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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.

Once More The Fairs

One week from today, Oct. 3rd, the fair at Columbus will be opened. Columbus throws her gates wide open without money and without price, ticket or fee of any kind. The show will be free, and all who come from the outskirts of the county and the back corners like Tryon and Saluda will be looked after and see that they do not get lost in the boulevards and sky scraper sections of the city. Traffic policemen will be instructed at all congested business crossings to look out and care for women and children who will attend this unusual occasion, all Blind Tigers will be closed on that day, but all visitors will be supplied with the most delicious sparkling Polk county water. After this big blow out at Columbus will follow, Sunny View Oct. 11, Mill Spring Oct. 12, Greens Creek Oct. 13 and Tryon Oct. 14. The people at Columbus are expecting neighboring townships to pay them a visit on that day and will be disappointed if they do not come, of course each township is expecting to beat every other township in excellence of fair, why not the fair fever warm up from first to last and make every one better than the preceding one to the very last. Let me serve notice on all the presidents of fairs in Polk county that Billy Wilson of Tryon community fair has blood in his eyes, so you and your secretaries and directors of departments had better be on the grounds early in the morning of your fairs and get things in order or Billy will walk off with that \$10.00 prize. Remember that no township will be eligible that exhibits less than 20 samples of corn, 10 ears each, every township should exhibit at least 100 samples.

With good wishes to all, I go to Buncombe county this week to judge fairs.

Polk County Farm Federation.

Today, October 3rd 1921 registers a hopeful day for Polk county farmers, today was the completion of the organization by a meeting of stockholders which ratified all that had been previously done by the board of directors previously elected by the stock holders before charter was granted, the certificate of incorporation was read by the secretary treasurer, M. I. Flentye which was satisfactory to all, the by-laws, as prepared by a committee appointed by the board of directors was read and approved after one slight amendment, a proposition on the part of the Board of Trade of Tryon to lease a lot for a term of 25 years for the warehouse on the property of the railroad was considered and the Federation unanimously voted to purchase a lot instead of accepting the lease as offered, at the same time offering a resolution of thanks for the kindly offer of the Board of Trade.

Now the Farmers Federation, Inc., is no more a thing in contemplation; but a real living incorporated corporation ready for business. The Grange came and went, the Farmers Alliance followed and failed. The Farmers Union was an improvement, but it did not stand the test. Why? Because of faulty fundamental principles and want of real business foundation.

The experience learned by far-

mers by the failures of the foregoing institutions learned them wisdom; and this generation has learned the lesson and are determined not to pass the goat on to their children and children's children. So this Farmers Federation is organized on strictly business principles under the laws of the State of North Carolina to enable Polk county farmers to cooperatively market all their produce and cooperatively buy necessary supplies to enable them to produce their crops in the most economical way in order to serve the consuming world to better advantage, and at the same time procure better returns for their labor. It is not the purpose of this corporation to disorganize any existing business or to raise strife toward any existing corporations or firms doing any kind of business. Our institution is organized on the the broadest and most brotherly spirit. We desire to encourage honest labor on every farm in Polk county. We want our members to adopt the very best methods of farming and we are determined to see to it that every farmer shall have a square deal, so long as he acts square with the corporation and himself. We want to do labor that a great era of prosperity will come to Polk county. We want to be producers of wealth in Polk county that will make ourselves and all other legitimate business in the county rich. We are friendly and friends of the banks of the county, and ask their full cooperation in the development of the county. We want the cooperation of the merchants of Polk county. We don't feel that the merchants of Polk county have served us as fully as they should but we are willing to let the past be in the dead past and begin anew with the understanding that we are all in this world to do good to each other. In the past where the merchant failed the farmer, is that he did not help the farmer find markets for his products. But this only led the farmer to become his own business channel through which his products will find the way by the shortest route to the consumer. This he should have done always.

The Federation also adopted the Polk County News as its official organ, and we insist on every member of the Federation subscribing at once and keep in touch with the work of the Federation.

Not only the present members but every farmer in Polk county should at once take at least one share of \$50 and help in this great work to free themselves from financial and commercial slavery. Talk about banks and merchants, but our corporation should be greater and stronger than all the banks and other institutions and yet we are the humble people who purpose to make business for all others to thrive upon, and we invite the full cooperation of every class of citizens to help us in this great task.

The Distraction.

Also we reckon the reason Copid makes so many bad shots is that he aims at the heart while looking at the hostry.—Dallas News.

Jud Tunkins.

"The trouble with a smart man," said Jud Tunkins, "is that he's liable to spend more time showin' off than he does workin'."

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given that an election has been ordered and will be held in and for the Municipality of Tryon, at the Town Hall, the regular voting place in said Municipality, on Tuesday, the 1st day of November 1921, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of said Municipality the approval of an ordinance providing for the issuance of Sixty Thousand Dollars of Improvement Bonds, which said ordinance is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE

To Provide for the Issuance of Improvement Bonds for the Town of Tryon, and for the Payment of the Principal and Interest Thereof.

