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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.

Will He Do It?

Will who do what? Will the farmer ever liberate himself from financial bondage? This question can be answered only by the farmer himself. The time has been that it was impossible for him to do so—when he would make an effort to free himself, as for instance in the organization of the Grange and the Alliance and Farmers Union. There was more or less selfishness and want of business principle and cooperative spirit toward the rest of the business world. It took the rise and fall of all those organizations to show the farmer, merchant, banker and all the rest of the consuming world, that all the forces are interested and must be consulted, and must work together to carry out successfully a great marketing scheme. The merchant, I mean the retailer is a public necessity, or the business would never have been developed. We need enough of them to serve the public, and no more. They are public servants and should realize the fact and give efficient service. The retailer is, or should be a link in a system of exchange both ways between producers on one side and the consumer on the other. If he fails to function as such, he becomes a human parasite and society has no use for him and he fails. Now in order that the farmer shall and must succeed in freeing himself from financial bondage through better marketing facilities; he must come up with a clean, honest, open hand and ask the merchant and the banks to help him build a market, through which he can better serve the consuming public. To this end we must realize as never before that the farmer himself, the merchant, manufacturer, and in fact the whole world of mankind constitute the consumers. So we are all in a way producers and consumers. So we are in a way producers and consumers and must all engage our best thought as to just how we can best manage to get the stuff which the farmer produces across to the manufacturers and other consumers, and at the same time get the manufacturers products back across to the best possible way to save waste in time and labor. So we can readily see that it is a question that belongs to the farmer, the city dweller, the merchant and railroad and other transporting agencies to work out. Now I am sure that all these forces in Polk County are beginning to see that all must pull together to accomplish the very best for all and it is possible that the great mass of farmers fail to see the point in this great movement, that without his full cooperation the whole movement will be a failure? The towns the railroad, may do all in their power; which they are; but if the farmer lags at this time all will fail. Now farmers we must awake to the fact that we are entering upon times never before experienced. The World War has changed living conditions throughout the world so that new human relations must prevail, or rather that the old relations that first emanated from the mountain, "Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself" and afterward was emphasized by our Blessed Lord in His immortal sermon again on

the mountain. So let us on these broad fundamental principals ask our brothers in the city to meet us on these live and let live principals, and work out a plan of marketing that will be just absolutely, to the farmers of Polk county, to legitimate business and to the consuming public of every calling, class, creed and color wheresoever dispersed in the whole world. To this end let us pray and work and God will bless the effort, and all humanity will share in the blessing;

White Oak Township Coming

Wednesday night, Nov. 30th, was the regular Community Club meeting and as usual, it was a good one. This club has been organized three years and the White Oak people with Mill Spring as their center, are fast developing the community spirit. They are meeting and thinking together and in so doing they are learning to do things. During the last year voted Special School Tax, almost unanimously and after a while will have a large consolidated school, they also held the best community fair last fall that was held in Polk County and are not satisfied with walking off with the little prize that was offered for the effort. So last night the club was reorganized for the coming year, and also reorganized their township community fair, being the first community fair organized in Polk county for the ensuing year, and perhaps the first one in the state.

Their "hat is defiantly in the ring" and the challenge to all townships, even the boastful township of Greens Creek, with all their claims of being the best agricultural township in the county is not excepted. The importance of the community fair was discussed as a means of standardizing farm products, so necessary to cooperative marketing. Now the matter of holding these community fairs will rest with the people of each township from now on. The importance is far greater now than in the past. If the farmers and business men of the various townships want these fairs next fall they must let it be known, otherwise they will not be held; and the sooner they are organized the better. So who next? Why not chip in and offer say \$50 to the township holding the best fair, and \$30 to the second and \$20, to the third. This would be quite a stimulant, and would only amount to \$100. The matter of financing these fairs is a subject to be handled by the people through the Farmers Federation, The agricultural advisory board and board of county commissioners. May we all work together during the coming year for better soil, better live stock better markets, better people and better everything that pertains to the happiness and well-being of the people of Polk county.

To this end let all the other townships take notice and at once take steps as White Oak and not be left in the procession next fall.

The Repeating Rifle
The repeating rifle was known and accepted in sporting circles as early as 1840, but was not adopted by the United States army until 1860.

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

First Meeting of the Fortnightly Drama.

The first meeting of the Fortnightly Drama was held at the Lanier Library on Friday December the second.

I, as one of the audience, wish to express my appreciation to those who took part in the reading of the first act in John Galsworthy's powerful play—Justice. Not only does one grasp a more thorough conception when the drama is spoken but it arouses a keen interest in the worth while works of today we otherwise might not feel with such intensity.

Tryon has had Dramatic Clubs before and a great deal of enjoyment has been derived from the successful efforts of "The Tryon Players", but the best we could hope for was the staging of plays long obsolete while the program of The Fortnightly Drama includes the works of the foremost writers of the day such as Galsworthy, Bernard Shaw, Pinero, and a long list of other notable playwrights.

