

To Farmers and Other Business Men of Polk Co.

All human earthly relations sooner or later are dissolved. Twenty years ago this day, February 11, the first pressed the soil of Polk County at Tryon, N. C. At that time the whole world was in a state of deadly war, and we were preparing to enter the deadly struggle of years of war and reconstruction have passed and we are recognized as the greatest, most powerful and most peace loving nation on all the earth.

While this is true, Polk County has failed to arouse genuine pride in the hearts of her citizenship. We have seen her rise from sackcloth and ashes to a county of educational advantages for her children to a position among the counties of the state that makes every Polk Countyite swell with genuine pride when he reviews the last eight years.

Our roads within that time have been so reconstructed and worked until at this time, when the weather is good, a Ford car can go to almost all the homes in the County.

Within that time our banking re-

sources have doubled, tripled and quadrupled what they were. The towns and country have made fine progress generally, and Columbus, the county seat, has had the second birth and is being made over.

Agriculture is still wearing her "Baby" clothes, but the dawn of a new time is opening when old Polk County will shake off her shackles and appear to the rest of the state and of the world what a mighty sleeping Samson she has been.

I have served the beloved people of this County as their County Agent all these eight years to the best of my ability. A few farmers have appreciated my labors and benefitted by them; while others have stood aloof and received no benefits.

There is one outstanding farmer in the County I cannot refrain from mentioning personally. In a sense he is not a farmer, and in another sense he is a tremendous farmer. I speak of Mr. Grant C. Miller of Tryon, N. C. He began about six years ago, and has transformed a very poor section of land of gullies and thickets into a place of beauty and profit, and built up a herd of excellent Jersey

pure bred cattle. There are one hundred farmers in the County who could have done likewise. Had they done so, a creamery would have been the result, and our banking resources would be double what they are.

This brings me to the parting of the ways. No longer will I serve you as County Agent, only in a general way. Mr. John W. Arts, a young man of fine ability and training, will succeed me, and I beg you to give him the unsolicited co-operation and support he will deserve.

Our program, made by Polk County farmers themselves, is: First, soil building and conservation; second, a well planned crop rotation; third, live

stock and especially the dairy cow, the pig and the hen; fourth, more horticulture work, and fifth, club work with boys and girls.

All this does not mean that I am a "quitter." I am here to stay. Like Paul Jones when the British Admiral ordered him to surrender his boat, and he replied, "I've just begun to fight," we are facing great possibilities in Polk County. Nature seems to have finished her work here and, after bestowing her most princely gifts, had many left over from everywhere and just dumped the whole "kit and bilin" right down in Polk County. So let's do our part and make her glorious.

J. R. SAMS,
County Agent at Large.

THE PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Number Two

Tryon the Unspoiled Paradise.

Editor Polk County News:

Granting the truth of all of the eloquent language that has been spilled about the beauties of Tryon, I still insist that the fact remains that man, or to be more specific, the citizens of this city, deserve little credit for this condition.

I am willing to go further to state that these citizens or many of them are criminally negligent as regards the precautions needed to maintain the beauty of our paradise. All, I think, will agree with me that much of the beauty is due to the luxurious growth of our trees and shrubs, and that anything which interferes with their fullest development is a distinct disadvantage to all. Presumably as many will agree that one of the most dangerous of the many diseases which are fatal to our trees and shrubs is the San Jose scale. So dangerous is this parasite that most of the states have enacted rigorous laws calculated to insure its destruction and prevent its spread.

In many states those who neglect to chop down and immediately turn all trees or shrubs affected by this scale are fined and the work is done for them by authorities whose services are paid for by the culprit.

Yet here in Tryon, where the beauty of our foliage is one of our most valued assets, I have seen enough San Jose scale to infect and ultimately destroy all of the deciduous trees for miles around.

The Ethonymous develops here to an extent unknown in many sections, and is a shrub most worthy of our encouragement. Yet in four out of five locations which I have visited this year it has found to be badly infected by the scale. Rigorous pruning

and liberal applications of whale soup were formerly considered as deterrents, but I understand that now a spray has been developed which, if applied in time, will work a cure.

