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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

MOUNTAIN VIEW

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

A large snow to report, it fell on 25th. Stayed off quite awhile it seems.

Misses Hettie Harris and Alice Jackson were the dinner guests of Miss Alice McCrain Sunday.

Barrett and Brandus McCrain were play visitors of Theophilus Jackson Sunday-afternoon.

Miss Gladys Jackson was an afternoon caller at Mr. H. H. McCrain's Saturday.

Mr. Moses Jackson made a business trip to Mr. B. Ledbetter's Friday last.

On the account of rain Miss Hettie Harris, our teacher at this place, failed to get to attend the teachers meeting which was held at Sunny View.

RED MOUNTAIN.

Will you let us join your happy band once more? Waste basket has captured us quite often, perhaps he will let us alone this time.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jackson was buried at Cooper Gap church Sunday. Our sympathy goes out for them in their gloomy hours of grief.

Our teachers spent last week-end in Mill Spring. Why not come out for society some Friday. A very interesting programme is rendered every Friday p. m. beginning at 2:30 o'clock.

Mr. Enoch Ruff was married one day last week. He met his wife at Spartanburg where they were married. Her home is in Maine. We wish for them much joy and happiness.

Another wedding recently took place, Mr. Pearson Dimsdale to Miss Allie Melton. Our best wishes for them.

Mr. Press Owenby has moved his family to Grassy Knob near Cane Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Wilson and daughter Esther were last Monday called to the bedside of Mrs. Wilson's sister in Greenville who is very ill. They returned home Wednesday.

Honor Roll for Red Mountain School, for 9th week.

1st Grade Alire Brown, Bessie Whiteside, Harold Ingle, Clue and Joe Melton, Waldon Wilson, Earl Jackson, Elmina Corn.

2nd Grade Elmer Jackson, Joe Whiteside, John Biddy, Wilburn Brown, Kinley Ingle.

3rd Grade, Ethel and Ina Lawter, Lettie Ingle.

4th Grade, Esther and Lizzie Lee Wilson Martha Jackson, Ura Whiteside, Fannie Biddy, Ola Haynes.

5th. Grade Sue Jones, Gladys Wilson, Burford Whiteside and Clarence Ruff.

MILL SPRNG

The rainy season still prevails and such muddy roads we do have.

The W. O. W. gave an oyster supper Saturday night. Their reports are a good and lively time.

Miss Mamie Wilson and Esther Gibbs spent last week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gibbs.

Mr. Louis Jackson has recently moved into the Foster house, now owned by J. H. Gibbs.

Miss Odessa Mills accompanied by

Miss Myrtle Pace, the teacher of Cool Grove school spent last week-end in Columbus.

Our Township teachers met at Mill Spring school house last Friday for a lesson in the Reading Circle book with Mr. Bona Arledge as teacher. We were glad to have our County Supt. with us. We hope to have him in each meeting, since his talks are so helpful. The next meeting will be Saturday Feb. 7 at 2 o'clock p. m.

SUNNY VIEW

A deep snow fell Sunday night, and is still falling.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jackson's died Saturday and was buried in Cooper's Gap cemetery. We extend deepest sympathy in their sad hour.

Mr. Hyder of Lebanon visited our school Friday afternoon. He assisted in the music program which was much enjoyed by every one. Mr. Hyder, come again.

Mr. Ralph Jackson has returned home from Canton N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. N. U. Gibbs visited at J. J. Jacksons Sunday last.

Mr. R. R. Wilson was a caller at Mr. W. D. Helton's Sunday.

On account of bad weather there was no teachers meeting here Friday.

Little Ocie Haynes has been very sick for the past week.

Hey, route 2 we hear of Mr. "Flu" again. So get your ooneset tea ready or have you forgotten how since last winter?

MAPLE GROVE

We are having plenty of rain at present.

Guess there won't be much plowing in this section for a few days.

Messrs. Claude Wilson, Virgil and Sidney McGuinn visited home folks a few days last week.

Several from here are at work at Chimney Rock they are building houses at the Rock. So guess every body will want to go to Chimney Rock then, won't they?

Virgil McGuinn and Claude Wilson, Oma and Grace Gibbs, visited at the home of Mrs. N. L. Lynch, last Monday.

Miss Lona Burnett visited Miss Oma Gibbs Sunday last.

School time has become valuable. It now sells at \$7.50 per every two hours. It won't take long to pay for an organ at that rate.

A crowd of young people enjoyed a trip to Chimney Rock the other day, and they report seeing some nice work being done up there.

HILLCREST.

Mr. C. L. Matlock, of Athens, Tenn. is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Camp.