It was regrettable that the limitation of time forbid the completion of "Justice" but Mrs. Peattie's explanation and readings from the manuscript left clearly defined idea of the outcome in the minds of every one.

These meetings, aside from the intellectual benefit they incur, should have the entire support of Tryon as the manifestation of community spirit is vital and the nominal membership fee of one dollar, puts them within the reach of any one caring to join.

W. W. G. Jr.

At the Strand Next Week.

Monday and Tuesday

Here in person, "The Girl With a Thousand Eyes." She sees all and knows all. Also Eugene O'Brien in "The Last Poor."

Thursday

"Without Limit," with Anna Q. Neilson and an all star cast.

Friday

Another real special. May Allison in "The Last Card," a picture that will make you glad you came.

Saturday

Viola Dana in "Puppets of Fate" a picture which gives this charming actress a chance to dance right into your heart.

Chairman of the Red Cross, Polk County Branch, Tryon, N. C.

Dear Madam:

The beautiful boxes which your Branch sent the day before Thanksgiving were most gratefully received by all. The men on the fourth floor were really overjoyed and divided the "goodies" among the men on the floors. We never saw such a lot of delicious cakes, cookies, fruits and nuts. I want to thank you for the Red Cross at this hospital as well as patients and authorities for your generosity and thoughtfulness. Please convey to all who had part in these gifts our sincerest thanks and appreciation. Yours very truly

HILENT BLANTON

HELEN L. BLANTON, Chief Medical Social Service.

Approved

M. H. FOSTER, Surgeon in Charge.

This Rapid Age.

Man's business requires haste. The average business and professional man eats in a hurry and gets dyspepsia. He walks in a hurry and gets apoplexy. He talks in a hurry and gets the flu. He does business in a hurry and becomes a bankrupt. He marries in a hurry and forgets it in a hurry. He makes his will in a hurry and leaves a legal contest. He dies in a hurry and goes to the devil—and his tribe increases.—Exchange

Greens Creek

Last Sunday, The Junior Order of United American Mechanics, of Tryon, presented to the Greens Creek School, a beautiful flag. Some good patriotic talks were made, and at the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner," "Old Glory" was raised; and proudly floated on the December breeze.

A surprise singing was given Sid Feagan, and wife Saturday night, by a jolly crowd of young folks, some good singing was reported as well as a good time.

Prof. J. B. Jones of Chesnee is conducting a singing school at Green's Creek church.

Green's Creek School is progressing nicely, also the girls and boys basket ball teams.

Red Mountain

Misses Mary and Minnie Lynch visited their grandma at Sunny View this week-end.

Ernest Gibbs of Mill Spring visited his sister Esther Sunday.

Now we have our organ for the school. This is something only a few public schools possess. How lucky we are.

There will be a box supper at the school house December 10, to raise money to finish paying for the organ. This is only a small amount, and we hope the girls and boys will do their part to raise this.

George Ruff and wife visited the former's father Sunday, Mr. J. A. Ruff.

Tryon Route 1.

Yes, if nothing more, we had a most beautiful Thanksgiving day to be thankful for and scores of other things and if we did not stop and think to be thankful we can blame no one but ourselves. No, we didn't have turkey and mince pie but we were just as thankful for a big fat rabbit, chocolate pie, and marshmallow cake, with a few friends, Mr. Ludlum and wife, of White Oak mountain top were among the pleasant visitors of the day.

A Thanksgiving party was enjoyed at the home of E. B. Edwards.

Miss I. V. Cathey spent Thanksgiving at her home in Charlotte.

The night cotton pickings on the route are some of the social gatherings.

Mrs. E. B. Edwards and daughters, Pearl and Vera, brightened up the rainy hours at Walnut Grove Sunday afternoon.

Miss Bessie Jackson is getting along nicely with her school at Lightning Rod Ridge.

Polk County Editor.

Among the visitors in the city yesterday and today is Mrs. C. Bush, wife of the editor and publisher of the "Polk County News," the newspaper printed at Tryon, N. C. Mrs. Bush says there is a close tie between Spartanburg and Tryon, and that some issues of their newspaper might well be termed the Spartanburg edition. Daily faces of Tryon folks are seen on the streets of Spartanburg. Among the guests at the supper and meeting at the Chamber of Commerce Thursday evening was his honor, Mayor F. P. Bacon, of Tryon. Such visits strengthen the bonds of friendship.—Spartanburg Herald.

Ostriches Biggest Birds.

Ostriches are the largest feathered creatures existing and one of these birds will sometimes measure eight feet in height and weigh 300 pounds.

Plenty of Herring.

A fisherman says that a shoal of herring is sometimes five or six miles long and two or three miles broad.

FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

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

Fox Mountain

The pastor of Beulah church spent the week-end with J. L. Smith.

