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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 in Cooper Gap Township.

Mr. Editor when I opened my copy of Polk County News and saw on the front page a square, all filled around with fancy doings, just to advertise Cooper Gap township; I wondered what on earth is going to happen, and who on earth was patriotic enough to give a township such a beautiful notice in a county paper. Then I wondered if Cooper Gap citizens realize what such a notice right in the middle of the front page of the paper, made so conspicuous by the artistic border, meant for their section of the county? I wondered if the subscription list in the office of the paper shows that they appreciate such notice?

Well I was at Big Level church last Sunday; being the fifth Sunday and you might think that Cooper Gap is back in the "stix" but not a bit of it. I went around at one time and counted 19 autos of one make and another.

The occasion was a Sunday school convention of Baptist Sunday schools in Polk county. The church house at Big Level would have been filled almost twice with the people on the ground. The writer was on the program and never spoke to a more orderly or appreciative people. And the ladies proved equal to their task when dinner time came. I saw all this and much more on Sunday, and on Monday I saw about as fine clover and grass growing at Andy Lynch's as I ever saw in any county, and he has a strip of wheat where he has used plenty of manure, that proves to the natives what Cooper Gap township will do when the farmers grow the clovers, grasses, and feed and grow more cattle. Then I saw many varieties of grasses and clovers growing in pastures at T. F. Mills', Grayson Whitesides', J. W. Biddy's, Toney Wilson's, Bill Helton's and various other places. And there is a burning strip there to grow pastures, build fences and grow more and better livestock. On Monday p. m. they held a meeting at Sunny View school house and reorganized their community club and fair, and said by their actions, that they mean to hold the best community fair in Polk County next fall.

The community club made an order to hold a monthly meeting at 7 o'clock on Thursday after each first Sunday. This club means that every man and woman of any age in Cooper Gap township is a member in full fellowship when present, behaving him or herself. And the fair will be to develop the best interests of the entire township. I congratulate Cooper Gap township for the great progress they have made since I first came to Polk county. Not speaking derogatory of other townships in Polk county, I believe Cooper Gap has made more substantial progress than any other township and has made this progress under very trying conditions; and let me plead with all farmers in the township to be encouraged and press forward in every good work undertaken to a full realization of what their undertakings will mean when carried out.

We are going to organize some pasture clubs and later on some bull clubs, poultry clubs, orchard clubs etc. Now just watch

Cooper Gap and be careful that you don't get run over.

White Oak Township.

Like Cooper Gap, it is washed on one side by the same Green River and the other edge is hung over the peaks of the mountains "up in the Land of the skies" but they are a different set of mountains on the opposite side of the river. White Oak cannot cope with Cooper Gap in growing sweet potatoes and watermelons. She could put it over her in growing the clovers, wheat and corn if she would only try; but will she? Cooper Gap is coming along that line and I am serving notice on old White Oak to get a move on or get left. That is all there is of it, and if you get left I would be sorry for you; but rest assured I would not shed any tears. In fact I would not care a button. Again like Cooper Gap, White Oak can produce anything that can be grown anywhere in North Carolina, and North Carolina can grow anything that can be produced anywhere between Canada and Florida.

This is saying much for a little township but never-the-less it is true. White Oak is noted for its many springs of sparkling water. Many of them look in size as if they were in a lime stone country; but they are free stone of the best quality.

One thing can be said of White Oak that puts her ahead of all other townships in that respect. She has taken a very advanced step relative to her public schools, where as she has been having her children taught in about seven and one half schools. She has accepted a position from the state and is looking forward to the time when all the children will be taught in one central consolidated school. This makes me feel almost as if we are catching the educational spirit of the state of Iowa. Not only this; but the community club that meets at Mill Spring is working out other things that will bring them to the front. They have an evergreen community club that meets every Wednesday night after the 1st. and 3rd. Sunday in each month, in which every white man and woman in White Oak township is a member in full fellowship when present. You just ought to be present at some of their meetings and see with what dignity and ease the officers of the club preside over their meetings and what well behaved children attend these meetings. And then you would be surprised at the singing and other entertaining social features they give their meetings. Besides, the organizing effect these club meetings are having on the people is bringing them to the point where they will be able to organize themselves to carry out any good enterprise in their township. Besides it brings together Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterians, Masons, Odd Fellows etc., who do not meet together anywhere else, and thus affords a common meeting ground for all which a great means of developing love and good will among neighbors in any community. Now let every township in Polk county have such a club. Who will be next?

