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## FROM OUR FRIENDS OVER THE COUNTY

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

### ABOLENE.

We are needing rain in this part of Polk county very much. Mrs. Wilkins has appendicitis. G. W. Davidson, J. C. Davidson, C. O. Bidings made a business trip to Columbus, one day last week. Miss Davis spent Wednesday in Evansville. Mrs. Pauline Wilkins, Mr. O. Ridings and Mr. J. M. Davidson family spent the day at J. C. Davidson's Wednesday last. Mrs. E. C. Davidson and three little children are spending the week with Mr. Miller. Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hines, of Fayetteville, S. C., are spending the week in this vicinity with relatives. The protracted meeting began at the River, Sunday, with Revs. Blanton.

### FISHTOP.

A nice shower which was much needed Wednesday last. Our humble servant spent two days in Henderson county. Saw fine corn and some that was not good. Evidently they have not had as much rain as we have on this side. Saw some fine stock; also a hog which had five perfect teeth. John Paty and, son of Asheville, visited his brother, Dave, a few days last week. Wm. Mason of Greenville, S. C., visited his sister and brother-in-law, Mrs. Miller, last week. A man by the name of Roberts, who he is a Missionary Baptist, was in this section a few days back. C. Hill and son visited his sister, Mrs. T. C. Laughter, staying over last night. J. B. Bradley went to Hendersonville Friday last. Misses Pearl Laughter and Flora Bradley went to Hendersonville one day last week to have some denials done. Wm. Morgan, of Topward, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. N. Case. Mr. Morgan lost his wife last week. Only three rattlers this week. Quite a contrast to last, which had eight and two horned snakes. Why was Fishtop items not published last week, they were mailed on time? Was there too much snake news? Rattlers are the deadly enemy of every living thing, especially man, and if we here do not care for people knowing how snaky this place is, no one else need not care; in fact people ought to know when they are on dangerous ground. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Jackson were away from home one day last week and left the small children in charge of Minnie, a 12 or 14 year old girl. She discovered a rattle snake in the yard making toward the house. She once procured a hoe and returned to find Mr. snake actually coming up the steps. She immediately removed his head. She is a little heroine. How can we face the judgment if we fail to warn strangers of this deadly enemy if it should be a snake or milk snake. Sometimes butter is made and sold, we are told, from places where the ones that make it do not use it. Are they not murderers, in a sense? (The letter you refer to has not yet reached us.—Ed.)

### PEARIDGE.

Miss Mossie Edwards spent Friday night with Miss Bessie Thompson. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Waldrop and Mrs. J. B. Dalton spent Saturday and Sunday in Rutherfordton visiting relatives. Mr. Grayson Turner and wife have returned home from Macon, Ga. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moore spent Sunday at Mrs. E. Taylor's. Johnnie Thompson of Gray's Chapel, spent Sunday at E. G. Thompson's. Mr. Grayson Turner and wife spent Saturday night at Mr. W. T. Williams'. Mr. Terrell Hartan and family visited at Mr. M. C. Gosnell's, Sunday. Harley Foy and wife spent Sunday at Mr. John Foy's. Mrs. McGuinn, of Asheville, visited her mother, Mrs. Eliza Dimsdale, at Mr. W. J. Wilson's, Sunday. Lee Cochrum and wife, of Sandy

### PLAINS.

Plains were the guests of Mr. M. C. Gosnell, Sunday. Mr. Harley Jackson and Mr. Grady Melton were pleasant callers at Mr. Billie Wilson's Sunday. Mr. Grant Mills and Miss Emma Shehan were happily married last Sunday. We wish them a long and happy life. Mr. Richard Jolly and Mr. Sam Tipton, of Chesnee, S. C., spent Thursday night at Mr. W. R. Turner's. Mr. and Mrs. Miles Younge, of Lincoln, Ga., visited relatives here last week.

### COLUMBUS.

There will be a meeting of the Columbus Betterment Association, Saturday afternoon, August 16. Mrs. Lizzie Wood, Mrs. Harvey Coffield and Miss Ruth Weaver, of Tryon, spent Sunday in Columbus. Mrs. R. M. Hill and family spent last week with relatives in Rutherfordton. The revival will begin at the Columbus Baptist church, Sunday, August 17. Rev. Vesey of the French Broad Baptist church of Asheville, will assist Rev. Jones. Stearns High School opens Monday, August 18, with Mr. E. W. S. Cobb, principal; Miss Emma McNich, assistant principal; Miss Pendergast high school teacher; Miss Boone, Grammar teacher; Mrs. J. W. Jack, primary teacher; and Miss Failor as Domestic Science and Music teacher. Misses Mae and Annie Lois Mills returned home Saturday after spending a week with relatives in Spartanburg. Mrs. Charles Davenport returned home last week after an extended visit with relatives in Hendersonville. Attorney Spear and wife have moved to Columbus. Miss Ruby Shields, of Greens Creek is visiting her cousins, Misses Feagan at this writing. Miss Leona, Corine and Jeannette Feagan returned home last week after an extended visit with relatives in Greens Creek. Columbus Baptist Church. Sunday school each Sunday at 10:30. Public worship at 11:30. Our revival services begin on Sunday, August 17, and will continue through the week, services being held morning and evening. Rev. J. W. Vesey, of Asheville will preach for us. We extend a hearty and cordial invitation to all to come and enjoy these services. Come and help us make this the best revival service ever held in Polk county. Good music. E. J. JONES, Pastor.

