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BETTER ROADS FOR POLK COUNTY.

Meeting Called for Monday, August 4th, at Columbus, Discuss Proposition.

A MEETING OF
GREAT IMPORTANCE.

Monday, August 4th, at Columbus, there will be held a good roads meeting, at which every citizen of Polk county interested in this movement should attend. Mr. Holmes, Chairman of the Board, tells us that it is necessary for Polk county to ascertain just what she wishes to do in the matter of good road construction for 1920, and ask for the necessary appropriations to carry these plans out.

Under the existing laws, the Federal and State governments will make appropriations where any county or district will also appropriate money, and thereby materially assist in the grand cause of good roads.

The condition of public roads in Polk county at the present time should make good roads boosters out of every citizen in the county. Never will we have another opportunity of receiving so much assistance in this matter as at the present time, so let every person who possibly can, attend this meeting. Below you will find a communication from Mr. J. H. Gibbs, secretary of the board, bearing on the matter:

To the Citizens of Polk County.

As Monday August 4th, at noon, is set apart for a general good roads discussion, let's have representative citizens from each township. Talk the matter over at home and at every club meeting, or any other medium, by which the will of the people may be ascertained. Let each chairman of the agricultural club call a meeting to be held Saturday, August 2nd, and have the matter discussed and appoint delegates to represent each township.

The voice of the people is, and should be the strongest ruling force in a county, state or nation. Better road facilities is the most vital subject of today, and I admonish every public spirited, patriotic citizen of the county to lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset him.

The besetting sin may be political prejudice, lack of ambition, and high aspirations, lack of confidence in public officials, or the lack of vision. Whatever it may be, let's lay it aside and muster our solid force of Polk county's red-blooded citizens, and go over the top in road improvement.

In view of the fact that we are living in this reconstruction age when everything is moving so rapidly, when this whole Southland has taken on a new aspect in progress and civilization, when the Federal and State governments are offering a helping hand, it does seem that we, the citizens of Polk county, should awaken out of our Rip van Winkle sleep, quicken our step and march to the music of the times.

It is hoped that at the meeting above mentioned we can lay some definite plans whereby we can make some real progress.

Yours for a better Polk County,
J. H. GIBBS, Sec. B. R. C.

MEETING OF FAIR DIRECTORS.

All members of the Board of Directors of the Polk County Fair Association, are requested to meet at the Bank of Tryon, Tryon, N. C., on Monday, July 28, 1919, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Very important affairs are to be taken up, the election to fill vacancies in offices, etc, so please be there.

W. T. LINDSEY, President.
B. F. COPELAND Secretary.

ADDRESS ON FAIR WORK.

Mr. S. G. Rubinow, in charge of the Fair work for North Carolina, will deliver an address before the summer school, at Columbus, at the public school building, at 1:45, p. m., tomorrow, Saturday, July 26th, 1919.

It is hoped that every one who can will attend this address, as Mr. Rubinow will have a message worth listening to.

We've got to wash the breakfast dishes if we want clean china for dinner.

FISHTOP.

So much rain farmers can not work their crops well. There is much fear that great damage has been done even if the rains should stop now. With a short crop of corn, eel worms in the wheat, bread is bound to be high another year.

Well, Brother Lynn, at your request, we commenced giving the snake news, and now many more are anxious every week to see the report, and although you have had all the snake news you want, others have not, so will continue to inform them just how the snake business is progressing, and you can kindly skip over it and look out for apples and peaches. We have the death of six rattlers to report this week, with some uncertainty as to who has killed the largest, between C. C. Jones and Terrell Stepp. No damage reported except an ox was bitten on the nose and dies. Loss over \$100.00.

Mr. Meyers and wife, of Hendersonville, and some others from Asheville and Saluda have been camping at Mountain Valley for a few days, returning home Sunday eve. They came to get some fish, apples and peaches and to enjoy life generally.

