

Every Polk County Farmer Owes It to Himself to Take Stock in the Polk County Farm Federation

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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.

### Polk County Advisory Agricultural Board August 1, 1921

A meeting of the Polk County Advisory Agricultural Board was held in Columbus on Monday, August 1, 1921, at 10:30 a. m., with 11 members present. Mr. Sams reported that something over 200 subscribers had been secured for the cooperative marketing association, and he wanted the board to decide whether or not it would be well for the stock holders to go on and organize today. He said that the necessary steps were to elect directors who would meet and elect their officers and proceed to draw up incorporation papers and apply for a charter. When the charter had been granted it would be necessary to call the stockholders together again and ratify it and then appoint an officer who should be bonded and be in a position to call for the subscriptions.

After some discussion it was moved that the agricultural board would recommend that the stockholders should proceed with the organization.

There will be further business the meeting adjourned.

### The Polk County Farmers Federation August 1, 1921

The first meeting of the stockholders of the Polk county farmers federation was called at 11 a. m. at Columbus on Monday, August 1, 1921, to hear the report of J. R. Sams and the recommendations of the Polk county agricultural board.

J. R. Sams reported that over 200 subscribers had been secured and that the board recommend that we go on with the organization at once. H. P. Corwith, acting chairman, appointed the following stockholders to act as a nominating committee and select directors; J. R. Sams, W. B. McSwain, Lee Tallant, John Weaver, Miss Mae Irene Flentyy.

While this committee met in J. R. Sam's office, Mr. McClure, Fairview, Buncombe county, outlined the work of his organization and told of a few pitfalls they had found. He then answered any questions that were put to him.

Mr. Dabbs of Tryon and Sumter, S. C., then told the meeting of some of the difficulties they had met in similar organizations and told of a few more pitfalls. B. Willis then told of a few advantages and urged the people to raise good stuff and put it up in good marketable fashion.

The nominating committee reported the following names for directors: Saluda township, H. P. Corwith; Tryon township, M. I. Flentyy; Columbus township, H. H. Edwards; Cooper Gap township, T. N. Wilson; White Oak township, J. T. Waldrop and J. H. Gibbs; Greens Creek township, W. B. McSwain and Ed Lancaster; 1 directors to be selected by the state.

There were no further nominations and Prof. E. W. S. Cobb, moved that the report of the committee be accepted and the directors nominated by the committee, be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded and carried.

The newly elected directors were asked to meet at 2 p. m. in Mr. Sam's office and elect their officers and proceed as far as possible with the organization. An adjournment meeting was

called for later in the afternoon. An adjourned meeting of the Farmers Federation was held in Columbus on Monday, August 1. The directors reported that they had decided not to incorporate under the new act because it would prevent them from doing business with any but actual members and they felt that was not for the good of the organization. It seems to them that this new law was primarily for the cotton and tobacco growers and that their problem was very different. They considered the facts that the fee would be a trifle larger, and also that there would be taxes but these matters seemed to be more than outweighed by the fact that they would be enabled to do a greater volume of business. The name selected by the directors was the Polk County Farmers Federation. This name was voted on by the stockholders and the motion was carried. The directors reported that they had elected the following officers for the organization: president, H. P. Corwith, Saluda; vice president, W. B. McSwain, Greens Creek; Secy. Treas., M. I. Flentyy, Tryon. H. H. Edwards was appointed chairman of the building committee with C. M. Howes and Grant Miller as committee members and he was instructed to proceed at once to select a site and begin operations.

There being no objections from the stockholders and no further instructions from them the meeting adjourned after Mr. Duun had offered a prayer for the success of the undertaking. Respectfully submitted, MAE IRENE FLENTY, Sec., Treas.

### Old Clothes.

The Red Cross is anxious to secure warm second-hand clothing that is suitable for use as it is or can be made over. If you have any such the Polk County Chapter will be grateful to you if you will leave it at the Peoples Bank in Tryon. Please be sure all garments are CLEAN.

### PENCIL POINTS

By Bildad

Its a pity wisdom doesn't grow on a man like whiskers.

Even lazy people are perfectly willing to acquire corns in their hands from handling hard cash.

When that expedition to Africa succeeds in locating the missing link, it should then go after the lost chord.

Our lady friend says she dislikes the dictionary because it spells words so different from what she does.

The average school teacher nowadays has to take a vow of poverty before going into her work. The salary is like some of the children—a case of arrested development.

If tombstone epitaphs were reliable, satan would be out of a job.

Never judge a man by the silk umbrella he carries, he may have left a cotton one somewhere in its place.

The only certainties of life are death, disappointment and taxes.

It's a lot easier for a child to inherit red hair than brains.

Our friends the Russians seem to be using nails in place of money nowadays, if we are to believe the latest news dispatches. Next thing we'll hear they are carrying nail scissors to cut down expenses.

