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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 Polk County Farmers.

Of all times since the reconstruction days after the Civil War; now is the greatest time for farmers to think; yes to think accurately philosophically and right to the point.

It seems that farmers in Polk county fully realize that something must be done relative to future operations in the way of farming in this county. They have lost faith in growing cotton with commercial fertilizers, and with the high cost of fertilizers and labor that went into the last crop of cotton and the low price for which the crop sold; there is no wonder that the farmer is "Blue" over the situation, and the hope of the future relative to growing cotton. Now is there any remedy? Can the farmer drop cotton entirely, or partly out of his farm crops and support his family and have cash to pay tax and for other cash purposes? This is a very pertinent question and one that must be thought out as above stated and then those thoughts promptly and vigorously acted upon and put into substantial operation right on the farms.

Many thousands of dollars went out of Polk County last year to pay for the poorest kind of hay when the very richest of legume hays from cow peas, soy beans, velvet beans, sorghum, oats and vetch, etc. to the end of long chapters. In fact there is no limit to the natural resources of hay making in this county, and at half the cost of the hay shipped here from outside, and this home grown hay is easily double in value in the coming commodity. This is one way to drop off part of the cotton crop. And there is this difference, grow these hay crops and feed it to more and better livestock returning the manure to the land, and your land is growing better instead of rapidly running down under the old system. Then it is certainly demonstrated that as fine grasses for hay and grazing purposes, can be grown as profitably in Polk county as anywhere.

Yes, pastures for grazing both summer and winter, and again your land will not wash. Now no one must accuse me of being an enemy to growing cotton, for under proper conditions and in a sane way, I think cotton can be grown profitably as a cash crop, but not as it has been grown. Neither must you accuse of being visionary or theoretical, until you adopt my preachments about growing legume and grass, hay and pasture crops, and find it to be untrue, only visit any country north or south, east or west where the legume and grass hay crops and pasture crops are cultivated and fed properly to cattle and other livestock and see if this method of farming will not pay the farm? By this system the farmer can grow some cotton with his other crops, or he can leave it out all together as he may choose; and as stated in the beginning of this article. Now is the time of all times to think and to act. This is exactly my mission in Polk county. When all farmers adopt this system of farming and by so doing make the farms rich and enable the farmer's sons and daughter to build homes and remain in the county to build schools and roads, then my job will be completed

and I ready to go down to the eastern section of N. C. or to S. C. or Georgia, where there are still some remaining gullies and washed away fields on which I could bestow sympathy and continue my labor.

Right now is the time of year to think and act for the coming years.

Community Clubs and What They Mean

Now following up suggestions that have already been made relative to community clubs, can such clubs be organized and maintained in the county? Let me state what is going on at Mill Spring, one of the best community centers in Polk county. Now remember; I did not say the best; but one of the best centers, and there are several others perhaps as good, and possibly better; but I started to tell what they are actually doing. Two years ago we began developing a community interest and it was hard work to get from a half dozen to a dozen people to the meetings. Now they meet twice a month and the school room is crowded every night, of course no great operations have grown out of these meetings yet as they have up to this time been used as a means of creating the brotherly spirit, community oneness of thought and interest, and the general get together feeling in everybody. But during all this time it has not all been talk only. The community spirit has taken such hold on these people that they are planning to vote a special tax and accept a proposition from the state to build a school building that will cost \$20,000 to \$25,000 and conduct a modern up to the hour school. These meetings have not only grown in popularity in the way of attendance but in real interest.

Just think of Mill Spring with such a school, educating their children at home and then there would be something to cause them to remain at home and they would marry and build homes in their own county and make it a thing of beauty and a glory forever. Keep your eye on Mill Spring.

Jury for April Term of Court

FIRST WEEK

N. L. Whiteside
Avery Elliott
A. L. Hendrix
Louis Denton
E. B. Ruff
Geo. W. Denton
Crawford Walker
B. F. Green
P. H. Bailey
J. I. Landis
Joshua Hodge
Z. M. Walker
W. S. Corn
G. W. Egerton
John Holbert
W. J. Painter
E. L. Bradley
O. B. Garren
W. E. Elliott
B. T. Horton
R. G. Hamilton
W. H. Barnett
W. A. Fisher
Fred E. Swann
L. H. Cloud
R. A. Green
H. Doubleday
Henry Thompson
W. F. Little
W. L. Brown
R. J. Hinson
W. J. Scrivins
T. T. Ballenger

Report of the condition of the BANK OF SALUDA

at Saluda in the State of N. C. at the close of business, Feb. 21st, 1921.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$58,460.38
Overdrafts	922.76
United States Bonds and Liberty Bonds	7,250.00
Banking House 3,700 Furniture and Fixture 2500	6,200.00
All other Real Estate owned	750.00
Cash in vault and net amount due from Bank, Bankers and Trust Companies	3,644.61
Checks for clearing	967.89
Total	\$78,195.64

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$10,000.00
Undivided Profits less current expenses and taxes paid	857.61
Notes and Bills Rediscounted	12,500.00
Deposits subject to check	15,825.35
Time Certificates of Deposit	25,521.23
Saving Deposit	13,151.38
Cashier's Checks outstanding	340.07
Total	\$78,195.64

State of North Carolina, County of Polk. March 3rd, 1921.

