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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 the Farmers Federation.

My dear friends and co-workers: The very first thing for us to do is to fully realize that we are a corporate body, vested with legal rights and powers to accomplish for ourselves and for the public in general that which we could not possibly do working single handed in a haphazard way. Secondly, we should realize that great institutions are not built in a day, year or even in many years: but by long and persistent effort. Our first obstacle to overcome is lack of confidence in the average member. Faith removes mountains, faith holds business steady to its purposes and creates that which builds and preserves our civilization. So the very first step is to create that strong faith in each others good motives and purposes and in the necessity of such an organization, as will impel us to go forward with such irresistible power that nothing can prevent our success.

There will be many giants and ghosts in the beginning that will frighten the timid and fearful. So the best thing that could happen to the Federation would be for all the timid, fearful weaklings to just QUIT right at the start. One coward in an army will do more harm to that army than ten brave soldiers fighting in the ranks of the enemy. Then from this view point, we want courageous men and women to stand side by side and shoulder to shoulder until the purposes of the Federation is brought to a reality. The hardest pull will be at the start. That lot is to be paid for. That warehouse is to be built. The lot is already ours by virtue of the first payment. A road has been graded into the rear of the lot; grading has been done on the warehouse site, and more grading must be done and the warehouse must be completed for the spring trade in fertilizer, lime, etc.

Then we must begin to prepare to do business through the warehouse. What good will the warehouse do the farmers of Polk county if they do not use it? The Federation must see to it that their members in small groups, in their own way, so organize in every part of the county that they can do team work in the growing of crops, and in preparing these crops for the market in such attractive form and in such uniform lots that they will sell themselves on the ready and willing markets for such products.

There is no such thing as turning back. The time is ripe and dead ripe and much time has already been lost to farmers because of lack of organized effort to grow and market his products in an orderly way. So let us, like intelligent and brave men and women come to the task before us and acquit ourselves honorably and show to the world that we are capable of solving our own problems, at least here in Polk county. The needful thing right now is for every stockholder to pay up his stock and if necessary take more stock and then go to his or her neighbor and influence him to take stock. Another way to help is for the stockholders who are able to do so, to lend to the weaker ones to enable them to pay up the first installment as least,

which will enable them to go on and after awhile become strong and useful members. Then as stated, the directors must begin at once to lay plans for organizing the stockholders in every settlement in the county in such a way that we can get unity of action in all our farming activities. And we must learn that this Federation is our marketing agency. It will be our purchasing agent and our selling agent or nothing. We are just entering the school of cooperative marketing, and as students we must study the very best methods of marketing in other fields; but our conditions are different from any other place on earth; because we have the best place on earth to operate, on account of the wide range of what can be grown for the market and the location of nearby markets, if we will only make a study of our resources and marketing opportunities and intelligently use them. Now it is up to us. Who will be first to act the coward and show the white feather and be a weakling and quit? Let all such drop out. We don't need that kind in our ranks, and in their place, we invite and insist on every brave-hearted farmer in Polk county who has the love of his county, his neighbor and his wife and children at heart, to join with us in this, the greatest opportunity the farmer ever had, and the greatest he will have in years to come of bettering the condition of all classes of humanity, but especially the farmer himself.

The Game Law for Polk.

Deer, October 1 to February 1; squirrel, August 15 to February 1; quail (partridge) December 1 to February 15; ruffed grouse (pheasant) December 1 to February 15; wild turkey, December 1 to February 15; dove, November 1 to March 1; woodcock, November 1 to January 1; black-bellied and golden plover, yellowlegs, September 1 to December 16; ducks, geese, Wilson snipe, November 1 to February 1; opossum, October 1 to February 1. Non-resident license, \$10.50; written permission required.

Fruit Growers Association.

A meeting of all Fruit Growers interested in the future of Horticulture in North Carolina will be held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms at Asheville at 12 o'clock, Thursday, November 10th, to elect officers of Horticultural Society and discuss important matters vital for the advancement of fruit growing. Luncheon for those desiring same will be arranged.

H. P. CORWITT.

Centennial Celebration at Episcopal Church.

