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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.

### Our Fair For The Last Time.

What I say this week in the Polk County News about our fairs especially for Polk county readers. As a rule the readers of a county paper are the men and women in that county who exert influence in that county. So that is said this week is directly for you, and directly for every man and woman in Polk County.

1st—The object of community fairs is to stimulate better agriculture, better home conditions, better living, better soil, better livestock and in fact better everything in every town, nook and corner in Polk County. We want the people of our towns to attend these fairs, I mean the community fairs. It is there you will meet the people of the county fresh from their homes and talk, be social and eat with them and thereby cultivate the closer and more friendly relationship.

2nd—These fairs can every one make a great success. This can be done by all the people cooperating in preparing and bringing something from the farm, the garden, and the home to the fair. Now a word to you who are reading these lines, because they are for you directly, and then to those to whom you talk about the fair. Now suppose your township community fair is a failure. Who will be to blame? Of course it will be every blooming man and woman who fails to contribute something and bring along to the fair. Failure of any township fair will plainly show one of two things. 1st, that the lands of your township are too poor to produce anything worthy of being exposed to public attention. 2nd, that the people of that township have not sufficient intelligence to organize and conduct a community fair to show to the outside world what they can produce. 3rd, It might be that a community has the land and intelligence all right to do such a thing, and yet selfish greed and indifference to public good might prevent a good community exhibit on the day of the fair. What township wants the distinction of being in either class herein described? The way to keep out is to let every reader get busy right on his own farm and garden, and then see his neighbors and stir everybody to his and her very best. 4th, the benefits of community cooperation because it is something everyone to the poorest in all the land can contribute something. 5th, It brings together the products of the community so that their own people and the outside world can see what that community is doing. 6th, It is an index to the kind of soil in that locality. 7th, It represents the thrift and intelligence of the community. 8th, It shows that the community has the land, the necessary nerve and grit and the intelligence to make the stuff that keeps the world going and organizing ability to bring it together for exhibition!

Now just a few more days in which to work and prepare for the fair. Don't put it off till the last morning. Get out right now and see to it that your exhibits are ready. Don't whine around and say I have the best corn in the county, but it is too green to show. Everybody's corn is green this year, so just bring it along, and the judge will know how to judge it. Bring something of

everything you grow on your farm, if you have not the best just bring the best you have, this will give a chance for comparison. The thing is for everybody to come and bring something. I am not talking about your community fair that comes off next week, at Coopers Gap Monday October 4th, at Sunny View school house, Tuesday October 5th, at White Oak, Greens Creek, Wednesday 6th, at Greens Creek high school, and Columbus Thursday October 7th, Saluda, Friday October 8th, at Saluda and Tryon, Saturday 9th, at Tryon—Everybody remember in which township you live and while you can cooperate with whichever community fair you prefer, that \$25.00 cash prize will go to the township in which the above fairs are held. So if you have township pride help your township to win this prize. So everybody whoop up your own community fair, and by so doing whoop up Polk county all over. Next week we will talk about the county fair, and how we mean to make it a great one.

### Fair Paragraphs.

We are fortunate in having R. P. McCracken of Clay County, to judge our community fairs. R. P. McCracken is an excellent man and practical farmer of high standing, not only in his county but in the state, having been employed by the state to do institute work and work as county agent.

What about those seven special prizes for the Belted Hampshire pigs at the county fair? Boys get a hustle on your pigs. Have them in good order, clean and shining and at Columbus by 10 o'clock October 14. Now let's not have any slackers, grouchers, nor kickers. Oh, well we want one or two good kickers in each township who is well up in chronic kicking. We don't want beginners, we want an old time kicker. So if anyone aspires to this position please send in your name that we may get it in the News, just one to the township is all we want, but he must be a good one, I say he because women don't kick good things. I never knew one to kick a good man.

Keep your eye on Greens Creek, and Saluda about that \$25.00 prize for best township or community fair. They are working like beavers but they will do well to keep busy or old Cooper Gap, Columbus, Tryon or White Oak, will have the coon and gone before you know it. So I say to all work. Once upon a time there was a persimmon tree with one persimmon right in the top of the tree and there were six boys scrambling for that persimmon. Five of them made efforts great or less, but the sixth one came up with a longer pole than the other and brought down that persimmon so it will be next week. There are six townships in Polk County They all have the chance to get that \$25.00 persimmon prize for the best community township fair. Work in the pole that will bring the persimmon. Who will have the pole and get the first? "He can who thinks he can"

### P. or for Mother.

The subject of the Sunday school lesson was the golden rule, so during the next week when little Anna was naughty and her mother had to use her stick real hard and put her in a chair to reflect, she asked Anna what she thought about it. Anna replied: "Mother, do unto others as you want them to do unto you. You don't want me to whip you, do you?"