I, P. H. Bailey, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

P. H. BAILEY Cashier.
Correct—Attest:
Henry P. Corwith
J. M. Hearon
P. H. Bailey
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 3rd, day of March 1921.

H. B. Lane Notary Public.
My Commission Expires March 20, 1922.

J. B. Thompson
A. M. Salley
N. T. Mills

SECOND WEEK

J. M. Henderson
J. J. Garren
H. B. Hollifield
R. O. Covington
D. W. Pace
H. P. Sharp
J. A. Johnson
A. L. McMurray
Jas. Melton
T. B. Davis
C. C. Constant
Logan Johnson
Richard McIntyre
E. W. Taylor
J. R. Smith
Henry Bray
J. L. Thompson
N. W. Reynolds

Now let everybody do just a little better than last year. If you had the habit of "Kussing" last year, "Kuss" less or better quit entirely this year. If you talked evil of your neighbor last year; speak well of them this year and see how it will work. If you bought hay or corn last year; see if you can't sell some this year. If you run a blockade still, aided or abetted anyone else last year leave it off this year and see how much more respect you will have for yourself when in a decent law abiding crowd. In other words; be a complete gentleman and you will be respected as anyone by everybody.

And by all means subscribe for your county paper, you need it worse than the Editor needs the money but he cannot run a paper without a little "Dough".

Report of the Condition of the CAROLINA STATE BANK

at Saluda in the State of N. C. at the close of business, Feb. 21st, 1921.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	\$49,924.39
Demand Loans	8,375.00
Overdrafts	114.48
United States Bonds and Liberty Bonds	2,601.40
All other Stocks Bonds and Mortgages	17,100.00
Banking House \$1,250 Furniture and Fixtures 1,000	2,250.00
All other Real Estate owned	301.57
Cash in vault and net amount due from Banks, Bankers and Trust Companies	14,245.87
Cash Items held over 24 hours	43.02
Checks for clearing	139.46
Collections	62.56
Total	\$95,157.75

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$5,000.00
Surplus Fund	5,000.00
Undivided Profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	1,482.16
Deposit subject to check	44,412.42
Time Certificates of Deposit	38,413.71
Cashier's Checks outstanding	849.46
Total	\$95,157.75

State of North Carolina, County of Polk. 1921.

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

H. B. LANE, Cashier.
Correct—Attest:
W. C. Robertson
M. A. Pace
Q. C. Sonner
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 28th, day of Feb. 1921.

P. H. Bailey, Notary Public.
My Commission Expires March 1, 1921.

Beulah

J. T. Waldrop was at Columbus 1st Monday.

Rev. J. T. Ruppe filled his regular appointment at Beulah Sunday and delivered an interesting sermon.

J. T. Waldrop made a business trip to Rutherfordton last week. Mrs. Roy Jones and children, are visiting her parents this week, J. W. Green and wife, near Silver Creek.

Will T. Green spent Sunday with his brother, Walter, on Pea Ridge.

Farmers of this section seem to be enjoying this nice weather. Most everyone is cutting stalks and so on.

B. B. Flynn, our rural mail carrier seems to be enjoying these nice dry roads and hopes they will continue.

Beulah school seems to be getting along nicely with a regular attendance of a joyful crowd every day.

A Texas Iconoclast.

Our guess is that when the bride promises to love, honor and obey she is just as earnest as when she kisses the bridegroom's folks.—Dallas News.

Modern Deluge.

The biggest yearly rainfall is in Assam. In 1861 the world's record was broken there by a fall of 806 inches, or more than 67 feet of rain.

One Explanation.

Jud Tunkins says the reason so many of us are afraid of work is that we are too bashful to get acquainted.

Much in Little.

The brief style is that which expresses much in little.—Ben Jonson.

FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

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

Mt Lebanon

The farmers of this community are doing a lot of work these beautiful days.

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

Geo. France and family, of Tryon, spent Wednesday last at the home of J. C. Newman's.

We are glad to have our new neighbors with us, Mr. Keith and wife of Spartanburg, S. C.

