

**POLK COUNTY NEWS**

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BEAUTIFY THE COUNTY

Polk County is going to do her annual Spring house-cleaning this Fall, according to the plans as outlined by County Agent Sams, Home Demonstration Agent Sarah M. Padgett, and County School Superintendent Cobb. Clean-up days will begin in earnest next week for every community and farm in the county.

Rutherfordton county has completed a similar campaign with marked success. Under the supervision of Miss Hattie Nell, Home Demonstration Agent of that county, the yards and homes of many places throughout the county have been made commendably beautiful. Property owners following closely the instructions for planting native shrubs and flowers accomplished pleasing results at but little cost.

As our county becomes more attractive through the efforts of this campaign, not only will the inhabitants of the county be more happily situated but it will create an inducement to others to seek their homes in Polk county.

How many times we have heard or perhaps made the remark as we passed some little "Spotless Town". There is the sort of community I would like to live in, with its neat well ordered yards, painted buildings and every other evidence of pride on the part of the inhabitants.

One of the strongest traits of the present generation is a craving for beauty. Slowly that hunger is beginning to make itself apparent in Western North Carolina. Counties throughout the State are putting on Improvements Campaigns and especially is this true of those sections wherein the Highway Commission have been carrying out their road program.

Many tourists come to or through Polk county annually. Some of these have within recent years bought property and built homes within our borders. In years to come thousands more will see our county.

Let the people of Polk county do all that is within their power to attract these home seekers to this county.

Don't wait for the committee members to prod you along the road to cleanliness and orderliness. Start now.

Every inhabitant in Polk county is appointed a committee of one to CLEAN UP, PAINT UP and BUILD UP COUNTY PRIDE.

**SUPERPOWER SYSTEM.**

The demand for electric power in the United States is increasing enormously. Power plants which a few years ago seemed adequate for years of future growth have suddenly become unable to meet the demands, and local conditions may be such that the only solution of the problem is interconnection.

The problem would be simple if this situation had been foreseen, and the proper standards of transmission and distribution of electric current had been provided.

However, the industry is going ahead full speed to make up for lost time. High tension wires are spreading in all directions from power sources.

The "interconnection" idea is spreading. Electric power from many plants is fed into main wires, for distribution in sections where power cannot be generated economically, just as gas and petroleum are fed into transmission pipes from many wells.

By means of this interconnected "superpower" system, it will not be many years until the whole country is supplied with electricity adequate for its light and power needs, if not for heat, drawn from the waterfalls and coal mines and generated and transmitted more economically than has yet been possible.

Electricity is revolutionizing house-keeping, farming, transportation and manufacturing. The U. S. has been a pioneer in electrical development and the initiative, perseverance, faith and courage of its inventors, engineers, investors and managers of electric properties are responsible for these wonderful achievements.

If one bee collected a pound of honey, it would travel 43,776 miles to gather sufficient nectar, says C. L. Sams, specialist in bee keeping for the State College and Department of Agriculture.

Tom Tarheel says that it is better to preserve a farm building with paint than to build a new one at present prices of lumber.

**Farm Federation News and Reviews**

By P. C. Squires

The California Iceberg lettuce seed is here and all who have not called at the Federation for their supply should attend to this matter at once and get their lettuce beds planted without delay.

Observe carefully the directions given in last week's News for preparing and planting the beds. If soil in bed is in fine mellow condition and the seed planted evenly a quarter of an inch deep, or not over half an inch and the bed watered after planting, you should have a good stand of plants.

Now that we are assured of sufficient Iceberg lettuce acreage to enable us to load refrigerator cars we must, while still pushing the lettuce proposition to even larger acreage take up the matter of early cobbler potato planting. It is true that planting time is something like four months off, but it is none too early to make plans for the acreage and arrange for a supply of seed potatoes. The Government reports indicate a production of late potatoes in the Northern potato States of 50,000,000 less than in 1922. A condition like this always favors the early potato growers of the South.

The supply of seed potatoes should be selected, purchased and stored early in December so as to have them on hand in proper condition for planting in February. Growers in the eastern part of the state have lost heavily in the past few years by having Northern seed potatoes stored at the shipping point and shipped in January and February. Seed potatoes shipped from Northern points these months 'tho they may escape frost, are in a dormant condition and are in no shape for planting until the warmer atmosphere of the South has started the eye. The writer recalls conditions like this in Sampson County in 1918 which resulted in the crop being two weeks late.

It is unfortunate that our sorghum syrup farmers have put up their cane products in a very unpopular package for retailing. A visit to Asheville revealed this fact very clearly when the manager called on the Retail grocers of that city for the purpose of finding a market for Polk County syrup. Without exception the sample shown was pronounced of the finest quality, and could we have assured the retail grocery trade that the syrup would be put up in quart and two quart handle pails with attractive labels, your manager would have returned to Tryon with a stack of orders. In fact he booked some orders on condition that the syrup be put up in nothing larger than half gallons, but as none could be found of this size for immediate shipment we reluctantly had to inform the parties that their orders could not be filled. A letter offering syrup in gallons at an attractive price met with no response.

