

Polk County Citizens are Losing Money Every Day Because of Poor Roads. Why do We Stand For It?

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OUR COUNTY AGENT'S DEPARTMENT

Some Timely Talks to Polk county Farmers, and others, on Timely Subjects, by County Agent, J. R. Sams.

To the Farmers of Polk County.

I want to call your attention especially to a letter from M. W. Hensel, of the Extension Service West Raleigh, N. C.

At this time many farmers are wondering what crops to plant to take the place of cotton that must be dropped off to a great extent. And among other crops to be considered is the sorghum crop. Of course it is too late to engage in this crop in a large commercial way; but it can be largely increased with the present outfit for manufacture, Mr. Hensel in his letter gives some very pertinent information about the best varieties of seed and where to get them. We have a great amount of soil highly adapted to the growing of this crop. Sandy Plains Cross Roads would be an excellent place for a large community plant for the cooperative manufacture into a fine high grade syrup to put on the market in a wholesale way. Why not get busy and in the near future do a stunt of this kind in old Polk. Then the same soil that will make the best sorghum cane, will also grow the very finest class of peanuts. Why not every farmer who has this bright sandy yellow clay subsoil, plant an acre or more of peanuts. The Spanish is a good variety to plant. Those two crops can be grown to great advantage and profit. Either crop when low in price can be converted into stock feed or human food. Not like cotton. These crops are like the negroes, "Rabbit good for any thing" Suppose we try them.

For Farm Department

That sorghum may receive the attention it deserves in the agriculture of North Carolina for its value, both as a source of food supply for the farm home and as a money crop, we are trying to emphasize the following with the farmers:

Selections of better soil on which to grow the crop. Usually the plot is the poorest and weediest spot on the farm. Plant a larger acreage.

Use the best seed it is possible to obtain of a variety suitable to local and climatic conditions. The latest maturing variety that can safely be used is generally the best for any locality.

Select varieties that will yield the greatest possible amount of high quality syrup. Some varieties are greatly superior to others in both the quantity and quality of syrup they produce.

Cultivate the sorghum crop as carefully as other crops. It is nearly always the crop that is most neglected. Sorghum grown among weeds and other foul matter will not yield well.

Harvest the crop and make the syrup at the proper stage of ripeness of the plant to get best and most syrup.

Build community sorghum mills either cooperatively or individually so that the best equipment for making syrup of good quality at lowest cost may be available in every locality.

Give more attention to making, canning and marketing syrup. All that is made for market should be placed in cans and properly labeled.

Preserve and use seed for stock and poultry feed. The seed crop should have a money value of from one fourth to one third that of the syrup.

We recommend honey or Japanese seed ribbon, red amber, or honduras, sugar drip for coastal plains. For the Piedmont and lower mountain regions the last two named above. For higher mountains regions, early amber.

How About Growing More Soy Beans Here?

Every farm in the Piedmont and Mountain sections should grow more soy beans. They produce good grazing in the fall when permanent pastures and red clover begins to fail on account of dry weather. The large number of varieties make soy beans useful for seed, hay or pasturage in all sections of the state.

These are some of the conclusions based on the tests of soy beans in the Mountain and Piedmont sections of N. C., made by the N. C. Agronomy Division, which are included in Extension Circular III., just issued by the Agricultural Extension Service, Raleigh. This publication tells about varieties for the Piedmont and Mountain sections, their use in rotations, for seed, hay, pasturage, and soil improvement; and explains their culture and harvesting. If you want a copy, a postal will bring it to you.

Call for Meeting of Polk County Agricultural Advisory Board

The following persons have been appointed as members of an agricultural board for Polk county, Viz. J. H. Gibbs, Granville Thompson, Wm. Capps, W. D. Helton, J. W. Biddy, W. B. McSwain, C. M. Howes, Ed Thompson, H. P. Corwith, C. J. Lynch, John D. Weaver, Walter Westbrook, Mesdames. J. R. Smith, Ed Thompson, J. T. Camp and J. R. Foster, and Miss Irene Flentye.

The purpose of this farm advisory board, is to be a mouth-piece for agriculture, in and out of Polk county. This board will be expected to keep in close touch with the county agent and with the needs of agriculture in Polk county, and with the experiment station and Western North Carolina board of trade and all other agencies that will aid in building Polk county agriculture, which is the hope of the county. So notice is hereby given to the above parties that the first meeting of this agriculture advisory board will meet on the first Monday in April which will be the 4th day, at one o'clock p. m. in my office in the court house at Columbus.

We desire that every member, male and female will be present at 1 o'clock sharp for the purpose of organizing and formulating a plan or plans for some real constructive work that will aid farmers in the development of Polk county.

When a boy joins an agricultural club he's joining the future leaders of agricultural progress in N. C.

It pays to plant disease free potatoes, as many can testify who planted uncertified seed last season.

A good landlord keeps in touch with his tenants throughout the year, others see their tenants only to touch them for the rent.

"First to start may be last to finish tick eradication" that's what they say about North Carolina with 10,087 square miles still infested.

