

Do Polk County Farmers Have as Good Markets as They Want? If Not, Why Not? Think About 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.

### What I Saw at Miss Flentys

Perhaps you don't all know that Miss Irene Flentye near the old Mimosa hotel site close by Lynn, N. C., is becoming quite a farmer, or farmeress as the case may be. Her farm is not as extensive as some Polk county farmers; having as I mistake not, about the sum of two acres all told, wood land and that in cultivation. But the beauty of her farming operations is that she is doing a little of almost everything that is going on over the earth. She has bees, poultry, grape vines coming on, apple trees, peach trees, cherry and plum trees and I don't know what else. She also has straw berries, and by the way she got "pouty" with me because Mrs. Smith of Columbus gave me a saucer of strawberries and cream two weeks before she had them. It was no fault of mine, Mrs. Smith planted hers on a southern slope and Miss Flentye has hers facing the north and it was nature that made the difference. She also has a nice garden with all kinds of vegetables, onions and lettuce seemed to be a specialty. And I got another good joke on Miss Flentye. She is very enthusiastic about everything she undertakes and especially her Rhode Island chickens. If you remember sometime ago I paid her farm a visit and on my rounds I was inspecting her pen of red roosters and found an egg in a nest in the corner of the house. This time while investigating I found a rooster in a trap nest, and I asked her what on earth that rooster was doing in a trap nest and she replied, "I want to find out which rooster lays that I may put a band on his leg (?) Now she may succeed in developing a dual purpose

strain of rooster; but I suspect that when a rooster is hatched out, he will continue to be a rooster in spite of all the trap nests and other contraptions that will ever be invented. Now lying all jokes aside; if every farmer in Polk county was as dead in earnest about their farm work and as determined as Miss Flentye is to seek information then put that information to practice, farming and improved home life in Polk and other Piedmont counties would go forward by long leaps and bounds. And why not every farmer and every other business man continue to be a student? Why should any man quit learning? There has never been more progressive times than now, and times are not going to be less progressive. The young man or the middle aged and old man that is willing to think and back up his thinking by good honest work will be the man of the times. The coming times as well as the present and the past. Yes, many farmers who think they know more than is in the books would do well to visit Miss Flentye's two acre farm and just see how many questions she would ask you, and by the time you correctly answer all of her questions: you will be a much wiser man than before you went. Suppose you try it.

### NOTICE

The Polk County Agricultural Board will meet in the court house at Columbus on Monday June 6th, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Every member is expected to be present, and the Editor of Polk County News is requested to be present. This may be the last meeting this year.

J. R. SAMS, County Agent.

### Whither Are We Going?

To the citizens of Saluda township:

Believing that the people of Saluda township and Polk county are interested in the education of their children to the best advantage, and desire that the future citizens of this county should receive instruction in good buildings, and through the best of teachers, I am writing to ask a few questions as to why our County Board of Education takes so little active interest in the securing of a suitable school building for this district?

We have made but little progress during the seven years I have been in Saluda—except indeed in the way of taxes, which have materially increased, and Saluda township has paid, for years, more money in the way of taxes than it has received in school benefits. Is it not time for its citizens to demand some service for their children? When I came here we had one dilapidated school house, poorly equipped, which was sold at private sale by the County Board of Education, without being advertised for bids. Some time afterwards a new building was erected in the Morris, or Salley district, where I understand there have never been enough scholars to constitute a legal district, and now Dr. Salley, chairman of the Board, says they are planning to bring these few children to Saluda for instruction when Saluda has a school building.

da school district as I remember it was held in Mr. Hamer's private home, although it was to have been at Poplar Glen, but was changed to back up Mr. Hamer's private school, which situated at almost the furthest end of the school district. I was assured in advance by Dr. Salley that this school would never be used as a public school, but it was, and was supported by public funds. I retired from the board at the opening of this school.

A little over a year ago we were asked to vote \$20,000 bonds to build a new school house. These bonds would have been defeated but for the promise by Dr. Salley that we should elect our own school board, and school district commissioners, and be able to handle our own money and run our own school. After being in office a little over a year we find we have no power to do anything, except follow the County Board of Education. They were to have sold the \$20,000 in bonds, but have failed to do so, even when our banks and private interests agreed to take \$17,000 of these bonds, leaving but \$3000 to be disposed of. They did not complete the sale, and are still promising to sell them, but when will they do so? With matters in this shape, and facing the impossibility of erecting a suitable building in time for the beginning of the fall term—even were the money available at this moment some

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## WHAT IS A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE?

