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HAPPENINGS AT COUNTY CAPITOL.

Much of Interest to Citizens of
Polk County Transpires
at Columbus.

GET TOGETHER MEETING.

In pursuance to the call of County Demonstrator Sams which appeared in the NEWS of last week, quite a number of Polk county citizens met at Columbus last Monday and took up the matter of improvement of the mail conditions in the county. The meeting was organized by electing R. F. Copeland chairman. He asked that all present express themselves upon the proposition. Talks were made by Messrs T. C. Mills, T. L. Ballenger, G. A. Gash, W. T. Lindsey, Geo. B. Cobb and B. L. Ballenger, of Tryon; Elias Cantrell, C. E. Gray and many others from different parts of the county.

The residents residing along the various routes now emanating from Landrum expressed themselves as being well satisfied with their present mail facilities, but that if some scheme could be worked out whereby the remainder of the county could be better supplied and them not hurt they would be glad to cooperate in the movement.

Mr. Sams in opening the meeting gave instances of where neighbors residing in almost speaking distance of one another if they attempted to reach each other by mail would take three to four days to do so. It was ascertained that only four rural routes originated in the county proper, while South Carolina supplied an equal number, and Rutherfordton one. The matter was freely discussed and finally a motion was made and carried that the chairman appoint a committee of five to go into the situation draw maps and outline some scheme, and when completed to notify the chairman, and he would then call another meeting to be held in Columbus, and steps would then be taken to have the government send a man here to go into the matter more fully and lay out routes that would benefit the people of Polk county and not the people of some other state or county.

One scheme was submitted by Mr. Sams to have Tryon made the starting point, and the mail taken by fast automobile to Columbus and Mill Spring and the rural routes start from these two places, and all mail sent back to Tryon in the evening in time to catch the two evening trains out of here. If that idea can be worked out it would mean that any person in Polk county could be reached in one day, whereas it now takes from two to three days to do that. It takes as long for a letter to reach citizens on the various rural routes from either Columbus or Tryon as it does to reach New York or New Orleans. If the NEWS is not mailed in the Tryon postoffice on Thursday night it can not reach its readers in all parts of the county before Monday of the week following.

One gentleman expressed himself by saying that the people in his community were interested in receiving mail from other sections beside Polk county. Granted, but if an arrangement can be devised whereby he can receive mail from Polk county AND THE OTHER SECTIONS AS promptly he certainly could have no cause for complaint. The champions of this move do not want to take away any of the present advantages, but they want to give everybody additional advantages.

As Mr. Sams said, the people of Polk county will never pull together or cooperate until their interests become universal and common, and such a condition can not be brought about while they are not brought nearer at present.

The Polk County Fair was freely discussed, and it seems as if the whole county is aroused on that subject, and that we may expect a big fair.

Mr. Mills said that it seemed to him that the only way for the people of Polk county to know what was going on in the county was by taking the POLK COUNTY NEWS, the only newspaper published in the county, and which was the natural source of information on county matters.

The chairman then announced the following gentlemen as members of the committee: Mr. Geo. H. Holmes, Tryon, chairman; C. E. Gray, Landrum Route 4; Cheatham Jackson, Mill Spring Route 2; J. M. Lewis, Mill Spring, and L. H. Cloud, Columbus. It is earnestly requested that the committee get together as early as possible and take up the matter and report to the chairman, who will then call another meeting.

Mr. Cloud, of Columbus announced in the meeting that he had in his possession government post route maps and such other data that would be of great help to the committee.

—W. S. S.—

COUNTY DEMONSTRATOR APPOINTED.

