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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

### SALUDA

Not being able to find any news from Saluda in last week's paper, we have decided to come again with a short letter, and we wish to say to the readers of the Polk County News, in and about Saluda that we will be glad if anyone and everyone, would gather up the news that you think would interest anyone that reads the paper, and bring it to the Post office, when you come after your mail, and the Postmaster will gladly send it to the paper, you can help the paper and make it more interesting for your neighbors, we know you can help if you will. Send in the news, and let us all enjoy it together.

The ladies of the Baptist Church gave an oyster supper on last Friday night, for the purpose of raising money to put a cement walk up to the church, same being needed very much and we are glad to say that the supper was successful beyond the expectation of all concerned. As the weather was good, more people came out than was expected, and some of the good things to eat gave out, before the crowd was satisfied. But we hope for better luck next time, for they have promised to give us another soon. When there will be a plenty for all, and enough variety, so every one can be satisfied. The ladies concerned wish to thank the people for their splendid support.

Mr. E. B. Guice who has been at Newberry S. C., for some time is at home for a few days. He reports quite a bit of the dreaded influenza in that section.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Andy Fletcher, of Green river section, who died in Spartanburg with flu. He had been with the Southern railway surveyors for some time. He began with them while they were surveying a new grade in this section and went on down the road with them when they left here.

Report of the election of officers, and general condition of the Church of the Transfiguration, at Saluda, N. C. Rector, Wm. B. Allen, M. A. The following officers have been elected for the coming year: Senior Warden Mr. Frank P. Harrison; Junior Warden, Mr. Drayton Gilreath; Treas. Mr. John M. Heaton; Secretary, Mr. Drayton Gilreath.

Womans' Auxiliary: Pres., Mrs. William B. Allen; Vice President, Mrs. John M. Heaton; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. J. J. Darby; "U. O." Custodian, Mrs. D. E. Murray.

Junior Auxiliary: Mrs. Wm. B. Staton, President; Mrs. W. B. Allen, Vice President; Wm. B. Allen, Jr., Secretary; Miss H. Singleton, Treasurer.

Sunday School Mr. Drayton Gilreath, Supt.; Teachers, Mrs. W. B. Allen, Mrs. F. P. Harrison, Mrs. Wm. Staton, Mrs. J. J. Darby, Mrs. D. E. Murray.

We have just closed the most successful year in the history of the church. All the properties have been painted, i. e. the church and library and parish house. The mission house has been thoroughly repaired—new roof, etc. The financial condition is good. All assessments and apportionments to the Diocese have been paid. Sewanee and N. W. campaign quotas have been raised. The outlook is bright for the future. A Parish Year Book is being published and will be distributed later on.

### MAPLE GROVE

Mr. and Mrs. Tolbert Odell visited Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Burnett, Sunday.

Misses Misses Claire Feagan and Merry Helton visited Mrs. G. L. Taylor, Sunday last.

There was a very good crowd at Sunday school at Cooper Gap, Sunday. We hope there will be a better one next Sunday.

Miss Maggie Jackson was the guest of Miss Grace Gibbs, last Sunday.

Little Horace Gibbs was on the sick list a few days last week, but is now better.

The Red Mountain teachers were guests of Mr. J. W. Biddy, last Sunday.

Mr. Reuben R. Wilson was a pleasant caller at Mr. W. D. Helton's, last Sunday.

Rev. Maries will be at Cane Creek

church on Sunday night, February 8, to start a meeting. We hope that everybody will attend.

### COLUMBUS.

We are glad to report no cases of flu in our community.

The Woman's Betterment Club held a very interesting meeting Friday, —January 30th. Re-elected officers who have served since the formation of the club, except the secretary. President, Mrs. E. W. S. Cobb; Vice President, Mrs. H. H. Edwards; Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Feagan; Secretary, Mrs. R. M. McFarland. The club has planned to take up a course of study given by the State Department on Citizenship of Woman. The class has already been formed and we invite any ladies who would like to attend to inform themselves on this subject. We hope to secure as our instructor, Miss Bertha Pendergast, a graduate of Boston University, who has spoken on suffrage before women's clubs in the north.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tallant, last week, a girl.

Miss Pearl Keenan is visiting Miss Mae Mills this week.

Mr. Will Guffey, of Rutherfordton, was in town, Monday.

Mrs. Laura McGuinn is on the sick list.

Mr. John T. Smith has returned from Raleigh, where he attended a course of lectures at A. & E. college.

The next reading circle meeting for the teachers of Columbus township will be held at the High School building on Saturday morning, February 7th, at 10:30 o'clock. Miss Emma McNinch, instructor.