By HUGH A. CARROLL  
Member of Walters (Okla.) Chamber of Commerce.

A chamber of commerce, composed of fallible human beings, must necessarily reflect the spirit, the enterprise, the energy and aspirations of the component membership. It is, therefore, human and subject to failings and successes, and whether it be failings or successes that predominate depends on the combined determined will of such membership.

A chamber of commerce is not a place to produce hot air, visionary schemes or to go off on the impractical chasings of the rainbow's end.

It is not a political organization nor a place to gratify selfish desires nor to vent personal spleen.

It is, on the other hand, a cooperative society, wherein each individual benefits. You cannot take out of the basket until you have put something in. "He profits most who serves best."

It is the organization wherein business competitors drop their scramble for business for the moment and merge their re-

sources and power for the upbuilding of the community.

It is the savior of business in times of depression.

It fosters civic pride; it arouses the latent talents of its citizens, awakening within them a desire to make their town, your town and my town a better place to do business in, to live in and really to enjoy life in, untrammelled on the one hand by puritanic restrictions or on the other hand unsullied, at home or abroad, by unbridled license.

Summing up, a chamber of commerce is the concentrated brains, efforts, ambitions and progressive desires of the business, professional, social, religious and educational forces of the community.

Beginning with the first Saturday in June the Lanier Library hours will be from 4 to 6 p. m., Tuesdays and Saturdays.

### 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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## White Oak Township.

Famous for red sticky clay. Can grow everything to eat and wear.

First Township in Polk county that has undertaken to consolidate all her schools. MILL SPRING is the HUB. All Roads lead here. MILL SPRING Can Well Boast of the most faithful and Progressive Community Club in Polk county. Already organized their FAIR. We Live And Let Live. Every Body WELCOME.

### Fishtop.

News is scarce as it is too wet for even news.

Sheriff Jackson was in this section one day last week serving papers.

Posey Henderson killed a large rattler last week (10 rattles.)

We have been informed that Deputy Owens and some others discovered a still in operation last week and went for other officers and when they returned the still had moved, but they found a five gallon barrel of whiskey hid near. The still was on a small branch, the waters of Gods creek up near the head.

T. W. Bradley sang for the Mountain Grove people Sunday.

Ewert Levi went to Saluda Saturday.

Five of the Foster boys with two Metcalfs were here fishing one day and night last week. John Metcalf, of Madison county, 82 years old and is sprightly as a boy.

All are not done planting yet and may not get done.

Harrison Arledge visited and attended preaching at the Bishop school house.

Rev. Wm. Morris, preached at the Bishop school house Sunday. S. Bishop passed through this

part Sunday (on business.)

J. B. Bradley attended services at the Bishop school house Sunday.

Posey Henderson went to Saluda Saturday.

Bees have held up swarming and are gathering some honey.

Moses Jackson took a fine beef to Saluda one day last week.

Clayton Pace has been hauling garden peas and cabbage for some time back

Tomatoes will soon be ripe on the early set vines (they are full)

The rain has about finished the early peach crop here.

Hurry up boys with your work clock is coming right in heart of crop time, and no telling how many of you will have to attend before it is over.

J. Henderson is in attendance at court at Hendersonville.

Pink Case was in this part a day or two last week.

The Levi boys started to meeting Sunday met a large rattler in the way and returned home. Ewert Levi says that there are two things he don't know. How many rattlesnakes there are in the cove, nor whether Rome Hill was named after Rome Freeman, or named after his grandfather.

## FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

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

### Saluda.

East Special Truck No. 62 has changed conductors, Bob Forrest is the new man, Hugh Thompson is still the engineer. Louisiana Special No. 61 has the same old crew, Fate Thompson conductor and Charley Owens engineer.

Mrs. G. R. Little and Bobbie, have returned from Spartanburg. The Mountain House was thrown open to guests this week. On the day of the opening Mrs. Newton served tea and cakes to all her friends who visited her. Everybody had a good time.

