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## FROM OUR FRIENDS OVER THE COUNTY

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

### PEARIDGE.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sweezy, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morris, of Spartanburg, S. C., spent the week-end at Mr. W. R. Turner's.

Miss Iva Gosnell has returned home from S. C., after a month's visit with relatives.

Misses Mamie and Alice Wilson spent last week with relatives in Chesnee, S. C.

Miss Arnie-beth Waldrop, of Rutherfordton, visited the Misses Dalton last week.

Miss Mamie Glass is spending the week at Mrs. E. Taylor's.

Miss Katy Edney, of Tryon, visited her brother, Mr. Grady Edney, last week.

Misses Lena Egerton, Bessie Thompson, Essie and Elsie Edwards were the guests of Miss Clara Edwards on Tryon Route 1, Sunday.

Mrs. N. D. Moore is visiting relatives in Tryon and Melrose this week.

### MILL SPRING ROUTE 1.

We are having some nice weather at present, which everyone enjoys.

Several from this vicinity attended preaching services at Whiteside Valley Sunday, where a revival started. Everyone present seemed to enjoy hearing Rev. Yates, of Mountain Rest, S. C., deliver a real interesting sermon.

Rock Spring choir did the singing for preaching services and also sang most of the afternoon, and of course that was enjoyed to the highest extent as Rock Spring choir get praise for its singing everywhere they go. Next Sunday they will sing at Round Hill, Union Mills, N. C. Everybody invited.

Prayer meeting at Mr. Griffin's Saturday night was a success, had it out on the lawn. The service was conducted by Mr. Talmage Allen.

There was an open air service at Mr. R. L. D. Gilbert's Sunday night. A large crowd was present.

The Misses Ingal, of McDowell has been the guest of the family of Mr. J. B. Owensby for the past week.

Mr. Floyd Weyer left Monday morning for Lincolnton, Ga.

Messrs. L. H. Shehan and S. Bryant of Inman, S. C., motored up to Mr. A. A. Edwards, Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Fowler, of Green Hill, were visitors at their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert, Saturday and Sunday.

Little Panthea and Gilreath Edwards were guests of the Hyde children, Sunday afternoon.

Maggie Lee and Ida Ruth Edwards were the dinner guests of Mildred and Maude Womack Sunday.

Let's not forget the Fair and prepare something to exhibit.

### SUNNY VIEW.

The series of meetings closed at Cooper Gap Sunday, with twenty-one baptisms. The church was filled to overflowing every day for the past week. A glorious meeting is reported by everyone.

Mr. Reuben Wilson called to see Miss Odessa Searcy, of Route 1, Sunday.

Miss Pearl Gibbs spent Saturday night with her sister, Miss Bessie Jackson.

The little two-year-old child of Mr. J. J. Jackson has been very ill for the past few days with Dr. Smith, of Mill Spring attending it.

Miss Maggie Jackson was the guest of the Misses Gibbs, Sunday.

Mr. Holbert Whiteside visited Mr. Fred Gibbs, Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Coggins visited Mrs. A. J. Dimsdale, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Jay Ruff and children are visiting at Mr. T. N. Wilson's this week.

Mrs. Lillie Alexander, of Forest City, visited relatives here last week.

Mr. Hobart Whiteside visited relatives at Henrietta, last week.

What about the soldiers' Monument? Who will second a motion to make a drive. Let's have this completed by the last day of the Fair.

Messrs. Reuben Wilson, Bill Jackson, Charlie Brown and Virgil McGuinn motored to Asheville last Tuesday.

Miss Esther Wilson spent Friday

night with Miss Beulah Odell.

Mr. Andy McGuinn left, Sunday for Asheville.

Misses Myrtle and Hattie McGuinn of Columbus, visited in this section last week and attended services at Cooper Gap.

Mr. R. N. Wilson, of Spartanburg, visited his father, Mr. T. N. Wilson, last week, returning Sunday.

Oh, let's boost for our community fair, and the county fair, too.