### MOUNTAIN VIEW.

Mrs. L. B. McGraw was the dinner guest of Mrs. H. H. McCrain, Tuesday. Miss Alma Corn was a caller of Miss Alice McCrain, Monday afternoon. Quite a number from this section attended services at Silver Creek, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McCrain spent Friday night with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. R. L. D. Gilbert. Miss Alice Jackson was a visitor of Miss Alice McCrain, Sunday. Mrs. L. B. McGraw was a caller of Mrs. H. H. McCrain, Sunday. Mrs. H. H. McCrain had a severe attack of neuralgia last week, but is improving. Mr. Barnett McCrain is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. D. Gilbert. Several from this section attended the baptizing at Cool Grove last Saturday.

### MT. LEBANON.

The Mt. Lebanon school is progressing nicely. Miss Minnie McBride, of Spartanburg, S. C., is teacher. Messrs. Hoyt Thompson and Gaither Johnson are attending on the singing school at Silver Creek. Messrs. Herschel and Hoyt Thompson spent the week-end near Saluda, the guests of Mr. B. Arledge. The Mt. Lebanon school is progressing nicely. Miss Minnie McBride, of Spartanburg, S. C., is teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Logan Johnson and children spent Sunday afternoon at Mr. J. B. Thompson's.

The protracted meeting will begin at Silver Creek today at 11 o'clock. Rev. J. B. Arledge and Rev. Mr. Morgan will do the preaching. Miss Etta Thompson and brother, Hoyt, were in Hendersonville last Wednesday.

### MILL SPRING ROUTE 2.

The meeting closed at Cool Grove with seven baptisms. Rev. W. R. Wright will begin a revival at Cooper Gap, on next Sunday. Mr. Reuben Wilson and sister Miss Annie, are visiting relatives in Spartanburg this week. Miss Pearl Gibbs was a dinner guest of Miss Grace Gibbs last Sunday. Mrs. Arkansas McGuinn, from Asheville, visited her sister, Mrs. D. P. McGuinn, on last Sunday, also her mother, on Route 1. Mr. F. R. Coggin made a business trip to Spartanburg last week. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lynch, from Columbia, are visiting relatives here. Mrs. O. L. Wilson and daughter, Miss Bernice from Columbia, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cantrell and Mr. Garner Skipper were pleasant visitors at Mrs. S. J. Helton's, last week. Mr. Frank Dimsdale and Miss Myrtle Whitesides were happily married on last Sunday. Mr. Furman Jackson performed the ceremony between Columbus and Tryon in the presence of relatives and friends. They left for Kansas City accompanied by their brother, Henry Dimsdale. We wish them a long and happy life and much joy. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Haynes spent Saturday night at Rev. W. C. Walker's, at Mill Spring. M. H. Gilbert made a trip to Asheville, last week. Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Wilson visited relatives in Mill Spring Friday.

### MELVIN HILL.

Brookdale Farms was visited by Messrs. W. J. Green, Ralph Edwards, Tolbert Odell and others in search of peaches last week. Mr. Will Burke, of South Carolina, who was bitten by a mad dog went to Mr. E. L. McGuinn's to the mad stone. The Sunday school at Big Level is doing fine at present. Mr. Jesse Green is very poorly at this time. The rains always come in good time. Crops are doing fairly well in this section. Mrs. O. L. Wilson and daughter, Miss Bernice of Columbia, S. C., also Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cantrell of Spartanburg S. C., were visiting friends and relatives here from Thursday of Sunday.

