

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION.

Polk County Gave Her Soldier Boys a Hearty Welcome Home, That Day.

SOLDIERS' MONUMENT ASSURED.

The Fourth of July celebration held at Columbus demonstrated one thing, the assurance of the monument for Polk county's soldier boys. While everything that could happen to upset all plans for the celebration, yet it was a success. A large number of people assembled, and a good time was the result.

Disappointed at the very last in securing speakers the gap was very creditably filled in with Polk county material.

The crowd assembled in the court room about noon, and was called to order by Chairman of the Monument Association, Mr. B. F. Copeland. He told the crowd that once again was Polk county called on to supply her own material, and referred to the fact that such was true of the various Liberty Loan campaigns, and that they were a success. He told the people that he purposed calling upon residents of the county for five minute talks. The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. E. J. Jones, of Tryon.

Prof. E. W. S. Cobb was the first person called upon for a talk, and responded with a very appropriate speech of welcome to the returned soldier boys. His remarks were eagerly listened to. Rev. E. J. Jones was next called upon and made a splendid address, touching upon the part America played in the great war, and the part she would yet play in the world's progress.

Hon. T. T. Ballenger was called for, and in his earnest, modest manner told the people that while he pretended to be no speaker, yet he was glad of the chance of saying something in the way of welcoming our soldier boys home. County Agent Sams in his talk told of the first Fourth of July celebration held in America, and what it signified; also told of the significance of the present day, and of the far reaching effect it would have the world over.

Rev. J. A. Langley, after taking the floor said he thought it almost time for dinner, and that he had just remarked that it was about time to "shake a chicken leg." Rev. Langley, being a young man, addressed his remarks chiefly to that element of the crowd, and was patiently listened to. Rev. O'Neal was then called for by the chairman who referred to him as being from Rutherford county. Rev. O'Neal denied the charge, and claimed Polk county as his county. He made a splendid talk, and said that "Polk county did it; that she broke the Hindenburg line; that she won the day at Chateau Thierry; while she did not do all of it, yet she did her part, and was most assuredly there." His talk aroused much interest and amusement as well.

Mr. W. T. Lindsey was the last talker and spoke of the necessity of cooperation between the citizens of all sections of Polk county; of the War Savings yet in vogue; of the forthcoming Polk County Fair, and pleaded for every person in the county to do their part. Mr. Copeland then referred to the fact that there was a large number of preachers present he hoped sufficient chicken had been prepared to feed them on.

After the addresses had been made the chairman called for donations of the monument fund, and several subscribed. It was hoped to have a full report of all subscriptions to date, but it will appear in our next issue. The responses were liberal enough to assure the success of the monument.

The afternoon was given over to hand-shaking and visiting between those acquainted and the forming of new acquaintances. Everybody seemed to have a splendid time, and it is hoped that this is but the beginning of annual Fourth of July celebrations at Columbus, where everybody in Polk county may congregate and spend the day.

The Tryon Council No. 143, Jr. O. U. A. M. was in charge of the refreshments, and below appears the report of the business done. The monument fund is \$19.75 better off by the unselfish action of this order.

Report of Junior Order.

We, the undersigned were appointed a committee from Tryon Council No. 143, Jr. O. U. A. M., to assist the Central Committee from the county in raising a fund for the erection of a monument to our fallen heroes of the great world war just successfully closed.

On July 4th we sold refreshments at Columbus, and received the sum of \$145.82. Our expenses were as follows:

E. E. Missildine, 30 gal. cream	\$60.00
E. E. Missildine, 1100 ice cream cones	11.00
E. E. Missildine, 320 lbs. ice	2.72
Ballengier Co., sugar	10.50
Ballengier Co., lemons	11.50
Ballengier Co., squeezer, spoons	.35
Total	\$96.07

Receipts..... 145.82
Leaving a balance of \$49.75.
Wayne Creaseman, Fred E. Swann, L. V. Brown, M. C. Butler, T. W. Ballenger, Committee.

COLUMBUS.

The Columbus Betterment Club will give two plays, "The Sewing Circle" and "The Book Agent," Saturday evening, at 8 o'clock, preceding the ice cream social. Free of charge. The proceeds of the social to be given to the Polk County Soldiers' Monument Fund.

The Fourth of July was a red letter day for Polk county. Everyone enjoyed the day, especially the five minute talks by Revs. O'Neal, E. J. Jones, J. A. Langley, Hon. T. T. Ballenger, Prof. E. W. S. Cobb, Messrs. B. F. Copeland, J. R. Sams and W. T. Lindsey.