O ye, hen house. Who will build one before next winter.

The Possibilities of a Small Farm.

My farm contains 16 1-2 acres of clay, white-oak land and it produces well. There are between three and four acres of alfalfa, which produce hay enough for three cows and one horse. There are about seven acres of good hillside bluegrass pasture and one-fourth acre of black raspberries; the balance in chicken lot, yard, garden and orchard. I have 17 plum trees, 10 Moore's Arctics and seven Lombards in the chicken lot, from which I sold \$234.75 worth of fruit last season; an orchard of 51 peach trees, the income of which amounted to \$419.62. I spray three times, prune and give the best of care all the time. We raise about 250 young chickens every year. They are the Barred Rocks and R. I. Reds. We pen our breeding stock every year and use an incubator of 150 egg capacity for hatching and a brooder for raising the young chicks and lose very few of them. We aim to have the first hatch come off about the 15th of—and never raise any late chicks, none after the tenth of May, as we

What Do We Expect From The Home Newspaper?

[Ashley (Ind.) News.]
 What do we expect from the home newspaper? First off, some one will say, the local news, of course. Others will say, news, stories, fashions, cooking receipts, review of current events, county, state, nation and world. Sunday school lesson, church and society news. All this is expected by readers. And they are getting this every week.

What does a business man expect? Without realizing it, perhaps, he expects rather a big investment in equipment. He expects to come to the office and order a few 6x9 bills or a few thousand 24x36. He wants them when he wants them. The same thing is true if he wants a few business cards some letter paper, envelopes or statements. He has a right to expect these things from a printing office. Again he has a right to expect that his work will be done right, proper type used, proper stock used, and the best of press work. All right. This is perfectly clear, isn't it?

FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

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

Melvin Hill.

We are getting pretty dry in this section. Ground is so hard in places it can't be plowed.

The little two-year-old boy of Foster Head and wife, is quite sick with pneumonia.

Bob Sanders, of Green River, spent Sunday night with relatives here.

Elders Jackson and Reed, were with us last Sunday in the Sunday school. Their presence was much appreciated.

The sound of the reaper is heard in the fields and where there was waving golden grain only stubble remains now.

School has been in progress here for the last two weeks conducted by Prof. Kreider.

Mrs. Kreider has been quite poorly for some time is improving in health.

Mrs. Branscom has about recovered her usual health.

Mrs. Rachel Westbrook and little grandaughter, Daisy, called on Mrs. Stacy Saturday evening.

Elder Branscom delivered an interesting sermon here Sunday night on the subject, "Peace and war."

There will be regular church service here next Saturday and Sunday. Prayer meeting every Thursday night, singing each Saturday night and Sunday school every Sunday afternoon. Everybody welcome.

Saluda Selected as The Assembly Grounds Each Summer of The Congregational Denomination.

The Methodist have their Lake Junaluska, the Presbyterians their Montreat, the Baptists Ridgcrest, wherein to meet each summer, to hold inspirational meetings under the most favorable climatic conditions, and amid scenes that tend to create deep religious sentiment. The Congregational church is a growing body in our southland, as it becomes better known through its work, and it is fitting that, after being the mainspring of splendid educational influence in this section for upwards of 35 years past, the scene of its labors, labors of a most unselfish character, should be selected for its summer assemblies, and so Saluda has been named for that purpose.

Last Saturday afternoon a group of men of Saluda, comprising Messrs H. P. Corwith, P. H. Bailey, J. W. Dunn, A. D. Turner, W. N. Pickard and F. M. Hollister, met with Dr. L. H. Keller, of Atlanta, and F. P. Ensminger, of Star, N. C., who came to Saluda for the purpose, to consider the advisability of adopting Saluda as the annual

News. Now the word "cost" must be applied to the newspaper. subscription income and advertising income must pay the interest on the investment. Any fool publisher who tries to sell advertising and paper for less than it costs to produce it should ask for a guardian, for if he doesn't his creditors will see that the sheriff soon has the key to his office.

The News is now conducted on a cost system as applied to both printing and newspaper advertising. Thirty years in the business has taught us its lessons. Our policy is to be fair to our patrons, selling our product at cost, plus a reasonable profit.

meeting place of the membership of the Congregational church in this southern district, for purposes similar to those that actuate the other denominations.

