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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

Last week in these columns we called your attention to the importance of Polk county farmers organizing for themselves and for their heirs and succeeding generations, a better system of marketing than they or their forefathers have ever enjoyed. And it is up to the farmer himself to do this thing. As stated last week, no one has up till this good hour ever done such a thing for him, and until the judgment no one but himself will do anything. So we must get to work and first think out a plan that will suit our needs, then put that plan into operation. First of all, we want a plan, if possible broad enough and comprehensive enough to accommodate every farmer in Polk county, large and small alike on principles that will be perfectly just to everyone and compel everyone to contribute his just share of his expense to conduct such a cooperative enterprise. Now seriously; can such an organization be affected and made to serve the people of Polk county; or is it a wild theory without foundation to burst as a soap bubble and waste itself in common air? Well, again it is all up to the farmers themselves. As one of them I say most emphatically that it can be done if the whole people will so will. If undertaken in a half hearted manner, with half enough capital to do the thing; of course it would be still-born and a failure in the very beginning; but if the farmers of Polk county can only realize their need for such a movement as I realize it; nothing on earth could be done so easily as what I am writing about. Now here is my plan just as brisk as I can give it in outline, of course the details to be worked out as we would proceed; and we want any friendly criticism from any source; but no destructive criticism. 1st. Let the farmers of Polk county subscribe capital stock sufficient to conduct a cooperative marketing association for both collective selling of their products and for purchasing of supplies. 2nd. Organize this association under the corporation laws of N. C., or by appointing directors—the directors elect president, vice president, business manager, etc. 3rd. Install a ware house on Southern Railroad near Tryon, N. C., for the purpose of conveniently handling commodities in car load lots. 4th. Install a business plant at Columbus through which every farmer in Polk county can transact his selling and purchasing needs, through an institution, owned and controlled by themselves. Of course this is only a very crude outline of the plan which would have to be worked out by wise directors as we would forge ahead. Now someone who does not know conditions under which the farmers of Polk county are operating might ask the question. Is there need for such a movement in Polk county? To all such, I would only refer them to the birds, the bats and the frogs. To a person properly informed as to the handicaps of Polk county farmers, there can be no question. Under present wasteful marketing conditions it will be impossible for Polk county to ever become a progressive and prosperous county. With a well

worked out marketing plan that will stimulate production and then aid the farmer in selling his products, and at the same time function the other way in giving him farm machinery, repairs, lime, fertilizers, seeds etc., at living rates; then and not till then will Polk county farmers come to their own and be a free and independent people.

Now if there are any farmers or even a single farmer in Polk county who is opposed to this plan please write me and point out your objection and offer your plan, what we want to do, is to find the right way, then get in that way and stay there until victory is ours.

Why Should Polk County Farmers Organize a Marketing Association.

There is every reason in favor of it and not a single reason why they should not.

The first reason for organizing for better marketing is the fact that we have no market for anything and this is all the reason necessary. In the second place Polk county is most favorably located on the map and we have never taken time to discover this fact. We are in the cotton belt, and we are in the 'mountains up to your eyes where the finest apples on the continent grow. We are on the main line of the Southern R. R., between Charleston and Cincinnati. The great and rapidly growing cities of the south are at our front gate, and the great cities of the north are at our back door. All we need is a well organized marketing plan to put our products in close and easy touch both with our brothers in the southern cities, and our cousins in the cities of the north. When this is done, then we will have both the incentive and desire to build our depleted Southern soils to a high state of fertility, which can be easily done, and our whole country would blossom as the rose. Can it be done? Yes. Can it be done easily? Yes and no. Yes, if every farmer in Polk county would be willing, and get busy and furnish fifty or one hundred dollars of stock necessary to raising the capital to do the work. But no, if one half the farmers stand back and wait to see if the thing will be a success. This is a movement that will move or not move as the farmer himself puts his hand to the 'plow' It is a farmer's movement and he must make it move or it will not move. It is a movement at the bottom of all other movements in Polk county. It is a movement that will put farmers to moving and when the farmers of any community move, then everything moves and all will be prosperous and happy. Of course I am speaking of a farming section which we are, or we are nothing. The town people, the consumers and tourists who come to our borders would be benefited as well as the farmer himself. A great central clearing house for the farmers to market through both ways, would insure a large base of supplies where consumers far and near could draw upon at the most reasonable figures and at the same time the farmer get a living price plus a small profit. Now my object is to get this matter to ringing in the mind of every farmer in Polk county and keep it ringing until it filters

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Financial Statement of Town of Tryon For Year Ending May 1, 1921.