The many fruit growers around Tryon are more competent to advise on the subject than I. The discouraging thing is that though the intelligent, industrious and conscientious citizen may succeed in eradicating the pest on his own property, it avails little, for the scale is easily carried by birds and insects from diseased trees, even though at a considerable distance. If no law intended to enforce measures for eradicating this disease exists in North Carolina—and I understand this to be the case—steps should at once be taken to enact such a statute. In the meantime patriotic citizens should do all they can to rid their trees of this pest and to encourage others to do the same.

Unsightly water tanks and clay banks are bad enough, but the San Jose scale is an even greater menace to our unspoiled paradise. A. N. C.

The Board of County Commissioners.

Editor Polk County News:

The Board of County Commissioners was in a business session last Saturday, February 6th, for the purpose of discussing the advisability of borrowing sufficient amount of funds to hard-surface the highway from Tryon to Saluda, a distance of nine miles, the amount thus expended to be refunded by the State less 5-12 per cent. We believe this would be a fine, safe and profitable business proposition on the part of the county, and it is to be hoped that our honorable board will weigh this proposition from every angle before they let go. We have faith in their progressive-ness and do not believe they will

turn down such a good proposition. The State of North Carolina has credited it for being the most progressive in good road building of any of the other States, and we believe our Polk County folks would like to be lined up with the same progressive spirit.

At this meeting the board placed an order for the furnishing of the various rooms recently modernized in the old courthouse. The board deserves very much credit for the various improvements that have recently been made on and about the courthouse. The first floor has several nice rooms, all entered from a large hall, including those of the Board of County Commissioners, the County Board of Education, Treasurer and Tax Collector, Farm Agent, Ladies' Rest Room, Ladies' and Misses' Toilets. The second floor (the court) rooms have also been modernized, and when finished will be as good as the best in this part of the State.

Now it is to be hoped the board will not overlook or fail to put the grounds in good shape as they have the building. We believe that every citizen would be glad to see the grounds set in grass and some kind of nice shade trees planted in a uniform way. We have heard various citizens suggest that some one should be employed to take care of the building and grounds, and we believe by virtue of his office that the Sheriff should have all this in his charge, and we feel quite sure that he would be able to have it done at the right time and in the right way at less cost than any other person. It is to be hoped that the buildings and grounds will all be in readiness for close inspection when court convenes on the 19th of April.

CAW.
Columbus, N. C.



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AYTON-CLARKE OPEN THE SEASON AT CHARLOTTE

Frank Clarke and George Ayton, Asheville Country Club and Biltmore Forest Country Club golf pros, will team up and open the Carolina Professionals' Golf League at Charlotte on May 31, opposing W. Goebel and Fred Hyatt in the opening match of the season, according to schedules drawn for the season's event.

According to the schedule drafted, Asheville golf followers will have several games played on the Asheville Country Club and Biltmore Forest Country Club courses this season, if

the professional league goes through as planned.

Games played in Asheville will alternate from the Biltmore to Asheville links.

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Older Than History

An old encampment, so old that history has no record of when it was built, has been presented to the British nation.

This is Clisbury ring, near Worthing, high up on the South downs, within sight of both the Isle of Wight and Beachy head.

The camp covers 80 acres, but its greatest interest is not in its fortified earthworks, the finest in the district, but as a factory for flint instruments established by Stone age man. His factory consists of two shafts sunk to the level of the flint rock, and joined by a tunnel. Quantities of arrow heads and a number of tools have been found in these shafts.—Family Herald.

1-2 Price Clothing and Gents Furnishing Sale Plus 15% of Nathan's Man Shop Beginning Thursday, February 11th, Ending Saturday, February 20th

H. PATTERSON BOUGHT THE ENTIRE STOCK OF NATHAN'S MAN SHOP AT 50C ON THE DOLLAR OF ABOUT \$18,000.00 OF THE HIGHEST TYPE OF MEN'S CLOTHING AND FURNISHINGS. HICKEY-FREEMAN, HART SCHAFFNER & MARX CLOTHES, DOBBS AND SOCIETY CLUB HATS. INTERWOVEN HOSE, MANHATTAN AND HARRY BERGER SHIRTS, FAULTLESS PAJAMAS, WILSON BROS. UNDERWEAR AND OTHER HIGH GRADE LINES OF THE FINEST MERCHANDISE FOUND IN THE MOST EXCLUSIVE SHOPS. THE STOCK HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO OUR STORE AND WILL BE PUT ON SALE AND PASSED ON TO THE PUBLIC AT THE SAME 1-2 PRICE WHICH WE BOUGHT IT FOR PLUS 15 PER CENT.

