermon at the Methodist church, Sunday.

Mr. Sam Gosnell, from Spartanburg, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Gosnell, Sunday.

Mrs. J. T. Green is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Waldrop, at present.

Mrs. Jesse Splawn is improving from influenza and pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Waldrop spent Sunday evening with Mrs. J. T. Green.

Mr. Henry Thompson spent Sunday evening with W. G. Splawn.  
—W. S. S.—  
HOW TO INCREASE PRODUCTION

Southern farmers may increase the production of food and feed stuffs in many ways.

Every farmer that has land that is at all suitable for wheat should plant sufficient wheat to supply his family and dependents with breadstuffs.

Every farmer should produce sufficient feed-stuffs for his own establishment, together with his part of the surplus that is required at his local markets.

Every farmer can increase his acreage slightly by planting a larger proportion of his land in grain and hay crops.

Every family, in country, city, town or mill community, which has any available space should have a war garden. Every dish of vegetables produced in such a garden takes the place of some food product which otherwise would be imported.

Every family which can possibly do so should keep one or more pigs to consume waste products or feed which can be grown upon waste land, and to supply meat which otherwise would be taken from the supply that should be available for export to our soldiers and to our allies in Europe.

Every farmer can increase his next year's production of cotton, corn, and other crops by planting rye, vetch and other cover crops to be turned under for green manure. Rye and vetch, or oats and vetch, planted now, will make a splendid crop of hay in the spring and be off the land in time for a crop of soy beans or cowpeas or corn for grain and roughage.

Every farmer can use his brains brawn to their capacity, and make every day count.  
—W. S. S.—  
NORTH CAROLINA SHOULD DEVELOP POULTRY INDUSTRY.

One of the greatest opportunities for increasing the food supply of the nation and relieving the transportation system as well as the food situation, is in saving a larger number of pullets than usual for egg and poultry production. The high prices being paid for chickens should tempt producers to reduce their stock, even to the usual limit.

Sell the cull pullets and hens and the roosters. Keep every pullet you can take care of properly.

## FROM OUR FRIENDS OVER THE COUNTY

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

### HILLCREST.

Miss Mabel Postin, of Statesville, has come to Hillcrest Institute to teach.

Mrs. C. E. Boyd has returned to her home in Norfolk, Va.

Miss Lucy Abrams has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Kirby have moved up from Spartanburg, S. C.

Mrs. J. D. and Clint Blackwell were in Tryon one day last week.

Hillcrest Institute is giving a week's recess on account of influenza, several cases having developed in this community.

Private Lewis F. Camp, of the U. S. Marines, is at home, recuperating from the effects of wounds received at Chateau Thierry, early in June.

Miss Mary Lizzie Houser has gone to Rutherfordton to take a position as clerk.

A jolly crowd of young people from Rutherfordton came out for a picnic, Friday evening, and Saturday night a merry group made molasses candy at Mr. T. J. Houser's.

Mrs. Milner Jones has gone to Athens, Tenn., to visit her son, Hon. Clem J. Jones.

### SILVER CREEK.

Owing to sickness, Rev. J. B. Arledge failed to fill his regular appointment at Silver Creek, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. F. M. Holbert died at his home last Wednesday, and was buried at Silver Creek cemetery.

Almost the entire family at G. H. Arledge's have the Spanish influenza.

Mr. N. B. Huggins was a caller in this section, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Arledge, of Spartanburg, visited the former's parents, also his sister, Mrs. Jesse Splawn, who is very ill.

Miss Roxie Walker visited her cousins, Jeter and Mary Ann Bradley, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Arledge have received the news that their son, Napoleon B. Arledge, has landed safely overseas.

Miss Charity Williams spent Sunday on the route.

Mr. Geo. Pack and sister, Nellie, spent Sunday at Green river.

The efficient son of Mr. J. H. Gibbs has been our mail carrier for the past week on account of the illness of his father.

## THE PLEA OF THE RETURNED.

Over the world and back again,  
I've heard the mighty roar  
Of waves of men all lit with flame—  
Dashed out for evermore.

Over the world and back again,  
I've seen in the mornlight fair,  
While a bird sang sweet in the waste beyond--  
The breeze lifts the dead men's hair.

Over the world and back again,  
Seen a priest upon his knees  
With his dying face like a dream of peace  
As he gave "to the least of these."

Over the world and back again,  
With the wonderful thought that I  
Went out with the rest, as keen as the best,  
As willing as they, to die.

Over the world and back again,  
With only a leg to give--  
I've seen the best of a mighty throng  
Die, that the rest might live.

Over the world and back again,  
I've seen the purging fire,  
The burning sacrifice of men,  
Lit, at the Hun's desire.

Oh! drive that raging fire on,  
And cleanse the culprit's hand--  
So over the world and back again  
In each and every land

May sweep the gentle robes of Peace,  
Nor fear assaulted pain,  
That all the brave ones sacrificed  
Shall not have been in vain.

