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OUR COUNTY AGENT'S DEPARTMENT

Timely Talks to Polk County Farmers, and others, on Timely Subjects, by County Agent, J. R. Sams.

Our Polk County Fairs

Well they are all over. Saluda first, and on account of the business of the date, corn, cabbage, turnips and etc not being properly matured, so the farm field crops were not well represented. However the exhibits by the ladies could not be excelled only by a larger quantity, the arrangement and beauty of this part of the fair was as nearly perfect as you look for, following organization and taste.

In this connection I will say that in all the fairs in the county the ladies measured up to their duty. Columbus fair came off Monday Oct. 10th, and while creditable, fell for short of what old Columbus is capable of doing. Columbus made a respectable showing on corn; but fell short on live stock and other farm field products; but ranked well up in the way of entertainment, and social features. Old Super Gap came next on Tuesday 11th, and taking into consideration the lay of the land; the condition of their roads and opportunities in every way; their fair was highly creditable. And their hospitality was boundless. Mr. Dave Laughter had on exhibition home made axe handles, hammer handles, hames, cradle fingers, etc., He also had some fine specimens of corn, tobacco etc. and a basket of fine pears, who when the fair was over distributed them through the crowd gratuitously. The people were orderly and very attentive while the judges explained many things, and they asked many questions.

Mill Spring came to the bat on Wednesday Oct. 12, and knocked a home run, this was adjudged to be the best all round and most successful fair in the county. There being 33 exhibits of corn, 4 ears each, 4 farm exhibits, 2 garden exhibits, 4 garden seed and field seed exhibits, 26 head of cattle, 4 span of mules, 25 pure bred pigs, 2 pure bred sows and 2 pure bred boar; all of excellent quality. Then the ladies had improvised a rest room in which the tired mothers could coax their babies to sleep and give them rest on well arranged beds, this was very unique as well as exceedingly useful. The hospitality and entertainment were all that could be asked, if any one went away hungry, it was his or her own fault, and every body went home, I am sure, feeling it was good to be there. So the little prize of \$10.00 was awarded by the judges to this as being the best all round fair, in which I fully concur. Now for the reason, it was not that there is more intelligence in White Oak Township, neither was it because they worked harder; but here lies the secret, White Oak Township has had at Mill Spring a Community Club that has met monthly for two years and twice a month during warm weather, in which they are learning to take up and handle community problems in an organized way. No community can do its best at any thing except through organization, Greens Creek and Tryon had good fairs but did not go far enough. The finest Irish potatoes and tomatoes exhibited this year, either in Burncombe or Polk counties were in the Tryon fair, and there were plenty more if they had on-

ly been brought out. It seems almost impossible to get some people to get a vision of what it means to bring together at Thanksgiving time what God has blessed them with and compare them with each other and ascertain where the best seed can be procured for the next crop, and have a good social and friendly handshake and one day of real recreation and go home feeling good. I am aware that this has been a hard year to make excellent crops of any farm products; but we should rejoice and be contented and happy that our condition is as well as it is.

Milk Cows the Answer to the Cotton Boll Weevil.

The coming of the cotton boll weevil does not mean that we cannot raise cotton profitably longer but it does mean that we cannot safely depend upon the crop as the only source of cash income.

There is no line of live stock production which fits so well in the cropping system that should be worked out under boll weevil conditions as the dairy cow. During the past several months farmers of the cotton belt have given more serious thoughts to ways and means of placing their business upon a cash basis and freeing themselves from cotton as the sole source of cash income than ever in the south's history. The milk cow has practically taken her place in the minds of most farmers as being the basis upon which a change may be made as to meet the situation.

With the reduced acreage of cotton and the greatly increased production of feed stuff this year the milk cow has been considered as the one safe marketing agency as she will consume corn and forage and return payment quickly in the form of a cream check. The splendid and practicable way in which this cream check may be supplemented by sales of poultry, eggs and hogs fed upon the skim milk has likewise appealed to this farmer as making even more safe this means whereby he may place his operations upon a cash basis in so far as current expenses are concerned.

The keeping of a few cows on every farm, the sale of cream to a creamery and the feeding of skim milk to poultry and hogs will not only meet the requirements for a steady income from month to month throughout the year but will in a most effective way meet the condition with reference to soil improvement making it possible for farmers to enrich their soils so as to realize larger yields of the staple crops, besides it will enable them to successfully produce many fruit and vegetable crops that cannot now be produced profitably on the average farm because of the eroded and generally thin condition of the soil.

