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## COOPERATION IS THE WATCHWORD.

### Organizations for Betterment of Farming Conditions Receiving Interest of Nation.

#### THINGS WORTH CONSIDERING.

The present movement looking toward the organization of a County Board of Trade in Polk county is no visionary scheme by any means. All over the United States similar movements are heard of, and in almost every instance some kind of an organization looking toward cooperation between bankers, business men and farmers has been the result.

Mr. Sams County Agent for Polk county, tells the editor of this paper that he talked the proposition over with Dr. Knapp, of the Federal Board of Agriculture, while in Raleigh, recently, and that Dr. Knapp not only gave the movement his endorsement but was very enthusiastic over it, and wishes us God-speed in the undertaking. The scheme is of the very soundest construction, and will be of untold benefit to Polk county and her citizens. But to make it a success will require the united efforts of everybody who has the welfare of the county at heart.

One of the latest States to take up the idea is Arkansas, and in a copy of the daily Arkansas Gazette, published at Little Rock, we find the following, referring to a movement which they call the Arkansas Profitable Farming Bureau:

"It is not the purpose of the bureau to decrease cotton production in Arkansas. On the other hand, it is the purpose of the bureau to increase cotton production, but to do it with smaller acreage. The bureau has begun the stupendous task of inducing the farmers of Arkansas to increase their hogs during the next five years until they keep 1,000,000 brood sows that will have two litters each year. This will mean the marketing each year of 12,000,000 fat hogs.

"The bureau will conduct a campaign during the next five years, having for its purpose the turning of worn-out uplands, now planted to cotton and producing from one-fourth to one-eighth bale per acre, into pasture lands or legume crops for raising and feeding beef cattle.

"The bureau will encourage sheep raising and will urge community organizations for the protection of sheep raisers against dogs.

"The bureau urges that a second crop, such as soy beans, velvet beans or cowpeas, be planted with every row of corn grown within the State.

"The bureau urges vast increases in poultry raising and urges that the money from chickens and eggs shall go to the wives and daughters of the farmers.

"This, roughly, is the bureau's program for the next five years. If it is accomplished the result to Arkansas will be \$300,000,000 additional each year, an average of \$4,000,000 yearly for the farmers of each county.

"Isn't this reward worth working for. Isn't it great enough to command the energies of every man woman and child in the State?"

"The Citizens' National Bank of Monroe, La., is sending the foregoing statement out throughout that district, and in doing so says:

"We believe the things proposed by our neighbors in Arkansas are good not only for Arkansas farmers, but for Louisiana farmers of the rich Monroe district. We are passing this newspaper article to you as information. Think over the suggestions therein contained."

Every bank in the South should preach the same doctrines to the people of its sections.

#### WHAT POLK COUNTY SHOULD DO.

Now that the war is over, we must, as a people, cut off by the boundary lines of Polk county, work out our own destiny so far as a county is concerned. It is up to our own efforts whether we become a progressive county and stand in line with the ninety-nine other counties of the great Old North State, or lag in the rear in every contest that makes for betterment, and in the end will make Polk the greatest of all counties of the State.

As a county, Polk will be just what her citizens make of her. I say the war is over, yes, and the world is not what it was before the war, neither is North Carolina nor Polk county what they were before. We have passed from an old individualistic age to a cooperative age. This is true whether we like it or not. No longer can men and women isolate themselves and make the best of their efforts; no longer families hold themselves aloof from their neighbors and enjoy the best there is for all; no longer can our county hold itself aloof from sister counties and make the greatest progress; no longer can a state stand aloof from her sister states and do her best. And just as truly, no longer can a nation hold herself aloof and do her best work in the world enlightenment and world happiness. This great truth is realized as never before by all peoples everywhere. Now the unit in all this, I mean the primary unit, is the indi-

vidual; but the unit of organization is the home, the family.

