

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.

### To Polk County Farmers.

Please lend me your ears just for a little while and let me say a few things to you this week about our Cooperative Marketing Association for Polk county. And I want you to let what I say, fall gently on your ears, so that like the gentle spring and summer rains that fall in the silent nights, will "Soak in". Last week I was down in Greens Creek Township and while out on a good farm, I saw where a terrific rain and hail storm had swept all the soil away down to the hard clay subsoil. The rain-water did not remain in the soil and benefit the growing crop, so I don't want any storm in the mind of any farmer in Polk county. What I want is calm deliberate thinking about this marketing proposition. Now seriously. Can you sell for cash all the various crops you can produce on your farms? If not, why not? Because there are plenty of hungry mouths wanting the very things that rot in your gardens and fields for lack of ways and means of getting the produce and the buying prospective purchaser together. Can this be done? We think it can. How? In two different ways. what are they? 1st. By organizing a private capitalistic corporation, in which a few men can combine their capital and run a Polk county market to enrich themselves at the expense of the farmer. 2. By the farmers themselves subscribing each a small amount of capital of stock say from one to five shares each, \$50.00 being a share, and organize a cooperative marketing association of their own under the corporation laws of N. C., and conduct their own business. Why would it not be as well for the farmer to induce private capital to conduct this business for them? Because the corporation conducted by private capital would have to charge a larger toll to do the business than if conducted by farmers themselves. Why a larger toll? Because the private capitalist would have to carry the risk on farm products that the farmer should carry himself. Would a privately conducted market charge a commission for service? Undoubtedly so, and a big one at that. Who would pay this commission? The farmer. Who would get it? The private individuals who run the business. Of course. When the farmers organize and conduct a cooperative marketing association of their own interest of the public. Will they charge a commission? Certainly. Who will get this commission? After all expenses are settled, the remainder will be returned to the stockholders who by their patronage created these dividends. What could be more just? The farmer can produce the stuff. Bring it to a central market, and distribute this stuff to the consumer cheaper than any other agency on earth can do it. The farmers will then in their organized capacity, be in a position to take care of their local markets and also be in a position to help feed congested populations elsewhere in all parts of the world. Miners who take coal, lime, phosphate, and every other kind of minerals from the earth, superintend the selling of the same. Manufacturers of every conceivable fabric,

metal and wood, leather etc., superintend the marketing of their various products. Now in the name of reason and common sense, or even just "Fool sense" Why has it never occurred to the common farmer that he can and should do the very same thing for the products of his labor? I imagine that the birds of the air are wondering why? Now farmers I have come to the point where I want you to listen and to think and then act. Don't spend your whole life in monotonous thinking about a matter so plain that a shallow thinker should think it out in a short time. Now it is not so much in ability to see the point as it is want of confidence in each other, that farmers can't organize and stick and make a success of business.

I have confidence in my fellow farmers. I once did not have. We organized the grange and it died. We then organized the farmers alliance and it died. Later we organized the farmers union and it died in most places. Why did all these efforts die? Simply because they were not founded on rock ribbed business principals. They had too much selfishness incorporated and not enough business. All these institutions coming and going, gave us experience, until now we see plainly that our only plan is to incorporate under the laws of our state and do business in a legal and orderly manner in our own interests just as the bankers, miners, manufacturers and other business interests do. Have we the intelligence to do it? Yes, if we will only use that intelligence, and if we fail to do so; then let no farmer whine when he disposes of his hard earned cotton, corn, sweet potatoes, grapes, apples or any other products of the soil for which he has exchanged his honest toil and sweat.

It is now in order for every farmer in Polk county, rich and poor to take one or more shares of stock. See me, I'll make it possible for the poorest farmer to take one share of \$50.

Polk county farmers; subscribe for and read the Polk County News. I have many things to say to you, and I have no other way of talking to you than through the county paper. It is nothing to me; but will be of great value to you, to keep posted in your county affairs.

### Fourth of July Celebration on Saluda Seminary Grounds.

Old time "Sing" will begin at 10 o'clock. Everybody invited, come and help make it a glorious Fourth. This entertainment is given under the auspices of the "Reds" of the Civic League. Games, races and other sports including a base ball game. Singing and short speeches will be featured. Come and bring the kids.