In many farmers' meetings throughout the South the writer has advocated the dairy cow, poultry and hogs as a means whereby the farmer may get away from the practice of going into debt and in many instances men and women too have told of how they have been able to meet demands for running expenses the past spring with money received from the sale of cream from three or four cows and from poultry and eggs from

the farm poultry flock.

The sale of cream relieves the house-wife of so much work and besides the price of fat at the creamery is usually considerably higher than the price received for butter. Not only does the sale of cream relieve much drudgery and work in the home but it really means increased profits. Every farmer in the South should plan now to get into the business certainly by spring time and so far as possible avoid going into debt another year.

Pastures ought to be planted and a few cows ought to be a fixed part of the farming system just as quickly as it is possible to secure the cows. High priced registered cows are not necessary though good cows insure a greater profit and everyone should get the best cows he can and plan to secure higher producing ones as soon as possible.

Community cooperation should be had in the matter of breeding up the dairy stock and the cooperative shipping of cream may be worked out and cream shipping stations established or cream shipping days arranged whereby every farmer may be able to ship

winter in the sleet, snow and cold rains if they are not provided with good dry houses and then you will be whining around and cussing the hens because they don't shell out the eggs.

That milk cow deserves better treatment than many of them get, so repair up that leaky roof and keep the cow dry and warm.

Once more that tool shed, last week on my rounds looking after the fairs, I saw some mowing machines, hay rakes, disc plows, and harrows, and almost all kind of expensive farm tools right out in the rain, wind and sunshine, this is too expensive and really is a reflection on any farmer's intelligence; but we get the habit of such things and some habits are hard to shake off.

Now in conclusion let me advise every farmer in Polk County to join The Farmers Federation and stick to it until success comes, the poorer the farmer the worse he needs the protection it will give him, the richer the farmer is, the greater is the responsibility to help his boy and his poorer neighbors to more independent living. Then subscribe for your County Paper; which is now

Bond Election Postponed.

In view of the fact that the Legislature has been called to meet in special session on Dec. 8th to remove certain limitations governing the financing of cities and towns of the state, it has been deemed advisable to await their final action before calling the election, as Bonds would be more readily sold.

This action will not delay the work as it was not advisable to begin work before April of next year.

M. G. BLAKE, Clerk.

his cream regardless of how small the amount may be.

Southern Railway Development Service is greatly interested in the development of sour cream dairying. We believe the greatest and most urgent present need is for a practicable, workable plan whereby the average farmer may sell sufficient production from his farm from month to month to bring in cash enough to meet his current expenses. A few dairy cows, a few more laying hens, and a little attention to them, a brood sow or two and better pastures and other feeds for them in connection with skim milk, will meet this situation.

If we can be of service in helping you plan for cows and for shipping cream we want you to call on us.—So. Ry Live Stock Bulletin.

Notes in Season.

Farmers who are planning to sow wheat should do so now as soon as possible danger of the Hessian fly is past since the late frost, and every day now that wheat sowing is delayed endangers the crop more of winter destruction by freezing.

Also, all parties who contemplate sowing legumes, grasses or small grains of any kind should get it in now as soon as possible.

Remember the hens will be hunting roosting places on the fence corners and apple trees this

the organ of our Farm Federation.

Tryon Route 1.

Well now the fairs are over, we can get busy with other duties, hope none of got as cold as Lieutenant John A. Macready of the army air service (when he reached a height of nearly 8 miles recently) by not getting the \$10.00 prize, but let each of us try the more to have a fair next year.

Quite a bunch of us attended the surprize birthday dinner given to Sheriff Jackson's mother, all seemed to enjoy the most beautiful day hugely.

Misses Pearl Edwards, Bessie Hamilton and Messers James Egerton and Hugh Edwards motored to Brevard last Sunday.

Miss Irine Flentye, N. B. Jackson and family James Page and family were pleasant callers at Walnut Grove Sunday afternoon.

E. H. Edwards and wife, were shopping in Spartanburg John Carpenter and sister, Miss Sallie Carpenter were surprised Saturday evening by being given a small blowout.

Now the leaves are turning gold, Success to the News, as of old.

Man kind Analyzed. Man is physically as well as mentally a thing of shreds and patches, borrowed unequally from good and bad ancestors, and a misfit from the beginning.—Emerson.

FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

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

Mill Spring

Mrs. Twitty Jackson is very ill with typhoid fever, but we hope for her a speedy recovery.

Farmers are busy these days gathering their crops and sowing small grain.