To start a home or family, two individuals agree to cooperate for each other's mutual benefit and happiness. From this small beginning a home is organized, and by the same process other homes are organized, and the products of these homes furnish material out of which an indefinite number of homes are organized until the school district is formed; then the township, the county, the State and finally the largest organization, the Nation.

So we see it is by using primary units that the simplest and most important organizations are started.

The greatest factories and business establishments in the world, as well as the least are composed of units for the starting point. The only difference between a big business and a little business is the number of units employed and used in its organization.

Now we want a Board of Trade organized in Polk county, or some kind of working body, by which and through which we can foster and encourage every legitimate business in Polk county, and destroy every illegitimate business that is festering and polluting the body politic of the glorious old county. Now how is this organization to be effected? Can it be done? Yes, by bringing together units of the same kind. 1st, let our bankers organize, in order to mobilize our financial resources. 2nd, let our farmers organize in every community in order to create resources. 3rd, let all merchants organize in order to handle the resources. 4th, let manufacturers organize in order to furnish all these units with the cheapest and best products possible.

a. Let's start our agricultural organization by organizing corn, cotton and other agricultural clubs, and get the fathers, mothers and teachers behind them.

b. This year organize pure bred poultry associations in every township in the county.

c. Grass, alfalfa and legume clubs. d. Permanent pasture clubs.

Then after these various interests in the county are organized, from the standpoint of similar like units, then by a larger organization bring them all together in a helpful sympathy with each other.

Respectfully,  
J. R. SAMS County Agent.

#### GOOD WORD FOR OUR SCHOOLS

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

It may interest the readers of your paper to know the impression made by your school upon a visitor in your town. The writer went to the school partly because the realization that public schools are the chief agency through which the perils facing our country must be met and its mighty problems solved always makes their work of surpassing interest, partly to get suggestions for some work in hand.

The first impression was the fine spirit of hospitality and helpfulness shown by the teachers of the school. What I wanted was secured at once in clear and satisfactory form.

And next, one became conscious at once of the presence of that subtle, but vital, thing—unity of effort of the teacher and scholar. One felt that they were working with sincerity toward a common goal, a spirit that does not always exist even in so-called good schools and that is a difficult thing to create.

With such a spirit, results are being achieved of course; and the children are having a grounding in the fundamentals that will go far toward making them intelligent and useful citizens.

When the foundations of a good school system are being so well laid, surely an appeal can be made with good courage to the tax payers to be willing to make sacrifices that shall give the School Board funds to extend the work and to develop gradually a complete High School course. And one may even dream of the time when a man will be found who will do for Tryon what has been done by private citizens in so many places through the country, i. e., build and equip a school for various forms of hand-work which shall supplement and co-ordinate with the purely head-work that is being done now. Only a correlated system of this kind can meet the needs of a community like this one.

R. W. L.  
Tryon, February 19, 1919.

#### MOUNTAIN VIEW.

Rev. T. Ruppe filled his appointment at Mountain View, last Saturday and Sunday. Glad to note that several were present.

Mrs. Eli Jackson is very feeble. Mr. John Whiteside is sick. Has heart trouble. We hope he will soon recover.

Mr. L. B. McGraw has purchased a pair of young mules.

Don't think because fighting has stopped that the war is over. The most stupendous problems are yet to be met and settled. The real loyalty and patriotism of our people is yet to be put to the test. It is easy enough while fighting is going on and your blood is up to induce people to invest in government loans but we will shortly be called upon for another loan. Show your loyalty and patriotism by buying your limit.

## FROM OUR FRIENDS OVER THE COUNTY

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

#### COLUMBUS.

Mr. Ray Arledge, of Camp Green, Charlotte, has received his discharge and is now home.

Mr. C. E. Shore is visiting his father, at Winston-Salem.

A children's operetta, "A Dream of Fairyland," is to be given at Stearns High School, March 7, 1919.

Mr. Woodruff, of Woodruff, S. C., is visiting at the home of Mr. E. W. Dedmond.