### 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.

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### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Town of Saluda for Year Ending May 31, 1921.	
138 A Wyokoff Sons Co. for gate valve.....	\$ 30 00
144 Bland Hdw Co pipe	100 00
145 Q C Sonner and Co freight express and supplies.....	18 17
150 R L Newman pay roll street.....	57 75
152 Joe I Johnson salary 15 days.....	25 00
153 Jas A Pace salary 1 mo	10 00
154 R L Newman commission on collections.....	12 54
155 Piedmont electric company for wire.....	27 54
156 Fairbank Morse Co lubricating oil.....	22 51
157 Q C Sonner and Co supplies freight and labor on water line.....	12 00
158 R L Newman pay roll street work.....	70 95
159 R L Newman pay roll water line work.....	34 16
160 W B Allen refund for wire.....	15 00
161 H L Capps salary for 1920.....	24 00
162 E B Guice " " 1920.....	24 00
163 P H Ward " " 1920.....	24 00
164 M A Pace salary for	

181 R L Newman commission on collections.....	39 70
182 R L Newman commission on collections.....	32 56
183 J A Pace salary 2 mo	20 00
184 Carolina Supply Co packing.....	1 00
185 S C Light and power Co for labor.....	10 36
186 H Pace and Son for oil.....	
186, 1-2 Asheville supply and foundry company engine repairs.....	1 15
187 Q C Sonner and Co for supplies.....	23 00
188 Piedmont Electric Co for supplies.....	33 79
189 W W Wwens salary ex police one month.....	340 42
190 Joe Johnson for 15 days.....	75 00
191 Carolina State Bank, N Y Ex Int. on bonds.....	25 00
192 Joe Johnson salary	25 00
193 Carolina Oil Co for oil.....	139 00
194 J C Metcalf listing, taxes 1920.....	16 00
195 R L Newman commission on collections.....	18 46
196 Jas A Pace salary for 1 month.....	10 00
197 Carolina Oil Co for oil	113 00
198 Piedmont Electric Co, for supplies.....	12 07

## TRYON TOWNSHIP

VERSATILITY, MOUNTAINS, VALLEYS, RIDGES, RICH LANDS, POOR LANDS, THERMAL BELT AND ALL KIND OF LAND. TRYON is especially famous for grapes and mild climate. The Town of TRYON is a melting-pot where mankind from the ends of the EARTH May find congenial souls, hotels boarding houses, stores, golf links, churches and schools afford recreation. A Good Place To Live And WE WELCOME YOU.

1920.....	24 00	199 Q C Sonner and Co for supplies.....	9 46
165 G R Little " " from Jan 1st to June 1st 1920.....	10 00	200 Harris printing house for tax book.....	1 50
166 Walter Jones salary from June 1st 1919 to Jan 1st 1920.....	14 00	201 Fairbanks Morse Co for oil.....	22 51
167 R. L. Newman pay roll on water line.....	43 29	202 W W Owens salary for 1 month.....	75 00
168 Joe I Johnson salary for 15 days.....	25 00	203 R L Newman salary 1 mo.....	75 00
169 Q C Sonner and Co express advanced for power plant.....	30 00	204 Joe Johnson salary 15 days.....	25 00
170 R L Newman salary for one month.....	75 00	205 R L Newman pay roll on water line.....	21 50
171 Joe Johnson salary for 15 days.....	25 00	206 R L Newman pay roll street work.....	56 75
172 H T Corn auto hire hire to Hendersonville power plant repairs.....	12 00	207 Joe Johnson 15 days	25 00
173 R L Newman salary for one month.....	75 00	208 R L Newman salary for 1 month.....	75 00
174 Carolina Oil Co for oil	108 00	209 Saluda Pharmacy for oil and globes.....	62 36
175 Fairbank Morse for supplies.....	26 00	210 Blue Ridge Power Co for light bill.....	68 58
176 Joe I Johnson salary for 15 days.....	25 00	211 Carolina oil Co for oil	63 00
177 Carolina State Bank, N Y Ex for Int on bonds	300 00	212 R L Newman commission on collection.....	41 79
178 Joe Johnson salary for 15 days.....	25 00	213 Jas Pace salary for one month.....	10 00
179 R L Newman salary for 1 month.....	75 00	214 Polk County News printing.....	8 75
180 Green River garage auto hire repairing engine.....	11 00	215 R M Hall commission on collections.....	56 77
		216 Saluda Development for labor.....	11 09
		217 Hearon Lumber Co for labor.....	2 16

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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.