### FISHTOP.

Our items for last week's issue failed to reach the press, on account of the beautiful little snow which came on the 20th. I will enumerate some of the items noted.

R. C. Jackson was a business caller in this section, Friday and he reports the singing school at Mountain Grove getting along nicely.

I. Henderson and wife drove over to Hendersonville Friday, to procure some furniture for their new house.

T. Price, Ernest Laughter and P. Henderson attended the singing at Mountain Grove church, Sunday.

Now, another week is gone and it seems that winter has indeed come at last, but we hope it will soon moderate so farmers can renew their work preparing land for next year's crop.

I Henderson went over to Henderson last week to fix up some papers to make his wife safe.

Now that the rattlers are all stored away in their homes, and coons have about all died and sent off their hides; it is early for fish news here—but I have just come into the information that leads to the discovery of where the eel spawns and raises its young; (if true) does away with the notion among many that they come from horse hair and among others that they are the male catfish. We remember a few summers back when it was said that hairs were found in cabbage that seemed to be alive and many people thought that was killing people; when the truth came out that some parties had used arsenate of lead on their cabbage to kill the worms. The discovery, life and history of the "eel" will be found in the "Literary Digest" on page 102, for January 24. We hope the editor will print the whole of the statement as it is a reliable paper, and many of the NEWS readers will not have the opportunity to see it. The wonderful manner in which they propagate is even more strange than the many fictions of the past.

(Sorry we have not the paper, consequently cannot publish it.—Ed.)

### RED MOUNTAIN

We appreciate these spring like days after a few days of real winter time.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ruff moved to Belmont last Friday.

Miss Sue Jones is visiting Mrs. Owensby this week.

Mr. J. B. Wilson and sons Lawton and Waldon made a business trip to Rutherfordton Monday.

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Mr. Burban Wilson left Tuesday for Spartanburg where he has accepted a position.

Mr. T. N. Wilson came very near getting his leg broken last week while helping load a saw log.

The Red Mountain teachers spent Sunday night at the home of J. W. Biddy.

There were not many at Sunday school Sunday. We hope to see more next Sunday.

Honor roll 11th week of school: 4th grade Lizzie Lee, Esther Wilson and Ora Whiteside.

5th grade Buford Whiteside and Sue Jones.

First grade Bessie Whiteside.

2nd. grade Joe Whiteside.

E. J. JONES, Pastor.

### LITTLE HELEN, THE CHILD PIANIST.

Out of a world of anxiety, pain and sorrow, a world where the young die and the old weep, some of us escaped on Friday to enter a serene world whose language reveals the new heavens and the new earth where there are no more tears.

Listening to the soul of men who were dead before we were born, as transferred to our mortal ears by the effort of a child we realize that harmonies, beauty, delight exist though our deaf ears are only conscious of them at rare intervals.

Think of the sunlit thought of Haydn who was born in the same year as Washington, coming unchanged with an eternal message of love and beauty!

The sweetness, the power and variety of this language it is impossible to over value. Only the immortal can communicate, only the immortal may receive such airless messages.

The little girl's talent has little to do with clever technic or a desire to produce an effect. Such music is an inspiration, a revelation. Ordinary performers may not miss a day's practice without feeling it, she plays when she chooses. Meanwhile her mind is developing, her power increasing.

The "favorite" numbers were almost as varied as were numbers on the program. One musical child little older than the player delighted most in Mendelsohn's "Rondo Capriccioso," some one else in the three Grieg compositions while one musician caught her breath during the playing of Chopin's Etude in G flat, the melow power of the music being almost too much for her.

The audience was worthy of the player. There may have been snuffles and sneezes, colds and coughs outside, but not one within that blessed precinct.

All good wishes follow our young musician friend, Helen Pugh.

### MILL SPRING ROUTE 1.

Rev. Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder of the Marion District, held our first quarterly conference at Lebanon, Saturday and Sunday. There was a good attendance of official members.

All the churches of the Mill Spring circuit were represented except Maness Chapel. Rev. Holmes preached two excellent sermons, which were enjoyed by all present. Revs. Holmes and Hackney were entertained at the home of Mr. J. C. Powell, Saturday night.

Mr. John Hulet and son, Lloyd, of Fingerville, S. C., visited at the home of W. W. Womack, Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Powell were callers at Mr. Ancey Womack's, Tuesday.

Miss Mary Hodge is on the sick list at this writing. Hope she will soon recover.

Mr. George Womack is nursing a cut foot.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson, recently, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Womack are rejoicing over a new girl, which arrived January 21.