Misses Spivey and McNitch were guests of Mrs. E. C. Shore, Friday evening.

Rev. Jones, of Tryon, will fill his regular appointment at the Baptist church, Sunday. Everyone come in time for Sunday school.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Mills, Feb. 24, a daughter.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Major Hutchinson.

Sunday school at the Baptist church Sunday, March 2nd, at 11 o'clock a. m., every Sunday. An earnest invitation is extended to the people of Columbus and vicinity to join this school and make it more efficient and helpful. J. P. Arledge Supt.

Rev. E. J. Jones will preach at the Baptist church Sunday, March 2nd, at 11 o'clock. The topic will be "The Christian Race."

#### MILL SPRING.

Rev. R. G. Shelton filled his regular appointment at Bethlehem, last Sunday.

Mr. Joe Walker, who has been in school in Fante, Ga., came home last week. The school closed on account of the flu.

On account of weather conditions there were but a few people at the box supper last Saturday night. \$26 were realized, this to be used for the Junior Red Cross.

Misses Grace and Oma Gibbs, Annie Wilson, Lizzie Williams, Messrs. Noah Lynch and William Gibbs, of Sunny View, were week-end visitors in our section.

Mr. W. G. Hague and family were callers at Mr. J. M. Barber's, Sunday. Mrs. J. H. Gibbs entertained a crowd of young folks at her home Friday night, in honor of her daughter, Esther's 20th anniversary. All present report a nice time.

Mrs. L. C. Gibbs was called to the bedside of her daughter, Annie Lee, in Santee, Ga., who is very low with flu and pneumonia.

Mr. A. H. Elliott has moved his family to Columbus.

#### MELVIN HILL.

Mr. Walter Reed died of influenza on the 19th inst. He was about 21 years old, a member of the church here, a kind hearted boy, and will be much missed by all his chums.

Eld. W. A. Reed is very sick of pneumonia.

Mr. Jack Burnett is still in a very critical condition from his recent attack of influenza.

Mr. S. S. Lawter's family is improving steadily now.

Mr. Jesse Jones got out too soon, and has suffered a relapse from the flu.

Mr. Jim Johnson's family is convalescent now.

Mr. Bud Burnett has returned home after a few days' visit with Mr. Jack Burnett and family.

Mr. Foster Lawter and little daughter, Estelle, have moved in with Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Lawter, for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gilbert's baby who has been very sick, is much better.

The garage and mill property has been sold to Mr. Brannon, who began operations Monday morning.

Messrs. Tilden and Grant Higgins' families who were down with influenza in the same house, nineteen of them, are all getting up again.

#### PEARIDGE.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Carswell spent Saturday night at Mr. John Phillips'.

Mrs. A. A. Edwards and daughter, Miss Mossie, spent Sunday at M. E. Thompson's.

Miss Catherine Austin, the Red Cross nurse, has returned from England, and is at St. Thomas Mission.

Mr. Babe Mackabee was married to Miss Sis Fowler, Sunday.

Otis Dalton and wife spent Sunday at Harley Foy's.

Albert Moore is visiting relatives at Tryon and Melrose.

Mr. Bob Gray who is teaching school at Lynn, visited home Saturday and Sunday.

Grover Thompson spent Sunday at E. G. Thompson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Birch Davis spent Sunday at Mr. John Reed's.

Miss Delia Wilson was the guest of Miss Louise Mills, Wednesday night.

Mrs. Forest Glass spent Sunday with Mrs. Bill Gray.

Miss Mattie Phillips spent Wednesday night at Mr. Bill Russell's.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gault spent Sunday at Harley Foy's.

Lewis Mills visited Mr. A. Mills Sunday.

Mrs. James Melton visited her brother, Mr. Lynn Blackwell, Sunday.

#### TRYON ROUTE 1.

Sunday many heeded the call of the church bell and were assembled to hear a very interesting sermon delivered by Rev. E. L. Shelton, on "Prayer," and the great missionary centenary, while this beautiful Monday morning the old clock shrilly summons many of us to the business of another day.

