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THINGS FARMERS SHOULD BE DOING.

County Agent Sams Discusses Many Problems of Interest to Everybody in County.

SEASONABLE SUGGESTIONS.

I have been informed that in some parts of North Carolina, traveling agents have been offering for sale to farmers, plans and specifications for building sweet potato storage houses and making the statement that these plans have been endorsed by the Government authorities. No plans have the endorsement of the U. S. Government except the plans and specifications set forth in Government bulletins which are free to farmers for the asking. Why should any farmer buy the right to use plans and specifications to construct sweet potato storage houses from an agent when the Government offers you genuine plans and specifications free?

Soldiers who volunteered for the period of the war, and those who were drafted into the army, and who desire to become farm laborers or do farm labor, should make formal application to their officers in charge, and the fathers of such sons should make known to such authorities the need of such son at home. The time of year is at hand for those who desire to make a crop to get to work as soon as possible. Of course no soldier or father of a soldier should make such application except where the soldier intends to enter the calling of farming as a business. I have been informed that War Department has agreed to release soldiers immediately on application for bona fide agricultural purposes.

Farmers, watch out for the meetings advertised for your townships during the month of March. These meetings will deal with things which are vital to your best interest. If towns and cities can organize Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce for the upbuilding of the towns and cities, why not a township organization for the general upbuilding of the best interests of the township. A City Chamber of Commerce does its work for city improvements through committees. Why not have a Township Board of Trade, Chamber of Commerce or Farm Bureau, and operate through committees. Echo answers why not? Then let the farmers of every township in Polk county meet at their respective places of meeting as advertised by posters, and effect such organizations. It can be done and must be done. In these organizations we must work out a plan for marketing farm products as well as better methods of greater production; better schools; better roads; better social conditions, etc. Don't allow important work or anything else keep you away from these meetings. Come.

Think now about the price of cotton next fall. You everyone know that a small cotton crop brings the planter more cash than a "bumper" crop brings. This has been so and always will be so. Then why not plan for a smaller crop—well selected seed and well prepared and cultivated land—to insure a small but cheaply made cotton crop to go on a lively market at a well paying price.

Then there will be time to prepare land and plant plenty of oats, sorghum, corn, Irish and sweet potatoes, sorghum cane for animal feed and human food, vegetables, fruit of all kinds, and gardens, which will insure the best and cheapest living, and leave the most surplus money in the bank to your credit, at the end of the year.

The grass and clover sowing season is just now approaching. The idea that grass and clover will not grow in Polk county, I believe is well nigh gone. If there remain any "Doubtful Thomases" just prepare some good land; just such land as will grow good corn, oats and Irish potatoes, turnips, etc., and see whether or not it will grow. Now I want to submit a proposition and do it frankly, about growing grass and clover in Polk county. If any farmer in Polk county desires to grow grasses and clovers on his or her premises for either hay, crops or permanent pastures, and will let me select the land for such demonstration, and he or she will follow my instructions and fails, after faithful effort, then I will admit that it can't be done. This is putting the matter strong, but no stronger than my faith in Polk county soil, air and sunshine, rain, etc., necessary to make these things.

Now for a wind up clause of my remarks. I came to Polk county through the purest and most holy desire to join with the farmers and business men, to make her not one of the best counties in the State but "THE BEST COUNTY" in the State. I fully realize my inability to accomplish anything without the cooperation of the people in the county as a whole. During the last year many farmers and business men have given me their undivided interest and help. But we now have entered a period which calls for a broader cooperation than ever before, and my work this

year will be largely to develop the cooperative idea. My work this year will be with people in groups and crowds. We will work through meetings and not through individuals.

We have arranged for August a campaign for poultry house construction in the county, and in each township at least one modern hen house with necessary fixtures will be built complete. At these demonstrations we propose to have the men, women and children bring their lunches, their saws and hammers and have a real social old time house raising, and let the man from Dr. Kaupp's Poultry Division lead in building the house, coop, etc., necessary to keep poultry in good healthy laying condition.

The beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep and hogs will be dealt with along similar lines as we get ready to take up these lines of live stock work. Pure bred poultry is our slogan for this year. Everything will be fully explained in due time. When poultry meetings are advertised I want every man, woman and child interested, to come and aid in organizing forces that will bring results.

Respectfully,
J. R. SAMS, County Agent.

FARMER'S TOWNSHIP MEETING

The farmers in every township of Polk county are asked to meet County Agent, J. R. Sams, and probably others, at the following places and times: Greens Creek, Greens Creek High School, Monday, March 10th, 1 o'clock p. m.