Russel Locke's friends are glad to see him home again.

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Sue Smith, of Hendersonville, spent Sunday with Lessie May Pace.

Kathleen Garren is visiting in Summerville, S. C., this week.

Susie Trout, of Spartanburg, was the guest of Evelyn Nabers, this week.

Mesdames Ed Guice and W. H. Pace went to Piedmont to commencement.

John T. Coates Senior, is visiting his family in Saluda.

Elyses Pace and wife, of Greenville, visited in Saluda Sunday.

Dr. D. L. Smith, has been in Saluda for several days. He has gotten things in order for the comfort and well being of his patients at the Infants and Childrens Sanatorium. A few babies have arrived and are being well cared for.

Mrs. St. Julian Ravenel and children have arrived and will spend the summer in Saluda.

Albert Salley has returned to Kenilworth for a couple of weeks.

Mills Nabers returned to Oteen after spending the week-end in Saluda.

Dr. D. L. Smith in wiring some additional cottages at the sanatorium this week necessitated the town putting in a new transformer near the sanatorium.

James Heatherly much improved has returned from the hospital in Asheville.

The Epworth League will meet at 7:30 at the Methodist church Sunday night. R. V. Miller will preach at 8:30 at the same place. Everybody invited.

Rev. R. V. Miller will deliver a series of sermons from June 5, to June 12, in the Methodist church. Rev. Miller has preached in Saluda before and his old friends and all those who have never heard him are invited to these services.

Hugh Aiken, of Washington, is visiting relatives in Saluda.

The young girls of Saluda, enjoyed a party of their own at the Boys Club Monday afternoon. The boys kindly sent in the blind musician to furnish music.

Miss Mary Coates, who has been studying music in New York has returned home.

Rev. Frank Estes went to Columbia Monday.

Miss Jeanette Richardson has gone to New York for the summer.

Rev. Frederic Hollister and wife, will occupy the boy's dormitory this summer. The girls dormitory will be used as an up-to-date boarding house.

T. P. Harris and family, of Spartanburg, have arrived and

are at their home on Seminary Street.

Rule Cannon has taken a position for the summer at the infants and childrens sanatorium.

On Saturday morning, four friends of Louise Dunn, visited Saluda, where she is now living, and joined in a most enjoyable picnic of a "Dutch character, with Louise as hostess. Those comprising the party were Miriam Strong, Margaret Sherill, Ruth and Alice Andrews.

### Guests at Mrs. Lockes.

Mrs. Shelby and Miss Mary Singleton, of Willmette, Ill., Mrs. Schneider, of Cleveland, Ohio, Miss M. Sulver, of Miami, Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. Crandall, of Detroit Mich.

### All Day Singing at Mountain Page.

A large number of people attended the singing at Mountain Page from ten till four o'clock Sunday. The good old time songs were much enjoyed. The Old Christian Harmony singing book was used. Everyone seemed glad to see everybody else and a good social hour was especially enjoyed when the good ladies served fried chicken, pies, cakes, and a bountiful supply of other good things for dinner on the ground.

### Saluda Uses Electricity.

Mrs. E. W. Thompson in order to be ready for summer house keeping has had an electric range installed in her home this week. So far as we know this is the first electric range to be used in town but since we have plenty of electric power in Saluda it is beginning to be used in many ways. Mrs. Thompson is cooking with electricity. The baby hospital and others are using electric washing machines. The electric iron is used in numbers of homes. Besides the grist mill of Saluda is run by electricity.

The use of the electricity from the Green River Power Company is very satisfactory. The lights are bright and the current is continuous and strong.

### HODGE-HODGE

### Well Known Couple Wed Saturday.

Mr. Ralph Hodge of Polk county and Miss Jennie Hodge of near here were happily married at the residence of Squire John P. Bean performing the ceremony in his impressive manner. They left immediately for the home of the groom in Polk county where they will make their future home.

The groom is a prosperous farmer of the State of Polk while the bride is the charming and industrious daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hodge. Both have many friends who join us in wishing them much joy and gladness in their new home.—Sun.

### 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.

Taken up as stray by J. J. Gentry, of Bird Mountain Farm, one sheep (weather). Owner can get same by calling upon me.

J. J. GENTRY.