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OUR COUNTY AGENT'S DEPARTMENT

Some Timely Talks to Polk County Farmers, and others, on Timely Subjects, by County Agent, J. R. Sams.

At a meeting of Columbus township citizens held in my office some time ago. It was decided to turn the matter of a Columbus community fair this fall over entirely to the women, of the township to see what the comparison would be with other community fair in the County run by men. To this end Mrs. J. W. Newman, was elected President, Mrs. J. A. Feagan, Vice President, and Mrs. E. W. S. Cobb, Sec. & Treas.

Today July 20th these officers met and appointed the following committees, viz. Finance committee, Mrs. S. B. Edwards, Mrs. R. G. Hamilton, Mrs. Robert McFarlan, Miss Alice Tallant, and Mrs. J. J. Landis. Leaders for different departments were appointed as follows, viz. farm and field crops, J. R. Sams, Horticulture Department, John J. Smith garden department Mr. and Mrs. Eli Patty. Flowers, Mrs. R. G. Hamilton. Canned fruits and vegetables, Mrs. H. H. Edwards Pantry supplies, Mrs. E. B. Cloud and Mrs. Logan McMurray. Live stock, Mr. C. J. Lynch, sewing and fancy work, Mrs. Carnegie and Miss Alice Tallant.

The leaders of each department have all the men, women, boys, and girls of the township to draw upon for service, and the leader who can coax, conscript, or in any way get the most folks interested in our Columbus Community fair will be the one who deserves most credit for the great fair we will have next October I now and here serve notice that none can try harder than myself, to make my department the best of the whole show.

Our Poultry Project

Last week Mr. J. E. Ivey completed his third series of poultry schools in Polk county. Six of these schools were conducted in the county; one in each township.

They were well attended, except two that should have done better. I have somewhat to complain of those who accepted free eggs from the state. For one clause of the agreement was that they would attend these schools. But their reports show that most of them have made good progress, and results, after all, is what we are after. But unless we can show by reports that something is being done, the work will be discontinued. I have not yet received reports from many who received eggs from the state. Mr. Hershall McSwain, Landrum Route 1, has submitted the best report up to date. Last year he received 30 eggs, hatched out 14 chicks, raised 8 pullets and 5 cockerels. He sold and kept for breeding purposes 435 eggs—and 4 cockrels for breeding purposes, besides all the eggs his family used; and has on hand 45 pullets and cockerels and eight hens for future use. Others who have not reported may have done better than this. All who received eggs from the state and have not reported, please do so at once. Just give me the number of eggs received, number broken—if any, number of chicks hatched, number raised, number eggs sold and number now on hand.

Cost of Raising Chicks

Results of studies on the cost of raising chicks made by N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station are given in the annual report which says.

"Twenty flocks of chicks were raised last year at the central plant an exact record kept of the feed eaten, its cost, and the weight of the chicks at various ages. The average weight at the end of eight weeks was .82 of a pound It required an average weight of 3.2 pounds of grain and 3.2 pounds of buttermilk to produce a pound of gain. At prevailing prices of feeds, the cost of the feed was 20 cents a pound which represents about 50 per cent of the total cost of raising chicks during 1919.

What To Do Now.

Prepare and sow a good turnip patch.

Locate your turnip patch where you expect to have a pasture, then order some pasture mixture and mix with your turnip seed, and you will start a good pasture at no expense except the grass seed. Just try it one time and you won't quit at that.

Make arrangements now for a cane mill to make your sorghum. If you have no mill and can't rent one, buy one, and buy it now.

Now during these seasons is a great time to sow grass, clover and alfalfa seed.

Every farm should have an alfalfa field. Begin now to sow next August. Prepare land well in advance of sowing.

Sow cover crops this fall on all lands in cultivated crops. Don't allow any fields to go bare this winter.

Don't forget that pasture campaign. Cut bushes, briars and weeds this month.

Trim up your roadsides and ditch banks, and see how it will improve the looks and the do of your farm.

The farm woodlot needs care and it should receive more with lumber prices as they are.

MICKIE SAYS:



"Hall, Columbia!" "Hall, Columbia!" was written by Joseph Hopkinson. April, 20, 1798, when the United States was threatened with a war with France. It was composed to the air of the "President's March," for a young actor and singer in the Philadelphia theater, and became at once highly popular.