Mr. B. B. Flynn is at home, from Mars Hill Academy, on account of his mother's illness.

Mr. J. M. Brian is on the sick list. Mr. Jimmy Houser is quite ill.

Miss Priscilla Camp is visiting relatives in Seguin, Texas.

Mr. M. Georgan braved the mud one day last week and went to Ruthersfordton.

Mr. Dock Martin, of Chesnee, S. C., is opening up a good stock of general merchandise in the Cox store.

A heavy fall of snow and sleet, on the 25th, put a stop to the farm work that was going forward all over this township.

ABOLENE.

For some time we have had a great deal of smallpox talk, and some real smallpox. But we are glad to state that both are dying out. Mr. Z. M. Walker's family has had it, however, by them being careful, it has been kept from hurting them very much and also from getting scattered through the country.

Mr. C. P. Tanner has been sick for the past week. His physician thinks it is mostly rheumatism, and that he will be up again soon.

Miss Myrtle Shields gave a most beautiful party last Friday evening. Even though it was raining, several from this part went, and all report a fine time.

Miss Pauline Wilkins and Mr. C. O. Ridings visited Mr. J. A. Davis last Sunday afternoon. Mr. Davis is not any young man any more, naturally speaking, and yet he seems young with young people, and they all like to visit him.

Mr. V. H. Calvert and Mr. J. I.

THE SOLDIERS MEMORIAL.

As a meeting has been called for on February 7th, I hope the good people of this county will not forget this date and attend this meeting; especially the directors. This movement is not an individual enterprise and is not a scheme of any kind for anyone to make money, but a duty—paying a debt of gratitude. Now in order that the directors may reach some conclusion as to what kind of a memorial and the cost, approximately, of same, it's highly important for the people to attend this meeting. This is a movement worthy the attention of our people; and it has been dragging long enough. There should be some definite plan outlined so the people would understand and work to the plan till completed. We had hoped to have had reports from all schools by this time, but sorry to say a very small percent have responded and glad to say that some of the one and two teachers schools have responded very patriotically. So we urge a

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We believe in advertising. We believe it pays both the merchant and the buyer.

It will pay our readers to read the weekly messages of our advertisers. They will give you information that every buyer needs in order to buy intelligently.

What if there were no advertisements in any newspaper?

Lost and found articles might never be restored to their owners. Buying, selling and renting houses would be greatly delayed.

Merchants would be compelled to depend almost entirely upon those who passed by their stores for their trade.

Such a condition would set the hands of the clock of progress back two hundred years. It would limit trade. It would bring delays and annoyances and make purchasing risky and expensive.

This goes to show how important newspaper advertisements have become in our everyday affairs.

Read them carefully and faithfully. It may mean many added advantages in your life and dollars in your pocket.

Ridings have moved their saw mill from Henrietta to their home and begin sawing next week at the Deck spring.

Green River school is coming on nicely. The only trouble, there is not enough room in the school building to accommodate the children comfortably. However we are looking forward, with anxious hearts, for a larger building, and it well equipped, next year.

Immense Chestnut Tree.

The largest Spanish chestnut tree in the world grows in a forest on the slopes of Mount Etna. It is said that 100 soldiers and their horses once found shelter beneath it from the rain.

Best Signals for Aviators.

French experiments have demonstrated that the best signals to be displayed from the ground to aviators in flight are Arabic numerals in white on black backgrounds.

representative, if possible, from every school in the county to attend this meeting. Don't stand back because you are not a member of the Association. Come just the same. You will be glad you came. If you cannot come, send someone. This meeting will, we hope, conclude the whole matter. If you are interested or have any suggestions to offer as to the kind of memorial and cost, come.

We know you were interested two years ago when our Polk county boys were on the list of eligibles awaiting their call, and in the training camps, on their way over seas and on the firing line. If we should build a monument that would reach to the top of Tryon peak and as large as Tryon mountain itself, it would not be half what they deserve.

W. A. GANNON, Sec'y-Treas.

Takes the Place of Sugar. A wild herb growing in Paraguay is much sweeter than sugar and is used by the natives for that purpose.

POLK COUNTY FARM AND HOME DEPARTMENT

Edited by J. R. Sams, County Agent

TO THE FARMERS OF POLK COUNTY.

Next Monday, Feb. 2nd, will be the first Monday, and farmers from all sections of the county will be at Columbus, and there will be reasons plentifully to justify a general meeting of farmers in the court room at 1:30 p. m., or at the ringing of the bell after recess by the County Commissioners. Here are some things to be considered at such a meeting:—

1st. The Cotton situation, warehouse, American Cotton Association,

2nd. Cooperative buying of acid phosphate, lime and fertilizers for the coming season.

