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FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 1914.

A tidy kept town pleases visitors, attracts new citizens, and induces investment.

POLK COUNTY, N. C.

The great variety of farm products grown in Polk County, to a remarkable degree of perfection, is attracting the attention of practical and scientific agriculturists generally.

Every township in the county seems by nature specially adapted for growing some special crop, owing no doubt to the different kinds of soil and the different climatic conditions had in the different townships.

Of the six townships in Polk county, the three northerly ones are almost wholly in the billowy mountainous section, where the mountain sides and those of the ridges are cultivated and grow the ordinary field crops of this latitude, but, experience has demonstrated the fact that Saluda, Coopers Cap and White Oak townships possess every requisite of soil, elevation and climate to make it a most successful winter apple section, the equal of any location in the State. The apples, potatoes and cabbage grown here are not surpassed in quantity or quality in the "Land of the Sky."

Tryon and Columbus townships occupying the Southwesterly and central part of the county, South from the Tryon mountain range, along the Southern face of this mountain range, is a wide expanse of most fertile land, miles and miles in length, named by U. S. Geological Survey the Thermal Belt, because within the limits of this belt, spring or autumn frosts is unknown, making the growing season fully six weeks longer than in the adjoining fields, and winter temperatures there are many degrees higher than in the valleys below. It is in this frostless tract that small fruit growing has been so successfully engaged in for some years.

The grapes here grown have made a nation wide reputation for excellence of flavor, abundance of large bunches, and rare keeping qualities.

Tryon grapes have won a reputation on their merits in every market offered, always commanding best prices.

The vineyards here established demonstrate fully the advantages of our climatic conditions so favorable for grape growing, that more and more acreage is yearly being added to the production of this ready money crop.

In this Polk County Thermal Belt is the best spot in the world to grow peaches successfully, the fruit grown here has a coloring and flavor peculiarly their own, that wins and holds the trade of the best judges.

A good crop of peaches is a certainty every year in this favored frostless belt, and the dealers have never yet been supplied with half what they wanted, for lack of growers who understand growing peaches to perfection, as this Thermal belt section of Polk county is eminently capable of.

The Southeastern township in this county (Green Creek) is a level, slightly rolling section of strong fertile land that under the system of cultivation very generally practiced by

the good farmers there, is productive of good crops of all small grains, hay and forage.

Stock raising and dairy farming should be a specialty in this township and when alfalfa is grown here as it is sure to be sometime in the near future, this township will produce with very little effort, beef, pork and dairy products enough to supply all the markets of this and adjoining counties, for here are opportunities that will soon be recognized and adopted by the more thrifty enterprising farmers of that section to this very end.

OUR CLUB LISTS.

We wish to call every readers attention to our New Year club lists, printed in this issue. Our bargain prices are winning us new subscribers and renewals from all parts of our county, and are giving remarkable satisfaction everywhere, as they can but do, for the different papers we club with are the very best of their kind, and at the cheapest rates ever offered before, these prices cannot be carried by us but for a short while longer, so let us hear quickly from all who wish to avail themselves of our special club prices this month. Write to us, right now, today.

TRYON.

MR. A. J. LEMORT ILL.

The acquaintances of Mr. A. J. Lemort the extensive grape grower of Tryon, will regret to know that for several days early in week he was a great sufferer from neuralgia in his head, which with the affliction he has suffered from for some years, was almost unendurable for a day or two, but at present time we are glad to report that he is not suffering much pain, and is very much better.

A FORESTRY CLUB CIRCULAR.

The Forestry club of Tryon has issued a circular stating the reward offered by the county commissioners for arrest and conviction of those who set out unlawful fires and giving the State law in full on the subject, which they are distributing liberally about the county for public information.

TRYON COMMISSIONERS MEET

The regular meeting of Tryon Commissioners was held in K. of P. hall Monday night, January 12th. The full board were present. A few sundry bills were ordered paid and the mayor instructed to ask the Telephone company to supply Sunday service.

An electric light was ordered for the junction of Laurel street and Rocky Spur road.

The public sale of fire works was forbidden within Tryon city limits under penalty of \$50.00 fine, by resolution passed.