Saluda is going to have a community fair, we are informed. We want a county fair, even if this is a hard year on the farmers, and we want to see the monument completed, and what is more it must be completed, so please put my name down for one dollar.

Renew your subscription to the NEWS and send in a new one or two. The NEWS is cheap compared to other things.

Send the NEWS the happenings in your section, and let's make it the best county paper in the State.

TRYON ROUTE 1.

Yes indeed the farmers are having a vacation just now, given by the All-wise hand, and crops are looking fine, perhaps better than if they had worked the past two weeks. Cheer up farmers, for the darkest clouds have a silver lining.

A two months' summer school is to begin this Monday morning at Fox Mountain. Miss Myrtle Pack is teacher.

Misses Mollie Dalton, Letha Barber, Ruth Green, Bessie Hamilton, Mamie Jackson, Elsie and Clara Edwards, were after Sunday school guests of Misses Pearl and Essie Edwards, Sunday.

Revs. Shelton and Mabrick were on the Route en route to their appointments, Sunday, cheerfully plodding through the mud.

No mail for three days. Some of us are getting very hungry for mental food.

The hum of the threshing machine was hushed, Saturday, when F. B. Nance turned the threshers over. Not much damage being done, was soon heard again.

A large crowd gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Green at 3 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, and a good old-time singing was the result. Reminded one of the "Model Church" song. It had the old-time ring. Many were deprived of it on account of the weather.

Mr. Bob Pack is back home from the hospital, hardly able to walk as yet, but is not worrying, for he's not behind all other farmers.

PEARIDGE.

Turner-Williams.

Mr. Grayson A. Turner of Mill Spring, and Miss Minnie Williams of Sandy Plains, were happily married, Sunday at 3 o'clock. Rev. W. C. Walker performed the ceremony, on Turks Hill, at his brother's home, in the presence of relatives and a few friends. A bountiful supper was served afterward. Mr. Turner has just returned from China, where he has been serving in the United States army for the past three years. Miss Williams is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Williams, and is highly esteemed by all who know her. They will leave this week to visit a brother of Mr. Turner at Macon, Ga. We wish them a long and happy life, and much joy.

Arthur Thompson and Jesse Foy made a trip to the mountains, Monday.

Messrs. Tab Allen and Sam Ownsby were callers at Mr. W. J. Wilson's, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Henry Foy and children spent

Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. Willie Turner.

Otis Dalton and wife and Lizzie Dalton were callers at E. G. Thompson's, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Gosnell are visiting relatives in Chesnee, S. C., this week.

Mrs. Burgess, of Walhalla, S. C., who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Vance Newman, left Sunday. Before returning home she will visit friends in Asheville. Clarence Newman accompanied her to Asheville.

Miss Katy Edney is visiting at Mr. Grady . . . dney's, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Foy made a trip to Landrum, S. C., Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Taylor visited relatives in Morganton, last week.

Miss Mays Phillips and sister, Gertrude, were the guests of Miss Iva Gosnell, Saturday night last.

Mr. Pink McAbee and wife were guests of his mother, on Pearidge, Sunday.

COLUMBUS.

There will be a special meeting of the Betterment Association, Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Templeton, of Asheville, spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Cobb.

Mr. D. F. Mills, of Spartanburg, spent Sunday and Monday with his brother, Mr. N. T. Mills.

Miss Myrtle Pace spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Mary Arledge, of Landrum.

Miss Maggie Capps, of Florida, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. B. Arledge.

Mr. J. P. Arledge spent a few days last week with his son, Mr. John Arledge, of Landrum.

Miss Marie Burgess left last Sunday to open school at Beulah.

Mr. Arthur Ormond, of Kings Mountain, spent last week with his brother, Mr. J. F. Ormond.

Miss Lizzie Dedmond is visiting friends in Goldsboro.

Mrs. F. . . Fleming and daughter left Monday, for Durham.

