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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

MILL SPRING ROUTE 2.

Large crowd attended Sunday school at Coopers Gap Sunday. Messrs J. W. Pitts, and Thos. F. Mills who have been at work at Spartanburg visited home folks here Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. F. R. Coggin visited her mother Friday Mrs. A. J. Dimsdale.

Messrs Bill Jackson, and Dewitt Helton were the guest of Mr. Leander Brown Sunday evening.

Singing was enjoyed much by those who attended at W. D. Heltons, Friday night.

Teachers of Sunny View and several others were visitors at N. E. Williams' Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. O. L. Wilson, of Columbia, S. C. is visiting her mother, Mrs. S. J. Helton, this week.

Mr. Bill Jackson was a welcome guest at Mr. W. D. Helton's, Sunday night.

Messrs. Ralph and Bill Jackson made a business trip to Columbus, Saturday.

The teachers and school of Sunny View were made glad by a pleasant surprise, Thursday morning, when all unaware, Professor Cobb knocked on the door. After observing the recitations in each room the primary pupils assembled in the grammar room and all listened to a most interesting talk by Prof. Cobb.

The main topic of his talk being, "To Think at the Proper Time. Come again, Professor."

Messrs Reuben Wilson and Willie Mills were dinner guests in Maple Grove Sunday.

LYNN.

Dr. Pratt was in Lynn last Sunday night to fill his regular appointment but the weather changed very suddenly, a hard, cold wind began blowing, bell failed to ring, the congregation failed to congregate, result—no service. No fault of the preacher.

Mrs. J. B. Panther is very indisposed, being confined to her room for several days past.

Mrs. W. B. Parker is on the sick list and staying at her mother's, Mrs. Mills, for the past several days.

Last Thursday was hog killing day in Lynn and vicinity. Many went the sore throat route.

Julian Hester, going home from his work last Friday night in his little strip down, collided with the Mr. McMurray, the Mail man. In some mysterious way no one was hurt but the mail buggy a little wrecked.

Miss Alice McBrayer was in Hendersonville last Saturday to do some shopping.

The school will close its fall term next Friday. Will begin its spring term January 4th.

Mr. A. N. Kunkel run down to Stateville last Saturday night, returning Monday. He went to see his father, who is quite ill at his home.

By authority of the charter issued by the Secretary of State, J. Bryan Grimes, incorporating Lynn Local Tax School District as an incorporated community, there was a meeting of the voters on Saturday, Dec. 13th, in which W. T. Hammett, chairman; W. F. Swann, secretary; W. W. Ballard were elected as the three members of the Board of Directors.

Also P. N. Hood and T. C. Mills, magistrates residing in the district, were endorsed by the board to handle any business that might arise by reason of this act.

The following rural policemen were appointed by the board of directors: John T. Painter, Clayton Constant and David Pate.

The first annual meeting will be held next January 3rd, at 1:30 p. m. All voters of the district should be present at this meeting as the charter gives us the authority to act in all matters as we see fit regarding the following subjects: The public roads

the public schools, regulations for the public health, police protection, the abatement of nuisances, and many other things vital to the welfare of the community.

W. F. SWANN, Secretary,
Lynn Incorporated Community.

FOX MOUNTAIN

A large crowd attended the party at the home of Mr. W. B. Edwards, all report a nice time.

If you want to forget your troubles and drive away the blues just come to Fox Mountain school house next Tuesday night December 23, There will be a play "Christmas at the roads" given by the members of the school also other songs and recitations after this there will be a box supper proceeds will go to the soldiers monument fund. Everybody come. Girls bring boxes, boys bring money.

FISHTOP.

The weather has changed at last and we all can realize it.

Some are not done gathering yet, not because they had so much to gather but that there is so much to do and no help obtainable.

C. C. Jones hauled a load of potatoes to Saluda, Saturday.

Ernest Laughter, Clint Case and Thomas Price attended preaching at Silver Creek, Sunday.

E. J. Bradley went over the Cove mountain on business, Monday.

J. Henderson is visiting his wife at his father-in-law's, Wm. Morgan, this week.

T. W. Brady and E. J. Bradley went to Saluda, today, on business.

Some excitement prevailed here when it was discovered that I. Henderson had rode the river Sunday, the waters were high and he was old and feeble. But his safe return was announced.

The boys are catching coons occasionally and having some fun these long nights.

C. C. Jones is hauling his lumber this week to build on his place near Hendersonville.

WARRIOR MOUNTAIN.

Mr. Anderson, of Madison county, has recently moved here.

Mrs. Minnie Glover and Miss Gertrude Metcalf, of Tryon, were the guests of Miss Orphia Fisher, last week-end.

Mr. Lewis Hipp had a corn shucking Friday night.