It is estimated that farm machinery well cared for will last three to five years longer than machinery left standing outdoors all year.

The North Carolina Extension Service with the Federal Bureau of markets cooperating, offers its staff of cotton classifiers to the producers of North Carolina. If you desire to have your cotton graded, communicate with P. H. Hart, Specialist in cotton marketing, Raleigh, N. C., stating the number of bales you wish graded. You will be furnished supplies, together with information for this purpose. This service is entirely free.

A Flag presented to The Lynn School

Lloyd Panther who is serving in the Navy while on a visit to his mother, Mrs. J. B. Panther, and his sister Katie who is very ill at this time honored the Lynn school by donating a United States flag to the school. The flag is a very large one and is of the very best material. It now adorns the wall over the stage in the auditorium of the school building. The school owing a smaller one donated about a year ago by the Junior Order of United American Mechanics of Lynn. This one floats daily from the sixty foot pole erected some time ago.

The flag was presented at Sunday school through John T. Panther his brother, and W. F. Swann. The school gave a rising vote of thanks showing their appreciation of the gift.

All County Teachers Meeting, Saturday March 26.

On Saturday March 26 in the Columbus High School Building at eleven o'clock there will be a meeting of all the teachers, school committeemen and any other citizens of the county who are interested in her educational welfare.

Prof. D. F. Giles, member of the State Board of Examiners and Institute conductors address this meeting, and also answer any question that any one should like to ask regarding any phase of the school question. There will also be other speakers of interest on the program.

This will be the most important educational meeting that will be held in the county this year. I shall confidently expect every teacher in the county to be present at this meeting and bring at least one member of his committee with him. I am,

Very sincerely and cordially,
E. W. S. COBB, County Supt.

Saluda Paragraphs.

A party with delightful refreshments was given at the Boys Club last Friday night. The proceeds, about fifteen dollars, was presented to the Boys Club.

Lois Pace of Piedmont College spent the week-end at home.

Dr. G. R. Little went to Charlotte this week on business.

Lula Ownby of Saluda Seminary has gone to her home near Spartanburg.

Miss Mattie Post is at Piedmont College.

Miss Addie Henry of Pleasant Hill, Tenn., is now Librarian at the Seminary.

William Trout and Rule Carman spent the week-end at William's home at Fingerville.

The friends of Mrs. W. H. Lane and Miss Lucia Roach are glad to hear that they are improving at The Oaks.

Earnest Jackson went to Spartanburg Saturday.

Miss Annie Laurie Peterson of Spartanburg visited Mrs. G. R. Little this week.

Mrs. W. H. Pace went to Greenville Sunday.

Mrs. H. P. Locke now of Tryon spent Monday in Saluda.

Dr. John Bushnell is in the Old Soldier's Home in Washington.

Mrs. Wm. Humé went to Spartanburg Saturday.

The Minter Holmes company of Greenville have just finished two new houses in what will be the suburbs of Saluda when the new road is built to Summit Lake. The bridge below the power plant at Pot Shoal is nearly completed.

M. A. Pace has had his two houses on Henderson St. wired.

Saluda Seminary and Blue Ridge school are to play ball at Hendersonville this (Friday) afternoon.

The Misses Anders and Right of Hendersonville visited Mrs. J. W. Pace Sunday.

The Epworth League will meet with the Christian Endeavor at Ryder Hall next Sunday night at 7:30.

The Still Proposition.

Another still has been cut up. To think of people stiling on fertile land so near planting time. The officers say the fellows had best plant this land and make a crop for the wife and babies.

Saluda, N. C.
March, 12, 1921
To Editor of the Polk Co., News
Dear Sir:-

I am a-writing a letter to complain about a piece i seen in yore paper a-friday which hit says Wm Shehan has purchased a work mule, now i haint nothing agin uncle will Shehan him and me bein nabers fore yeres and still frenly accouter i can see right down in his yard. and i aint never ketched him in no devilment not to mont to nothing.

But i would like fer to know Mr. editor, how come you print about him a-buying of a plow mule and not say the same about nobody else? And haint the man what sold the mule got a right to have his name in the paper same as him at bought? Fact is the mule what Uncle Will bought come outen my shed wfar he ben chawin up good corn and roughness and not a doin no work and it look like me a gittin shed of him is bigger news than him a-buyin him.

And moren that Mr. Editor i was down south a-tuesday to landrum and i buyed me a mule and brung him right thru Tryon in broad day light in plain sight of yore orfis winder, and what you said about hit? Nary word? No Sir, Nary word. and my mule a heap pearter an what uncle Wills is, and done broke half my south land. And i wants you to print it abouten my mule. Taint no reason as fur as i ken see why i aint as prominent as Uncle Will Shehan, me a-livin a-top of a hill and him a-livin in a holler. And if you can't print it about me a buyin a mule same as what you said abouten him. You can stopa-sendin me yere paper.
Yores truly
BUD STILLCAP.

And That is Not Much.
Jud Tunkins says there have been some specimens of propaganda that you couldn't attach any more importance to than you could to a valentine.

Meaning of Feverish Dream.
To dream you have a fever signifies that you will excite the envy of your friends; also difficulties with your lover.

FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

Items of Interest Gathered From Various Sections of Polk County by Our Corps of Faithful Correspondents.

Tryon Route 1

Oh list, whippoorwill did you hear his happy lay on the early morn of the 14th. day.

One of Uncle Sam's confederate boys was made glad by a bountiful birthday dinner given as a surprise Sunday. Uncle Watson Edwards yes, we should celebrate his birthday for he is among the oldest now who wore the gray.

Visitors of the sick were Pink Pitman and wife, Mesdames Lula Edwards, Lula Mull, Daisy Jackson, Minnie Hamilton and Miss Mamie Jackson.

Jack Guffey, wife and baby, spent the week-end with home folks.

Miss Nellie Champion visited her sister, Mrs. James Smith, Monday.

Floyd Toney was hobbling on crutches Sunday. A saw log rolled over him so they say.

Mrs. Geo. Dearman motored from Spartanburg for her mother Mrs. Nance, who has been spending a while with her son, L. B. Nance.

James Green and wife are due to arrive this week from out west, where they have made an excellent visit among their children.

On March 17, did we forget St. Patrick, or the wearing of the green or the little three leaf Shamrock?

Mill Spring

Rev. J. W. Hackney filled his regular appointment at the M. E. church Sunday.

J. T. Green and wife, Walter Green, J. T. Whiteside, Mesdames. G. C. Brisco and L. C. Gibbs, were guests of J. H. Gibbs Sunday.

Misses Leona and Mollie Edgerton, returned to school at Asheville, Monday, after spending a two weeks vacation with home folks.

Some of our folks went on a hike Sunday taking in the beautiful scenery from Sunset Rock, Skyuka Hotel and other points of the mountain, came back tired? yes, but felt like they were well paid for their tramp.

Mrs. J. H. Cochran spent Sunday with Mrs. Lynn Waldrop.

J. R. Foster and family, visited at the home of J. M. Barber, Sunday evening.

Pea Ridge

Looks as though we are going to have some bad weather.

Willie Conner, of Rock Spring, passed through this section one day last week, also M. H. Whiteside.

Calvin Phillips has returned to his home after spending two weeks in Asheville Hospital.

Miss Nettie Davis was the pleasant caller of Miss Bertha Barrow Sunday.

Luther Phillips and wife, were the guests of Collett Fowler Sunday.

Thomas Phillips was welcomed in Columbus Saturday.

There was quite a crowd of youngsters at E. L. McDades Saturday night.

Garvin Skipper, of Uree, was on Pea Ridge Sunday.

Ferd Skipper and wife, spent Sunday with the latter's parents, M. C. Gosnell and wife, Sunday.

Little Ruth Phillips is seriously ill at this writing.

Rev. R. P. White filled his regular appointment at Pea Ridge Sunday.

Misses Clifford and Gladys Davis, also Thurman Taylor were the guests of Miss Elizabeth Newman Saturday night.

The farmers are progressing nicely with their farm work. No wonder there's enough "Gees and haws."

Lets everybody pull for the good school and road proposition. When we get them then old Polk Co. will boom.

Columbus

We have such beautiful Sabbaths let everyone come to Sunday school and see if you don't feel better.

There will be preaching at the Baptist church the 4th. Sunday in March at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. H. W. Hill, attended the funeral services of her cousin, Miss Panther, at Tryon, Friday.

Born to James Ormand and wife, a daughter.

The Stearns High School gave a very interesting program Saturday night, "Nigger minstrel"

Austin Newman was called as railway mail clerk from Hendersonville to Brevard.

Edgar Newman spent a few days in Asheville.

Prof. Loy and wife, spent the week-end at home in Shelby.

Messrs. Cloud, Arledge and Blanton motored to Asheville Friday.

Gaston Mills and family have moved to Tryon.

W. B. Arledge has moved to Hendersonville.

U. S. Government is asking for bids to carry mail from Columbus to Chocolate, the new post-office in Greens Creek township.

The Sunday school teachers of the Baptist Sunday school held a meeting at the church Sunday evening.

Melvin Hill

It seems that we are going to have an early spring this year and the farmers are making time in turning land and other farm work.

Joe Morris and wife, of Cliffside, were visitors in this section Sunday.

Steve Jolly and wife, who have been sick with flu are improving in health.

Mrs. Trexie Edwards is still sick with the flu.

Born to Will Barnett and wife, March 7th a girl.

Mrs. E. S. Putman, of Danville, Va. visited friends and relatives here recently.

Prof. Kreider has about recovered from an attack of la-grippe.

There were regular church services here last Sunday, Martin Edwards a young minister preached.

Too Late

After a woman has been married two years she wonders how she could have believed the things her husband said during their courtship.—Hamilton Herald.

Turkey Bars Dictionaries.

Dictionaries are forbidden entrance to Turkey because the sultan is usually mentioned in such books, and that is contrary to Turkish law.

Patched-Up Organ.

A prominent poetess writes: "My heart sings only when it breaks." As she averages one such song per week, what a condition her heart must be in.—Boston Transcript.