

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.

Polk County Needs 500 Home Builders

Yes, we want that many or more if they are good ones, and if not we do not want any. Now the question might rise in some one's mind as to what constitutes a good home builder. To my mind it is either a young man and wife, an old man and wife or any age between, who have good character and will settle down on a piece of Polk county land from five acres to five hundred owing to capital and capacity to use land for home purposes. We can fit up any capacity that may apply. We don't want any more people to come to Polk county and buy up large tracts of land for a song and skin it of its native forest and then demand a big price to prospective home seekers; but we do want, and encourage young, middle age or old men who live in high priced land counties and desire to purchase and improve the land and build homes in Polk county. We want, and the opportunity is here for young men with red blood in them, to begin right in the forest and build a home. Any young man with health and grit can make such a beginning and succeed.

We want our young men and women to get away from the purpose of money getting and get back to the idea of home building. The world has been and is still drunk and crazy about money. Why not get away from the money craze and begin to think about the best thing ever acquired in this world—A home. After all a happy and useful home can be made with very little money. One of the most successful homes I was ever in occupied a house where the kitchen had no floor except kind old mother earth, mark you; I did say the wealthiest home. The most beautiful home or the most comfortable home, I said one of the successful homes. There is a difference between a wealthy home and a successful home. I knew a home once that was burdened with wealth, and yet it was hell on earth. Again I knew a home in which two christian spirits dwelt in never dying love. They did not so much as ever own a house or a foot of land. Six bright children three boys and three girls came into that home. They had extremely little of the comfort of life. They had little of health and strength; but they were rich in faith toward God and they loved God and man. By dint of hard toil the oldest boy fought his way through the common school, then the high school and college. He then assisted all his brothers and sisters through college and today two of the brothers are law partners, and the other brother is county superintendent of schools and the three sisters hold high and honorable positions in life, one of these brothers lately donated to his Almatater the sum of one thousand dollars as a precious gift for permanent endowment. Who would dare say that this was not a successful home. Any Christian young man and woman who loves God and humanity, and each other can begin in the jungles of Polk county and succeed just as this poor young man and woman succeeded. You may not make stacks of money; you may not build a costly and pretentious house;

but if you succeed in giving to the world three sons and three daughters, the equal of these spoken of; you will be entitled to a monument more durable than brass, your name will be written among the honor roll of those who send their good name on down to inherit the earth in the time to come and bless it.

That Mud Hole Club

It is no joke. There is one sure enough mud hole club organized in Polk county. I don't know who is president, vice president, Sec. etc. Really I don't know that it has a president or vice president; but I know it has no treasurer; because it does not operate by means of money. They do not need money. They have found the way to do the thing which beats money to death, and so much easier to get and apply than by using money. They have found that a little elbow grease is easier found than money, and does the work better. Well I want to tell you a little more about the organization then tell what it has done. I think the organization consists of Dock Tallant, Lee Tallant, Ben Gibbs, John Hutcherson, Vance Thompson, Alex Feagans, and perhaps others who got it into their heads to have a better public road through their premises. There were three almost impassable mud holes on this stretch of road, and none of the road was good, so without any organization, cash or what not. They got together and with their own teams, tools and muscle made a mile or more of the best road in the county, that is not surfaced. They say they mean to organize and keep the thing up.

So far as their road is concerned and that people in the rest of the county who don't like to either work roads or pay tax, can just take their part of the road money and do what they please with it. Now why not get up some more mud hole clubs? If every neighborhood would look after the bad mud holes within its own boundary, how easy it would be to have better roads and no one would ever know the difference. What community will organize the next mud hole club? Why not do this all over Polk county and just see the difference. It takes tax to keep up roads, and people closest to these awful mud holes can fix them and keep them fixed better and cheaper than by any other means. Try it one year.

All the townships of Polk county have cotton, peanuts, fig and mountain apple land except Greens Creek, which alone must be content with her rolling lands and river bottoms.

Did any farmer fail to fill a gully last month? In fifteen minutes any farmer can fill a great big one—and at that rate, in an hour he can fill four. Try it next time the ground is to wet to plow instead of loafing at the cross road store, or sitting around quarreling at the good wife because she scorched the bread for dinner.

Mr. Farmer, have you all laid in your pig or pigs for meat next year? If not get busy, and prepare feed to keep him growing and in a good condition and very little corn will finish him up in the fall.

OUR NEW ROAD LAW.

