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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.

What a Boy Can do.

In the spring of 1920 I became interested in the production of pure bred swine through reading various articles in some of the farm papers.

The Bank of Bunceon organized a Sow and Litter Club in February and I decided to join at once for I thought it a good chance to make some money and also to gain experience in raising hogs. As my brother-in-law, A. L. Rickman, was entering the business and was attending various hog sales throughout the country I thought he would have a better chance to purchase a sow than I, so on February 17 he bought for me, Miss Col. the King 933470, bred to Pathfinder 12th, a good son of Old Pathfinder, for \$200. I selected Durco Jerseys because I knew just what they would do as father always kept them on the farm. They are prolific, easy feeding, have gentle dispositions grow big and I think are the most popular breed of today.

When my sow came I put her in a small bluegrass pasture with an old barn in it sufficient for shelter. I fed her a quart of Kornfalfa with all the water she would drink and a quart of corn twice a day. About three days before farrowing time I shut her up and made her a good bed of short straw. On March 2 she farrowed nine fine pigs, six sows, three boars. For 24 hours at farrowing time no feed was given her but plenty of water was kept by her to reduce her fever. When the pigs were two days old one of the sow pigs disappeared. I fed the sow very little the first week, then I increased her feed until weaning time. At eight weeks of age I weaned the pigs and bred the sow to Model Sensation 354415, May 20. The pigs were weighed on our stock scales and weighed 38 2-3 pounds. A week after weaning they were given the simultaneous treatment for cholera and fed a ration of millfeeds, with very little corn for 14 days, after which I began to add more feed, a little along all the time as the pigs grew older. Their ration consisted of Acme Pig Meal, ground oats, meat meal, condensed buttermilk and corn.

August 30, in Mr. Rickman's sale, I sold the sow for \$375 and 6 pigs for \$790. October 5th in the Pig Club sale I sold a boar pig for \$30, making a total sold of \$1195 and I have one pig left worth \$100. My feed and cost of the sow was \$268.92.

Several visitors came to look at my pigs but none suggested how I should feed and care for them.

I think it pays better to raise purebred hogs than scrubs for the reason that purebred hogs eat less, grow larger and sell higher than scrubs.

I have learned that with proper type, good blood, and the right kind of care and management that an inexperienced hand can make money out of hogs.

In the short time that I have been interested in hogs, I have learned much about these things and it takes a boy who is not afraid to work, who will stay right on the job and tend to business to make a good Pig Club boy.

I showed my pigs at two county fairs and the Missouri State Fair. I showed 4 pigs at the Bunceon Fair, winning 1st on

boar; 1st, 2nd and 3rd on gilt, 1st on best litter of four, 1st on best litter in open class.

At the Prairie Home Fair I only showed one gilt winning 1st on gilt and 1st on pig either sex. I sent one gilt to the Missouri State Fair and won 1st on gilt, 1st on Durco Jersey pig either sex, any breed. She was farrowed March 2nd, and showed against pigs farrowed since Jan. 1.—The Bunceon Eagle.

Fifty Years, Then What?

When I wrote the above question my mind was ruminating through Polk county, trying to find what is the matter that we have such poor roads, poor schools and poor towns in this county. Why is it that Columbus, the county site is a less town now than it was forty years ago? Many reasons may be conjured up; but among all reasons, there might not be so many after all. Just like all other American people the people of Polk county went money crazy, and when the money craze struck Polk county, the money was not here and the young men and young women were sent abroad for their education and when the school days were over they did not return. They went where money had already taken deep root and offered better inducements for quick returns for service in the shop, office and factory. The county has been constantly drained of its richest and best talents. We see what has happened by the methods pursued for the last fifty years; so it is quite pertinent to pause and ask the question, what will fifty more years bring to Polk county? If the same policy be continued; something like the same results will be reaped at the end of this time. If the "Almighty dollar" is the object of our living and we talk it to our children; they too as in the past will when large enough to migrate, go to the large money centers in quest of the dollar. Now why not change our ways of thinking and talking to our children, instead of plastering the dollar mark over our own eyes and over theirs by our talk and our actions; begin to talk of homes and of home building.

How many men now in Polk county own hundreds of acres of land and their sons and daughters craving a chance to marry and start up a home, but are without means to buy a small piece of land to make the start, why not talk home to the boys and girls and act homes, until they are ablaze with the idea and spirit of a home in the country. If the young people of Polk county would only get the home building idea in their minds instead of the dollar getting idea, and pursue that idea with the same zeal and energy, at the end of the fifty years, instead of the thousands of uncultivated lands, there would be hundreds of homes, and homes of intelligent inmates that would revolutionize the country in building roads, schools and everything that stands for the noblest and best civilization. Why not every farmer and every school teacher in the country strive to get the idea of home firmly fixed in the minds of the coming generation, instead of the idea of money getting. The home building idea would create a kind of

savings bank on the little farm where the home is started, at the end of ten or a dozen years the young home builder would be worth more actual cash than if he had gone out in hot pursuit of the dollar.

