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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.

### To the Farmers of Polk County

The old year is gone and the new one is with us. Some people are saying hard things about the old year forgetting all the good things she brought and left with us. She left us with the most bountiful harvests of grains and meats for food, and wool and cotton for clothing, she left us in peace with the rest of the world and free from epidemics or scourges of any kind of disease. Whatever evil she left with us was of our own making. If we are left in debt and being pinched with the deflation after war period it is because we spent money too lavishly during the period of financial inflation. So it matters not whether we acted wisely during the period of inflation and paid by something for the proverbial rainy day or acted foolishly spending too freely of easily gotten money and now pinched by the fate of present conditions. The thing to do now is to realize the fact that we are living in the present not in the past nor the future. Present duties are what concern us just now, that the future may be well with us. It is easy enough to see what our greatest trouble is. The farmer who has plenty of meat, bread, milk and butter, molasses and canned goods in the pantry and two or three bales of cotton with all fertilizer bills paid is perfectly independent and is not complaining of hard times. If this be true, and it is, this points the way for farmers to plan for next and all succeeding years to avoid present conditions from being repeated.

Let us turn our faces toward the rising sun, let us greet this Blessed New Year 1921 with hopeful courage that nothing can do down, let us profit by our past blunders and go forward conquering and to conquer with the full assurance that the all wise and good in the universe will fully reward us for all the labor and sacrifice we put into our efforts to make the world a better world in which to live. The path to success for the farmer as well as the business man is plain. Honest labor intelligently applied is the hope of our present civilization. It is up to the farmer to lead the way as he always has done in days of gloom. So let us plan first of all this year to build up and take care of the soil. Secondly let us study well what crops we should grow this year, and this is quite apparent. Every thing the stock and family consume should be grown on every farm and some to spare to sell to the near by town.

Permanent summer and winter pastures should be built up to make the keeping of necessary livestock on the farm cheaper and better. Then the cotton crop should have our careful consideration because the world must be clothed as well as fed. But our crops should be grown in right proportions, first of all producing bread and meat, then materials for clothing. When this is done marketing conditions must be studied by the farmer, because after the crops are made they must be put upon the markets of the world in order that the farmers may be supplied with necessary cost to finance his business, because the farmer is a business man and must be recognized as such and must have

credit and cash just as other business men must have to successfully conduct their business. So the future of the farmer is just what the past has been so far as his program is concerned. 1st Soil fertility, building and maintaining soil. 2nd Crops from the soil. 3rd Intelligent disposition of crops through sales and feeding to livestock. 4th Growing, feeding and selling livestock. 5th studying and making markets for all farm products, which means the shortest clear channel between the farmer and consumer. Now to this end let us all put forth our greatest effort in friendly rivalry to make this the greatest of all the years of life to make our farms, our community, our county, our state and nation, the greatest of all on earth during this blessed year 1921. Yours to serve is what I am here for. Call for me. J. R. SAMS, County agent.

Have you built that poultry house? Lumber and other building materials are cheaper now.

Don't expect your hens to lay this winter, unless you give them green feed and meat in some form, fish scrap, beef scrap, bone or blood meal, or milk will do the work.

Is the family well supplied with milk and butter? If not begin now to plan to keep a good cow. They are cheap.

Have you a good pasture for the cow you already have? If not, ask W. B. McSwain, Landrum, S. C., Route 1 whether or not a pasture pays.

Are you plowing every pretty day this winter to be up with your work in the spring and to make a better crop by planting early next spring?

Now what about making and spreading manure this winter and saving a big fertilizer bill next fall?

Then what about that garden? Plan now if you failed last summer and fall to save your seeds write your seedsman for latest catalogue and buy your seeds and be ready. Gardening time is right here and will not wait on anyone.

Order seed catalogues and see how clover, alfalfa and all the grass seeds have "Deflated." Don't think that cotton alone has "Deflated" then prepare some land and start a good pasture. Now is the time of year to think out these things and don't postpone and hesitate but do it now.

Think about your meat supply for next year and arrange for a pig or two and plant a special forage crop to feed to them and don't depend on feeding corn altogether, for that kind of meat is dear meat. Now come right up and look yourself square in the face, and if you was a thief last year quit stealing this year, if you was a parasite last year earn an honest living this year, if you was a loafer last year get and stick to a good job this year, if you was a blocader or boot legger or booth, last year for God's sake, your wife and children's sake, your county's sake and your own poor sake, quit it and find something honorable to do.

Polk county should be the very cleanest and best place on all the earth to live. Plenty of cheap unoccupied land waiting honest tillers and home makers, room

## Some Polk County Statistics.

	No. Farms	No. Cattle	No. Sheep	No. Horses	No. Mules	No. Hogs
Tryon	177	371	22	100	74	217
Cooper Gap	261	360		54	140	235
Saluda	194	329	2	44	58	211
White Oak	175	386	17	77	78	250
Greens Creek	354	925		103	493	499
Columbus	211	408	17	77	183	278
Totals	1372	2779	58	455	1026	1690

White statistics.

for hundreds and thousands who are not ashamed and willing to work. Now let every soul in Polk county resolve that I will not violate the least of all laws, state, county, town or national. That I will aid all courts and officers to enforce laws and maintain good order and make Polk county the best place on earth to grow good and useful children for citizens of the next generations.