One Good Point.

Jud Tunkins says one thing he admires about gasoline is that when the price goes up no one stops to worry you with explanations you can't understand.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Report of the receipts and disbursements of the Town of Tryon for fiscal year ending May 31st, 1920.

Table with RECEIPTS section: Bal on hand June 1, 1919, 365.28; Collected from licences, 404.50; Borrowed from banks, 942.40; Collected from taxes, 3596.30; sewer tax, 150.00; Fairs, 96.00; all other sources, 83.15; Total receipts, 5,637.63.

Table with DISBURSEMENTS section: Mr. McFee, judge, \$ 2 00; Muller Mfg. Co. supplies, 4 19; Sawyer Motor Co. fitting, 8 50; Sou. Express Co., 2 15; Tryon Elec. Service Co., 45 00; Alex Beatson teaming, 22 25; Will King, labor, 12 25; W. A. Wilson, 55 00; J. A. Mill, 40 00; M. G. Blake, 30 00; Bank of Tryon intrest, 240 00; Calvin Houpe, 3 75.

Table with July, 1919 section: W. A. Wilson, \$ 55 00; J. A. Mill, 40 00; M. G. Blake, 30 00; Coke Bivings labor, 2 50; Alex Beatson teaming, 66 50; Carolina Hdw. Co. supplies, 6 15; Berry Mills labor, 1 75; Tryon Elec. Service Co., 45 00; Polk Co. Tel. Co., 1 05; P. G. Morris fire dept, 2 55; Green Lumber Co., 10 78; Jas. Lankford repairing town hall, 25 00; Dick Douglas labor, 25 37; Ed Mills labor, 12 90; Calvin Hope labor, 17 50; Perry Bomar labor, 5 00; Jim McDowell labor, 19 00; Jess McClure teaming, 8 40.

Table with August, 1919 section: Calvin Houpe labor, 11 25; M. G. Blake salary, 30 00; J. H. Mills salary, 40 00; W. A. Wilson salary, 55 00; Jim McDowell labor, 10 00; Alex Beatson teaming, 46 00; Dick Douglas labor, 12 50; Carolina Hdw. Co. sup., 34 80; Tryon Elec. Serv. Co., 46 50; Henry Peak labor, 18 75; Peoples Bank and trust Company bond, 5 00; J.A. Lyerly, blood hounds, 62 00.

Table with September, 1919 section: Mrs. S. H. Olivers, 42 24; Tryon Electric Service Co., 45 00; Polk Co. Tel. Co., 2 55; John Orr & Co. supplies, 85; Carolina Hdw. Co. supplie, 10 80; W. A. Wilson, 30 00; J. A. Mills supplies, 25 00; W interest on note, 7 60; Alex Beatson teaming, 28 00; Dick Douglas labor, 3 75; Harry Peak labor, 8 75.

Table with October 1919 section: W. A. Wilson salary, 70 00; J. A. Mills salary, 50 00; M. G. Blake salary, 70 00; Dick Douglas labor, 34 50; Tryon Electric service Co., 46 50; Carolina Hdw. Co. supplies, 2 75; Green Lumber Co., 2 66; Harry Holbert teaming, 4 00; Joe Gurley supplies, 1 65; P. G. Morris fire dept., 1 68.

Table with November, 1919 section: W. A. Wilson salary, 50 00; J. A. Mills salary, 50 00; M. G. Blake salary, 30 00; Dick Douglas labor, 32 00; Cecil & Petty repairs, 4 80; Alex Beatson teaming, 51 00; Tryon Electric Service Co., 46 50; Ballenger Morris repairs, 3 60; Carolina Hdw. Co., 37 90; Ballenger Co. uniform for police, 45 00.

Table with December, 1919 section: W. A. Wilson, 60 00; J. A. Mills, 55 00; M. G. Blake, 30 00; Bank of Tryon note, 500 00.