Farmers Federation and Co-operative Associations should be alive to the changing whims and customs of the consuming public and be prepared to assist the farmer in putting up his products in the kind of package the trade demands. There is no comparison between the Polk County syrup and the manufactured goods as to flavor and quality but any Cash-and Carry grocer will tell you that a small package attractively labeled usually sells the goods regardless of quality.

With the desire to work up a market for fresh eggs produced on Polk County farms we would like to get in touch with every farmer who can supply a stated number of fresh eggs twice a week. Before we can secure a regular customer we must be in a position to assure such parties that a stated number of crates can and will be furnished and that only strictly fresh eggs will be shipped. And they must be clean and graded and delivered on days that may later be agreed upon.

The manager will be glad to take up this matter any time when he receives sufficient assurance from the farmers that they can meet requirements.

We have noticed when motoring about the country with Mr. Sams that many sweet potatoes have not been dug. The writer learned from experience many years ago that the keeping, eating, and marketing qualities of sweet potatoes were injured by allowing them to remain in the ground until frost killed the vines.

If heavy frost is indicated before sweet potatoes are dug, heavy losses may be avoided by cutting off the vines just before or immediately after the heavy frost. In tests at the Kentucky College of Agriculture there was no loss from rotting of the stored potatoes when the vines

were taken off immediately before or after a freeze, but 88 per cent rotted when they were left on for five days following a frost.

**FALL PLOWING SAVES MUCH TIME IN SPRING**

Many Benefits to be Derived from Beginning Preparation Before Mid-Winter.

The farmer who plows a considerable portion of his land in the fall in preparation for the next year's crop will have the start on the one who postpones his plowing until spring. The period before the planting season is a very busy time for all farmers, and if the season is late the tendency is often to plant without thorough preparation of the soil. But it is a well known fact that crops planted in a well prepared seed bed make a better growth, and do not require as much cultivation as where the land is only half-prepared, says T. S. Buie, Associate Agronomist.

Fall plowing has also many other good features. All of the cotton stalks will be turned under by fall plowing; and this is very important factor in boll weevil control. If the land has a crop of legumes which are to be turned under for soil improvements, it is very necessary that this be done in the fall, so that the crop residues may decompose and the plant food contained therein be made available for the succeeding crop.

Furthermore, by breaking the land in the fall and leaving the subsurface soil exposed to the weather, a better physical condition will result.

The changes in temperature tend to break up the clods and large particles, imparting to the soil a crumbly, or granular structure. There is also a greater structure of the winter rainfall, which to a certain extent is stored up in the subsoil where the following crop may draw upon it.

While fall plowing is to be generally recommended, there are certain conditions when it may not be advisable to follow this practice. For instance, if the soil is very light, and has no appreciable crop residues on it, a greater loss of plant food may result from plowing in the winter months, however, for a better place to plant a winter cover crop cannot be found. It should be remembered that fall plowing and the planting of winter cover crops for soil improvements go hand in hand.

**MOUNTAINS POTATOES OF SUPERIOR QUALITY**

Raleigh, N. C. Oct 17. Reports received by Prof. C. D. Matthews, Chief of the Division of Horticulture for the State College and Department of Agriculture, from 18 demonstrations made by county agents in eastern Carolina prove that native grown seed Irish potatoes from the mountains of this State are equal to and even superior to the seed obtained from Maine and other northern sources.

In reporting this work, R. F. Payne, Assistant horticulturist, says, "The two main considerations in this comparison were the relative earliness and the productivity. There was small difference in the date of maturity of potatoes from the two sources; but, those from both sources were earlier than potatoes grown from seed produced locally the preceding year."

"From the standpoint of yield, the mountain grown seed gave superior results. An average of 18 tests showed that the mountain seed produced an average of 174 bushels of No. 1 potatoes and 48 bushels of the lower grades. The seed from Maine produced an average of 150 bushels of the lower grades. This shows our native grown selected seed to be superior by 24 bushels of the highest quality potatoes.

"In all these tests a good stand was secured from seed from both sources. It is a fact, however, that seed from from Maine often fail to give a good stand on account of disease and chilling or overheating in transit. Since native grown seed give equally as good yields with chances of injury from shipping very slight, due to the short haul, growers should plan now to get their seed from the producers of their native State."

**PLANTING THE HARDING MEMORIAL OAK TREE**

Many North Carolina schools are arranging to plant an oak tree on Arbor Day, November 2, as a memorial to the late Warren G. Harding. It is suggested that in the case of city schools the tree may best be secured at a nearby nursery. Nursery grown trees are apt to have good root systems and well shaped tops and will therefore stand the moving better than the wild trees. Instructions for pruning, planting and subsequent care can be secured along with the tree.