Now in conclusion subscribe for the Polk County News and read everything I write for it this year just to see what those who do not read miss, if for no other reason, but every good farmer and citizen should take his county paper to keep posted in county matters and build up a county spirit and to keep in touch with each other. It is only \$2.00 a year with the promise of refunding the price to every reader who does not get his money's worth if honestly read. I have no interest whatever in writing this except the interest of Polk county and every citizen in it.

J. R. SAMS, County Agent.

### Seven Million Goes To Ford Workers Cash Bonus for 1920 Shared by 75,000.

Edsel B. Ford, President of the Ford Motor Company, Detroit, has announced that the regular cash bonus established December 31, 1919, will be continued on the same basis this year. Bonus checks are now being made out and distribution of them will start the first of January. These bonuses are in excess of \$7,000,000.00, and will be shared by approximately 75,000 men.

In addition, the Ford Motor Company announces an extra three percent for the six months ending December 31, on Ford Investment Certificates. This is in addition to the guaranteed six percent, (8 per cent having been paid July 31, 1920) making a total of 14 per cent for the year 1920.

Every one in the employ of the company prior to October 1, this year and on the payroll December 31 receives a bonus. The bonus goes to the employe free and clear. However, if he wishes, he may invest his money in Ford Investment Certificates which carry a guaranteed interest of 6 per cent and also two special payments decided on by the directors of the company.

The bonus affects Ford employes at work in the Ford factory, Detroit; Ford Blast Furnaces and Tractor Plant, River Rouge, Mich., all United States branches, besides the foreign branches at Copenhagen, Denmark; Bordeaux, France; Cadiz, Spain; Buenos Aires, Argentine; Sao Paulo, Brazil; Montevideo, Uruguay and Cork, Ireland.

### At The Congregational Church.

Rev. W. A. Black, A. M. Pastor.  
Bible School Sunday morning at 10.  
Public Worship and Sermon at 11.  
Bible Studies in Matthew Wednesdays at 4. p. m.  
Tourists and all citizens cordially welcome.

### Sunday Schools of Saluda.

On the first Sunday morning of the New Year the Sunday school bells chimed out calling the pupils to the three Sunday Schools of Saluda.

The weather being favorable the attendance was good in every school.

The Baptist began the New Year by re-organizing the following officers and teachers were elected.

W. C. Robertson, Supt.; P. H. Bailey, Sec. and Treasurer; John T. Coates, Homer Ballenger, Miss Annie Hart, Mesdames Eva Guice, J. B. Cullipher and W. C. Robertson teachers.

All the Baptist of Saluda are urged to attend the Sunday school.

The Methodist also invites grown up's as well as children to meet and study the Sunday school lesson every Sunday morning. The whole country is waking up to the fact that Bible study is more than mere child's play. The members of large classes composed entirely of men in Asheville and Spartanburg testify that deep Bible study and discussion is a well developed man's job. Saluda can not afford to be behind in any good thing. The Methodist church therefore invites all its members of all ages to attend and make the Sunday school better in 1921 than it has ever been before.

The Episcopal Sunday school meets regularly and several children were given special presents Christmas for good attendance. Rev. Allen gave as the average attendance for the past year as twenty eight.

There is another Sunday school in Saluda which boasts of the largest percentage of attendance according to membership. We refer to the Sunday school at Saluda Seminary which is attended by the faculty and boarding pupils every Sunday morning before the Seminary household goes to attend public worship at either of the churches.

### Beyond His Control.

Robert had entertained his cousin for two or three days, but at the end of the third day, a discussion arose and a hand to hand fight ensued. His mother, hearing the commotion, quickly rushed to the scene and admonished, "It isn't nice to fight, Robert," she said, "especially your own relation and guest," but her son in the heat of passion, replied, "It don't make any difference whether he is my 'lation or not, my mad feels just the same."

### Air Power.

An Italian inventor has produced a scheme by which vehicles of wheels and carriages and springs are to be propelled by air. According to the accounts, the scheme is to have huge tanks by the wayside holding vast quantities of compressed air. Locomotives and automobiles and tractors and motorcycles can run alongside and connect their tanks to the mother tank, get a lot of compressed air on board and run to the next stop.

### Gearing Reversed.

I put a new rear axle in our car and wishing to take a ride I threw in the reverse gear to back out of the garage. To my surprise, the car started forward right toward the end wall of the garage. In putting the axle in I had got the driving gear on the wrong side of the drive shaft, so that it reversed the gearing.—Exchange.

### Dirt in Streets.

One thousand six hundred wagon loads of mud and dirt are removed daily from the streets of London.

### Object Achieved.

One object aimed at in changing styles is to make the old photographs look ridiculous.—Toledo Blade.

## FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

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

### Columbus

Miss Mary Taylor former music teacher, of Stearns High School, visited Mrs. J. W. Jack during the holidays.

