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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. Sanis.

What I Saw at Grant Millers

Last Tuesday and Wednesday I took off from regular duties in order that I might more fully investigate our Polk county thermal belt, already famous for ever bearing fruits.

On my way out from this belt I spied some very green spots on a beautiful summit overlooking Paolet valley, and I drove around to see what was on the ground as well as what was in the air. One year ago this beautiful hill top and surrounding was a worn off unsightly place. No one thought of it as a place of science beauty; but like thousands of other places in Polk county, it only needed the hand of the natural artist and a little elbow grease mixed with a small outlay of cash to transform such places into beautiful homes in the most beautiful and pleasant counties in all the world. But I must tell you what I saw. Well about the first thing I saw was a negro across the creek plowing. There was nothing remarkable about that; but one year ago, I could not have seen him for bushes growing along the creek run between me and him. Now all this thicket along the creek is gone just as it should be along every branch and creek in Polk county. And the crooked places in the creek had been straightened. The next thing I saw that was remarkably strange was a purebred milking short horn bull, and I wondered if farmers would patronize Mr. Miller and pay a liberal price for his use, or use the miserable scrub bull for fifty cents or nothing, which would be exceedingly expensive. There I saw a very fine heifer and cow gamboling in a rich pasture just at the foot of the hill on which the snug little home now stands. When I drove up near the house I saw the door open and Mr. Miller met me with an outstretched hand and a cordial hand shake and welcomed me to his little home on the hill top.

Now begins what I saw—Well, I was so charmed that I almost forget every thing that appeared, but right on bare clay one year ago, there is now as rich a sod of white clover and blue grass as you can find in Tennessee or Kentucky and back of the barn where one year ago was the poorest old field in Polk county now is a beautiful start of all kind of grasses and clover. Then Mr. Miller took me through his house and pointed out the various rooms, closets, etc., and I was made to wonder how a man's mind could work out such a marvel of beauty and utility; until I remember that Miller is an architect who's mind is trained along that line and on this job, he was thinking of himself and of course did his level best. I also saw a flock of high bred Buff Orphingtons, also Hampshire hogs which were well cared for. I saw many other things to numerous to mention in this connection; but here comes the interesting thing of the whole tale. Miller with his own hands and some additional help built this most beautiful little structure. He laid the foundation in stone and cement, put in the heating apparatus, plumbing etc., and had the lumber and hard wood floors sawed on his own premises, worked the material right here in Polk county and did all the substantial and fancy

work about the house with his own hands, and in an exulting air said it brings me so much more pleasure than if it had been done with hired labor. Now this is an example for thousands of others to do. Men who can use a saw, hammer, chisel, trowel etc., and have a little "Sharp sand in their gizzard" can go out on any of these elevated places in Polk county and do exactly what Mr. Miller has done. Of course he is a man of means, and some abled bodied men well acquainted with the above mentioned working tools will whine around like weaklings and claim they had no chance in life. What Polk needs, what North Carolina needs and what the United States and all the world needs is for red blooded men to get right out into the raw country and like Miller, take a strip of mother earth and make it bloom as the rose and build a sure-enough American home, surrounded with purebred cattle, pigs and poultry as this example has done and live under his own vine and fig tree as Miller is doing.

We welcome all such worthy citizens to our southern sunny clime.

Columbus.

There was a large number of people here during court week, but did not have court on account of absence of the judge.

Miss Minnie Arledge and father, motored to Hendersonville last Sunday.

Fred Blanton and wife visited home folks in Shelby last week.

Misses Leona Feagan, Aylene Edwards, Estelle Pace and Hilda Burgess represented Stearns High School in the annual debate at Chapel Hill April 15. Miss Starnes chaperoned the girls.

Mrs. Carnegie entertained the high school teachers last Sunday evening.

Frank Henderson died Monday April 25, he was 82 years of age. Leaves four sons, three daughters forty-nine grand children and a number of great-grand children. The community sympathizes with the bereaved family. May their loss be heavens gain.

Mountain Page quartette sang at the Baptist church last Sunday. Everyone enjoyed their music. Rev. Reed preached Sunday a. m. His text was from Proverbs 11:30. He that winneth souls is wise.

Nothing is ever gained by winning a bargain and loosing a customer.

Times have changed—You never hear girls named Elizabeth referred to as Lizzie any more.

By helping to stimulate the building industry each of us will be stimulating our own industry.

The best salesman is the man who sells goods at a price that nets his employers a fair profit.

Did you ever notice that a young fellow who always has a lot of girls runnin' after him always marries the plainest lookin, one of the bunch?

Nature insists that we adapt ourselves to conditions or charge the conditions—take your choice.