About 125 people gathered at the home of W. M. Gosnell Sunday morning last to celebrate his 70th birthday. A bountiful dinner prepared by the good ladies of the community was spread on a table in the yard, and every body present ate and was satisfied that it was a square meal. After dinner our Rev. Melvin Hyder made a talk appropriate to the occasion, after which the benediction was pronounced and the crowd dispersed all feeling that they had enjoyed the day and wishing for Mr. Gosnell many happy returns of the same.

The beautiful weather is being enjoyed to the fullest by the farmers.

The fair at Mill Spring not with standing the fact that we have had no official announcement, it is an evident fact that White Oak Township won out with a big margin in the contest for the best fair in the county. We had perfect system in each department, each officer handled his or her work with great efficiency and the social feature was simply fine. The fair officials wish to express their thanks to the people for their untiring efforts in making it the success it was. One can see the leaven is working its way and it is hoped that the entire township will soon be leavened. It is suggested that Pearidge have a separate exhibit next year as that is a fine farming section and those people are hustlers.

Dr. Bell has returned from Charlotte where he has been attending court.

We are glad to say that J. M. Lewis' condition is better, he having returned from the hospital without an operating.

J. L. Jackson and family of Tryon and James Jackson and family of Boiling Spring, S. C., were at the Birthday Celebration Sunday, enjoying a few hours with their mother.

District Manager Fred Hall of Saluda was here Friday to attend the Masonic meeting making his annual visit.

Among the real estate deals recently made is a small tract sold to Rufus Collins by J. R. Foster and one sold to Nelson Moss by Thad Barber. If cotton remains up the land will begin to move rapidly.

Hello Fish Top: Let us know what you have done with the new road project in your section.

Mill Spring School News.

The Mill Spring School opened Monday with the most promising year. Even before time for the first bell patrons began coming in with their children and still they came until the morning exercise was far on its way.

Supt. E. W. S. Cobb, Dr. E. H. Bell, the committee and a number of patrons added to the opening with helpful talks which showed their interest. The parents whose children are not in school are urged to have them there as early as possible so that they may receive the full benefit of school. Our school is growing daily. Next year we hope

to have a new \$25,000 brick building and also a teacherage for use at the beginning of the fall term.

It only means that the Alumni of Mill Spring, in a very short time will be proudly and lustily singing the praises of their Alma mater.

Let everybody get the spirit, the old time spirit, the patriotic spirit and then watch Columbus and Pea Ridge quietly but surely, move back to give us room. Rah for Mill Spring.

Saluda

O. B. Garren's photo gallery has been moved to the corner of M. A. Pace's lot. The water from Crystal Springs has been caused to run through large sewer pipes and the ground has been graded preparatory to the erection of the new tea room. A car load of rock and a car load of brick and other materials have been placed on the ground.

A new board sidewalk is to be built on the National Highway in the city limits. The grading preparatory to building this sidewalk is now being done.

Mrs. Perry Bishop's friends will be glad to know that she is recovering from her recent illness.

Miss Ruby Kizer has returned to her home in St. George S. C.

Melrose Inn is being recovered.

Hugh Ward has returned to his home in Fort Motte after a visit to his parents.

Eunice Sonner, Kathleen Garren and Mary Salley went to Tryon Saturday.

The regular meeting of the Civic League was held at the residence of Mrs. E. M. Salley on Tuesday afternoon.

The Esseola closed for the season last Saturday.

Miss Rosa Box and Mrs. Henry McKee went to Hendersonville Wednesday.

Mrs. Hattie McLean has gone to Atlanta for the winter.

Mrs. J. L. Sims returned from Asheville Tuesday.

Jas. Heatherly has returned to Dr. Dixon's health resort after a short visit to his family.

Leo Grumble has returned from Oklahoma.

The Baptist Association will meet in the Saluda Baptist church on the fifth Sunday in October. Dinner will be served on the ground. Everybody invited.

Rev. Frederic Hollister will preach at the Methodist church next Sunday. You are invited to attend.

Rev. J. O. Cox is in High Point attending the annual conference of the M. E. Church, South, of western North Carolina.

P. H. Bailey has returned from a business trip to New York.

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 Matt. Wednesdays at 4. p. m.

Tourists and all citizens cordially welcome.

Cathedral Resembles Grass Hill. Of the world's cathedrals, probably the most curious is that which crowns a hill in Uganda. In appearance it resembles nothing so much as a mountain of grass, although on close inspection one is able to see that mud and wood have been extensively employed. The structure can accommodate 4,000 people.