### Four Lessons in Citizenship

NO 1.

It wasn't so long ago that one business man regarded his competitor as his enemy. He feared to work for the betterment of his town in fear that this competitor would profit from his efforts. He suffered. His competitor suffered, and the whole town stood still.

The condition changed. The business man began to see that when he stood still, and his competitor stood still, the town failed to move, he approached the competitor in a friendly way. The hatchet was buried and both put their shoulders to the municipal wheel. The town started to move and gathered momentum as it went. Mr. Business Man's sales grew and the strangest thing of all, his competitor's grew also and both were satisfied.

Are you helping to make the impression of Tryon a good one.

### NO 2

#### WHATS THE FOUNDATION OF YOUR BUSINESS

Now if Tryon were not here, you would not be here. If Tryon didn't in your opinion offer prospects for the future, you would pick up and move.

Are you helping to develop the prospects of your city?

The good citizen helps to develop the city. As the city grows, new industries are attracted and the established expanded. New industries bring additional population. New population creates new business.

Around we go in a circle of prosperity. Of course, one good citizen, single handed, can't do much to make his city grow, but working together thru an efficient organization, can do a great deal.

Many good citizens, thru a Chamber of Commerce, of Tryon, could start some good work. Now are you one of them? If you are not, you haven't been true to yourself. You will be willing to take the credit for what the Chamber of Commerce will be able to do, won't you?

Isn't a Chamber of Commerce entitled to your help?

### NO 3

Too often is the commercial organization judged by the number of factories it brings to its town. Too often are civic improvements, agricultural development, and protection of existing institutions disregarded in the mad hunt for "New Industries". A neighboring community has just realized the impossibility of the task. It offered every inducement to locate four factories in a year. It found most of the wandering industries were looking for cash bonuses that would in no way benefit the town. Then the policy was changed and it was decided to "seek only those industries, the location of which isn't dependent upon a cash bonus and which would have at least equal economic advantages over other localities."

And don't forget, that it takes more work and investigation to keep out an undesirable industry one of these "fly-by-nights" than to locate a reliable, honest enterprise.

The following from the annual report of the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce is typical.

"Greensboro must be built up in the future as in the past, by expansion from within rather than without. It is fortunate for the Chamber of Commerce that this fact is fully recognized by its membership as many organizations have been wrecked wasting their time and effort in

the impossible task of industry getting."

Tryon needs more industries, but she must not sacrifice all else for factories, the value of which may be questionable.

NO 4

### IF NOT FACTORIES, WHAT?

A better city. A city you will be more proud to live in. A city that will attract visitors who will want to come here and reside. A city with good people, good streets, good homes, and good schools?"

"What of your homes and good schools?" asks a manufacture looking for an investment, or for the location for a factory. The consideration of his employees is his first thought. The city which he will select is the one which will attract his eye, on the first impression, and hold his investigation.

He must have a city that gives his workmen the best of civic conditions so they will give him the greatest degree of efficiency. An intelligent and contented workman is a factory's asset.

Our "expansion" must provide for this. The competition between committees for the location of industries has become so keen that it is no longer necessary for the manufacturer to put up with any condition which he may find. Our town must offer something better if it expects to bid for industries.

### Stearns High School to Begin on August 29. The teaching Force For Coming Season All Well Trained and Highly Rated.

The Stearns High School will begin on Monday, August 29. The teachers for the new term have all been secured and everything will be in readiness for the opening on that date.

The teachers will arrive Friday, August 26, and on Saturday morning there will be a meeting of all the teachers in the school building and in the afternoon at 3 o'clock all students are expected to appear for classification and assignment of lessons. Regular class room work will begin on Monday morning. All patrons of the school, board of trustees and any visitors, that are in the community are cordially invited to be present for the morning Chapel service at 9 o'clock.

The teaching force for the coming year are all well trained and experienced in the work. Most of them are away attending the best summer schools of the country in order to become more efficient in the profession. The outlook is fine for a good year in our school.

The news has been circulated throughout the country that the Stearns High School would not be an accredited school this year. We are in a position to announce that it will be a state accredited high school, any students graduating from this school will be admitted to any college in the state without any conditions.

We invited all parents who expect to send their girls and boys to a high school to investigate this school. We can offer your board at actual cost, room rent and tuition free, and the most healthful place in Western North Carolina to live, besides the services of well trained teachers and a well equipped school building. For further information in regard to the school write County Supt., E. W. S. Cobb, at Columbus, N. C.

W. D. LOY, Principal.

Sweet Marie says she has two very good reasons for wearing short skirts.

## FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

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

### SALUDA.

Blues of the Civic League had a baby show last Wednesday. The show was quite an interesting occasion and everybody enjoyed seeing so many attractive babies. The judges in the show said that they never had a harder time in their lives in coming to a decision. The prize winners were: John Norris, of Mobile, Ala.; Annette Roddey, of Sumter, S. C.; Marie Wilcox, of Macon, Ga.; and John Faucette, Jr., of Savannah, Ga.

Aunt Dinah's Quilting Party which was given by local talent last Friday night at Library Hall was well attended and highly commended.

The regular meeting of the Civic League was held at the Boys' Club Tuesday afternoon. It was reported that through the combined activities of the Reds, Whites and Blues there was another hundred dollars in the treasury to be turned over to the Civic League obligation toward the community house.

Mrs. Peterkin and her daughter, Mrs. Reed, from Fort Mott, are occupying the Wells cottage.

Yancy Culton, of Winston-Salem, spent the week-end with his mother.

Miss Hattie Aiken, of Brevard, is visiting her aunt, Miss Arra Lankford.

Miss Doubleday, of Tryon, is visiting Louise Dunn.

Mrs. R. P. Hart has returned to Columbia after visiting her parents, E. L. Patterson and wife.

Miss Mallie and Elanor Bomar are entertaining at a house party friends from Spartanburg. The guests are Elizabeth Crews, Edith Steedley, Ruth and Clementina Finley, Sarah Dodgen, Lila and Lucia Atkinson and Jennie Bomar.

The "Reds" of the Civic League entertained at bridge on Wednesday afternoon at Mrs. Coates'.

Horace Hollister, who has been visiting his parents, Frederic Hollister and wife has returned to New York.

On each Wednesday night at the Presbyterian church Dr. A. G. Rembert, of Wofford College gives a free lecture. Dr. Rembert is a man who thinks. If you want to exercise your mind for an hour, try one of these lectures.

Rev. Geo. B. Waldon, of Jacksonville, Fla., will talk at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon at Byrnard Hall. His subject will be "Four hundred years of America". This is one of the free lectures of the summer assembly. Everybody is invited.

Frank Carson and wife, of New Prospect, were in Saluda Tuesday.

There will be a tacky party given under the auspices of the Reds of the Civic League at Library Hall this Friday night. Be sure to come and have a good social time. Admission only 25 cents.

A bridge party was given Thursday, by Miss R. Box, chairman of the White Band of the Civic League, for the community house. The next bridge party will be held August 11, at Mrs. Locke's, residence and succeeding meetings every other Thurs-

day for the same object. Fee for players 25c.

### Marriage of Interest.

Married at high noon on Wednesday, August 3, in Woodrow Presbyterian church Columbia, S. C., Sarah Louise Griffin and Frank Bingham Estes. Rev. and Mrs. Estes will spend the remainder of the summer in Saluda, where Rev. Estes will continue his work as pastor of the Presbyterian church. Many friends welcome him and his charming bride to Saluda.

### Resolutions by The Civic League

Whereas the Civic League of Saluda has learned that the exercises of Saluda Seminary will be discontinued it would put itself on record as appreciating the work of the principal and faculty of this school and its influence for good, not only in our town but as affecting other homes during the last forty-five years. Whereas the Civic League as a representative body of Saluda, feels the benefit conferred on our town and the students entrusted to Saluda Seminary. Be it therefore resolved that we express by these resolutions the sincere regret we experience in the loss to our community through the closing of this school. Resolved that as the Civic League stands for all that benefits Saluda, especially all that raises the educational standard it extends its endorsement to the summer assembly inaugurated by the Congregational association, and believe that these meetings will benefit our community and add to its attractiveness for summer visitors.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the American Missionary Association, also that copies be printed in the Polk County News.

ROSA BOX, Secretary.

### Fishtop.

We are needing rain now it seems, it is always too wet or too dry, too hot or too cold. Prices are too high or too low in man's estimation.

T. W. Bradley sang for the Galimore people Sunday.

J. W. Bishop passed through here Sunday.

J. B. Bradley went to hear a Mr. Anderson preach at Galimore Sunday.

E. Levi visited in the upper section Sunday.

Dr. Levi Jones paid Miss Flora Bradley a visit Saturday, returning home Sunday. Miss Flora is improving slowly.

Miss Elma Newman is still complaining some.

Ernest Lawter and Harrison Bradley hauled another load of apples to Hendersonville last week.

A Mr. Early and Newman of Tryon, were in this section one day last week to engage apples.

J. Henderson returned home Saturday from his visit to Henderson county.

Mrs. T. E. Pace and Dora Jones visited their sister, Mrs. J. L. Jackson Saturday.

T. E. Pace visited his daughter, Mrs. Herbert Pace Saturday.

E. J. Bradley went to Hendersonville Monday on business.

Now that women have the vote, it is no longer proper to say that politics make strange bedfellows.