

Polk County Citizens are Losing Money Every Day Because of Poor Roads. Why do We Stand For It?

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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.

Importance of Community Life

We talk glibly about communities. My community, your community etc. when in fact we have no real communities. Now analyze the word and see how we stand on the question. The word is made up of two simple words; unity and com, of course unity means one or oneness, and com means together. So the word community as applied to a settlement or neighborhood, means all living together for the same purpose, and in harmony. It is easy to build up a settlement. All that is necessary is for one family to move into an undeveloped country and settle down and build a home. And then another family move into the same region and do likewise, having no connection whatever with the other family and so on until there are many families dwelling in the same region, but having little dealings or sympathy for each other. This I would call a settlement. And if this settlement is, in a general way friendly and exchange friendly courtesies in a reasonable way, it might be called a neighborhood; but to have a community we must go farther. This settlement and neighborhood is only in a state of evolution, forging toward a real community. A community, to my mind is a settlement so far advanced in civilization, that it can conduct its own affairs in perfect harmony with the highest ideals of best government and Christianity, without side aid and to withstand encroachments from evil influence from without. Now according to this standard have we a single community in Polk county? If not whose fault is it? To have an ideal community every family and individual in that community should be in favor of; live and be in perfect harmony with all laws and order that it may be the safest place on earth for human life. What are we here on earth for any way? Does anyone want to live in a city, town or country where human life is cheap? Where a life is estimated at whiskey enough to make someone drunk, and a pistol and a brass shells charged with two drachms of powder and a leaden bullet? Does anyone desire to buy property in a town or settlement where there is a drunken row and someone shot to death frequently or occasionally? Well now, a community such as the writer has in mind does not allow such things to happen often. Ideal communities are built on the foundation of brotherly love and human sympathy. The law that was given to the world by Moses from the burning mountains in the wilderness, and from the lips of Jesus in the sermon on the Mount; must forever be the foundation of all governments, whither national, state, county, city, town or individual.

We must get back to fundamental principals and build on the same foundation. What we need in Polk county is what every other county everywhere needs. Larger community centers than the small district with leadership and following in each community strong enough to conduct its own affairs on such high normal planes, that human life and property will be safe; but in such a manner that all

who desire in that community can be happy and enjoy peaceful living and guarantee the same to any who may choose to come that way— we should develop six real sure-enough communities in Polk county—Viz. Tryon, Saluda, Columbus, Mill Spring, Greens Creek, Sunny View. Shall we get busy and have them? Or will we go on in our loose ways until something so shocking will happen that will open our eyes and compel us to do our simple duty.?

Shall Farmers in Polk County Use Commercial Fertilizers This Year

Of course fertilizers are high and farm products low; but notwithstanding, a wise use of commercial fertilizers will be necessary. Where land has been cropped in cotton and corn from year to year and commercial fertilizers depended upon for farm fertility, the humus or organic content is exhausted and without some kind of help, poor crops will be harvested. Where legume crops have been grown; such as soy beans, velvet beans, vetch, clovers or alfalfa, the use of lime and acid phosphate is all that is necessary. Also where the livestock on the farm has been well housed and fed, and stalls kept well supplied with straw, leaves or other bits, as an absorbant; and this manure wisely used; the fertilizer bill may be reduced materially. But the wise farmer, and all should be wise this year. Must remember that it costs just as much to prepare and cultivate an acre in corn or cotton that produces 10 bu. of corn or 300 lbs. of seed cotton per acre, as it does to produce 40 bu. of corn or 1300 lbs. of seed cotton per acre. So at present prices of commercial fertilizers, it will pay to use it if applied wisely. On every acre planted to cotton, 600 lbs. of a complete fertilizer per acre should be used on land where no legume crop was grown last year or a winter cover crop of some legume crop is not on the land now to be turned under this spring. Don't fool yourselves in the idea that you can cut out all plant foods until by a wise system of crop rotations you will grow all the nitrogen necessary in your fields. Neither must you get away from the fact that acid phosphate and lime are minerals and must be purchased and applied and cannot be grown on the land in any kind of crops. Remember also that to get best results in growing the legume crops that supply nitrogen in the soil that lime and acid phosphate must be used. So let us look the situation squarely in the face and not do a rash thing that will operate against ourselves and against all other business, just because our farm products are a little off in price; but let us think wisely and act wisely and he who does so will have a good all around crop next fall, with plenty of corn, oats, hay etc. for feed for all livestock on the farm, and bread, meat, molasses, vegetables, milk, butter, eggs etc. in abundance for farming consumption, and the birds may sing and whistle for food; but all such farmers will be independent, and in a position to divide their stores of provisions with their city cousins.

Farmers should club together this year and order in car lots.