The Polk county teachers' summer school opened at Columbus, Tuesday. Mrs. Robt Hill spent the week-end with relatives in Rutherfordton.

Mr. John Carnegie, of Rutherfordton, spent the Fourth at Columbus.

Mrs. Lawrence Fleming, two daughters, and Miss Bertha Wilson, of Richmond, Va., are visiting their relatives, Mrs. L. H. Cloud and Mrs. Logan McMurray. These ladies are daughters of Mrs. George Wilson, of Charlotte, former residents of Polk county.

Miss Eva Keece, and Dr. Kneece and Rev. E. J. Jones were dinner guests at the home of Dr. H. H. Edwards, Sunday.

Mrs. Robert Gilbert, of Greens Creek, was visiting friends here Monday.

Columbus Baptist Church

Our Sunday school grows steadily, registering 116 last Sunday. Let us make it 125 for next Sunday. A good place to spend an hour or two and learn something that will be worth while. Come and see us and let us interest you. Preaching at 11 o'clock, B. Y. P. U. exercises will take place of the evening service. This will be very interesting. Woman's Missionary Union in the evening. A welcome to all.

E. J. JONES, Pastor.

LYNN.

Rev. J. A. Langley preached in the chapel, last Sunday, at 8:30 p. m. The saw and hammer are still being heard on the new church building.

Our roads lead in every direction on the Fourth. Some to Landrum, some to Hendersonville, Asheville, Knoxville, Spartanburg, and all points east, west, north and south. The main road led to Columbus.

Garland Simmons, who has just been discharged from the navy, has been visiting old friends in our village for the past week.

Lloyd Panther, who has been home on a 30 days' furlough, returned last week. Lloyd has made a good record for himself. He is in the navy.

The Tryon Hosiery Mfg. Co., seems to be shipping quite a lot of goods just now.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Carson are now domiciled in the teachers' dormitory, and we learn are to take care of the teachers for the school next term.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Langley, of Dillon, S. C., are visiting Mrs. Langley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jackson.

Mr. R. T. F. Fowler and son, Silas F. Fowler, visited relatives at Knoxville, on the Fourth, returning on the 6th.

Mr. H. D. Swann ran up to Flat Rock, last Sunday.

Mr. Scoutmaster, of Tryon, why not pull off one of your Boy Scout minstrel exhibitions at Lynn and other places in the county for the benefit of the soldiers' monument?

Miss Grace Fowler, of Knoxville, is visiting her grandfather, R. T. F. Fowler, and other relatives.

Mrs. R. B. Wilcox, of Union, S. C., run up last Saturday, bringing a bunch of young Camp Fire Girls. They are camping in Mrs. Wilcox's old home, at the Lynn dairy.

Mrs. J. L. Hart, of Saluda, was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Eugenis Norman, last week.

MILL SPRING.

Some of the people of this section attended the Fourth of July celebration at Columbus, Friday. All who went report an enjoyable time. Others celebrated by killing grass.

The Christian Endeavor social at the school house, Saturday night was a grand success.

Miss Elsie Edwards and Miss Leona Egerton were guests of Miss Letha Barber, Sunday.

Mr. Clarence Elliott and family, Mr. W. G. Egerton, Misses Sallie Geer and Sallie Brisco and George V. Brisco, were callers at Sunny Brook, Sunday.

MILL SPRING ROUTE 1.

The people of this section were glad to see the nice little rain Sunday, if they did have to go from church in the mud. It was fun, especially to those who went bare-footed.

Miss Jessie Whiteside, of Alabama, is spending a few weeks with her father, W. H. Whiteside.

Miss Minnie Womack was the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. E. Elliott, Sunday.

Born on June 30th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Edwards, a son.

Those who went to Columbus from this section, on the Fourth, report a nice time while eating ice cream and drinking lemonade.

Misses Ellen Edwards, Eliza White, Bessie Thompson and Ivy Gosnell, were guests of Misses Mossie and Dot Edwards, Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. Sam Ownby and Talmage Allen were callers at J. W. Wilson's, Sunday.

Mr. Jim Egerton, of Route 1, was at Bebanon, Sunday.

Mr. James Dyer, of Cleveland, is visiting relatives and friends in this section.

Come on, Mill Spring, Pearidge, Sunny View and Route 22, let's make the NEWS newsy. Why not uphold our only county paper? And something else. Mr. Holmes, of Tryon said, on the Fourth he was going to talk roads now, for he couldn't go to see anybody unless he had a road fit to go over, and we don't blame him. Go to it, Mr. Holmes.

