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## GOOD ROADS FOR POLK COUNTY.

Bill Before Legislature Provides Funds For Building Roads During Ten Years.

### ENTIRE STATE PROFITS.

Wilmington N. C., Jan. 28, 1919. Editor Polk County News, Tryon, N. C. Dear Sir:

The bill for the construction of STATE HIGHWAYS and for establishing a fund to meet the Federal Aid Allotment proposed under the Bankhead bill has been worked out by Senator Scales of Guilford county and Senator Stevens of Buncombe. It is expected that the Federal Aid allotment to North Carolina will be \$2,280,000 a year for ten years, which is to be met on the dollar for dollar basis by the State, and to be spent on State Highways connecting county seat with county seat and with other principal towns. Under this arrangement your county would receive \$116,000 of Federal funds and \$116,000 of State funds during a ten-year period, to be spent on hard surfaced roads connecting your county seat with the county seats of adjoining counties, making a total of \$232,000 during the ten-year period, to be spent by the State and Federal Governments on inter-county roads or State Highways.

The Scales-Stevens bill calls for an increased license fee on automobiles, trucks etc., this fund to be supplemented by an appropriation from the State Treasury (if there are any surplus funds available) or a bond issue as needed to meet the Federal Aid Allotment. As the motor-driven vehicles are the ones which will use the State Highways mainly, this tax is undoubtedly an acceptable provision to the automobilist and owners of Trucks. In fact, the automobile industry is dependent on through roads for its prosperity. By having a concrete or other hard surfaced system of roads, the automobilist would more than save his tax in the expense of one tire and such roads would undoubtedly save him the equivalent of many tires, much gasoline and repairs during the year.

This bill will be considered by the legislature either this week or next. Its passage means everything to the future of North Carolina, as well as to those who own automobiles, motor trucks, and other vehicles of like nature.

This bill is of even more value to the rural counties and smaller counties than it is to the larger and richer counties which are able to build their own roads. I consider it a very vital matter to your county to be able to secure the State and Federal fund. None of the Federal fund will be collected from your county and you will undoubtedly get more from the State than your county would be responsible for paying.

I sincerely hope that you can bring this matter before the people of your county and that you will personally interest your progressive citizens in writing to their Representatives in the General Assembly, so as to make them realize that the people of North Carolina are behind this project which means so much to our State's development. I believe the majority of the members in the General Assembly favor it, but when they feel that the folks at home are behind them they will favor it more vigorously.

Very truly yours,  
W. A. McGIRT, President.

### TAKE OUT LAZY HENS FROM WINTER FLOCK.

West Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 30. "Early to bed" is a rule that won't do for hens, not if the poultryman is looking for high egg production. The early-to-roost and late-to-rise hen is one that should find it's way to the roasting pan, says Dr. B. F. Kaupp, Poultry Investigator for the North Carolina Experiment Station.

"All feed is to high priced to feed to boarder hens," says Dr. Kaupp. Our big problem is to find the boarder and cull her out of the flock.

"Sick, moping hens do not lay and are likely to give disease to healthy hens, so they should be removed.

"Hens that show age, or that are under-sized will not lay enough eggs to pay for their keep. They should be removed.

"Cull out all birds with large, coarse heads the crowing hen, the fat, hard-fleshed birds. These will make good meat, but they lay only a few eggs.

"Hens that are high producers are distinctly feminine. They are fine-boned, with soft, pliable skin; their pelvic bones at each side of the vent are straight and pliable; far enough apart to allow an egg to pass through easily. The high production hen has to have great food capacity, she must be strong and active, always scratching, up early and late, and always busy and happy.

"Hens of this sort are of the right type to return a fair profit if they are given a fair chance in feed and quarters."

### SALUDA.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Lane have returned from their visit to Sumter, S. C. and Columbia, bringing with them a friend, Miss Caroline Thomas, for a sojourn with them in Saluda.

Miss Ora Langford is visiting with friends in Brevard, N. C., and expected to be away two weeks.