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### FREE TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

The free traveling libraries sent out from Raleigh by the North Carolina Library Commission in January of this year, showed an increase of over one hundred per cent over the number shipped in January, 1919. 80 counties are receiving this service reaching from Northampton to Richmond, and from Dare to Jackson.

Special collections have been arranged for industrial communities. This has been done in response to demands from welfare workers who urge that special attention be given the needs of mill people. The Library Commission now has 300 traveling libraries.

There is a marked increase in the number of requests reaching the Director, Miss Mary B. Palmer, not only for traveling and package libraries but for information on various subjects including current events and social problems.

There are such questions as world democracy, forest reservations, Mexico, Poe, Galsworthy, Masefield, high prices, Jews, Commerce with South America, Heroism, woman and religion, etc. One woman wrote for material on child training saying that her boy of three was inclined to be selfish and stubborn. This request was met from the special collection on child study. Recent requests for material have come from South Carolina, Pennsylvania and Saskatchewan Canada.

Immigration restriction, the inter-high school query, leads among the debate subjects but material on varied questions is constantly in demand. The Commission has 50 package libraries on the restriction of immigration.

### MILL SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday school 10:30. Preaching every first and third Sunday.

### NOTICE.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Polk County Sunday school Association will be held at Columbus, next Saturday, to arrange program and place of next union meeting for 5th Sunday in February. E. J. JONES, President.

### DR. HENRY B. CONRAD.

All that was mortal of Dr. Conrad was taken from South Bend, Ind., where he died Friday morning to his boyhood home at Winston-Salem, in this state, accompanied by his father, his mother, his wife and infant daughter.

Mrs. Heister, with her eldest son, was there to meet the sad party on its arrival.

The sympathy with the family felt by the companions of his youth and early manhood, his associates in various hospitals and in the Navy, from which he was lately released, as well as by a host of friends is so tense as to be quite beyond words. With all prospects of a noble career, all that life and love could offer, Dr. Conrad seemed one of the favorites in life, one bound to be one of the victors in the race.

No one may try to vindicate or explain such a providence. It is well if those most dear to him can wait in silence the consolations of time, the larger vision of the years.

Mrs. Conrad and her little daughter returned on Tuesday with her mother and brother to the warm shelter of her father's house, where surrounded by the love of family and friends it is hoped that her sorrow may find comfort, her torn heart be healed.

### How Sound Travels.

Sound travels through dry air at the rate of 1100 feet per second; through water at 2400 feet per second, and in steel wire at 17,130 feet per second.

### For Happiness.

If thou wouldst find much favor and peace with God and man, be very low in thine own eyes; forgive thyself little, and others much.—Archbishop Leighton.

### Forever Open.

"My nephew, Rupert—the loped-eyed one, you remember—has come home from the university as knowing as an unabridged dictionary," grimly stated old P. S. Pester. "But, unlike that valuable tome, you can't shut him up when you want to."—Judge.

## POLK COUNTY FARM AND HOME DEPARTMENT

Edited by J. R. Sams, County Agent

### AGAIN!—BACK TO THE SOIL.

Some farmers may tire of so much talk and writing about the soil; but when you come to think about it, the soil is the most, or one of the most, important things with which we have to deal. It is also one of the most abused things in all the world. Air, sunlight, water and soil are the essential things connected with our living. Fortunately, we have no control over the air, sunlight and water. The sun shines when he pleases and as he pleases. The air is always present everywhere, winter and summer, dry or wet, and the rains descend and the snow comes and goes whether it is of our choice or not. All these things nature regulates by fixed and unerring law, over which we have absolutely no control, and sometimes it occurs to me that soil productivity should have been so fixed by a kind Providence that it would have governed production in a fixed way till man could not have control of the soil any more than he does of the air, sunlight and water. But how wise in God, our kind and beneficent Father, in the creation and arrangement of things that we do not have control of these things. He desired to make us as nearly in His own image as possible; so He left one of the all important things to our management, to manage as we please. Suppose He had left the management of the air, sunlight and water to our fixing, what kind of job do you suppose we would have made of it? We might have fixed it till modern profiteers would have jugged up the air and sold at such a price that the poor people would have suffocated, or that all the water might have been bottled and the poor famished—and a corner on the sunshine till all mankind but a few of the arch profiteers would have frozen to death. So it was a happy thought when God fixed these things so that man could have no control over them; so that the poorest of all the earth could as fully and freely enjoy them without money and without price, and for these blessings, how many poor people thank God daily?

