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NEWS ITEMS FROM HERE AND THERE

Saluda.

Mr. Parker, wife and sons, of Greenville, Miss Frost of Charleston, and Mrs. Ravenel of Philadelphia, were guests at Holly Hill last week.

Misses Alma and Bertha Bishop have returned from a visit to Washington, D. C.

Preston Bailey spent Tuesday in Spartanburg.

Calvin Hill has a new occupation, viz. gathering polk salad in Polk county.

Mrs. G. R. Little and Bobbie, are visiting in Spartanburg this week.

Mrs. Earnest Patterson has returned from a visit in Charleston.

Dr. G. R. Little went to Tryon Monday.

Death of Mrs. Pregnall.

Saluda sustains a loss of a good quiet citizen in the death of Mrs. F. E. Pregnall at the Mission hospital in Asheville, April 5.

Mrs. Pregnall was the widow of Arthur Pregnall of Charleston, S. C. For more than a quarter of a century Mrs. Pregnall had lived in Saluda and by many gentle acts had endeared herself to numbers of people. Mrs. Pregnall was of a retiring nature, but to know her was to love her.

Mrs. Quinton Sonner and Q. C. Jr., accompanied the body to Charleston for burial.

Saluda, April 11th—On Sunday afternoon the first of a regular program of Sunday afternoon community meetings was held in the town. A splendid attendance of the representative citizens was present, and keen interest was shown in the movement.

This is a new and unique departure, but in keeping with the strong community spirit being developed in Saluda. The call for the first meeting specified that the primary object was for "a public acknowledgment on the Sabbath of the sovereignty of Almighty God", and the spirit of the meeting was responsive, the proceedings being opened with sacred songs and the reading of the scriptures, followed by prayer. The singing was of a character that promises to make the community song seasons during the summer months something worth while.

The secretary of the Board of Trade presided, and he set forth the details of the work to be done, and received hearty promises of cordial cooperation in the program outlined, which included matters religious, educational, agricultural, social, recreational, health, sanitation, and a complete curriculum with the objective of attaining the highest degree of Christian citizenship, and encouraging the growing young of the community to right living.

Music is going to be strongly featured at these Sunday afternoon sessions, and male and mixed quartets are being built up to add to their attractiveness.

On last evening a meeting of those interested financially and otherwise in the building of the Community Park and Community House was had for the purpose of reconciling all differences of opinion as to construction, etc. While there were many who had strong views on certain phases of the work, the community interest was strong enough to bring forth a spirit of compromise that resulted in the ironing

out of every difference, and ending in a perfect accord as to future operations. The work of construction will now go on, and it will not be many days before the skeleton of the structure will be visible from the train. The grounds are rapidly being put in shape, and when the work is all complete Saluda will have something to be proud of, but better than anything else, the development of a strong community spirit will be the greatest result attained from this undertaking, and with this community cooperative spirit in existence there is nothing, within the limitations of the town, that cannot be accomplished and put over for the benefit of the home folks, and also the entertainment of our visitors.

School Closes.

The public school closed at Breeze Point last Friday.

There being no auditorium there were no public closing exercises but several of the mothers of the children in the primary department came in to hear the little folks speak and sing, and get the promotion cards.

The trustees also came in during the day to attend to some business and express their good will. The following is the list of promotions:

Promoted to Second grade, Marv Wilson teacher. Manda Arledge, Alene Hill, Teddy Morgan, Jessie Johnson, George Johnson, Ella May Lunsford, Worth Hill, Lauley Bell, Louise Pace, Frances Pace, McQueen Pace, Thelma Gilbert, John Thomas Turner, John Walker Bishop, Weldon Owens, Austin Robertson, Woodrow Ward.

Promoted to third grade, Annie Nabers, teacher. Myrtle Thompson, Margaret Hart, Margaret Newton, Nettie Williams, Q. C. Morgan, Morris Summey, Anna Brock, Lillie Brock, Florence Thompson, Louise Thompson, Odel Williams.

Promoted to fourth grade, Annie Nabers, teacher. Katherine Jones, Vernon Thompson, Lillian Thompson, Francis Leonard, Rebecca Salley, Euvia Pace, Helen Sue Bailey, Mae Ward, Lila May Ward, Earline Laughter, Sue Gorman, Lila May Johnson, Earnest Metcalf, Preston Patterson.

Promoted to fifth grade, Mamie E. Hunt, teacher. Emily Bishop, Lucille Bishop, Jesse Bishop, Harper Cox, James Cullton, Nina Hall, J. C. Metcalf, Lottie Owens, Charlie Robertson, Grace Winekin.

Promoted to sixth grade, Mamie E. Hunt, teacher. Mary Virginia Cox, Taze Heatherly, Edward Morgan, Alexander Newton, Elizabeth Pace, Orville Summey, Ida Traxle.

The sixth and seventh grades were taught by W. F. Moser who reports no promotions in his room.