A party of young folks, chaperoned by Mrs. B. I. Hazard and Miss Halie Singleton, spent a very enjoyable week-end camping trip at a deserted cabin about five miles from Saluda, in the Green river section. The members of the party were as follows: The chaperons mentioned above, the host, Mr. Herman Owens, who planned the picnic; Misses Minnie and Hazel Cullipher and Lila Mae Guice; Messrs. Hugh and Roy Ward and Doran Fisher. The party left Saluda Friday afternoon, packed in two wagons, with all the necessities and good things to eat, which go to make a success of such an undertaking. The five mile drive ended at the cottage in which they were to lodge, and where a big fire in a big stove gave them a warm welcome and made them comfortable. The wagons were soon unloaded and preparation for supper begun, which being cooked by Miss Minnie Cullipher and many able assistants, resulted in a delicious repast much appreciated by the hungry and jolly crowd. Mr. Roy Ward killed a fine rabbit which was added to the feast, making a dish fit to set before a king. The time was spent in rambling through the mountains, taking pictures, playing games and singing. Mr. Doran Fisher contributed many songs to the accompaniment of the ukulele. Sunday afternoon the party was returned safely to Saluda, Mr. Hugh Ward being the driver who skillfully steered the mules over many rough and rocky places without an accident. The trip will long be remembered by all who participated, and the days, if not all "perfect days" will be so regarded by the young folks. A vote of thanks is due Mr. Owens for the plan so successfully carried out, and to Mr. P. H. Bailey who so kindly loaned his teams for the occasion, and to all others who contributed to the pleasure and success of the expedition.

Mr. Rufus Stacey is back from the "war" and is looking fine.

Miss Jane Thompson is slowly recovering from a bad operation performed some time ago.

Mrs. Cullipher and daughter Miss Minnie, were in Hendersonville a day last week, shopping.

Mr. Herschel Thompson has returned to his duties in the U. S. Navy.

Mr. Julian Ravenel and family like Saluda so well they have concluded to remain for an indefinite period.

Mr. J. K. Davis has returned from a long visit to friends and relatives in the eastern part of the state.

### COLUMBUS.

Mr. Monroe Henderson is on the sick list this week.

Miss Odessa Mills spent last week with her parents. Her friend, Miss Olie Nix accompanied her.

Mr. Robert Hill is in Rutherfordton this week on business.

Miss Eva Gibbs, of Landrum, S. C., visited Stearns High School, Monday. Little Hoyt McMurray is very ill.

Mr. Archie Feagan re-entered Stearns High School, Monday, after being absent so long on account of illness.

Mr. N. T. Mills spent a few days last week in Spartanburg.

Mesdames Newman and Cloud spent Sunday with Mrs. Ben Green.

Mrs. E. B. Cloud is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Walker, of Greens Creek.

Mrs. Hosea Arledge is visiting her father, Mr. L. L. Tallant this week.

Mr. W. B. Feagan spent Thursday of last week with Mr. H. H. Edwards.

Miss Emma McNitch was the guest of Mrs. J. W. Jack, Sunday.

Mr. F. M. Burgess was appointed, Monday, to finish the unexpired term of the late A. L. Pitman, as Register of Deeds.

Rev. Jones, of Tryon, will preach at the Baptist church, of Columbus, Sunday, at 11 a. m.

### ABOLENE.

We have several cases of flu in our neighborhood, but all seem to be improving.

Mr. R. C. Hayes has returned home after being in France ten months, and has many wonderful stories to tell of the battles and the wonderful work of the Red Cross.

Mr. Oland Wilkins is home from Fruitland Institute on account of the school closing down from the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Tate spent Saturday with the latter's mother, Mrs. Miller.

Mrs. E. C. Davidson and babies spent Thursday night at Mr. J. H. Davis.

Misses Callie and Zermon Calvert, of Fingerville, spent Tuesday with Mr. V. C. Calvert.

## FROM OUR FRIENDS OVER THE COUNTY

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

### GREENS CREEK HIGH SCHOOL.

Names of students of the Greens Creek High School who got on the "Honor Roll" for the second month of this term:

The first grade, from 90 to 95, or distinguished, Primer, Pearl Giles; first grade, Tench White, Florence Belscher, Jethrow Peeler, Donald Spurlin and Aileen Barnett.

Second grade: Shirley Humphries, Buna Giles, Mary Jones, Walter Shehan.

Those 95 or more, or highly distinguished, primers, Violet Horn, Helen Feagan, Thelma Jones.

First readers, Curtis Feagan, Sadie Blackwell, Jack McDade and Madge White.

Second grade, Rena Hinsdale, Grady Shields, Excell Horn and Stella White. Evelyn Perser, teacher.

Third grade, Odessa Giles.

Fourth grade, Corrie Horn. Mona Hadley, teacher.

Seventh grade, Isham Henderson.

Eighth grade, Maggie Sue Morris, Wofford Humphries and Lemuel Morn K. O. Husky, teacher.

### SILVER CREEK.

Private Henry Thompson, who has been in France for several months returned to his home last week. He tells of some very thrilling experiences while in France and Belgium.

