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OUR FRIENDS OVER THE COUNTY

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

MAPLE GROVE.

Corn passed through this day last week. Spicer came home Sunday with his sick baby. Which we soon be well. B. Gibbs made a business trip last week. S. Gibbs is working at the near Mill Spring. Leona and Bessie Barnett Saturday night with their Thurecy Odell. S. Gibbs visited Mrs. C. B. at week. Grace Gibbs spent last week grandmother, Mrs. N. L. Robert Whiteside visited at U. last Sunday. R. Blanton visited in Cane section last Friday.

W. SPRING ROUTE 1.

Mrs. Moses and Dennis Jackson business trip to Landrum last. H. H. McCrain visited his Mrs. Martin McCrain Sunday. Babe Arledge passed through town last week. Hettie Harris and Alice were callers of Miss Alice on Friday, P. M. Ragan Jackson attended Silver Creek Sunday. school organized a litary Friday, February 6th 1920. Following officers were elected Jackson, President, Gladys, Vice President, Alice McSecretary, Alice Corn, Chaplin, Gus Jackson, Janitor, Alice Alice McCrain and Annie Jackson program committee.

PEARIDGE.

Sam Gosnell and family, of burg, visited at Mr. M. C. W. J. Wilson's family have the John Reed and family were at Mr. J. T. Carswells Sunday. Juanita Voorhies and Bessie soon enjoyed Sunday afternoon back riding. M. Mossie Edwards has returned from Tryon. We are glad to her back again. Myrtle Taylor has returned from Landrum, S. C., as the closed for a while on account of flu. Mrs. Iva Gosnell visited Miss Thompson Monday afternoon.

TRYON ROUTE 1

ad to see our carrier well and on again. Master Homer Durham is suffering broken arm, caused by being thrown from his bicycle. Mrs. Elsie (Edwards) Guffy and and, Mr. Jack Guffy, visited folks on Lighting Rod Ridge, ay. Mrs. Paul Hamilton and Loran cycled to Hickory Grove Sunday afternoon. We are sorry to learn the most successful merchant Columbus ever knew, (our notion) has sold out his store. These kind friendly people will be in other business and stay with Mr. George Champion was recently married to Miss Howard, of Landrum, S. C. Let's not be later than Feb. 14th. in trying sweet peas for best results.

COLUMBUS.

The Utopian Literary Society of Burns High School gave a reception to the members of the Philomation Literary Society at the High School building, Friday evening, February 6. After several hours spent in playing games, the boys served delicious cake, hot cocoa, a "piece" of chocolate. The chaperone was, Mrs. E. W. S. Cobb and Misses Bertha Pendergast and Mary Falor. A meeting of the Women's Betterment Club will be held at the High School, Friday afternoon at 4 p. m. The books for the study on "Citizenship of Women" have arrived and we invite any ladies who wish to attend. Members who will take part in

the play being planned by the Club, will please attend this meeting.

Mr. J. R. Sams returned from attending a meeting of Farm Demonstrators at Salisbury.

Mr. F. W. Blanton spent a few days at Shelby, last week.

Mr. Avery Elliott is at home from Arkon, Ohio, on a visit to his family.

Mr. C. E. Shore was in Hendersonville, Saturday.

Postmaster, L. H. Cloud, was in Ward, S. C., on business, last week.

Mr. Alberta Burgess, of Alfredville Camp, N. J., spent a few days with home folks.

Mr. Floyd Pitman, of Landrum, spend Sunday with his mother.

Mr. Moore, of Laurens, S. C., has purchased the stock of goods of our merchant, C. E. Shore, and will take possession about March 1st.

Services at the Presbyterian church Sunday, 11 a. m. Rev Caldwell, Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Guffy, of Rutherfordton, spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Hill, last week.

Mr. Robt. Hill spent the week-end with his family.

Mrs. Pitman and family were in Landrum shopping, Monday.

Mrs. Pendergast and Miss Bertha Pendergast were shopping in Spartanburg, Saturday.

SALUDA

Claude Gilbert son of L. J. Gilbert was taken to Asheville Saturday on train 9 by R. L. Newman, Chief of police under a warrant issued by the war department, charging him with desertion of the army.

The Saluda Seminary has been closed for a few days as a precaution against the flu, there being several cases in a mild form, among the boarding students, we hope it will soon pass over, as the school has been doing fine work this year, under the able management of Prof. Stevens and his corps of splendid teachers. They have been occupying their new buildings, since the beginning of the fall term, and have been going nicely until now.

Mrs. H. P. Corwith now has the pleasure of entertaining her aunt Mrs. A. P. Thomas and cousin Miss Gertrude Thomas, of Rockford, Ill., who arrived here last Friday for a short stay. Hope the weather will be good while the ladies are here so they may enjoy their visit to the fullest extent.