Saluda, N. C. April 9, 1921

Editor Polk County News:

Dear Sir; Everyone who has been reading the papers is aware that some far reaching new laws have been passed by the recent General Assembly of North Carolina Law Makers. Among the recent laws affecting the schools is an act a part of which will be of interest to the people of Polk County. The County Superintendent of Public Instruction is still elected by the County Board of Educa-

tion, but his salary is fixed by the State Board of Education according to the grade of Certificate held by him, and he is paid entirely by the state, the county paying no part of his salary. It is further provided, that in counties of 32,000 population, or less, the County Superintendent of Public Instruction becomes the County Superintendent of Public Welfare with no additional salary attached. The enforcement of the Compulsory School law is in his hands and he is paid for the actual expense of this by the County Board of Education, while the actual expense of the enforcement of the County Welfare work is paid by the county commissioners. In Polk county these offices are by law combined.

Our county is particularly fortunate in that our present County Superintendent of Public Instruction and Public Welfare enjoys the distinction, along with only thirty others in the state, of holding a certificate of the highest honor within the gift of the State Board of Education, and our County Board of Education will use its best efforts to persuade him to again accept the office for the two years commencing July 1, 1921. E. M. QUEEN SALLEY, chairman.

One of the most encouraging outlooks for the growing of hogs in the south is the increasing demand from the corn belt farmers for feeder pigs. The high prices and scarcity of farm labor have driven the farmers to hog off many acres of their corn and let the hog do the harvesting. Southern conditions make it easy and profitable to produce hogs up to 80 and 100 pounds, and if the farmer hasn't the corn to put them in market condition, the corn-belt hog feeder is ready and anxious to finish the job. One grower alone in Illinois contracted last spring for ten thousand head of feeder pigs from the planters in one Southern state. Here is quick returns and steady returns for the money you put into bred sows. Only one thing do these buyers demand. They must have purebreds or very highest grades. No "scrub" hogs can find a place in the northern cornfield for these feeders have tried them out and found them wanting. Buy some bred sows and raise pigs the coming year.

The bankers of our county surely have enough work cut out for them at present to keep them all doing some honest-to-goodness thinking, but there is one job that they cannot afford to neglect. That Southern planter and farmer who has made up his mind to plant more grains and grasses and buy a few purebred hogs, must be financed for a few months until his first crop of pigs are ready for the buyer. There is no surer method of leveling up things for the South than by inducing hundreds of farmers who do not even raise their own meat, to buy one, two or three purebred sows and raise hogs the coming year. We believe the banks are alive to the situation and many of them have been loyal helpers, along this line, and we are sure many others will be if they are approached in the right spirit by the right men. Bankers are more than human and give credit hundreds of times where sentiment alone prompts. They are a unit for building their own locality up, not only from a selfish standpoint, but from pride in their town and country. Hogs

will build where other things have failed.

Columbus.

Rev. O. L. Strongfield, from Mars Hill, preached an interesting and impressive sermon Sunday. His subject was "Love and fellowship"

Prof. W. D. Loy and wife visited home folks in Shelby last week-end.

Tom Lynch, from Shelby, visited his father and mother, T. M. Lynch and wife last week.

Fred Blanton and wife motored to Spartanburg Sunday, where Mrs. Blanton received medical treatment for her head.

Lindsey Swafford and brother, from Spartanburg, visited at the home of N. T. Mill's last week-end.

Mrs. A. C. Pohlman, from Wellington, Ohio, and Mrs. F. T. Chamberlain from Berea, Ohio, relatives of the late Mrs. Geo. French were here Thursday.

Miss Estelle Pace was shopping in Tryon Saturday.

Mill Spring Route 1.

Rev. W. W. Womack filled his appointment at Lebanon last Sunday.

Miss Julia Abrams, one of the Rutherfordton hospital nurses and brother Marshall, spent Thursday night with their sister, Mrs. Q. M. Powell.

Jessie Green was buried at Big Level last Saturday. He had been in poor health for six years. He leaves a wife, eight children and many friends to mourn his loss.

T. L. Womack and family spent last Sunday at T. M. Ruppess.

J. T. Edwards and family motored to Brevard last Sunday.

Gilreath Edwards spent Saturday night with Mattie Mae Williams on Route 2.

There was a singing at Big Level last Sunday.

H. M. Whiteside, wife and son Broadus, were dinner guests at T. M. Ruppess last Sunday.

J. T. Edwards and son Fletcher, made a business trip to Tryon Saturday last.

The revenue officers of Polk and Rutherfordton, were close around here last Sunday and captured a barrel of whiskey. We hope they will keep their good work up.

Miss Lela Womack spent the week-end with Misses Letha and Carrie Barber.

Roscoe Whiteside was a caller on Uree last Sunday.

Some girls spent Friday afternoon on Green River fishing. They had a jolly time.

Mae White, of Rutherfordton, spent Saturday night with her cousin, Pearl Womack.

We are glad to say that Mrs. D. W. Odell is improving.

Mrs. P. Searcy and son Brisco, visited at A. A. Edwards last Saturday.

A. A. Edwards and Roscoe Whiteside went to Forest City last Monday on business.

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 Acts Wednesdays at 4. p. m.

Tourists and all citizens cordially welcome.

Harmony.