The Polk County Advisory Agricultural Board

It has been thought advisable for some time that every county in the state should have some agricultural mouth piece to speak out any time for the agricultural interests of that county. Large wealthy counties like Buncombe has generally a large town with a board of trade or chamber of commerce which has an agricultural committee which answers the purpose admirably; but small counties which have not these accessories have nothing to boost or speak for the farmer. So in order that Polk county shall have some kind of agricultural mouth piece, and when we use the word agriculture, livestock and every other interest which directly or indirectly grows out of the soil. And to this end the following citizens have been appointed and commissioned to act in this capacity for the space of two years, and until their successors are appointed, viz. J. H. Gibbs, Granville Thompson, Wm. Capps, W. D. Helton, J. W. Biddy, W. B. McSwain, C. M. Howes, Ed Thompson, H. P. Corwith, C. J. Lynch, John D. Weaver, Mrs. J. R. Smith, Mrs. Ed Thompson, Miss Mae Irene Flentye, Mrs. J. T. Camp and Mrs. J. R. Foster. This advisory board of agriculture, is entirely non political and is without remuneration; only as faithful patriotic service richly repays those who are willing to give service for the sake of general good to all. This advisory board will be expected to meet once or twice a year and advise the county agent in his many fold duties aid him in planning and executing his work. Advise in matters of roads, schools, fairs and all other matters affecting farmers and home life in Polk county. This board will be called together at an early date for organization and service.

Stearns High School Notes

The Stearns High School will take part in the state-wide high school debating union. The first preliminary will be held April 1, 1921. The triangle will be Biltmore, Brevard and Columbus. The debaters from Stearns High school are affirmative, Misses Leona Feagan and Estella Pace, Negative, Misses Hilda Burgess and Aylene Edwards.

The girls basket ball team of Columbus, failed to get to Landrum Saturday to play the match game which had been arranged with the Landrum team.

On account of several new subjects being added to the course of study in the Stearns High School a period of forty minutes has been added. The school will now turn out at 3:45 o'clock.

On Sunday night Feb. 13, the Christian Endeavor held its regular meeting. Misses Alice Talant and Gertrude West were the leaders.

W. D. Loy and wife took dinner with Prof. E. W. S. Cobb and wife last Sunday.

F. W. Blanton and wife, spent last Sunday with N. T. Mills and wife.

Charles Davenport and family, spent last Sunday with relatives in Lynn.

Misses Mamie Jackson, Bernice Smith and Mabel Lynch, spent last week-end with home folks.

The Stearns High School has entered the interscholastic debating contest of the state. Her triangle is found with Brevard and Biltmore High Schools. The question for the triangular debate for this year is Resolved that collective bargaining through trade unions should prevail in American industry. Those representing Columbus are: affirmative; Leona Feagan and Estella Pace, negative; Hilda Burgess and Aylene Edwards.

The basket ball game which was scheduled for last Saturday between the girls of Stearns High School and Landrum was postponed on account of the weather.

There was no school here last Friday on account of an observation teachers meeting held at Fox Mountain school. This was the second observation meeting held in this township.

Robert Painter spent Sunday with Mrs. A. L. Pitman.

John Blanton, of Moresboro, and Tom Lynch, of Shelby, spent the week-end with relatives.

John Burgess, who has been spending his vacation at home, left last Saturday for Wake Forest where he will resume his course in law.

Sunny View

School is progressing nicely here. J. L. Jackson has been very sick for the past week.

Mrs. Ed Dimsdale has returned to her home in Kansas City, Kan.

We are glad to note that Fred Gibbs is recovering.

T. N. Wilson, G. L. Taylor and G. S. Whiteside, visited at G. L. Jackson's last Saturday.

There will be a fishing and measuring party at Sunny View on Saturday night Feb. 26. The funds will go for the benefit of the school. Everybody come.

There are a few cases of "flu" in this part of the country.

A. J. Dimsdale and wife, visited their daughter, Mrs. F. R. Coggins, last Sunday.

Mrs. Bessie Jackson visited her mother Sunday.

Miss Bessie Helton spent last Saturday night with her grandparents.

Mrs. H. P. Jackson visited her father last Sunday.

Friendship

We are glad to see this fine weather.

The farmers are preparing their farms turning up the soil. G. W. Foster has planted some potatoes and other seed.

Miss Elizabeth Thompson has returned home to spend the summer.

Banard Foster spent the week-end in Buncombe county.

Tom Metcalf and Elton Foster took a trip to Madison county this week.

Ned Anderson and L. E. Hipp, made a business trip to Madison county Tuesday.

The Anderson children are improving with whooping cough. Misses Tessie Forrest and Ola Thompson spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Metcalf.

Misses Lucile and Bessie Foster spent Sunday with Mrs. Gaither Metcalf.

J. R. Sams passed through one day this week, we are glad to see him any time and we sure think he helps to fill the gullies and trim the trees. If we will only listen to him there will not be so many empty cribs this year. So lets all do our best.

FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

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

Mill Spring

We are sorry to see this bad weather after having a few warm days.

