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## OUR COUNTY AGENT'S DEPARTMENT

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

### Prepare For The Fair.

The time is fast approaching for our community and county fairs. Now do not let any one in Polk county say I have nothing to show for the fair. The purpose of the fair is for comparison of farm products with other farm products. So that those who are producing the best, may be stimulated to do still better and those who are behind may catch nearly up. Now a word relative to preparing and selecting commodities for the fair may not be amiss, what we want is to make these fairs educational value to all of us. Standardization of farm products is one of the main things desired. For instance, take corn we want the corn to be pure white in color, less it is a yellow variety, then the yellow. No cross bred stuff either in the vegetable or animal kingdom, then the years should be average size, or a little longer than the variety on exhibition, samples should be of the same length, same diameter, same number of rows on each ear of corn, straight rows, unless extra in depth of grain and other good qualities, medium sized cobs with deep key stoned shaped ears, filling out tight at outer end, firm and compact on cob. In other words we want all the corn possible on the cob and of the best quality. If a white cob variety all the cobs must be white, a red cob variety, then all must be red. Wheat should be plump, flinty and of good quality, 4 bu. and sheaf accompanying sample. This holds good for rye and oats also, but if you have failed to save the sheaf bring along your grain without the sheaf. Irish and sweet potatoes should be selected not for bigness of size but for real quality. Average or a little above the average in size, smooth and shallow eyes in Irish potatoes. Just such potatoes as you would buy in the market for your own use. The same rule applies to squash, pumpkins, turnips, parsnips, carrots, tomatoes, apples, etc. Poultry should be fed some animal protein, such as beef scrap or some other preparation of meat to put them in best condition for the fair. Let all boys pig work be done in good style, especially those working with Hampshire pigs. Have them in good order clean and bright so your pig will shine out to good advantage. In conclusion, let me beg every lover of Polk county to do something to make the county fair and each community fair show what Polk county is and what Polk county can do. There will be many people at our fairs this year looking out for a place to locate for a future home. We need hundreds of good husky young men to take up acres and acres of our valuable lands that are now slacker lands, and convert them into splendid homes. Nothing will do more or quite so much to advertise our county as a growing fair. We do not have to have great costly houses and grounds to have a great fair. All we have to do is for everybody to go to talking and preparing for the fair. Bring your stuff along to the fair, some kind of a place will be prepared to show it. The main thing to do is to be on hand with your stuff and let us have the greatest social and friendly get together meeting ever held in Polk county. Let's forget all differences and meet as

a great family of brothers and sisters and have one good day together. Don't one wait for another to do all the work and talking. Let everyone do his or her part of the talking and work. Then all will be pleased and glad of the effort and success. Now for a long pull, a hard pull and a constant pull until the sun goes down on October 14th, when all will have joy in the success we can win. Now let everybody from president up do his level best. The township directors should raise their quotas of cash for expenses and send to F. B. Blanton treasurer Columbus, N. C. at once. Please do not delay another moment, do it right now, right now. Time is flying and this is of great importance. On the president, his directors and treasure to raise the necessary funds to finance the fair rests largely the success or failure. So let the captain of our host call for the best that is in us as Lord Nelson at the battle of Waterloo said "Today England expects every man to do his duty". So let it be with us in this 1920 Polk county fair let every man and woman of Polk county do his and her duty, and a great fair will crown our effort.

As some of the ladies of Polk county have had good success in dyeing clothing and different articles, we have planned to have an exhibit of dyed articles at our Polk county fair. The Putnam Dye Company has kindly contributed the dye for this exhibit and any one who will dye any article for the fair can get a package or more of dye of any color from Mrs. H. H. Edwards of Columbus. Only one package of one color to any exhibitor.

### Notice of Election.

The undersigned do hereby order an election to be held in the Town of Tryon on Thursday, Sept. 30th, 1920 for the purpose of determining the tax rate for the year 1920.

The present tax rate on the old assessment is 66 2-3 cents per \$100.00. Under the Revaluation Act this has been reduced to 23 cents per \$100.00 which makes a deficit of \$2550.00 in the budget of the current year. To meet this deficit the rate must be made 40 cents per \$100.00 instead of 23 cents.

The tickets will read "For Tax" if the voter wishes the 40 cent rate or "Against Tax" if the 23 cent rate is wanted. Polls will be open from Sunrise until Sunset, at Town Hall.

F. P. BACON, Mayor.  
C. W. BALLENGER  
W. Y. WILKINS  
L. A. AVANT  
Commissioners.  
M. C. BLAKE, Clerk.

There will be an important meeting of the citizens of Saluda school district in Odd Fellows Hall on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 25, at three o'clock. Matters pertaining to the public school will be discussed. Both men and women are urged to attend. H. P. Corwith Chairman.