The threatening weather did not prevent the Washington birthday program from being carried out at Fox Mountain school. All present report it splendid, especially the songs.

Mrs. Emily Sittou and son, of Anderson, S. C., were the appreciated guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rice, last week.

Mrs. Rice and sister, Mrs. Hunt, of Canton, visited the Carpenter home, Sunday, cooked and served dinner and departed before the arrival of the absent occupants.

Messrs. Frank Edwards and John Dalton, Jr., left Friday, for Wyoming.

Miss Nell Champion spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. James Smith.

Mrs. F. B. Nance and children, of Spartanburg, are enjoying this week at Walnut Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Edwards and Mr. Minter Barber, were the pleasant callers at Mr. and Mrs. Edwards', Sunday.

One would think white rabbits were "aged pipers" on the route, seeing so many children flocking to see them Sunday afternoon, at the home of Paul Hamilton.

No, indeed, the short legged, short tailed, clumsy creature we call groundhog, the woodchuck, didn't prevent our planting of sweet peas, tomatoes, and lettuce on Lincoln's birthday. As a matter of fact the groundhog never comes out of his winter's sleep until the end of March or first of April.

#### ABOLENE.

Private C. O. Ridings, M. P., of Camp Jackson, spent last week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Ridings.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Ridings are on the sick list this week.

Mr. J. Davidson and Miss Bertie Cole were happily married last Wednesday. We wish them much joy.

Misses Annie and Eva Davis spent Wednesday in Fingerville with relatives and friends.

Miss Pauline and Oland Wilkins spent the week-end at home.

Messrs. Elmer and Frank Davis spent Saturday night with Harold Davis.

Mrs. Callie Peu spent last week with Mrs. E. L. Cudd, her sister. We hope Mr. E. L. Cudd will be able to return home this week from the Rutherford hospital, where he has been laid up with a broken leg.

#### POORS FORD.

Mr. Robert Ridings made a business trip to Spartanburg, last week.

Mr. Moncie Thompson visited his father, Friday.

Mr. L. R. Connor made a short call at Mr. J. W. Thompson's, Friday.

Mr. John C. Thompson, who is at Camp Raritan, is down with the measles. His many friends are glad to know that he is getting along all right.

Mr. J. W. Thompson and family spent Wednesday night with Mr. J. H. Reid.

C. E. Thompson made a business trip to Rutherfordton, Friday.

Mr. W. C. Eplee was a caller at Mr. L. C. Thompson's, Friday.

Miss Delia Thompson spent Saturday night with Mrs. J. J. Riding.

Miss Sarah McFarland is very sick but hope she will soon recover.

We have no new cases of flu in this section.

Mr. Henry Calvert and wife were callers at his son's, W. H. Calvert, Sunday.

Mr. Jimmie Riding is enrolled with the sick.

Mr. L. R. Connor spent Sunday night with B. C. Thompson.

Mr. J. R. Ridings was a caller at Mr. J. H. Reid's, Sunday.

Mr. Andy Gibbs, of Mill Spring settlement, is visiting relatives in this neighborhood this week.

#### TRYON TOWNSHIP POULTRY ASSOCIATION.

The next meeting of the Tryon Township Poultry Association will be held Saturday afternoon, March 1st, at 2 o'clock. Be on hand.

An invitation to poultry raisers from all sections of Polk county is extended to meet with us on that day. These meetings are not limited to raisers of pure bred poultry, nor to raisers of small flocks. If you are even thinking of raising chickens you should meet with us, and we will endeavor to impart information of assistance.

#### Noble Attribute.

Never does the human soul appear so strong and noble as when it foregoes revenge, and dares to forgive an injury.—E. H. Chapin.

#### TRYON

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Bacon spent Tuesday in Asheville.

Miss Ruth Mc. Fee went to Knoxville, last Sunday for the purpose of purchasing millinery stock.