Report of the Condition of the PEOPLE'S BANK & TRUST COMPANY at Tryon in the State of N. C. at the close of business, February 21st 1921.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$92,324.04
Demand Loans	2,781.72
Overdrafts, secured	55.15
unsecured	100.94
United States Bonds and Liberty Bonds	94,150.00
Banking House \$6,260 Furniture and Fixtures	2,905.00
Cash in vault and net amount due from Banks, Bankers and Trust Companies	13,002.43
Checks for clearing	107.21
Expense Account	294.70
Total	211,976.19

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$10,000.00
Surplus Fund	1,000.00
Bills Payable	27,500.00
Deposits subject to check	52,754.02
Time Certificates of Deposit	15,892.67
Savings Deposits	37,685.01
Cashier's Checks outstanding	194.49
Certificates for U. S. Bonds	66,950.00
Total	211,976.19

State of North Carolina, County of Polk. March 2nd, 1921.

I, V. A. Bland, Asst. Cash. of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

V. A. BLAND Asst. Cashier. Correct—Attest:

W. F. Little
W. Y. Wilkins
Walter Jones
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 2nd, day of March 1921.

Geo. A. Gash, Notary Public.

Buelah

We will agree with Mr. Sams, had better be some mud hole clubs organized.

J. T. Waldrop motored to Tryon Saturday with a load of pork and eggs.

J. W. Fowler spent Sunday evening with Roy Jones.

William Wilson, of Coopers Gap, was a caller of J. T. Waldrop Saturday.

Mrs Roy Jones and Miss Nora Jones, spent Tuesday with Mrs. J. W. Fowler.

Will T. Green and wife, visited W. J. Green and wife, last week.

Mr. Geer and wife, called to see the daughter of Mr. Waycaster and wife, who has been sick.

Mrs. J. T. Waldrop is improving.

J. W. Fowler made a business trip to Landrum one day last week.

John Panther spent Sunday with Otho and Hubert Fowler.

Hurrah for Tryon Route 1, get out of that mud hole you have been in all winter and clean your feet off, hull out to Virginia and get some of her roads, Polk is not going to do anything but grumble. So you have decided right, won't we be glad to take a walk on your Virginia roads in Polk county.

The peach trees should be pruned when the fruit buds are swelling and showing much of the red. If the crop fails; cut the tree back severely, which will stimulate wood growth for the next years crop.

Then be good to your neighbors and don't speak evil of any one.

Report of the Condition of the BANK OF TRYON at Tryon in the State of N. C. at the close of business, February 21st, 1921.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$94,239.54
Overdrafts secured	600.49
United States Bonds and Liberty Bonds	8,600.00
All other Stocks, Bonds and Mortgages	1,829.41
Banking House Furniture and Fixtures	5,100.00
Cash in vault and net amounts due from Banks, Bankers and Trust Companies	26,698.82
Total	137,068.26

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	10,000.00
Surplus Fund	10,000.00
Undivided Profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	2,279.58
Bills Payable	5,000.00
Deposits subject to check	68,591.19
Time Certificates of Deposit	6,766.88
Saving Deposits	34,067.91
Cashier's Checks outstanding	362.70
Total	137,068.26

State of North Carolina, County of Polk. March 1st, 1921.

I, J. B. Hester, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. B. HESTER Cashier. Correct—Attest:

B. L. Ballenger
J. B. Hester
W. T. Lindsey
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 1st, day of March 1921.

W. F. Little Notary Public. Commission expires, March 19th, 1921

New Hope

Miss Eva Lancaster had a singing at her home Sunday afternoon.

Osborn Morrow, Clint and Hubert Cudd went to a party at Lish Gray's Thursday night, and said to of had a wonderful time.

There will be a box supper at New Hope 1st, Saturday night. Everybody is invited to come.

Miss Edna Mosley and Curtis Strickland were married Wednesday, February 16.

Misses Cecil and Willie Splawn were in the home of one of their best friends Friday night.

Miss Millie Rogers and Jessie Morrow, took a trip to Chesnee Friday.

Miss Mabel Lancaster gave a cotton picking at her home Thursday night.

John Cooley visited Miss Gladys Strickland Sunday.

Cassie Hill, from Rutherfordton, is visiting friends and relatives this week.

Bob Adams and wife, have a new daughter in their home.

Volney Splawn took dinner with William Strickland Sunday.

Mrs. Tommie Roach and Esley Davidson were at New Hope Sunday.

Now what about the family cow, is she standing out all humped up these snowy nights, taking the weather, or is she snugly housed, devouring good legume hay and other milk producing rations?

And that pasture for the family cow; is it full of good succulent pasture grasses? Or is it full of bushes, briars, weeds and gullies? There is a difference.

FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

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

Pea Ridge

We are still having some nice weather.

Collett Fowler was in Rutherfordton Friday on business, also Ewell Taylor.

