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J. R. Sams Urges All To Attend County Fair

Suggests All Business Houses Close for Fair Day.

With but two more short weeks before the Greater Polk County Community Fair, J. R. Sams, County Agent, urges every citizen of the county to make an effort to make the fair this year the largest in the history of Polk County. Present indications point toward this being the best fair in some years. Mr. Sams stated that farmers throughout the county are making ready their exhibits and are evincing much interest.

There is nothing that can create a better cooperative spirit in this county, "stated Mr. Sams," than the gathering together for friendly intercourse and competition of the citizens on Fair Day.

We are particularly desirous this year that the business men and farmers close their doors for the day of the Fair and attend. Our bankers want the patronage of our county people as do the merchants. Our farmers are interested in marketing with the nearest business houses. Let us all join forces on Fair Day and arrange to be at the Fair whether with an exhibit or not.

Especially, urge the school children of the county to make every effort to have some sort of an exhibit. This applies in particular to the club boys and girls who are expected to make the best showing possible.

C. E. GRAY RAISING BURR CLOVER AND PASTURAGE

C. E. Gray, a farmer of Polk county, is becoming a burr clover enthusiast, according to County Agent Sams. Sometime ago Mr. Gray planted a small lot of burr clover and from this patch he is scattering the clover over his farm, in some instances hauling the top soil containing the burrs with their seeds and spreading it over the poor cotton fields and noncrop-producing lands.

JOE CAMP FARM EXAMPLE OF WASTE LAND PASTURES

A splendid example of what can be done in the way of making excellent pastures out of apparently waste land in this section of the State is to be seen on the Joe Camp farm.

Mr. Camp recently purchased a mowing machine and turning a part of his valuable bottom land into hay fields and pastures.

Mr. Sams, county agent, states that Mrs. Camp and her daughter have become proficient in running the new mower and seem to take delight in seeing how far ahead of Mr. Camp they can keep.

URGES MORE INTEREST IN COUNTY CLUB WORK

J. R. Sams urges more interest in the boys and girls club work, and plans are already being made to accommodate a larger number at the annual club encampment for next summer.

"We must have club members at work in every section," declared Mr. Sams. "Every township in Polk County should be represented at the encampment next year."

EXPERIMENT FARM TO BE CONDUCTED BY AGENT

J. R. Sams, county agent, purchased fifty acres of land, twenty five of bottom land and an equal amount of hill side on White Oak river last Spring which he will use as a small experimental farm to be conducted for those farmers of the county who may be interested in knowing what can be done with certain kinds of land.

The farm is to be known as White Oak Farm, and is situated on White Oak River between Sandy Plains and Cox School, opposite the home of Joe Camp.

At the present time the land is mostly waste, but it is planned to clear it at a small cost and plant at once.

The farmers of the county are invited to visit the farm and make criticisms or offer suggestions.

COUNTY FRUIT GROWERS URGED TO MAKE EXHIBITS

Announcement was made this week by Henry P. Corwith, Director of Horticulture, that the Bank of Saluda was offering two additional premiums to those already offered in this department for the best display of fruits from home orchards of Polk County, a first prize of \$3 and a second prize of \$2.

Although fruits are scarce this year, according to Mr. Corwith, growers are urged to have the best that they have grown for exhibits at the Fair. A truck will be placed at the disposal of the growers to transport their exhibits to Columbus on Wednesday October 10 to enable all growers to make their entries in time for the Fair on October 14.

Joseph P. Knapp, a millionaire philanthropist of New York City and a winter resident of Currituck County, is having the grounds around the county courthouse beautified under the direction of County Agent J. B. Chandler

ACCIDENT VICTIM NOT SERIOUSLY INJURED

Michael W. Meyerson, a business man of Spartanburg, S. C., who was severely shaken up and bruised when his automobile upset on the Pacolet Road last Sunday afternoon returned to his home yesterday after several days in the Tryon Infirmary.

Mr. Meyerson was returning from a trip into the mountains at the time of the accident. It was stated that in passing another car above the Battleship, he lost control of his car which swerved sharply off the road plunging down over the bank turning over twice before coming to a stop.

Mr. Meyerson was taken from his wrecked car by a passing motorist and rushed to the local hospital where it was first thought his injuries would prove fatal. The injured man's brother Louis A. Meyerson was summoned at once.

After resting for three days in the hospital his condition improved to such an extent that he was able to be removed to his home yesterday.