### Pea Ridge.

We sure are having some warm weather. Miss Louise Mills and little sister Myrtle are visiting their grandfather, W. A. Mills of Mill Spring. Zacky Mills spent Saturday with Tom Byars. Miss Maggie Byars spent Friday night with Miss Mary Sue Mills. Luther Melton was the guest of Bennie Corner, Saturday. Misses Maggie and Eva Byars were the guests of Garfield Pritchard Thursday. Charley Hodge was the guest of J. I. Pritchard Sunday. Misses Sue and Ellen Mills had a pleasant time on Green River bridge Monday. Mrs. A. J. Pritchard has been very ill for the past few days but we hope she will soon recover. Little Arthur Pritchard was the guest of his cousin Hugh Pritchard Sunday.

Ambrose Mills spent the day with Joe Horton Sunday. James Byars made a business trip to Spartanburg, S. C. last week-end.

Samuel Mills has been very sick but is improving.

Miss Addie Phillips was the guest of Miss Eva Byars Monday. Mrs. S. E. Pritchard was the guest of Mrs. W. A. Mills Sunday.

### Fishtop.

Land is still too wet to work, but we hope for fair weather for a few days so farmers can finish their crops.

T. W. and J. B. Bradley attended the singing at Mountain Grove Sunday.

S. Bishop called in the lower section of the cove Sunday.

E. J. Bradley and Coy Levi went to Tuxedo Saturday.

J. Henderson has gone to Aiken, S. C., on a visit and partly on business to sell apples, honey, etc.

Ernest Laughter and T. W. Bradley have gone to Hendersonville with apples, peaches, tomatoes etc.

Rome Hill has gone to market with apples from Posey Henderson's orchard.

We attended a meeting of the business men of Saluda one day last week held in the interest of good roads, but more especially for the road leading through Green River Cove and on to the Mills Gap road. Some of the men subscribed liberally while others that (as it seems to me) subscribed so little that it is a shame to mention it that should have subscribed largely. If Saluda wants the road she must not expect the county's people to build it, they may turn to Hendersonville. A town in a county that wants roads and is using all her energy to procure them. (Hurrah for Henderson)

Now brother Lynn we had some more snake news in last week's items but they failed to reach the readers by some means. Horace Jones, J. B. Bradley each killed one while Govan Constant lead off with three last week. We hope to do better this week. Corn is looking fine so are the weeds and grass.

### Sunny View

Rev. Liner preached an in-

teresting sermon at Cooper Gap last Sunday afternoon. There were not many present on account of the rain. We welcome him again.

Miss Lola Gibbs and Arkansas Jackson were dinner guests of the Misses Helton Sunday. Mamie Gilbert visited Pearl Mills Sunday.

Jay Ruff and family from Hendersonville, visited T. N. Wilson Sunday.

Garrison Corn and wife also Claude Williams and wife visited at E. C. Lynchs' Sunday.

Miss Callie Dimsdale also Carrie Haynes and sister visited their aunt, Mrs. J. M. Gibbs Sunday.

Willie Mills, Jess Allen, John Ogle and Frank Mills passed through this section Sunday.

Mrs. Birch Jackson visited at H. P. Jackson's one day last week.

Several from here attended services at Big Level Sunday.

### Mountain View.

We are having a lot of rain in this section and the farmers are getting along slow with their work.

Jack Searcy of Cane Creek conducted a short but interesting song service after which Rev. Norville of Rutherford R. I. preached and interesting sermon here Sunday.

Several from Silver Creek attended services here Sunday.

Misses Lona and Della Walker of Brights Creek spent Saturday night with Mrs. Fred Corn.

Miss Nora Jackson has gone to Hendersonville where she has accepted a position for the summer.

H. H. McCrain and wife visited his mother Sunday.

The revival meeting is to begin here the fourth Sunday in July. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

### Mill Spring.

Rev. W. J. Hackney has returned from Trinity College and preached an interesting sermon at the Methodist church last Sunday and received Mrs. W. G. Voorheis and daughters Juniata and Barbara into the church.

Arthur Thompson and wife are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine girl.

Lindsay Garrett and wife visited the latters parents E. G. Thompson and wife last Sunday.

Born to Robert Melton and wife on the twenty-fifth of June a boy.

Boyce Lee Johnson of Landrum called to see Miss Mable Pack last Sunday.

Mrs. W. T. Mottinger and children of Gable S. C., are visiting at W. G. Voorheis.

Mill Spring is awake again.

We are still having fine rains, so much that the farmers can't finish their crops.

Rev. Reed filled his appointment at the Baptist church Sunday p. m.

J. R. Foster left Monday for Fountainview, S. C., to attend the wedding of his brother H. H. Foster.

Mesdames Geo. and W. L. Brisco made a visit to Ruthfordton Saturday, last.

Several of our young ladies are attending teachers summer school at Cullowhee, N. C., and Asheville.