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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.

Word About the County Fair

More week and the county community fairs will be a part of the history of Polk county. This week will end all the county fairs. Wednesday and Thursday of next week will be the Polk county fair, being Oct. 13th and 14th. Who will help to make this the greatest of Polk county fairs? Which township will get that \$25.00 prize? I did not feel able to offer a prize, but did so purely to stimulate the township to do just what they should do without any stimulation. There will be many seekers at Columbus on the 13th, to see the agricultural products of the county. The display of farm and garden products will determine largely whether they will further investigate or not. Township pride should stir every citizen to his best effort. We should not forget that now is the time to sow small grain crops, such as vetch, crimson clover, bur clover etc. Remember also how high hay was last year. Don't be caught in this crop in next year. The sowing of clover will be over right away. Don't neglect to sow oats, wheat and vetch for an early hay crop next spring. This will insure hay for the first part of the season and then spring crops can be planted to take care of the rest of the season. Now don't neglect this important thing. One acre of good rich land will save you many dollars next summer. This is the season to save every thing. Don't allow a blade of fodder, grass or any thing go to waste. That every ear of corn, Irish potato and sweet potato are gathered and cared for. Take care of the hundreds of bushels of apples will rot under the trees in Polk county this fall. They could be made into apple butter, dried for winter use. Then there is the cane crop, see that the fodder and heads are saved and the stalks ground and made into molasses. Cotton will be an uncertain commodity. It looks now that the price will not be high. So now is the time to save every thing to eat and feed stock that the cotton money will go as far as possible. Now is the time to obtain and make good use of a "dollar structure." The best place to get a dollar structure is right at home. The best one I know of is economy. Take care of everything. Save to the limit. Get all your farm tools in the dry well as to save your crop. That will save you money, which is the surest way to make money.

Once More Polk County.

It is like the same old tale told over and over that goes down through the ages and impresses humanity. It is related that a heroic old Roman is ending up every speech he would repeat with great emphasis "Carthage must be destroyed" and this thought went on growing in the minds and hearts of the Roman people, until it took form in action and a Roman army invaded Greece and Carthage was destroyed. On the other hand Nehemiah conceived the thought that the walls of Jerusalem must be rebuilt and his thought was transformed into action, and the broken down walls of Jerusalem were rebuilt. Now we have citadels in Polk county that must be destroyed,

and broken down walls that must be rebuilt. Here are a few of the citadels that must be destroyed. 1st—Political bitterness. Politics is a kind of necessary evil in our Republican form of government and Democratic spirit are compelled to have parties; but this does not imply that we should allow our party affiliations to get over and above our patriotism and religion. Every citizen male and female now has the right to go to the poles and express his or her opinion on any question affecting public good as he or she may decide to be best. When this act is performed no one has any right to question or impugn the motive of such individual. The ballot is the most sacred duty we owe to the county and to each other. So let us see to it, that the coming election all bitterness shall be eliminated. And especially as it will be the first election in which our good women ever participated. Let us be particularly careful that nothing but the kindest and most friendly relations shall be mentioned. 2nd—Another citadel of evil in Polk county is the blockade still and the consequent evils attending it. This is a much greater evil than the man who engages in it has ever recognized. Here is what an old reformed blocader once told me after he had reformed. He said he saw all at once the awful crime he was perpetrating against the state, the United States and humanity in general, and that he was defrauding the government. Swearing falsely every time he took the oath to prepare him to vote. He also said that he discovered that he was constantly telling lies and causing his wife and children to lie for him. When he made this discovery of his condition he quit and turned away from it and became one of the best and most useful man in his country. We must get a vision of greater and better things and then we will do them. Now don't think I am making a plea for every man to get out and hunt up blockade stills and report them to officers and have them destroyed and the parties haled into the courts. No, this is not the way, until all better means shall fail. The way to do is to create such a sentiment in the mind of all the people that no one can be found who will do such things. Let everyone who knows of such illicit practices go and put his hand on his erring brother's shoulder and plead with him to stop and nine times out of ten he will. Let us in a wise way get these and other evils out of the way and then to the real task in Polk county. What is this task? Like the old Roman "Carthage must be destroyed" In the case of Polk county. "The soil must be built" No county can be rich and prosperous with poor agriculture. And no country can have good agriculture with poor soil. Then why will farmers go right on from year to year plowing and hoeing land when they know there is no pay in it? Why will a man work himself wife and children to death on poor washed away land when he knows there is nothing but toil and starvation in it? Everybody now knows how cow peas, soy beans, velvet beans, clovers, vetch and alfalfa will enrich the soil when grown and turned under. Also every farmer knows how that

NOTICE TO COTTON GROWERS, BANKERS, BUSINESS MEN AND EDITORS.

Mr. A. W. Swain, secretary of the North Carolina division of the American Cotton Association will be at Columbus, N. C. on Thursday Oct. the 14th. to confer with and speak to the people relative to the price of the present crop of cotton, and help if possible to obtain a living price for the producer. The conference will be about 1 o'clock p. m. This will be on the day of Polk County Fair, when all cotton growers and business men of Polk County should be at Columbus any way. Respectfully J. R. SAMS, County Agent.