POLK COUNTY BANK AND TRUST RAISES CAPITAL

At a meeting of the Polk County Bank and Trust Company Board of Directors held this week it was decided to increase the capital of that institution from its present capital of \$13,000 to \$20,000.

The Polk County Bank and Trust Company, the youngest banking institution in the county, was organized in 1919, opening its doors Oct. 31 of that year, with a capital of \$13,000. Today its resources are about \$175,000 and it is making progress.

At the board meeting it was decided to make several improvements in the appearance of the bank building among which are a new tile floor, a skylight and ventilators.

COLUMBUS MEN TO BUILD WAREHOUSE IN TRYON

Contracts were let this week to Wright Gaines for the erection of a new warehouse for the Columbus Mercantile Company and the Blue Ridge Packing Company.

The building will be a two story structure and will be erected at the foot of Godshaw Hill near the Polk County Farmers Federation building. Work will start on the building at once as it is planned to have it completed within the next thirty days. The two companies will maintain an office in the warehouse.

N. C. TUBERCULOSIS CONFERENCE OCT. 30

The North Carolina Conference on Tuberculosis will hold its third annual session in Durham, October 30 and 31. Mrs. Gordon Finger of Charlotte is President of the State Association, Mrs. Chas. R. Whitaker of Southern Pines is Vice-president, and Dr. I. B. McBrayer is Managing Director and Treasurer.

Dr. Linsly R. Williams, Managing Director of the National Tuberculosis Association, New York City will be the principal guest and speaker of this occasion. He will deliver one address on the evening of October 30 and another next day, October 31. Dr. W. L. Dunn of Asheville will be present and will speak on the subject, "Shall We Desert the Tuberculous Ex-serviceman?" Further numbers of the program have not been given out.

CLUB MEMBERS TO HAVE EXHIBIT AT STATE FAIR

Raleigh, N. C. Sept 27 one of the most interesting features of the State Fair this year will be exhibits and demonstrations by club boys and girls enrolled by workers of the State College and Department of Agriculture. S. J. Kirby, in charge of the Boys' Club Work, and Miss Maud Wallace, in charge of the girls, have completed arrangements for having several teams of club members from each section of the State.

The girls give demonstrations in clothing, canning, jelly making, and poultry while the boys will judge poultry, grain and grasses and livestock, grain and grasses with various give demonstrations with various club problems. The agricultural club members will be entertained by the State College while here and both boys and girls will be under the close supervision of the farm and home agents of the Agricultural Extension Service while in Raleigh.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. C. P. Burnett, Rector.
Sunday Services:
Holy Communion—7:30.
Morning Prayer and sermon
Sunday School—10:00.
(Holy Communion of 1st Sunday in the month.) 11 A. M.
Friday afternoon 5 o'clock
Litany and Intercessions for the sick.

The Presbyterian Church of Tryon.

Services next Sunday at 11:00 o'clock at the Methodist Church The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered at this hour—All are invited to worship with us.

Adopt New Ordinance To Raise Town Taxes

Tax Rate of \$1.30 Per Hundred. Part to go to Cemetery Commission

A new ordinance was adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Tryon providing an increase of thirty cents over the old tax rate. One dollar and twenty five cents of the new tax rate is levied according to provisions of the Town Budget as adopted by the board and the remaining five cents of the tax rate of one dollar and thirty cents for every hundred dollars of taxable property in Tryon will be levied by request of the Cemetery Commission. Following is the ordinance:

An Ordinance For The Levy And Collection Of Municipal Taxes In And For The Town Of Tryon For The Year 1923.

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Tryon do Ordain:

Section 1. That there shall be, and there is hereby, levied a tax of one dollar and thirty cents (\$1.30) on every one hundred dollars of taxable property within the corporate limits of the Town of Tryon and one dollar (\$1.00) on each and every taxable poll within the corporate limits of said town, the said poll tax and \$1.25 of said property tax is levied according to provisions of the Town Budget heretofore adopted, and five cents of said property tax is levied by request of the Cemetery Commission of the Town of Tryon for Cemetery purposes.

Section 2. That the Town Treasurer and Tax Collector be, and she is hereby, authorized and directed to make up the tax list for the Town of Tryon and to collect all taxes levied by, and for, said Municipality; that all taxes shall be due on the first day of October 1923 and the said Tax Collector shall proceed to collect all taxes as early as possible after they shall become due, and in order to collect such taxes the tax collector is authorized and empowered to levy upon the personal property of the tax payer, who fails to pay his taxes when due, and also to levy upon and sell real estate of the tax payer for the non payment of taxes of such time or times as provided by law.

