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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.

Who Won That \$25.00 Prize?

All the townships did well; but everyone could have done much better. It is always the best within us that we should strive for. Of course some of the townships did better than others, and there was a chance for either one to win at the county fair. I so informed the secretary of each township fair. This prize of \$25.00 was given mainly, to stimulate and make more successful the county fair. As graded by the judges, judging the community fairs they were all graded close together, a kind of "Nip and tuck" affair. This is why I wrote each secretary that any one of the townships could win out at county fairs. And here lies the secret of success of the winning township. In organizing the six township fairs it occurs to me to try out a little idea that struck me in these days of women movements. So in Columbus township I had appointed an entire outfit of women to run that community fair, president, vice president, treasurer, executive and finance committee, and all were women. When the secretary of Columbus township fair received my circular letter stating that any township by a hard effort could win out at county fair, these women went after the thing like so many "Beavers" and the men lay down on their job. So the women crowd won out and the \$25.00 cash prize goes to the women managed fair of Columbus township. It gives me great pleasure to make this contribution to the winning township; believing as I do that this prize had much to do in making the county fair the brilliant success it was. I only wish I was able to give a prize to each of the other townships but I am not. I can only return my heart felt gratitude to every man and woman in Polk county who contributed in the least to make the fairs what they were, and the glory is yours, not mine.

Soil Erosion or Soil Destruction

If I were asked what is the greater drain annually on Polk county farms, I would say soil erosion, or simply the washing away of the soil from the farms. Every rain that comes that make the branches, creeks and rivers even slightly muddy, means soil leaving the farm and on its way toward the ocean never to return. But the greatest drain is when the storms of rain and hail come. When these come, and they do, we all know what happens. It is needless for me to tell; yet perhaps in my simple way of expressing myself, I may be able to make some one think with me for a moment, we all know what happens. Those beautiful(?) terraces we have piled up around the hill sides begin to fill up with surplus water until they can hold no more. The top one will break in through to a half dozen places. The next one in twice as many places carrying the best top soil down the hill until by the time the lower terrace is reached, almost all the available loose soil has been carried away and lodged in the road or deposited in the bottom land, the bottom of the branch, creek or river, causing these streams to overflow and render the bottom land worthless. Now can all this be remedied? If so how and when should we begin? Ist-Perhaps it cannot all be

remedied. There will always be storms and wash outs that cannot be provided against. But that constant drain by ordinary and even severe rains can be taken care of by proper management. The first thing to aid in soil conservation in Polk county is to cease cultivating the steep branch, creek and river hills in corn, cotton and other cultivated crops. Put them in permanent grass sods for pasture and let a good grade of cattle sheep and hogs graze them. These steep hill lands cannot be cultivated annually and terraced, and held for continual cropping. The grass sod for permanent pasture is the only thing that will save them. When shall we begin to make this reform? Right now-What can we do with those hill sides already washed away? We can quit turning them up and let nature rebuild them for us. The old gullied pine field can be chopped down and the pines, bushes and briars cut and put in gullies and on galled and naked places, when this is done Lespedeza or Japan clover will soon come and cover the ground. Keep the weeds and briars down and sow a little White and Hop clover seed and in a few years these clovers will put all nitrogen from the air and humus from the air and humus in the soil and then any of the cultivated grasses will grow-and your old fields will be rebuilt with scarcely any effort on your part-and you will have excellent pastures on your steep land, and that washing away of your land will be a thing of the past and your farm will be a joy and beauty forever, and you will earn the praise of your neighbors and all who pass your way. Just take one acre of the worst washed away land on your farm, and as soon as your corn and cotton are laid by get all the boys on the place and the wife and little girls-and say come along and lets have some fun today, a real picnic-And find the worst acre for gullies on the place and get busy picking up brush, and filling up gullies, and two years after just see what nature has done for you and you did so little to bring it about. Nature is so kind and helpful to everyone who tries just a little. Now the time of year to improve the farm in this way is right now here-So don't allow any thing to side track you; but get busy on every farm in Polk county that has a single gully and stop it, and stop it now. Now dont think that I am talking at some body else, I am talking right at you, you who has a single old red ugly scar of a gully on your farm. This talk is not for the poor fellow who has no land of his own, for I can't blame him so much for not stopping somebody else gullies. I am talking right at the man who owns 10, 50, 100, 500, or 1000 acres of land. Neither am I confining my remarks to Polk county residents; but I mean those gentlemen of wealth and leisure who own large holdings in Polk county but reside in towns out side and allow tenants to rip and butcher your lands and prepare them from being washed away. Now if this little sermon will only cause a few gullies to be filled within the next few weeks it will repay the preacher a thousand times for the effort. And I serve notice that until every gully is filled and nicely

