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FROM OUR FRIENDS OVER THE COUNTY

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

ABOLENE.

Mr. J. E. Ridings has been suffering from a light stroke of paralysis for the past week. Physicians say it is not serious.

A large audience listened to a most excellent sermon delivered by Rev. Cancy Blanton, at Green River church, Sunday. His discourse was in regard to the 75 million campaign.

A joint debate will be held at Melvin Hill school house next Saturday night. Green river and Melvin Hill. Subject: "Resolved that a league of nations should be formed, and that the United States should join it."

Green River school is progressing nicely with a good attendance even though there is a great deal of work that should be done by the children. But we are proud that the parents are making the sacrifice.

MOUNTAIN VIEW.

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

Several from Inman attended preaching services here, Sunday.

Mr. Hobart Jackson, of Hendersonville, spent Saturday night with home folks.

Quite a number from Silver Creek attended preaching services here, Sunday.

Mr. Henry Garrett was a pleasant caller of Miss Carrie Jackson, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Martin McCrain was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McCrain Saturday.

Mr. T. M. Ruppe, of Big Level, attended preaching services, here, Sunday.

Mr. Callie Halford and Mrs. Maud (Cochran) Halford were happily married last Saturday morning. Rev. J. T. Ruppe tying the knot.

RED MOUNTAIN.

The farmers visit Spartanburg very often here of late, with apples, cabbage, etc.

Mr. Reuben Wilson, of Spartanburg spent Saturday night and Sunday with his father, T. N. Wilson.

Mr. Ernest Corn jumped from a car near Mill Spring last Sunday, and was very seriously injured; but we hear he is much better.

Miss Lizzie Lee Wilson was the dinner guest of Miss Martha Jackson, Sunday.

A large crowd attended prayer meeting at Mr. T. N. Wilson's, Sunday, conducted by Rev. Bud Jackson.

Miss Mamie Wilson spent last week end with her parents on route-1.

Miss Fannie Biddy was the guest of Miss Esther Wilson, Sunday.

Misses Ola Haynes, Sue Jones and Mr. Dock Wilson entered school at Red Mountain, Monday.

Mr. Clarence Whiteside, of Fruitland Institute, spent Sunday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Whiteside.

We are having plenty of corn huskings at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. King Lawter left last Wednesday for Alexander Mills.

Several from here went to the party at Mr. W. D. Helton's last Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Ruff, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Whiteside and Furman Jackson motored to Hendersonville and other places last Saturday.

MELVIN HILL.

There is to be a joint debate between Green river and Melvin Hill, here, next Saturday night. The subject will be the League of Nations. Everybody invited to attend as there is sure to be some good speaking.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morris, of Cliffside, called at Mr. and Mrs. Tom Waldrop's, Sunday.

Miss Love, the good nurse, of Spartanburg, who was a visiting angel among the flu sufferers here last winter, spent last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Laughter.

Frosts have been letting up on us for several days now, and we are having pleasant Indian summer weather once more.

FISHTOP.

Just the kind of weather all like, cool and bracing.

It seems a little odd to see Wm. C. Pace drawing the reins over his father's mules, who has been away attending to Uncle Sam's business for 13 years. He talks of resigning his office in Panama at \$175 per month and coming back to the mountains of the old North State, raising stock and fruit and enjoy life.

Elder S. P. Jones and daughter, Manda, of Cherokee, S. C., were pleasant visitors, both on business and pleasure, a few days last week.

A dog found a box that was set for rabbits one night last week and bagged the rabbit in the box and rolling it over the field for several hours, when finally he turned him out and we got to sleep some.

Quite a crowd of Fishtop youngsters went to Hendersonville, Friday last.

Rev. Jackson failed to fill his appointment.

Newt Case visited in the lower section Sunday.

Misses Pearl and Vina Morgan visited Miss Flora Bradley, Sunday afternoon.