### Car Tracks Wear Tires.

The severest wear on solid tires is caused by driving on the car tracks, according to an official of a rubber company, quoted by the Scientific American. He says that when on the tracks most of the load is concentrated on a limited portion of the tread, so that it is overloaded and quickly worn away, besides, a sharp pointed frog may actually cut a piece off the tire just as a knife would.

## The 1920 Population of Polk County

The Census Bureau has made public the figures regarding the population of Polk county. The figures give the population in both 1910 and 1920, and show an increase.

	1920	1910
Columbus, including Columbus	1117	936
Coopers Gap	939	953
Greens Creek	2478	1962
Saluda, including Saluda	1125	877
Tryon, including Tryon	1967	1664
White Oak	1206	1248
Incorporated towns		
Columbus	168	122
Saluda	549	235
Tryon	1067	700

### Report of the Condition of the Polk County Bank & Trust Co.

at Columbus in the State of N. C. at close of business, Sept. 8th 1920.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$63,784.39
Demands loans	2,042.18
Overdrafts	192.20
U. S. bonds and Liberty bonds	600.00
Banking house \$4,964.14 furniture and fixtures	\$3,133.57
All other real estate owned	2,621.11
Cash in vault and net amount due from banks, bankers and trust companies	14,455.62
Cash items held over 24 hours	101.04
Checks for clearing	36.82
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$91,931.07</b>

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$13,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	1,883.39
Bills payable	25,000.00
Deposits subject check	35,734.78
Time certificates of deposit	16,231.87
Cashier's checks outstanding	81.03
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$91,931.07</b>

State of North Carolina, County of Polk, July 8, 1920

I, Fred W. Blanton, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FRED W. BLANTON, Cashier.  
Correct—Attest:

Frank Jackson,  
E. W. S. Cobb,  
J. R. Sams,  
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 15 day of September, 1920.

J. F. Ormand, J. P.

### MICKIE SAYS:

HONEST TO GOODNESS I A FARMER WHO HAD A \$26,000 SALE AND MOVED TOWN, COME INTO TH' OFFICE N' SAID, 'YOU'LL BE GIVIN' ME A DISCOUNT NOW, WONT YOU? I'VE BEEN TAKIN' TH' PAPER OVER TWENTY YEARS AND NOW I'LL HAFTA CUT DOWN LIVING EXPENSES!



### Opening of Saluda Seminary.

Saluda Seminary will open on Wednesday Sept. 29th, under directions of Rev. Frederic M. Hollister principal, and Mrs. Eunice S. Hollister assistant principal. They will be ably supported by a fine corps of teachers, among whom are three who taught in the Seminary last year. Miss Jeannette Richardson, who has been taking a special course in mathematics of Columbia University, New York city this summer will be at the head of the mathematic department. Miss Elizabeth L. Burns will have the department of domestic science and art, in which she gave such satisfaction last year, and Miss Grace Farewell returns also to take charge of the department of music for which she is well fitted. Their many friends will be glad to welcome them back to Saluda. Miss Elinor Kane who is to be matron of the boys dormitory and teach the pupils who are not yet up to the seventh grade had a great deal of experience and comes highly recommended. The many friends of Miss Uniacke who was matron in the old seminary building which preceded Ryder Hall will be glad to know that she is here as matron and is now superintending the preparation of the girls dormitory for its occupancy when school opens. The teacher of the commercial branches has not yet decided to accept the position, but it is expected that some one will be chosen in her place if she decides not to come. Mrs. Hollister will have charge of the English department and will also teach some of the history and latin.

The prospect for a large attendance is good. Ryder Hall will be practically filled, and the girls who have made applications to enter are of an excellent quality. There is room for several more boys in the boy's dormitory, but it is expected that some who have not yet signified their intentions to enter, will be on hand to increase the number. It is expected that plumbing will be installed in Barrad Hall, the school building, also in the boys dormitory, and when this work is completed Saluda seminary will be one of the best equipped seminary schools in North Carolina. The low rate charged for board and tuition is making it possible for some, who could not otherwise afford it to secure a broad and a thorough education one such will enable them to enter institutions of higher learning for continued study, or in case they cannot do that, will fit them very well to take their places in the world's life and activities and become useful citizens in whatever walk of life they may choose to enter. It's the hope of the present administration to keep the school up to its present high standard and stewardship and to make it

## FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

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

### Mill Spring.

September balmy days brings the golden autumn.

Last Sunday an interesting event took place, when the many friends in this community gave Mrs. J. M. Lewis a surprise birthday dinner. Everybody seemed to enjoy the day and the bountiful dinner.

Misses Mollie, Leona, and Eva Egerton left Wednesday for Asheville, where they will enter school.