What has become of the old-fashioned mother who used to dope her children with sulphur and molasses every spring.

TO All Christian People.

The World Conference on Faith and Order has asked us to observe an "Octave of Prayer for Unity during the eight days ending with Pentecost, namely, May 8 to 15, 1921. The Membership of the Conference is composed of representatives of all branches of the Christian Church except the Roman Catholic Church, which has repeatedly declined to participate. It is suggested that sermons be preached on the subject of the unity of Christ Church on Sunday, May 8; and that prayers for the same end be said in all Churches and homes during these eight days. The Episcopal Church will be open as always for private as well as public devotions, and it is hoped that the Church people of Tryon will avail themselves of the privilege of retiring for prayer in the Church at any time when convenient.

TOPICS FOR PRAYER.

1. That we may come to know the meaning of the Church in its visible organic unity as Christ knows it in its perfection and beauty and power.
2. That our fellowship with God, individually and corporately, may become increasingly and consciously the dominating interest and force in our lives.
3. That both rightness of thought and rightness of character may be our aim in our fellowship with God.
4. That our fellowship with the brethren may be truly Christian, even to the extreme degree of love required as a matter of course by St John. Just as our Lord laid down His life for the brethren, so should we be willing to lay down our lives for one another.
5. That our love may reach far beyond home and country. That we may not stop short with patriotism but relate ourselves to all men everywhere in sympathy and brotherliness of thought and intention.
6. That we may be content only with our Lord's interpretation of unity and seek to discover what, according to His mind, is the meaning of a united Church.
7. That we may keep true proportion in our life in the Church, exhibiting passionate loyalty to those things which are obviously of God and sitting lightly to the lesser and visible features of Christian fellowship.
8. That we may work wisely as well as pray without ceasing for the removal of misunderstanding and the obliteration of prejudice throughout Christendom.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEACE AND UNITY OF THE CHURCH

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who saidst unto Thine Apostles, Peace, I leave with you, My peace, I give unto you; Regard not our sins, but the faith of Thy Church, and grant her that peace and unity which is agreeable to Thy will, Who livest and reignest God for ever and ever. AMEN.

O God of Peace, Who through Thy Son Jesus Christ didst set forth One Faith for the salvation of mankind; Send Thy grace and heavenly blessing upon all Christian people who are striving to draw nearer to Thee, and to each other, in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace. Give us penitence for our divisions, wisdom to know Thy truth, courage to do Thy will, love which shall break down the barriers of pride

and prejudice, and an unswerving loyalty to Thy Holy Name. Suffer us not to shrink from any endeavor, which is in accordance with Thy will, for the peace and unity of Thy Church. Give us boldness to seek only Thy glory and the advancement of Thy Kingdom: Unite us all in Thee as Thou, O Father, with Thy Son and the Holy Spirit, art One God, world without end. AMEN.

Cedar Top.

We are having some cold weather at this writing, and the fruit is all killed in this section.

Farmers are about done planting corn in this section.

Grant Mills and wife, spent Sunday with the latter's parents John Shehan.

Willie Culbreth and Lawrence Waycaster were pleasant callers at John Shehan's last Sunday afternoon.

J. M. M. Fowler and Otis Waldrop were callers at J. T. Wilson Sunday last.

Robert Melton visited his brother, Willie Melton, Sunday last.

Freddie Corner passed through this section last Sunday.

R. B. Fowler and little Tommie Byars, were callers at John Shehan's last Monday afternoon.

Lewis Mills passed through this section last Sunday.

Lynn.

Rev. Dr. Pratt filled his regular standing appointment last Sunday.

Prof. Crain left several days ago for Savannah, Ga., where he has a position as instructor in French in one of the city schools.

Mrs. E. H. Craine will leave for Montreat this week.

C. C. Hampton and wife, were recent callers in Lynn.

G. H. Bradley and children, of Spartanburg were the guests of Waldman and family last Sunday.

Mrs. Chas. Williams, of Inman, run up to see her mother, Mrs. J. B. Panther last Sunday.

T. C. Westal, of East Flat Rock, visited friends and relatives in Lynn last week-end.

Mrs. J. L. Eaton, of Landrum, visited her daughter, Mrs. Ballard last Sunday.

Oh boy, a new arrival at the home of W. J. Ballard and wife one day last week, a big browsing boy.

Three of our young men left last Saturday morning for Wisconsin to work in the hosiery mill. That sounds strange that the Wisconsin people would come here for help. But if our boys can't get work in the mills at home they must go to where they can get work.

The Womanless Wedding and box supper was a swell affair and a success in all its details.

Columbus.

Dr. Adams, pastor of the Baptist church of Rutherfordton, preached an interesting sermon at the Baptist church Sunday. Rev. John Arledge preached here Sunday night.

