

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.

### Agricultural Board, Extension Work, Farms, etc.

On Monday June 6, the Agricultural Advisory Board for Polk County met in Columbus and in conference gave to the farmers of Polk county their opinion and advice on several important matters concerning the welfare of the farmer.

1st. They unanimously endorsed Farm Extension Work and asked the Board of County Commissioners to continue the same. 2nd. They unanimously endorsed our plan for cooperative marketing of farm products, and instructed the county agent to cooperate fully with farmers and business men, and to take the necessary time to aid the farmers in organizing a farm bureau federation for that purpose.

3rd. They advised that we discontinue the Polk County Fair this year, and instead to appoint a day in the fall and have a farmers picnic, and ask all who won red, blue and yellow ribbons at the community fairs, to bring their articles along and have a display of such exhibits.

4th. They heartily endorsed community fairs and asked that farmers and business men in each township give their full cooperation to make them as educational and social as possible.

Rev. James G. K. McClure met with the board and made a strong appeal to the large attendance of farmers to organize a farmers cooperative marketing association, and explain how satisfactorily it is operating now in Buncombe county. June 6, was a great day in Columbus. All the boards were in session and it seemed that everyone was working and planning to have the best things possible done for the physical, mental and spiritual development of Polk county. The Agricultural Board was asked to suggest new things and methods that would advance the cause of agriculture in Polk county and the reply was that our new agricultural problems are nothing more than to find ways and means to work out the old problems. They advised that we can never get away from the soil; and that until every acre of Polk county soil is made rich and that soil building and soil conservation will be the farmers greatest problem. So here will be our program for next year.

1st. Soil improvement, by making and intelligently applying all the barn yard manure possible to the land. 2nd. By the intelligent use of acid phosphate and commercial fertilizers and lime. 3rd. By growing leugme crops, such as cow peas, soy beans, velvet beans, alfalfa, clovers, vetch, etc. 4th. By sowing grasses and suitable clovers on damp branch and creek land, and on steep land subject to soil washing to hold the land and to afford winter and summer pastures for more and better livestock, such as cattle, sheep, hogs and poultry. These five things are fundamental and must be learned and attended to, before the right home life conditions on the farms can be what they should be. And I would add one more fundamental need and that is fencing, which must and will come as the preceding needs are supplied. Now let me in conclusion beg every farmer in Polk county to subscribe for and read your

county paper. You don't know what it means to keep posted about what goes on in your county. It is the only medium through which we can speak to each other. Suppose we make it strong enough that it can be issued twice a week. I have no interest whatever in the paper only as a medium of reaching the farmers of the county and as it is a great factor in the development of our county. And it cannot serve in a good and broad way, unless the people subscribe for, and read it. Now let all get busy stopping gullies and building up our poor soils and fix them so they will not wash away any more, improve our livestock, build a creamery in the county, organize a selling and buying farmers cooperative marketing association, and then it will not be long until our savings will enable every farmer in Polk county to properly educate his children, clothe them decently, have running water and lights in every home and good roads leading from their county site to every man's home in the county. Then our schools and churches will function and we will all be glad and happy.

### What I Saw at Tryon.

Well; I did not see with my natural eyes so much; but you know we have a way of seeing things, when there is yet no material thing to see. And it was this kind of seeing which I saw at Tryon. The business men of Tryon and I had an agreement to meet in Missildine Hall at 3:30 p. m. on Friday June 10, for a round table conference concerning the organization of a Polk county farm bureau federation or some kind of marketing association through which our farmers can cooperatively sell their farm products, and also buy their necessary supplies in a more business like way, which they must have to enable them to produce their crops profitably. To this end the business men met as above stated, and right up in Missildine Hall is where I saw something, which was a glory and beauty forever. It was not a material thing that I saw; but it was something much greater than any material object. It was a great spirit; the forerunner of a material thing which, when made to materialize will transform Polk county into a veritable garden and make her little towns shine like genuine diamonds in the presence of a hundred and sixty candle power electric light on a dark night.