Whereas, it has become necessary to build hard surface streets and side-walks in the Town of Tryon to take care of the heavy traffic on said streets and for the convenience of pedestrians who constantly use the side-walks, the heavy grades of streets and side-walks being such that only hard surface streets and side-walks will stand for any length of time, and, whereas, it is necessary for the town to issue bonds for said improvements, which it is estimated will cost not less than Sixty Thousand Dollars (60,000.00), and whereas, a resolution has been passed authorizing an issue of bonds for said purpose.

Now Therefore, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Tryon do ordain;

Section 1. That for the purpose of providing funds for the payment of cost of improving, by hard surfacing, the streets of the town of Tryon, serial coupon bonds of the Town of Tryon to be designated as "Improvement Bonds," be issued in a sum not to exceed Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00), bearing interest not to exceed six per cent per annum and maturing within the maximum period of twenty (20) years.

Section 2. That the probable unexpired usefulness of the above mentioned improvement is twenty years.

Section 3. That in each year while any of said bonds shall be outstanding, a tax shall be levied and collected, in accordance with law, to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, as the same fall due.

Section 4. That a statement of the debt of the Town of Tryon has been filed with the Clerk of said Town, pursuant to the Municipal Finance Act, and is now open to inspection.

Section 5. That the average assessed valuation of property subject to taxation by the Town of Tryon for the three fiscal years in which taxes were last levied, being the years 1919, 1920 and 1921, as shown by statement filed with said Clerk is \$1,064,898.00.

Section 6. That the amount of municipal debt of said municipality outstanding, authorized or to be authorized as shown by said statement, is \$99,800.00, of which amount \$31,800.00 is for bonds issued for the water works system of the town, the revenue from the water-works being sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and to create a sinking fund for their retirement at maturity, without resorting to taxation for said purpose.

Section 7. That the bonds when issued shall be signed by the Mayor and Clerk of said town, and shall be issued in either or all the denominations of \$100.00, \$500.00 and \$1000.00, as may be deemed best.

Section 8. That this ordinance shall be passed at three separate readings, on three separate days and shall be published for four weeks in a newspaper published in said town, and shall be submitted to the voters of said town for approval and shall be in effect upon its approval by the voters of the municipality at an election provided for by this ordinance, under the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act.

Section 9. That for the purpose of submitting this ordinance to the voters of the Town of Tryon an election is called for said purpose, to be held at the Town Hall in said Town of Tryon on Tuesday, the 1st day of November, 1921, and H. Doubleday is appointed as Registrar and R. T. McFee and A. L. Hill as Judges and poll holders at said election, and a new registration of the voters of said town is ordered.

Said election shall be held under the general provisions of Subchapter 411 entitled "Municipal Finance Act" of Chapter 56 of the Revised Statutes of North Carolina, entitled "Municipal Corporations."

I. W. W. Creasman, propose the adoption of the foregoing ordinance, this the 26th day of September, 1921.

The foregoing ordinance was passed on its third and final reading on the 28th day of September, 1921, and was first published on the 30th day of September, 1921.

Any action or proceeding questioning the validity of said ordinance must be commenced within thirty days after its publication.

M. G. BLAKE, Clerk.

Notice is further given that H. Doubleday has been appointed as Registrar and R. T. McFee and A. L. Hill judges and poll holders for said election and a new registration of all voters has been ordered, and that the registration books for the registration of all voters of said Municipality will be open by said registrar at the Town Hall, the voting place in said Municipality, for seven days immediately preceding the day for closing said registration books and that said registration books shall be closed for registration on the second Saturday preceding said election. This 30th day of September, 1921.

M. G. BLAKE, Clerk.

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

The Registration Books, for the registration of all voters of the Municipality of Tryon for an election to be held in said Municipality on Tuesday, the 1st day of November 1921, for the approval of an ordinance providing for street improvements and the issuance of bonds therefor, will be open at the Town Hall in said Municipality on Friday, the 14th day of October 1921, and will remain open for seven consecutive days, Sundays excepted, from nine o'clock a. m. until five o'clock p. m. on each day, except Saturday when said books will be open until nine o'clock p. m., and said book will be closed for the registration of voters on Saturday the 22nd day of October 1921.

Notice is further given that a new registration has been ordered and that no one will be eligible to vote at said election without registering.

This 5th day of October 1921.

HAROLD DOUBLEDAY Registrar.

Truth Not Always Supreme. "It's impossible," said Jud Tunkins, "always to tell the truth. Nobody would go to a dentist who wouldn't promise not to hurt you much."

FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

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

Melvin Hill

The revenue officers made a raid in the outskirts of Melvin Hill one dark night recently and captured a complete moonshine outfit and turned about a 1,000 gallons of snake juice preparation down in the branch and the big rains assisted in carrying it away, toward the Gulf of Mexico. No arrests were made however.

During the electric storm Monday Volney Davidson lost both his milk cows which were killed by lightning, which struck the wire fence following fence to where the cows were.

Mike Kimbrell formally of this place but now near Henrietta, fell and broke his leg just above the knee. As Mr. Kimbrell is old and very feeble his friends are very fearful as to the outcome of such an injury.

A few of the farmers here are selling some cotton, but most of them are still holding for higher prices.

Elders Branscom, Reed and Miller attended communion services at Mill Creek last Friday evening

Clint Johnson arrived home from Canada Friday night. Said he got snowed out, and started south immediately.

The little child of Hamp Gilbert and wife who has been sick is some better but still quite delicate.

There was a candy stewing at the molasses mill Saturday night and a number of young folks, and a few of the old ones too, got sweetened with scorched molasses candy, bah!

Mrs. Joel Sherfy of Fishtop, attended the funeral here Sunday afternoon.

We are having some wet weather these fall days and nights.

Had one or two cool nights last week.

Mrs. Martha Johnsons brother, William Henderson from one of the northern counties of the state visited her recently. During the visit there was a family reunion at the home of George Henderson which was enjoyed by quite a number of the kinsfolks and relatives.

Died

From injuries received in a fall earlier in the week, Mr. Mike Kimbrell died Saturday night at his home near Henrietta.

He had been quite feeble for a time, had suffered two paralytic strokes which may have been responsible for the fall, which presumably hastened the end. Mr. Kimbrell was a faithful member of the Brethren Church here. He leaves a wife two sons and three daughters a number of grandchildren and many relatives and friends. Deceased was near seventy years of age. Funeral services were conducted by Elders Reed, Branscom and Miller of this congregation, assisted by S. P. Jones of the Brooklyn congregation. The remains were laid to rest in the cemetery here Sunday afternoon and the grave was left covered over with flowers.

Memorial to Great Scientist.

The original home and laboratory of Dr. Joseph Priestly, the chemist who discovered oxygen in 1774, a frame house, located on the banks of the Susquehanna river at Northumberland, has been bought by graduate chemists of the Pennsylvania State college, who plan to move it to the college campus in Philadelphia and make it a lasting memorial to the great scientist.

Shall We Have A Polk County Board of Trade?

In the past, Polk county has been content and satisfied with undertaking and doing little things and the result is that Polk county is still undeveloped, her roads, schools and farms are still undeveloped and her people not satisfied and contented. We all know too well that these things are facts, and yet I dare say that our natural resources taken altogether out-strip any section of country that can be found from Florida to Canada, taking into consideration the climate, water, rainfall, length of growing season and other advantages too numerous to mention in this connection.

Now how can we as a citizenship best and most completely develop our splendid resources?

I think it can be done by a complete, systematic and harmonious organization, such an organization will be easy to accomplish.

There is already a Board of Trade at Saluda and one at Tryon, so why not begin with these and then go to Columbus, Greens Creek, White Oak and Coopers Gap affect township organizations to look after everything that would be upbuilding in each community, no community can do the best things to promote its best interest except when organized, when all these local communities have been so organized.

Then take Tryon as the strongest community unit and around this unit organize a great and strong Polk County Board of Trade to foster, advertise and put through any and all matters of development necessary in any section of the county. The time is fully come that every section of the county must rise above sectional and selfish considerations and support measures any where that will best develop the county as a whole, while it is not my place to organize the county in this way, as a citizen of the county. I keenly feel the need of a stronger county organization to speak for county betterment than the county has ever had and in order to start something, I humbly offer as a suggestion something like the following; out of all our organized machinery in the county, let the county Board of Trade consist of the following persons viz:

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| 1st The clerk of Superior Court..... | 1 |
| 2nd. Register of Deeds..... | 1 |
| 3rd. Sheriff of county..... | 1 |
| 4th. Cashiers of the banks of the county..... | 5 |
| 5th. Mayors of incorporated towns..... | 4 |
| 6th. Pres. and sec. of all com. Boards of Trade..... | 12 |
| 7th. County Supt. of schools..... | 1 |
| 8th. County agent..... | 1 |
| 9th. County physician..... | 1 |
| 10th. Pres. of road board..... | 1 |
| 11th. Pres. board of education | 1 |
| 12th. Pres. board of county commissioners..... | 1 |
| 13th Editor of Polk County News..... | 1 |
| Total..... | 31 |
- each of whom to become eligible to pay annually into a common Treas. the sum of \$10.00 and as many other citizens (white) male or female who will contribute the said sum of \$10.00 per annum, said fund to be subject to the Polk county Board of Trade for the purpose of promoting, advertising and in any
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