NEW GRADED SCHOOL FOR TRYON COLORED OPENS

The Fall term of the Tryon Colored Graded School opened last Monday under the supervision of E. J. Hayes, superintendent.

The opening of the school was attended by a large assembly of the colored population of Tryon and its vicinity and had a greater enrollment of pupils this year than any year heretofore.

Following brief exercises in which speeches were made by principal Hayes and several others, the pupils were marched to their rooms for enrollment by the teachers.

Dedication exercises were held the previous day in the school building. Speeches were made by E. W. S. Cobb, county school superintendent, principal Hayes and the pastors of the two colored churches, Reverend N. F. Newton, of the Methodist church, and Reverend Gamble of the Baptist church. About \$30 was donated by the assembly toward completing the equipment of the school.

New Cotton Gin Law Goes into Effect

Raleigh, September 20. The last session of the Legislature enacted a law which became operative August 15th that requires every public gin to number consecutively every bale of cotton ginned and to so number it that the number cannot be removed or disfigured by ordinary handling. Many ginners seem to have some misunderstanding concerning the law which is given here in full.

Section 1. That any person, firm or corporation operating any public cotton gin, that is, any cotton gin other than one ginning solely for the individual owner, owners, or operators thereof, shall hereafter be required to distinctly and clearly number, serially, each and every bale of cotton ginned, in one of the following ways: (1) mark in color upon the bagging of the bale, in figures; (2) attach a metal strip carrying serial number to one of the ties of the bale and ahead of the tie lock, and so secure it that ordinary handling will not remove or disfigure the number; (3) impress the serial number upon one of the bands or ties around the bale.

Section 2. That any person, firm or corporation failing or refusing to comply with the preceding section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor for each and every offense, and upon conviction shall be fined not exceeding fifty dollars, or imprisoned not more than thirty days.

Section 3. That this act shall be in force from and after August fifteenth, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

Greens Creek Fair To Be Held On Oct. 9

Premium List Folders Distributed. Much Interest Evincied.

Approximately \$200 are being offered in premiums for the Greens Creek Community Fair to be held this year at the Greens Creek school house on October 9.

Premium list folders have been published and placed in the hands of the farmers and merchants in the Greens Creek section.

The Greens Creek Fair will be the only sectional fair in the county this year. First plans for community fairs called for a fair in each township, but later it was decided to combine all of the communities into one large Community Fair except Greens Creek Township, the largest in Polk County which would hold a Fair of its own.

The farmers and housewives of that section are taking much interest in the event and it is expected that there will be many exhibits in all of the departments. Up to date there have been about 200 entries altogether.

WILL HOUSE PRICELESS RELICS OF WASHINGTON

Cornerstone to Be Laid at Alexandria, Virginia, November 1, Thousand Masons As Spectators

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial, now being erected at Alexandria, Va., will house the priceless relics of Washington-Alexandria Blue Lodge, No. 22, of which General Washington was the first Worshipful Master. These relics include the old clock that was in the bed chamber of the president on the night of his death and which was stopped at 10:20 p. m., the exact hour of death, by one of the attending physicians. They include also a penknife given to the boy Washington by his mother and carried by him 56 years; the general's apron, his wedding gloves, farm spurs, pruning knife, pocket compass, cupping and bleeding instruments, bootstraps and garter and many other small articles. The lodge also owns the portrait painted by Williams, which is considered to be the truest likeness of "the father of his country," and which is different from most portraits of him.

The memorial to Washington, is being erected in Alexandria, just across the Potomac river from the national capital, because General Washington's Masonic activities centered about that city. Alexandria is almost a part of the city of Washington, D. C., and it is about half way between the latter city and Mount Vernon. The memorial will be the greatest ever erected in honor of any man. Together with the endowment, it will cost \$4,000,000. It will be on Shooters Hill, an eminence overlooking the country in which General Washington lived most of his life. It will be 200 feet in depth and 167 feet wide.

The cornerstone of the memorial will be laid Thursday, Nov. 1, amid most impressive ceremonies. It is expected that the greatest number of Masons ever assembled in any city at any one time will be on hand for the ceremonies. All railroads are offering reduced rates to those who journey to Washington, D. C., for the cornerstone laying.

NEW POSTAL TELEGRAPH OFFICE OPENS IN BANK

New York City abandons day light saving time and returns to Eastern Standard time at 2 o'clock next Sunday morning, according to a Postal Flash from the Postal Telegraph office.