Mr. O. B. Garren is home for a few days from Newberry S. C., where he has been for sometime. He reports plenty of work there in the building line.

Dr. G. R. Little is continually doing something in the way of improvements to his already fine drug store, just now he is putting in glass doors to all his shelves, so all his goods will be protected from the dust, thereby making the store more sanitary, as well as improving the beauty of the interior.

Miss Elizabeth Burns one of the teachers at the Saluda Seminary was suddenly called to the bedside of her sister in New York, who is very ill.

Mr. L. R. Luten and family motored up from Greenville on Monday last, coming through by Mountain Page church, report a good trip, finding the roads better than was expected.

Mr. J. M. Delock who recently moved to Huggins place has returned home from a trip to Columbia S. C., where he was attending court.

Mr. Fred Bailey is away for a few days with friends at Columbia, S. C.

Rev. W. A. Creason was called away from a very interesting meeting in Alabama to be home with his family who are sick with influenza we are glad to say that they are some better now.

Mrs. D. W. Pace is quite ill with influenza.

Mr. W. F. Little of Tryon spent Sunday with his brother Dr. G. R. Little, Mr. W. F. is looking fine and seems to be doing all right in his present location. But, we would be mighty glad if he would make his home in Saluda, and be one of us as of yore. Anyway, come up as often as you can, brother Frank, we are always glad to see you.

Mr. Bush the worthy editor of the Polk County News was in town Saturday, hustling around in his energetic way, attending to business for

his own as well as other people's interest. His slogan is Boost others, and they will Boost you. Not a bad idea.

SUNNY VIEW.

Sunny view school is the proud possessor of a new organ. Some good singing now days.

Teachers meeting was held here Saturday, which was a great success.

Misses Mayme Wilson and Esther Gibbs spent Saturday night at Mr. J. L. Jackson's.

Mr. Earnest Gibbs, of Stearn's high school, was a visitor here Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Esther Gibbs and Esther Wilson were visitors at Mr. W. D. Helton's, Sunday.

Mrs. A. J. Dimsdale visited her daughter, Mrs. F. R. Coggins, on last Sunday.

Misses Bessie and Emma Helton and Cleo Feagan visited at Mr. G. W. Bradley's, on last Sunday.

Misses Lizzie and Mattie Williams were callers at Mr. A. H. Lynch's Sunday.

Hello, Maple Grove, real glad to hear of your good school. Hope you all will be like ex-governor Aycock. Let your last words be "education" For that sure is important for every one.

Mr. A. H. Lynch is doing some extra good work with his new saw mill.

Why not come out to the school house Friday afternoon? It will be worth while. The program will consist of songs, recitations dialogues. Let's see more of the patrons visit our school.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Whiteside visited the latter's mother Mrs. W. W. Gibbs, Sunday.

Mr. Hobart Whiteside was a pleasant caller at Mr. J. B. Wilson's on last Sunday.

Mr. Bowen Wilson visited in this section Sunday.

Messrs John Bradley and Taylor Brown were callers at Mr. W. D. Helton's Sunday afternoon.

LYNN.

No services of any kind last Sunday in our village, as thought best not to congregate the people thus avoid all chances of flu. But quite a number of the young people congregated Saturday night for a dance at the home of Mr. C. B. Edwards Sr. Inconsistency hath no bounds.

Miss Ophelia Thompson has been quite indisposed for several days.

Mr. Austin Hart of Flat Rock with his family have moved into our city, one day last week and is employed by the Tryon Hosiery Co.

The incorporated community election last Saturday for Bonds to build a better school building, etc., resulted in a majority in favor of bond.

It's rumored that some of same parties opposed the school bond at Columbus that opposed the bond here last Saturday.

It's said that several voted against School Bond last Saturday in Lynn that could not read or write and who had large families to school also owned no real estate to be taxed.

The Soldiers Memorial Association Directors meet at Columbus last Saturday, as per call of Pres., and a few of the faithful were on hand. The directors discussed the plan of better organization also style and cost of fitting memorial.

Mr. N. W. Randall run down to Shelby, on business, last Tuesday.

At this writing Mr. P. N. Hood is on the sick list being confined to his room.

Mr. T. A. Rippey and family have had a little epidemic of their own of the sore eyes.

It is reported that some were influenced to vote against School Bond last Saturday by the aid of a little Boose, how does that sound?

It is said that some who had large families of children and no real estate voted against Bond, while some others who did own real estate and had no children voted for Bond last Saturday its real funny how we all look at things especially when a little tax figures in the proposition.

Miss Nora Jones is confined to her room with a case of old fashion sore eyes.