Our meeting was to ascertain the attitude of the business men of Tryon toward the farmers movement in Polk county for a marketing association. And it was their spirit, their attitude which stood out so boldly in their meeting that I saw. It was never my privilege to be in a meeting where greater unanimity prevailed. Not a discord, not a wrangle, not a single word of disagreement. Everyone seemed to vie with each other to find the best way to accomplish the desired end. The first motion was to adapt a resolution unanimously endorsing the movement. See the resolution in another column. The second motion went right to the spot; which was to appoint a committee of three to confer with the Supt. of of the Southern Railway and the county agent relative to a suitable loca-

tion for a warehouse in which to conduct such business. As stated in the beginning of this article it was not material things which I saw while in Tryon this time that attracted my attention and lifted my poor soul; but it was the spirit and vision which the business men of Tryon have caught that has given me greater vision and hope for the future of the county and of her towns and people generally. I can plainly see the time now; when we will have a market at Tryon that will make such a base of supplies furnished from our unapproachable thermal belt, and from the mountains above and the valleys below, that will attract the attention of heat ridden denizens of the low lands and the shivering cold pinched, wind split inhabitants of the Arctic regions of the United States, to look toward Tryon for relief, and an all-round place to live, where there will be a base of supplies sufficient to feed and clothe properly and according to taste and pocketbook all who may come. Now there is no doubt about the vision which the business men of Tryon have caught and there is no doubt their intention of doing all in their power to aid the farmers

### Distribution of World War Medals to Soldiers and Sailors From North Carolina, Polk County, at Tryon, N. C., July, 4th.

Under an act of the Legislature, session 1919 each person who served in the United States Army, Navy or Marine Corps between April, 5, 1917, and Nov. 11, 1918, is entitled to a medal; provided, such person has resided in the state for not less than three months prior to entry into service or is a Native born North Carolinian etc.

Every ex-service man in Polk county can obtain his medal from the Butler-Lewis Post of the American Legion, Tryon, N. C. This post has made arrangements with the Adjutant General of North Carolina to present to each ex-service man from Polk county his medal at 11a. m. July, 4th. Tryon N. C.

Wear uniforms if possible and bring discharge papers, you will enjoy the day with its exercises.

Application blanks are now ready and you are urged to obtain yours to save time on paper at time of distribution. Butler-Lewis Post No 83 American Legion. By order: R. S. JACKSON.

Clean up hog pens; better keep pigs in a lot.

## FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

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

### Columbus.

Columbus is very much awake this week, court convened Monday morning for a special term with Judge Shaw, of Greensboro, presiding.

Among the out-of-town attorneys here are J. F. Spainhour, of Morganton, A. Y. and Boone Arledge, Shipman and Smith, and M. P. Spears, of Hendersonville, Hamrick, Gallert, Morrow of Rutherfordton and W. Jones of Saluda.

Miss Gertrude Hall of Lenoir, is the court stenographer.

Mrs. Romeo Phillips and granddaughter, Mattie, spent Saturday night with home folks on Pea Ridge.

Misses Gladys Gibbs, of Mill Spring, and Pearl Keenan of Spartanburg, visited friends here Sunday.

Earnest McMurray has completed his second year's work at the State University at Chapel Hill and is now at home. We are glad to welcome our girls and boys home to spend their vacation. Columbus may well be proud of these young people.

Everyone is invited to Children's Day exercises and singing at Columbus Sunday June 19.

The Christian Endeavor leader for Sunday night are Misses Leona and Jeanette Feagan. These meetings are both interesting and helpful and need support of the parents as well as the young people.

Mrs. J. W. Jack has gone to the summer school at Greensboro and Miss Alice Tallant is at Asheville at the summer school.

Arthur Ormond, of Kings Mountain, has the mail route from Columbus to Chocolate which will take effect July 1.

Johnie Burton spent the week at the Oteen hospital at Asheville.

Mr. Reed preached an interesting sermon on unity last Sunday.

Mr. Barton and wife, of Shelby, are visiting Fred Blanton and wife.

### Fishtop.

We had a good season of rain just when we needed it, and now court is on and much valuable time will be lost to the farmer, and lost to all unless a change is made for court has generally been considered nothing but mockery.

Now what about that road leading from Saluda through the cove on to Mill Spring or on to Rutherfordton. Saluda, we are informed that she is sick and possibly dying; has come to realize her condition and is now ready to invest a good sum for a good road running as stated above and that there is one man (who is a livewire) taking hold of the situation, and now, if we really want a good road is the time to let it be known. We know that Goopers Gap township is the best township in the county. Now I am not interested in that township and never expect to have any interest but speak the words of truth and soberness. Now how much can you afford to subscribe for a good auto road? Now or never. Your timber will pay for it. A few thousand dollars spent on roads at the right place will multiply many times, besides the conveniences. Just think for a moment if there was a good road through

this section it being only thirty-five miles from Saluda to Asheville, thirty-five to Spartanburg and the same to Greenville, we could load our trucks here in the morning, market our load at either place and be back home for dinner.