J. B. Bradley has been, and is yet, suffering with a swollen finger, caused by a briar sticking in it.

MILL SPRING ROUTE 1.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Edwards were made to rejoice when their son, Tench C. Edwards, returned home for a few days' visit. He has been away from home almost three years, and everybody was glad to see his home again. He is visiting relatives in Spartanburg, at this writing, and will leave soon for Camp Taylor, Ky. He hopes to get his discharge in March, 1920.

Miss Dorcas Edwards, who is in school at Valle Crucis, N. C., was home on a short visit, last week.

Mr. A. Ogle and family are moving to South Carolina, this week. Their many friends will miss them, and hate to see them leave.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Shecan, of Inman S. C., visited at A. A. Edwards' Saturday and Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Gilbert on last Saturday, a son.

Miss Mossie Edwards, who has been with home folks for several days, returned to Tryon, Monday.

J. T. Edwards has purchased a Ford truck.

Mr. Bert Edwards was a caller on route 2, Sunday.

Prayer meeting was conducted by R. L. D. Gilbert at the home of J. C. Griffin, last Wednesday night.

Rev. Charlie Walker delivered an interesting sermon at Big Level on last Sunday.

Mr. Talmag Allen was a caller on the route, Sunday.

Some nice watermelon was served at the home of A. A. Edwards a few days past. Don't you wish you had been there?

MILL SPRING.

Rev. Mr. Hackney filled his first appointment at the Methodist church last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Briscoe are visiting friends in Rutherfordton.

Dr. Smith is kept very busy now, quite a number of cases of flu are reported but we hope we will not have any Spanish flu.

George, Gordon and Hubert Gibbs were guests of Minter and Fred Barber, Sunday afternoon; also Miss Carry Barber called on Misses Eva and Mollie Egerton.

Hog killing seems to be much in order now.

A few days ago some one was removing the salt from their meat box, making room for pork, and to their surprise found a ham; but maybe they were just Hooverizing.

Our Sunday school at the Baptist church is progressing nicely. Everybody seems to be very much engaged over the 75 million campaign. On last Sunday the entire lesson period was taken up with short talks from members of the Sunday school along the line of the work; and believe me, we have already gone over the top at Mill Spring.

COLUMBUS.

Dr. H. H. Edwards spent several days this week in Rutherfordton on business.

Mrs. A. H. Elliott and children spent a few days last week with her parents, at Mill Spring.

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

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

Mr. Grayson Arledge, of Mill Spring, was visiting relatives here, Sunday.

Mr. R. F. McFarland was called to Raleigh on business, last week.

Mr. R. M. Hill spent Saturday and Sunday with his family here.

The Womans Betterment Association will have a meeting at the High School building on Friday afternoon, Dec. 5th, 1919, at 3:30 o'clock.

Prof. E. W. S. Cobb is in Raleigh attending the teachers' assembly.

Laura Jack is on the sick list this week.

Miss Alice Tallant has charge of the grammar grade work in the High school.

The primary grade taught by Mrs. J. W. Jack, will give a Thanksgiving entertainment Friday at 1 p. m. Admission 5c. Proceeds to go to the Soldiers' Monument Fund.

Prof. E. W. S. Cobb lost valuable Jersey cow, last week.

Mrs. Roxie Thompson, mother of Mrs. M. P. Spears, moved to Columbus, this week.

Mrs. R. A. Watson, formerly of Columbus, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Cantrell, at Spartanburg, and was buried at the Columbus Baptist cemetery, Sunday afternoon, Nov. 23rd. Mrs. Watson was 78 years of age. The surviving children are: Mrs. N. T. Mills, of Columbus; Mrs. J. A. Cantrell, of Spartanburg; Mr. Edgard Yarboro, of Lincolnton N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Painter, of Melvin Hill, attended the funeral of Mrs. Watson here Sunday.

FOX MOUNTAIN.

Say, Mr. Editor, will you allow us to join your paper? This is our first visit and if you are willing, we will come again.

Mr. Jim Smith is very ill with flu.

Many from this section attended preaching at Bethlehem. We feel safe in saying everyone enjoyed the very interesting sermon delivered by Rev. W. J. Hackney.