Mr. Clarkson, principal of Stearns High School, and Mr. Mills of Columbus, were pleasant callers at the home of J. M. Barber Sunday.

Misses Barbara Vorheis, Mabel Pack and Carrie Barber, entered school at Columbus Monday.

Rev. J. W. Hackney filled his regular appointment at Bethlehem Sunday. He gave us a splendid message on "What so ever a man soweth that shall he also reap".

Edward B. Barber leaves Thursday for Westminster school where he will resume his school work.

Rev. Roy M. Lewis returned home Sunday after a weeks visit in Florida, with friends and relatives.

Don't forget services at White Oak church, Sunday at 11 a. m.

### Lynn.

Rev. Caldwell preached in the unfinished church last Sunday.

Rev. Pratt, will preach next Sunday in the unfinished church at the regular time 7:45.

All roads led to Columbus on last Moaday.

Our last week's letter failed to appear, it could not have been our fault as it was mailed on time to get in the ground floor.

Mr. Wareington on his way from his summer home at Montreat, N. C., to his home in Jacksonville Fla., stopped over a few days to visit his daughter Mrs. Preston one of the teachers here.

Mr. Austin of Lockhart, S. C., was the guest of V. G. Rhodes last week-end.

W. M. Newman is making the ventilating frames for the belfry of the unfinished church.

Keefe Hammett and family of Inman, S. C., motored up last week to his brother's and W. T. Hammett joined them for a little trip but as the valley was closed they turned their attention to the grape vineyard and sufficient to say they had a good time.

Its rumored that A. N. Kunkle has sold his store house and fixtures, and H. G. Cannon has also sold his store house and lot.

The Tryon Hosiery Company has closed doors till October 11th.

Lhe Ballard twin brothers Jay and Ernest, left Thursday for Kansas City, Mo., where they will enter some kind of a mechanical school. We wish them great success.

a real force in the town for all that is best and most desirable in character and public service.

### "Father of the Chapel."

This term, as applied to the printing industry, is one of religious derivation. When, centuries ago, printing was done in monasteries, it was customary to discuss all matters connected with the work in the chapel, with the father superior in the chair. Hence the term "Father of the Chapel."

### Melvin Hill.

Will Reed has purchased a new evaporator and is making some fine molasses this week.

Mrs. Heber Carson and little son Jackson of Tryon spent last week with their aunt, Mrs. Etta Branscom.

The movie show came off last Tuesday night according to appointment, but inasmuch as the people don't seem to be very much enthused we were not able to learn much about it.

Henson Huntley of Holly Springs has purchased land near Melvin Hill and we hope to have him and family as neighbors in the future.

William Gilbert has sold out his portion of land joining his father's estate. Mrs. Nannie Ross was the purchaser.

G. C. Feagan and wife, accompanied by Mrs. Stacy made a short call upon the latter's sister Mrs. Ella Putman Sunday. Mrs. Putman contemplates going to Virginia in the near future, and will spend the fall and winter there.

Mr. Huntley and wife visited the former's mother and brother at Spartanburg spending Sunday evening and night there.

One of Mrs. Laura Cole's little sons has been quite sick with tonsillitis, but is better now.

Quite a number of the Melvin Hillites attended the meetings at Brooklyn last week. A protracted meeting has been in progress there for about two weeks.

Misses Polly Ridings and Candace Colbert called on Mrs. Branscom Wednesday.

We have been having very nice foddering weather the last few days and farmers are making the most of it.

Hump Gilbert is talking of selling out here, and going to Inman.

Will Gilbert has purchased the Mary Morris place for a home.

Tilden Higgins and wife made a trip up into Yancy county one day last week to see the latter's brother.

In motoring through Landrum the other day Mrs. Branscom and Miss Robb came across Ben Waldrop and who diligently inquired after his brother Tom Waldrop who used to live in Melvin Hill but moved away some eight or ten months ago. The move, time, place, and purpose were duly announced in the Polk County News. But why all this pre-arranged? Oh nothing, only to show that everybody ought to take the Polk County News so as to keep track of your neighbors and everybody. See!

The missionary society failed to be organized last Saturday afternoon, on account of a misunderstanding in the time of day they were to meet; which was plainly announced in the Polk County News. Here is another instance that proves that everybody should take the News and keep up with the times.

### More Adulterated Water.

Another case occurs in Bristol of a man fined for selling water with a little milk in it.—London Passing Show.

### Grandpa's Peculiar Power.

During a slight drought last summer the boys were wishing for rain, when Willie said: "My grandpa can make it rain whenever he wants to." His companions laughed at him, but he insisted: "Well, he can. He just gets rheumatism in his knees and it rains right afterward."