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FROM OUR FRIENDS OVER THE COUNTY

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SILVER CREEK.

J. B. Arledge preached an interesting sermon at Silver Creek Sunday at Silver Creek last Monday. Miss Minnie Gray began teaching at Silver Creek last Monday. Messrs. Bona, Teel and Pat Arledge attended the fair at Spartanburg, last week. Miss Bernice and Helen Arledge attended the week-end with their sister, Alice Green. Jeter Bradley, of Tryon, spent the week-end with E. W. Bradley's. Mrs. H. P. Arledge and Mr. C. Arledge, were business men in Columbus, last Saturday. Mr. Walter Green and wife were guests of the Bradley family on the week-end. Mrs. Bynum Hill was a guest at W. Green's last Sunday.

COLUMBUS.

A number of the Columbus people attended the fair and circus at Spartanburg last Wednesday and Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Whiteside Mr. Mrs. W. H. Ledbetter and Mr. G. Whiteside were in Columbus last week. Mr. Bill Guffey has returned to his home in Rutherfordton. Miss Odessa Mills one of the teachers of the Mill Spring school, took her work Monday. Misses Eva and Millie Hill, of the High School, spent the week-end with home folks. Miss Emma McNych was the dinner guest of Mrs. J. G. Hughes, Sunday. Mrs. Annie Phillips and daughter were shopping in Landrum, last Friday. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Cloud visited Mrs. Cloud's parents, last week. Mr. Ernest Gibbs has returned to school, after being absent a month. The work on the court grounds is progressing nicely. Miss Minnie Arledge is at work in the new bank. Mrs. Pittman and family spent Sunday at their old home place at Hickory Grove. Miss Alice Wilson and Mr. Gray will enter school Monday. Mr. Lafayette Davenport and family, of Horsehoe, visited Mr. and Mrs. Davenport, last week. Mr. A. L. McMurray and Mrs. Z. Thompson were callers of Mrs. C. Constance Sunday afternoon. Mrs. C. D. Elliott and daughter, Emma, spent a few days in Rutherfordton last week. Mrs. W. H. Ledbetter visited Mrs. H. Elliott, Thursday.

HILLCREST.

Miss Mary Thomas returned to Tryon after having conducted a very successful two weeks course in home nursing, at Hillcrest Institute. Miss Julia Abrams spent the week-end at home. A large number of our citizens attended the big show in Spartanburg, last week. Rev. R. N. Hunter spent several days in Charlotte, last week. Miss Lucile Melton was called to Charlotte last week by the serious illness of her mother. Rev. Mr. Caldwell preached at Spartanburg, Sunday. After the service Mr. and Mrs. Bacon and Mr. Brown, of Tryon, addressed the congregation in behalf of the Red Cross. Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Coxe have returned to Cedar Hills plantation, after a few days in Asheville.

ABOLINE NEWS

The people in this section have been waiting and watching for something to be done to the public roads for the last two years but there is nothing done yet. We who gave the three dollars road tax, expected some results; although it drifted into an unknown land, and we are still crawling over public gullies and climbing across bridges that look more like a dead-fall. There is something wrong somewhere, but we happen to know there is some money, and we beg that they use just a little in fixing the bridges which are almost impassable,

if not quite.

Green River school was delayed in opening one week on account of white cotton patches, but will open Monday morning with C. O. Ridings and J. E. Ridings as teachers. We are expecting a good school.

Miss Edith Miller, who is teaching school in Saluda, N. C., visited her parents, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Oland Wilkins and Miss Pauline Wilkins, who have been going to school at Hillcrest Institute this fall, had to stay at home last week on account of sickness, but will return to school Monday.

Mr. M. F. Wilkins is all smiles, for it is a boy.

FISHTOP.

Now winter seems to be getting nearer but has not landed yet, for we have not even had a frost yet.

Misses Pearl and Bertha Laughter visited in the Brights Creek section Saturday and Sunday.

We have two accidents to report this week. C. C. Jones, while hauling logs got thrown from the wagon and dislocated his right arm at the elbow. Thomas Price, while on his way to Silver Creek church Sunday, had his mule to fall with him, breaking his collar bone in two places—otherwise not hurt much.

Mrs. N. A. Price visited T. C. Laughter's family, one day last week.

Preaching still going on at Friendship and quite a number of young people have been attending.

Newton Case hauled a load of cabbage to Spartanburg, last week.

Miss Beulah Bradley came in on a visit for a few days, Sunday. She came from New York.

Some of the boys are catching coons and say they are plentiful.

Farmers have begun gathering corn and sowing grain.

Walt Burgess passed through this section Monday on his way to Melrose to work on the road with his team.