MILL SPRING ROUTE 2.

Several from this place went to Columbus, last Monday.

Hurray for the Fourth. Hope everybody enjoyed that day.

Birch Jackson was slightly injured last Sunday by a mule running away with him.

Several from this section attended the prayer meeting at T. N. Wilson's, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Pink Jackson, from Sandv Plains, spent Saturday night with his father, J. L. Jackson.

Singing at F. R. Coovins' Saturday night, was well attended.

TRYON ROUTE 1.

The refreshing shower of Sunday was very much appreciated by farmers, though it interfered with the singing at Beulah, but caused all choirs present to sing together, thereby making better music, so we are informed.

Oh, say, can we deem our Fourth a failure? No, no, 'twas not, even though the program could not be carried out as intended. Who knew how to welcome the home coming of our soldier boys more than the ones who gave the splendid five minutes' talks? The money was being raised for the monument just the same, and 'twas a pleasant greeting and hearty handshake of host and host of friends and good old pals who we had not seen in many moons. All departed, delighted with the day.

Misses Clara, Pearl and Essie Edwards have returned from the summer school at Bevanon.

Miss Bessie Hamilton entered county school for teachers, at Columbus, this week.

The many friends of Mr. Ben T. Boone, who has been in service "over there," will be glad to know he has landed in America. Whether he came on an English gigantic airship "Blimp," or sailed old Miss Ocean, we are not informed.

Now it's boost up the Fair. How about it?

FISHTOP.

A nice rain, which we very much needed, came Sunday.

Mrs. T. C. Laughter and daughter, Bertha, visited in the Bright's Creek neighborhood, Saturday and Sunday.

Earnest Laughter went to Hendersonville, the 4th, with a load of apples, peaches and other farm products. The rain held up as last week, and farmers got about up with their work.

T. C. Laughter, Mrs. Jane Mayson and Granson Jackson each killed a large rattler last week.

Well, Brother Lynn, if killing rattlers goes on at the present rate I believe by Christmas you and the editor can safely come over in this section.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Last week we received letters from Mill Spring, Red Mountain, Sunny View and Maple Grove, too late to use. We have repeatedly requested our correspondents if impossible to mail their letters on Monday to hold them until the following week. If mailed on Tuesday they do not reach us until Wednesday night, and as we go to press Thursday it is impossible to make use of the letters that week, and the news in them is rather stale by another week, so in the future we will not accept them for publication unless received on Monday or Tuesday. It is impossible for us to do so.

MELVIN HILL.

The Fourth was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Feagan by the arrival of a fine boy baby.

A few of the folks from here were at Columbus the Fourth.

Mrs. M. E. Morris arrived home from Cliffside, last Saturday, but little improved in health.

Mrs. G. A. Branscom is also quite poorly still.

Messdames Morris and Waldrop called on Mrs. Toney, of Sandy Plains, Saturday.

UPBUILDING POLK COUNTY.

Editor POLK COUNTY NEWS.

Dear Editor:

The time is at hand when every man woman and child is becoming interested in the upbuilding of Polk county. The most important thing at present, was discussed at the mass meeting, held at Columbus July Fourth, the erecting of a monument in honor of Polk county's heroes who sleep beneath the sod somewhere in France, and who paid the glorious debt that liberty may forever survive, and that all people may be free.

Dear people, let every one, old and young, feel as if they are a stockholder in erecting the monument of honor to the brave young heroes who rest thousands of miles away from home, and who won praise from all the world, as true and freedom loving young men. So let all get behind the movement and make Polk county one of the first counties in North Carolina in erecting a memorial of honor to her part in the world for democracy.

Bring ye all the donations to the treasurer, and by the first day of the fair let us be able to have in Columbus a monument of honor that some mother will be proud to pass by and view the name of her dear one that lies in Flander's Fields beneath a white cross, and see the mark of honor bestowed upon her hero.

Our slogan should be "Complete by October Fair," so please let everyone in dear old Polk feel that he's at liberty to donate whatever he feels he can, for the cause of the last honor we can bestow upon the sleeping heroes who gave for us his all.

Thanking you in advance for your favor, I am,

Respectfully,
C. WILBUR MCGINNIS,
Fingerville, Route 1, S. C.

HOW TIMES DO CHANGE.

With all the propaganda and renewed interest in the preserving, canning and drying of fruits and vegetables it appears likely that after while the average family will do none of these things.

