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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 Fairs for 1921.

Arrangements have been made for a community fair to be held in each of the six townships in Polk county. The officers have been appointed and the premium lists are in the hands of the various secretaries. And by the way, the good ladies of Columbus township had these premium lists prepared and paid for out of their own funds and gladly present them to the other townships as a neighborly act. Now for the fair itself. What will they be? Just what the officers and citizens of each township make them. Without active work on the part of the officers and committees these fairs will be small affairs; and without the cooperation of the farmers and other business men, they will be nothing. One thing in particular we desire to accomplish this year is to make these fairs more educational. We want to make them real agricultural schools, in which we can all make a first hand study of standardization of commodities for cooperative marketing. We also want to make them greater means of social development in the county. We want the town people this year at these fairs, to meet the people who live in the country and know each other better; and will another great object this year is to collect the best of all these fairs and have a Polk county exhibit at the state fair to be held just after our fairs will close. To this end, we want every farmer in Polk county who has county pride, to take part in these fairs, and especially to exhibit the best corn, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, cow peas, soy beans, and small grains. We want to make a specialty of corn at the state fair; so bring your prolific corn, your big single eared corn, white corn, yellow corn, red corn, speckled corn, sugar corn, pop corn, and just corn, we want to show what Polk county can do in the way of making corn. Now all together pulling for these fairs and for the Polk County Farmers Federation and the next thing you know, we will be the foremost county in the "Old North State" in cooperative work. Why not be first in something?

What to do Now?

Fodder pulling is right on hand, yes, fodder pulling. Its awfully expensive; but pull you will, so "Go to it". Save all the fodder, shucks, straw, cow pea and soy bean hay possible, save all the cane fodder, cane heads, Johnson grass, hay and all other kind of grass and legume hays that can be cared for now while it can be saved and save that hay bill next summer. Another thing to do now is to prepare to plant a crop of wheat this fall. As I said last week, prepare the land well, sow good seed and sow before it is too late and sow only land that will make wheat, or do not sow. Still another thing to do is to take care of all the cow peas, soy beans, sweet and Irish potatoes, and all other crops, especially the sorghum crop. Now this will take up all the dry weather available this fall and on rainy days. Repair the cowsheds, poultry houses, pig pens etc. Now this will be burning gas unnecessarily going to town when you have no business or whittling on goods

boxes at the cross road store or pitching horse shoes in the village streets. Try it and see how it will work.

Once More Pastures and Gullies

Every farmer in Polk county will take notice that we have declared war on gullies in Polk county. Let farmers in Greens Creek township call on W. B. McSwain and Frank Giles and other farmers who have done some gully stopping, and see how it is to stop them and catch the gully stopping fever and go home and do likewise. It is really discreditable as a farmer, to have a single gully on the farm. Now here is the way the thing is done to best advantage, as a general rule the most gullies are found on that portion of the farm that has been worn out growing corn cotton continuously and thrown out and called a pasture; which in reality is nothing but a waste place where cattle over exercise themselves starving to death. Right now during the last days of August and September is the very best time to stop these gullies and do another next best thing on the farm. That is to cut all trees, bushes, briars, weeds etc., on these waste lands and put them in the gullies and spread them on the bare places where no vegetation is growing and just wait two years and see what will happen? Then sow some redtop and white clover over all this cut over old land next February and you will have a pasture within the next two years worth looking at and worthy to be called a pasture. Then another good thing in this connection and if you will go over to John Gilbert's farm near Columbus, you can see better than I can tell you what this is. When I went over to pay him a visit I thought a cyclone hurricane or something had swept down from White Oak mountain and had demolished all the bushes on his farm. Now just keep your eyes on Mr. Gilbert's place and during the next two years see those thicket clad branches be transformed into pastures of living green, on which beautiful fat cattle will be browsing. Now every body get busy and stop the gullies, clean up the road and branch bank and make some Polk county pastures equal to those found anywhere.

To Clerks of all Baptist Churches in Green River Association.

Church letters have been mailed out to all Baptist churches in the association. All church letters are to be in hand of the clerk by September 15, 1921. Kindly make out full report, in order that our statistics may be more complete and mail to the undersigned at once. Stress the importance of full payments on 75 m campaign, send money in to treasurer at once, taking credit for same in church letter. Association meets at Mortfords Cove, Sept. 28, 1921.

E. J. JONES, Clerk Green River Assn. Marion, N. C., Box 518.

"Fanchon" the flour of quality

Seventeen-Pound Trout? Trout vary greatly within the species, according to the nature of the waters they inhabit, the variations being manifested in their color, size, form and in development. As to American Forestry Magazine. As to their weight, Mr. Hallock, a famous American fisherman, claims to have known of one that weighed seventeen pounds, while as a rule they do not run over three or four pounds.