Receipts	
Balance June 1, 1920	\$ 611.11
From taxes and licenses	6291.02
Fines and costs	215.00
Sale of fire truck	150.00
All other sources	22.20
	7289.33
Disbursements	
Total disbursements	6430.90
Balance on hand May 1, 1921	858.43
	7289.33
DISBURSEMENTS JUNE 1920	
W. A. Wilson salary	80.00
Bud Mills salary	60.00
Bank of Tryon interest on bonds	240.00
Tryon Electric Service Co., lights and phones	50.73
Carolina Hardware Co., supplies	4.50
Alex Beatson, teaming	55.50
Jno. Turner streets	10.50
Jim Paine streets	10.50
V. A. Bland auditing	10.00
Ballenger Morris Motor Co.,	4.25
Warren Fisher street	3.00
Dill Edwards teaming	1.00
Willie Booker street	13.50
Irving Lindsey tools sharpened	1.60
JULY 1920	
W. H. Wilson salary	80.00
Bud Mills salary	60.00
Alex Beatson teaming	18.75
Dill Edwards teaming	1.00

Hauling sand on streets	52.50
Joe Allewine streets	16.50
Cal Cheek	3.00
C. C. C. fire hose Co.,	180.25
Tryon Electric Service Co. lights	49.58
Stamps	3.00
OCT. 1920	
W. A. Wilson salary	80.00
Bud Mills salary	60.00
Alex Beatson team	14.00
Southern Ry., Co., freight on fire truck	59.50
Tryon Electric Telephone Co., lights and phone	50.23
Cashier stamps and stationary	4.00
Carolina Hardware Co., supplies	7.55
Joe Allewine streets	6.00
Joe Gurley supplies	1.06
Mr. McFee registrar and judges	10.00
Coby Streadwick fire department	4.80
Roselle Fisher fire department	4.80
Will Clark fire department	4.80
Wade Rollins team	7.00
Jno. Edwards team	7.00
Roland Thompson streets	22.80
L. T. Trebble team	9.00
Jno. Adams streets	3.00
Cal Houpe	1.85
Jim Paine	11.50
Claude Scoggins	3.00
Cal Cheek	11.87
Alf Paine	15.00

Cooper Gap Township

Once famous for moonshine whiskey, now famous for sweet potatoes, finest apples, peaches, grapes, etc. Green River washes one side, and the high mountain peaks hedge in the other. Her greatest asset is her people, her soil, her climate and her future possibilities. Her greatest need is Roads, Better Schools, and Churches. SHE IS COMING!

Willie Booker streets	27.75
Tryon Electric Co., lights	49.73
Joe Allewine streets	31.50
Wade Rollins teaming	11.00
C. W. Cairnes rebate auto license	9.00
Payroll street work	99.50
Cal Cheek rock work	15.75
Jim Paine rock work	15.75
Osborne Hannan road work	12.80
Ballenger Morris Motor Co., garage	1.08
AUGUST 1920	
W. H. Wilson salary	80.00
Bud Mills salary	60.00
Jim Paine streets	12.90
Tryon Electric Service Co., Lights	50.23
Carolina Hardware Co., supplies	9.80
Joe Gurley	2.79
Wilkins & Co., broom	1.25
S. L. Carson streets	2.50
Mrs. S. A. Oliveras insurance	38.40
Bank of Tryon check protested	2.24
Perry Bomar streets	6.00
Cal Houpe streets	1.50
J. A. Steelman car store	50.00
Perry Bomar streets	9.00
SEPTEMBER 1920	
W. A. Wilson salary	80.00
Bud Mills salary	60.00
Jim Paine streets	4.50
Cal Houpe streets	3.00

Dill Edwards	12.50
Nov. 1920	
W. A. Wilson salary	80.00
Bud Mills salary	60.00
Dill Edwards teaming	76.50
Jno. Edwards teaming	23.00
L. T. Trebble teaming	9.00
Alf Paine streets	6.00
Perry Bomar sewers	19.50
Roland Thompson streets	47.00
Cal Cheek streets	16.65
Carolina Hardware Co. supplies	14.30
Perry Bomar streets	22.25
Tryon Electric Service Co.,	49.18
Ballenger Morris Motor Co.,	2.10
Fred Wilson streets	3.75
America La.; France Fire Engine Co.,	650.00
DEC. 1920	
W. A. Wilson salary	80.00
Bud Mills salary	60.00
Perry Bomar streets	30.25
Roland Thompson streets	41.00
Dill Edwards teaming	45.50
Macadam road bonds interest	240.00
Tryon Electric Service Co., lights and phone	54.23
Jno. P. Lockhart supplies	2.60
Ballenger Morris Motor Co., fire department	83.20
Missildine Pharmacy fire department	2.70

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FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

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

Columbus.