- 42 dozen Dress Shirts, collars attached and neckband styles, value up to \$3, for **\$1.45**
- 38 dozen Dress Shirts, collars attached and neckbands, value up to \$5, for **\$1.95**
- 50c and 75c Garters, Paris and Ivory, for **38c**
- 35c Garters for **19c**
- 24 dozen Dobbs' and Society Club Hats, value \$6 to \$8, only **\$4.50**
- \$5 and \$6 quality Hats at **\$3.50**
- \$3.50 Work Gloves, special **\$1.95**
- \$6 to \$7 Driving Gloves for **\$3.95**
- \$3 to \$5 Driving Gloves for **\$2.50**

- \$2.50 to \$3 Driving Gloves for **\$1.95**
- Finest Adjustable \$3.50 Caps for **\$1.95**
- Finest Adjustable Caps for **\$1.65**
- Finest Adjustable up to \$2 Caps for **85c**
- \$1.50 Neckwear for **85c**
- Up to \$1 Neckwear for **45c**
- Sterling Silver Buckles, with Belts, \$2.50 value **\$1.50**
- Separate Belts, \$1 value, for **50c**
- Initial Handkerchiefs for **25c**
- Arrow Handkerchiefs, per dozen **85c**

- #### MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS
- Values up to \$65, some with two pair trousers **\$37.50**
 - Values up to \$55 for **\$32.50**
 - Values up to \$45 for **\$29.50**
 - Values up to \$40 for **\$22.50**
 - Values up to \$35 for **\$19.50**
 - One special lot for **\$15.00**
 - Men's Novelty Sweaters, up to \$10 value, for **\$3.95 and \$4.95**
- 25 Per Cent Off
On all Cortley, Jr., and Oregon City Boy's Clothes and Knee Pants.

- All Arrow Soft Collars, value 35c, for **20c**
- Van Huesen Collars for **39c**
- Sweater Vests, up to \$7 value, for **\$3.75**
- Faultless Pajamas, \$3.50 value, for **\$1.95**
- Faultless Pajamas, up to \$2.50 value, for **\$1.45**
- Odd Dress Trousers, Flannels and Work-steds, 17 to 22 inch bottoms, also knickers, up to \$12 value, for **\$6.95**
- Up to \$10 values for **\$5.95**
- Up to \$7 value for **\$4.75**
- One lot especially priced for **\$3.75**

- 33 dozen Interwoven and Holeproof Hosiery, Silks and Lises, up to 35c value, for **19c**
- Up to \$1 value for **45c**
- Haynes' Best Ribbed Underwear for **79c**
- All Bath Robes **25 Per Cent Off**
- Luggage **25 Per Cent Off**
- Men's Fine Silk Trimmed Ribbed Union Suits, also Wool Mixed, \$2 value, for **\$1.20**
- Duofold Underwear, garment **\$1.75**
- Duofold Union Suits for **\$3.50**
- Chalmers and Munsingwear, Finest Ribbed Underwear **\$1.55**

REMEMBER, FOLKS, THIS SALE IS A LITTLE OUT OF THE ORDINARY AND SHOULD HAVE A STRONG PULL WITH THE MAN, YOUNG OR OLD, WHO IS IN NEED OF ANYTHING IN MEN'S APPAREL. NO ODDS AND ENDS—STRICTLY FIRST CLASS, UP TO DATE MERCHANDISE. MOST OF THE MERCHANDISE IS NEW, BEING TOO LATE TO HAVE BEEN CANCELLED. DON'T COMPARE THIS SALE TO ANY CHEAP COMPETITIVE SALE WHICH HAS BEEN HELD IN HENDERSONVILLE.

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