The teachers attending the summer school are as follows: Misses Pearl Keenan, Myrtle Pace, Coline Rippey, Odessa Mills, Margaret Brian, Bessie Hamilton, Esther Gibbs, Sue Gibbs, Letha Barber, Grace Hines, Millie Rogers, Bess Jackson, Jason McKinzie, Edith Miller, Vada McMurray, Marie Burgess, Gladys Smith, Ada Tallant, Ethel Jackson, Lea Jackson and Mr. J. T. Gilbert.

SUNNY VIEW.

Messrs. Hobart Whiteside and Bill Jackson returned home, Sunday, from overseas. We welcome them home, as they are the last boys of Sunny View to return home. They say "the war has done us worlds of good, for we know now how to appreciate home."

Mr. W. F. Swann spent Thursday night at Mr. W. D. Helton's.

Farmers here are badly behind with their work on account of so much rain.

Oh, Maple Grove, we were not too late for last week. Come right on, and let's make the NEWS more newsy, for we believe Mr. Swann got several new subscribers in this section, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Whiteside spent several hours at Mr. W. W. Gibbs' Sunday.

Hello, Route 2, we wonder if you are sowing turnip seed in the mud. If so, come around this way.

Mr. J. L. Jackson and daughter, Miss Maggie, are visiting his daughter, Mrs. Zira Smith, of Campobello. She is suffering from an attack of typhoid fever.

Misses Lizzie and Mattie Williams were the pleasant guests of Misses Arkansas Jackson and Annie Wilson, Sunday afternoon.

Miss Esther Wilson spent Friday night with her grandmother, Mrs. S. J. Helton.

School doesn't begin here until November first. The "teachery" will be completed by that time.

Oh let's boost our community fair also the county fair.

On account of so much rain Mr. Sams failed to be at the school house, Saturday.

Have Record for Laziness.

The Todas of India are said to be the laziest people in the world. The men of the household club together to take one wife to support, and then they let her do the work. The Todas have reduced the simple life to the formula: Do only what you must, and very little of that.

"NOTHING FOR A YOUNG MAN."

This is a cry we have heard more than once since residing in Tryon, coming from the lips of young men just emerging from school and college. They, almost without exception seem to think it necessary to leave Polk county in order to find a field of activity.

Nothing is further from the truth. Polk county is in every sense of the word "The Land of Opportunity." "Show me something I can do," said one to the writer not long since. It is only necessary to look around and see the things that Polk county HAS NOT, in order to answer that question.

Just a few days ago a farmer from away down in Greens Creek section was in Tryon, delivering milk and butter which he had sold before coming to Tryon. There is hardly a time when our grocery stores can supply the demand for butter. There is room for a big, first-class dairy in Tryon, and somebody is going to see the opening some day and supply it.

Tryon is an ice and cold storage plant, and in connection with it a bottling department where soft drinks could be bottled. This is another splendid opportunity.

Green and Pacolet rivers have millions of horse power going to waste every day, and which if harnessed properly would find a ready sale. The Blue Ridge corporation will not begin to supply the demand, and it will but merely "scratch" the ground of opportunity. It cannot be overdone. Electricity is the coming power, and Polk county can supply millions of horse power, and here is a splendid opportunity for some young man educated in electrical engineering.

An electric line from Tryon to Rutherfordton would soon develop enough freight to make it a paying proposition. The electricity to supply the horse power could be derived from Polk county streams. Here is a splendid opportunity for both civil and electrical engineering.

Commercial peach growing offers unbounded opportunities in Polk, and especially in the vicinity of Tryon. This is no idle dream, for one who has spent years in that business has looked over the field and says there is no fear of overdoing the peach growing industry in Polk county. Apples, the finest grown under the sun, are grown in Polk county. Land is cheap, and the only drawback to the apple business is the small number of people engaged in the industry. Grapes, "Tryon Grapes," known over a great section of the United States, grow here as nowhere else in the land. Not one-tenth enough acreage is planted to grapes that should be. Here are opportunities for young men.