Mr. Reece Arledge who has been sick with the flu for the past two weeks, at Spartanburg hospital, returned home last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bradley were visitors at Mountain View Farm last Sunday.

Mrs. Herbert Arledge is very ill. Miss Esther Gibbs is teaching a very successful school at Silver Creek.

Mr. Bynum Hill spent Saturday night with Jeter Bradley.

Mr. Walter Green spent the weekend with relatives near Saluda.

Miss Grace Arledge spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Jesse Splawn.

Call around, at Miss Esther Gibbs' school on Friday afternoon, and see what she is teaching.

### NEW HOPE.

It seems as if spring was already here.

Our new preacher, Rev. Mr. Shelton, filled his regular appointment at New Hope Sunday, and preached a new year's sermon to quite a large crowd.

We have a few cases of flu in this vicinity.

Mr. Homer Hollifield spent a few hours with Mr. Martin Thompson Wednesday night. Mr. Thompson is nursing a bad wound received while helping Mr. Burton Cantrell to take a bale of cotton out of the press. It suddenly came loose, and an iron bolt pierced Mr. Thompson's foot.

Mr. Lee Cudd who is in the Rutherfordton hospital with a broken leg, is getting along nicely.

Messrs. W. E. and A. B. McGuinn, brothers, who are in France, are reported as getting along all right. These boys were both fine young men. While not well off in this world's goods they were good hearted, honest and kind. May God spare their lives and allow them to return safely.

Miss Delia Thompson of Poores Ford spent a few hours with Mc. Thompson Sunday.

The school at New Hope is progressing satisfactorily, with Miss Millie Rogers as teacher.

Lot of our farmers are hauling their guano now so that it will be out of their way when the busy spring time comes.

What has become of Poplar Grove?

### TRYON ROUTE 1.

Mrs. L. L. Pack died of pneumonia following influenza, Saturday morning at 5 o'clock. Funeral services were held in the Hamilton cemetery, where the body was laid to rest. Seven brothers and sisters, nine children and her aged father, a Confederate soldier, survive her. May the almighty in His goodness console them in this dark hour of their tribulation.

Glad to note some on the route are able to attend church again. On account of the flu we can hardly find out how we will like our new preacher, Rev. E. L. Shelton.

Mr. J. D. Carpenter was in Spartanburg for a few days recently.

Mrs. Lydia Foster of Campobello, and her soldier boy, are visiting Miss Myrtle Pack this week.

### MELVIN HILL.

Mr. Wilbur Steadman and Miss Lillie Sparks were married last Sunday. Their many friends wish them much success and happiness in life.

Mr. S. S. Lawter and daughter, Gladys, have been quite sick of influenza for the last few days.

Mr. V. Stacy spent a few days at Sandy Plains last week, with his

### mother, Mrs. Sanders, who is quite sick.

Miss Violet Toney of Sandy plains, was in Melvin Hill, last Sunday.

Mr. Bud Hines and family, who have had the flu, are improving.

We wish to correct a mistake which appeared in the NEWS some time back, in reference to Mr. Robert Westbrook who was reported insane. He was only afflicted with something like nervous indigestion. We are sorry for the mistake and hasten to correct same.

Mr. James Waldrop has returned home from Union S. C., where he has been since Christmas.

Mr. Howell Cantrell who accidentally was shot some weeks ago, is so much improved that he will be able to be sent home from the hospital soon.

### MILL SPRING ROUTE 2.

On account of the bad weather our Sunday school was small on last Sunday. Hope we will have a better turn out next Sunday.

Mrs. Kansas McGuinn, of Asheville, N. C., visited relatives in this section last week, also on route 1.

Mr. T. F. Mills made a business trip to Columbus, last Friday.

We are glad to note that Mrs. Belton Jackson is improving.

Misses Maggie and Kansas Jackson spent Saturday night with Misses Mamie and Alice Wilson, on route 1.

Little Myrtle Bradley spent Saturday night with Mrs. Coggin.

Mr. T. N. Wilson received a slight hurt from a fall one day last week.

Mrs. Jessie Green from route 1, visited her daughter, Mrs. Lillie Jones, near Tryon, one day last week.

Mr. T. F. Mills spent several hours with N. E. Williams, last Sunday.

Several in this section enjoyed a lively fox chase on last Monday morning.

### MILL SPRING.

Rev. Shelton filled his regular appointment at the M. E. church Sunday.

On account of sickness in the family of Rev. B. M. Hamrick was unable to preach for us on last third Sunday, at White Oak.