Mh. Wash Fisher has returned from a two week's visit at Lake Tox-away.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Arledge shopped in Landrum, Tuesday.

Mr. Anderson and family visited relatives near Mill Spring last week.

SILVER CREEK.

We are having some real cold weather.

Only six more days till Christmas. Guess old Santa is very busy these days.

There will be a Christmas tree at the school house Dec. 24th, at two o'clock p. m. Everybody come and bring lots of presents.

The pupils of our school, with the aid of their teacher, Mrs. Walter Green, have organized a literary society, which is progressing nicely.

Mr. Ragan Bradley, who holds a position in Tryon, spent the week-end at home.

Miss Grace Arledge is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Jesse Splawn, in Cherokee, S. C.

Mr. N. B. Arledge was a business visitor to Columbus, Saturday.

Rev. John Arledge filled his appointment here, Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. Roy Jones and Will Green spent Monday night at W. J. Green's. Bynum Hill was a caller at W. J. Green's, Sunday.

French Peasants Good Pay.

The French peasant, steady going, thrifty and frugal, and far more inclined to do without than to buy beyond his means, almost without exception pays his debts reliably and promptly. High collection costs form no part of a dealer's worries in France.

Our Bounden Duty.

Man's bounden duty is everywhere and in all things to forward the progress of humanity. The supreme virtue is sacrifice—to think, work, fight, suffer, where our lot lies, not for ourselves but others, for the victory of good over evil.—Mazzini.

RED MOUNTAIN.

We were glad to see a large crowd at Sunday school Sunday.

Enock Ruff, who has been in service for quite a while, returned home Sunday. This is the last of the boys. We are thankful to know that so many have returned.

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

Misses Lona and Ola Lawter, of Whitney, are home for a few weeks.

Some of the Masons attended a meeting at Mill Spring, last Friday.

Miss Gladys Wilson spent Saturday with "Grandma Wilson" on route 1.

Clarence Ruff, of Whitney, S. C., is at home.

Are you coming to the Christmas tree at Red Mountain? You can't realize what you will miss if you stay away. There will be a short exercise, prepared by the children. Come, and help fill up the tree. The time is Christmas eve, beginning at 1 o'clock. Everybody invited.

Pink Brown, of Morristown, Tennessee, is spending a few days with friends and relatives.

Honor roll for Red Mountain school for fifth week: Grammar grade, Sue Jones, Lizzie Lee Wilson, Martha Jackson, Ura Whitesides, Gladys Wilson, Esther Wilson.

COLUMBUS.

Mrs. Pendergast was in Tryon one day last week.

Sargeant Claude S. Mills, one of the first division boys, is home on a thirty days' furlough.

Mr. John Burgess, who has been attending Wake Forest College, is at home to spend the holidays.

Mr. R. F. McFarland was in Asheville last week on business.

Miss Della Rhodes, of Tryon, visited the Misses McGuinn last week.

Mr. C. S. Mills and sister, Miss Odessa, visited relatives in Spartanburg, last week-end.

Mr. J. R. Phillips visited his daughter last week.

Mr. J. A. Newman visited his sister, Mrs. Daniels, in Landrum, Sunday.

Mrs. John Carnegie was shopping in Tryon, Saturday.

Miss Emma McNynch is planning to spend her Christmas holidays with her home folks at Hodges, S. C.

Messrs. R. F. McFarland, C. C. Elliott, made a business trip to Rutherfordton, one day last week.

The High school chorus will give a musical entertainment Friday evening, Dec. 19th. Admission 10 cents.

ABOLENE.

It was hog killing time in Abolene last week and the weather is favorable for the meat to be in good condition Xmas.

Rev. W. M. Gold preached his farewell sermon to the people of Green River church, Sunday. He was a pleasant visitor, a good talker and an able preacher and the people of Green River church regret his having to resign.

Mr. C. W. Davis and Mr. W. H. Deck have purchased a tractor and the whole outfit that goes with it to make plowing in general easy.

Mr. J. E. Ridings was a pleasant caller at Mr. J. C. Davis' Sunday afternoon.

Misses Leona and Maye Burnett visited Misses Grace and Leta Gibbs, last Sunday afternoon.

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

Miss Oma Gibbs spent Saturday night with Mrs. Lynch.

Miss Tharcey Burnett spent a few hours with Miss Grace Gibbs, Saturday.

Mrs. M. N. Burnett spent Saturday night with her mother, Mrs. Whit Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Tessener and children visited at the home of Mr. U. S. Gibbs, Sunday evening.

Mrs. C. B. Gibbs visited Mr. U. S. Gibbs, last Saturday morning.

Miss Eva Spicer returned home last Monday.

The school closed last Friday at Cane Creek.