T. W. Bradley, Posey Henderson, Terral Stepp, Louis Bradley and Mrs. W. J. Bishop, are in attendance at court this week.

Ewert Levi went to Saluda Saturday with team to get some feed he had shipped from Hendersonville

Fishers are not catching many fish of late except what they get out of the Paty trap and while they were catching the fish Paty caught them, three at one time and two at another. If any of the readers are on the grand jury this week they will possibly learn their names.

### Melvin Hill.

Prof. Kreider and wife are the proud parents of a fine boy baby, who arrived on the 12th.

Thomas Walker died at his home near here on the 8th. He was about ninety-one years old, was a fine Christian character and well respected and loved by all who knew him. Our sympathies are with the bereaved children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He leaves many friends and neighbors in the community where he has resided for many years. The remains were laid to rest in the Greens Creek cemetery by the side of his wife who preceded him a few years ago.

C. B. Sanders, of Green River, visited his sister, Mrs. Stacy, last week-end.

Misses Lula Lawter and Finger, of Cooey Springs, spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Gladys Lawter.

The little child of Foster Head and wife who has been so sick is much improved now.

The choir gave Mr. Branscom and wife a surprise singing Sunday afternoon. The singers occupied the broad front piazza and the singing sounded mighty good.

Quite a number of the people from here attended the funeral of Private George Painter whose body arrived from France a few days ago. The funeral was at Sandy Spring church and was attended by a very large congregation.

G. C. Feagan and wife made a business trip to Landrum last Saturday.

We are still on the dry order although we had a little show e one day last week, cotton is growing nicely.

G. A. and Frank Branscom made a business trip to Spartanburg Friday.

Which is easier; to lay under the shade of a mulberry tree and read a good farm paper or other magazine and watch fall cattle make money for you; or dig in a cotton field all day long and prepare your land to wash away and sell your cotton at starvation prices, to buy hay to feed the plow mule and family cow? Say ye.

Swat the fly.

Look after sanitary conditions.

Make rural privies sanitary.

Terraces won't stop steep land from washing; but grass will. Only try it and see.

## Columbus Township

THE CENTER AND HEART OF ALL POLK COUNTY TOWNSHIPS. The only township in Polk County, that touches EVERY OTHER TOWNSHIP. She has the Lowest Land in the County, as well as the Highest, She can grow any thing that can be grown any where in Polk County, or in N. C., as her borders touch every other township---Her Heart goes out in sympathy TO ALL. Columbus is the best planned town in the state, and has had the least done of all towns to her plans.

of Polk county in this their greatest and most needed movement. And it is now all up to the farmer himself to see of what kind of mettle he is made. Will he accept the challenge and like a courageous man tackle the task and be a hero; or like a coward sneak behind the curtain with "We can't expression" remain commercial slaves? No; farmers of Polk county are thinking as they never thought before and after a little more thinking, action will come. We want the day hastened when all our towns will rival each other in brotherly love and helpfulness of each other and of the whole country, and we are just as anxious for the day to come when the farmers will be drawn to our own towns and that a strong community interest between towns and country will be built up, and then the "Kingdom of this world will become the Kingdom of God and of His Christ."

Don't forget to grow some kind of hay crop for next year. The opportunity will soon be gone.

Save every straw of wheat, oats and rye, and feed it to the horses and cattle next winter, when it will be more valuable in keeping up animal heat than timothy hay. Don't forget this.

### Up Against It!

A country merchant received a dunning letter from a wholesaler. A few days later the wholesaler received this reply.

"Dear Sur:--I received your letter about what I owes you. Now be pashent. I aint forgot you, and as folks pays me, I'll pay you. But if this was judgment day and you was no more prepared to meet your God than I am prepared to meet your account, you shore would go to Hell. Good by."

### Advertised Letters.

Belton, Willie  
Cochran, Joe  
Edwards, J K  
Finks Magic Oil Co  
Hoke, Williams A  
Hanan, Alonzo  
Hinson, Vance  
Johnson, Josephine  
McLeod, E B Mrs  
Sentell, W E  
Powell, J W  
Young, Georgiana  
W. H. STEARNS, Postmaster

Don't sow grass and clover seeds through the hot summer weather; except on low damp lands when it may be sown at any time.

Keep poultry house clean and well ventilated.