Mr. M. H. Covil run down to Spartanburg last Tuesday.

Mr. Fred E. Swann left last Monday for High Point to buy furniture for his firm, the Ballenger Co.

Mr. John Rhodes left last Sunday for Atlanta to buy her spring stock of millinery.

CEDAR MOUNTAIN NEWS.

Mr. Edward Anderson is having a new building erected on his farm.

Miss Bessie Foster and brother Barnard Foster spent last week-end visiting Miss Bettie Edwards at Landrum S. C.

Miss Lucile Foster one of best Polk county teachers has returned to her home after closing her school. Every one is glad to have Miss Foster home again.

Miss Beatrice Owens was the guest of Misses Lucile and Bessie Foster Monday afternoon.

Mr. G. W. Foster is steadily improving his farm, he has been busy for some time sowing grass and clover and if his improvements continue he will soon have a splendid as well as a beautiful place.

Mr. L. E. Hipp one of our most up-to-date farmers, is always fixing things so he can do more work, by way of adding new machinery to his outfit, his latest addition is a wood sawing outfit, and has also ordered a new truck, so he will be able to handle his wood with speed and profit.

FISHTOP.

Two weeks of very disagreeable weather have passed and now we hope at least for better.

Lagrippe or flu has visited us. Clement Arledge and Walt Burgess' entire families, we learn, have had it more or less seriously—better now.

Wm. C. Pace's family have had the flu for the past week, but not very seriously.

Manning Case, of Upward, has been building the chimneys for I. Henderson's new home, the past week.

Dr. Hooper came into the cove last Friday to see the Pace's on professional business.

T. W. Bradley sang for the Mountain Grove choir Sunday last, and will sing for the Mount Lebanon choir on next Sunday.

Wm. Morgan visited in this section last week. His cancer, while not painful, is rapidly progressing and will soon end the career of a hard working stout man.

Now as for the elections, voting for or against taxes for schools and county home, which will be on, we will say that all, or very nearly all, true men are willing to build schools, churches, county homes or anything else that will elevate the county; but judging from the past, the way the public money has been squandered on roads, county home and school funds, wise, hard working, honest men will be slow to vote another tax on themselves without some guarantee that the money will be used for what it is paid.

We have just learned that Curtis Newman is confined with gripe and that I. Henderson will move, Tuesday, into his new home.

MELVIN HILL

The flu has visited this little town again, but the patients are all on the mend now.

Mrs. McIntire an aged lady passed away last Friday night at the home of her son. She was somewhere in ninety, and had been ailing for some time.

We are glad to note that those who had the flu last winter are not having it this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Henderson has been staying with their son Phillips and family for the past two weeks nursing them through the flu.

The Bible School closed here Friday and the teacher, Eld. C. B. Miller, went into Mitchell county and is teaching there.

Mr. Tom Waldrop and family have moved to Henrietta.

The Melvin Hill correspondent has been down with the flu for the past two weeks.

It seems that the ground pig didn't see his shadow although he might have seen it if he came out in the nick of time, when the sun shone for about five minutes on ground hog day.

Covetousness.

Coveting is as dangerous as possessing. The man with little or no money can love it as much as the man with much. The latter is in danger of pride and hardness of heart, but the former suffers most from envy, anxiety and bitterness of spirit. Money has as many slaves among the poor as among the rich.

POLK COUNTY FARM AND HOME DEPARTMENT

Edited by J. R. Sams, County Agent

TO FARMERS AND BUSINESS MEN OF POLK COUNTY.

For the last two years, we have been talking about organizing something in Polk county, through which farmers could improve farm and home conditions on the farm—yes, right on the farm where they live—but just what kind of organization; it has been hard to determine. We thought of calling it a board of trade, then chamber of commerce and other things all of which did not convey the meaning we wanted it to have. Then farm bureau came along and we tried to find out what this organization proposed to do for the farmer—and it has been a hard job; because it is so elastic that anything that is necessary to be done or that farmers and business men want done in the county can be done through it. It is not a secret organization, neither is it a selfish organization to bolster the prices of farm products to enrich the farmer at the unjust expense of the consumer; but it is composed of farmers, bankers, manufacturers, and consumers of every description. It is one thing in one county and entirely a different thing in another, owing to the general occupations of different counties. It is an organization with a definite program to uplift and improve the entire county and to embrace every interest in the county. It is entirely non-political and should appeal to every man, woman and child in the county; because it exists and contemplates the good of all.