Miss Annie Edwards spent last week-end with her parents.

Misses Pearl Edwards, Jettie, Ellen and Thelma Heague, and James Egerton and Ed Barber spent Sunday afternoon at the home of W. B. Edwards.

Reece Arledge spent Saturday night with Roy Edwards.

Misses Clara and Annie Edwards dined with Mrs. J. M. Lewis Sunday.

Miss Alice Smith spent Sunday with Mrs. N. B. Jackson.

Miss Thelma Heague spent Monday night with Miss Annie Edwards.

Miss Nannie Sue Arledge spent Sunday with Misses Irene and Alice Edwards.

School is progressing nicely at Fox Mountain. Teachers and pupils have been working vigorously to improve the looks of the school ground. Plans have been made to build a steeple in which to hang a large bell which has been purchased. So listen for the ring of the Fox Mountain bell.

There will be a short program and box supper at Fox Mountain school house, Friday, Dec. 16, at 7:45. Everybody invited.

Saluda

Rev. and Mrs. Fikes spent Tuesday in Spartanburg

Mrs. Brooks Wilson went to Asheville Wednesday.

J. A. Nabers spent the week-end at his old home at Finger-ville, S. C.

Miss Julia Campbell and Miss Killian have gone to their winter home in Chester.

Mrs. J. D. Bourne of Asheville stopped to see her sister Miss Janie Thompson on her way to St. Petersburg Fla., to visit her son.

K. J. Davis has returned from a six weeks stay in Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Miss Hattie Howe has gone to her home in Charleston, S. C.

Much interest is being manifested in the revival services now going on at Friendship. Rev. Broadus, Middleton, and Rev. John Arledge are doing the preaching

Mesdames Mary Summey and Massie Smith visited their brother John Grumbles who is sick at his home in Greenville, S. C.

R. G. Anders, County Supt. of Public Instruction of Henderson County and the teachers of Green River township met at Macedonia, school house with Miss Marvin Patterson, on last Tuesday. Some discussion of the books of the Teachers Reading Circle was held.

J. W. Heatherly and family, have moved into the large yellow house between Mr. Staten's and the Southern Station.

The Martin Gift Shop, Saluda. Feather fans, white, pink, turkey, peacock, owl, and crane. Hand made rugs, hooked, coverlet, silk and rag. Ladies scarfs; the newest thing from the north. All wool jersey, and tricolette, with hand made border and fringe. Embroidered linens, collar and cuff sets, pincushions etc. For children, aprons, bibs; sweaters, caps, dolls, bunnies,

tables, chairs & c. A pleasure to show goods.

Mrs. Newton and children have returned from a visit to Charlotte.

Miss Annie Warring has closed her boarding house and has gone to Charleston for the winter.

W. H. Pace and family have moved into the Bushnell cottage opposite the Baptist church.

Elizabeth Hart spent Thanksgiving with Lena Hart in Spartanburg.

Fred Bishop is in Hagerstown, Maryland.

Mrs. G. R. Little and Bobbie have returned home after a pleasant visit in Spartanburg.

M. A. Salley of Orangeburg S. C. spent the week-end with his sons Dr. E. M. Salley and Albert Salley.

Mrs. Parker and Misses Bertha and Alma Bishop went to Spartanburg Tuesday.

Two stories of brick work have been completed in the new building going upon Depot street.

C. Hill from Slick Rock Inn Bat Cave, has moved with his family to Saluda.

Miss Lillian Herriott has returned after a pleasant visit in Charleston.

An Aged Lady passes.

Mrs. Margaret Robertson died Tuesday Nov. 22, and was buried at Mountain Page on Wednesday. Mrs. Robertson was 87 years old and is survived by many relatives and loving friends.

Mill Spring.

Winter seems to be approaching at last.

Rev. Reed filled his regular appointment at White Oak Sunday.

Glad to see little Fred Walker out again after his accident which occurred last Wednesday night, when a swing fell with him and gave him several bruises.

The school is going fine. With a large enrollment. We are proud of the progress being made.

The Law and Order Society will meet at the school house on Wednesday night, these meetings are open to all who are interested in the welfare of the community, and are held on Wednesday night before second Sunday of each month.

Misses Clara and Annie Edwards, were dinner guests of Mrs. J. M. Lewis Sunday.

We gladly welcome Lindsey Garret and wife as new comers to our town.

Mrs. Lionel Briscoe spent the week-end with her people here, returning to her school Monday morning.

Evelyn and Myrtle Walker Mary Hackney and Jennie Barrie spent a few pleasant hours with Melva Lewis Sunday.

Miss E. Janet Stroud took a number of her school pupils and "others" for a hike to White Oak mountain Saturday. Every one reports a splendid time, of course lunch was understood.

Quite a number of the citizens were in Columbus Monday attending to business matters.

We had an interesting club meeting last Wednesday night. Folks! attend these meetings, you will see what's going on.