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FROM OUR FRIENDS OVER THE COUNTY

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

MELVIN HILL

The monotony of this sleepy little town was broken Sunday morning by the arrival of the Rose Kilian Circus which carried between fifteen and twenty large wagons; and quite a number of ponies, monkeys lions and etc. but as the show had not been advertised here they turned about and went back up the street and headed for Columbus, Mill Spring and other points.

Mr. Joe Wilson of Columbus high school spent Friday and Saturday nights with his chum Roy Cantrell.

About four of our girls Misses Edna Blackwood, Estell Steadman, and Myrtle Shields, all left here Monday morning for Hillcrest where they expect to attend school.

Mrs. Ada Waldrop arrived home from Clyde Saturday where she spent a week with her mother who is sick.

A teachers training school has been organized here and the class meets each Thursday night.

The debate was very well attended Saturday night. The subject was Resolved that capital punishment should be abolished. Speakers on the affirmative J. W. Stacy and G. C. Feagan, Negate W. C. McGinnis and W. B. Feagan. Negative won the decision.

A couple of young people from Fingerville came up to Melvin Hill to get married last Sunday. Eld W. A. Reed officiated.

Mr. J. H. Nolen, and a number of his friends from Chesnee, went on a pleasure trip to Chimney Rock Sunday.

Miss Mamie Cantrell and Arvenia Searcy called on Mrs. Stacy Monday.

Mr. Walter Waldrop is quite poorly with malaria fever which he contracted at Pormaia, S. C., where he spent several months this summer.

Sunday School was well attended last Sunday.

We have been having unusually warm weather here for October.

Miss Arvinia Searcy went to Spartanburg Tuesday to have her eyes treated.

Miss Mamie Cantrell was shopping in Spartanburg last Tuesday.

Mrs. Martha Sanders is visiting relatives here this week.

Mr. Romeo Johnson of Harris attended services here Sunday and called on Elder and Mrs. Branscorn.

There will be a debate here next Saturday night. Every body invited to come out and hear some good speaking.

WARRIOR MOUNTAIN.

Miss Abbie Arledge has returned home from a visit to her sister's at Silver Creek.

Miss Minnie Greene has returned home after a visit of a month at her sisters Mrs. F. D. Arledge.

Mr. Bernie Bishop of Horse Shoe has been down recently with the expectation of locating near here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lornie Hutcherson of Columbus were visiting in this vicinity Sunday.

Mr. Louis Hipp and family were visiting relatives in Saluda Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ina Garrett has returned to Tryon where she will spend the winter.

Miss Irene Salley who has been spending a few months in the mountains has returned to her home in Columbus, S. C., where she is expecting to teach.

A small crowd enjoyed a trip to Hanging Rock Sunday afternoon.

We were glad to have Mr. J. B. Sams of Columbus to visit our school and made an interesting talk on cattle and poultry raising and I am sure that the community will be better benefited by his coming. Hope he will be around again soon.

Some of the people are busy this week making molasses.

Messrs Hosea and Fred Arledge returned to their work on top of the mountains near Mr. Ludlum's.

Wonder why Misses Ada Tallant and Minnie Green came back in a run from Hanging Rock.

MT. LEBANON.

The farmers of this community have finished pulling fodder and have been blessed with beautiful weather.

Misses Orpha and Geneva Newman were the guests of Miss Mamie and Etta Thompson Sunday afternoon.

Messrs Hannan Thompson, Gaither and Grayson Johnson attended the singing at Silver Creek, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thompson were pleasant callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Sherfy, Sunday afternoon.

School will open again after a week's rest at Mt. Lebanon, Sept. 29, with Mrs. Walter Green as teacher.

Miss Marietta Thompson was the guest of Mrs. H. B. Bradley, Sunday.

Miss Abbie Arledge has returned home, after spending a week with her sister, Mrs. Will T. Green, at Mill Spring.

Mr. Frank Green and mother are visiting Mr and Mrs. Fred Arledge.

MILL SPRING ROUTE 2.

Rev. B. Jackson preached his farewell sermon at Cooper Gap last Sunday. Also Rev. Melvin Ryder delivered an entertaining sermon.

Miss Pearl Gibbs left, Saturday, for Kansas City, where she will take up her work again.

Mr. Thos. F. Mills attended the Baptist Association at Camp Creek last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Robertson and daughter, Gladys, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pitts last week.

Miss Lizzie Williams spent Thursday night with Miss Pearl Gibbs.

