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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.

What of the Farmer?

The farmers program for 1922 is exactly what it has been for more than six thousand years, and will be until the Angel Gabriel blows his call for the assembling of the living of all the earth and the dead of all time.

This program will be presented as briefly as possible, so that every farmer may commit it to memory at all times. It is as follows.

1st. Soil improvement and conservation.

2nd. Crops, their rotation and diversification.

3rd. Cooperative buying and selling through Farmers Federation.

This might be spun out into many heads and divisions and sub divisions; but I want to get right down to the fundamentals of farming which, when all is said, is Soil, Crops and disposition of the crops.

It does not take a very learned or wise man to know that the best crops are produced on the best soils, or rich land as we call it, and if this be true, which it is, then the purpose of every farmer in Polk county should be to not plant crops only on rich land. But says some one, my land is not rich, very well, that is exactly what we want to talk about. If your land is not rich, the first thing in our program for 1922 is soil improvement and conservation, what does that mean? It means if your soil is poor, to make it rich or at least make it better by improving it. How is this to be done? Well that is one of the biggest questions that can be asked and it would take a man as strong as Samson and as wise as Solomon many long winter nights until late hours to tell the many ways this may be done; but in this discourse I will mention only a few and let the farmer right out in his fields work out the practical details. Of course any farmer knows that the very best way to build up run down soil is by the application of stable and other animal manures. But every one knows just as well that there is not enough of these commodities, to do the work, then lime, legume crops and live stock must come into this program to make it effective. And in order to make live stock profitable, they must eat something to make them grow into horses, cattle, sheep and poultry. And the cheapest feed that any horse, cow, hog, sheep or poultry will ever eat in our South land, will be the permanent summer and winter pastures, where these animals will live and thrive, both summer and winter by means of their own effort almost without human labor, after the pasture is prepared, and at the same time be building and taking care of the soil, when the soil is built; by barn yard manure, the wise use of lime and commercial fertilizers, the growing and plowing under legume crops and etc.

Then the next thing in the program is the growing of profitable crops, and in all the years of the oldest farmers in Polk county, there has never been a time so critical to the farmer as right now, so far as choosing his crops for next and succeeding crops are concerned. The cotton boll weevil is in Polk county without a doubt, just what havoc he will

make of the cotton crop of 1922, no one can foretell; but the safe and sane thing for every cotton farmer to do is to begin now to plan for other crops, beside cotton. I don't say for all to quit cotton at once or even at all; but I do say to plant less as permissible; on rich well prepared soil there was not in cotton this year and cultivate rapidly for best results under boll weevil conditions. Then plan to diversify field and truck crops, so as to have something ready to market as nearly as possible every day in the year. This is perfectly feasible and must be done. And in this connection, farmers must organize locally so they may learn to standardize their products and grow such crops as the markets call for and prepare them in a marketable way and a good price will generally be paid for them. Now this leads up to the last item in the program, and that is the business end of the farmers business which is cooperative buying and selling through their Farmers Federation which they have organized and will be ready for service next spring. Now don't any body get into your mind that the Farm Federation will fail. I can't see but one possible chance for failure, and that is in home spun language. That the farmers of Polk county are not worth a "Dried apple cuss" and that is the most useless and worthless thing I know anything about in all the Universe. The banks, merchants, manufacturers and all class of consumers in Polk county now stand ready to aid the Farmers Federation in stabilizing the home market, and in finding a foreign market for all surplus products of Polk county. Products; not only this; but the railroad is lending every possible assistance to the directors of the Federation to help make it a success. So where is the place for a "Doubting Thomas" As stated in the circular sent out to stock holders, cowards and weaklings are not wanted in the Farmers Federation, Christian men and women of principal and courage are desired. The poor farmers need it worse than the rich ones. The well-to-do farmers have the opportunity of their lives to aid the weaker young men to pay their first \$10.00 and become strong and useful members later on. So let us look forward with a clear vision and proceed to build up and preserve our soils, make diversified crops and sell them in the most intelligent and orderly manner.

Notice.

The board of Education of Polk County will receive bids at the Dec. meeting for the material to build a new school house at Mill Spring. The bricks and the lumber may be considered together or separately. The contract for furnishing the above named material will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. If you are interested be present at the next meeting of the Board of Education, Dec. 5th, and submit your bid. E. W. S. COBB Clerk to Board of Education.

Why They Were Scared.

A boy's composition: "Tobacco was invented by Walter Raleigh, and when the people first saw him smoking they thought it was a steamboat or locomotive, and as they had never heard of those things they were greatly frightened."—Boston Transcript.

AIDING FARMERS IS BUSINESS OF WAR FINANCE CORPORATION

Organization Has Two Functions; Export Power and Agricultural Financing Power, Ninety-five Per Cent of Business Being of Latter Kind.