White Oak, Mill Spring school house, Wednesday March 12th, 1 o'clock p. m.

Cooper Gap, Sunny View school house, Friday, March 14th, 1 o'clock p. m.

Tryon, Tryon High School building, Monday, March 17th, 1 o'clock p. m.

Saluda, Friendship church, Wednesday, March 19th, 1 o'clock p. m.

Columbus, Court House, Saturday, March 22nd, 2 p. m.

The purpose of these meetings is to take up the various questions now before the attention of the farmers of the county, and arrive at some definite course of procedure. There are so many important things to be considered that no farmer can afford to miss these meetings.

Ladies especially are invited. Matters of great importance to the wives and daughters of farmers will be talked over.

LYNN.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, Rev. Griffith failed to fill his appointment to preach in the chapel, last Sunday evening.

Dr. Pratt will fill his regular appointment next Sunday, at 7:30 p. m. The hosiery mill has resumed operations, after about 10 days break-down.

Asheville Seed Co's fresh garden and field seeds at W. A. Cannon Variety Store, Lynn, N. C. The seed for this climate.

Miss Bertha Henderson, one of our teachers, was compelled to give up on account of illness of her mother. She left her work very reluctantly. The patrons and children all regretted to see Miss Henderson go.

Miss Hattie Rhodes, of Melrose, has been employed by the committee to fill out Miss Henderson's school.

Don't forget next Tuesday and vote for the special school tax.

The flag pole at the school house leans half mast. A little attention would not be out of order.

Mrs P. N. Hood was called to the bedside of her sick mother, in Knoxville, Tenn., one day last week.

H. C. Rhodes, of Anderson, S. C., was in Lynn a few days this week.

Dewitt V. Harrison Cannon, Jr., of Spartanburg, was visiting home folks last Sunday.

John T. Panther has purchased him a horse. John is going to try his hand at farming. Hope he won't forget to plant some peas, beans, potatoes, etc.

COMING-SCHOOL ELECTIONS

On Tuesday next there will be elections held in Lynn and Sunny View school districts for the purpose of voting on the proposition of levying additional taxes for the schools in these districts.

Our Sunny View correspondent asks the opinion of the editor on this matter. We have but one opinion and that is that these additional taxes should be voted. Money spent for educational purposes is the best investment on earth.

School facilities in Polk county are exceedingly poor; our school terms are too short; teachers are not paid enough. The only way to overcome these troubles is by additional money, and the only way to secure this money is by increased taxation. Our correspondent intimates that people without children are fighting the idea. That is something new. Usually the person who fights a proposition of this kind is a man without any taxable property and with a big family.

We hope these propositions both carry. Not to do so would be an indication that Polk county was retrograding and not advancing. If for no other reason than county pride vote FOR the increased taxes.

Prevention Rather Than Cure.

To cure is as expensive as to prevent, and prevention eliminates the loss, as well.

FROM OUR FRIENDS OVER THE COUNTY

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

SALUDA.

The Methodist Aid Society gave a Washington's birthday party on the eve of Feb. 22nd. Mr. Corwith and Mrs. Sweetland, one of the teachers at the Seminary, personating the Father of His Country and his lady wife. Refreshments were served, and the evening passed in a very delightful manner. About twenty dollars was realized from the contents of the bags provided to hold a penny for each year of those who attended.

Mrs. H. B. Lane has returned from a visit to friends in Hendersonville. Mr. Lane and daughter spent last Sunday with them, but returned earlier.

Mr. H. H. McKee returned to Saluda after two months spent in visiting friends in various parts of the South. Mrs. McKee was prevented from returning with him by the illness of her sister, in Savannah, but will join him later, as her sister is now better.

Dr. E. M. Salley took a patient to Asheville to be treated for rheumatism.

The families of Mr. Cullipher and Mr. M. H. Pace, have been sick with the flu, in a mild form, but are improving.

The money the Red Cross was trying to raise in Saluda last week was for the work of the Young Women's Christian Association in this county. Mrs. Nettles having charge of the drive in this county.

The Gilbreath brothers are building a small cottage on what is known as Louisiana Avenue, a road leading out towards Overbrook Orchard.

Mr. Dan Pace has bought a cottage formerly belonging to Mr. O. B. Garren, and his family are now living there.

Miss Mitchell has returned to Saluda after quite a long time spent in visiting friends, and now stopping with Miss Wilcox.

Mr. Richmond Hart and Mr. Loys Ward are visiting their parents but will probably return to their duties in the near future.

Mr. P. H. Bailey has come back from his Northern trip, and says the stock for the new store is now on the way and they expect to be ready for business about the last of March.