Community fair at Sunny View was a success on last Saturday. Everyone present seemed to enjoy every minute of the day, especially at noon, when a full table was set. Messrs. W. T. Lindsey and Lawrence made splendid talks in the afternoon; also Miss Cassidy gave some interesting facts. More than a hundred exhibited. Let's strive to do better next year.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Thompson, of Pearidge, were visitors on the route Sunday afternoon.

Mr. O. D. Early and wife, of route 1, were callers at W. D. Helton's Sunday.

Mr. Solon Biddy spent Saturday night with Roy Blanton.

Mr. J. R. Sams spent Saturday night at W. D. Helton's.

Mr. Ralph Edwards was a Green river visitor Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Andy McGuinn made a business trip to Landrum, Saturday last.

Prayer meeting at J. L. Jackson's was a success, Sunday afternoon.

PEARIDGE.

Mr. Willis Turner and wife spent Sunday at Mr. Terral Williams.

Mr. E. Taylor and son Yural, were the guests of Mrs. Forest Glass Sunday also Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moore.

Misses Myrtle Talor and Iris Waldrop were the pleasant callers of Miss Bessie Thompson Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harley Foy Thursday a girl.

Mrs. Billy Gray was the guest of Mrs. Bill Shehan Sunday.

Two young men of Tryon were visitors on Pearidge Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Philips were the guests of Mr. Walter Russell, Sunday.

Miss Iva Gosnell motored to Inman S. C., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Thompson called at Mr. Pink Williams' Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Pink McAbee were callers at Mr. Babe McAbee's, Sunday.

Mrs. John Foy was the guest of her son, Harley Foy, Sunday.

FISHTOP.

The old saying seems to be true, that one extreme follows another, for we sure had the wettest summer followed by the driest fall we have ever seen.

T. W. and J. B. Bradley attended singing services at Mtunt Lebanon, Sunday.

Columbus Vaughn and family, of Campobello, S. C., are visiting Mrs. Vaughn's father, James Case.

Many small branches are dry and timber is dying in places on the mountain sides of drouth.

Mr. C. C. Jones went to Saluda on a trading trip, Saturday.

Jesse Case is excavating in the hill room for storing...

Your correspondent has been on the sick list for several weeks and unless he improves will not be able to attend the fair; so much desired.

Ernest Laughter hauled a load of snap beans to Spartanburg county markets last week.

So far we have had the nicest weather saving feed, making syrup, gathering beans and peas, ever.

Irish potatoes, turnips, cabbage, etc., will be scarce this winter.

A petition is being circulated for \$15,000 bond issue for the county home; but people seem to want some guarantee that it will be used for that purpose.

TRYON R. 1.

At the Community Fair at Columbus, every one seemed to enjoy every moment of the day, and every moment seemed to say, there's something better on the way, yes a sure enough better Polk County Fair e're this reaches us. The talks given by Miss Cassidy and Mr. Lawrence were most splendid and beneficial to those who are preparing exhibits for the fair. My, what more perfect weather could we ask, like the little bear's mush neither cold or hot just right.

Misses Esther and Sue Gibbs spent the lovely afternoon of Oct. 5th 1919, at Walnut Grove.

Miss Elsie and Mr. Walter Edwards spent the week-end at Hill Girt N. C. Messrs Hoyt Strickley and L. Green of Spartanburg were visiting.

Mr. E. H. Edwards and family motored to Chimney Rock. Paul Hamilton also wheeled the trip, to view old mother nature's grand exhibits.

Mr. Sams look out for the bunch of grass promised. It will be at the Fair—Hamilton's

THE HOME PAPER'S PURPOSE

The NEWS would be glad to give credit to the writer of the following editorial which sums up concisely the local newspaper. But since we do not know who was responsible for it, instead of taking refuge in the well worn "Exchange" tacked on at the end of the editorial, we take this method of acknowledging our debt to the man who wrote it. The editorial follows:

Our state is dotted with villages, in each of which one or more newspapers are published. They do not claim to be a review of the world. These country newspapers appear faithfully week after week, recording the happenings of the neighborhood, lending assistance to the unfortunate, sympathy and consolation to the bereaved, chronicling with pardonable pride any improvements in the community and bringing to the fireside a record of happenings that are of more importance to the readers than the crowning of George V as emperor of India.

The country newspaper is of inestimable value in maintaining the moral and financial standard of the community. It is something in which the entire neighborhood can feel a common interest. It is deserving of the steady support, not only of the home folks, but also of those who look back with cherished memories to their life in the country town.