The Centennial Celebration of the Board of Missions of the Episcopal church will be celebrated at Holy Cross Church, next Sunday morning, Nov. 6th. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, and a second celebration of the Holy Communion with sermon at 11 o'clock.

The hour of the early service will remain at 8 o'clock instead of 7:30 throughout the winter.

On the night of Sunday, Nov. 27th, a pageant will be given in the church, entitled the "Mission of The Church."

THE "KNOCKER".

One type of animal that roams this planet is called the "Knocker." Sometimes it emits loud cries, at others it murmurs in a minor key, but it is always making some kind of noise. One distinctive mark of the animal is that it is blind to the beauty and responsibility of living. When honest men smile it looks disconsolate, and when good women labor for some worthy cause it spits out hate. One favorite pastime of the animal is to sulk along, ever on the watch for defects and shortcomings. It likes the darkness, and wherever men assemble for work, to begin a laudable undertaking, one can hear it in the shadows, snarling and spitting. Its mission is to show to what depths of baseness a human being—for the "Knocker"—has a semblance of humanity—can descend when enslaved to a dirty, lying and venomous

tongue. Talk to it of joy, of plans and schemes for betterment, and it will denounce them with practiced scurrility; talk to it of gossip, of scandal; drag a man's name in the mire of falsehood; calumniate a woman whose life has been one of deep devotion to God and Church, and it will gloat; criticize and lampoon authority and it will look as if tasting a heavenly elixir. It lives in the gloom of suspicion and feeds on the dark herbage that grows in the regions of greed and uncharitableness. Disconsolate and jealous always, never at peace, talking endlessly to the sowing of dissensions and the blackening of good names, it might be caged and exhibited as an object lesson of what a lying tongue and a diseased mind can accomplish, but it is allowed at large as a horrible example.

Nothing, at times, to us appears so puzzling, as the ways of Providence. Yet, as we know, a Providence exists, The Friend of virtue, and the Foe of vice, The "Knocker", if not here, hereafter shall Receive the rigid recompense of guilt. E'en, though the "Knocker", like a verdant vine, Upon a barren soil, may seem to thrive; Yet destitute, like that, of proper strength, To stand the tempest, to resist the storm, Soon as the lightning from Heaven descends, The "Knocker" totters, and the "knocking" ends.

—T. J. McG.

MICKIE SAYS:

OLD SHERLOCK HOLMES NEVER COULD TELL A LETTERHEAD PRINTED AT THIS OFFICE BY THE INKY FINGER-PRINTS ON IT, FER OUR LILY FINGERED JOB PRINTER NEVER PUTS ANY ONE NEAT? I'LL SAY WE ARE, AN' ARTIST! OBO! WE SURE DO KNOCK OUT SOME NIFTY PRINTING!

CHARLES SOCHADE

MICKIE SAYS:

SOME FOLKS JEST CAN'T PICK UP A NEWSPAPER WITHOUT STARTIN' T' FIND FAULT! BY GOWD, I WISH WE COULD JEST LASSO SOME OF THEM BIRDS 'N DRAG 'EM IN HERE FER A FEW ROUNDS WITH TH' WORK IN THIS HERE NEWSPAPER JOINT! I BETCHA THEY'D LAV OFFEN TH' ANVIL CHORUS FER A WHILE, I BETCHA!

CHARLES SOCHADE

President Harding Now Heads Red Cross

Succeeding former President Wilson, President Harding was recently elected president of the American Red Cross. He is here seen accepting the office. From left to right: Maj. Gen. Merritte W. Ireland, Surgeon General, U. S. A.; Dr. Livingston Farrand, chairman Central Committee of the Red Cross; the President; Asst. Secretary of the Treasury Elliot Wadsworth; Rear Admiral Edward R. Stitt, Surgeon General, U. S. N.

FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

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

Melvin Hill.

We had a very heavy rain fall here Saturday night.

Dr. Head has purchased himself a new car.

The 8 year old son of Wiley Bradford had the misfortune of getting a finger cut off a while back.

Belton Green and wife are the proud parents of a girl baby.

The school children Misses Gladys Lawter and Kressie Burnette of Hill Crest, and Dewey Lawter of Columbus, spent the week-end with home folks, as usual.

Frank Branscom of Spindale made a short visit to his parents here last Sunday.