### TRYON ROUTE 1.

Up with the wings of the morning, the mind begins a new day free from the cares of yesterday, I'll pen a few happenings of Route 1 and vicinity. Many are the happy mountain parties seen flocking to the mountains for a pleasant recreation and to view the splendors of nature's domes, some journeying in trucks, cars, cycles, wagons, the old backboard wagon which was so heavily loaded one half had to walk, and my, what a time, seemed to be enjoying themselves far more than any. On returning from a party given in honor of two soldier boys, Messrs Ed. Barber and Boney Arledge, Mr. Overland misbehaved and ran madly into a bank, throwing Miss Elsie Edwards out and severely hurting her arm. The other occupants, Miss Bessie Hamilton and Mr. Walter Edwards escaped with only severe bumps. Mr. W. M. Heague returned Saturday from Cane Creek, S. C., where he had taken the four little orphan children of Mr. Joe Edwards. Mr. E. B. Edwards and daughter, Pearl accompanied them to Spartanburg, S. C. Many on the route attended church at Beulah, Sunday, where a revival was being carried on. We hear much praise given Miss Burgess as teacher of Beulah school. Another school is progressing nicely on Lightning Rod Ridge, conducted by Miss McMurray. Mr. Milo Foster, of Landrum, S. C., was on the route Saturday. He says the corn crop is short on his river plantation. Mr. Paul Hamilton cycled to Hemlock falls last evening and was much enthused over the beautiful scenery on the new highway.

John Hayes of Abolene Messrs G. C. Feagan and Wilber McGinnis. Every body invited to come out, with the promise of hearing some good speaking.

### RED MOUNTAIN.

Mrs. Lavina Jolly is visiting her father this week, Mr. Charley Dimsdale, who is very ill. Had fine success with the meeting at Cane Creek. Sixteen were baptized. Little Edna Wilson is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. W. A. Ruff, this week. Mr. E. L. Jackson, who has been ill for quite awhile, passed away Saturday and was buried Monday, in Cooper Gap cemetery. His friends and relatives have our sympathy. Mr. Hamp Ruff, who has been at Spartanburg, S. C., for the past week, came home Saturday, returning Sunday. Miss Mamie Gilbert was the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. A. Ruff, Monday. Miss Naomi Dimsdale spent Saturday night with Miss Sue Jones. Well, Sunny View, Route 2 is beating us sowing turnip seed, so let's get busy and see what we find. Miss Ruthie Bailey was a caller at Mr. J. P. Dimsdale's, Sunday.

### MILL SPRING.

Mrs. T. C. Wilson and children are visiting relatives here. Miss Esther Gibbs is attending a singing normal in Chesnee this week. Quite a number from here attended the revival services at Beulah, Sunday. Miss Mayme Cantrell and brother, Roy, spent Saturday night and Sunday at Sunny Brook farm. Revival services will begin at the Mill Spring Baptist church next Sunday. Saturday is "grave yard cleaning day" at this church. Mrs. J. M. Lewis and Melba, are visiting in Asheville. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barber, of Greenville, S. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barber, of Chester, S. C., spent last week with Mr. J. M. Barber. Miss Leona Egerton was the after church guest of Miss Pearl and Esie Edwards, Sunday. Miss Leatha Barber was a welcome caller at Sunny Brook farm, Sunday afternoon. Mr. Edward B. Barber is visiting his brother at Kings Mountain this week. Messrs. Claude Lewis, J. M. Lewis, Bob and J. R. Foster, also Mrs. J. R. Foster were visitors in Landrum, Sunday afternoon.

### MILL SPRING.

This week we will devote a part of space to a talk with Polk county farmers about our trip to Alabama. It came in this way Dr. C. C. Cary, Dean of the Alabama State College of Agriculture, invited your County (grass crank) agent to attend the farmers convention which met at Auburn Alabama on Aug. 4, 5, and 6 to address the farmers of that state on clover, grasses and permanent pastures, of course the temptation was too strong and I went and I desire to give to the farmers of Polk county some of my impressions from observations while there: 1st. The Alabama people are just folks, like Polk county folks. They consist of men, women, boys, girls, children and even babies, like our babies. They breath, drink water eat and wear clothes, just as we here in Polk county do. They also live in houses, have school houses, churches, live along public and private roads as we do. All this calls for money to supply these things, so they are taxed just like we are, and consequently must work and grow crops to put on the market to bring in this money just as we do. Their crops are corn, cotton, oats, wheat, sweet potatoes, watermelon etc. about as ours. But their main money crop is classed with the boll weevil, and by the way, this was my first introduction to this unfriendly gentleman. He does not operate as I had thought he did. The moth deposits the egg in the bloom closes him up and when the boll is something longer than the garden pea; it hatches and bores into the little boll and becomes a grub or maggot and then turns to another moth to produce another generation ad libitum, so the result is, the cotton stalks produce no cotton except the lower limbs that bloom before the weevil moth makes its appearance. This little enemy to cotton has somewhat upset the plans of the cotton planter, which put him to thinking along right lines and about right things. Many farmers while there told me the boll weevil was the greatest blessing that had ever come to their state. That it had persuaded them to do in a few years what the department and experiment stations never could persuade them to do—that is to grow live stock and diversify their farm crops. They are doing, way down South, futher than Charleston, S. C. They are growing hogs and cattle successfully, and they are so anxious to learn every thing possible about building permanent pastures, they already have better pastures than Polk county farmers, they have some red clay, and some gullies, pines blackberry briars, weeds and etc. just like yours, and alders, willows, are along branches; but not as bad as Polk county. One thing they do not have that we have in great abundance; and that beautiful, sparkling clear running water. Now in all candor, I want to ask, why should Polk county farmers wait before they go after permanent pastures and the growing of stock until the boll weevil comes and makes him do so? I never did enjoy being made to do a thing. If worth doing and a thing which ought to be done, I prefer doing it voluntarily to being made to do it as the Germans were made to quit fighting. The weevil is on his way and in a few years will be here; then what will you do for a money crop? Why not begin now and do like Mississippi and Alabama, or why not learn the lesson in advance and get busy, go to making permanent pastures and adding live stock. They are sowing their rich bottoms to permanent pastures and building up their worn out upland for corn and cotton. I know there is already a strong and growing sentiment in Polk county along this line; but it should work faster. The fact that grass seeds are high is no reason for not pushing ahead; for they will go higher. The very fact that people every where are doing this thing increases the demand for them and runs the price up. Alabama is shipping pure bred bulls; both beef and dairy into the state by hundreds, and only a few years ago the entire state was tick infested. I beg you to think, and think fast and seriously. I will not be with you long as your agent and I want to see Polk county well on the way with pastures and fine cattle before I leave. Now with the very best wishes for every