Contrary to a belief which prevails in some places, the War Finance Corporation's assistance to agricultural interests is not confined to financing agricultural exports. In fact, the financing of agricultural products designed for export is a comparatively insignificant part of the work of the War Finance Corporation. In the language of Eugene Meyer Jr., Director of the War Finance Corporation, the corporation has two functions; We have loaned some money for exports—one-half through bankers and one-half through cooperative associations. But our agricultural financing will amount to 95 per cent of the total! We discount the farmer's paper through the bank. The actual paper comes to us—the paper on which the banker loans the money. It is the War Finance Corporation's dollar which goes into the agricultural loan. Our regional committees are mostly bankers because this is a banking business. Many of them are also farmers.

"We are loaning a great deal of money to the breeder of live stock. We loan it for one year, and it can be renewed for another year, and still another year if necessary. This is one of the fundamental powers that has been lacking in our financial system. This must be provided for when we get down to a permanent financing institution. The War Finance Corporation charges 6 per cent to the bank. Under the law the bank can reloan this money to the farmer at any point between 6 per cent and 8 per cent. But the banker cannot charge more than 8 per cent."

Mr. Meyer also points out that there is no limit to the size of the loan which the War Finance Corporation can make. There are also a great diversity of mediums through which it can make loans. Under the terms of the act any reputable and responsible financial institution or association, with resources adequate to carry out the proposed undertaking, may become a borrower of the War Finance Corporation for the purpose of promoting agriculture and livestock interests. The only provision regarding the total amount of money advanced by the War Finance Corporation to any financial institution or association is the stipulation that the loan may not exceed the aggregate of outstanding agricultural or livestock loans made by the borrowing financial institution of association.

Another misapprehension prevails regarding the total amount of money the War Finance Corporation can loan agricultural and livestock interests. It is believed that a billion dollars is the limit. In point of fact, a billion dollars is the limit of the amount of loans the War Finance Corporation may have outstanding and unpaid at any given time. The law is so worded, however, that the corporation may reloan money as fast as it is paid in. In other words, the billion dollars forms a revolving fund.

The corporation has not made any allocation of funds among sections or institutions. It has no authority to do so. Each application for a loan is considered strictly on its merits, in accordance with the law. In order to facilitate the operations of the

corporation, regional committees have been established for the purpose of considering all applications in their regions for loans. The committees in charge of these regional offices, or headquarters, pass on each application from their territory and forward the same, with recommendations, to the offices of the corporation in Washington. The only exception to this is the application for loans made by cooperative associations.

PROGRAM

Columbus Township Sunday School Convention, Baptist Church, Columbus, N. C., November 20, 1921.

10:30 Period of worship, led by J. R. Sams, Supt. Baptist Sunday school, Columbus.

10:45 Some things a Sunday school Supt. should do, by Nelson Jackson, Jr. Pres. Polk County S. S. Assn.

11:00 Ways of increasing Sunday school attendance, by Mrs. J. W. Arledge, Morgan's Chapel S. S.

11:15 Song.

11:20 Methods of teaching the Sunday school lesson, by Prof. W. D. Loy, teacher Baracca class of Columbus Baptist S. S.

11:40 Period of business:

(a) Record of schools present.

(b) Appointment Committees.

11:50 Elements of S. S. Success by Miss Flora Davis, State Secretary S. S. Assn.

12:15 Adjourn.

Dinner on the ground—Come and bring a basket.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:45 Period of worship led by J. W. Jack, Supt. Columbus Presbyterian S. S.

2:00 Helping the individual S. S. through county and township organization by Miss Flora Davis, State S. S. Secretary.

2:40 Song.

2:30 How to hold young people in the S. S. by Rev. R. G. Limer, Penile S. S.

3:00 Period of business:

(a) Reports of committees.

(b) Time and place of next meeting.

3:10 The value of the organized Bible class, by Rev. J. J. Ruppe, Beulah S. S.

3:35 The one best thing our S. S. is doing. (Two minute remarks from representatives of each S. S.)

4:00 Adjourn.

E. W. S. COBB, Pres. Columbus Twp. S. S. Assn.

Holy Cross Church.

Holy Communion 7:30 a. m.

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.

Morning Prayer and Sermon 11:00 a. m.

Week Days FRIDAY

Christian Healing Prayer Circle, 4:30 p. m.

Litany 5:00 p. m.

Saints Days, Holy Communion, 1: a. m.

Notice of Sale.

The Board of education of Polk county will sell to the highest bidder, on the school premises, the old Coxe school-house, Wednesday, Nov. 30, 1921 at 1'clock p. m. terms to suit purchaser. E. W. S. COBB, Board of Education.

FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

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

Lynn.

Dr. Pratt filled his regular appointment last Sunday.

At this writing we are having fine weather.

Have you renewed your subscription to your home paper? If not, why?

A township S. S. convention next Sunday at the Columbus Baptist church. Interdenominational Sunday school work.