VITA C. KIRCHNER.

Tryon, N. C., Oct. 15, 1918.

### MILL SPRING.

Quite a number in this section still have Spanish "flu."

Glad to note that Mr. Claude Lewis is able to be out again.

Messrs. B. F. Gibbs, Dru Helton, Cling Lawter and Dewey Jackson were callers of Mr. J. H. Gibbs, last Sunday.

Mr. G. C. Brisco made a trip to Rutherfordton, last week.

Say, Tryon Route 1, have you still the Spanish "flu?" If so you sure have our sympathy.

A doctor was heard to say one day last week that he had heard of but two things for the past week, and that was the price of cotton and the new disease.

The people are very busy now, trying to get their cotton in while the price is high.

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

### SUNNY VIEW.

The people here are busy digging potatoes.

Only one case of "flu" has been received cards, stating that he had arrived safely overseas.

Only one case of "u" has been reported in this section, and we are glad to say that he is recovering.

Mrs. J. R. Blanton and son, Roy, were visitors at Mr. A. J. Dimsdale's Saturday.

Mr. Dewitt Helton, who is in Camp Raritan, N. J., wrote home that a large powder plant there had exploded, but nobody hurt.

The school children are recovering from whooping cough.

Mr. J. J. Jackson was kicked by a mule several days ago, receiving a bad injury to one of his legs, but glad to note that he is improving.

The relatives here of Corp. John D. Wilson, who is in France, have received the glad tidings that he is rapidly recovering from being gassed last May.

Mr. Walker Arledge passed through this section, Saturday, en route to Red Mountain.

Miss Bertha Dalton, teacher of Sunny View school, and several others from Chimney Rock, attended the funeral of Mr. Fred Henderson at the Ridings cemetery, last Monday.

Messrs. Frank and Willie Mills visited Mr. Noah Lynch, Sunday.

If you have any relatives or friends in France who is not receiving the POLK COUNTY NEWS, don't fail to send in your dollar, name and address to the editor. Don't be afraid to spend the dollar, for one of our boys has written home and said he had learned more by reading the NEWS in one day, than we could ever do for him.

We are some proud of our new mail carrier, Mr. Ernest Gibbs  
—W. S. S.—  
FISHTOP.

We need rain on the farms to destroy the "flu" germs.

Jesse Case is the only one so far to contract the "flu" in this section.

R. C. Jackson "a few days ago" tried to get some pine knots from an old log. While chopping on it he heard what he thought was bumble bees, and paid no attention to it. He then turned the log over and out came a large rattler. He had been singing in the log instead of its being bumble bees.

Grayson Jackson also while gathering some apples discovered a large rattler and killed him, a few days ago.

Lynn, forty snakes in one season of all varieties is not to be compared to this section, when T. W. Bradley and Thomas Price killed 44 at one time, in one pile of one variety—the blunt tailed moccasin.

Posy Henderson hauled a load of apples to Lynn one day last week.

Clement Arledge and Walter Burgess went to Saluda, Saturday.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow,"

For the Kaiser is on the go,  
"Praise him all ye Heavenly host,"

For Pershing, Haig and Foch.  
Miss Hanna Henderson visited Miss Florence Bradley, Saturday.

All day singing at Mountain Valley Sunday.

E. J. Bradley treated quite a crowd to watermelon, Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pace, on the 13th inst., a girl.

T. E. Pace is hauling corn and tomatoes to Saluda.

C. C. Jones and Logan Newman are hauling sweet potatoes to the canning factory at Dana.

The giant coon is reported to be in this section with his companion.

Govan Constant's folks are hauling green corn and tomatoes to Saluda.  
—W. S. S.—  
MILL SPRING ROUTE 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Belton Jackson made a business trip to Rutherfordton to have dental work done one day last week.

Mr. J. P. Dimsdale's little child was buried at Cooper Gap, last Thursday.

Mrs. James Bradley visited her brother, Mark Laughter, near Rutherfordton, Saturday last.

Mrs. W. W. Gibbs visited her daughter, Mrs. Joe Jackson, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Gilbert were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ruff, Sunday.

Sorry to note that our rural mail carrier was unable to be on the route last week. But we had a pleasing looking little substitute, and he's always on time.

Messrs. Isaac and Berry Williams were visitors at Mr. N. E. Williams' Sunday.

Mr. Posy Brown is visiting home folks this week.

A crowd from this section enjoyed a chestnut hunt on the Mountains, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dimsdale spent a few hours with Mrs. S. J. Helton, Sunday.

Mrs. A. H. Lynch was the guest of Mrs. C. E. Lynch, Sunday.

Glad to note that Mr. Terrell Taylor is able to be out squirrel hunting.

Old Mr. "Flu" has not visited this section, and hope he will pass us by. We keep it out by taking a little bonest tea every time we sneeze.

