

POLK COUNTY NEWS

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It is expected that some definite action will be taken soon by the Board of Trade of Tryon and the citizens of the County to cooperate with Western North Carolina, Inc. in developing this region.

A good newspaper helps to make a good community but the editor needs the cooperation of the community to build a good newspaper.

Better bulls and better feeding are the two main needs of the dairy industry in North Carolina, was the verdict of the livestock men at Hickory last week.

Tom Tarheel says that if the average production of milk by the cows of North Carolina is only about 3,000 pounds per year and the eight class class leaders winning the silver cups for high production averaged about 11,000 pounds this past year, there must surely be something to this pure bred business after all.

Interesting Trips For Winter Visitors

GOLF COURSE—A real beauty spot with mountains on three sides. Log Cabin club house. Mountain stream entire length of course making seven natural water hazards. Walk, motor or carriage.

Wm. GILLETTE'S OLD HOME—"Mount of a thousand Pines." A nice walk, or by carriage, motor, or horseback. If you "hike" be sure to return by the Brook Walk.

PACOLET VALLEY—Up to Melrose Station and Pierson Falls. Across the wonderful gorge. Beautiful scenery all the way. About two hours by carriage, or can be made by horseback or motor.

SKYUKA—The old deserted Inn on top of White Oak Mountain. A gorgeous all day trip, with outdoor dinner of broiled beef steak, coffee and all the "fixings" cooked over the open fire. Carriages and horseback only on this trip.

LUDLUMS—On White Oak Mountain. This is an all day trip. Hot dinner served by Mrs. Ludlum on porch of cabin. Be sure to have her show you the hand loom and the beautiful work she does on it. Must let her know how many are coming. Carriages and horseback only.

RIX HAVEN—On top of Tryon Mountain. Through Howard Gap, named for general Howard, who with the help of the trusty Indian guide, Skyuka defeated the Cherokee nation in 1776. Here a monument has been erected in his honor. Over the mountains, down the valley on the other side, then a gradual climb up to Rix Haven. An all day trip with outdoor dinner. Carriage and horseback only.

HOG BACK MOUNTAIN—A most rugged all day trip on horseback, though it is possible for carriages to make it. Out-door dinner and marvelous views from top of old Hog Back.

CHIMNEY ROCK—An all day trip with luncheon at "Cliff Dwellers" Club on the Rock. Or two days trip by horseback staying over night at "Cliff Dwellers" and returning next day. A Journey never to be forgotten.

PISGAH NATIONAL FOREST—Second highest point east of the Rockies. A two days trip by motor, spending the night at Pisgah National Forest Inn, returning past Mrs. Geo. Vanderbilt's lodge on the mountain and down through Asheville. Be sure to inquire about one way Government roads in Pisgah Forest, before leaving Pine Crest Inn.

SPARTANBURG or GREENVILLE—An afternoon motor trip through the cotton fields of South Carolina to these rival cities. Excellent roads all the way.

ASHEVILLE—A splendid all day trip by motor, thru the valleys and over the mountains. Excellent roads. Have luncheon at the Manor. Visit Grove Park Inn and the Asheville Country Club. Return by way of Biltmore Forest and the Biltmore Forest Club.

OTHER HORSEBACK TRIPS OF ENTIRE DAY—Glassy Rock, Rocky Spur; Hubert Cove, and Saluda River Ride. Also the new Green River Dam, which may be made by motor.

SHORT DRIVES and RIDES—Hemlock Shoals, Melrose Falls, Melrose Mountain, Clark Mountain, and Lynch Farm and Lake, and many others.

Farm Federation News and Reviews

By P. C. Squires

LETTUCE BED INSPECTION

The manager made his first inspection of planted Iceberg lettuce beds on Friday of last week. Three beds were visited one of them by special request. It was some two weeks earlier than we had planned to begin our inspection but it was a pleasure as well as a duty, especially when the request came from our good friend Mr. J. F. Black. The day was nearly spent when the call came over the telephone, and the sun was just dropping behind the mountains when we alighted from Mr. Black's car at Bon-Air.