In country districts and in many small towns nursery stock is not

available and the school authorities must secure the memorial tree for planting from the woods or fields. It is for such cases, by far the most numerous, that the following brief directions have been prepared by the State Forester for use of school officials:

1. If possible have an experienced person select and dig the tree.
2. Choose white oak, red oak, willow oak, water oak, swamp chestnut oak or live oak.
3. Select straight thrifty rather small trees growing in the open, from along roadsides, old fields or other waste places, not from the thick woods.
4. Save as full a root system as possible; at least one foot in length each way from the trunk for each inch in diameter of the stem. The smaller roots are very important.
5. Severe topping is not advisable; prune the side branches back half way to the stem.
6. Never let the roots get dry. Cover with a wet sack while being transported and heel in if waiting several hours or over night.
7. Have the hole ready, sufficiently wide and deep, and substitute some rich surface for the clay taken out.
8. Plant the tree one or two inches deeper than it grew formerly. Let the fine earth settle all around the roots. Press the earth with the foot as the filling progresses and finally tramp the earth hard around the tree.
9. A large tree should be stalked before the leaves come out next spring.
10. Should a drought occur during the following spring or summer, one or more profuse waterings will become necessary.

**NO'TH CA'LINEA**

As soon as you get to No'th Ca'linea The roads and the towns get newah, finah,  
The people walk with a briker step And even your motor has more pep. The hookworm's banished, the country has  
A lot more energy, pep and jazz. The livelitest Northerner couldn't design a Liveller State than No'th Ca'linea.  
The farms look fatter, the hamlets ain't  
Quite ignorant of the sight of paint. They're building roads, and they're not content  
With sand and clay, but they use cement.  
And the schools look good, and the mills are busy  
And each inhabitant owns a Lizzie Or a big twin-six or something finah,  
As soon as you get to No'th Ca'linea. This State's not dreaming of days gone by,  
There's a modern glint in each mortal's eye,  
And the village belles and village beaux  
Are as smartly dressed as the crowd which flows  
On Gotham's streets. You must give'm credit,  
These folks are fully awake, you said it!  
You meet the "boostah," you lose the whinah,"  
As soon as you get to No'th Ca'linea. (Evansville, Ind., Press.)

**Movies**

**STRAND THEATRE**  
THURSDAY  
Matinee 3:30 Night 8 P. M.  
THE BIRTH OF A NATION  
FRIDAY  
Mary Alden and 5 other stars in  
THE MAN WITH TWO MOTHERS  
SATURDAY  
Wm. S. Hart  
in  
THE BLACK LIE  
MONDAY and TUESDAY  
William Fairbanks  
in  
THE SHERIFF OF SUN DOG

**School News**

**TRYON GRADED SCHOOL**  
By Gendall Brownlee  
The subject for debate at the last meeting of the Boys Debating Society, was "Should the Government Take Over the Mines."  
Harry Justice and James Fisher argued for the affirmative side of the question, David Caldwell and Dan Rion for the negative.  
The judges awarded the debate honors to the negative side.

**Hobbs Henderson Co. Department Store Spartanburg, S. C.**

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Spartanburg, S. C.

It's never too hot for a woman to be interested in more furs.

Gossip gives no mileage guarantee. It merely runs up the mileage.

A tax on bachelors would be unfair. Their ingenuity is taxed to the limit now.

Evidently those scientists who told us the sun was losing its heat meant losing.

The difference between a tramp and a hiker is that the tramp doesn't wear putties.

Nothing else is so conducive to peace of mind as a clear conscience and new casing.

Girls might get a ruddy complexion in the kitchen, but they seem to prefer the paint.

No doubt men would like salad and lettuce sandwiches if they had to do the cooking.

It's a hick town if the ink in the post-office lobby isn't fit to go in your fountain pen.

Another great need of the times is a lawn grass that will take a vacation when you do.

New York may grow in some respects, but there are no more languages for her to speak.

Nobody can tell what the morrow will bring forth in Europe, but almost anything is a fair guess.

German money may be put on a gold basis, leaving only a question of where to get some gold to back it up.

**Strange Ideas Regarding the Moon.**  
Mityau, the moon, was a native cat, according to the belief of some Australians, which fell in love with some one else's wife, and was driven away, to wander ever since. In China the old man of the moon is known as Yueloo, and holds in his hands the reins of marriage among mortals. The future husband and wife are tied together with an invisible silken cord, which is only severed at death.

**Meaning of Word "Bonanza"**  
"Bonanza" is a Spanish word, meaning "fair weather" or a "favoring wind." It is used in mining districts to signify an abundance of precious metal or rich ore. The miners of Comstock Lode, a wonderful gold and silver mine in Nevada, which yielded \$340,000,000 worth of ore in thirty years, first used "bonanza" in this way. The word is now also used to signify any good fortune or successful enterprise.

**To Remove Tattoos.**  
Tattoo marks are said to be removable by the application of a paste of salicylic acid and glycerin. A compress is applied over the paste and the whole is secured with sticking plaster. After about eight days the paste is taken off, the dead skin removed, and the application of the paste repeated as a rule three times.

**Polo Is Ancient Game.**  
The ancient game of polo had an illustrious history in the East before the British army carried it home from the India and made it fashionable in the British Isles and America. About A. D. 600 polo, which had traveled from Persia to Turkestan and Tibet, became popular with the Chinese, where the women played as well as the men.