The organizers of a fire company reported, announcing Mr. Anderson as chief.

A committee was appointed to learn what changes the water company propose to make in their plant.

The bids on construction of sewers was opened and referred to the committee on sewers.

The bids on construction of the proposed fire house was opened and referred to the regular finance committee.

The committees are to report at the board meeting. Adjourned to Monday evening, Jan. 19th.

JUNIOR MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Miss Maude Belue, first vice president of Woman's Adult Auxiliary of the M. E. Church South, and Miss Gusie Dotson, primary teacher in the graded school, organized the children of Tryon into a Junior Missionary Society. To be conducted each Sunday afternoon, beginning at 3 o'clock. The following officers were elected for the year: President, Miss Lucile Fisher; vice president, Master Robert Ward; secretary, Miss Irene Newman; treasurer, Miss Emily Fisher.

There was a large attendance for our first meeting and we extend a cordial invitation to those who could not be out this time to join us on our next day.

Topics for first meeting will be "A Missionary Dollar, and What it Does." Be sure and be there children and see what this wonderful dollar does.

COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS MEET.

On Friday afternoon, Jan. 9th, 1914, the Polk County Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting at the Bank in Tryon, all the members of the board being present.

The committee on the proposed road between Green Creek church and Green River church gave a favorable report.

A petition from Green creek district for a road from Malvin Hill to intersect Landrum road was received and is to be investigated.

The treasurer was ordered to pay the interest on the road bonds now due and collect it from the county commissioners.

Condemnation proceedings were authorized to be commenced for right of way through the Moore property at Saluda, for the new road laid out there.

MELVIN HILL, N. C.

The new school house is nearing completion and we hope for at least a short term of school.

Mr. T. G. Randolph has gone out of business entirely; store, mills, everything is shut down.

Mr. Tom Cantrell purchased a new organ for his little daughter Mamie, recently.

Mr. Dave Toney was a caller at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stacy, Sunday.

The blacksmith shop here will be closed for a time, the "smith" has gone to Florida.

Mrs. Sarah Lawter visited her son, Mr. S. S. Lawter, last week.

The gasoline corn mill here is sold and has been moved away.

Miss Lura McGinnis and her little niece Ines, called on Mrs. Branscom Saturday.

Mr. Garrett Hughes has sold out here an d expects to move back to Mitchell county soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Branscom, also Mr. J. W. Stacy started for Kissimmee, Fla., Monday.

Mrs. Laura Cole is quite sick of side pleurisy at this writing.

Mr. W. B. Feagan of Columbus, made a business trip to this burg last week.

Mr. Edwards, the county surveyor, had business in these parts one day last week.

There was a box supper at Happy Home school house last Saturday night.

Mr. Foster Lawter of Cooley Springs is working for his brother, Mr. S. S. Lawter in his store.

There has been quite a lot of moving in, out and around Melvin Hill lately. England Honeycut and family moved in; Bunyan Gilbert and family moved out; Walter Westbrook changed, so did Loren Johnson and others expecting to move soon.

Success to The News.

LYNN.

Miss Schwarberg has returned to her school work after a vacation of two weeks.

H. L. Swann has accepted a position at Flat Rock, N. C., where he will move at once.

W. A. Cannon the postmaster has moved the office into his brother H. G. Cannon store.

Rev. Mr. Morgan has accepted the invitation to preach at Lynn once a month, will begin in February.

The Mimosa Hotel opened some days ago for the winter season and many guests are already there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Washburn are in their palatial home here, for the season we hope.

POLK'S COTTON CROP 1912-1913.

There were 1,719 bales of cotton ginned in Polk county from the crop of 1913, prior to Jan. 1, 1914, as compared with 1,485 bales ginned prior to Jan. 1, 1913, an increase of 234 bales in 1913.

COLUMBUS.

Subscriptions to stock to build a hotel in Columbus this spring, are now being taken. The News wishes the enterprise complete success.

Miss Sallie W. Hunter spent the week-end with her sister, Miss Irene who is teaching at Collinsville, near Landrum.

Mrs. John Lewis Smith who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Newman for two weeks, returned to her home in St. George, S. C. Sunday.