Now, on the next 1st Monday of March, 1920, which will be the 1st day of the month, there will be a meeting of farmers and business men in my office at 1:30 o'clock p. m., to discuss and if thought advisable, organize a Polk County Farm Bureau. At the late meeting of County Agents at Salisbury last week, the subject of organizing the Farm Bureaus was thoroughly discussed and finally handed back to every county for discussion by her own people, and to organize what is best and best suited to the needs of each county. What suits Mecklenburg county would not suit Polk county; but every county needs some kind of organization to foster and push her agricultural interests and bring her farmers, business men and consumers into closer relations with each other and thereby have a better understanding. This is the purpose of a Farm Bureau in a county, and I trust that we will have a large and representative meeting from every township in the county. Because this is a movement to build Polk county and no particular section.

Respectfully,
J. R. SAMS, County Agent.

AGAIN THE SOIL.

Last week we tried to show that all life depends on air, sunshine, water and soil, that man has no control whatever over the air, sunshine and water; but that he does have dominion over the soil.

God holds sovereign sway over the three first essentials. The sunshine, the rains and storms come by fixed laws; but God does not plow land, pull stumps, ditch and build fences for us. Man was given absolute control over the forest, animals, fishes and birds—and now Mr. Farmer, let's take a stroll through Polk county and look over the average farm and see how the lands look. Are they gardens like the first man was provided with? Are all the fields producing luxuriant crops of corn, wheat, cotton potatoes, clover and grasses, and fat cattle and sheep browsing in green pastures? I ask every farmer in Polk county to take time enough to go all over his farm and look it over well and see just how it looks. Is there any old field thrown out, all scarred with red gullies, and straggling pines, briars and sedge grass growing here and there? Are these gullies growing deeper and worse every year? Are they washing the clay down on your bottoms causing ruin there as well as on the hillside? Have your river and creek bottoms quit responding liberally to your efforts to make crops on them? Do your fields all look just as you want them to look when you go out and make a survey? No, of course not. What is the matter? Well, there is

much the matter. To begin to deal with the situation, most Polk county land is deficient in humus or decomposed vegetable matter. Then land already deficient in these three things is cleared and run in corn and cotton, without any returns to the soil, until what little nitrogen and humus there was by nature is exhausted and land washing then begins and entire exhaustion is the result. Now, we are just in that condition on a great many farms. How can this condition be remedied? Easy enough if intelligent and energetic means will be sought and applied. Scientists have figured, and doubtless their figuring is approximately true, that in the air that is pressing down on every acre of land in Polk county, there is locked up at least twenty million dollars worth of pure nitrogen, which is just as free for every farmer to draw upon for use on his farm, as the sunshine and rain is free. All on earth the farmer has to do is to learn the law and follow it and he will get the nitrogen and the humus in his soil from this great supply locked up in the air. How can he unlock this storehouse of nitrogen? How do you unlock any house? By having and using a key, of course. Well, we have the key to this great store house of nitrogen. The key is within easy reach of every farmer. The key is legume crops turned back to the soil. All cow peas, soy beans, and peas and beans of all kinds, alfalfa, sweet clover and all clovers of all kinds are legumes, and all these legume crops have the power, when properly inoculated with their peculiar bacteria, to draw from the air all the nitrogen necessary for their own production, and to store within the soil supplies for other crops to feed upon that have not their power. By growing these crops and returning them wisely back to the soil, it is possible to make soil that will not produce anything, produce large crops, when aided by slight dressings of acid phosphate. Now knowing these things, why dally longer about using the key that is within our reach and unlock and use freely from this great free supply of land building, or soil building elements?

Of course all legumes will operate better with the use of ground limestone; but cow peas, soy beans and velvet beans can be grown profitably by the use of acid phosphate or even without it on moderately good land for a soil builder. But a liberal use of both lime and phosphate gives best results.

Now, I know what the average and below the average farmer will say to all this; he will say yes, the man with plenty of money can do all those things. I say yes, many a very poor man without money has done those things and became rich. I know very poor men who, in a small way began improving a small piece of land, year after year, till his whole farm was made rich, and fine pure bred poultry, hogs, sheep and cattle are now being grown where old field pines, running briars, gullies, etc., occupied their farms fifteen years ago. What makes the difference? 1st, a vision; 2nd, information; 3rd, pluck and elbow grease; 4th sticktoitiveness; 5th, results.

Respectfully,
J. R. SAMS, County Agent.

PLOWSHARES

Sing a song of cotton seed
Not mixed at the gin,
One type for the neighborhood.
Brings the money in.

Fence your garden—not your chickens.

Purebred livestock pays and this year farmers in 48 states are raising more purebreds than ever before.

Give the home orchard a good start, after pruning, and before the buds swell, spray for scale.

There's still time to put in a home water supply system before the spring rush comes. It will pay dividends in the way of smiles from the women folks throughout the year.

Vulture the Land's Scavenger.
The Egyptian vulture was the chief scavenger of the land of Pharaoh.