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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.

Poultry For Polk County

Two years ago next March we began a campaign to make Polk county a purebred poultry county. To aid this the department at West Raleigh, N. C. furnished a number of citizens in each of the townships in Polk county with purebred eggs. On condition that these parties would sell eggs to Polk county farmers at one half the price for purebred eggs on the market. Last year most of these parties raised a good lot for breeding purposes next spring. These same parties raised quite a surplus of roosters last year which have given good service on the farm this year. Now the thing for every farmer to do next March, if not sooner is to see to it that eggs purebred for hatching purposes be procured and a purebred flock started. Those farmers who obtained cockerels last year should keep them another year with their half bred pullets and obtain another cock next spring of the same breed and keep on and within another three or four years you can scarcely tell them from the purebred. But next spring it will be so easy for you to get purebred eggs in Polk county, that it will be foolish to go the grade up route. Here is a partial list of farmers where you can get purebred Rhode Island Red and White Leghorns—Reds—Mrs. Tom Pace, Fishtop, N. C. Mrs. J. E. Pearson, Mimosas, N. C. Fred and Hosea Arledge, Saluda, Ned Andersson Saluda, Herschel McSwain, Landrum, S. C. route 1; E. E. Gray, Landrum, S. C. route 4; Mrs. J.

R. Smith, Columbus, Mrs. J. C. Gibbs, Mill Spring, N. C.; Miss Nellie Champion, Landrum, S. C. route 4; John R. Anderson, Columbus, N. C. All these and others in Polk county will sell you purebred Rhode Island Red eggs at \$1.00 to \$1.50 per setting of 15 eggs. So go right along at the right time and get the eggs. The right time will be next Feb. or early next March when the old hen gets broody. Now don't neglect this matter another year, we want to get through with it. After two more years it will be a disgrace to Polk county for any farmer in the county to have a scrub drug hill chicken on his farm. Even the tennants and colored people will see to it that a scrub chicken shall not scratch in Polk county dirt after February 1923. Now for White Leghorns I will direct you to U. G. Speed I mean to Mrs. U. C. Speed, who is very much interested in White Leghorns, and also interested in Polk county becoming famous for poultry and all other fine farm products and for fine Polk county health, of which she is a fine exponent since coming to Polk county. Then B. Willis is planning to accommodate any who may call upon him for eggs. T. A. Pendleton, Landsum, S. C. route 1 will also be prepared to accommodate Polk county farmers with purebred Leghorn eggs. Then there are many breeders of other good breeds of poultry who will cooperate in this undertaking so let's swat the scrub and then get up some egg circles and go after the poultry business in earnest.

Tryon Township Fair.

Tryon township on Saturday October 9th held the first community fair in its history and the hundreds of people that visited this show together with J. R. Sams and the two State Judges pronounced it a creditable success. At any rate Tryon township has had its beginning in township fairs and its showing has been successful enough from every stand point that all succeeding fairs here will more than likely be fairs worth coming a great distance to see. The State of North Carolina offers prizes for certain specified articles up to a total of \$25.00. Since this township was able to show some items not on this list and in order to make the prizes a little larger the Fair Committee put this condition before the merchants and some individuals of Tryon and received subscriptions, as follows:

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| Jackson & Jackson | \$5.00 |
| Southern Mercantile Co. | 5.00 |
| Miss Mary G. Beach | 3.00 |
| The Ballenger Co. | 5.00 |
| Bank of Tryon | 2.00 |
| J. D. Sawyer | 2.00 |
| Wilkins & Co. | 5.00 |
| A. J. Burns Feed Store | 2.00 |
| J. P. Lockhart | .50 |
| Dr. Earl Grady | 5.00 |
| Missildine Pharmacy | 5.00 |
| Eugene Brownlee | 5.00 |
| John L. Jackson Co. | 1.00 |
| Peoples Bank & Trust Co. | 5.00 |
| Rev. H. N. Bowne | 2.00 |
| Carolina Hardware Co. | 2.50 |
| Total | \$55.00 |

The expenses are not all in but it is estimated that there will be between \$20.00 and \$25.00 thus leaving between \$30.00 and \$35.00 to be divided in premiums in addition to the money offered by the

State. These amounts will be mailed to the winners just as soon as the Fair Secretary, Miss Maye Flentye, can get her records worked up and receive the deposit from the State. The local amount is already available but will be held and awarded at the same time. The main credit for this fair goes to J. R. Sams, County Agent, whose enthusiasm and earnest effort concerning the betterment of Polk County has aroused many citizens to lend him all the support within their power. In fact the president of our local fair, although busy at this time, served merely to encourage and help Mr. Sams in his worthwhile efforts. The success of this fair more than convinced all that the fair has meant a great deal to Tryon township in a community way. It has shown us just what Tryon township is at present and its possibilities. Credit should be given the Ballenger Company for their loan of tables and show cases and also to Carolina Hardware Company for the loan of a show case. The Tryon Electric Company also installed lights free of charge. The Green Lumber Company furnished lumber with the privilege of returning all that had not been cut and receive credit. The Boy Scouts rendered a very cheerful and efficient service both in preparing the place for exhibit and assisting in every way possible the day of the fair. The use of the building was granted free of charge by Mr. Riebling the owner. Mr. Riebling was seen personally by C. W. Ballenger and showed a keen interest in the fair and would not even consider a charge for the use of

PRAYER.