Republican Ticket

Republican Congressional Ballot For Representative in the Sixty-seventh Congress-Tenth District L. L. JENKINS

Republican County Ballot For State Senate-32nd Senatorial District. C. J. EDNEY of Henderson County MACK P. SPEARS of Polk County For House of Representatives: JOHN W. WALKER For Sheriff: WILLIAM C. ROBERTSON For Register of Deeds: WILLIAM F. SWANN For Coroner: WILLIAM T. HEAD For Surveyor: JOSEPH R. BLANTON For Member County Board of Education: JAMES JACKSON For County Commissioners: LAFAYETTE G. THOMPSON ELAZER A. ARLEDGE WALTER D. WESTBROOK

Republican Township Ballot For Constable: S. F. FOWLER For Justice of the Peace:

Political Advertisement

Boy Scouts.

In behalf of what scout master Creasman said in the last weeks News. I wish to tell the parents a few of the many benefits and pleasures that a boy scout receives. We as scouts, try to the best of our ability to live up to the twelve scout laws and oath and in so doing, our first duty and pleasure begins. It strikes me, that the first law, a scout is "Trustworthy" is about the most important law in the whole list, and we should try to apply it to the things that come up every day. It may be that some parents do not know our scout laws and what they mean to a boy, otherwise more boys would be wearing the scout badge. As there is not room here to tell all, that we would like, we cordially invite you to attend our meeting which is held every Friday evening at 7:30, you will find us a happy, jolly crowd. After devotional exercises we play various games and have exercises which builds up our strength and fits us for the tasks of life. We too, have many enjoyable hikes over the mountains and to places of interest. We must not forget the many pleasant evenings and bouiteous suppers which are enjoyed by the scouts at the expense of our many friends, in whom we trust, and we as scouts, are following this example well, here we go: The boy you can trust.

Substitutes for Jade. Recognition of the serious rise in the cost of jade is shown in the substitutes that are being made for it. The best of these is a composition in which crystal with other minerals is used, and a beautiful material of a beautiful, clear shade of green is the result. There are imitations, with pendants in the form of jade ornaments, made of celluloid, colored a deep green.

healed over with good sod, you, will hear from me because as stated in the beginning, the washing away of the soil is the greatest agricultural sin in the Piedmont south and if persisted in; will be agricultural damnation to all this section of the whole south.

Democratic Ticket

Democratic National Ballot Electors at Large ALBERT L. COX W, A. SELF

District Electors FIRST DISTRICT E. L. STEWART SECOND DISTRICT J. PAUL FRIZZLE THIRD DISTRICT J. L. BARHAM FOURTH DISTRICT B. T. HOLDER FIFTH DISTRICT D. G. BRUMMITT SIXTH DISTRICT THOMAS L. JOHNSON SEVENTH DISTRICT R. L. BURNS EIGHTH DISTRICT A. C. HONEYCUTT NINTH DISTRICT T. A. ADAMS TENTH DISTRICT FELIX E. ALLEY

Democratic State Ballot For United States Senator LEE S. OVERMAN For Governor CAMERON MORRISON For Lieutenant Governor W. B. COOPER For Secretary of State J. BRYAN GRIMES For State Auditor BAXTER DURHAM For State Treasurer BENJAMIN R. LACY For Superintendent of Public Instruction E. C. BROOKS For Attorney General JAMES S. MANNING For Commissioner of Labor and Printing MITCHELL LEE SHIPMAN For Commissioner of Agriculture: W. A. GRAHAM For Commissioner of Insurance: STACEY W. WADE For Member of Corporation Commission: A. J. MAXWELL For Associate Justices of The Supreme Court: W. A. HOKE W. P. STACY For Judge Superior Court-Fifth District: J. LOYD HORTON For Judge Superior Court-Eighth District: E. H. CRANMER For Judge Superior Court-Eighteenth District: J. BIS RAY

Democratic Congressional Ballot For Representative In The Sixty-seventh Congress-Tenth District ZEBULON WEAVER

Democratic County Ballot For Senate 32nd Senatorial District: SOLOMON GALLERT of Rutherford County ROBERT M. OATES of Henderson County For House of Representatives: C. O. RIDINGS For Sheriff: FRANK JACKSON For Register of Deeds WILLIAM C. HAGUE For Coroner: R. B. WILLIAMS For Surveyor: J. B. LIVINGSTON For County Commissioners: CHAS. DAVENPORT W. Y. WILKINS B. E. HINSDALE

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FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

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

Mill Spring

People let's wake up, and get on the job to keep our Sunday school going. W. G. Egerton, wife and little son, Mrs. J. M. Lewis, son and little daughter, took a motor trip to Mars Hill Sunday to visit the former's daughter at Asheville Normal and Home school, and also their son at Mars Hill college. Mrs. L. C. Gibbs and daughter, were dinner guests of Clarence Elliott Sunday. Misses Mabel Pack, Letha and Carrie Barber, spent Sunday with Lebanon friends. Let's not forget the Sunday school convention at Greens Creek Sunday. Miss Letha Barber has accepted the position as teacher of the Lebanon school for this year. School will open Monday. John and Miss Sallie Carpenter, were dinner guests of J. T. Barber Sunday. What's the matter with our community club? It seems to be on a strike. We will wait patiently and welcome the News when it comes.