The Postal Telegraph-Cable Company opened its local office last Monday morning in the lobby of the Bank of Tryon with G. E. Bell in charge.

LANIER LIBRARY BEGINS WINTER HOURS OCTOBER 2.

Winter hours for the Lanier Library will begin Tuesday, October 2. The hours will be from 3 to 5 o'clock on Tuesdays and Saturday afternoons. Several new books have been added to the library shelves, titles and authors of which will be announced later.

SERVICES RESUMED AT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

After an absence of four weeks on vacation, Rev. W. A. Black, pastor of the Congregational church, announces his return this week.

Praching services will be resumed next Sunday morning, Sunday School at the regular hour, 10 o'clock, and preaching at 11 o'clock. Mid-week Bible study and prayer service every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

TRYON BAPTIST CHURCH

A cordial welcome to all.
Thomas L. Justice, D. D., Pastor.
Preaching service each Sabbath at 11 o'clock.
Sunday School each Sabbath morning at 10 o'clock. C. E. Hageman, Supt.

MAYOR HOLDS MIDNIGHT COURT FOR SPEEDERS

It cost four erstwhile pleasure seekers \$27.50 to view Mayor W. S. Green in his pajamas Monday night and to learn that the streets of Tryon should be as safe for pedestrians and other motor travel after dark as they are in daylight.

At about 9:30 o'clock Monday night an automobile containing four people opened up on Trade street, bound for the mountains. A few moments later a telephone message was sent to Saluda to head them off and return them to Tryon. After waiting for a reasonable length of time Mayor Green decided that they had eluded the Saluda officials and proceeded to retire for the night.

Midnight found the Mayor holding court and imposing fines of \$27.50 on each of the offenders brought in by Sheriff Thompson. Mayor Green evidently did not think it worth while to dress formally for the occasion and made his appearance at the Mayor's office rather scantily clad in pajamas. The night was cool and the trial was short.

The dejected four departed mountainward sadder but wiser.

SPRINKLE GRASS SEED ON THE LAWN THIS FALL

Raleigh, N. C. Sept. 27 It is always wise to sow some good grass seed in the lawn each fall even though there is a fair stand of grass. The reason for this is explained by F. E. McCall, Garden Specialist for the State College and Department of Agriculture, who says, "Some of the grasses are biennials, or live only two years, and if kept closely cut, they fail to reseed and die."

Most annual grasses are green only in the summer. If lawn grass seed containing good percentages of Kentucky Blue grass and Italian rye grass are sown now a good green lawn may be had all winter and next spring. These grasses may burn out during the hot summer, so if Bermuda grass is also planted a good lawn may be had the whole year through.

"The very shady and wet places or even the very dry spots in the lawn may need some different varieties of grass seeds to make these spots green. Wood Meadow-Grass, Creeping Bent, Rhode Island Bent or Fall Fescue all do well under considerable shade: Dog Tail Grass, Red Fescue and Yellow Oat Grass do well in the very dry situations and Canary Grass should be in use in the wet places."

Mr. McCall states that the new lawn should be clipped often but never closer than three inches and that all grasses do best on a moderately heavy clay loam, heavily limed.

PROHIBITION OFFICER GETS AUTO NEAR SALUDA

Federal prohibition agent M. L. Hutcherson accompanied by Lindsey Smith and Lit Durham captured an automobile last Tuesday containing Wren Davis and Grady Rhodes of Saluda, Hillard Brock of Tryon and Rufus Stanton said to be from Chestnut Springs, S. C. The men are alleged to have had in their possession about nine quarts of liquor.

Rufus Stanton made his escape, but the other three occupants of the captured car were placed under arrest charged with violation of the liquor laws and released under bond of \$500 each to make their appearance at Fall term of the United States District Court in Asheville. The auto is being held for sale.

CO-OPS SHOW BIG GAIN IN COTTON RECEIPTS

Raleigh, September 27 Reports received from the warehousemen and receiving agents show the deliveries of cotton to the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association are fifty percent in excess of the receipts at this date last season. Indications are that at least 200,000 bales will be handled in the Association this season.

According to reports received from the twelve State cotton cooperative marketing associations in the South, the total balage signed up for this season will run above 1,300,000. This is an increase of nearly fifty percent over last year's sign-up.

Nursery For Henderson County.