What some men would like to know is why, if girls never put on long dresses now when they grow up, they shouldn't keep on wearing hair ribbons. Boston Transcript.

FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

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

Mill Spring Route 1.

Rev. W. J. Hackney preached an interesting sermon at Lebanon last Sunday.

Ralph Edwards celebrated his birthday by a big dinner and lots of friends and relatives to help eat it.

Miss Mary Willie Whiteside and sister Sallie, spent Saturday night with Maud and Mildred Womack, also Sunday night with Maggie S. Edwards.

Harley Shultz spent the week-end in Spartanburg.

Sam Owensby and John King Griffin, were visitors at Spindale last Sunday, they had a jolly time.

The farmers are glad to see this pretty April weather as we all know "April brings the primrose sweet, and scatters daisies at our feet.

Jim Edgerton passed through this section Saturday morning, said he and his wife had been sick, so Mrs. Griffin says.

Fletcher Edwards was the after church guest of T. L. Womack, also Broadus Whiteside, of Rock Spring was there. Otho Womack and wife visited W. E. Elliott and wife last Sunday.

A. A. Edwards made a business trip to Columbus last Monday.

Mrs. D. W. Odell is real sick at this writing. We hope she will soon be well again.

Anderson Womack who has been teaching at Old Trap, Va., has come home accompanied by Demsey Mercer, who has come here for his health.

Pea Ridge.

Farmers are planting and bedding potatoes at present, looks like they don't aim for old Pete to get them this year.

Hurrah for the Polk officers. They are picking up the offended stills, some men and women too, and we hope they will clean up this part before they quit.

Calvin Phillips, E. M. McDade, T. B. Davis and B. V. Newman all made business trips to Columbus last week-end.

T. B. Davis and daughter, Nettie, spent Sunday with Phillip Brisco and family.

Otis L. Wilson has returned from Columbia, S. C., where he has been employed quite a while. He is going to farm this year.

Lawton Wilson has gone to Columbia, S. C., and may occupy his uncle's place just vacated.

Mrs. Polly Phillips has improved some since last writing after a light case of "Flu"

Bone Russel is sick. Hope he will soon recover.

There was quite a crowd at Rev. Melvin Hyders Sunday, all seemed to be enjoying themselves.

E. L. McDade and sons, spartan and Ohlen, visited J. B. Wilson Sunday.

Elizabeth and Caroline Newman visited their aunt, Mrs. Otis Waldrop Saturday and Sunday.

Bertha Barrow, Pea Ridge school teacher, departed for her home in Turbville, S. C., Thursday.

Tommie, Dolphus and Edisto Phillips were callers in Columbus Sunday.

New Hope.

Rev. S. L. Blanton called to see W. P. Davidson last Saturday night.

John Cantrell who has been sick for some time with pneumonia is still seriously ill.

Miss Annie Westbrook entertained a number of her friends from Buck Creek, Saturday.

Jessie Morrow called to see Miss Annie Splawn Sunday afternoon.

Misses Millie Rogers and Lillian Splawn, also Clint Cudd and Osbon Morrow took a car ride Sunday afternoon.

Wofford Davidson called to see Miss Etta Jackson near Finger-ville Sunday.

Gladys Strickland was the dinner guest of Annie and Lillian Splawn Sunday.

Misses Clara and Mary Randall from Cliffside, will be at New Hope third Sunday.

Caldwell Jolley and wife spent the day with his father Friday.

Mill Spring.

Quite a large number listened to the splendid sermon rendered by Rev. Reed at the Baptist church Sunday.

Prayer meeting is held at the Methodist church every Sunday p. m. at 4 o'clock.

Little Bennie Choehran is sick at this writing. Hope he will soon be well again.

F. S. Coggins and family, attended the funeral services of Mrs. Joseph Dimsdale at Coopers Gap church Sunday.

C. V. Elliott and family visited at the home of W. G. Egerton's Sunday evening.

Misses Glenna Jackson and Clara Thompson were guests of Miss Letha and Carrie Barber Sunday.

Mrs. Lionel Brisco visited her father, J. R. Foster, Sunday.

Hubert Foster is spending a few days with home folks.

Sunny View.

Rev. John Arledge was called to conduct the funeral services of Mrs. Elizer Burnett, Sunday April 3rd, at Coopers Gap. She was eighty-seven years of age and had been a faithful Christian, and belonged to the Baptist church for seventy-five years. She leaves four children, forty-six grand children, fifty-two great-grand children to mourn her loss. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.

Ernest Corn is very sick at this writing.

F. R. Coggins and wife, also C. J. Walker visited A. J. Dimsdale Sunday.

Bill Jackson and wife attended the funeral services of his grandmother Sunday.

Solen Biddy who has been sick for some time is some better.

Gladys Nix passed through this section Sunday.

Mrs. Arkansas McGuin took dinner at J. L. Jacksons Sunday.

Hobart Whiteside, Terrel Taylor, Noah and Pharoah Lynch were joy riding Sunday afternoon.

The Magic Square.

The origin of the magic square is usually ascribed to the Chinese as the Yih King, an early classic, describes it. The magic square was known to the Hindus and to the Arabian astrologers.