The raising of pure-bred cattle and hogs offer great inducements in Polk county. The fallacy of grass not growing in Polk county has been exploded, and clovers and grasses of all kinds are scattering themselves over the county in spite of opposition. It is no trick at all to have an all-year-round pasture in Polk county. The raising of cattle, sheep and hogs offer splendid inducements to young men in Polk county.

True there are no openings for bank presidents or merchant princes, but as for there being no opportunities for a young man, is all "rot." Why, young man, Polk county is "The Land of Opportunity."

Did you ever notice that the country boy who leans heavily on a pitchfork handle usually gets a job teaching school and from that drifts into law?

Oldest Roof.

The roof of Hotel Rhinebeck in New York city is supposed to be the oldest slate roof in America. It was slated in the year 1700 with slate brought from Wales for this purpose.

The Old Story.

We asked at our house for a menu that would make for plain living and clear thinking, and they gave us an alligator pear salad with pomegranate seeds and Thousand Island dressing.—Grand Rapids Press.

The Other Side.

If you want to make yourself solid with other folks don't stop to tell them what wonderful things you have done, but just say, "You fellows have the world beaten for big things!"

Spasmotic Sermon.

By this stage of eternity the tooth of time must show some evidence of decay.—Indianapolis Star.

POULTRY MANURE.

More Valuable Than That of Any Other Farm Animal.

(A. G. Oliver.)

The manure produced is a valuable by-product of poultry raising. It is estimated that the average night droppings of a hen amount to 30 to 40 pounds per year. This represents the manure which can certainly be saved with the exercise of a little care.

A conservative estimate indicates that this manure contains fertilizing constituents which would cost 20 to 25 cents if bought in the form of commercial fertilizers at ordinary prices. A flock of 100 hens would, at this rate, produce manure worth \$20 to \$25 per year.

If, however, the manure is not properly cared for, as much as one-half of its fertilizing value is likely to be lost. To prevent loss, frequent cleaning of the dropping boards, or floor if hen houses where dropping boards are not used, is necessary and some sort of absorbent should be used daily. The use in moderate quantities of fine, dry loam or dust, or preferably mixtures of these with such materials as land plaster, acid phosphate, and potash salts, has been recommended. Sawdust has also been used with good results at the rate of 10 pounds per hen per year mixed with 16 pounds of acid phosphate and 8 pounds of kainit. This gives a fertilizer which contains about 0.25 per cent nitrogen, 4.5 per cent phosphoric acid, and 2 per cent of potash, and is worth about \$10.00 per ton at ordinary prices of these fertilizing constituents. It is a better balanced fertilizer than manure alone, and is usually in better mechanical condition for application to the soil by means of fertilizer distributors or manure spreaders.

With the present high price of potash salts it is impracticable to use such materials in the way suggested, and it may also be impracticable to use acid phosphate. In this case somewhat larger amounts of sawdust should be used.

Sifted coal ashes may be used as an absorbent, but wood ashes or lime should not be mixed with the manure, as they are likely to cause the loss of its most valuable fertilizing constituent, namely, nitrogen (ammonia). Occasionally the litter from the poultry house may be mixed with the manure. This increases the bulk, but generally reduces the value per pound of the manure and makes it difficult to apply to the soil, except when it is broadcasted and plowed in.

Poultry manure is particularly well adapted to gardening and poultry raisers and farmers should either use it on their own gardens or dispose of it at a good price, thus increasing the profits of their flocks.

Why Many Fail.

We limit the success of our own work by our indolence and lack of faith more than any outside circumstances limit it for us. It is not lack of talent as much as lack of courage and effort that circumscribes our usefulness.—Exchange.

Life's Sunshine.

If I can put one touch of rosy sunshine into the life of any man or woman I shall feel I have worked with God.—George MacDonald.

Musings of Martha.

If th' weddin' ceremony included, besides "love, honor and obey," "cook his meals, wash his clothes, darn his socks, an' sew on his buttons," there'd be fewer hasty marriages.