Gertrude and Gladys Phillips, visited their sister, Mrs. Joe Prichard, near Landrum, S. C., last week.

Birch Davis and family, were the guests of E. L. McDade Sunday, also Misses Gertrude and Gladys Phillips.

We are glad to note that Mrs. Fowler is rapidly recovering.

Clarence Newman and Thomas Phillips were the pleasant callers of Misses Clifford and Nettie Davis Sunday afternoon.

Frank Green spent the week-end with his brother, Walter Green.

Mrs. Annie Phillips, of Columbus, is visiting relatives on Pea Ridge.

Ewell Taylor made a business trip to Landrum Tuesday.

Oliver Taylor and wife, spent Sunday with the latter's mother, Mrs. E. P. Taylor.

Babe McAbee and wife, were the afternoon guests of John Shehan and family Sunday.

Coopers Gap

We are glad to know that spring has broke, and the roads are getting good and we are having beautiful sunshine.

The fishing party that was held at Sunny View Feb. 26, proved to be a success. The amount received being \$41.40.

W. D. Helton and Misses Clara Edwards, Mary Helton and Willie B. McGuinn, took a pleasant horseback ride Sunday.

Frank Edwards was a caller at Sunny View Sunday.

Andy McGuinn, and Noah Lynch were pleasant callers at Misses Arkansas and Maggie Jacksons Sunday.

W. W. Crawley, Dewitt Helton and Noah Lynch, attended the singing at Big Level Sunday.

Misses Emma and Bessie Jane Helton visited their grandfather Sunday.

Wish to correct the mistake that was made in the last week's News that Miss Clara Edwards was married to W. D. Helton's son. It being a mock wedding she was married to his daughter, Mary Helton, instead of his son.

Mill Spring

Rev. J. W. Hackney filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday.

We are having beautiful spring weather now and the familiar old "Gee-haw" can be heard from every hillside.

Misses Leona, Eva and Mollie Edgerton, are home from Asheville school, on a two weeks vacation.

Frank Green, of Stearns high school, visited his parents last week-end.

Everyone seems very much interested over the prospects of a high school at this place.

We are looking forward to the time when the boys and girls of White Oak township will have school advantages at home.

Boney Arledge, of Wofford College, Spartanburg, visited home folks Sunday.

Rev. R. Reed, from S. C., is expected to preach at the Baptist church Sunday. Everybody has

a cordial invitation. J. B. Dalton was the guest of J. H. Gibbs Sunday.

Stearns High School News

A very interesting program was given at the Stearns High school auditorium Friday night. A large crowd attended and every one seemed to enjoy the program rendered by the little folks.

The juniors of Stearns High school, are planning to give the seniors a picnic.

The newly organized Christian Endeavor society is doing good work. The leaders for Sunday night are Misses Mattie Tallant and Aylene Edwards, had a splendid program prepared. The attendance and the spirit of the meetings are growing.

Misses Maude McNeely and Mary Smith, also Raymond Bellotte, were the guests of Miss Carrie McNeely Sunday afternoon.

Misses Eva Pace and Elma Newman spent Saturday in Lynn.

Misses Ethel Starnes and Carrie McNeely spent Saturday in Spartanburg, shopping.

Miss Oma Reynolds spent the week-end with home folks.

Fred Blanton and wife, motored to Inman Sunday, to spend the day with friends.

Misses Eula Jackson and Oma Reynolds, were visiting in the village last week-end.

Mr. McMurray and wife, L. H. Cloud and Mrs. Hill, motored to Tryon Sunday.

Ralph Prince and family visited their old home Sunday.

Messrs. Hutcherson and West moved their saw mill Monday to Vance Thompson's.

Our school is progressing nicely. We are glad to have an energetic and hustling Prof. like Mr. Loy.

Last Saturday Feb. 26, L. L. Tallant, B. F. Gibbs, J. R. Hutcherson, with their teams, D. V. Tallant, Thomas Lawter, Pink Lawter, Thomas Greene and Robert Landis, with their shovels and mattox did some real road working on the road leading from Columbus by B. L. Gibbs' place, working one mile of road putting it in first class condition.

And the poor hens, are they roosting in the snow these winter nights? Or are they housed in a modern poultry house, doing business? And what about your method of feeding the hens, do they get meat in any form? If not they can't lay—because they must have meat to make the white in the egg, and they will not lay without putting the white in with the yolk. from your own gardens.

Now is the time to look out for a pig or two to provide meat for the family next fall. Better if you have a nice brood sow and some good pigs for sale and to raise.

Get busy pruning the grape vines. By all means get it done in February or early in March. It can be done later; but February is the natural and logical time.

Before and After

Before he gets her he says: "How womanly!" when she does anything. But after he gets her he says: "That's just like a woman!" when she does a thing.—Cincinnati Enquirer.