R. B. Cannon has purchased a new cornet.

John T. Panther and family motored to Spartanburg Sunday.

R. Y. Turner, mother and brother of Winnsboro, S. C., motored to Lynn last Thursday. They were joined here by Mr. Turner and wife in a visit to Asheville, Canton, Waynesville, on Friday, Armistice day.

Miss Sarah Hollis, one of our teachers, spent Friday and Saturday with friends in Asheville.

Mrs. Hinton Thompson and daughter, of Saluda, spent last week-end in Lynn, visiting relatives and friends.

General Foster has purchased a 7-passenger car and will do a public service business.

A case of diphtheria is reported to be in our village at the home of C. P. Burrell Dr. Grady has quarantined them.

S. E. Sloan, of Tryon, was a guest of W. A. Cannon, Sunday.

We notice the recreation ground at the Tryon school is being improved. A very much needed improvement. The same should be done at the Lynn school.

Saluda.

Born, to Fred Bailey and wife on Nov. 7, a girl.

Miss Mary Estes Coats has gone to New York to resume her study of voice.

Roy Ward and Ernest Thompson are visiting Hugh Ward at Ft. Motte.

All the teachers of the Saluda Graded School attended the meeting of the Polk county teachers at Columbus Saturday.

Mrs. Hattie McClain has returned from Atlanta.

Misses Bessie Sonner and Lila Mae Guice have returned from a pleasant visit at Demorest, Ga.

The Ladies Aid of the Methodist church will give a supper at the Boys' Club Saturday, from five to eight. Oysters and other good things will be served.

Mr. Hopkins and family went to Asheville last week.

Mrs. Henry Ward has moved her dining room and kitchen into Pickard's old stand.

Rev. A. J. Justice, of Hendersonville and Rev. Orr, of Campobello, will conduct revival services in the Baptist church next week. Everybody is invited.

On last Saturday night the members of the Epworth League had a delightful party at the residence of E. M. Salley. Games full of "pep" were played and a jolly good time was had by all. Refreshments were plentiful and everyone went home happy.

District Deputy Grand Master Hall visits the Dunn Rock Masonic lodge at Brevard tonight, Nov. 18, to make inspection and report to the Grand Master.

Miss Lucile Hazard returned to Asheville Tuesday to resume her studies at the Mission hospital.

Mrs. John Simms, of Tryon, was in Saluda last week.

Horace Nabers went to Spartanburg Saturday.

The many friends of Leonie Bonnoit are saddened to hear of her death at her home in Summerville, last Sunday. She is pleasantly remembered in Saluda.

Mrs. Lewis Gordon, after a lingering illness, died at home near Mountain Page, Monday, November 14. Mrs. Gordon was thirty-seven years of age and had been a member of her church for twenty-five years. She was the daughter of Rev. M. M. Station. Her body was interred at Mountain Page Tuesday.

J. F. Trexler was called before the grand jury in Asheville Friday to state what he knew about the K. K. K. activity regarding the apprehension of the two women arrested in Saluda two weeks ago.

W. W. Owens has returned from Virginia, where he has been at work for several months.

Notice of Sale.

The Board of Education of Polk county will sell at public auction on the school site, the old Edwards school building. Sale to begin at one o'clock p. m., Dec. 3rd. E. W. S. COBB, Clerk, Board of Education.

Two Boys Taken to Begin Terms

In custody of Deputy U. S. Marshal W. F. Swann and Charles Lee Sykes as guard, William Halyburton and Glenn Cook, two boys sentenced to serve one year each in the national training school by Judge E. Y. Webb in district court here last week, were taken to Washington Monday. The boys pleaded guilty to robbing the letter drop at the postoffice in Canton. They were first sentenced to two years, but Judge Webb later reduced the terms to one year.—Asheville Citizen.

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

Spiders and Good Fortune. Spiders, according to superstition, are omens of good fortune, therefore to kill them provokes wrath and invites disaster. Superstitious people will tell that the bride who finds a spider in the folds of her wedding gown may look forward to a married life of great prosperity.

Enough Said. Frequently a question contains its own answer. Such a question was the one put recently by a Kansas young woman who had failed to qualify for a position as teacher. Feeling that she had not been considerably dealt with, she wrote: "I think I am entitled to an exclamation of why I failed, anyway."—Boston Transcript.

Ravens of Tower of London. The ravens are an institution in the Tower of London, although there is no record that they are one of its historic features. One of the yeoman warders has charge of the ravens, giving each a particular name, such as "James Crow, thief," if it suits the character of the bird.

"Hall, Columbia!" "Hall, Columbia!" was written by Joseph Hopkinson, April, 29, 1798, when the United States was threatened with a war with France. It was composed to the air of the "President's March," for a young actor and singer in the Philadelphia theater, and became at once highly popular.

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 closer inspection one is able to see that mud and wood have been extensively employed. The structure can accommodate 4,000 people.

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