The Storm Has Broken Loose



stable manure will enrich his land. He also knows how good it is to have plenty of good milk and butter and eggs for the family to say nothing of beef mutton, and wool to make warm clothing. Then if farmers knew all about these good things and know that they all must come from the soil and a rich soil if they come at all. Why on the living earth don't they open their eyes to the situation and get busy. Why yes I say why won't farmers act upon what they know to be facts and revolutionize Polk county—Now to sum up 1st. Let's cultivate the friendly brotherly feeling. 2nd. Let's by common agreement and public sentiment get rid of the blockade still and the consequent evils. 3rd. Let farmers get out of the lumber and crosstie business just as fast as possible, only as they clear land that should be cleared. 4th. Let every farmer in Polk county begin now and be determined to make at least one acre of land next year produce double the amount of corn it ever produced before. 5th. Begin now to build up pastures to grow cattle, sheep, hogs and poultry in connection with your enriched soil and better crops, and then old Polk will become one of the richest counties in the world and not till then.

Sandy Plains.

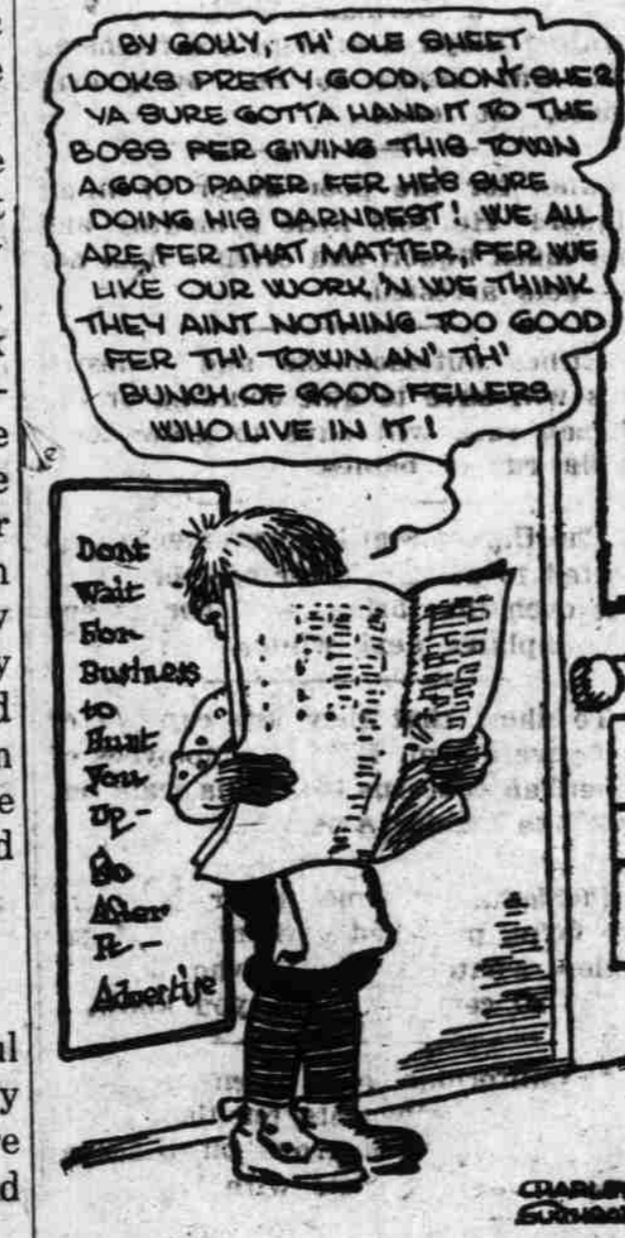
We are having beautiful weather, the people have nearly finished pulling fodder, and are now busy picking cotton and peas. Rev. C. M. Teal delivered an excellent sermon to an attentive audience at Sandy Springs church Sunday. W. W. Rodgers has purchased a farm near Gilky N. C. O. C. Smith and C. L. Cudd made a business trip to Rutherfordton Monday, and were among the many who heard the splendid address of Congressman Weaver. Miss Inez Ezell of Chesnee S. C. spent a few days with Miss Millie Rogers recently.

Miss Eulene Searcy and Mr. Robert Liles surprised many of their relatives and friends when they got married Sunday morning.

Miss Edith Miller of Tryon spent the week-end with home folks. Quite a number of young people enjoyed a singing at the residence of O. S. Smith's Saturday night. The debate of the Melvin Hill and Green River debating society at New Hope School house Saturday night was well attended.

Hampton Bradley who has been very sick with hay fever is able to be about again. He was able to be at church again last Sunday. School is progressing nicely here with Miss Virginia Sherfey as teacher. J. B. Bradley attended preaching here last Sunday. Messrs. Mark and Dan Constant made a business trip to Landrum, one day last week. J. Sherfey and I. W. Weilder, went on a fishing expedition last week. They didn't catch many fish but caught them a bad cold. Joe Thompson of Mill Spring, was a pleasant caller in this section last week. J. C. Newman, was an afternoon caller at L. G. Johnson's last Sunday. Gaither Johnson is busy hauling apples for J. Sherfey.