James Vernor, Jr., left Monday on a two weeks' trip to Washington, New York, Cleveland and other Northern points.

Mrs. McCahill attended a wedding at Spartanburg, Wednesday. It was an army wedding, and in which Lieut. McCahill was the bridegroom's best man.

It is rumored that Dan Cupid has been very busy in Tryon of late with the result that at least two weddings are scheduled to transpire in the near future.

Miss Mossie Edwards, of Mill Spring Route 1, called on the NEWS Thursday. She was en route to Spartanburg, where she will visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Wilkie left for Chicago, Wednesday. Mr. Wilkie goes to look after business matters, and expects to return to Tryon shortly.

The old T. T. Ballenger farm, located about 1 1/2 miles from Tryon will be sold at public auction next week. See advertisement on back page of this issue for particulars.

Miss Lucile Orr left for Washington, D. C., Thursday. After spending a few days there with friends she will proceed to Pittsburg, Pa., where she has accepted a position.

Scarcely a day goes by but that we are not asked where to secure settings of eggs of different breeds. If you have any pure bred eggs for sale why not advertise them in the NEWS?

Services at the Congregational church: Bible school 10 a. m.; public worship with sermon by the pastor at 11 a. m. Morning topic "The Church's Challenge to the Soldiers, the Navy, and the World" Our polity, "The Open Door."

From the number of letters received at the NEWS office relating to poultry affairs it is evident that the people of Polk county are fully aroused on this subject, and we fully expect to see a most creditable poultry show at Tryon next fall, about one week ahead of the county fair.

Mr. C. F. Kirksey, internal revenue officer, will be in Columbus on March 12 and 13, and in Tryon on March 14 and 15 to assist income tax payers with their returns. Taxpayers should go to the officers with all their figures well in hand so as to take as little time as possible. The time for filing returns expires on March 15th, and is therefore, very short.

Jesse Pace of the Saluda section has been bound over to the Superior court under a \$500 bond on the charge of distilling. Sheriff Altard Case made the arrest last Wednesday. When he approached Pace's home his wife gave the signal by firing five pistol shots. Pace responded to the signal but ran into the officer's hands.—Hendersonville News.

A stock of wet goods was discovered in a Saluda restaurant, Wednesday by revenue officers. Thirty gallons of old "domestic infelicity" were found, and the proprietors placed under arrest. Uncle Sam is making it decidedly uncomfortable for dispensers of "pizen" now-a-days.

Mrs. Walter Sturgis, of Orange, N. J., is visiting in Tryon, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Cogsey.

R. F. Whitmer, Inc., of Philadelphia, Pa., has opened up a Southern office in Asheville, N. C. This company has a very extensive trade throughout the eastern states. Their purpose is to manufacture, buy and sell lumber throughout the southern states. Mr. John Heilman, of Asheville, N. C., is the manager for the southern office of this company.

Baptist church: Sunday school at 10 o'clock; preaching at 11 o'clock, also 7:30 in the evening, by the pastor, Rev. R. N. Pratt. These evening services alternating between the Baptist and the Episcopal churches, are attended to supply the need of evening worship in at least one church every Sunday evening. We trust they will appeal to all church members of all denominations, and will be well attended. They mean much to the moral uplift of the community if properly supported. A hearty welcome is extended to all to join in these services. E. J. JONES, Supt.

#### MR. GEO. STREADWICK DEAD.

Mr. George Streadwick died at his home near Tryon, Sunday at midnight. Mr. Streadwick was a seaman in his younger days, but losing his hearing quit the sea, and came to America. He lived for twenty years in Troy, Penn. From there he brought his family to Polk county and purchased a farm, on which he died. He is survived by two sons one daughter.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Griffith, of the Episcopal church, at Columbus, N. C. where he was buried beside his wife, who died several years ago.

#### The Shah's Share.

If the Shah of Persia were to be deprived of his income he would still be one of the richest men in the world. He would only have to sell his ornaments, gems, and precious stones to become possessed of about \$35,000,000.