Some of the people of Mill Spring have started their gardens.

Misses Malvin Dalton and Rachel Flynn, also Hobert Dalton and Grady Nie were visitors of Edward and Miss Letha Barber last week-end.

We are sorry to note that Mrs. J. H. Gibbs is sick, and hope she will soon recover.

Little Jennie Barber was a guest of Mary Hackney Sunday.

We are sorry to hear of Mr. Bonam being very sick.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Splawn was held at Mill Spring Baptist church Feb. 11. The deceased was well known in Polk county and leaves a number of friends and relatives. She was the widow of the late Gray Splawn. Mrs. Splawn is survived by three daughters and two sons, Mrs. Pitman, of Columbus, Mrs. Grussel near Landrum, and Mrs. John Culbreath, of Beulah, Will Splawn near Landrum, and Ransom Splawn of Mill Spring. She was 78 years old and had been a member of the Baptist church for 63 years.

Mill Spring seems to be on a boom.

Mr. Coggins has bought the old Masonic building and is erecting a blacksmith shop near it.

As some of our Tryon friends said, "Polk county could be made the garden spot of the 'Earth'" and I am sure it is true and if we get our graded school and roads Mill Spring will be the center of attraction.

Melvin Hill

We are sorry to say "Old Mr. winter" has visited us again.

Geo. McIntyre and Miss Lula Johnson, were married on the 19th. Their many friends wish them happiness and success.

G. A. Branscom visited Mrs. Monroe Horn, of Mill Creek, who is quite sick, Sunday.

Prof. W. H. Kreider is still poorly.

Joe Morris, of Cliffside, passed through here Sunday.

Mrs. Emeline Henderson passed away on last Tuesday night February 15th, after an illness of one month. She was taken dangerously ill the day after her only son, Charley Henderson, was buried and grew weaker from day to day although suffering no pain. Her heart was the seat of the trouble. She was a true Christian and faithful member of the Brethern church. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Letha Cantrell and Mrs. Mary Prince, and a number of grand-children and many friends. Funeral services at Mill Creek church on Thursday and buried in the cemetery there.

Tryon Route 1

An all day teachers meeting was held at Fox Mountain last Friday. The children were glad indeed to have Mrs. Jack a former teacher at Fox Mountain with them again. Our trained nurse Mrs. S. B. Edwards, has taken Mrs. E. H. Edwards, who has been sick quite awhile into her home and care. We hope she will soon recover.

The residence of W. C. Hague

caught on fire last Friday afternoon. Help came just in time to save the house. It caught from the kitchen stove flue.

Mrs. T. P. Rice and children have gone to Canton. Mrs Rice will take charge of her sick sister. Mrs. Hunt's millinery store this season and Mr. Rice has a position in New York. We are sorry to loose such energetic neighbors even for just a while.

Floyd Toney returned home to J. D. Carpenter's Sunday after playing prodigal for sometime.

Dave Blackwell recently received a sad telegram stating the death of his mother.

Mrs. Furman Nance was in Spartanburg Friday.

Columbus

Miss Carrie McNeely spent the week-end with her people at Lake Toxaway.

The Teachers Reading Circle met at Fox Mountain school house Friday. All the teachers from Stearns High School were present.

Mrs. Lank Furr and children, who have been spending the winter with her parents have returned to their home in Goldville, S. C.

A. H. Elliott has returned to his work at Canton.

T. P. Rice and family, passed through town Friday. Mrs. Rice goes to Canton, where she has a millinery store and Mr. Rice goes to N. J., where he has a position as master mechanic. We wish them much success in their work.

L. H. Cloud is applying a coat of paint to the residence of Tom Lynch.

Ephus McEntyre was in the village last week-end.

Fred Blanton's brother visited him Saturday.

Tryon guests visited Columbus and bought a number of hand-made rugs and scarfs from Mrs. L. H. Cloud.

Supt. E. W. S. Cobb visited a number of schools last week.

Mrs. T. E. Walker, of Greens Creek, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. B. Cloud.

Special prohibition officer, Rion, from Rutherfordton, was in town last week.

Mrs. E. L. Patty is visiting her mother, Mrs. Whitmire, at Quebec, N. C.

F. M. Burgess spent a few days in Tryon last week.

Coopers Gap

N. L. Wright preached an interesting sermon at Coopers Gap Sunday.

W. D. Helton's son, — and Miss Clara Edwards were married at the groom's home Saturday night at 9 o'clock.

Lawton Wilson had a birthday party Saturday. Everyone reported a nice time.

Mary Lynch visited Alice Wilson Sunday.

Tempered Cleanliness

In the Lois de la Galanterie, written for beaux and dandies in 1840. It is urged that "Every day one should take pains to wash one's hands, and one should also wash one's face almost as often." Perhaps as often as twice a week.—Youth's Companion.

In Praise of Writing

Books are our crowning privilege in modern civilization. With a taste for books and music, let every person thank God, night and morning, that he was not born earlier in history.—T. Starr King.