The Baptist Sunday school elected J. R. Sams, Superintendent, and Professor E. W. S. Cobb assistant Supt. Everyone come to Sunday school next Sunday and hear their inaugural address.

Messrs. Ernest McMurray, Archie Feagan and John Carnegie, were invited guests for lunch at the home of C. D. Elliott and wife, Thursday.

Miss Minnie Arledge gave a social entertainment Friday night to the young people who were spending their vacation at home.

Mrs. R. F. McFarland gave a social dance at her home Saturday night.

J. W. Newman had an attack of acute indigestion which lasted for several hours.

Mrs. Julia Page has been ill but is improving.

Misses Alice, Ada and Mattie Tallant, Hannie, Myrtle and Pearl McGuinn, the McIntyre brothers, Vickers brothers, Oscar Bridges, Ralph Hodge and Floyd Toney went to the mountain Wednesday.

Misses Starnes and McNeely returned Sunday to take up their school work.

The faculty has hired Prof. W. D. Loyd a graduate of Elon College as principal of Stearns High school.

There was a large number of citizens and business men in the village Monday.

Best wishes to the News and all the readers.

### Tryon Route 1

It's now back to the school after the holidays vacation.

We are sorry to lose one of our former correspondents known as (Miss Sue Gibbs) now Mrs. Ray Edwards. They left New Year's morning for the west.

Jack Guffey and wife are rejoicing over the arrival of "Samuel Brison", their Santa Claus baby.

Misses Q. V. Cathey and Clara Edwards, left Sunday for their school work at Sunny View.

Miss Maye Boone, of Madison, primary teacher at Hickory Grove, spent the holidays with Bessie Hamilton.

Miss Leatha Baine, of Salisbury, spent the holidays with Misses Pearl and Essie Edwards. They returned to Brevard this morning.

Misses Octa and Lillian Pack have returned to their school at Saluda.

Marvin Hall and "fair bride" (Miss Morgan) spent their honeymoon with home folks on route 1.

Say, did you hear about Lee Thompson? They say he got married Christmas.

Rev. W. J. Hackney's family spent Christmas day at Walnut Grove.

T. S. Rice is visiting home folks in Buncombe Co.

Misses Letha Baine, Maye Boone, Pearl and Essie Edwards, were dinner guests of Bessie Hamilton Sunday.

Good wishes for a happy year.

### Mt. Lebanon.

The boys of this community have been rabbit hunting during Christmas.

Rev. Bud Jackson preached an interesting sermon at Mt. Lebanon fourth Sunday.

Miss Lillie Constant and Frank Garrett were happily married 3rd Sunday. We wish them a long and happy life.

Everyone had an enjoyable time at the school house Friday before Christmas, had some nice music. Santa Claus gave the children a good scare and treated them besides.

Gaither Johnson and Hannan Thompson visited friends and relatives in Tryon during Christmas.

Miss Mamie Thompson spent the holidays with home folks.

We are sorry to say Mrs. Joel Sherfey is on the sick list.

E. B. Thompson has purchased a saw mill and is turning out some fine lumber which will be a great benefit to the community.

Misses Orpha and Geneva Newman spent Christmas with Misses Mamie and Etta Thompson.

Herschel Thompson left Saturday for Akon, Ohio where he has a position.

John E. Thompson killed a fine Duroc and Berkshire hog age 15 months, weight 525 lbs. "Beat it if you can," others killed also, Logan Johnson's weighed 380 lbs. J. B. Thomsson's 400 lbs. the others 375 lbs.

H. B. Bradley and wife are very feeble at this writing.

All the young people enjoyed themselves at the home of W. L. Johnson's Christmas night.

### Mill Sping Route 1.

Rev. W. J. Hackney filled his regular appointment at Lebanon Sunday.

Grover Green and family were visitors at the home of A. A. Edwards last Tuesday.

Eliza White of Cherryville, N. C., is visiting her cousin Ellen Edwards.

Mollie Dalton and Juanita Voohties were the guests of Ellen Edwards, Saturday last.

Ellen, Bertha, Maggie Lee and Ruth Edwards, also Cora Scoggins of Brevard Institute, visited Maggie Sue Edwards Saturday afternoon.

Arthur Thompson and wife were the guests of the latter's parents A. A. Edwards and wife last Sunday.

Paul Rogers of Glendale, S. C. spent Christmas with his friend Talmage Allen.

Bessie and Francis Lynch of Rutherfordton visited their grandparents R. L. D. Gilbert and wife last Friday.

Andy Gibbs and wife attended services at Lebanon last Sunday.

A. F. Corbin was in this section last week. We welcome him again.

Marshal Abrams spent Saturday with his sister Mrs. Q. M. Powell.

Roscoe Whiteside was the after church guest of Fletcher and Benson Edwards last Sunday.

Gilreath Edwards visited her sister, Mrs. A. A. Thompson last week.

Frank Flynn of near Chimney Rock was a caller in this section Sunday.

Alberta Edwards and Edgar Whiteside of Uree were in this section last Friday.

Come on correspondents, let's make the Polk Co. News a better paper in 1921 than it was in 1920. Let's do our part.