## AMIDST SCENES OF DESOLATION.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reich are in Receipt of an Interesting Letter From Their Son.

#### TRIP OVER THE BATTLE FRONT.

Lay St. Remy, France, Jan. 28 '19. Dear Papa, Mama and Robert:

A few lines to let you know I am well, and to tell you something of my wonderful trip through the front on Sunday. Six of us made the tour in a Ford and covered the entire sector from Metz to Verdun, land over which was waged the greatest conflict in all history. Words, even of a Homer or Dante could not begin to describe the desolation and awful grandeur of what we saw. First we went to Toul for gasoline and oil, thence to Pont-A-Mousson, which gave the first evidences of the terrific fighting which took place in that vicinity. From Pont-A-Mousson we proceeded along the east bank of the Moselle up into Lorraine territory, passing many ruined villages along the way. About noontime we stopped at the pretty little town of Ars-sur-Moselle, some eight kilometers from Metz. There were few traces of the war in this or neighboring towns, as they had been evacuated by the Germans without battle, even when they retired from the Metz region.

In Ars-sur-Moselle we found a typical Franco-German cafe, where we spread our lunch, and were served wine by a delightful young girl who spoke French and German, also some English. We proceeded to within a few kilometers of Metz, but as American troops were barred from the city we contented ourselves with exploring some of the great defenses, which were never taken. On one hill top we went through a mile of underground forts and living quarters, containing lighting and heating systems, kitchens, vaults for the dead, etc. From Metz we followed the Verdun road through devastated regions to Conflans, and thence to Etain a city that has been utterly wiped out. It changed hands eleven times. Beyond Etain we stopped and explored the famous Hindenburg line, with its vast system of concrete trenches and dugouts. Here the earth was scared and torn with shell holes and mine craters, but much of the trench work was intact, although partly flooded where the dugouts extended far beneath the surface. In one of these Hindenburg dugouts near Etain I picked up a helmet which I have mailed to Robert. We reached Verdun late in the afternoon, traveling across a country devoid of life. In fact we didn't see a dozen soldiers or civilians between Metz and Verdun. The roads, especially the German roads were very good except in spots that had been heavily shelled. Practically all roads we traveled over were camouflaged to conceal troop movements. At Verdun we visited the citadel and "Underground City," said to be the largest and strongest in the world. We walked through this stronghold for an hour, but saw only a small part of it. The citadel is said to quarter 10,000 soldiers. In one of the galleries I talked to a U. S. radio man in charge of the wireless station, who told me some interesting stories of Verdun. We found the city itself uninhabited and most of the buildings shattered. It seems strange that even one stone was left standing upon another. We left Verdun about six o'clock, returning by way of St. Mihiel, but when we reached there it was too dark to see much of the forts or ruins. From St. Mihiel we came back to camp through Commercy and Verdun.

Affectionately yours,  
HENRY REICH

#### MEETING OF BOARD OF TRADE COMMITTEE.

The committee appointed at a recent meeting of citizens of Polk county to adopt ways and means of organizing a county Board of Trade is hereby called to meet in Columbus, on Monday, March 3rd, at 11 o'clock a. m.

It is hoped to have a full attendance of this committee at this meeting as some very important matters are to be presented for the consideration of that body.

#### ADDRESS ON GROWING BEEF CATTLE.

Mr. Sloss, a representative of the Division of Animal Industry, in charge of Beef Cattle work, from West Raleigh, N. C., will address the people of Polk county on the importance and possibilities of growing beef cattle in Polk county, and will answer any question relative to that topic.

He will speak at Columbus, on Monday, March 3rd, at 1 o'clock p. m. Every farmer in this county should make it a point to be present and hear this address.

#### Delicate Compliment by Dear Wife.

There is nothing so soothing to an elderly registrant as to have his dear wife pat his slippery crown and say that he needs a haircut dreadfully.—Grand Rapids Press.