O Thou, the Unscrutable!
 Teach us to rightly pray;
 Pray with our horny hands,
 Pray with our acts, always:
 Let deed take the place of words,
 An Love do the deed inspire
 We fill all the gloom of earth
 With light, from an altar-fire.
 After the storm, the calm:
 After the night, the day
 Love followeth after hate
 Do we but rightly pray;
 Pray with our hearts and hands
 In deeds, for a brother's ruth;
 Lords then, of fruiting soil,
 God's sons and His heirs, in Truth.
 —John A. Averitt

this building. In fact every one came forward with all the support necessary to make this, our first fair, a success and through the columns of this paper the fair committee wishes to express gratitude for the support received from all. We all realize the energy that Miss Maye Flentye has put in the township fairs in Polk County and without her efficient service our fair could not have been handled as it was. We feel that we have pleased Mr. Sams and ourselves and next year we hope to make a showing at least twice as good as this year.

Sunny View.

We are having some nice weather to gather up our crops. A. J. Dimsdale and wife, have returned home after spending a few weeks in Asheville. Miss Maggie Jackson has returned home from Chimney Rock where she has been spending the summer.

We were glad to have Professor Cobb and wife, with us on the day of the fair. We welcome them again.

Willie McGuinn was a caller at Bill Helton's Sunday.

Miss Arkansas Jackson was the guest of Emma Helton Sunday. Mrs. Elda Gibbs visited her mother N. L. Lynch Sunday.

Pink Jackson is having his chimney built this week.

Miss Lola Gibbs was the guest of Lucy Taylor last week.

The men who are painting Coopers Gap church seem to be getting along nicely. We are having it painted inside and out.

We had a real nice fair at Sunny View this year. We hope to have a better one next year.

Claude Williams and wife visited the later's parents U. S. Gibbs and wife Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Lynch visited Arkansas Jackson Sunday.

Miss amie Gilbert visited her brother Martin Gilbert.

Tryon Route 1.

It was a source of deep sorrow to the numerous friends who had the privilege of knowing Mr. Copeland our former editor to hear of his death. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved family.

Well, by the time this reaches us, the fairs will be over and our county agent will be pinning the \$25.00 blue ribbon on some of our community fairs. Now we all can't get it, and let's be contented with what the judges dooms us.

We were very glad indeed to have Professor Cobb and wife of Columbus, to worship with us at Bethlehem Sunday, also little Ruth and Katy. Our good pastor spoke of "Mary's and Martha's

honored guest, and how each of us could have him in our domestic affairs." And I will add to it and say in our political affairs also.

Misses Letha Barber and Bessie Hamilton, were after church guests at Mrs. Edd Taylor's Sunday.

F. B. Nance and children, attended a twin birth-day dinner given to Ferman and Broadas Nance Sunday.

John Henry Ford, has moved on the farm of J. D. Carpenter.

James Page and family visited relatives at Landrum Sunday.

Mr. Hall is reported no better at this writing.

W. B. Edwards and wife, are rejoicing over the birth of a son, Charles Clinton.

We farmers are very busy trying to keep our corn, cane and hay, out of the grasp of old uncle "Jack Frost"

Mill Spring.

Hurrah! for Mill Spring community fair. It was a splendid success, let's make it better next year.

Bee Lewis of Greenville, S. C., is visiting home folks here for a few days.

Many people enjoyed the splendid music furnished by the Penny brothers real estate auctioneers' band last Thursday. It was grand.

A goodly number was present to hear Zebulon Weaver's speech at the school house Saturday evening.

Folks let us attend church services and fill our Sundays with something worth while.

J. M. Lewis wife and little daughter, were pleasant callers at the home of Crawford Walker Sunday.

J. T. Waldrop and family, spent Sunday with J. T. Barber.

Little Mary Hackney and Jennie Barber, were the guests of Evelyn and Myrtle Walker Sunday.

Superintendent E. W. S. Cobb wife and two little daughters of Columbus, attended services at the Methodist church here Sunday. We hope it won't be their last time with us.

Rev. J. W. Hackney preceeded his last sermon for this year at Bethlehem Sunday. However we hope to have him back next year.

Miss Mable Pack spent Saturday night with Misses Letha and Carrie Barber.

Jettie Hogue spent Sunday with Carrie Barber.

Since the fields of cotton are beckoning to us we will pick and wait for the Polk county News.

Preaching at Mill Spring Baptist church Sunday morning at 11:30 E. J. JONES pastor.

FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

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

Melvin Hill.

We are having nice Indian summer weather now and cotton is opening fast.

W. A. Reed is still running his molasses factory, and is turning out a fine product too.

Elder John Jackson, of Rutherfordton, preached an interesting and inspiring sermon here last Sunday.

There is to be a children's day exercise at New Hope church Sunday the 17th. Professor W. H. Kreider will deliver the oration of the day. Everybody invited to attend.

C. B. Sanders and wife, of Green River, attended services here Sunday.

Mrs. Anna Ramsey and little daughter of Hendersonville, visited their cousin Mrs. Stacy last Saturday.

Sam Henson spent the week-end with home folks over the river.

Mrs. S. S. Lawter's father Mr. Hogan of Mayo, also her sister Mrs. Rosa Gunn of Blacksburg, paid her a visit last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Hattie Toney and daughter Miss Violet of Sandy Plains, visited the former's sister Mrs. Stacy last week-end.

Mr. Kreider and wife, attended the community fair at Greens Creek Thursday.

Will Toney of Collinsville, was in this town on business Saturday.

Dewey Lawter has had a bad rising in the palm of his hand which gave him a lot of trouble the past week.

A number of the Mill Creek congregation attended religious services here Sunday.

The mule which Dude Bush was driving the other day shied and run the buggy off into the side ditch overturning it, throwing him out cutting an ugly gash in his forehead bruising and shaking him up considerably. But fortunately he was not hurt.

Miss Mary Ridings paid another visit to the dentist at Rutherfordton, last Thursday.

Mrs. Branscom and Miss Bobb visited their old neighbor Mrs. Tipton at Spindle last Thursday.

Don't be surprised when the girls come along and take the boys out for joy rides. Aint this leap year? Go thou and do likewise.

Cross Keys.

We are having some nice weather for cotton picking, and most everyone is busy picking cotton and peas.

Herman Walker wife and little daughter, took dinner with T. A. Pendleton and wife Sunday.

Quite a number of young people enjoyed a party Saturday night given by Miss Violet Toney.

Mrs. Putnam and Ruby, have gone to Danville, Va., to spend the winter.

Born to S. B. Weaver and wife, a girl.

Success to the news.

New England Colloquialism.

A colloquialism in frequent use, not only in rural communities, but in New England generally, is "at that." It is employed to express merit where none might be presumed as "he's laxy, but a decent chap 'at that.'" "He's up and coming" is an expression familiar to every New Englander, and its meaning is synonymous with the rustic's "head up and tall over the duster."

Fishtop.

October came in rather cool. Some report frost. It is generally the most delightful weather of the year. We hope it will continue nice till the farmers get their fodder hay tops etc. saved.

This cool spell will de one good thing drive the snakes back to their dens.

We hope to see all the correspondents at the county fair, and all others that are for the upbuilding of old Polk, the best county when developed.

Bet Case passed through this section last Sunday.

T. C. Laughter went to Hendersonville one day last week.

T. W. Bradley sang for the Friendship people last Sunday.

The wind did considerable damage to crops last week.

The women are registering very freely and that is right.

Bushels of peas are sure to waste unless we have exceptional weather for picking them.

Time seems to be rushing, so many things to do and no help available and winter so near.

Lynn.

Rev. Pratt and Caldwell, filled their appointments in Lynn last Sunday.

All roads lead to the Polk county fair this week.

Earl Cantrel and family, motored up from Spartanburg last Sunday and was the guest of Mrs. J. B. Panther.

Superintendent Hammett spent last week-end with his brother in Inman, S. C.

Mrs. Louise Newan died at her home last Thursday. She had been in declining health for several months. She was in her 77th year of age. Three sons and three daughters survive her. Her remains were laid to rest in the Tryon cemetery.

Wm. Gaines has been very sick for several days.

Before this paper is read the Polk county fair will be past. Did you go?

T. A. Rippey run up from Columbia last Saturday. His little six year old son was thought to have fever.

Mrs. J. H. Lane and family, moved to Spartanburg last week.

S. S. Blackwell and family, will move to Spartanburg this week.

Stetson Thomas, wife and children, Miss Ruby Hood and Miss Hamilton, of Hendersonville was the guest of P. N. Hood and family last week-end.

Misses Elma Newman, Estella and Eva Pace, of the Stearns High school, spent last week-end at their homes in Green River cove.

A start off with full force of the Tryon Hosiery Company on the 11th. as first stated did not materialize. Only a few loopers was given work on the 11th.

Fifty-Fifty.

It is a question whether it is any harder to serve two masters than it is to master two servants.—Boston Evening Transcript.

Cribbed the Game.

Somebody broke into the post office Saturday night while the town sleep and knocked over the checker board.—Memphis Commercial-Appeal.

Little Amenities.

A noiseless gun has just been invented. It will now be possible to wage war without the noisy complaining of handbombs.—From Punch, London.