At the meeting of the County Commissioners, at Columbus, last Monday, Mr. J. R. Sams was employed as County Demonstrator for a term of one year. Mr. Sams was sent here by the United States and North Carolina State Boards of Agriculture,

for a term of six months, that time expiring on June 30th. His work has been of such nature that the citizens of the county felt that they could not afford to lose his valuable services and good counsel. The matter of employing him regularly was discussed by the citizens generally. A few days ago the editor of this paper called on Mr. Hudson at Raleigh and told him how the people of the county felt in the matter and asked him for some kind of a proposition. He submitted one, and was so fair that the matter was taken up to the Board and seeing the exceptionally good terms on which Mr. Sams could be employed, grasped the opportunity.

Mr. J. M. Gray, district demonstrator was present and placed the matter before the Board, and these gentlemen lost no time in accepting the proposition. They are to be commended for their action in the matter, and we know that the people of the county will uphold them in the stand taken.

Mr. Sams has made many warm friends during his short sojourn in Polk county, and we feel quite certain that during the next twelve months his labors will show such results that the people of the county will demand his permanent employment. He is busy at all times studying our plans for the advancement of Polk county, and not for any one particular section of the county but for the best interests of the county as a whole. He will have charge of a regular department in the NEWS during the next twelve months, and you may expect to see articles in every issue of great importance to people in all walks of life in Polk county.

—W. S. S.—

NEW COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Mr. "Mack" Pace, of Saluda, has been appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. S. H. Slaughter, resigned, on account of ill health. Superior Court Clerk Arledge is to be congratulated on this appointment. Mr. Pace is one of Saluda's prominent business men, and is in position to be of great help and benefit to Polk county. He, however, refuses to hold on any longer than to fill out the vacancy.

—W. S. S.—

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

N. C. Harris Receiver, to W. C. Robertson, Collector, 81 7-10 acres consideration, \$872.32.

G. W. Justice, Com., to W. C. Robertson, 62 acres. Consideration \$24.

J. M. Lewis and wife to J. R. Spawlin and wife, quit claim to lot in Mill Spring. Consideration, \$1.00.

W. J. Scriven, Com., to Anthony Allman, 2 acres, more or less. Consideration, \$504.00.

Wm. Redmond, Jr., and Francis M. Scott to J. W. Edwards 208 acres Consideration, \$312.00.

Joseph E. Morgan and wife to Fletcher Jones, 66 acres. Consideration, \$1,881.00.

—W. S. S.—

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

John A. Langley and Bessie Jackson.

Zeno Johnson and Laura Moore.

Ben Blackwell and Ruth Williams.

Wm. D. Rogers and Julia Dill.

—W. S. S.—

The second week of the Teachers' Institute is progressing nicely. Prof. D. F. Giles, of Raleigh, another of the State Board of Examiners, is the conductor. Prof. Giles is a very efficient teacher and interesting speaker and we feel sure the school work for the coming year will go forward on a higher plane of efficiency.

Dr. Cooper, director of the State Board of Health, made a talk to the teachers Tuesday afternoon.

Prof. Moses, of Raleigh, assistant in club work in N. C., was in Columbus, Friday.

Prof. W. S. Cobb and family attended the Langley-Jackson wedding last week. We congratulate the promising young man on his good fortune in having won one who is of Polk's fairest daughters, also one who is held in the highest esteem by her many friends.

Sergeant Ezra Constance, who is stationed at Newport News, Va., is home on a visit.

Mr. Albert Burgess is also visiting his parents.

Word has been received of the safe arrival over seas of Mr. Pat Hampton brother of Mrs. J. A. Feagans.

Mr. Ray Arledge came home on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Boise Weaver of Greens Creek spent Monday in Columbus. Mr. A. D. Brown is at home visiting his family. Mr. Brown is employed in ship building at Wilmington, N. C.

Roscoe McGuinn is able to walk again after having been badly hurt in an automobile accident.

Miss Nell Constance and Miss Lizzie Dedmond entertained the young folks of Columbus, and the visiting teachers, at the home of E. W. Demond, Monday night in honor of Sergt Constance, who is home on a furlough.

Miss Minnie Rogers, of Greens Creek, is attending the institute this week.