Mr. M. N. Burnett made a trip to Spartanburg, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Haynes has moved in Mr. Butler Jackson's house.

Speaking the Truth.

When a man speaks the truth in the spirit of truth his eye is as clear as the heavens.—Emerson.

CROSS KEYS.

We are having some cold and windy weather at present.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Willard and Miss Gladys Flynn spent Saturday night at the home of Mr. John Harmon, at Inman, S. C., and report a most enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Bridges spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Welborn. Mrs. Welborn and son, Roy, returned home with her daughter, Mrs. Nettie Bridges, Monday.

Hog killing time in this section. Mr. H. E. Flynn killed two, Tuesday.

Mr. H. G. Flynn made a trip to Spartanburg, on business, Tuesday.

Mr. H. E. Flynn went to Landrum Monday, on business.

The people from around here that have been going to the meeting at the school house on Wednesday last week, son's brother and wife spent last week with him, and returned home Saturday last.

PEARIDGE.

Mrs. Willie Turner is visiting her mother Mrs. Terral Williams this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Carswell were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Phillips Saturday night.

Miss Bessie Thompson was the pleasant guest of Miss Iva Gosnell Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moore Saturday a boy.

Mr. E. G. Thompson is nursing a very sore foot.

Miss Lizzie Dalton was a guest at Mr. M. C. Gosnell's Saturday night.

Mr. Joe Page of Landrum S. C. called to see Miss Iva Gosnell Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Phillips Sunday last a girl.

Mrs. Wm Gray and two sons Arthur and Willie Lee were the guest at Mr. N. D. Moore Sunday.

Mrs. Bessie Edney spent last week near Tryon visiting relatives.

Mr. Charlie Russell and family have moved from Tennessee to Mr. Wm. Russells place on Pearidge.

Mr. Robert Comer made a business trip to Rutherfordton Saturday.

Dr. Chambers of Landrum, S. C. was on Pearidge Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Thompson made a shopping trip to Landrum Wednesday last.

Miss Mamie Wilson spent the week end at home.

Arthur Gray, who is attending school at Round Hill spent the week-end at home.

Thurmond Taylor spent Sunday with his sister Mrs. Ralph Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Glass is visiting relatives on Pearidge before going to Union, S. C.

Mr. E. S. Kibbe is spending several weeks at Mr. P. G. Brisco's.

Rev. McCarrson of Henderson Co., spent Saturday and Sunday at W. R. Turners.

The Thoughtless Answer.

A certain Kansas City physician will never know just how near death he was the other day when, after a thorough examination of probably the brightest, sweetest and altogether supreme nine-months-old baby in the world, the mother asked, "Well, what do you think of my baby?" and he said, "Oh, it's a normal child."

Keep Out the Moisture.

A very effective agent for moisture-proofing wood has been found in an aluminum leaf coating. This coating practically insulates the wood against any change in atmospheric conditions, and is particularly valuable for use where accurate form and balance must be maintained, as would be necessary in an airplane propeller.

Great Care Taken of Silk.

Silk is the most costly of all fibers, and in the raw state represents a value so great as to be guarded in its transportation like a shipment of bullion. It is shipped from coast to coast in special, solid express trains, under strong guard, the shipments ranging in value from \$5,000,000 to \$25,000,000.

Not Flattering.

"You must have said something dreadful to Mr. Bestseller." "I merely suggested that he hire the fellow who got up his advertisements to write his books for him."

How to Tell Sapphires.

A really good sapphire should appear blue by artificial light as well as daylight; some stones have a trace of black, and some red, the latter making them resemble amethyst, especially by lamplight, or gaslight.

POLK COUNTY FARM AND HOME DEPARTMENT

Edited by J. R. Sams, County A

In addition to the usual work planned for the farm, there are several things which we want as many farmers as possible to undertake during the incoming year. First we undertook last year the task of driving scrub poultry out of Polk county, and the result is, that there are many farmers now in the county who have pure bred poultry of different breeds. So it will be an easy matter to get started in this line of work, and I urge every farmer who has not done so, to procure some eggs and start next spring. Second, The next step is to begin to grow hogs by the most improved methods, and that is to procure pure bred stock and grow grazing crops for them. A number of farmers have organized themselves into a Hampshire Swine Breeders Association for this purpose, and to standardize the growing of hogs in the county. Third, we want to press the growing of permanent pastures harder than ever, because the boll weevil is on his way and liable to be in Polk county even next year, and pastures, crop rotation and live stock is the only solution yet discovered—besides, that is the only logical way to farm anyway. Fourth, we want to try harder than ever to learn to cooperate in many ways more thoroughly than in years gone by—we want to organize some real community farm clubs and do some active community work, that will make the community a better place to live; such as better roads, better schools, better pastures and live stock and then a better community fair. Then fifth, by all means we want the soil of Polk county farms left at the close of next year, in better condition than at the last of this year—soil improvement does not come by deep plowing and shallow cultivation or any other kind of cultivation alone; when the crops are removed and nothing returned to compensate for the loss of plant food that went into the crop, the land is left poorer. We must learn once for all that we cannot make something out of nothing. So when we grow a crop of corn, wheat, cotton, hay or any other crop, the soil gives up part of its fertility to produce the crop, and it is our place to learn and practice such a system of farming as will replace these lost elements of plant food. This can be done by growing and turning under