## TRYON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY FAIR.

Through the untiring efforts of our County Agent, Mr. J. R. Sams, Tryon Township will hold on Saturday October 9th its first township or community fair. Polk County has for some years held a County Fair at Columbus and increased interest has been shown every succeeding year.

It is almost a rule without exception that live, wide-awake counties have successful county fairs and visa versa every county in the country that has a good fair is almost without exception a prosperous county. It is for this reason that Mr. Sams and those associated with him have worked so hard to get Polk County citizens to show at Columbus once a year the product of their labors and in this way every producer shows to every other producer his best products. The six township fairs to be held in Polk County this year just prior to the County Fair at Columbus are to create a more local interest and from these townships fairs take the best to Columbus for the County Fair.

The State of North Carolina offers premiums on all items for the township fair and in addition offers \$25.00 to the township accredited with the best exhibition. The merchants and manufacturers and other citizens of Tryon township are raising a sum of money, in addition to what the State offers, that increased amounts may be awarded the winners on every item displayed in this county just to show their appreciation of interest and from the business reason that this interest will stimulate producers in this township to greater efforts. These prizes have not been figured out as yet but every class of product shown will be awarded a prize for the winner.

It will be impossible for those in charge of the Tryon Township fair to see personally every person in this township that should be called on but through the columns of this paper those in charge wish to announce to every person in Tryon township that produces anything, such as vegetables, flowers, farm products, plain sewing, fancy work, canning and preserving, baking, or the raising of any kind of stock such as horses mules, cattle, sheep, hogs, chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, rabbits or any other live stock, that everybody is not only entitled to enter exhibits but are earnestly requested to bring the best they have and show it on Saturday, October 9th, having their exhibit at the building in Tryon engaged for this day not later than 10:30 on that date, but before nine o'clock in the morning if at all possible. A great many people will feel that what they have is not good enough to show but that is not the spirit of the fair and if every one took this position there would be no fair. Bring the best you have and if at all possible write a post card a few days before addressing Nelson Jackson, Jr. and advise what is your intention to show that preparation may be made for display. If everybody will enter into this with spirit this first fair will be a success and will lead the way to much more successful fairs in the succeeding years. Let everybody get interested and bring something and try for the prizes that are offered by the State and the local Merchants and Manufacturers.

### TRYON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY FAIR ASSOCIATION.

### The Fair Again.

Here we go. Last week I was in every single one of the six townships of Polk county. And I just can't tell which township I am deepest in love with, when I am at Columbus I think there is no other place on earth like Columbus township. Then I go over to Tryon and the land and the people are so full of life and kindly spirit that I feel it is the place, then I run up to Saluda and the mountain top plateau and look down on Columbus and Tryon, and some how I have the sense that I am in "The land of the skies" looking down on the world. Then I drive down into Green River Cove and Cooper Gap, and there the valley and the mountains embrace and kiss each other. There it is that one become so bewildered that he forgets for the time being that there is any where else in Polk county. Then I go to Mill Spring and Pearridge in White Oak township and that splendid chocolate clay every where brings the possibilities of the county so vividly into mind that one feels that here is the place after all. But when the ronstabanter get to Greens Creek and gets out among those people and sees some corn fields, cotton fields, and grass fields for

this sight go to McSwain's, and then go to Greens Creek school and see what they are doing. Why, they are building an agricultural building yes, going to teach real agriculture right there in Greens Creek township. They have gone into partnership with uncle Sam, and are fixing to do big things down there. After all we don't know where the best place in Polk county is. The only way to find out is to visit all the community fairs, one in each township and then come to the great round up fair at Columbus on October 14th, and see them all together and decide for yourself. The interesting sights now to me is which township in the county is going to get that \$25.00 prize for the best community fair. The townships are all wise and I don't care a snap which one gets it, only that I want the one to get it that does the best organizing work and deserves it. So let everyone work and deserve.

### Physicians Indorse Pie.

A study of how the stomach digests pies, puddings and cakes, made by a group of Philadelphia physicians, was published in the American Journal of Physiology (Baltimore). The general conclusion to which they came is that the pies are taken in the stomach more readily than cakes, and puddings more readily than either.

## FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

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

### Mill Spring.

Well, I suppose everybody appreciates this delightful weather. A great time for harvesting fodder, peas etc. and the people are taking advantage of it. Some are preparing their cane, so you see we will soon have new molasses. Everyone seems to be very busy now days. A splendid attendance at the Baptist church last Sunday, and pastor delivered a very interesting sermon.

After an extended visit with her mother Mrs. E. M. Dicus and children, returned to their home at Gaffney, S. C.