MICKIE SAYS:



The Silver Rule of Life. "Speak no evil of any man, only good," would if practiced by all men all the time, work a marvelous revolution in social relations, one most needed to create mutual confidence, now very much needed. Are We Not Right, Watson? The police, while investigating a case of burglary in a railway dining room, discovered a bent crowbar. This seems to prove that the thieves tried to break into a railway sandwich.—London Punch. Different From American Game. The Japanese game of football is played with great ceremony and decorum. The players wear the ancient court costume and queer head gear perched on top of their heads.

FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

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

Lynn.

Dr. Pratt preached last Sunday night to a good size and a very attentive congregation. Homer White of Spartanburg, was the guest of the Newman brothers last week-end. Fanny Connor Phillips, left a few days ago to join her husband Frank Phillips at Camp Mead, Md. Vick Randle of Spartanburg, spent last week-end with home folks here. A. B. Cannon of Greenville, spent last Sunday with his father W. A. Cannon. John Rhodes was quite sick last Monday, but soon recovered. Gray Thompson and wife, left last Monday for Canton, to attend the funeral of Mrs. Thompson's brother William Cook. Several young men left last Monday for Lockhart, S. C., where they have been employed to do carpenter work. Miss Atta Ballard of Bryson, N. C., has been spending a few days with home folks here, will return to Bryson in a few days. J. R. Pentuff of Spartanburg, is visiting here quite often these days. He is interested in a business proposition of our mill.

Mt. Lebanon.

Farmers in this section are very busy at present, pulling fodder. I. W. Weilder and family of North Dakota, are spending a few weeks with J. Sherfey. Miss Lillie Constant and brother Dan, visited their sister Mrs. Whitney Williams last Sunday. Rev. I. W. Weilder, preached a very interesting sermon at Mt. Lebanon last Sunday. He also preached an interesting sermon at the home of J. Sherfey's Sunday night to a very attentive audience.

Mill Spring.

We couldn't do without the Tryon News. Folks are busy making molasses this week. We wish more people of this community could have been present at the Methodist church Sunday to have heard J. W. Hackney's splendid message on "Being with the wrong crowd" Rev. Roy Lewis left Sunday week ago for Louisville seminary, where he takes up senior work this year. He was accompanied as far as Greenville, by his brother Claud. J. R. Foster and family spent

Sunday with his daughter Mrs. Lionel Brisco.

Mesdames. Mollie Taylor, and J. W. Thompson, spent Sunday with Mrs. J. M. Lewis. Miss Mollie Dalton took dinner with Miss Lettie Barber Sunday. W. I. Barber of Greenville, S. C. is visiting his father J. M. Barber this week. Ray Edwards, wife and little daughter, spent Sunday with Mrs. Edwards parents J. H. Gibbs and wife. Miss Letha Barber visited the Misses Mills in Columbus last week. Don't forget services at White Oak Sunday at 11 o'clock. Hubert Foster who is traveling agent, for the National Milling Co. in Spartanburg, returned to his work Sunday after a short visit with his home people. Success to the News.

Melvin Hill.

W. B. and G. C. Feagan also W. C. McGinnis debated against Green River at New Hope Saturday night. The Honorables Swann and Walker spoke at Melvin Hill on various topics last Monday night 27th, quite a large crowd was out to hear them, most of which were well pleased with the way in which they treated the several subjects. There was a light frost two mornings here, but nothing was killed. Quite a number of the women of this section are registering preparing for Nov. 2nd. We are having some nice foddering weather for the past week. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Vaden Blackwood on the 25, a girl.

MR. JAMES JOHNSON PASSES.

While working in the field last Friday afternoon Mr. James Johnson was taken with a dizziness, accompanied by a numbness of the hands, and was taken home and within thirty-six hours he passed away. Mr. Johnson was a faithful member of the church here, and was a man that no one could speak harm of, and he spoke harm no of one. He was about fifty-three years old and leaves a wife and eight children and five grand-children also father and mother and one sister. The funeral was conducted by Elders Branscom and Reed, and his body was laid to rest; the first one in the new cemetery here. Our sympathies are with the grief stricken relatives.

Air Travel.

Some enthusiasts express the opinion that eventually it will be cheaper to travel by air than on the surface. For one thing, no expensive railway tracks are needed, but terminal stations are a prime necessity. However, it will be a long time before railroads and steamships outlive their usefulness.—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

The Gambling Instinct.

The gambling instinct is in nearly every energetic, ambitious person, and few can resist the temptation to back a "sure thing." There is nothing amazing about investors taking a chance at any scheme. The amazing thing is human nature.—Indianapolis News.

Symbol of Holy Roman Empire.

The double-headed eagle of the Holy Roman empire was sometimes crowned and sometimes bore theimbus upon it. The dual heads represented dominion over the east and the west and came to be used in the coat of arms of both Austria and Russia.