## POLK COUNTY FARM AND HOME DEPARTMENT

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man woman and child in Polk county and a burning desire to serve you to the very best of my ability. I am your faithfully, J. R. SAMS, County Agent.

The Business Farmer's Calendar: Six Things To Do This Week And Next. Clover planting time will soon be here. Get bur and crimson clover seeds and at the proper time put in at least a small area of these. 2. Plant the fall Irish potatoes, in case this has not already been done. 3. Be getting a piece of extra good land in shape for the fall turnip crop. 4. Keep up cotton cultivation until the bolls begin to open unless the cotton is too rank to permit it. 5. Make plans to plant at the proper time rape for the pigs and chickens. 6. Save all the hay and other roughage you possibly can, because feed prices are pretty certain to be high again next year.—Progressive Farmer.

### NOTICE

Every body remember August 20, is Womens' and Men's Farmers' Institute at Columbus, N. C. Let this be the greatest and best gathering of the year in Polk county. We invite the banks and merchants and all classes of business men of the county to be on hand and become better acquainted with the farmers. Hitch up to the farm wagon, fill up with straw and bring the whole family, with their lunch, along and have a regular straw ride and good old all day time. Respectfully, J. R. SAMS.

Sweet potato runners cut and set now, will make the very best of seed potatoes for next spring bedding, and will make some good potatoes for use this fall. —Try it.

Sow hollyhock seed right now and they will make good stocky plants to set in rows next spring to beautify and make cheerful the back yards and the front ones too, where time cannot be spared to cultivate other flowers. Then there is an old fashionedness about the holly hock that makes things look cheerful where they grow; So let us not get too STUCK UP to have the holly hock about the yard.

Now don't neglect that turnip patch and when you sow your turnip seeds, then sow some crimson or bur clover seed on the same land, or red, alsike or sapling clover and see what it will do for you. Just try it once and you will be found trying it on a larger scale right on. Now do it for my sake, for the poor old milk cows sake, for the childrens sake, for your wife sake, and for the lands sake, even if you are so self forgetful that you will not for your own dear sake.

### HILLCREST.

Mrs. W. B. Valentine has returned after spending a fortnight in Anderson, S. C., and is again at Thirty Springs. Mr. Todd, who for three years has been serving Uncle Sam in Cuba, spent the week-end at Hillcrest. Mrs. Milnor Jones has returned to her home in Tacoma, Washington, after having spent two years in the East. Mrs. J. T. Camp left, Monday, for San Antonio, and other points in Texas. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Shields motored to Spartanburg, S. C., Friday. Messrs. Floyd Walker and Stanford Spurlin carried a jolly crowd to Chimney Rock, Saturday. Miss Annie Ray Putnam, of Shelby, N. C., is the guest of her cousin, Miss Ruby Putnam.

### RAT SNAP BEATS THE BEST TRAP EVER MADE.

Mrs. Emily Shaw Says. "My husband bought \$2 trap. I bought a 50c box of HAT-SNAP. The trap only caught 3 rats but RAT-SNAP killed 12 in a week. I'm never without RAT-SNAP. Reckon I couldn't raise chicks without it." RAT-SNAP comes in cakes. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by The Ballenger Co., and Carolina Hardware Co.