### MILL SPRING.

Revival closed at White Oak Sunday with great success. Reverends J. A. McLaughan and Pink White, of Rutherfordton were helpers. Several souls were saved and 8 new members were added to the church. Mr. Hamrick baptized the following members Sunday morning: Mrs. Johnnie Splawn, Misses Bertha Champion, Grace Waldrop, Sallie Briscoe, Marjorie Walker, Messrs Preston Splawn, Ray Walker, and George Vivian Briscoe.

Mrs. L. C. Gibbs is very ill at this writing. Miss Gladys, of Montreat, N.C., was called to the bedside of her mother. We hope Mrs. Gibbs will soon recover.

Misses Letha Barber, Clara Edwards, Esther and Sue Gibbs, Messrs. Edward and Cline Barber were callers at the home of Misses Pearl and Elsie Edwards, last Thursday.

Mrs. Grayson Arledge cut her arm on some glass, very badly. Glad to note she is much better.

Mrs. J. H. Gibbs spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Clarence Elliott. Mr. Weldon Hampton, Misses Helgar, Audrey and Cora Lee Hampton, of Rutherfordton motored up Thursday to visit relatives, C. G. Briscoe.

Mr. Edward Barber, who has been visiting his brothers returned home Wednesday, accompanied by his cousin, Cline Barber. Cline returned to his home Saturday.

Mr. Henry Thompson and Miss Johnnie Edwards, of Inman, were happily married last Saturday. We wish them a long and happy life.

Misses Letha Barber, Pearl, Essie and Elsie Edwards, Leona Egerton and Bessie Thompson were the dinner guests of Miss Clara Edwards, Sunday.

Mr. Frank Thorne of Landrum S. C., was a visitor here, Thursday.

Mr. Gus Miller, Misses Lizzie and Minnie Shields, of Greens Creek, Misses Esther and Sue Gibbs, Messrs. Edward Barber, Frank Edwards and Ernest Gibbs were guests of Misses Lizzie and Mollie Dalton, Sunday.

Misses Annie Beth Waldrop, of Rutherfordton, is visiting relatives here.

Doctor Smith has had several calls, we hope he will locate here.

We understand the revival begins at Bethlehem, Sunday. We hope to have a glorious meeting.

Mrs. Lelia Blackwell returned to her home Friday, after spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cochran.

### COLUMBUS.

Quite a few ladies from different sections of the county attended the Farmers' Institute here, August 20th.

Mr. J. R. Sams is attending a meeting of Farm Demonstrators at Raleigh this week.

Prof. E. W. S. Cobb attended a meeting of County Superintendents at Asheville, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Heber Carson spent Sunday with Mrs. R. M. McFarland.

Messrs. Robert and Wash Hill were at home this week.

Mr. Avery Elliott who has been at Akron, Ohio, this summer, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pack spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Smith.

Mr. John T. Smith has returned home from a visit at Fruitland, Tenn. Miss Estelle Webster, of Asheville, was visiting friends here Monday.

Miss Emma Newman, Roy Cantrell and Jodie Wilson entered Stearns Higs School Monday.

Lewis Feagan, son of O. L. Feagan, was hurt Monday, though not seriously. Has a deep cut above the eye from falling no some lumber.

### MOUNTAIN VIEW.

Mrs. Eli Jackson passed away into that Great Beyond, August 13th. Her remains were interred in the Mountain View cemetery August 14. Mrs. Jackson died rejoicing in a Savior's love. She leaves a husband, five children, several grandchildren, and a host of friends to mourn her loss. We sympathize with the bereft family. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. John Arledge.

The revival meeting closed August 23rd. There were not any additions to the church, but the church was revived. We hope it was a time of seed sowing. Among those who attended these services were: Misses Nora Jackson, Maggie Hyder, Leona Sherman, Mr. Hobart Jackson and Mrs. Sherman, of Hendersonville, N. C., Misses Nettie and Fannie Martin, of Caroleen, N. C., also Miss Tempie Burgess, Messrs. John Martin, John and N. C. Burgess, of Inman.

Mr. Hobart Jackson was a pleasant caller at Mr. H. H. McCrain's, Saturday p. m.