A Bill to be Entitled an Act to Provide for the Appointment of Road Commissioners for Polk County and Amending Chapter 456, Public-Local Laws of North Carolina, Session 1919.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That C. W. Davis, and J. H. Gibbs be and they are hereby appointed road commissioners of Polk county to succeed E. B. Lancaster and J. H. Gibbs, named as such road commissioners in section two of chapter four hundred and fifty-six Public-Local Laws of North Carolina, session of nine hundred and nineteen.

Sec. 2. That sections twenty-four, twenty-five, and twenty-six of the Public-Local Laws of North Carolina, session of nineteen hundred and nineteen, be and the same are hereby stricken out and the following sections are substituted in lieu thereof, to wit:

"Sec. 24. That for the purpose of efficiently maintaining and caring for the public roads and bridges of Polk county, the road commissioners created by this act shall divide Polk county into three districts and one of said road commissioners shall be designated to be in control and supervise the care and maintenance of all the public roads and bridges in the district to which he shall have been designated."

"Sec. 25. That for the further efficient care and maintenance of the roads and bridges of Polk county, the said road commissioners shall employ as many squads or road forces as may be practical to give their entire time and attention to the repair, care and maintenance of the public roads and bridges of the townships or districts in which they are employed; said squads or road forces to be composed of not less than three nor more than four men, one of whom shall be employed as foreman of his squad or road force, and said foreman shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, enter into a bond payable to the road commissioners of Polk county in the sum of not less than five hundred dollars, conditioned upon his faithful performance of his duties as foreman of his squad or road force, and said squads or road forces are subject to removal by the said road commissioners at any time for failure to efficiently care for and maintain the public roads of their township or road district; and the said road forces shall receive such compensation as may be determined upon by the said road commissioners; and the said road commissioners shall furnish to the said squads or road forces all the necessary material, tools, and equipment, including camping outfit and utensils, which the said road commissioners shall determine to be necessary for the proper and efficient care and maintenance of the public roads of their townships or districts; said squads or road forces shall be at all times under the direct supervision of the road commissioners who has been designated to the district in which the squad or road force is employed, and the said squads or road forces shall be under the general supervision and control of the road commissioners of Polk county created under this act; the foreman of each squad or road force shall on the first Monday in each month make and submit to the road commissioners of Polk county a written report, itemizing the number of days and hours his squad or road

force has been engaged in work upon said roads and bridges, the roads and bridges upon which said labor has been performed and the mileage of each road which has been repaired or cared for by his squad or road force, together with the name of each of the members of his squad or road force as well as himself and how much time each of them has been engaged in work under this law during the thirty days period covered by his said report, said reports to be filed by the said commissioners in their office; and, in case of freshet, flood, storm, or other extraordinary or unexpected casualties, the said road commissioners may, in order to repair damages to the roads of Polk county which may be occasioned by such casualties, which as little delay as possible, combine two or more of said squads or road forces until such damage shall have been as sufficiently repaired as possible."

"Sec. 26. That the said road commissioners of Polk county shall semi-annually on the tenth day of July and January hereafter, publish a statement showing:

(1) The amount of cash on hand on the first days of January or July preceeding the date of their report;

(2) An itemized statement of the several amounts received by the said road commissioners during the six months preceeding the first day of the month in which the report is to be made, and from what source it was received;

(3) The amount of cash on hand, if any, on the first day of the month in which the report is made;

(4) An itemized statement of the moneys disbursed by the said road commissioners, to whom and for what purpose the said disbursements were made;

(5) The amount, if any, of the deficit that the said road commissioners may have incurred during the said six months period; and the said report shall be accompanied with a statement showing the number of miles of road built during the said six months period, and the name of the roads and the names of the townships in which said roads were built, the number of miles and names of roads which have been repaired during the said six months period, and the names of the townships in which said roads are located. Said report and statement shall be posted at the court house door at Columbus and copies of said report and statement shall be posted by the said road commissioners at least three other public places in each of the townships in Polk county; and, if the said road commissioners shall publish the said report and statement in a newspaper published in Polk county having a general circulation in said Polk county, the cost of publication shall be a valid charge against the road fund of said Polk county; failure of the said road commissioners to make and publish the report and statement herein provided for shall be a misdemeanor, and punishable in the discretion of the court."

Sec. 3. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Good time to build poultry house and repair old farm tools, old wagons etc.

FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

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

Saluda.

Mrs. J. W. Dunn, secretary of Saluda board of trade has moved his family into the Bushnell cottage.

Mrs. Julia K. Campbell and Miss Killian have returned from Chester.