The seasonal glut in the fruit market was what impeded the housewife to fill her jars.

Some time in the season there was more fruit than demanded, and so, with strawberries at a nickel a box, and peaches twenty cents a peck, and plums a bucketful for a dime, canning was a good business.

But there will shortly be no glut. In fruit districts, where a few years ago a third of the crop had to be dumped on the market at any price, there is no dump. Giant dehydration plants have risen and are taking all the fruit the growers will sell, and taking it at top prices.

Growers this spring signed contracts with packing houses for their entire output of small fruits for ten years.

Strawberries are contracted four years ahead; the life of the plantation.

Apples are being contracted at top prices before the fruit is well set on the trees.

In the west great plants are being built in dozens of fruit and vegetable districts, and so great is the demand by these plants that they are financing farmers, furnishing seed or plants, contracting for the entire harvest for so long as the plantations will bear, and urging the planting of thousands of more acres at prices which should give the grower an average profit of \$175 an acre a year.

No, madam, the day of cheap fruit has gone. If you have a back yard you can solve the problem by planting three dozen assorted small fruits and a dozen dwarf apple, pear and plum trees. Otherwise even your old reliable flivver soon can't take you far enough in the country to insure your load of canning supplies.—Asheville Times.

TRYON

Mrs. J. B. Reid spent yesterday in Spartanburg with relatives.

Mrs. W. T. Lindsey and daughter, Miss Mary, were in Spartanburg Saturday.

Ed. Ward, of the Southern Railway force, has been confined to his room for several days by sickness.

Mrs. Oren Herring, of Spartanburg, was the guest to her mother, Mrs. J. B. Reid, in Tryon, the Fourth.

Mrs. Durham, of the Balenger Co. is spending a short vacation with her parents, in Rutherford county.

Dr. Doldrige Kneece and Miss Eva Kneece, of Balesburg, S. C., are visiting Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Jones.

Mrs. A. L. Hill and children left Wednesday for Corydon, Iowa, for a visit of several weeks with Mrs. Hill's parents, at that place.

Mrs. Jas. Wilson and daughters, of Lowell, N. C., were the guests over Sunday of Mrs. J. B. Reid. They were joined Sunday by Mr. Wilson, who accompanied them home.

Carefully read the bank statements of Polk county banks, appearing in this issue. Prosperity appears in each instance. Every bank in the county shows a healthy increase.

When will the good road between the South Carolina and Henderson county lines be completed? This question is to be heard almost every day. From present speed we would estimate about 1950 would be the time of completion.

The Fourth of July celebration at Columbus demonstrated the necessity of provisions being made for the comfort of women and children, and we hope the Board of Commissioners will take the matter up and make suitable provisions for toilets for the ladies.

Little Helen Pugh, the popular pianist, will give another entertainment in Tryon soon. The exact date has not yet been made, but it will be about July 22 or 23. This little lady is a favorite with Tryonites, and she is always met with a large and enthusiastic audience on her visits here.

Mr. F. P. Bacon returned home from Washington, D. C., Friday, where he had been called by the serious illness of his brother, Mr. John E. Bacon. Mr. Bacon left his brother resting easily from an operation, but after reaching Tryon received a telegram announcing his death. The remains were taken to Edgefield, S. C., for burial, beside his father and mother.

As full of business as a mangy cur with fleas, and as breezy as a Kansas cyclone, Mr. P. H. Bailey, cashier of the Bank of Saluda, "blew in" the NEWS office, Wednesday. He is proud over the splendid showing made by his bank in the statement appearing in this issue of the NEWS. A goodly share of the credit for the splendid success of the Bank of Saluda is due Mr. Bailey, for by his personality he has drawn and held customers for that institution.

Elsewhere find an interesting editorial taken from the Asheville Times, on the fruit situation. It states that the packing houses have made contracts in certain fruit districts for a period of ten years, whereby they will take all the small fruits raised, for that period, and at figures which will net the growers about \$175 per acre. It means that for at least ten years we are to see no more cheap fruit. It certainly behooves every housewife to can and preserve every ounce of fruit, this year, possible. If you have a big surplus it will come in handy next year or the years, following.