Misses Leona Sherman and Tempie Burgess spent Saturday night with Miss Alice McCrain.

Several from Big Level and Silver Creek attended the revival here last week.

Misses Nettie and Fannie Martin spent Thursday night with Miss Alice McCrain.

### FISHTOP.

Rain would be acceptable just now. T. C. Laughter hauled a load of Bonum apples of Spartanburg last week.

Miss Alma Newman entered the Columbus school, Monday. That is right, patronize our own schools, especially when they are just as good.

Dr. Hooper says he ran his auto over a rattle snake on the Green river hill and when he stopped to see what he had done to him he was coiled up for a fight and singing to beat the band; and that he looked to be as large as a telephone pole by auto light. Now I propose to quit the snake news unless something unusual should happen; for snakes are, as the old saying is, "as common as corn bread."

J. B. Bradley has been hauling his apples to Hendersonville for the past two weeks. Why can we not have some one to buy and ship from Saluda. There are about twice as many apples as was thought to be—so much foliage kept the small apples hid.

Eli Miller, of South Carolina, visited his brother, James Miller, last week.

H. Jones and wife are visiting the latter's kinsfolks for a couple of weeks.

Some one who is depriving the chain gang of its dues, entered Mount Lebanon church after preaching Sunday before last and tore up a fine Bible which the late Mrs. Fanny Rick donated to the church.

We have been informed that officers destroyed some preparations for making illicit whiskey in the upper section of the cove a few days ago; also one in the middle section was captured and contents destroyed last week, we are informed.

### WARRIOR MOUNTAIN.

Messrs. Clement Arledge and William Green are visiting-relatives here. Miss Julia Ball, of Charleston, has been the guest of Miss Irene Salley for the past two weeks.

Mrs. W. Garrett is quite sick. Mr. and Mrs. Beeger made an extended trip to Hendersonville, recently.

Miss Ada Tallant, of Columbus opened school here August 11.

Misses Frost, of Saluda, called on Miss Salley Friday afternoon.

Little Carlethia Scoggins and Carrie Early, ages 12 and 6 went bee hunting recently and surprised their mothers actually finding a real bee tree on the mountain side.

We wonder where Adam J. Walker has strayed. Perhaps to Fishtop and been captured by a huge rattler.

Mr. W. F. Swann, of Lynn, passed through our locality not long since.

The mountain crop of potatoes and cabbage is extremely short this year. Also the fruit.

Mr. Jim Mathews is greatly improved.

There will be an ice cream and box supper at Edwards School House on Saturday night, September 6th, for benefit of building.

### LYNN.

Dr. Pratt filled his regular standing appointment in Lynn last Sunday night.

Rev. A. S. Caldwell, Presbyterian minister, will preach in Lynn at the Chapel, the first Sunday in September at 8:30 p. m.

It's to be hoped that work on the new church will soon resume and continue to a finish.

It seems from best information that all of our teachers are coming from Rutherford county, except one.

It is to be hoped that the community club that was organized some time ago will take on new life as soon as school begins.

Who is our Truant officer for Polk county?

Mrs. Sarah Whisnant and sister, Mrs. D. J. Gibbons, of Blacksburg, S. C., are guests of their brother and family Mr. N. W. Randle, the last week.

Mrs. T. A. Rippy spent a few days last week visiting friends and relatives in Green river cove, returning last Saturday.

Miss Coleen Rippy and Miss Pearl Keenan went to Spartanburg last Saturday to do shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jones, of Burton, S. C., are now taking a resting and cooling spell in their old home in Green river cove.

The work on the addition to the school house is progressing quite well, but will have to hustle if school opens on schedule time.

Bowen Constant moved his family to Columbus for benefit of school—a good move.

Why don't Columbus people build some cottages to rent during school time? Also a good hotel would be a paying proposition.

We hope the Mimosa hotel proposition will not fail to materialize.

Mr. Dewey Lewis will leave in a few days for his old home in Wilmington, N. C.

Mrs. W. T. Mobley and little daughter, of Atlanta, Ga., were visiting relatives in Lynn this week.