Lynn.

Revs. Pratt and Caldwell filled their appointments here last Sunday. Rev. Pratt reports that the sash and doors will be shipped this week for the new church. The steam heating plant for the school building here failed to materialize for this year. From the patrons view point our schools seem to be doing the best work of any previous school. T. A. Rippey of Columbia, run up and spent the week-end with his family. John Lawrence of Gramlin, S.C. was in Lynn last Sunday. A. M. Hammett, of Inman, spent last week-end with his son Walter T. Hammett. Miss Edna Jones left for Asheville one day last week where she has a position as stenographer. W. A. Cannon and wife, will attend the great western N. C. Apple Show at Asheville this week. Postmaster Cloud of Columbus, will be temporary postmaster at Lynn while postmaster Cannon is visiting the apple show. J. R. Pintuff of Spartanburg, and A. B. Carter, of Greenville, were in Lynn last Monday. John T. Panther is trying his hand at the carpenter trade at Lockhart, S. C., while the mill is shut down. Misses Mary Hilton and Fay Randall have gone to Bryson City to work in the mill for a while. Ben E. Bladkwell has been a little indisposed for the last few days. Sidney Cairnes has been a little indisposed for a few days. Grey Thompson purchased a horse at the horse sale last Saturday, and sold it Monday. Gray will trade.

Mill Spring Route 1.

A large crowd was present to hear the interesting sermon at Big Level Sunday, which was delivered by Rev. John Arledge. Miss Ellen Edwards one of the Brevard students spent the week-end at home. Misses Bessie and Francis

Lynch, of near Rutherfordton, visited their grand parents R. L. D. Gilbert and wife last Sunday. Little Melville Powell is suffering from a broken collar bone. We hope he will soon be well again. Misses Mattie Mae Williams was the dinner guest of Miss Maggie Sue Edwards Sunday. Noah Lynch of route 2 was an afternoon caller at R. Gilberts Sunday. Arthur Thompson and wife, visited the latter's parents A. A. Edwards and wife Sunday. Ralph Edwards and wife, made a shopping trip to Rutherfordton last Saturday. Dexter Thompson attended the services at Big Level Sunday. L. A. Shehan, of Inman, S. C., spent Saturday night at A. A. Edwards's. Miss Zadie Ingle who has been visiting relatives in this section, has returned to her home at Fair View, N. C. Alberta Edwards is sick at this writing. Hey! SunnyView tell us more about the wedding.

Red Mountain

Several from here went to Big Level Sunday. Sure was a good sermon preached. James Lawter and wife, visited J. B. Wilson and wife, Sunday. Misses Mamie Gilbert and Mandy Lynch visited Mrs. Lee Corn Sunday. Earnest Corn visited Elbert Wilson Sunday. Born to Clyde Wilson and wife a lovely little girl, October 23. Noah Huggins called at J. B. Wilson's Sunday. Miss Lizzie Wilson went after her grand mother Sunday. Mrs. J. B. Wilson is getting along very nicely. Jay Corn was in this district Sunday. Miss Esther Wilson called to see Bessie Jane Helton last week. We have our school house painted and it sure looks good. Misses Gladys Wilson and Martha Jackson called to see Miss Mattie Mae Williams Sunday. Success to the News.

Mountain View

We have been having some fine weather for the past few weeks, and farmers have been busy gathering their crops. Rev. J. T. Ruppe filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday. Barnett, Braudus and Barney McCrain were play visitors of Arthur Jackson Sunday. Rev. J. T. Ruppe was a dinner guest of H. H. McCrain Saturday. Messrs. Dennis and Johnie Jackson have purchased new wagons. Columbus Burgess, Johnie Martin and others from Inman attended church here Saturday. Glad to say that H. H. McCrain who has been sick is better. Success to the News.

How it Sounded to Him.

At a big railway station a four-year-old youngster wonderingly watched the man step out on the balcony and call the stations of the outgoing train through a megaphone. When the announcer finished and resumed his seat the youngster pulled at his mother's hand. "Oh, mamma," he said, "ask the man to sing another song!"