Misses Oma Reynolds, Mae Mills and Mr. N. T. Mills attended the Sunday school normal held at Greens Creek, Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Frank Edwards, Claude Lewis and George Barber attended the Sunday school meeting at Greens Creek, Sunday.

Much success to the NEWS, also to our soldiers.

FROM OUR FRIENDS OVER THE COUNTY

Some Items of General Interest Gathered By Our Correspondents From Various Sections of Polk County

MILL SPRING ROUTE 1.

We had a big rain Saturday night, also another Sunday, and did some damage. Washed away bridges on small streams and tore up the roads.

Messrs. Bert Edwards and Garner Skipper went to Rutherfordton, Friday, on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins were visitors at R. L. D. Gilbert's, Saturday and Sunday.

A. Edwards and wife made a short call at W. E. Elliott's, Friday.

Several men with a traction engine passed through Friday moving toward the mountain, and fire caught in several places. Lebanon church was in some danger of being burned.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Edwards made a trip to Tryon, Saturday.

Mr. Anderson Womack visited his brother, Rev. Joe Womack, last week. Bert Edwards and Garner Skipper have purchased a Ford car. Look out girls.

A large crowd of young folks enjoyed a singing at Mr. Fonse Edwards' Sunday evening. We were really sorry those boys who started in a car failed to get there.

Miss Barbara White was the guest of the Misses Edwards, Sunday night.

Mr. Virgil Skipper says he is going to run a car to Bills Creek, Sunday, to the singing. We hope he will catch it.

"OUR ORDERS."

Weave no more silks, ye Lyons looms,
To deck our girls for gay delights;
For the red flower of battle blooms,
And silent marches fill the nights.

Weave but the Flag whose bars today
Droop heavy o'er our early dead,
And sombre garments, coarse and gay.
For orphans that must earn their bread.

Keep back your tunes, ye viols sweet,
That pour delight from other lands;
Rouse there the dancer's restless feet,
The trumpet leads our warrior bands.

And ye that urge the war of words
With mystic fame and subtle power,
Go, chatter to the idle birds,
Or teach the lesson of the hour.

Ye Sibyl Arts, in one stern knot
Be all your offices combined;
Stand close, while Courage draws the lot,
The destiny of humankind!

And if that destiny could fail,
The sun should darken in the sky;
The eternal bloom of Nature fail,
And God, and Truth and Freedom die!

—Julia Ward Howe in Atlantic Monthly, July, 1861.

MILL SPRING.

Hot July brings cooling showers

Apricots and gilly flowers.

Mr. B. F. Gibbs is very sick at this writing. Hope he will soon recover.

Miss Leona Egerton was the guest of Misses Mollie and Nellie Dalton, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Brisco left for their home in Hopewell, Va., last Thursday. Mrs. Lionel Brisco will leave for Hopewell Tuesday, July 2.

Miss Letheo Barber visited Misses Essie and Essie Edwards, Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Ledbetter is visiting at Mr. W. G. Egerton's.

Miss Clara Edwards and brother, Frank, were guests at Mr. A. E. Arledge's, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Romeo Melton is on the sick list.

Mrs. N. A. Nodine is visiting relatives and friends here.

There was quite an interesting Christian Endeavor meeting held at Mill Spring Baptist church, Sunday. The subject was "The Power of the Cross in Africa." Leader, Miss Clara Edwards. Leader for next Sunday night, Miss Sue Gibbs. Subject, "All for Christ."

Mrs. E. B. Cloud is on the sick list.

Messrs. Frank Edwards, Claude Lewis and George Barber attended the Sunday school meeting at Greens Creek, Sunday.

Misses Estelle Walker, of Greens Creek, is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. B. Cloud.

Miss Thelma Davis is visiting her grandparents in Greens Creek.

FISHTOP.

Fine growing weather for last week.

John and Burton Williams, of Lynn, passed through this section one day last week, on their way home. They had hauled a load of tomatoes and other vegetables to Hendersonville.

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