Mr. Bona Jackson and Mr. W. B. Edwards made a business trip to Rutherfordton, last week.

The girls of Fox Mountain school organized a literary society last Friday afternoon. The officers are as follows: Annie Edwards, president; Grace Hamilton, vice president; Helen Paiton, secretary; Irene Edwards, chaplain; Jettie Hogue, teller. This society will be under the supervision of Mrs. Ray N. Edwards, the primary teacher.

The boys also organized a society with the following officers: Hugh Edwards, president; John Edwards, secretary. This society will be under the supervision of Mr. John Gilbert, the principal.

We welcome all the patrons of this school to visit us in these societies which will be held every Friday afternoon.

We were glad to have Miss Sallie Carpenter visit our school Monday and would be glad if more would visit us.

Mr. Thaddeus Barber and Rev. W. J. Hackney were guests at the home of Mr. W. C. Hogue, Sunday afternoon.

LYNN.

Rev. E. J. Jones preached in Dr. Pratt's place last Sunday night. Dr. Pratt having been called away on business.

The Ladies' Aid Society have purchased an organ for use at the chapel till church is ready for occupancy.

Mr. R. D. Gray and Miss Alice McBrayer will attend Teachers' Assembly at Raleigh this week.

At this writing Mr. Will Newman is quite sick with pneumonia. Also his wife and children are quite indisposed.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Connor have quite a sick child, with pneumonia.

Mr. Chas. Edwards, Jr., has moved into the D. A. Goodman house, having bought it some days ago.

There was talk of a mad dog being in our village one day last week. Just a strange dog acting a little suspicious, perhaps.

We said last week that there would be an eclipse of the sun on Thanksgiving. Beg pardon; we were mistaken, but we quoted from what we thought a very reliable journal, but we all make mistakes.

Rev. E. J. Jones was the guest of H. G. Cannon and family last Sunday night.

Mr. W. F. Swann returned last Saturday from somewhere in Georgia, where he had been for two weeks on business.

We quote from the Pathfinder: "The armistice went into effect 11th November, 1918 at 11 o'clock a. m. In other words it was the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of the year. Now behold what it says in the 11th verse of the 11th chapter of the 11th book of the Bible. Look it up for yourself."

Mr. D. B. Newman, of Flat Rock, is visiting his son and family Will Newman, who is sick at this time.

Miss Grace Panther has been out of school several days nursing a cold.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Fowler have had a sick baby but it is reported better.

LANDRUM ROUTE 3.

We were delighted Monday morning to see Mr. Clayton Constant and his crew of hands coming around to patch up a few of our "public gullies" as the road was in bad condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Malone and two small children, of Spartanburg, visited Mr. Malone's sister, Mrs. T. M. Wolfe, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hall, also Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pierce, visited at Geo. W. Denton's, on route 1 last Sunday.

The school at Morgan is progressing nicely with a complete enrollment since the second day. 19 boys and 9 girls. We are going to do our share toward the Soldiers' Monument.

One of our o'possum hunters had the misfortune to lose his teeth while hunting Saturday night, but was lucky enough to find them next day.

H. P. Sharpe was in Columbus, Monday, on business.

Hope every Baptist church in Polk county goes "over the top" in the Baptist 75 million campaign. Morgan's Chapel is already over the top with the cash paid in for first year, but we mean to add considerable more during Victory Week.

CROSS KEYS.

Nice cool weather and the farmers are getting their wheat sown.

Mr. Wilbur Feagan and Miss Effie Mae Blackwell were married Sunday morning at Greens Creek church by the pastor Rev. G. G. O'Neal. Here's wishing them most happiness.

Mr. Wilbur Feagan will return to Spartanburg in a short time, taking his wife with him.

Rev. Mr. Fox, from New Prospect, preached an interesting sermon after Sunday school at Greens Creek church Sunday afternoon.

There was a large crowd attended the W. O. W. oyster supper at Cross Keys, Saturday night.