Mrs. J. P. Arledge is very sick with pneumonia.

Misses Ada and Ola Walker were shopping in Spartanburg last week.

Miss Marie Burgess delightfully entertained a number of young people Friday night.

Mr. T. J. Waldrop was in Columbus on business Monday.

Mr. Crawford Green spent the week-end with relatives in Green creek.

Miss Hattie Jackson who has been attending the Cecil Business college at Spartanburg for some time, came home Friday, having finished the short hand and bookkeeping course.

We are expecting a new lawyer in Columbus soon.

Some of the young people here were pleasantly amused at Mr. Ben Green's Saturday night, he has a beautiful new home at the foot of the mountain near Columbus.

Mrs. Emily Hill is spending a few days in Asheville.

Mr. Boen Constan and family of Lynn, has moved in the little school house here.

Mrs. L. B. McGuinn, who has been seriously ill with rheumatism is some better.

Mr. J. D. Cobb of Sedia, N. C., is visiting his son, E. W. S. Cobb.

J. W. Walker spent the week-end with relatives here.

BOX SUPPER AT GREENS CREEK.

The box supper given at the Happy Home school house Saturday night was an exceeding success, \$48.82 being realized. Mr. W. M. Barnette was the auctioneer, who was up to his job. After the many beautiful well filled boxes were disposed of a cake was put up for the girl who was voted the "most beautiful girl," one cent being charged for each vote. Several girls were nominated but Miss Beulah Shields proved to be the most fortunate, therefore won the cake which came to \$29.72. The last and funniest part of the program was a bar of Octagon soap for the man who received the most votes for being the ugliest. One cent being charged for each vote. Mr. R. L. Jones, the Happy Home school teacher received the soap with many congratulations. Beautiful string music was rendered by Miss Jennie Jones, Messrs Willie Barnette, Otis Jones and Nathan Jones, which was enjoyed by all.

The proceeds of this supper will go to pay for a stove for the school, also to help pay for an addition to the school building which is greatly needed.

A. W.

LANDRUM.

Mr. G. C. Page died suddenly Saturday last.

The work of laying our cement sidewalk is progressing. Where they are finished they look fine and are giving our town a decided finish appearance.

Mr. W. T. Nettles is the new Southern express agent here.

The Ezell-Daniels Co., that carried on a general merchandizing business for many years in the store building near the depot at Landrum, have lately been succeeded by W. M. Lambright & Co., who are conducting an up to date wholesale and retail business in general merchandise, and in several departments are offering special bargains, well worth the consideration of country trade.

OUR SCHOOLS.

Polk County Superintendent,
E. W. S. Cobb, Columbus, N. C.

(Continued from last week.)

Nothing need be said to the pupils, for some time, about "reading"; to do so would most probably awaken their self-consciousness and inhibit willing and successful effort. Let them read before they know it. They are thus drilled in the recognition through the eye, under the stimulus of interest, of a written form as meaning the same thing as something they have said or heard said.

This drill continues until the recognition becomes instantaneous, automatic, and extends to a good many words. The sentences and stories made by the pupils should be printed on black board or card board and used for review lessons.

The Word Method.—The word method differs from the sentence method mainly in that single words are given at first instead of sentences. This plan has in its favor the fact that when the child is learning to talk he uses single words, not complete sentences. His words are mostly nouns, and he expresses verb ideas by gestures or other movements. It may be argued, further that the word whole is smaller than the sentence whole and is, therefore easier to recognize and retain. Words, moreover, may be more easily pictured than sentences.

Whenever they can be used, the best and liveliest processes by which the sentence method is made most effective will be found fully as effective in getting desirable results from the method. The teacher will use the best that any good method has to offer, making for himself an eclectic method and breathing into it the breath of his own life. In reading as in everything else, "the letter killeth but the spirit giveth life"; the live teacher will not permit the letter of any method of teaching reading to kill the interest of the learner in the thing read.

At the end of the first year, if the child has been rightly taught he will be able to pronounce clearly and unhesitatingly, at sight, the simpler and more familiar words which he uses in talking; he will be able to spell most of them; and, best of all, he will have caught some glimpse of what good things are in store for him to enjoy, as soon as he can read easily.