Miss Estelle Webster, of High Point N. C., is the guest of H. G. Cannon and family last week. Miss Webster was a teacher of music in the Columbus high school a few years ago and many who attended school then will remember her.

Mr. A. W. Kunkel left, last Friday, for a few visit to his old home in Newton, N. C., and will attend the camp meeting at Bull's camp ground while gone.

H. Hinton Thompson was motoring in Lynn last Sunday, having a motorcycle over from Spindale.

We don't think there could be very much profiteering in sugar with our Lynn and Tryon merchants from the fact they do not handle any—25 cents worth at a time is a customer's allotment and cannot get that very often.

There is nothing being done on the old macadam road as yet. We are waiting and wondering if the Lynn people will ever be called upon to vote any more road bonds.

Mr. Road Commissioners why not try out the section plan of keeping up the public roads? Have a stipulated contract for section man to sign. Stipulate in the contract his duties as to keeping up a certain section of road, drag the roads, fill up all holes, keep all waterways open so road will dry off and not wash.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Wilcox are glad to know they will be citizens of our valley again, having been living in Union, S. C., for a few years.

Supt. W. T. Hammett spent last week-end with friends in Hendersonville.

W. A. Cannon ran down to Spartanburg on day last week to see his son, DeWitt, who had just been operated upon by Dr. Stradlev for appendicitis and found him doing well. In this connection your correspondent will add that this makes the tenth surgical operation in his family. Quite a record, don't you think?

Mr. F. S. Wilcox is now in charge of the Southern Mercery plant of Tryon and with his knowledge and experience in mill work and ability to handle help we suggest there will be something doing.

### Much in Lump of Coal.

The fragrance of jasmine, musk, hyacinth, the perfumes for scented most expensive soaps, originally began in a coal mine. Creosote, pitch, oils carbolic acid, antiseptics and high explosives are all hidden away in a lump of coal.

## POLK COUNTY FARM AND HOME DEPARTMENT

Edited by J. R. Sams, County Agent.

### TO THE FARMERS OF POLK COUNTY.

West Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 23, 1919.

My stay of one and one-half years in your county has so endeared the grand little county from every standpoint, to my heart, that I feel away from home when I leave it for a few days. It is my duty to be here for a few days and then will be back again with the people I have learned to love so dearly. I am here to see if I can take back something new or better than I have been trying to give you; but it is hard to get away from the old truths of Agriculture. It is like the old Gospel of the Christian religion. The older the better. Now I want just a few words with you to ourselves. I don't want any outsiders to hear what I am going to say. I want you to get ahead of all the rest. Now here is our secret. The truth of the matter is that Polk county can be made the best place on the earth to live and we must pin back our ears and roll up our sleeves and make it so—and here is all we have to do to make it so. Listen! We have the same problems to work out that other people down in Alabama have, and that the people down here have, and the very first thing for us and for them is to stop land from washing off towards the ocean every rain that comes. We can do that by getting busy right now and cover all gullies and bare places on the farm with brush and weeds while they are green—now is the time of year to do this—RIGHT NOW—and don't forget nor neglect to do it. I have asked you before to do it; but I fear I'll go back and find that all have not obeyed me. Then when we stop all soil from washing away, the next thing is to build up our soil till it will make better crops. To do this we must grow legume crops, such as soy beans, cow peas, velvet beans, crimson clover, bur, red and sweet clover, vetch, etc., and grasses and sod crops to prevent the washing away of our soil. Now this is not a hard thing to do. The hardest thing in the whole thing is to just make up your minds and be determined to begin it and to keep right on till the thing is accomplished. Then when all the land is saved from washing away and the soil so built up that fine clovers and grasses will grow everywhere, then the thing to do will be fence off all the land that is steep and set to permanent pasture and put good cattle and sheep on it, and put that part of the farm that is level enough, by proper crop rotation not to wash, in corn, cotton and other cultivated crops, and see how much easier and better the living will come—and then your title will hold your land.