COLUMBUS.

Mr. John R. Burgess, of Davidson College spent a few days at home this week.

Mrs. Laughter, of Lynn, returned home, after an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Smith, near Columbus.

Mr. J. W. Newman has returned from a visit to his son, Austin, who has been dangerously ill at the Government hospital, at Charleston S. C., but is now improving.

Mrs. Lindsey Smith and mother spent Friday at the home of Mrs. John R. Smith, near Columbus.

Messrs. Ezra Constance and Roy West have opened a garage at Landrum, S. C.

Misses Odessa Mills and Ollie Nix spent the week-end at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Mills.

Rev. and Mrs. Jongs, of Tryon, were here, Sunday. Rev. Jones filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church, and four members were received by letter.

Mr. Walker Arledge and family were visitors in town, Sunday.

Mrs. McFarland spent Sunday in Tryon.

We had a larger attendance at Sunday school last Sunday than we have had in over a year. Come on, let's every person in Columbus be in Sunday school by the first of April.

Don't forget the opera to be given at the Stearns High School auditorium, Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Everybody come.

Miss Eula Jackson, of the Stearns High School, spent the week-end at home.

The young people of Columbus spent a very pleasant evening at the home of Mr. L. L. Tallant, on March first.

On account of bad wather the Polk County Teachers' meeting was postponed.

The Women's Betterment Association will meet at the Stearns High School auditorium on Friday, March 7, 1919. Every member is expected to be present, as this is a very important meeting.

Miss Nell Constance spent the week-end with her parents.

Miss Gladys Smith returned to her school at Melvin Hill, Sunday.

MILL SPRING.

Misses Bertha Dalton and Letha Barber and Messrs. Ray Edwards and Geo. Barber attended services at Lebanon, Sunday.

Messrs J. H. Gibbs and Nesbit Walker attended the sale at Spartanburg Friday.

A crowd of youngsters gave Miss Gladys Gibbs a surprise party, Saturday night.

Miss Walter McCurry is visiting her brother, Ed. Jones.

Ray Walker was the guest of Gordon and George Gibbs, Sunday.

Misses Carrie and Jennie Barber and Mabel Pack were the guests of

MISSISSIPPI.

Misses Mollie and Eva Egerton, Sunday afternoon.

Misses Annie Lee and Gladys Gibbs of Nacoochee Institute, Georgia, arrived home last week. This school has closed on account of flu.

Choir practice at White Oak every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Lionel Brisco was a business caller at Columbus, Saturday.

Misses Letha Barber and Bertha Dalton spent Thursday night at Mr. Thaddeus Barber's.

MILL SPRING ROUTE 1.

Rev. E. L. Shelton filled his regular appointment at Lebanon, Sunday.

Mrs. Otho Womack visited her husband here, Saturday and Sunday, returning to her work Monday.

Mr. Bert Edwards visited at F. M. Burgess' at Columbus, Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Lulu Ogil was a caller at Mrs. A. A. Edwards' Saturday.

Messrs. Tom Womack and W. E. Elliott made a trip to Spartanburg, Friday.

Mr. Dewitt Odell is building a new house.

F. M. Burgess and W. B. Arledge, of Columbus, and Frank Jackson spent the night at A. A. Edwards'.

One night last week quite a game of music was made by Mr. A. F. Corbin and Mr. Edwards, with the banjo and mandola.

Mr. A. F. Corbin left from Route 1, Friday, and will begin his work at another community. We haven't heard where. We wish him good luck.

The farmers are getting discouraged. So much rain they can't get to plow.

A. A. Edwards finished gathering his corn last week. He will probably gather two crops this year.

Messrs. George Barber, Ray Edwards and Misses Letha Barber and Bertha Dalton attended services at Lebanon, Sunday, and were guests of Miss Mossie and Dorcas Edwards in the afternoon.

MILL SPRING ROUTE 2.

Rev. B. Jackson filled his regular appointment at Cooper Gap Sunday.

Mr. H. M. Gilbert made a business trip to Landrum, S. C., Friday last.

Mrs. Fred Gibbs spent Saturday night with her mother, Mrs. D. P. McGuinn.

Rev. W. R. Green delivered a good sermon at Big Level, last Sunday.

Mrs. A. H. Lynch and Mrs. Aden Whiteside were visitors on the route Sunday.

Messrs. P. D. Williams and McGuinn made a business trip to Spartanburg, S. C., one day last week.

Mr. Pink Brown left for Tennessee one day last week. His family will go later.

Mr. F. R. Coggin has been very busy for the past week putting up a dwelling for Mr. Dewitt Odell, on Route 1.