Road building is becoming a science and instead of having the work done under the competent direction of county or town officials, the states are assuming the responsibility of control, with excellent results. In Massachusetts road making under the supervision of state officials has become an art and, as a consequence the old Bay state is creating a system of highways which has few equals anywhere. Incidentally, as a direct result of the construction of good roads the value of country property in Massachusetts has considerably increased. If good roads will so increase the value of farm property in the old eastern states, what may we not expect in this country? We are all equally interested in good roads. Let's get busy.

FOR SALE:—Ford Touring Car in good condition (looks and mechanically) will sell reasonable. Write or call L. C. Pace, Saluda, N. C.

FOR SALE:—Between two and three tons Soy Bean hay; well cured and in first-class condition. Can be seen at Miss Carver's barn in Pacolet valley. Miss F. Hudson.

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE LAW.

An Act to Provide for the Compulsory Attendance Upon the Public Schools of Children Between Certain Ages and to Regulate and Restrict the Employment of Children and to Provide for the Enforcement of the Provisions of this Act and of Chapter 83, Public Laws of 1913, and Chapter 857, Public Laws of 1909.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. Every parent, guardian or other person in the State of North Carolina having charge or control of a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years shall cause such child to attend school continuously for a period equal to the time which the public school in the district in which the child resides shall be in session. The principal, superintendent, or teacher who is in charge of such school shall have the right to excuse the child from temporary attendance on account of sickness or distance of residence from the school or for other unavoidable cause which does not constitute truancy as defined by the State Board of Education.

Sec. 2. Any parent, guardian, or other person referred to in section one of this act, violating the provisions of the aforesaid section, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be liable to a fine of not less than five dollars (\$5) nor more than twenty-five dollars (\$25) and upon failure or refusal to pay such fine the said parent, guardian, or other person shall be imprisoned not exceeding thirty days in the county jail.

Sec. 2a. It shall be the duty of the State Board of Education to formulate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the proper enforcement of the provisions of this act. Said board shall prescribe what shall constitute truancy, what causes may constitute legitimate excuses for temporary nonattendance due to physical or mental inability to attend and under what circumstances teachers, or superintendents may excuse pupils for nonattendance due to immediate demands of the farm or the home in certain seasons of the year in the several sections of the State. It shall be the duty of all school officials to carry out instructions from the State Board of Education, and any school official failing to carry out such instructions shall be guilty of a misdemeanor: Provided, that section one of this act shall not be in force in any city or county that has a higher compulsory law now in force than that provided herein; but in any such case it shall be the duty of the duty of the State Board of Education to investigate the same and decide that any such law now in force has a higher compulsory attendance feature than that provided by this act: Provided, that wherever any district is without adequate building or buildings for the proper enforcement of this act the county boards of education may be allowed not more than two years from July the first, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, to make full and ample provisions in every district.

Sec. 3. The superintendent of public welfare or chief school attendance officer or truant officer provided for by law shall investigate and prosecute all violations of the provisions of section one of this act.

Sec. 4. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall prepare such rules of procedure and furnish such blanks for teachers and other school officials as may be necessary for reporting each case of truancy or lack of attendance to the chief attendance officer referred to in section three hereof. Such rules shall provide among other things, for a notification in writing to the person responsible for the nonattendance of any child, that the case is to be reported to the chief attendance officer of the county unless the law is immediately complied with. County boards of education and governing bodies of city schools shall have the right to appoint town or district attendance officers when deemed by them necessary, to assist in carrying out the provisions of section one, two, three, and four of this act, and the rules and instructions which may be promulgated by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. But in every case in which it becomes necessary to prosecute for non-attendance

POLK COUNTY FARM AND HOME DEPARTMENT

Edited by J. R. Sams, County Agent.

SHORT TOPICS.

Don't neglect that pasture. The milk cow can't do her best on a bush and briar pasture.

Then so much valuable time is lost in pulling a cow around by means of a rope around her head.

Then think of the expense of buying rope. It will soon amount to enough to fence the pasture.

Then besides, how would you like to be roped out on a dry place for your living with here and there a mouthful as it might happen to be in your reach?

More also, just think about being tied out in the hot sun with little to eat and no water to drink, and just be compelled to stand there till something came along and led you to water.

Just a little such object lessons practiced on us, would make us think and when we thought a little, we would get busy and change things.

And now, yes, right now, is the time to do the fall sowing of grass seed for the permanent pastures.

Write to any good seed company for pasture mixture and they will be glad to serve you. They all sell good pasture mixtures.