To Tryon School Patrons

Due to the fact that the school building will be used until Saturday night or Sunday for the grandest clinic this part of the State has ever had, school cannot open until 9 a. m. Tuesday, September 6. Come, patrons and friends, to our opening exercises. Be sure to know all the teachers and assure them not of your kicks but of your cooperation.

I thank you.

D. W. SIMMONS.

Sunday School Convention.

Sunday school workers of Polk county will hold convention in the Congregational church of Tryon on Saturday and Sunday, Sept., 17th and 18. This meeting is arranged for Sunday school workers of all denominations in the county. The first session of the convention will be held on Saturday night, September 17, at 8:00. Three sessions will be held on Sunday the 18, morning, afternoon and night closing with the Sunday night session.

Arrangements for this convention were made several days ago when D. W. Simms, general superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday school association, visited Tryon and had a conference with the pastors, Sunday school superintendents and many of the Sunday school leaders. Sunday school workers from all parts of the county are invited to attend the sessions.

The principal speakers will be Miss Flora Davis, assistant superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday school association, and D. W. Sims, general superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday school association. Both Miss Davis and Mr. Sims are recognized leaders in Sunday school work, not only in this state but other states.

Mr. Sims has had charge of the work in North Carolina for about one year. Under his leadership the North Carolina Sunday school association is doing progressive Sunday school work throughout the state. Similar meetings to the one arranged for Polk county are being held in a number of other counties of the state during the summer. Kindred county conventions have been held in the past few months in Raleigh, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Wilmington, Durham, Charlotte, Gastonia, Asheville and Burlington. In its work the North Carolina Sunday school association is interdenominational for in its conventions and institutes leaders from the various denominations take part. But in results it is denominational for if a worker puts into use the methods discussed in these conventions he increases the efficiency of his own denominational Sunday school. The officers of the association are among the leading Christian business men of the state. The president of the association is Gilbert T. Stephenson of Winston-Salem; vice president, Joseph J. Brown, Raleigh; treasurer, E. B. Crow, Raleigh; chairman executive committee, J. M. Broughton, Raleigh.

The following local committee on arrangements was appointed for the Polk county convention: Prof. D. W. Simmons, superintendent Episcopal Sunday school;

S. E. Sloan, superintendent Baptist Sunday school; Nelson Jackson Jr., superintendent Congregational Sunday school; and P. G. Morris, superintendent Methodist Sunday school.

Fishtop.

The warm weather is somewhat relieved by the cool nights. Squirrel hunting and peddling squirrels seem to be the occupation of a few just now.

Curtis Newman returned home from taking his sister, Elma, and cousins, Misses Estelle and Eva Pace, to the high school at Columbus Saturday.

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

The Hill boys visited the Levi boys Sunday.

Ewert Levi visited his old home people Sunday.

Earnest Laughter, Coy and Ewert Levi and Posey Henderson, went to Asheville with apples last week.

Well brother Lynn, you had better keep one eye open as the rattlers appear to be moving and going in your direction as they have appeared in the Holbert Cove, Horace Thompson killed two (who seemed to be traveling together) last week.

E. J. and Wayland Bradley went to Saluda Saturday.

J. L. Frasier, J. L. Beddingfield, H. C. and Nesbit Ward, from Zirconia, came over with teams to move D. S. Pace's boiler and engine Friday last, and all went through to the ground on one span of the approaches to the bridge, none seriously hurt. The road supervisors have been warned of the condition of the bridge and its approaches as the approaches sills were only pine poles which have lasted well (5 years); that's one way the people's money go. Specifications ought to be given to the builders that would be durable, and then see that they are complied with before any recommendation is given.

Rev. J. B. Arledge will hold a series of meetings this week at Silver Creek church.

Ernest Laughter and T. W. Bradley have gone to Asheville this week with apples.

Carson Hill is hauling apples to Hendersonville, while Harrison Arledge is hauling his sweet potatoes to Saluda.

It seems that we will have a wet time to fodder.

This season proves what Old Polk would do in the way of fruits if she had a fair chance. So I advise all in need of nursery stock to buy of the old reliable nursery by seeing E. J. Bradley, agent for the I. Van Lindy Nursery Company, Pomona, N. C., address E. J. Bradley at Saluda, N. C.

FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

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

Lynn.

Rev. Pratt filled his regular appointment last Sunday.

School will open Monday, Sept. 5th.

The end of dog days are close at hand.

These cool east rains remind us that autumn is near.

Several of the children here will be treated by the state clinic.

Rev. Black gave one of his magic entertainments. The receipts were divided with the school.

An informal reception will be given the teachers at the school building soon.

Miss Leona Kaly, of Calhoun, S. C., is visiting W. S. McCall and wife.