Miss Minnie Euppe spent last Sunday with Mrs. James Bradley.

A large crowd attended services at Cooper Gap last Sunday. We hope they will hold out after the school election is over.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Coggin visited at Mr. A. J. Dinsdale's, on last Sunday.

Some of the boys "over there" write back that they wish they could be here to vote for the schooltax to help build up their country.

Hurrah for good schools and good roads.

SUNNY VIEW.

Rev. N. L. Wright will be at Cooper Gap next Sunday, at 3 o'clock p. m. Hope to have a large congregation.

Mr. J. C. Whiteside, of Pearidge, made a splendid speech at the school house, Saturday afternoon, on school affairs. Come again.

Mr. Frank Mills left last week, for an indefinite stay.

Mr. Aden Green was a caller at Sunny View, Saturday evening.

Mr. J. R. Sams will be at Sunny View March 14th, at 1 o'clock. We hope all farmers will be present. Let Mr. Sams know you are interested in farming.

Private Badge Haynes, of Camp Lee, Va., has been honorably discharged, and is visiting relatives here.

Several from here attended the birthday party at Mr. J. H. Gibbs' and report a splendid time.

Mr. Willie Mills has returned home from Valley Falls, S. C.

Misses Lona and Ola Laughter returned home from Great Falls, S. C.

Miss Lizzie Williams was the pleasant guest of Miss Annie Wilson, Sunday last.

Mr. James Bright, of Ellenboro, N. C., visited relatives in this section, last week.

Mr. T. P. Brown is visiting in Morristown, Tenn.

Sheriff Frank Jackson was in this section a few days ago.

Private Reuben R. Wilson who is with the army of occupation, in Germany reports he will sail for the States in April. Let's give the boys a warm welcome.

Last Saturday was the last day for registering. We hope that each one will decide and vote for the special school tax then our district will

MOUNTAIN VIEW.

Mr. L. B. McGraw made a business trip to Spartanburg, last week.

Mr. Martin McGraw is very ill at present suffering with asthma. Hope he will soon recover.

Rev. Charles Walker filled his appointment at Bright's Creek last Sunday.

Mrs. L. B. McGraw and children spent Sunday night with Mrs. McGraw. Sorry to say Mrs. McGraw is very feeble.

Mr. H. H. McCrain has gone on a business trip to Spartanburg.

Mr. Isaac Arledge and wife, of Silver Creek, visited Mr. McMurray, his father-in-law, last week.

PEARIDGE.

Misses Mollie Dalton and Ruth Green, of Brevard school, visited home folks last week, returning Tuesday.

Miss Iva Gossnell has returned home after a visit of several weeks with relatives.

The little three months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Beed Lyvse died Monday of pneumonia, and was buried at the Byrse cemetery, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Edwards and family visited at Mr. J. B. Dalton's, Sunday.

Mrs. J. T. Waldrop spent Monday with Mrs. J. T. Green.

Grover Thompson spent Saturday night with his brother, Jolmie Thompson.

Mrs. John Foy spent Sunday with her son, Harley Foy.

SILVER CREEK.

Mr. E. B. Buckner and family have moved to the J. S. Hill farm near Silver Creek.

Mr. C. R. Bradley has received his discharge, and is now at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Splawn and baby, Jesse, Jr., were guests at H. P. Arledge's last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Williams were very happy last Friday, when their son, Whitney Williams, returned home from New Jersey, where he has been in camp several months.

Mr. Frank Green spent last week-end at Warrior Mountain.

Mrs. Horace Arledge was the guest of Mrs. Charity Williams, last week.

Mr. Dave Thompson is very ill at this writing.

Miss Arkansas Arledge, of Stearns High School, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Arledge.

Mr. Charley Edwards is visiting relatives here.

Messrs. Jeter Bradley and Harley Arledge attended church at Brights Creek, last Sunday.

Mr. Joe Jackson was happily married on last Monday, to Miss Laura Mitchell, of Rutherford county.

HILLCREST.

Mr. N. E. Shehan and family are recovering from a wholesale attack of measles.

There was a surprise wedding at Mr. D. M. Houser's Sunday, when Mr. Andrew Cole, one of Uncle Sam's erstwhile soldiers, and Miss Bostic, were quietly married.

It is to be hoped that our farmers will attend the organization meeting at Green's Creek High School next Monday. It is a case of "United we stand."

Rev. R. N. Hunter and little son are gradually improving.

The outstanding feature of "Things As They Are" in our part of the county is Mud. Homekeeping hearts are most sensible, if not happiest and home keeping cares find prudence far the better part of valor.