Now Brother Lynn, you must excuse me for not replying last week as my copy of the NEWS got misplaced and I failed to read the correspondence week before last (I always read the correspondence first, taking them as they come) and will say I guess the rattlers are all dead or gone to their winter quarters too; and as for sending you a few apples and chestnuts, would be glad to send them to you and all the correspondents as for that but not as a debt, as you infer, for I don't consider that I owe you anything. On the contrary I believe you are at least a neck behind in this race, and am willing to leave it to the readers and our noble band of correspondents to say who is behind for you asked for snake and coon news and I gave it to you in such doses as I thought would be healthy for you until you squealed and said you had enough, leaving on hand a considerable amount of snake (but coon had run rather short) as one man said, he believed that in a certain field about ten acres, there were enough black snakes to fence it nine rails high.

PEARIDGE.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jolly of Chesnee, S. C., motored up to W. R. Turner's, Sunday, and spent the day.

Miss Nettie Davis spent Saturday night with Miss Myrtle Taylor.

Mr. Will Biggerstaff, Misses Minnie Brisco and Myrtle Taylor attended the fair at Spartanburg, Friday.

Mrs. Willie Turner spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Terrell Williams.

Mrs. Jennie Splawn and Mrs. Dora Arledge spent last Sunday with Mrs. E. G. Thompson.

Miss Allie Conner spent Sunday with Miss Bessie Thompson.

Mr. Otis Wilson, of Columbia, S. C., spent the last week with his mother, Mrs. Delphia Wilson.

Mr. James Melton and family made a shopping trip to Landrum Friday.

E. G. Thompson made a business trip to Columbus Saturday.

Mr. W. M. Russell spent last week in Asheville.

Misses Bessie Thompson Lizzie Dalton and Louise Mills who took the hom nurse training have received

their certificates which they are very proud to receive.

Miss Alice Wilson entered Stearns high school Monday.

Ralph Moore and wife spent last Sunday at Mrs. E. Taylor's.

Mr. E. G. Thompson has bought him a Avery tractor plow which does the work of four mules.

MILL SPRING.

Rev. E. J. Jones filled his appointment at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mr. Sam Cochran of Lumpkin Ga., is spending a few days with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cochran.

Miss Arkansas Arledge was a caller at "Sunny Brook" Saturday.

Several from here were in Columbus Monday.

Miss Gertrude Ledbetter near Rutherfordton spent last week-end with Miss Esther Gibbs.

A few of the members of the Baptist church met there Sunday p. m. to organize for the campaign. When you are asked by one of the captains to sign the Sunday School pledge, read carefully the card and you will find it is all as simple as can be. Sign and come to Sunday school. If you want to know what we are doing at our church, come and see.

Messrs. J. H. Gibbs, Sam Cochran, Messdames J. H. Gibbs and J. H. Cochran motored to Spartanburg Tuesday.

We hear the new Methodist minister will be here this week to begin his work Sunday.

School opens at Mill Spring next Monday Nov. 10 Children: be there the first day and make up your mind to beat the other person.

Dr. Smith is kept busy most all the time.

Several relatives of Rutherfordton were at the home of Mr. G. C. Brisco Sunday.

Miss Alma Cochran was the guest of Miss Annie Lee Gibbs, Sunday.

School begins at Red Mountain Monday Nov. 10. We hope all the children of school age will be present the first day.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Having been appointed by the Green River Association with J. P. Arledge Esq. of Columbus to develop and encourage and build up the Sunday schools of Polk county and believing that the first step towards this end would be the better organizing of the Sunday school forces of the county we have decided to call a convention of all the Sunday schools in the county (as far as practical) to be held at Columbus Baptist church on the first Sunday in November for the purpose of organizing the Polk County Sunday School Association; electing officers for the year and adopting a more constructive form of Sunday school work. Every church in the county is requested to send six or more delegates as representatives from their schools. A comprehensive and attractive and interesting program will be arranged and we hope by this means to arouse to the highest state of efficiency the Sunday schools of our county. The need is greater than ever before that the Sunday school should play a more important part in lifes program. Let us get together and put the Sunday schools of Polk county over the top.

E. J. JONES.

MEETING OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS POLK COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION.

Important meeting of officers and directors of the Polk County Fair Association at the Bank of Tryon 3 P. M. November 19 for the purpose of completing the business of the Association for the year 1919.

W. T. LINDSEY President.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Rev. W. A. Black, announces a series of Sunday afternoon community services in the Congregational church at 4 o'clock at which he will deliver a few brief lectures on vital topics of the day.

He wishes it to be understood that these are in no sense denominational services. But will be on subjects of public interest and helpfulness.

His theme for next Sunday afternoon is "Tools and How to Use Them."

Good music. Everybody invited.