Table with Interest on bonds, 240 00; Dock Douglas labor, 11 75; Alex Beatson teaming, 6 00; Missildine Pharmacy rent, 5 00; Carolina Hdw. Co. supplie, 8 54; Joe Gurley supplies, 2 64; Green Lnmber Co., 12 30; Tryon Electric Service Co., 46 83; January, 1920: W. A. Wilson salary, 85 00; J. A. Mills salary, 70 00; M. G. Blake salary, 30 00; Tryon water works bor., 150 00; Ballenger Morris trip to Columbus, 2 50; Tryon Electric Service Co., 47 08; Joe Alewaine teaming, 5 10; February, 1920: M. G. Blake salary, 30 00; W. A. Wilson, salary, 70 00; J. A. Mills, salary, 50 00; Tryon Elec. Service Co., 49 18; C. C. Raines, sand, 4 30; Carolina Hdw. Co. Sup., 2 05; Clayton Constance teaming, 94 20; Alex Beatson, 50 20; Perry Bomar labor, 12 30; March 1920: M. G. Blake Sal., 30 00; W. H. Wilson Sal., 35 00; Bud Mills Sal., 25 00; Alex Beatson teaming, 23 50; Tryon Elec Serv Co., 49 18; Ed Mills labor, 4 50; Peoples Bank & Trust Co., 300 00; Geo. Zigler labor, 9 90; Ballenge Morris Fire dept, 110 93; April 1920: W. A. Wilson, salary, 70 00; J. A Mills, salary, 50 00; M. G. Blake, salary, 30 00; Frank Jackson, taxes, 7 76; Joe Alewine, labor, 29 30; Geo. Zeigler, labor, 51 20; Alex Beatson, teaming, 65 70; Carolinna Hdw. Co. sup., 13 95; Perry Bomar, labor, 2 10; Calvin Cheek, labor, 28 35; Tryon Elec. Service Co., 49 78; Jim Paine, labor, 10 70; Wilkins & Co. cement, 2 20; May 1920: M. G. Blake Sal., 30 00; W. A. Wilson Sal., 40 00; Bud Mills Sal., 55 00; Dick Douglas labor, 25 50; Alex Beatson teaming, 24 00; Jno Adams labor, 1 00; T. W. Ballew Sup., 1 82; Green Lumber Co., 6 05; Joe Alewine, labor, 8 50; Carolina Hdw Co. Sup., 13 05; Tryon Elec Serv Co., 48 93; Ballenge Morris gas and trip, 1 55; Total disbursements, \$5,033.84; Balance June 1, 1920, 607.79.

Table with WATER WORKS DEPT. section: RECEIPTS: Water rents collected, \$3210 56; Borrowed from banks, 847 25; Bal. June 1, '19, 809 41; Total receipts, \$4867 22; EXPENDITURES: M. G. Blake, salary, \$470 00; W. A. Wilson, salary, 150 00; Bud Mills, salary, 25 00; Carolina Hdw. Co. sup., 82 83; Int. on bond and note, 3105 00; Luther Durham, labor, 3 00; Will King, labor, 11 00; Henry Peak, labor, 10 00; G. W. Paine, labor, 6 00; S. L. Carson, labor, 6 00; Joe Gurley, supplies, 1 79; Montgomery & Crawford supplies, 8 75; Stamps, 6 00; State Lab. of Hygiene, analysis, 112 00; Dick Douglas, labor, 17 50; Bal. on hand June 1, '20, 852 35; Total disbursements, \$4867 22; M. G. BLAKE, Supt.

Table with Many Accidental Drownings section: Accidental drowning caused 3,550 deaths, or 7.4 per 100,000, in this country last year. This rate is considerably less than that for any preceding year since 1910, and is also decidedly below the average for the decade 1901-1910.

Table with Object of Public School section: The public school is wrongly organized when its main object is to fit for college. It should benefit the many rather than the few.—Phillips.

FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

Items of Interest Gathered From Various Sections of Polk County by Our Corps of Faithful Correspondents.

Cross Keys,

We are glad to get the News once more. we appreciate the effort that the editor is putting fourth in the way of getting out a good paper, since the printing office was destroyed by fire.

The showers that we are having are fine on the crops, some crops were beginning to need rain

Mrs. Robert Barnette, and daughters, of Charlotte, are spending some time W. M. Barnette.

Mr. Rucker Blann and family of Henrietta are visiting the home of Mr. Henry Cantrell.