Glad to know that two of our boys are back from France, Messrs. Henry and Grover Thompson. We feel that they deserve more praise than we can express. They have faced the enemy bravely, and willingly offered their lives for us. Let us pursue them and sacrifice our food and prove our Americanism by eating less. We, as Americans, have pledged twenty million tons of foodstuff, and let us not be careless and extravagant in the matter of food. The whole world is like one vast family seated at a table in a common home. There is a certain quantity of food, and if one takes more than his share, some one else will have to go without. So let's not deprive the allies of their proportion. "Do your best."

Miss Sue Gibbs and brother, Hubert visited relatives at Gowansville, S. C. Saturday and Sunday.

A crowd of little folks took a little mountain stroll, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. J. H. Gibbs lost a fine milk cow last Wednesday night.

Hubert Foster of Camp Sevier, Greenville, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Foster, a few days last week.

Miss Clara Edwards visited Miss Letha Barber a few days recently.

### MOUNTAIN VIEW.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McCain made a business trip to Rutherfordton, last week.

Miss Emma McCain visited her niece, Alice McCain, last week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McCain, a baby girl, a few days ago.

Miss Selma Jackson, who had a severe fall a few weeks ago, is reported to be improving.

Rev. J. B. Ruppe filled his regular appointment at Mountain View, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Taylor Jackson went to Landrum on a business trip last week.

We feel very lonely since our school had to close on account of the flu.

### SUNNY VIEW.

Several from here went to Big Level, Sunday and reported a good time.

Private Reuben R. Wilson, who is in the 42nd (Rainbow) division, is now stationed in Germany near Berlin and reports that he is getting along nicely now, but that his division had been some fighting crowd. He also reports that he is now receiving the Polk County News, and that he sure was glad to receive it.

Messrs. Wheeler Odell and Frank Mills passed through this section Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Whiteside visited the latter's mother, Mrs. W. W. Gibbs, Sunday.

Aunt Amelia Whiteside has recovered from the flu and no new cases are reported.

A crowd of boys enjoyed a fox chase here, Monday morning.

Let's continue to send the Polk County News to our brave lads "over there."

### THINKS UNCLE SAM "IT."

Fingerville, S. C. R. 1, Jan. 21 1919. Editor Polk County NEWS:

Hurrah for the good old U. S.; hurrah for Uncle Sam, we are welcoming you on this another new year. This is your 144th year, being that old next Fourth of July.

Uncle Sam is a great giant that towers like Saul above his brethren. There are not men enough in the great world to pull the grand old eagle from his perch or tear one star from our flag. America is one of the few immortal things not born to die. The eagle screams louder today than ever before, because he has buried his talons in Germany's breast, and commands her to return home and leave war and bloodshed and heart-aches forevermore. The Kaiser, the old consciousness cut-throat and unscrupulous thief of all ages is down and out, but not captured. Shall the great armies of the allies submit to any country shielding this bloody murderer who has caused so much suffering and sorrow and woe? The cause of the heart-aches and woes of mothers? Think of the soldiers' bones, which if gathered together would build a monument five times higher than the famous Washington monument.

Today man feels that he is facing an age of peace, a time when the workingman can see that he has a country of the brave and free. But onward and upward will the American eagle soar to bathe in the great white light of peace. Our soldier boys in France have gone through the picked armies of Germany like a flash of lightning through the skies. The same patriotic blood of '76; at old Valley Forge and the blood bathed crest of Cowpens and Gettysburg was the cloud by day and the fire by night. Behind the stars and stripes were a million and half of hearts of oak. America was the only power that could successfully end that terror and curse of the world, the Kaiser.

But it is over now, and the heroes are sailing homeward, the boys who have made America the United States of the World, with no North, no South, but only one broad, glorious land of liberty, belting the earth. The boys for once and always have ended the career of the war dog whose only ambition was to trail across France's fertile fields, through the English Channel across England, then across the mighty deep to this wonderful land of ours, transferring us from a land of Beulah into a desert, strewn with human bones and sodden with blood and tears. But the war drum beats no more, and the battle flag is unfurled no longer. We mourn for the boys who bled and died and were left upon some battle field of France, who have answered the last roll call.

We remember these brave young heroes who swung into battle like a band of brothers, who for America dared all facing one and only one destiny, and that the highest goal of human endeavor—Liberty. Those brave boys who suffered untold privations, bled and died for the freedom of the world, will surely be rewarded beyond earth's camp ground.

God bless our soldier boys.

C. WILBUR MCGINNIS.

NEWS FROM THE LEGISLATURE.