Mrs. A. L. McMurray and Mrs. F. M. Burgess visited the commencement at Elon this week. Tom Lynch who has been visiting his parents has returned to Rutherfordton. Miss Mattie Tallant is taking a business course in Asheville this summer. Austin Newman has returned for six days rest from his work as mail clerk. Miss Adelina Pitman is visiting her brother this week. Dr. C. B. Reed, of Chicago, has returned home after spending a few days at Ben Cragin.

Lynn.

Dr. Pratt's text last Sunday was taken from Romans 15-42. His sermon was of great force from start to finish and the congregation was very attentive and complimentary. Our village is exceedingly quite from a business point of view. Mrs. Chas. Williams, of Inman, run up last Sunday and spent the day with her mother, Mrs. J. B. Panther.

Miss Emma Hicks is visiting her brother G. N. Hicks, of New Prospect.

D. G. Lewis, wife and baby, Geo., of Wilmington, are visiting Mrs. Lewis' parents John Rhodes and wife.

The stork called at the home of S. F. Fowler and wife one day last week and left a nice little baby girl, No. three, at this writing, baby Ruth and mother are doing fine.

Chas Davenport, of Columbus, called on kinsfolks in Lynn last Monday.

Miss Sadie Parker was a little indisposed last Sunday not able to attend church. The congregation missed her at the organ.

W. F. Swann left for Asheville a few days ago looking after business matters.

Vance Newman, son of Dock Newman, at this writing is in the hospital at Spartanburg quite sick having had on operation one day last week for some kidney trouble. His many friends will be glad to hear of his speedy improvement.

Now that the National Highway is a permanent fixin why not make the old hotel Mimosa campus a camping ground and rest a while for one night, one meal, one day or week just as might be wanted for the same equipment with the tent plan.

Pea Ridge.

We sure have been having some rainy weather lately, but looks as if it was going to clear off at this writing.

Ellen Mills spent Friday night with Myrtle Mills.

Mary Sue, Myrtle, Marv and Ellen Mills, and others went on a picnic Sunday. They took their dolls and their story books and played games and had a real nice time.

Mrs. Bud Byars and little daughter, Julia, were the guests of Mrs. Walter Green Monday.

Mountain View.

We are having some warm weather at present.

Columbus Jackson went to Landrum last week on a business trip.

A crowd from Inman motored

up Friday visiting friends and relatives.

Rev. Liner, of Landrum, preached an interesting sermon Sunday at 2 o'clock.

A crowd from Inman, motored up Sunday for Memorial service.

Several from Brights Creek, Silver Creek, Coopers Gap and Mill Spring attended Memorial service here Sunday. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day.

Rev. Wright, Rev. Ruppe and several others made talks on Memorial after which services were held in the cemetery and put on the decorations, then reassembled in the church and Rev. Wright delivered an interesting sermon.

The Polk County Agricultural Advisory Board to Meet.

The Polk County Agricultural Advisory Board will meet at Columbus, N. C., at 11 o'clock a. m. the 1st. Monday in June, being the sixth day.

James G. K. McClure president of the Buncombe county farm bureau federation will be at this meeting to discuss cooperative marketing with the farmers of Polk county. Male and female are invited.

Mr. McClure is a graduate of Harvard University and is worthy of a large hearing.

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.

Services at the Episcopal Church.

Holy Communion.....8:00 a. m.
Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
Morning Prayer and Sermon 11:00 a. m.

Bible Class.....4:00 p. m.
FRIDAY
Christian Healing Prayer Circle, 4:00 p. m.
Litany Service.....4:30 p. m.

These are hard times for the poor working girl, remarks a Chicago newspaper. It is all she can do to make the top of her socks meet the hem of her skirt.

THE CASH TALKS.

Our terms on job work are cash on delivery, all legals are cash in advance. We keep no books so please do not ask for any other terms.

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Chinese Medical Practices.

In 796 the Chinese began to vaccinate. There were three vaccination stations in which the concoction was poured into the mouth. Stone needles were used to puncture swellings and the idea was not introduced into Europe until centuries later. Castration was practiced by burning the rolled leaves of a small plant. It was held to be good for rheumatism and nosebleed. Anesthetic effects were produced by certain mushrooms and the root of aconite. Cases of skin grafting are early recorded.

X-Ray Detects Swallowed Coins.

In the government mint in Japan an X-ray machine is used to examine suspected employees as they leave the establishment daily, and it revealed the presence of coins had been concealed in the gully's stomach.

The Distraction.

Also we reckon the reason Copid makes so many bad shots is that he aims at the heart while looking at the hostler.—Dallas News.