THE EDUCATIONAL RALLY.

The Educational Rally, was held at Columbus on last Saturday. Quite a number of the teachers from all over the county was present and the exercises were interesting and inspiring.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Caldwell, after which Prof. Cobb outlined the program, and the object of the meeting, especially emphasizing the importance of cooperation between teachers and patrons.

Rev. E. J. Jones was the first speaker and in a short address stressed the idea of the teacher striving after the best possible ideals in their pupils.

Rev. Caldwell followed in a forceful address illustrating in a very fine way the idea of growth Mr. Melton, of the Tryon Graded School, Mr. Cannon from Green River, Prof. Nicholson, from Saluda, and several others gave very interesting talks.

Mr. Sams the youthful farm demonstrator of Polk county followed with a very interesting talk, pointing out the importance of the teacher knowing the pupil in order to accomplish the best results from school life.

Prof. Cobb then at some length explained the school budget as recently published in the NEWS. The Public Welfare officer of the county was present and explained the nature and methods of his work.

This being a new office recently created and the nature of the work largely unknown, his explanation of the work was very instructive. This meeting is the forerunner of others to follow, and Prof. Cobb expects to see some beneficial results follow this effort to unify and promote the educational interests of Polk county.

COLUMBUS BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday school 10: o'clock. Preaching service 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Splendid reports were received last Sunday from our team workers, and the reports indicate a spirit of cooperation and faithfulness that is encouraging.

MILL SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday school 10:30. Preaching services Saturday afternoon 2:30 also Sunday morning 11:30. Special invitation extended to all the people to attend the Sunday school and preaching service as the church is making a determined effort to increase the interest and attendance upon its services. A hearty welcome to all.

THIRD ROLL CALL.

The drive in Polk County for the Third Roll Call for membership of Red Cross for 1920, although not completed at this date, has made fairly good showing.

There has been reported so far, about 325 memberships, 7 renewals to the Red Cross Magazine, and \$57.25 for the Fifteen Million Dollar Fund. There are many quarters to be heard from yet; but it is astonishing how the Red Cross is looked upon by some of the citizens of Polk County. They little appreciate the value of the work of the organization in the County in its program to safeguard health, and some of the replies to canvassers were positively insulting.

Thanks are due to the following who gave their time in the canvass. Messrs Bacon, Gray Holmes, Oliver Andrews, Little, Wilcox, and Brownlee; Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Wilson, and the Misses Flentye, Livingston, Bray, Lindsey, Elizabeth and Ruth Bowne, Grady, Austin Wilcox and Fernande Poppe. They deserve much credit.

When Tobacco Was Taboo.

In 1638 the Massachusetts general court ordered, a writer comments, "that no man shall take any tobacco within 20 poles of any house, or so near as may endanger the same." In 1798 an act was passed forbidding the carrying of fire through the streets except in a covered vessel, smoking, or having in one's possession "any lighted pipe or segar" in the streets or on the wharves. The penalty was \$2. If the offender was in a ropewalk, the penalty was from \$5 to \$100. This prohibition of 1798 was not repealed until 1880.

Delicate Anemone.

Anemone means "windflower," and is so called because it is so delicately poised that it sways with the lightest motion of the atmosphere.

POLK COUNTY FARM AND HOME DEPARTMENT

Edited by J. R. Sams, County Agent.

Just watch old Polk county grow. We are learning at last how to get together and then we will learn how to stick, and then there will be something doing sure enough.

The last thing to organize in Polk county is a Hampshire Swine Breeders' Association.

At a meeting of Polk county farmers together with Judge J. J. Gentry, the subject of growing pure-bred hogs in Polk county was discussed almost to the frazzle end. The Berkshire was thoroughly ventilated and all his good and evil propensities were brought out. Then the Duroc Jersey, the Poland China, Tamworth and Hampshires, all for their good and poor qualities, and after full discussion each one present began to give up some minor differences, until at last all unanimously agreed to adopt the Hampshire as the breed of their choice for the Association.

Their articles of organization have not been drawn up yet; but all have agreed upon the main points of difference, and have agreed to take this one breed and stick to it and ask all other hog growers in Polk county, N. C., and Sparta county, S. C., to as far as convenient, cooperate with them in standardizing hogs for the two counties.