Whence "Dutch."

The name Dutch is derived from Dietsch, meaning the vernacular, as distinguished from Latin. It is the same word as the German Deutsch. Dutch belongs to the Frankish division of the Low German, and is closely related to the Flemish, with which it is now practically identified in its written form. The Dutch language is one of the Germanic group of dialects, and is practically the same in its structure.

Good Manners.

Good manners, which give color to life, are of greater importance than laws, which are but one of their manifestations. The law touches us here and there, but manners are about us, everywhere, pervading society like the air we breathe. Good manners, as we call them, are neither more nor less than good behavior, consisting of courtesy and kindness.—Samuel Smiles.

RIGHT KIND OF BEEF CATTLE.

State Expert Sloss to Deliver
Three Lectures in Polk
County, on Subject.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURES.

Columbus, N. C., July 21, 1919.

Editor POLK COUNTY NEWS,
Tryon, N. C.
Dear Sir:

Mr. J. W. Sloss, beef cattle field agent for N. C., will be at the following places in Polk county, on the dates following, with stereopticon to give a free entertainment, showing in fine pictures the best type of cattle to breed, and will give lectures in connection therewith.

All lovers of good cattle, and especially those who are going to be interested in growing good cattle, should attend these meetings.

July 29th, Columbus, 2 o'clock p. m.
July 30th, Hickory Grove, 11 o'clock a. m.

July 31st, Mill Spring, 11 o'clock a. m.

Farmers, their wives, boys and girls and business men cordially invited. Be on hand sharp at times mentioned, so that we can meet next appointment. Respectfully,
J. R. SAMS, County Agent.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

Since our last issue we have added the following new names to our steadily growing list of subscribers:

Miss Carrie Horn, Landrum R. 4.
J. L. Jackson, Mill Spring.
J. M. Bradley, Mill Spring.
I. M. Ross, Mill Spring.
J. R. Foster, Mill Spring.
N. G. Walker, Mill Spring.
Taylor Whitesides, Tryon R. 1.
N. L. Whitesides, Tryon R. 1.
Mrs. Flora McFarland, Tryon.

The first temperance society was formed in New England and its pledge read: "We, the undersigned, believing in the evil effect of strong drink, do hereby pledge ourselves on our sacred honor that we will not get drunk more than four times a year: Muster Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas."—Ex.

Not Gilly Her.

"Of all the left-handed compliments designed to keep mere man in a happy frame of mind," remarked the facetious philosopher, "the one about a man being handy about the house is the worst."—Indianapolis News.

Ingredients for Happiness.

Without strong affection and humanity of heart, and gratitude to that Being whose code is mercy and whose great attribute is benevolence to all things that breathe, true happiness can never be attained.—Dickens.

And Then They Worked Hard.

It takes four men to give an elephant castor oil, the dose being 128 ounces. We have known it to take three women and two men to give a small boy castor oil, dose only one dram.

Eyeless Oysters.

The oyster has a good-sized stomach, which is connected with the mouth by a short gullet; two pairs of gills for breathing, an intestine, a dark green liver, a two-chambered heart and an elementary nervous system, but is minus ears, nose and eyes. It also lacks the footlike appendage that many mollusks possess for the reason that it has no need of an organ of locomotion.

Natural Curiosity.

Nature has placed one of her curiosities on the location of a former sugar mill on the island of Trinidad. The plant has since been reduced to ruins and is overgrown with vegetation. The old solid chimney is intact and up through its center one of the quick growing trees of the tropics has sprung, spreading its branches out of the top of the huge chimney and is now in full bloom.

What is a Mofussil?

"Mofussil" is a Hindoo word meaning "the provincial or rural districts" as opposed to the towns. The Gangetic delta is the land deposited by the river Ganges in India at its mouth, forming an extensive tract of very rich soil. The whole phrase refers to those rich, fertile districts near the mouth of the Ganges, where great quantities of rice are grown.