Editor Polk County News, Tryon, N. C. Dear Sir:

After being confined to my room with cold and influenza find myself getting restless and wanting to get out and mix with the busy world again. Fortunately we had a physician in the house, Dr. Bryant, representative of Yadkin county. He pulled me over all right. I am now almost myself again.

I had made the acquaintance of two young soldiers of the Medical corps of Camp Polk. They hearing that I was sick came to my room and very kindly offered to get, leave of absence and nurse me both day and night. This service I declined as my case was not a dangerous one.

Mr. Editor I want to thank you for publishing and paying your respects to my bill. I appreciate your opinion. This bill is full of righteousness. I contend that the tax payers of this state have the right to know where their money goes. With this bill enacted into law our tax rate would soon be cut down and at the same time we would be building up our treasuries. It would enable us to get money from the tax dodgers that we have been missing so long.

In regard to the amendments voted on at the last general election I find that the majority of the voters voted for the six months school amendment, believing that the state was in position to supplement the necessary money without additional cost to the tax payers. Not so. This general assembly will have to provide the necessary machinery for this additional two months school.

Also many people voted for the homestead amendment, taking it just

## BE AT COLUMBUS NEXT MONDAY.

Good Roads, County Fair, Board of Trade, are Some of Big Questions.

### EVERYBODY BE THERE.

The attention of the farmers and business men of Polk county is again called to the meeting at Columbus next Monday, Feb. 3rd, for the purpose of organizing a Polk County Board of Trade, and to reorganize the Polk County Fair Association.

This is a matter of fundamental importance to the farmers of Polk county. They should attend this meeting in "Droves from every Township."

When we say farmers we mean every man, woman and child in Polk county who produces cotton, corn, wheat, truck, fruit of any kind and all kinds, live stock and anything that grows out of the soil or consumes that which comes from the soil. Then bankers and merchants and manufacturers as well as educators and professional men are interested either directly or indirectly in the products of the soil, and should attend this meeting.

This idea of a County Board of Trade is not primarily for the farmer. It is to organize every ounce of business energy in Polk county for the development of Polk county. We want a closer relation between our farmers and business men. We want our banks and merchants of Polk county to get behind the agricultural interests of the county; the farmers to get behind the banks and merchants; we want the farmers to get behind our county paper, and the paper behind the farmers. Let's all get together and boost in the same direction. The roads, schools, churches, all need boosting; county sanitation needs boosting; we need better mail service; more manufacturing plants; better marketing facilities and systems. So you see we need this movement, farmers, bankers, manufacturers, educators, preachers, doctors, lawyers and every other business man calculated to build Polk county.

Respectfully,  
J. R. SAMS, County Agent.

opposite to its meaning. We can very readily see the necessity for publicity. It is impossible for a man to cast his ballot intelligently without such publications. If we expect to make progress we must first make it possible for the voter to inform himself, then we will be able to think and act broader and bigger.

Some day we will be brought face to face with the question of a flat tax rate. This means tax land and not tax the improvements. Mr. Land owner who holds his land and does not improve it would have two choices one to improve or to sell to the man that would improve. This is a big question but it is like Woman's Suffrage. It is coming, so we had just as well begin to inform ourselves.

We expect to get a good strong dog law or in other words a human and sheep husbandry protection law, also we are watching and holding our breath in regard to road laws. We are watching to see just what the state highway commission has to offer. In addition to the state wide law, Senator Cloud and myself will endeavor to give Polk county whatever in our judgment the state wide law fails to give us. We want a better system for working the roads, one that will give us value received for all money appropriated for the roads.

Some other matters of grave importance are before this General Assembly, one is the school law. There seems to be a great dissatisfaction in regard to the present law. The whole machinery for raising revenue for the support of the schools will have to be reconstructed.

Another is the election law. Many democrats as well as republicans want a different and better law. Many are disgusted with the absentee voting law and want it repealed. Its primary purpose is righteous and I am not in favor of repealing it, quote, that is if it can be so hedged about so as to prevent frauds being perpetrated. As to the primary law Governor Bickett in his message to the General Assembly recommended that it be strengthened or repealed.

Mr. Editor, I think I have written enough for a man just getting over the flu. With best wishes, I am,  
Yours sincerely,  
W. F. SWANN.

### NOT SHAKESPEARE.

Mr. Editor:

This correction is proffered in behalf of accuracy, nothing more, nothing less. One of last week's writers under the caption "The Graded School Question," says he believes it was Shakespeare who said, "A little learning is a dangerous thing." If your writer will consult Pope's Essay on Criticism, part 2, line 15 he will find that he is mistaken in his belief.

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Flying Fish.

Flying fish are chiefly found along the trade path of the North Atlantic.