Greens Creek has organized a B. Y. P. U. society. Will be glad for anyone to come and join. Will take in new members every Sunday night at 6:30.

Mrs. Bridge Green, from Fair Forest, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mose Shields.

Mr. Grady Flynn and Gladys took dinner with Mr. Frank Shields Sunday.

Quite a number from Spartanburg took dinner at Mr. Barnett's Sunday. Those who came were Miss Lela Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ray and children.

Mr. Barnett Blackwell was also up to see his parents, and the newly married couple.

Mr. Luther Nadine took dinner at Mr. H. E. Flynn's, Sunday.

Miss Maude Jackson spent Saturday night with Miss Jennie Barnett.

Miss Evelyn Perser has gone to New Prospect to teach school.

Mr. and Mrs. Vitus McEntyre spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Bridges, near Columbus.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jolly have sold their place and will move back to Greens, S. C. They will be missed very much out of the Sunday school at Sandy Plains school house.

POLK COUNTY FARM AND HOME

Edited by J. R. Sams, County Agent

Last week was one of unusual interest as I went through Polk county. One who is not acquainted with NEW POLK COUNTY, would think she is still asleep; but she "aint" like Rip van Winkle. She is awaking from her long slumbers and putting on some real progressive movements. If you don't believe it, do like I do, go around and see for yourself. Last Wednesday I left Columbus at 1 o'clock p. m., and went to Tryon to discuss the possibilities of growing sheep in Polk county with Mr. Vorhees from Michigan, and to attend a meeting of directors of Polk County Fair Association. There I convinced myself that old Polk is still on one corner of the map and certainly means to stay there as shown by the pluck of these men to settle all premiums at last Fair and to have the best Fair in all North Carolina next year. It was then my pleasant lot to spend the night with Mr. James Scrivens, which gave us opportunity to discuss Hampshire hogs, cattle, sheep, poultry and all round better farm methods and management. Mr. Charles J. Lynch's farm was next visited, when Mr. Lynch kindly took me through his home and showed and explained his Delco lighting plant. He said, "now if a farmer is not able to own both an automobile and Delco lighting plant by all means leave the auto off and put in the plant. We first went to the basement and poured some kerosene oil in the tank and primed up with gasoline, and away she went till the batteries are charged and the thing trips off automatically. We then went to the living apartments and turned on the beautiful white lights. The next stunt was to set the electric iron to going and then an old-fashioned jar was put into position and in an instant the sure-enough old style churn was in motion till the butter was on hand and that without any labor on the part of an already worked to death mother. Then a nearby sewing machine was put in motion by a touch of the toe and away she went without let or hindrance or exertion of a back broken woman. Then a kind of rattle dashing was started up in another corner and lo and behold it was a washing machine doing the work of three or four women without the aid of but one to put in and take out the clothes, and then—o—you just ought to see that thing twist the water out of them and the job is done—Well the thing can do almost anything to be done about the house except eat and

sweep the floor—well with a little training I believe I would clean up the house build fires, etc. All of this is going on way out in the country on a farm. We then went out and inspected the grass fields which had been lately sown and bid fair to be a success. Mr. Lynch is secretary of the Hampshire Swine Breeders Association, lately organized, and is very enthusiastic for the beautiful belted hogs.