Mrs. Gray Thompson and children are visiting home folks and friends in Canton this week.

Leonard G. Newman is visiting friends in Canton this week.

Mr. Gibbons, of Grover, N. C., was visiting N. W. Randle and wife last week.

Next Monday is Labor Day. Don't forget to observe a part of it. Display your colors.

Everything about the Tryon Hosier plant is exceedingly quiet, they sure are taking a good rest.

Jacob Justice was taken to Morganton last Monday for treatment in the state hospital for the insane.

Some of the very best assets for any county is good schools, good churches and good roads, all of which seem to be coming our way in Polk county while they are a little slow they are coming.

Oh you Pedagogues! wakeup, get busy, vacation time is over and you school boys and girls look up your ball and bat, tablet and pencil, as school time is right at hand.

SALUDA

The Spartanburg baby hospital closed its doors for the season on Sept. 1st. Many babies have been restored to health and strength this summer in this worthy and charitable institution.

Mrs. Alberta H. Coleman's many friends were grieved to hear of her death at Holly Hill, Sunday night. The body was taken to Macon, Ga., Monday evening.

Mrs. Fleming Brown, of Spartanburg, is visiting her daughters, Mesdames Horace Bomar and G. R. Little.

R. K. Wilder and wife, have returned to their home in Sumter.

The Southern Railway is covering the ground around the yard office with graite screenings, thus improving the appearance and preventing mud.

Rev. Clark, of lower S. C., conference filled the pulpit of the Methodist church here Sunday morning.

Miss Mary McClure has returned from a visit in Union.

T. W. Waters went to Hendersonville Tuesday.

A. Case, ex-sheriff of Henderson county and the present prohibition enforcement officer was in this vicinity last week.

Mr. Holtzcloth and family, of Spartanburg, spent Tuesday in town.

Bryan and Alonzo Bolich, of Winston-Salem, spent the weekend here.

Misses Boggs and Mary Estes, of the Spartanburg baby hospital went to Spartanburg this week.

Lou Alice Shecut, of Orangeburg, visited Lessie Mae Pace last week.

Lola Thompson is improving from a spell of tonsillitis.

Benjamin Cotner and little son, of Charlotte, are at Dr. Smith's.

Hugh Ward and wife who have been visiting their parents have returned to their home in Fort Motte, S. C.

The Steinburg family who occupied the Fisher home this summer have returned to S. C.

Rev. J. O. Cox and H. L. Capps attended the fourth quarterly conference of the Saluda-Tryon charge of the Asheville district of the western N. C., conference of the Methodist church south at Tryon Sunday evening.

Miss Marvin Patterson went to Hendersonville Monday to stand the state teachers examination.

Miss Sara McKenzie, of Winston-Salem, is visiting here.

The friends of J. B. Cullipher are glad to know that he is improving since his operation in the hospital in Asheville.

Dr. A. G. Rembert gave the last of his series of lectures on Wednesday evening. No thinking person could hear the words from the lips of this talented teacher and not be stirred within. Dr. Rembert has returned to his duties at Wofford college.

Mrs. J. F. Johnson, of New York and Fairhope summer school Greenwich, Conn., addressed the mothers and others interested in child life every day last week at Barnard Hall. Many people were instructed and uplifted by Mrs. Johnson's addresses.

Misses Anna Belle and Emma Rhodes of Greenville and Miss Sara McKenzie, of Winston-Salem, are the charming guests of Misses Minnie Cullipher.

Poultry. For Sale:—Crystal White Wyandotte, young stock. This stock is from the pens of a premium breeder the very best in the United States, they are first class layers and splendid table fowls. I am offering them very low to introduce them. I paid \$35 for my original Trio and will sell Trio for \$9. Single cockerels for \$5 and pullets for \$3 each F. O. B. Saluda.

A. DEVERE TURNER,

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First Suggestion.

"What do you suppose the first quarrel between Adam and Eve was about?" "I guess she pitched into him about raising Cain."

Beyond His Control.

Robert had entertained his cousin for two or three days, but at the end of the third day, a discussion arose and a hand to hand fight ensued. His mother, hearing the commotion, quickly rushed to the scene and admonished. "It isn't nice to fight, Robert," she said, "especially your own relation and guest," but her son in the heat of passion, replied, "It don't make any difference whether he is my 'lotion or not, my mad feels just the same."

Farmer's Hard Luck.

Earth in the upper peninsula is so kind that, tickle her with a hoe and she laughs with a harvest, but there are some drawbacks, it seems. A farmer down at Au Train put out cabbage one year, and grew perfectly marvelous heads weighing, every one of them, forty pounds or less, but dog-gone the luck, next year the piece was just like cut-over land again, and it took the farmer all season to clean out the cabbage stumps.—Detroit News.