But as to the soil, God did not see fit to so treat man—as stated. He wanted to make man as nearly like Himself as possible, so He created man, which includes woman, and turned them loose with orders to go forth and "multiply and replenish the earth." Man was given just about absolute control over the soil. Now let's see what kind of a job he has made of it. In the starting up of things, man was furnished with a garden—yes, a real up-to-date garden. It also had a house, orchard and all kinds of fruits that was pleasant to the eye and taste, and all that was required for man to dress it.

About the next thing we learn about man's management of the soil, is that he made such a botch of it that he was driven out into the woods, where he had to go to clearing, fencing, plowing, pulling stumps cutting briars, ditching, terracing, etc. So man took absolute control over the soil and what has been the history and result? Well, the first thing he did was to violate God's laws which are the laws of nature. God told him right at the start, see Gen. 1-9. "Now let the dry ground bring forth grass." This command was when the waters and dry ground were first separated, even before man was made; yet man ever since has been fighting grass, and as a result his lands have been washing away, soil fertility has been decreasing and man hunting here and there for something to replace this rundown soil and in this good year of 1920 we find man shipping nitrate of soda from South America, paying at the rate of more than \$100 per ton and getting an article far below par; while there is locked up in the air more than twenty million dollars worth of pure nitrogen over every acre of land he owns, which is free to every farm owner who will only tap the fountain, and the fountain is so easily and quickly tapped. Now as this article has already grown long, we will consider in another paper just how every farmer may tap this source of wealth that God offers him just as freely as He gives him air, sunshine and water, and all we have to do, is to comply

with some simple unalterable law and the blessing will be ours—yes, that the abused, washed away land can be rebuilt and made to produce as at first and by and through the soil acting harmoniously with the air, sunshine and water, plus an obedient and faithful farmer to the faithful attention, and application of God's laws to simple agriculture.

Respectfully

J. R. SAMS, County Agent.

### STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Bank of Tryon was held on Feb. 3rd, 1920, and the old board of Directors and officers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

On January 1st 1920 the usual eight per cent dividend was paid and a substantial amount added to the undivided profits account.

### AMERICAN AUTHORS.

It is not always possible to announce beforehand the subject to be treated at the Lanier Club but next Thursday, the twelfth, the Club proposes to devote to some American authors, among them Mary Wilkins Freeman, from whose unpublished writings four "pastels" will be read. These finished sketches give one a great respect for the conscientiousness of Mrs. Freeman's work.

### MR. EDWARD S. FROST AT THE LANIER CLUB.

Mr. Frost, who was so active a power in the war work of the country, spoke for the Lanier Club on Thursday giving the ladies and their friends a living picture of the frozen north, of Iceland and closed ports further away, of disappointments, and strange experiences, which kind memory has smoothed into a tapestry of beauty.

Mr. Frost has generously promised to speak for the public school as soon as the flu scare is over. It is planned to offer a reward to the pupil of the school who shall send in the best report of the lecture, the award to be made with Mr. Frost's agreement.

### PINE CREST INN NOTES.

Among those who have recently arrived in Tryon and are stopping at Pine Crest Inn, are Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stevens, of Detroit, Mich., who are here for their first visit and expect to remain until the spring flowers are in bloom.

Mrs. L. K. Rumsey, of Detroit, Mich., who is a sister of Mrs. W. G. Smith, of that city, and who has visited Tryon a number of times in the past, is spending two weeks at Pine Crest Inn.

Mr. Robert McCormick, of Normal, Illinois, has recently joined his mother and sisters who are occupying one of the Pine Crest Inn cottages. Mr. McCormick is a student at the University of Illinois and a member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity, and has come to Tryon to spend his mid-semester vacation.

Mrs. Follett W. Bull, with her daughter, Miss Helen P. Bull, of Oak Park, Illinois, are stopping for a few days at Pine Crest Inn, on their way home from Miami and Palm Beach, where they have spent the greater part of the winter.

Mrs. E. Danson, of Cincinnati, Ohio, who visits Tryon each winter, has arrived at Pine Crest Inn with her three children and nurse, and will remain during February and March.

### Clean Record.

"What makes Jinks so proud of his ancestors? I never heard any of them did anything." "That's exactly the point. So many persons' ancestors did do things which got them into trouble with the police."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

### Salt in History.

In olden times, when salt was not so easily obtained as it is today, it was regarded in some countries as a luxury. This seems strange, does it not? At one time the Chinese made it into little cakes, stamped the image of the emperor upon it, and used it as money. In Arabia those who together ate food which had been salted, believed that this established a special bond of friendship between them. This led to the old saying: "There is salt between us."