The meeting was held in the dining hall of the seminary, where Mrs. Hollister acted the hostess at a hastily prepared, but appetizing supper, after which a business session was held. Dr. Keller expressed himself as carried away with the beauty of the setting for the purpose, and, acting as chairman, submitted a resolution to the effect that "This group of citizens of Saluda agree with the Congregational interests in their desire to promote and carry on a Summer Assembly at Saluda, and promise their support to the movement" It was duly seconded and carried.

F. M. Hollister was selected as chairman of an executive committee, composed of Messrs Dunn, Pickard, Turner and Mrs. Hollister, to superintend the movement, and work during the coming summer, it being understood that this committee is to have the close cooperation of E. E. Missildine and Nelson Jackson, Jr., of Tryon.

One more denominational assembly ground is thus added to the many that grace our mountain section, and we are confident that the citizens of Saluda will cooperate heartily in making this last addition a complete success.

Saluda.

Mrs. Sybil Jenkins is having the Charles Hotel recovered.

The stores and other places of business closed from 10 till 11 o'clock this week in order to attend the Bible lectures given by Rev. R. V. Miller at the Methodist church.

Rev. Pickard and wife, of the Pickard Land Co., have returned to Saluda and are occupying their model cottage.

The Spartanburg baby hospital opened this week. Miss Pearl Boggs is head nurse this year.

The regular meeting of the Civic League was held Tuesday afternoon in the Boys Club.

A meeting of the citizens of the Saluda school district is advertised on the Board of Trade Bulletin Board in the postoffice. See the advertisement before Saturday.

Miss Annie Waring arrived Saturday and is having some improvements made on her home.

There were four eleven o'clock services in Saluda last Sunday. One six o'clock service at the Episcopal church, a seven thirty service at the Methodist church, and also an eight thirty service at the Methodist church.

Rev. R. V. Miller is giving an instructive series of Bible lectures in the Methodist church this week. Many people are interested in the study of the Bible.

Dr. E. M. Salley attended the Alumni banquet at Wofford college last Saturday evening.

Mr. Fields and wife went to Asheville Monday.

Miss Lois Pace one of Saluda's students at Piedmont college won the medal in music this year.

Miss Lila Mae Guice is home from Piedmont college.

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Greens Creek Township

GROWS cotton, corn, wheat oats, rye, barley, buckwheat, sweet and Irish potatoes, tomatoes, watermelons, canteloups & c. Soy beans, cow peas and velvet beans, almost grow wild, and the peanut is at home.

High school with Agricultural Department, Largest population and more live stock, than any other Polk County Township. Good place to live and grow calves and healthy children.

find they are never as large and strong.

I will give a general account of my returns from the farm last year, 1920:

Three Jersey cows.
 995 pounds butter \$ 678.80
 3 calves..... 69.50
 Smearcase..... 51.60
 Milk..... 113.70
 \$ 913.60

160 Hens
 56 Old hens..... 114.06
 74 Fryers..... 106.50
 997 dozen eggs..... 523.88
 \$ 744.44

Orchard
 Plums..... 234.75
 Raspberries..... 92.00
 138 bushel peaches..... 419.62
 \$ 746.37
 Total receipts \$2,404.41

This does not include the eggs, butter milk, and those fine fried chickens that we ate all summer.

My feed bill was \$784.60. I have not been able to plow and cultivate any land except my garden for several years on account of heart trouble.

My wife deserves much credit for all of this, as she helps gather the fruit, raise the chickens and runs our Ford to the city every week with butter, eggs, etc., which we sell to private families direct to the consumer. We live on a good road, eight miles from a thriving city of about 50,000. Exchange

Now, the printer, desiring to be in a position to "deliver printing when wanted," must have the equipment. No longer can he deliver printing that looks like it was printed on a cylinder press with apple butter used for ink. No sir—ee! This means investment—investment means money. For instance, a business card to be properly printed calls for two or three series of job type. The same is true in letter head and envelope printing. Invitations, announcements, legal blank printing, receipts, checks, call for more type. And all call for good presses, which in the hands of a good printer means good work, the kind delivered by the News. A good-sized investment, say \$8,000, is some money for tools, with which to work, isn't it?

Now for the printer to produce printing with such expensive tools, he must have a system of applied costs. These costs get us to the place where we find that unless we charge our overhead expenses to the goods we sell, we will be a loser.

The same applies to an inch of advertising. Newspaper ads call for more type equipment of a different kind from that used in the better kinds of job printing. It calls for a machine to set the reading matter, an expensive, experienced operator. This adds to the cost of producing a good newspaper like the