Tilden Higgins is erecting a new residence upon his place and expects to move in soon as possible.

A number of persons enjoyed a pinder picking (and eating) at the home of Simp Johnson and wife last Friday night.

Jack Burnett has sold out his mill property here. It was moved down near Union S. C.

Mrs. Ada Burnett who has having her eyes treated, says they are some better now.

School opened here Monday morning with Misses Millie Rogers and Edith Miller in charge.

Well there is deep mud now, where last week we had deep dust. Autoists are having trouble of their own, and some to spare, for when they get stuck in the mud their friends and neighbors hurry to their assistance!

Saluda

A welcome rain came last Saturday night.

Misses Bessie Hines and Orphie Newman of Mt. Lebanon visited Miss Edna Mae Capps Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Aiken a son, on October 29th.

Rev. J. O. Cox and family left this week for Leicester where he will be pastor of the Methodist church. The children, Mary, Virginia, Hopper, and James Oscar Cox were entertained by the Junior League on Monday afternoon at the home of Miss Linwood Patterson.

Rev. R. P. Fikes and wife moved into the Methodist parsonage this week. Someone said that this is the first time the parsonage has been occupied without children since its erection. Rev. Fikes will preach at eleven o'clock Sunday morning. Everybody is invited to attend.

Fred Bishop and J. F. Trexler went to Salisbury Saturday.

Dorothy Corwith gave her friends a delightful Halloween party Saturday night.

The brick work has begun on the tea room.

Miss Julia Spratt of Dr. Carol's Sanatorium is visiting Miss Julia Campbell.

Stevens Arlege was taken to Asheville Tuesday to have his adenoids removed.

The Halloween party on Friday night at the Mountain House was a howling success, as much mirth was provoked by the game of the tailless cat. The fortune telling booth was a popular resort. The old-fashioned cake walk provided each participant with a piece of fun as well as a piece of cake. The old-fashioned gin-

ger cake and other good things were served the guests. The decorations were very appropriate and the red lights with the pumpkins looked very spooky. This idea was increased by many of the guests being in costume.

Another bewitching party was given at Library Hall on Monday night. There was a grand march; Then came the wonderful moving shadow pictures in which the witch and ghosts were plainly seen. Jiggs and Maggie and Charlie Chaplin appeared to the amusement of all. Mutt and Jeff also appeared and did stunts. Besides the pictures there was fortune telling by a real palmist and good recitation; singing and sweets to eat.

Lynn

The long dry spell was broken up last Saturday night.

The dust was something fearful to those who lived on the roadside during the long dry spell.

R. B. Cannon and Master Harold were in Spartanburg last Monday on business.

General Foster returned last Monday from a lengthy stay in Massachusetts.

Earle Covil has bought the Blackwell cottage and contemplating moving to it soon.

R. B. Cannon has been appointed a notary public.

A tool house has been erected at the Constant old shop for the road tools; etc.

We wonder what has become of the hard surface road proposition.

The slogan of Western North Carolina seems to be lakes. A dam across Paolet at the Tryon Hosiers plant would make some lake worth talking about.

T. C. Westall and sons of Flat Rock, are putting on the inside finish of Fred Swann's house at Tryon, this week.

The management of the Box of Monkeys entertainment last Saturday evening wish to thank Miss Essie Williams, of Ruth, N. C. and Mr. Brannon Westall of Flat Rock, for their assistance rendered.

A real estate deal was consummated last Monday when Jno. L. Jackson sold to W. S. McCall the small plot of ground adjoining A. N. Kunkel, including the stand he is now occupying.

Fred E. Swann has sold his house and lot to W. W. Ballard and is now about completing a modern 6-room residence in Tryon.

A full house greeted the Box monkeys last Saturday evening and many more would have been there, but just about the starting time it began to rain.

Tryon was quite well represented at the entertainment last Saturday night, also Flat Rock.

Miss Parker says the next play will be to aid the Baptist people to seat their new church. A worthy cause and in this we are sure all will help.

Mr. Tom Clark came very near having a serious wreck last Saturday when the mule he was driving became frightened and ran. Something gave way and the buggy turned over on him. Only a few reminders, but nothing serious.