W. B. Sinclair, an experienced nurseryman from Georgia, has started an extensive nursery near Hendersonville.

After two years establishment on a small scale Mr. Sinclair discovered that in the mountains of Western North Carolina the finest fruit trees can be grown and he has demonstrated the general superiority of the trees as taken from the trench over trees shipped from great distances where the roots dry up and the tree to a certain extent becomes shriveled. He states that this is a great shock to the young tree and when this can be avoided it is much preferable to get the trees nearer home.

Mr. Sinclair has some 30 to 40 thousand of the best varieties of trees ready for shipment this fall and spring and expects to double the capacity of his nurseries each year. He has fine peach trees, as well as apple, and is also growing grapes and shrubbery. He believes there is more money in the right kind of fruit than any thing the farmer can produce and is backing up his judgement by establishing his nursery in this section.

Entire Town To Use Water Meter System

Board Adopt Ordinance Requiring All Water Users to Install Meters.

All water users in Tryon will be placed on the water meter system as soon as possible according to a new ordinance adopted by the Board of Commissioners at a meeting held this week.

According to the ordinance flat rates as shown in the ordinance will govern until meters have been installed. The meter rates are based upon the water consumption of the user and are graduated accordingly.

Following is the ordinance:

An Ordinance Requiring The Installation Of Water Meters, The Regulation Of Rates To Be Charged For The Use Of Water In The Town Of Tryon And To Provide For The Collection Of Same.

Be it ordained that from and after October 1, 1923 the following water rentals shall be charged and collected by the Town of Tryon:

1. For the regular dwelling equipment of bath, toilet, laboratory and kitchen sink \$7.50 per quarter.
 2. For the dwelling house with two baths and toilets \$9.00 per quarter.
 3. For dwelling house using one spigot \$3.30 per quarter.
 4. No two families shall be allowed to use the same water fixtures except when they occupy the same house, and in that case the regular rental shall be charged for each as though they were using separate fixtures.
 5. For livery stables, restaurants, soda fountains, hospitals and filling stations (without wash racks and that do not furnish water to wash cars) \$9.00 per quarter.
 6. All water users shall be placed on meters, the same to be installed as soon as possible; flat rates as stated above to govern until further metering can be accomplished.
 7. That the meter rates to be charged all water users shall be conditioned upon the amount of consumption and graduated as follows:
For first three thousand Gallons 35c per 1,000 gallons per month.
For an additional two thousand gallons 30c per 1,000 gallons per month.
For an additional 5 thousand gallons 25c per 1,000 gallons per month.
For an additional 10 thousand gallons 20c per 1,000 gallons per month.
 8. That a discount of 10 percent shall be allowed on all water rentals, provided that payment is made within the first ten days of the first month of the quarter.
 9. That a discount of 10 percent shall be allowed on all rentals of the above mentioned water users who are on meters provided payment is made within the first ten days of the month following the use of the water.
 10. That no discount shall be allowed on monthly payments except as above stated.
 11. Water shall be charged for continuously, unless written notice is filed in Clerks office to have water cut off and then not turned on again until written notice is filed, and accompanied by advanced rental charge.
 12. That all water rentals shall be collected in advance whether paying by the month or quarter, except where user is on meter, and in that case by the 15th of the following month; and upon failure to pay, water shall be cut off without further notice.
 13. A fee of \$1.00 shall be charged for cutting off and turning on water.
 14. Water shall be turned on again when all rentals are paid according to ordinance, and accompanied by fee.
 15. Any person or corporation using water from Tryon Water Works contrary to above ordinances shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined not more than \$15.00 in the discretion of the Mayor.
 16. Any person or corporation permitting others who have not paid their water rentals to habitually use their water connections shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than \$15.00.
 17. Water users shall keep in repair all fixtures in connection with their property, and leaky fixtures shall be sufficient cause for cutting off the supply by the proper officers of the Town: Water to be turned on again when proper repairs are made and the request is accompanied by a fee of \$1.00.
 18. Whereas the present practice of collecting water rentals from the occupants of the property instead of the owners is detrimental to the best interests of the Town, causing a considerable loss of water collections it is therefore ordained that beginning with October 1st, 1923 all water rentals shall be charged to and collected from the owner of property furnished with water by the Town of Tryon; said water rentals to become a lien on all such property furnished; and in case of necessary forcible collection, to be collected by the Town Treasurer as in the manner of collecting taxes.
- Ten acres of pecans with ten trees to the acre will pay the taxes and upkeep of an average Tarheel farm in ten years, if the trees are properly cared for, finds Farm Forester H. M. Curran.