But the reader can take only slight hold upon this promise of pleasure to be drawn from printed words, unless he can, as far as he has gone, use his reading freely as a tool. This he cannot do, unless the drill in the mechanical elements of reading has been thorough and careful. Only through such drill can he escape the faults of drawing, stopping to spell words while reading, miscalling words, mumbling or moving the lips in silent reading,—from all which the world, both in and out of school, has suffered enough. But all the time the teacher must be on guard against mistaking and accepting mechanical reading for mechanical accuracy in reading.

The ultimate purpose in reading is to get thought and inspiration, knowledge and enthusiasm, help and pleasure from the written or printed page. This purpose cannot be effectively realized unless the forms of words are readily and automatically recognized, as the first step toward an appreciation of their meaning and value. Such recognition, in the primer, must be so clear and ready as to enable the pupil to gather in words and phrases ahead of where he is reading. Only as this is done, and done more and more easily as the reader advances, will he come to interpret with fluency, either to himself in silent reading, or to others by reading aloud. One of many devices that may be effectively used to train the eye to prompt recognition of printed words is to give the pupils for their use at their seats a supply of words printed on card board bits, and have them build these into sentences. Such an exercise has more than one merit to commend it to a busy teacher.

In conclusion, let me say, use your reading charts freely, even if it is one you make yourself; give individual instruction but give it to the class as well; prepare work carefully before going before your class and in this preparation have each pupil in your class in clear vision before your

GOOD ROADS

NOW FOR WIDE TIRES.

Now that good roads are a certainty in Polk County let us adopt wide tires on all road wagons, and we will be able to keep our good roads in good condition with much less expense than we can if our present wagons with narrow tires are to be used, and those wagons with wide tires will carry a much greater load and haul much easier than on narrow tires.

This county can well afford to allow every wagoner who will use wide tires on his wagons, a rebate off his yearly taxes to encourage the use of wide tires in place of narrow ones.

These narrow tires cut deep ruts in our roads that are sure to cause trouble and injure the good roads, unless dragged out, and its much more difficult to smooth up a piece of road after a rain storm, with the drag, where it has been cut deep by loaded wagons with narrow tires than where wide tires are used.

Every wagoner who once uses wide tires, will wonder why he did not adopt them before, they invariably prove so universally satisfactory in use.

In the interest of good roads, use WIDE TIRES.

SAND CLAY ROADS.

Red clay after it has been graded and packed hard, should be covered with about four inches of sand. This when packed hard makes a road bed that is far more comfortable to ride on than macadam and is easy to maintain.

A great many miles of this sand clay road will be built in the Carolinas this year for they have proven to be the most satisfactory road in use in every particular.

SILVER CREEK SCHOOL.

As I haven't seen anything in this column of this paper dedicated to "Our Schools" about Silver Creek, I thought I would write something.

Our school began December 1, 1913 with Miss Bertha E. Ledbetter, of Edinville, N. C., as teacher. The rain was coming down in torrents and only a few were present on that day, but since then the enrollment has enlarged to thirty five and we have a daily average of about thirty. The children all seem interested and like to come to school. Last week two of the larger boys, Nun and Reece Arledge, went up to the school and prepared wood for next week; in this way we can save our wood bill and buy things we need for our school room. I will write again next week and send the honor roll of our school.

A PUPIL.

The tendency to build good roads has done more to "put Henderson county on the map" than any other one thing that has transpired in a dozen years looking towards progress and prosperity. No community can expect complete development without a system of improved highways. Good roads make for industrial development every time.

Greater Western North Carolina's

Grand Rally at Asheville, Feb 23.

President Fairfax Harrison, of the Southern Railway, will be in Asheville on Feb. 23, when he will address a great rally meeting of the Greater Western North Carolina association.

The date previously announced was Feb. 26, but Mr. Harrison found it impossible to be there on that date.

This association is doing much for Polk county and a good delegation of our citizens would help our local interests, and be a pleasure to all to meet the Southern's new president.

mind; and last but by no means least, have in mind a clear and definite purpose in each lesson.

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