Gay Thompson spent last week-end with his sister, Mrs. W. B. Arledge.

We are sorry to say J. C. Newman and wife, are ill at this writing.

We are glad to say the boys of this community did some good work last week on what is known as the Price road which will be a great benefit to this community.

A crowd of girls and boys took a trip to Bradley Falls last Sunday afternoon and enjoyed a good time.

The small infant of J. C. Newman and wife was buried at Mt. Lebanon March 5. We extend to the bereaved parents our deepest sympathy.

Tryon Route 1

Many on the route attended church Sunday, and God saw that it was good.

Mrs. E. H. Edwards is now back at home and is still convalescent.

Miss Sallie Carpenter is nursing a sore arm, is thought to be inflammatory rheumatism.

Misses May Boone, Letha Barber, and Messrs. Broadus Flynn and Ernest Gibbs were dinner guests at Walnut Grove Sunday, Misses Thelma and Jettie Hague, and little brother, Woodrow, also Mrs. E. B. Edwards and children were pleasant afternoon callers.

Roy Edwards and wife, visited at the home of E. B. Edwards.

Saul Hamilton, Loren Toney, J. D. Carpenter and the Ford boys were motoring on the route Sunday.

Miss Beulah, we will admit we have as good mud holes as any, but don't mean to keep them, thus, bye and bye ere long we can have just as good roads as they have in the "Trail of the Lonesome Pine" when we get beyond grumbling.

Lynn

Rev. Caldwell will preach at 11 a. m. Sunday March 13, Dr. Pratt will preach at 3:30 p. m. it being their regular appointments.

The work on the new church is progressing slowly, but every day brings it a little nearer to a finish. Donations of any kind will be thankfully received.

The school at Lynn will close Friday night March 17, with some music recitals etc.

Several of the Lynn folks with the teachers attended services at the Presbyterian church Sunday at Columbus.

W. F. Swann motored to Greenville last Monday.

Sam Blackwell who with his family, moved to Spartanburg last summer has returned.

A new piano has been purchased for the school. A good investment.

Mrs. H. G. Cannon is visiting her brother's family, Mrs. Geo.

M. Hicks, at New Prospect, this week.

W. A. Cannon run over to Greenville, last Tuesday to attend the Laymens bi-ennial Missionary convention of the Presbyterian church.

The soliciting committee for the new church visited Columbus last Monday and secured about \$40.

A long vacation for the school. It is to be hoped that the school plant may be very much improved by the opening of the fall term, by installing a good and safe heating plant, also toilets, lights, etc.

We are sorry to say the illness of Miss Kate Panther who is with her mother, Mrs. J. B. Panther. Since the above was written it is necessary to record her death on Wednesday.

Pea Ridge

Wonder how everybody is enjoying real springtime.

Born to Calvin Phillips and wife, last Wednesday a boy, B. V. Newman says his name is Calvin Coolidge.

The revenue officers made a raid on the lower end of Pea Ridge Friday last, and captured three stills.

Sheriff Jackson passed through this locality one day last week.

We are sorry to say that Rev. W. G. Green's fourth son, amputated his thumb one day last week.

Mrs. Brisco has returned to her home, bringing with her a trained nurse.

Misses Clifford and Nettie Davis, were the dinner guests of Misses Gertrude and Gladys Phillips Sunday.

Frank Green, called on Miss Bertha Barrow, Sunday.

Mrs. E. L. McDade and daughter, Ruby, were the guests of Mrs. Calvin Phillips Sunday, also Mrs. B. V. Newman.

We are sorry to say that Miss Wanda McDade has a light attack of pneumonia.

Clarence Newman called on Miss Gertrude Phillips Sunday.

Mrs. Alice Huntsinger and daughter, are the visitors of C. F. West and wife.

Charlie Taylor was the guest of Miss Nettie Davis Sunday.

Sunny View

Several from Cooper's Gap went to Cane Creek Sunday.

Misses Clara Edwards and I. V. Cathey, visited Miss Edward's parents last week-end.

Rev. Dotson delivered an interesting sermon at Cane Creek Sunday, a large crowd attended.

Mrs. H. P. Jackson visited Mrs. Fred Gibbs Sunday.

Several were out joy riding Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mary Lynch visited Alice Wilson Sunday.

Pink Jackson made a business trip to Spartanburg.

Bill Jackson and wife, spent last week with home folks, also Curtis Wilson and wife.

A. J. Dimsdale and wife, have returned home after a few weeks stay with their daughter.

G. L. Taylor visited at J. L. Jackson's Sunday.

Chinamen Outdress Women. In China the men as a rule are more extravagant in dress than the women.