If we find every lettuce bed in as good condition and as promising as Mr. Black's there will be millions of Iceberg lettuce plants in Polk County for the early spring setting. We were glad to be able to pronounce Mr. Black's lettuce bed 100 per cent perfect.

But the fine lettuce beds were not the only attraction at Bon-Air. The beautiful bed of chrysanthemums of many colors could be seen before crossing the river. We saw an asparagus bed that netted Mr. Black at the rate of close to one thousand dollars per acre, and grape vines of last spring planting with a growth of nine and a half feet.

The lettuce beds of Mr. Howes and also that of Mr. Edwards will run a close second to Mr. Black's in point of excellence. We hope that before this news item is read Mr. Howes has succeeded in trapping the pesky mole that was making tunnels thru his lettuce bed.

COMMERCIAL PEACH GROWING

We were favored on Tuesday of last week with a visit from Mr. M. R. Niswonger. Extension Horticulturist of the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Niswonger believes that commercial peach growing could be made very profitable in Polk County. We are of the same opinion, and would like to see a cooperative effort made to plant a large acreage, working along the same lines the lettuce campaign has been conducted. The fine peaches that have been grown in various parts of the county in a limited way should be convincing evidence that there is nothing lacking in soil and climatic conditions.

There are few farmers in Polk County who could not find suitable soil and location on their farms for one quarter acre to an acre or more of peach trees. Set eighteen feet apart 134 trees would be required for one acre. The cost of trees for an acre would be very small as we could purchase them for the farmer at wholesale prices. Truck crops could be grown between the tree rows for several years, or until the orchard came in to bearing.

The shipping season would probably come in near the close of the Sand Hills crop, which would be very favorable as there are few peaches grown commercially between North Carolina and Maryland. The writer has picked a peck of the early Rochester peach from trees se three years, and has seen the Bell of Georgia variety produce a Georgia carrier crate of peaches on trees set four years. These peaches sold readily at four dollars per crate. We have seen peaches grow along the shores of Lake Ontario in Canada which netted the growers five hundred dollars per acre. If peaches can be grown successfully and profitably in the Dominion of Canada, surely the farmers of Polk County North Carolina should do as well.

THE VALUE OF HUMUS

It is hard to impress farmers and gardeners the great value of humus. It is one of the greatest possible factors in contributing to the fertility of the soil. It has well been said that humus in the soil makes it warmer in the winter, cooler in the summer, dryer in wet weather, and moister in dry weather. The soil you have selected for your Iceberg lettuce must have humus, and if it is not there in sufficient quantity you must put it there. If there is vegetation of any kind plow it under, better still spread any kind of animal manure on the land and plow it under with the vegetation, then spread precipitated lime at the rate of one ton to two tons per acre.

At this time of the year we see many bon fires of weeds, leaves, etc. all such material is worth as much as straw to be thoroughly composted and used on the soil as humus. Straw is considered for such purpose as worth eight to ten dollars per ton, and fallen leaves are good. One of the first things a prospective farm buyer inquires about on the eastern shore of Virginia is the pine thicket. If you traveled over the New York Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad this month you would see

the sweet potatoe farmers hauling pine straw, leaves and leaf mold from the woods and spreading on the land that has been selected for their sweet potatoe crop for 1924. All this material costs them is the gathering and it went a long way toward producing the one million barrel sweet potato crop grown in the two counties of Accomac and Northampton a crop which required five thousand cars to move to the northern markets. Some of the Accomac county pine thickets are raked and scraped and clean in the fall of the year as many kitchens the writer has seen. There Virginia farmers know the value of humus. The good Lord has been spreading humus in these woods and mountains for a million years. Why don't you Polk County farmers get busy and use some of it.

To Whom It May Concern.

Mr. P. C. Squires, Manager of the Farmers Warehouse, Tryon, N. C., has had long and large experience in handling and shipping holly, galax and other Southern Evergreens to Northern markets. Farmers, and especially those of the mountain sections who have such evergreens might do well to get in touch with Mr. Squires; who can handle such things in car lots.