The next farm that attracted more than passing notice was that of Mr. W. B. McSwain. When I first saw in the distance the glimpse of this farm I saw something which resembled a cane mill in operation, and I thought my luck would be an old style molasses boiling that night; but when closer inspection was resorted to, I discovered that instead of a cane mill, a stump puller was in operation and that 500 stumps had been pulled in less time than three days; on further investigation I found that all this tearing up of stumps meant that Mr. McSwain had just purchased at a cost of \$1,400.00 a tractor and first-class plowing and general land fixing outfit. All this looked like progress; but when I looked around and found that he had sown 4 acres of grass, and had the seed necessary to sow 10 acres more, and you just ought to see his cows and yearlings on that beautiful green pasture browsing and grazing on the green grasses sown one year ago. I then went down on the creek bottoms that were covered with weeds last year and found a negro ditching and acres of this low land that had been worth less, sown to grass and made valuable for pasture. See together, what Mr. McSwain is doing, puts him right in the lead of the most progressive farmers in Polk County. Mr. James Blackwell and Wm. McDade have cleared their fields of stumps and are ready for the tractor. Mr. Ed Lancaster was the first farmer in the county, so far as I know, to install a tractor. He, Mr. McSwain, Mr. Granville Thompson and Mr. Crawford Walker making four farmers who now own tractors in Polk county. Now don't everybody get crazy and buy a tractor, for every farm, even a large one, does not need one; but where several neighbors have small fields level enough and clear of rocks and stumps might cooperate and buy one together. So now if you don't believe that old Polk is getting a "Hump" on her, just go around and see for yourself. Then come back to old Columbus and see stump pulling and tree digging going on right in the court house square. It's a sight to see how they are tearing up dirt that has not been molested since the good Lord made the earth; but my—how the dirt is flying now. Its all because old Polk is waking up never to sleep again.

SUNNY VIEW.

Sunny View literary society met on Friday afternoon, Nov. 21 1919. Had a splendid program, consisting of songs, recitations, etc.

A crowd of young people enjoyed a singing at Mr. F. R. Coggins' on last Saturday night.

Mr. Ralph Edwards was a visitor in Sunny View section, Sunday.

We are sorry to note that Mrs. Twitty Jackson isn't improving very fast.

A crowd of young people gave Miss Eunice Randall a surprise party on last Thursday night. All report a very nice time.

We wish to correct a mistake made in last week's paper concerning the box supper at Sunny View. It will be given Saturday night, Nov. 29.

Mr. Lawton Wilson made a trip to Spartanburg last week.

Mr. R. R. Wilson, of Spartanburg, visited home folks Saturday and Sunday.

Several from this section attended services at Big Level Sunday.

Mr. Hampton Ruff, of Spartanburg, visited home folks, Sunday.

Mr. Willie Mills, of Spartanburg, has returned home.

MAPLE GROVE.

Several from this section attended preaching at Big Level, Sunday.

Mr. Noah Lynch left last Thursday for Va., where he will enter the navy.

Messrs. Posey Wilson and Andy Searcy, Mesdames Ellen Searcy and Bonnie Corn and Miss Oma Gibbs motored to Ruth, N. C., last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Whiteside visited Mrs. U. S. Gibbs, last Sunday.

Mr. Sampson Spicer visited home folks Saturday, returning to his work

Sunday.

Mr. Hill the county superintendent of Rutherfordton, made a nice talk at Cane Creek school building last Saturday.

Mr. Will Haynes has moved near Cane Creek.

Mr. Claude Williams was a caller on route 2, Sunday.

Mr. Tolbert Odell was a caller at Mr. M. N. Burnett's, Sunday.

Mrs. Bonnie Corn is on the sick list now, but is some better.

SILVER CREEK.

What a stir, people moving, some killing porkers, others busy plowing getting ready for farming next year. Every person is quite busy in this community.

Mr. Will Green and wife have moved to Pea Ridge.

Mr. C. R. Bradley spent the week-end with home folks.

Mr. H. P. Arledge and brother, G. H. Arledge have gone today, Monday morning, to move Mr. Jesse Splawn and family to Cherokee S. C.

Mr. Frank Green was a caller at Warrior Mountain Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Callie Halford and Mrs. Maud Halford were happily married last Saturday evening, at Green River.

Miss Nell Arledge was the guest of Miss Grace Arledge, Sunday.

Messrs. Hamilton Williamson and Geter Bradley attended church services at Mountain View, Sunday.

Mr. Will Foster spent the past week at his father's farm on Green river.

The school at Silver Creek is progressing nicely with Mrs. Minnie Green as teacher.

Mr. Henry Thompson and wife are moving this week to Green river.