At this meeting Mr. W. J. Scrivens was elected president of the Polk County Hampshire Breeders Association, Judge J. J. Gentry, vice president and Mr. Charles J. Lynch, secretary-treasurer. The aim of this Association is to breed and keep only pure-bred Hampshire hogs, at least till they are fully convinced that they are not the best. Then they mean to ascertain and adopt the best methods possible to grow hogs at the least expense. Every member of the Association pledges himself to purchase a pure bred gilt this fall, ready bred. Then at the proper time a pure bred boar to serve the others of the Association and on and on to keep up registration papers, and never breed their boar except to pure bred sows of the same breed. Charles J. Lynch is to purchase the first boar and all agree to take their share of keeping pure bred boars. The meeting was adjourned till Tuesday, November 18, eleven o'clock a. m., to meet at my office in Columbus to complete this Association and to discuss and if possible to organize an association to breed and keep better cattle in Polk county. Now there have been conflicting opinions as to the best breed of hogs and cattle for this county. After a full discussion it was unanimously agreed that it was of far greater importance to agree on one breed and stick to and develop that breed; than to discuss and try all breeds and develop nothing. So we have crossed the bridge so far as breeds are concerned and burned the bridge behind us, and so far as our organization is concerned, we will stick to the beautiful belted fellow until it is proven that he won't grow in Polk county as well as any other breed. Now we put it up to breeders of other breeds to meet us next year with pigs at the townsh- and county fairs and show that you have better pigs and more of them than we can show.

There was one Holstein cow at the show that was worth the expense of going a long way and losing two days to see; if there had been nothing else. There were a few Holsteins worthy of this great breed of cattle. There were some well bred and handsome Ayershires; but I was disappointed with the exhibits of other breeds. Berkshire and O. I. C. hogs and poultry ranked up pretty well, especially Rhode Island Red, Buff Rock and White Leghorns.

There were a few lots of corn, but most all the corn showed lack of seed selection and consequently low standardization. Sweet potatoes and cotton showed up well as far as the show went. While the agricultural exhibits were of excellence sufficient to show what can be done with Dixie soil under good treatment; they fell woefully in the background, when compared to the attractions that called the young minds away from agricultural pursuits. I shall rue the day when I see at Columbus, a fair that has the moral effect on the young people of Polk county that this fair had on the young who attended. Doubtless the gate receipts were a success, but according to my thinking, a county fair should have for its main object the development of agriculture which brings the highest blessings to the whole people and to the town as well. Now let every farmer and business man in Polk county roll up his sleeves and let us make Polk County Fair next year the BEST FAIR in North Carolina in every sense of the word.

There is being bought in Polk county several tractors. This is all right where the farm is suitable and in proper condition and furthermore the tractor is properly cared for and sheltered when not in use. All the stumps and large rocks should be removed before trying to operate the tractor. Then it is a very complex piece of machinery, and some parts very delicate and not hard to get out of fix—and sometimes hard to fix when thus out of fix. Then there are many parts that must be oiled often, and if neglected will in a short time make trouble. Then if left standing in the field when not in use, in the sun, wind and rain, the rust will soon damage the tractor more than a long time run.

The tractor should be hailed as a revolutionizer. While a costly piece of farm machinery, it ought to have several good effects on farming in Polk county. 1st, from the very fact of its cost, it should make farmers more careful to house their farm machinery be it little or much. 2nd, it will open a new deep plowing era in Polk county—in fact it is difficult to do anything but deep plowing with a good tractor 3rd it can operate in dry weather and do its best work, when the land is too hard for the team to operate. 4th, the plowing can be done so much more rapidly, and if necessary can run both day and night in a great strain. 5th, the work becomes fascinating, and calls for higher intelligence to do it; therefore bringing farming onto a higher plane. 6th, it will be inclined to keep the bright thoughtful boy on the farm, and there are many other good things that it should bring to the farm. 'ut in conclusion, let me again remind everyone who buys a tractor that it is a high-priced, complicated piece of machinery and should not be run by one who has little or no experience with such machinery.

When in Columbus, just go over to the High School building and walk out across the lot in front of this building and see if blue grass and clover will grow in Polk county. This lot was sown one year ago.

Then go to Mr. Pink Williams' in Cooper Gap township and ask him if grass will grow in Polk county—and if you can't take his word; just look around and see for your own satisfaction.

Then take a little swing through Greens Creek township circling by way of W. B. McSwain's and get a vision of what a man can do when he

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Comment by J. R. Sams Co. Agt.

I am much encouraged at this evidence of progress along the line of growing hogs in Polk county. There is too little difference in the leading breeds of hogs to split up over. The man, woman or boy behind the hog is vastly more than the difference between breeds. But it is all important for farmers to drop little differences and preferences for certain breeds and standardize the hogs of the county and then grow them in quantities sufficient to ship in car lots. So I trust as this association has been formed; that enough farmers will see as these do and fall in line and standardize Polk county hogs.

The fair again. It was my pleasure to visit the Spartanburg fair on Wednesday and Thursday. In many ways it was a success, and in others I regard it as a great failure. It was a success because it did have a little of the agricultural feature about it.

POLK COUNTY HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.