Respectfully,
J. R. SAMS, County Agent.

Forty years' experience as a farmer may mean little. Some of the oldest farmers are the poorest, while some of the youngest are very successful.

The wise driver will stop, look and listen, and then take another look when he comes to a grade crossing.

A man can do much better work after he comes back from his vacation and gets through talking about it.

If youth, by its carryings-on, didn't cause so much knocking, crabbed age wouldn't get near enough exercise.

If all women were beautiful, the kitchen and dining room problem would be a very painful one for father.

The man who stole a top from an automobile is getting ready for a comfortable winter, either in his car or in jail.

About the only nation that seems to have any influence in the matter of German reparations is procrastination.

Since custom requires men to wear coats, it isn't surprising that the word is pronounced with the accent on the "cus."

The moderns think they are roughing it in the wilds when they place the car cushions right out on the bare ground.

Lots of people think they are fighting for their rights when they are fighting simply because they talked too much.

As time goes on it begins to appear that what the consumer should have done was lay in a ten years' supply of coal in 1921.

A woman's age is the issue in a lawsuit. She could settle it, of course, but cannot be compelled to incriminate herself.

An egg is accepted as admission in some theaters in Hungary. What sort of an egg one pays to see a punk play is not specified.

Nothing is sacred to science. It is proposed to change the expressive "straight as a bee line" into "straight as a radio line."

The reason dictated letters always sound more impressive is because a man feels free to use words he doesn't know how to spell.

The country is becoming much more prosperous. Every pig you run over on a country road is a registered thoroughbred worth \$75.

It's only the people who live near the boulevard stops, of course, who think that the automobilists ought to grease their brakes.

The giraffe probably feels that nature, in giving it a tongue 18 inches long and withholding from it the power of speech, had a lot of neck.

States should be able to get along with smaller institutions for the feeble-minded now that so many of that class are behind steering wheels.

More Scotch emigrants are now coming to the United States than go to Canada, perhaps because there are enough golf courses in this country to make it look like home.

While surgeons have succeeded with wireless amplifiers in magnifying heart beats, nothing has been brought out yet to enlarge upon a man's willingness to attack the sitting room rug.

Another disagreeable feature of the waning summer is the way in which other people always want to bore us by telling us about their vacations, instead of listening to us tell them about ours.

Keep Coming!

Our bargain Basement is still going big and will continue to go. We have bargains in domestics, bleached and unbleached, outings, gingham, chambrays, clothing, shoes, hats, gloves, ties, towels, handkerchiefs, hosiery, underwear, shirts, waists, skirts, sweaters, knitted caps and knitted scarfs.

It is impossible to name prices on all these as there are a variety of each style but we do name a few prices below.

S H O E S



One lot of shoes for \$1.69, one lot \$2.48, one lot \$2.98, one lot \$3.79.

CLOTHING

For Men

For Ladies

Boys' Suits \$1.95, \$2.48 and up.
P. B. Overcoats \$6.00, P. B. Dress Coats \$3.50 and \$4.50.
Suits \$11.48, \$19.50, \$17.50, \$20.00 and up.
Hats \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

One lot Suits at \$4.48, one lot \$6.50 and up.
A big lot of House Dresses at 88c
Unbleached Domestics 1 1/2 yd. wide.
Bleached Domestics yd. wide, 12c.
Ginghams 10c and up. Outings 27 in., 20c., 36 inch best quality. 22 1-2c.

Hickory Shirts, good quality, 3 yards, 57c the piece.
One lot of Ladies' Coats, values up to \$27.50 for \$9.95.

GROCERIES



Flour \$5.90 per bbl., the best grade. Lard \$1.25 per bucket. Sugar, 10 Pounds to the \$1.00. Coffee, good grade, Five Pounds for the \$1.00. Sacks Hulls, \$1.15, C. S. Meal, \$2.45, Hay, \$1.65.

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