Now, whatever you do, don't say a word about this little business we have on hand; just get busy. If you talk about it the secret might get out and the farmers over in Rutherford county or down in South Carolina might get busy and beat us—which we must not allow. Now every intelligent farmer in Polk county knows that these things ought to be done, and that which ought to be done can be done, and what can be done let every farmer in the county do his bit to aid in doing it.

J. R. SAMS, County Agent.

The time is fast approaching for our Community and County Fairs to be on hand. Let every one of these communities strive to see which can put up the best fair. Then let every one see who can excel in making the Polk County Fair a splendid success.

Now if you want to see something go along, just keep your eye on the Hickory Grove community. They have their eyes wide open to the importance of stopping their soil from washing away, and of building permanent pastures and at the proper time importing some good bulls and grow some good cattle. Now just watch them.

If anybody in Polk county has any doubts about grass and clover being an easy crop to grow, and the most profitable crop to grow on the farm, labor considered, just let him go over to brother S. H. Slaughter's place, Saluda, N. C., and talk with Mr. Slaughter. He is only working on

a small scale but he can both tell and show you how; so take a day off and go.

We want every lady in Polk county who has pure bred poultry of any breed, to bring a cock and two, three or four pullets to the fair at Columbus. First bring them to your Community Fair. We want to see ourselves what we have, so that everybody there will know where they can get eggs for hatching purposes next year.

Also pigs, of whatever breed you have. No matter whether you have the best pigs in the county or not, just bring him along for comparison and find out whether you have the best or not; if not, go home and start at once to have the best one next year.

Now let me ask every farmer who wants to get in the front line of farming to subscribe for your county paper. It is entirely non partisan, and the only medium in the county we can talk to the farmers through. I have no interest whatever in the paper and the management has never asked me to speak a word in his behalf, I do so, simply because I see and feel the great need of some way of speaking to the farmers of the county and can see no other.

Then last—let us remember that whatever Polk county is, her own citizens will make her. If she stands high in character, intelligence and wealth, it will be because her individual citizens are people of character, intelligence and wealth. We can procure these things only by honest and legitimate effort. Then let us all stand together for education, good roads, good farming, good morals, good law abiding citizenship, good neighbors, and good Christian homes where good loving, Christian people live; and then Polk county will be going somewhere—and surely get there.

### HILLCREST.

Mrs. W. B. Valentine and son, Billy have returned to their home in St. Louis, Mo., after having spent the summer here.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hood and family spent several days of last week at Hillcrest Institute as the guests of Mrs. Hickman.

Miss Fannie Dickerson, of Rutherfordton, N. C., has returned to her home after spending the summer with Miss Mary Camp.

Rev. G. E. Kidd, former principal of Hillcrest, spent several days here and has returned to his home in Greenville, Va.

Mr. Hugh Frasier, who for the past several months has been the guest of Mr. Clark Gray, has returned to Georgetown, S. C.

Miss Emma Boyd left, Friday, for Union, South Carolina.

Mr. Broadus Flynn left, Saturday for Mars Hill Academy where he will attend school.

Miss Elizabeth Camp, of Tifton, Ga. spent the week-end at the home of her parents.

The Misses Allen, of Rutherford college, are the guests of Misses Althea and Louise McDade.

Mrs. M. O. Dickerson and little daughter, Katherine, have returned to their home in Rutherfordton, after spending several days with Mrs. C. E. Gray.

Mr. Charlie Davis, of Richmond, Va., is spending a few days with his parents.

Miss Juila Abrams has gone to the Rutherfordton hospital, where she will study for a nurse.

"Rat Snap Beats the Best Trap Ever Made," Mrs. Emily Shaw Says.

"My husband bought \$2 trap. I bought a 50c box of HAT-SNAP. The trap only caught 3 rats but RAT-SNAP killed 12 in a week. I'm never without RAT-SNAP. Reckon I couldn't raise chicks without it." RAT-SNAP comes in cakes. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by The Ballenger Co., and Carolina Hardware Co.

### Neighbor Women Note.

Among the senses that of overhearing seems to be the most acute.—Toledo Blade.