Rah, rah, for the POLK COUNTY NEWS. Let's not forget to send it to the boys over there.  
—W. S. S.—  
MELVIN HILL.

Mr. Frank Edwards' house caught fire on the roof, Tuesday, by the prompt assistance of a few neighbors the fire was subdued without much damage to the building.

Sheriff Robertson delivered an address to the citizens of this place in the school building, last Saturday night. His theme principally was the winning of the war. He also touched on politics and the coming election.

There is to be a singing convention at Greens Creek, next Sunday. Among the attractions will be an "old time singing," which the old people will enjoy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Foster Lawter, one day last week, a boy.

The writing spider has about gone out of business in this vicinity, and we think it just as well, for he was such a poor scriber we couldn't read his writing anyhow.

There was a fearful car wreck in front of Mr. Robert Ridings' residence Sunday morning, on the Spartanburg road. Two colored men were in the car which was running at the rate of 75 miles an hour, when suddenly the front wheels left the ground and the car cut a double summersault, throwing the occupants high in the air, one of whom reached the ground in time

## OUR BOYS EXPECT US TO DO IT.

Will be Bitterly Disappointed if  
We Fail to Buy Our Quota  
of Liberty Bonds.

POLK COUNTY MUST GO OVER.

We are in receipt of a letter from Lieut. James B. Copeland, U. S. Navy, who, in speaking of the Fourth Liberty Loan Drive as applied to Polk county, says:

"There is no doubt of the fact of the influenza on the Liberty Loan; it has certainly interfered greatly here, and I expect it is going to take some mighty hard work to put the State over the top. However, I look for it to go over the top yet."

"Dad, I hope you will use every means and argument within your power in old Polk to help put the county over the top in this drive. Make them feel that to fail now, at all times would be a blot on the fair name of the old county, and every man, woman and child in it. Tell them the boys in the service, remembering the fact that old Polk county went way over her quota in the third loan are looking to them to sustain the reputation of the old county at home in the same measure in which they are holding the front."

The boys with the guns have done wonders; they now turn their eyes and hearts homeward for help and encouragement, and they MUST have it.

I have faith in good old Polk. She has made her reputation, the people of the county, by their patriotic work in the last loan drive have earned the right to call themselves true, staunch Americans. Make them realize that in the supreme test they must show the same spirit—or fail in their most sacred duty."

"I am sure that all the boys in the service from Polk county feel the same as I, that if we were there we might be able to help our folks in their effort—but we can't be there. There is another job which we MUST and WILL complete, and that is put Old Glory on the Kaiser's palace in Berlin."

"Until that is done, and done it WILL be, by the grace of God, the Army and Navy, you people at home, father, mother, sweethearts, sisters, brothers and friends, do your part, and let us all be proud to tell our comrades that the boy who carried Old Glory to the Kaiser's front door was from Polk county, the county that NEVER FAILS. Go to it, everybody."

"I have bought another bond myself, and so have all the men here in the service, thus earning the right to use the Navy slogan, "Fight or buy bonds; the Navy does both." Not a bad slogan at that, is it folks?"

to get capped under the car bed, which was turned upside down over him. Mr. Ridings, seeing the accident happen, ran out and yanked the car off and got the fellow out, and began hustling around for doctors. The miracle is that the men are alive enough to need a doctor. Don't know yet how badly injured they are.  
—W. S. S.—  
WHAT TO DO NOW.

Editor Polk County News.

Dear Sir: Just a little farm say so this week.

1st. Pick cotton to beat the band while this dry weather lasts, but sell slowly.

2nd. Prepare land for wheat thoroughly; use plenty of acid phosphate where land is rich enough to make good growth of straw, and get good seed in the ground as early as possible.

3rd. Sow winter cover crops as soon as possible—crimson clover, should be sown at once if sown at all this season; rye and vetch may be sown together or separately, (together is better) any time till December 1st.

4th. A word about poultry. We have undertaken a project aimed at making Polk county a pure bred poultry county, and here is our plan: I have secured, free of charge, 30 settings of pure bred eggs, to be used next spring. These eggs are to be placed in the hands of five painstaking men or women in each of the six townships of the county, who will build and equip a hen house according to instructions, and keep the poultry pure bred and as directed from the State College of Agriculture. I have already selected several of these parties, and any who would like to undertake pure bred poultry work on the farm would do well to see or write me.

Tryon township has already organized a pure bred poultry association, and every other township should do likewise. Every farm should increase their poultry output next year so as to release that much pork to go abroad where it is so badly needed.

To do so better hen houses should be provided now, that proper care can be taken of the laying hens this winter, and the little chicks next spring.

5th. Everybody do his level best in buying and causing others to buy Fourth Liberty Bonds, and W. S. S.

Respectfully,  
J. R. SAMS, County Agent.