Our community was shocked and saddened, Tuesday morning, by the death of Mrs. Hunter, wife of the principal of Hillcrest Institute. Mrs. Hunter had been sick only a few days. The same old story, pneumonia after flu. Mr. Hunter and his little son are very ill now. Mrs. Hunter's body was taken to Charlotte for burial. She was a lovely woman and was already well loved here, though she had come to us late in December.

FISHTOP.

Did I enclose too much news last week and it burst and lost out on the way? I notice that it did not reach the readers of the NEWS.

James Jones and wife, of Upward, visited the latter's brother, T. E. Pace, last week.

Mrs. Martha Jones, of Lynn, visited relatives ad friends here.

B. F. Pace visited his brother, T. E. Pace, last week.

Two earthquake shocks were felt here Thursday night.

Govan Constant is moving to the Bunyan Bradley place.

The Western North Carolina Times informs us that Malcolm Hyder and Lafayette Stepp, who live just over the Polk county line, near here, met last Wednesday night somewhere in the Hungry section and got into an affray, and Hyder shot Stepp three times in the neck, shoulder and in the foot. Hyder had not been taken.

T. E. Pace has been on the sick list with flu and complications for about three weeks, and has been very ill, but is now much better, we hope, is out of danger.

RAISING CATTLE IN POLK COUNTY.

An Expert Predicts Bright Future For Us in That Line of Successful Farming.

COMING CATTLE COUNTRY.

Owing to the terrible conditions of the roads the crowd at Columbus, Monday last to hear Mr. Sloss deliver his talk on Beef Cattle was small, but what it lacked in numbers it more than made up in enthusiasm and some real tangible results were to be seen.

Mr. Sloss soon demonstrated to those present that he knew what he was talking about, and imparted much valuable information. He dwelt along the lines of what was necessary to build up a good herd of beef cattle, and how to do it; explained the dangers of cross breeding beef type of cattle with a dairy type; told of what breeds were best adapted to Polk county. Also told our farmers that they were not yet ready for cattle, and would not be until they first established a sufficiency of pasturage, but also reminded them how easily that could be done in Polk county. A practical demonstration of that fact was kept before them by big bunches of fine grasses taken from fields in Polk county. At the close of the talk several farmers gave Mr. Sams orders for grass seed, thus showing that the long and earnest labors of Mr. Sams in that direction were going to bear fruit. Quite a number reported that they were going to put in pastures this year.

We had the pleasure of an extended conversation with Mr. Sloss after he arrived in Tryon on his way to Asheville, and found him very enthusiastic over the outlook of this section as a future cattle country. He said: "Mr. Copeland, the day is not far distant when you will see cattle buyers from the North and West coming into Polk county after car loads of cattle, and what is best, they will be able to secure them here. If there ever was a section of country containing all the necessary advantages toward the raising of pure bred and profitable cattle, it is Polk county. You have the water, the climate, and can easily have the very finest of pastures. All that is needed is the pasturage. I want you to plead with the farmers of Polk county to refrain from making the mistakes that so many farmers make when they go into cattle raising by crossing breeds. For Polk county what is needed and what will thrive, is the short horn breed. I do not ask, nor would it be advisable for your farmers to dispose of their few cows they now own; but buy a good pure bred bull and proceed to raise standard bred animals first. The pure bred will follow. But above all things do not cross beef and dairy breeds. By the way, do you know there is no such thing as 'thoroughbred' cattle? That is an English word and applies only to a breed of horses in England known as thoroughbreds. In referring to cattle or any other animal the term 'pure bred' and not 'thoroughbred' should be used. So thoroughly do I believe in this section that I am going to buy a farm and locate one who thoroughly knows his business, on that farm, and proceed to raise pure bred cattle. Your people will yet awake to the realization of the natural advantages possessed by your county for the raising of pure bred cattle."

Aunt Lizer Jackson, as she was called, died last week. She lived by herself and was found dead on the floor. She was 80 years of age and was born and lived on the same place all her life. She leaves only a few grandchildren and many friends to mourn her loss.

Now about the county home. We are informed that the county owns land near Columbus for that purpose. Is it so? If it is, then building a home for our unfortunate ones would not cost so much. Let's have the home.

Herbert Pace and wife visited the latter's father, T. E. Pace, one day week.

SALE OF MRS. CORWIN'S PROPERTY.

Owing to threatening weather and the wretched condition of our public roads, the sale of Mrs. Corwin's farm property, last Monday, at auction, was not as largely attended as it would otherwise have been.

The land was divided into six tracts and sold as follows:</