Many farmers have what they call a pasture; but bushes, briars and weeds have choked the grass out. Cut these things out and see what an improvement will be in your pasture next year.

Sow rye and vetch, or winter oats and vetch for a hay crop next April. Right now is the time, and crops are short and hay will be high and scarce next spring; so don't neglect it—do it

the case shall be referred to the chief attendance officer of the county for further action: Provided, that in towns or cities having special attendance officers paid out of town or city funds said officers shall have full authority to prosecute for violations of this act.

Sec. 5. No child under the age of fourteen years shall be employed, or permitted to work in, or about or in connection with any mill, factory, cannery, workshop, manufacturing establishment, laundry, bakery, mercantile establishment, office, hotel, restaurant, barber shop, bootblack stand, public stable, garage, place of amusement, brick yard, lumber yard, or any messenger or delivery service except in cases and under regulations prescribed by the commission hereinafter created: Provided, the employment in this section enumerated shall not be construed to include bona fide boys' and girls' canning clubs recognized by the Agricultural Department of this State; and such canning clubs are hereby expressly exempted from the provisions of this act.

Sec. 5a. It shall be the duty of the county boards of education of each county in the State of North Carolina to cause this act to be published in full in some newspaper published in the county if there be one, and if there be none, then in circular form and distributed over the county at least four weeks prior to the opening of the schools after the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Public education in Polk County, and every other, county in North Carolina for that matter, has made too little provision to meet the differentiated needs of its citizens. I mean by that just this; all the boys and girls in our county are no more mentally and industrially alike than they are physically alike. And yet we have never taken account that in order to meet this varied educational need it is necessary to provide these things in the public educational regime that permit the boy who has a special adaptability along certain lines to have an opportunity of testing himself out. This means also that

now—and you will be happy next spring.

Make a thorough preparation and sow your wheat crop by Oct. 18, and get good seed and use acid phosphate 16 per cent, on good land, and succeed.

A COW'S PRAYER

The following prayer of a cow should be posted in every barn, just as the original is posted on a placard in the cow-barns of the Carnation Stock Farms. If such a prayer was answered by American cow-owners we would soon see some new and larger production figures:

"I am a milk machine. I ask only for proper food, and care I will produce rich, pure, sweet milk.

"The more care given me, the more and better milk I will produce. I want to do it because it is my life's work.

"Please remember, dear master, I must work twenty-four hours each day that I can produce milk, both night and morning. In order to produce the maximum efficiency, I must work under favorable conditions.

"I must have good food from rich pastures.

I must have pure water and must have plenty of fresh air. I must not be compelled to stand out in the rain or the boiling sun.

"Do not tie my head so that I cannot protect myself from the pesty flies, and so I cannot lie down and rest with ease and comfort. If I must be tied in a stall, wash and brush me regularly, so that foreign dust and dirt will not get into my milk. Please look after my hoofs and keep them healthy.

"Please do not swear at me and strike me.

"I like to be petted often. Kind words also will help make me happy and contented."

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the girl who does not like Algebra may have the chance of taking something that she does like and that will function in her life both present and future. In order that this condition may exist it will be necessary to make larger provisions from the standpoint of money and equipment than we have been making.

The above leads us naturally to the consideration of another factor in our educational life and development: that of funds. Every one almost without exception is saying what is the necessity of so much taxes. We used to run our schools on less funds, somebody is making money at the taxpayers expense. Consider for a moment the cost of living expenses to day and at any other period within the last ten years and you will find that they are almost trebled. Consider the wages paid the untrained laborer to day and that of five or ten years ago, and you see the same thing holds. Compare the taxes paid for the administration of the county affairs, educational, physical, etc. and you find that the increase has been about twelve and one half per cent. Is there any economical comparison? Can we hope that educational and developmental interests of the county can meet the new demand that are being made upon them when such conditions exist? Can we expect to give our boys and girls that differentiated opportunity educationally that they should have when we are not able to give them the three R's so effectively on account of the low salary that we are paying our teachers?

These are some of the questions that you are asked to seriously consider before the special meeting on the second Saturday in November, and come to this meeting and let us reason together, and plan together, and work together in order that we may more effectively discharge the sacred obligations that rests upon us as citizens of a great and free country.

E. W. S. COBB, County Supt.

Saving Oilcloth.

Oilcloth when used to cover tables will last much longer if the tables first be covered with paper, well rubbed with machine oil, to keep the underside of the oilcloth moist.