The question of the erection of a commercial hotel for Tryon is being urged. There is nothing Tryon needs more. A good commercial hotel is always a good advertisement for a town or city. The host of traveling men can do a town much good or harm. The hotel is the home of the traveler, and he judges a town very largely upon the kind of hotels it has, and he is not far wrong when he diagnoses that way. Unfortunately Tryon has not a strictly commercial hotel. We have as good resort hotels as any other town, but while some of them give commercial men special rates they do not seek that class of trade. A good 50-room commercial hotel, located conveniently to the business district would not only be a fine advertisement for Tryon, but would be a paying one as well.

We are informed that the Board of Education failed to appoint a County Superintendent of Welfare at the regular meeting of that body, last Monday, but will meet with the Board of County Commissioners next Monday and make the appointment. We sincerely trust that a Polk county man will be appointed, and not go out of the county to fill the position, as has been intimated. Surely Polk county possesses any number of persons suited to fill the place, and we should not think of leaving the county for the selection. It does not require a collegiate to fill the place, then why not select a home man, one who would have far more influence with our people than would a stranger. Some counties have selected ladies. Why not Polk do the same? We have any number of ladies who could fill the position with honor and credit.

Canada's Water Power.

An important feature of the water powers of Canada is their fortunate situation with respect to existing commercial centers. Within economic transmission range of practically every important city from the Atlantic to the Pacific, except those in the central western prairies, there are clustered water-power sites which will meet the probable demands for hydro-power for generations.

Dominoes for the Blind.

Dominoes for the blind are rather ingenious. Recognizing the need of something that would not easily be displaced as the fingers of the blind passed back and forth reading the numbers on the face of the dominoes, the inventor has given us a set of interlocking pieces. The mortise joint makes them hold together no matter how much they are brushed around. The number on each piece is indicated by the raised heads of brass tacks, easily read by the touch.

Old Name for February.

The old Britons gave the nickname "Fildyke" to February, not because it is a particularly wet month, the average rainfall being the least of any month in the year, but because the melting snow on the hills causes the rivers and dykes to overflow. When there is a superabundance of snow and rain in February there is too much of what would be a good thing in moderation, and floods where they are least welcome.

Home of Nymphs.

Near the cape of Shima, in Japan, there is a village the name of which in Japanese means "The settlement of Nymphs." Woman in this village is the predominant partner. The chief industry is pearl fishing and the women are the fishers. The men stay at home and do the work.

Daily Thought.

Good company and good discourse are the very sinews of virtue.—Isaak Walton.

POLK COUNTY'S FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Has Been Called to Meet on the 20th Day of August, at Columbus.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO FARMERS.

Don't stop the cultivator too soon; but cultivate very shallow, especially if rain has prevented regular cultivation.

Keep right on sowing cow peas and soy beans, both for hay and for soil improvement.

Begin now to plan for sowing winter vetch with rye, wheat or oats, to supply you with good, cheap hay next spring, instead of buying poor hay at \$45.00 to \$60.00 per ton, as you did this year.

Think now about sowing that turnip patch. Give it good preparation, and when you get the turnip seed sown turn right around and sow the same land in timothy, red top and alsike clover, and see what it will do for you and your land.

Look out for the date of our Polk County Farmers' Institute. It is August 20th. Now let every farmer plan to hitch up to his farm wagon, fill the bed with nice clean straw, and bring the good wife and all the children to Columbus on that day, and let us have a real social farmers' picnic. There will be so much fun in it, besides the store of useful information you will get out of it. Now remember the date, August 20th, and tell everybody else about it.

If you want eggs to sell next winter now is the time to think about the poultry house, or "hen house," which ever you please to call it. Hens won't do their best for you unless you do your best for them. Learn to cull the flock and send all the poor laying birds to market and save expensive feed and waste of time looking after them.

Finally, all cooperation agencies and myself have agreed that I will continue my present work in Polk county for another year from the first day of this month. In the past I have talked the sowing of grasses, legumes and building permanent pastures; but from now on I mean to scream in your ears until you get to business. Many farmers have already begun the good work, but mostly on too small a scale. Many others are preparing to do so this fall and in the future. Time is precious. Next spring may be too late with some of you. Begin now. Then just a little later we will open up on the kind of cattle Polk county should produce.

Respectfully,
J. R. SAMS, County Agent.

Retain "Perspective."

We say of a painting that the "perspective" is good—meaning that we can see far ahead, beyond the apparent background to imagined beauties still further in the distance. Many people have not this perspective; they see only the pebbles and shallow water in the foreground and, stopping to dabble their feet in the first pleasant invitation to ease and coolness, they lose the call and lure of the deep pools and forests farther on, content to stay at the half-way house, even forgetting that they once held a faint vision of castles of accomplishment.

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