legume crops, and growing cattle sheep, hogs and poultry on the farm and feeding our crops and returning the manure to the land—supplementing these with acid phosphate, nitrate of soda, etc. During these long winter nights is the time to plan for all this work which must be done next spring and summer—so there is lots for Polk county farmers to think about this winter and while we are thinking about our farm improvements for our own sake and the sake of those dependent upon us, let us think in broad terms that will take in the interest of our neighbors, and let us not confine our neighbor to the man that lives nearest our door; because that modern appliances have brought the whole world into a neighborhood.

Look well to the family health. Better keep well than expose yourself in bad weather and have to hire a doctor at a high price to cure you.

Any way, isn't the Chinese way of hiring a doctor to keep you well more sensible and better than to go on carelessly and get sick and then hire him to cure you. When well a little advice from an honest doctor, taken, might save a big doctor's bill. By the way, nine tenths of our ills, and perhaps ninety-nine hundredths, come from our own carelessness and fault.

Now listen, Polk county farmers, we love all our neighbors. O yes, certainly we do, but you see we are trying to keep house in Polk county—and not many of our neighbors send any business over our way—so my advice is that we had better attend to our own knitting and keep our yarn where we can put our hands on it when knitting is to be done. Do you see the point? When you sell cotton or anything else and deposit your money in a bank out of the county, you are helping that county to grow rich at the expense of your own. And helping to educate some body else's children and let your own remain in ignorance. So let us all get together and support our home institutions and get somewhere.

I believe in PULLING for POLK COUNTY or PULL OUT, and give room for some one who will PULL.

TRYON WALKABOUTS AND TALKABOUTS.

A cynic says that whether a woman's will is stronger than God's depends upon who starts in first. The down east contestants of a late lady's will found that it was stronger than theirs anyway, and learned that "They are but fools who think by force or skill To turn the current of a woman's will."

The two following incidents show that Tryon people, if not leading a cat-and-dog life themselves, are taking a good deal of interest in it.

While devouring a tender fried pullet, a Tryon woman with the vigor possessed only by the Tryonese, denounced a neighbor's cat for devouring humming-birds. She was reminded that the famous old Roman epicure who made a feast of nightingales' tongues, was not a cat, but a human being who ate pullets as well as nightgale. However a cat that will eat humming-birds, instead of English sparrows, has not been well brought up. It needs training.

Among Tryon talk-about is sheep raising. It's really a question of dog raising; whether the people of Polk county would rather raise sheep or hunt rabbits. A vagabond dog recently became the mother of a litter of six near a Tryon residence and the women of the household when they heard of it rushed to the spot—to have the whole batch, drowned of course? Not on your life! But to feed and care for six future sheep butchers, capable of making way with a score or more in a single night. Yet probably the chances are that these tender-hearted women went back to their growling over the high price of mutton and winter clothing.

Somebody once said that God could have made something better than a peach or strawberry, but doubtless God never did. The same of Tryon's Thanksgiving weather. There sometime may have been a finer Thanksgiving day, but even the "oldest inhabitant" couldn't have remembered any. It was a sublime cocktail of weather; just the right amount of January and February temperature mixed with the exact quantity of August and July, the most glorious of blue sky above, the most splendid of gorgeous tree coloring on the earth beneath. The Blue Ridge lived up to its name. Old Tryon never looked higher, sereener or more dignified. Anyone not thankful for such a day on the edge of December, should be deported to the North pole in December and the Equator in July.

ADAM JAY WALKER.

Foundation of True Beauty. The truest beauty arises from a noble character. A soul which is radiant with love and truth lights even the homeliest face into beauty which is not transient, but which grows ever deeper and more abiding as the years pass on.

Gold's Great Power. One of the funny things about human nature is the tender affection we all have for money, the way we work to get it, and then, the way we talk about everyone who has succeeded in getting a lot of it.

Disease Caused by Tree Tapping. A Dutch scientist has found that the disastrous brown bark disease of the rubber tree is caused by the present method of tapping, and not by a mold infection, as has previously been thought.

Tip for Employers. There are no strikes in the plant where the old man calls his employees Dick and Bill and asks about the baby's new teeth.—Wichita Beacon.