Mrs. Petty, of Hendersonville, visited her daughter, Helen, at the seminary last Sunday.

Relatives from Greer, S. C., visited Gladys McCoy and Lois Wright Sunday.

Miss Hallie Singleton has returned from Tryon.

A. De Vere Turner and wife will entertain at the Boys Club Saturday night at which time they will tell of some of the wonderful things they saw and heard while in Florida.

Saluda crossed bats with the C. M. N. A. on last Monday afternoon. The game was close from beginning to end. The final score stood 8-9 favor C. M. N. A.

Mrs. L. H. Cox, of Belmont, is visiting her father Mr. Lee Hart.

R. T. Hopkins and wife are now at home at the Pines.

R. L. Newman and Leo Pace, went to Greensboro this week to attend a state meeting of the Woodman of the World.

Fred Bailey, wife and J. B. Cullipher, went to Cowdens Sunday.

Rev. J. O. Cox, L. D. Capps and Horace Nabers, are in Black Mountain this week attending the district conference, of the Asheville district of the Western North Carolina conference. These delegates attended the banquet at Central church Asheville on Tuesday night. Bishop Darlington was the attractive speaker on this occasion.

Improvement on Henderson St.

Mr. Hopkins and wife have had a new porch added to their home and the interior of the house has been freshly calso-mined.

Recent improvements, added to the Fisher home makes the street more attractive.

The yards of the Charles Hotel have been given cleaning prior to the opening of the hotel.

Saluda Organizes a Board of Trade.

In preparation for what it is anticipated will be a busy season Saluda has marshalled her forces and organized a board of trade.

The following were elected officers: G. R. Little, president; G. L. Thompson, vice president; P. H. Bailey, treasurer. These with H. L. Capps and W. P. Hume will constitute the board of directors.

J. W. Dunn, who at one time was connected with the greater Western North Carolina association and subsequently with the land immigration department of the Southern Railway, and who has since had considerable experience in chamber of commerce work, was present and assisted in the formation of the organization. Mr. Dunn accepted the position of secretary, and aided by his wide experience. It is believed that the Saluda board of trade will bring things to pass.

Funds for the support of the board were largely subscribed at the meeting. It is believed that good results will come from the co-operative work of the citizens. This added to the natural advan-

ages and healthfulness of the community will make Saluda a more popular resort than ever.

New Hope

We are having some nice weather now and the farmers are getting ready to plant their crops.

We have been having very beautiful Sabbaths. I don't see anything in the way of having a large crowd at Sunday school every Sunday.

Miss Annie Westbrook went down to Glennwood Thursday night and pulled of a stunt. A number of other girls from New Hope were present.

M. A. Harrison, from Spartanburg, is expected to be at Sandy Springs the first Sunday in April.

We havn't any "Flu" in our community at this writing.

W. P. Davidson and sons just picked their last cotton Monday last.

There will be preaching at New Hope Sunday at the regular hour 11 o'clock.

Esley Davidson, from Chesnee, spent the day at home last Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Westbrook was at Sandy Springs Sunday, she received a warm welcome.

Columbus

There will be an Easter service at the Baptist church next Sunday, and preaching by Rev. Reed.

The members of the Christian Endeavor were entertained at the dormitory Saturday night.

The Tallants, Clouds, and Thompsons motored to Aboline Sunday.

Ralph Prince and family, visited his mother in Greens Creek Sunday.

E. W. S. Cobb and wife entertained the teachers one night last week.

Mill Spring

We still have lovely spring weather, and seems now as if summer would soon be here.

There was a very enthusiastic school meeting at Pea Ridge last Tuesday night. Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Thomas did not come, we had some good speaking by Prof. Cobb and others.

The people of Pea Ridge are to be congratulated on taking so much interest in the school proposition.

The school children here, certainly enjoyed the straw ride to Pea Ridge Tuesday night.

Joe Wilson and Miss Denton were happily married at the home of C. G. Walker last Saturday afternoon. We wish them a long and happy life.

J. R. Foster and wife called at the home of Lionel Brisco Sunday afternoon.

J. H. Gibbs and wife were dinner guests at Mrs. L. C. Gibb Sunday.

Mrs. Geer and daughter, of Rutherfordton, visited the former's brother, G. C. Brisco, last week.

Mrs. J. M. Lewis is on the sick list. We hope she will soon be better.

Red Ink Stains.

To remove red ink stains from table linen spread freshly made mustard over them and leave on about half an hour. When sponged off all traces of the ink will have disappeared.