3rd. To discuss better mail service for Polk county citizens.

4th. To encourage a better understanding and brotherly spirit generally, among Polk county citizens and to better know each other.

Again I desire to call attention to the next meeting of the Hampshire Swine Breeders Association, which will be held in Missildine Hall in Tryon at 10:30 o'clock a. m., Tuesday, February 3, 1920. All lovers of hogs of any kind are invited to attend this meeting and see if something can be done to standardize hogs in the county and to stimulate the growth of more hogs.

And we are just now approaching the season to multiply our poultry output this year if we are to make progress along this line. Last Friday we constructed one sure-enough, modern poultry house on Tom Pace's premises in Green River cove. Now if anyone doubts that Mrs. Tom Pace has a modern poultry house, just pay her a visit and see for yourself; besides you might get an idea from it. If you failed to get an idea from investigating the house, I am sure you would get several ideas before you left by looking through a flock of from 50 to 60 beautiful Rhode Island Red hens and pullets and cockerels. Mr. Pace had to haul his lumber ten miles to build this poultry house; but he hauled it. We estimated the cost of materials and labor and put the price of the house at \$50.00, and Mr. Pace said he would not have it removed for \$100.00 gold dollars. Now, who will do likewise? By the way, I almost forgot one important thing. Mr. Pace said in connection with the poultry business; and that was that he was the worst "hen-pecked" man in North Carolina. I wish more men were hen pecked—and there would be more poultry houses, good gardens, home orchards, succupernong grape vines, cellars full of all kind of good things to take the family through the winter, etc.

WHAT NEXT?

Just anything to make Polk a better county. One thing every farmer in Polk county can, in some way, improve his farm. If only one gully is stopped, it is that much. The greatest trouble on the farm is this; we won't use the little spare moments to cut a few armfuls of brush or weeds to cover a naked place or gully—waiting for a whole day of spare time that does not come. The thing to do is just to do the thing; and do it now. Don't hesitate; don't postpone.

One thing to do right now is to improve the poultry on the farm—Winter is on, yes, right here; and the time to set hens right here. Now ev-

ery farmer who has not started a flock of pure bred poultry on his farm, should begin at once. Look up some good breeders and either buy a cock and two or three hens, or buy two or three settings of pure bred eggs; and don't fool around and forget it. Then prepare some good nests that will be comfortable that the hens will enjoy—nests that will not let the straw or other nest material slip out from under the hen and leave her on some bare plank. Of course she will do no good hatching under such conditions. How would you like to sit 21 days on a hard plank all the time on a strain, trying to keep the eggs under you to keep them from chilling these cold nights? We don't want any farmer in Polk county this year, to think of anything only starting a flock of pure bred poultry on his farm.

That Pasture Again.

Every farmer should realize the importance of a good pasture—and now is the time to get your seed ready. There are several good seed houses near you, and they will sell you good pasture mixtures, or will sell you any special kind of grass seed, or any mixture you may make up to suit your individual needs. Now I know that you all know the need of a good pasture just as much as I do; but you have done without until you can't realize what a good pasture would mean to you. So just get your thinking machinery in operation and it won't be long till your body will begin to move in the direction of a good pasture, and then better cattle to consume them. Now, I am aware that many people regard me as a grass or pasture crank.—Well, sometimes a man must become a crank in order to attract attention to a great truth. Paul became a crank to magnify the importance of the Christian religion, and all great movements and reforms have been accomplished by somebody becoming a crank, or a specialist as you may please to call it. So I am willing to bear the epithet; if I can by any means persuade some to come my way—what we want is something permanent that will give perpetual prosperity to Polk county—and nothing will do this like good pastures and good live stock. Now just begin and stick to it and see.

Now don't treat these suggestions as idle talk. They are based on a long life of actual experience. I have seen them put to practice in many sections of the country and nowhere have they failed to make the people prosperous and rich. Then why not make Polk a grass and live stock county as well as a cotton and general cropping county?

A few farmers have inquired of me concerning growing tobacco. I would say DON'T, of course, if nothing will do only to grow it, I'll do the best I can to give you the best there is in me from sowing the seed even to making the plug; but it is hard on land, hard on the man or woman who makes it, and hard on the fellow who must go breadless because of the tobacco crop. I have told that it takes 13 months to make a crop of cotton—well, it takes 14 to make a crop of tobacco, and hard disagreeable work at that—and when the crop is made and manufactured, it is chewed and burnt out and the world left worse off than before.

The Clancy Kids

Timmie Let Him Know Where He Got Off



By PERCY L. CROSBY