Miss Etta Head of Henrietta is visiting in this section.

The protracted meeting is in progress at Hickory Grove this week.

The baptising will be held at Greens Creek next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, August 15th.

B. B. Flynn has been appointed mail carrier on Landrum route 4.

Mr. Luther Collins leaves this week for Atlanta, Ga. where he will begin three years work in the navy. He likes the navy so well that he had to go back. He served in the navy during the war, making some fifteen trips to France.

We see that some lumber is being hauled on the ground for the new Dormitory at Greens Creek, that is to be erected soon.

Messrs. H. G. and B. B. Flynn made a business trip to Spartanburg last week.

Miss Bernice Jackson of Tucka-pau, S. C. is visiting in this section.

Mr. Laxton Bridges and wife, spent Saturday night at the home of Mr. D. P. Welborn.

Miss Grace Hines returned home last week from Durham, N. C., where she has been attending summer school.

Mt. Lebanon.

Every one seems to be so glad to have the Polk County news once more.

Crops are very good in this section, but would have been much better had the season been more even.

Mr. Ragan Thompson who has a position near Greensboro, N. C. with the Western Union telegraph Co., is spending a couple of weeks with parents Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thompson.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Markie Constant a son.

Mrs. C. O. Gilbert and children of Dade City, Fla., are spending the summer with parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Sherfev.

Miss Mamie Thompson of Tryon spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

We are glad to know Mr. J. C. Newman is improving, after being treated by Dr. Lindsay, of Fingerville, S. C.

Mrs Curtis Garette, is visiting home folks here.

Revival services will begin here Sun day August 15th.

Melvin Hill.

We are having plenty of rain and the crops are looking fine.

School started here the 2nd. with Prof. Kreider and wife of Asheville, in charge.

There was a debating society organized last Saturday evening which is to meet at the school building every Saturday night indefinitely. The subject for next debate is Woman Suffrage.

All are invited to attend these debates.

Prof. Kreider and family moved to Melvin Hill recently and are now comfortably located in Philip Henderson's residence.

There is an interesting and instructive Bible school going on at church here taught by C. B. Miller of this place. All are invited to attend the Bible school (no tuition.)

Mr. Simp Johnson has been quite poorly for some time.

Mrs. Laura Morris and children of Cliffside are visiting the former's sister Miss Candace Calvert this week.

Miss Dora Bryant and her brother Earl of Mitchell county are attending the Bible school here.

Miss Lula Greenway of Arkwright visited her aunt Mrs. Callie Johnson last week-end.

Miss Cole and Miss Huntley of Rutherford Co. visited their uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Gurmane Huntley last week.

There will be services at the church here next Sunday at 11 a. m. also at night at 7:30. Sunday school at 3 p. m.

Mr. Clarence Steadman has lately purchased himself a Briscoe.

Mr. Foster Head is building for himself a residence on his estate.

Elders Branorn and Reed went to Rutherfordton last Sunday for the purpose of ordaining two ministers to the eldership.

Mrs. Hester Peterson of Chesnee attended church here Sunday.

Mr. Nun Tipton of Spindale was up in these parts last week-end.

Mr. Wiley Harrell of Mitchell county is attending the Bible school here.

We were glad to see our good News again, and hope for her greater success than ever. We are wishing to hear from all over the county too; So correspondents lets all get busy and help make the News interesting as possible. All good wishes to the Editor and staff.

Fishtop.

T. W. Bradley sang for the Mountain Grove church Sunday. There will be preaching there all of this week by Rev. Jackson.

A horned snake has been reported killed by Thomas Price on the Kilpatrick place last week.

Mrs. A. E. Jones was buried at the Grimes graveyard beside her husband, on her own place Sunday. She leaves three sons, five daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was about 67 years old. Had been a member of the Baptist church at Silver Creek for fifty years.

People are anxious to sell out now since the dam has been built above us, but cannot sell for half what it is valued at, as it not only seems dangerous to us, but to others also; and well it may. If another flood as in 1916 should come and the dam burst, it would sweep this section to Kingdom Come.

When it cleared up a few days back almost all were fearful that a dry spell was on hand and much damage to crops would be the result but now it seems that we are to have no fair weather as it rains almost every day.

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