The Mill Spring community club meets twice each month, on Wednesday night before the first and third Sunday. Let's all attend these meetings. It will do you good, if you only shake hands with your neighbor.

Everybody has a cordial invitation to our community fair at Mill Spring Tuesday October 5th.

We hope everybody in the township will bring something and try to make ours the best fair in the county. Bring your dinner and let's all have a good time.

### Mill Spring Route 1.

Tom Griffin of Kansas City, is spending some time with relatives in this section.

Miss Dorcas Edwards left last week for Burnsville, where she has accepted a position as governess.

Miss Minnie Moore of Landrum, route 4, spent several days last week with friends here.

J. L. Edwards and wife visited at the home of W. W. Womack Sunday.

Mrs. W. E. Elliott and sons, Ray and Norman, spent last week with her brother and sister near Forest City.

The singing school at Big Level, taught by V. B. Hyder, closed Friday. A very successful school is reported.

Harrison Henderson and wife of Gaffney, S. C., visited relatives in this section recently.

Miss Cora Womack returned home Sunday from a pleasant visit with her friends, Misses Ellen, Mary and Winnie Moore, of Landrum, route 4.

Messrs. J. L. and Lynch C. Edwards, have purchased for themselves a new touring car.

### Mill Spring Route 2.

Rev. Wolf preached a few days last week at Cane Creek. He told the people that he was praying for Chimney Rock to fall because there were so many people that go to the rock. He is the only one I ever heard say that he was praying for the rock to fall. What do you writers think of him?

Mrs. Dixie Wilson of Shelby, N. C., is visiting friends and relatives in this section. We are glad to have her with us again.

Claude Williams and wife visited Maud C. C. Wilson last Sunday.

Mrs. Z. T. Searcy visited Mrs. Taylor Sunday.

Mrs. U. S. Gibbs visited Mrs. Grace Wilson last week.

Z. T. Searcy returned home the other day from Melvin Hill.

Miss Herter Whiteside was the guest of W. W. Wilson Sunday.

Lee Wilson visited E. L. McGuinn last week.

U. S. Gibbs made a trip to Asheville, last week.

J. P. Wilson made a trip to Spartanburg, with a load of beans last week.

It seems to be fodder pulling time in this section.

B. Biddy passed through this section recently.

We sure have been having lots of rain.

Hello Sunny View glad to see you in the News. Come again.

### Fishtop.

We have always been taught that one extreme follows another. It sure holds good in the case of our weather, for we have had the worst season ever until right recently it has changed to be the best. We hope it will continue for a while.

After we had mailed our items last week we were informed that Mr. Lively who lives just over the county line had killed eleven rattlesnakes at one time, and another man had killed three at one time.

Lynch and Minnie Jackson of Spartanburg, have been visiting friends and relatives in the Brights Creek section for a couple of weeks.

E. J. Bradley spent a day or two with friends in Saluda last week.

James Brock and Wm. Kimbrel visited the Hendersons on last Sunday.

The squirrel hunters have almost quit shooting. I suppose they have killed about all, as they have been killing them by the hundreds in hearing of Fishtop and selling them in the market.

J. R. Stepp, Sam Stepp and son of Inman, S. C., were in this section a few days hunting. They came with team and camping outfit.

T. W. Bradley sang for the Silver Creek church last Sunday.

J. B. Bradley and Posey Henderson, attended the singing Sunday and report that the best time of their lives.

Curtis Newman attended the show at Saluda Saturday night.

Louis Jackson of Mill Spring, was in Saluda last Saturday.

The fodder field missed Posey Henderson, J. B. and T. W. Bradley last week as they had to attend court and so did Robert and Thomas Price.

**Language of Animal Pets.**  
The animal pets we make and learn to love do not talk to us—in words—and they use no language that we recognize with one another. "The dumb brutes," we sometimes call them. Yet when your dog stands at your knee and looks up at you, how eloquent are his eyes! His friendship proclaims itself in a speaking silence; his whole attitude is eloquent of his fondness and his loyalty.—Exchange.

**Why Eye Shades Are Used.**  
The purpose of the eye shade is to shield the eye from harmful brilliancy in the field of view. In lighting from poorly concealed sources these brilliancies are, in many cases, 600,000 to 800,000 times as great as the brilliancy of the printed page. Their images, falling on the dark adapted and highly sensitized peripheral retina, cause great discomfort and interfere profoundly with the muscular adjustment of the eye needed for clear seeing.

**Men Who Win Life's Prizes.**  
The big places in all walks of life today go to the men of ideas, the men who are able to think constructively, and from time immemorial the great thinkers have been the well-read men—the men who have profited by the experience of those who went before them.