Mrs. Gilman, Mrs. Loy's wother, was here for commencement.

The high school gave a good play here Monday night and everyone enjoyed it.

I am sure it will be hard to get a principal that will fill the place of Prof. Loy.

Misses Bernice Smith and Mabel Lynch's sisters were here visiting.

Don't try to do everything—let posterity solve some of the problems.

FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

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

Fishtop.

We are hoping for another week of fair weather so as to partly recperate from our loss of time.

Quite a crowd of Saludaites were down here last week fishing and otherwise enjoyed themselves.

Bee swarming is on with a rush, but we hope they will take time to gather enough honey to spare us some.

T. W. Bradley was in the Bob's Creek settlement in Henderson county one day last week.

Lewis Levi from the head of Green river visited his father here last week.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Lillie Arledge, of Greenville, S. C., She was born and raised here. She died in the hospital at Atlanta, Ga.

J. Henderson has just returned from a visit among his children and friends.

Mrs. T. E. Pace has got her second order from one customer for eggs by the dollar. She keeps her incubator running at a lively speed, also we should have mentioned last week of Taft Newman's visit to J. W. Bishop's and dining with same on Sunday previous.

When I was younger I had to feed the calves and it was fun to see them get their feed in baskets and run around—but I have something novel to tell the boys this week, while feeding some yearling calves some meal in a large washpot two got their heads in and got fast and it was a sight to see them lifting it around.

Spurgeon Bishop and brother visited in this section and attended the singing at Silver Creek Sunday.

Posey Henderson, Coy Levi and Taft Newman, on one mule and another a foot passed this way Sunday.

Notwithstanding the extraordinary cool spell we still hope enough fruit is spared for home consumption.

What about that new road via Fishtop to Rutherfordton, (no use say some) as this section will be under water soon) but that's the better reason for it as Saluda will virtually be dead without it, and the company who drives over it will need it and we will need it worse. Just imagine a lake between four and five miles long and some parts one mile wide and one hundred feet deep and within two and one half miles of Saluda direct, boating, fishing, etc.

Saluda

Dr. E. M. Salley and Mary, attended the Gray-Schley wedding in Asheville last Thursday.

Albert Salley has gone to Kenilworth.

Mrs. Steve Sketon, of Hartwell, Ga., visited her father, S. M. Nabers last week.

Horace Bomar and family, motored from Spartanburg to Saluda last Saturday.

Dainty May baskets were sold at the Boy's Club last Saturday by Miss Wilcox's committee. A nice sum was realized for the Boy's Club.

L. D. Capps, Horace Nabers, Q. C. Sonner, Ernest Thompson, and Julian Pace have returned from a fishing trip in Green

River Cove. They report a fine time.

Election day passed quietly in Saluda. The following officers were elected: Mayor; H. L. Capps, Aldermen; G. R. Little, M. A. Pace, P. H. Ward and Calvin Hill.

The "Average Man", a play given by local Tryon talent at Library Hall last Friday night was well attended and much enjoyed.

Miss Minnie Cullipher has returned from Norfolk, Va.

E. Rempson and wife are visiting relatives in Saluda.

W. W. Edwards' well known friend of young people was among the Asheville Boosters.

Miss Lois Pace is spending this week-end with her mother.

Asheville Boosters.

The Asheville Boosters arrived on time last Wednesday. Mother nature kindly lowered the temperature and greeted everyone with friendly taps of hail. But soon she showed a sunshiny face and all went well.

Frosty Asheville cars were parked in Saluda and two hundred and fifty visitors were mingling with home folks.

The band played. The speakers spoke, and everyone chattered away merrily while apples, lemonade and candy were served. Souvenirs were also distributed freely.

If you want an Oakland car in good condition see C. Bush or ask Nabers in Saluda. They can tell you.

Sunny View.

We are having some cold days to be spring time.

Archie Smith, wife and little daughter, Ruth, visited the latter's father Saturday and Sunday.

Several attended preaching services at Cane Creek Sunday. Mamie Gilbert spent Sunday night with Misses Maggie and Arkansas Jackson.

Several from this section motored to Hendersonville Sunday afternoon.

H. P. Jackson and family visited at Pink McGuinn's Sunday.

Bessie Jane and Emma Helton spent Saturday night with their aunt and uncle, Geo. Price.

The little daughter Ollie, of L. B. Wilson and wife, died Sunday night. We sympathize with the bereaved family.

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

School closed here Friday last. There was an interesting program given. A debate query resolved that George Washington is a greater man than Christopher Columbus. The affirmative won. There were a good many visitors present. The teachers returned to their home Friday.

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.

Eating too much is a brake on our activities.