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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 Stock Holders of The Polk County Farmers Federation.

On account of important work as president of the State Horticultural Society, and pressing business of a private nature. Our esteemed president, Mr. H. H. Corwith tendered his resignation which was accepted with regrets at the last meeting of directors Monday Jan. 2nd, 1922. At which meeting the directors I suppose, without "malice afore thought", proceeded to elect your humble servant president in his place. Now this is by no means to be considered an inaugural address; but the importance of the business and the times call for an expression of some kind of policy to be pursued in order that we shall attain success in our enterprise. There is no use of reiterating, the importance or the usefulness or necessity of our Federation, all these have been discussed and I trust fully understood. When we started, we had before us three all absorbing questions, 1st. What? 2nd. How? 3rd. When? One of these questions, the what, has been answered, in the organization of The Farmer Federation, Incorporated, to operate as a selling and purchasing agent of farm products and fertilizers lime and other supplies necessary to enable farmers to produce as cheaply as possible; but the second and third questions; How, and When are still ahead of us. So the How comes next, and all the way that I can see that it can be done is just to do it. In all my experiences in a long strenuous life about how to do a thing, is to roll up your sleeves and learn how by doing it. Then you will eternally know how it was done, and such an effort will only prepare you to understand and accomplish a greater task. Now we must look our undertaking squarely in the face and realize it is our undertaking. By that, I mean it is the farmers undertaking, and as such, it is the duty of every farmer in Polk County to lend his aid to this movement. What can a president of any organization do without the co-operation of officers and members? What can the members do unless their directors and officers will function? So we see we must all pull together and what is impossible for one or a few to do can be done easily when all will pull just a little. Now what we want is for every single person, man and woman who subscribed a share of stock to The Farmers Federation to, if possible, pay up in full such subscription. This is best for the subscriber and for the Federation. Where this cannot be done, the next best thing is to make just as large a payment as possible on the \$50.00 share, and give note for the balance to the secretary, treasurer, of the Federation where the party is a loyal friend and believer in the necessity of our Federation and desires in good faith to become a member as soon as possible. Then give your note for \$50.00 and pay and enter credit on note as fast as possible until paid, when the certificate of stock will be issued. This will make it a success at once. But let me insist that every one who is able and it is even possible to pay his or her stock in full and take certificate of stock. We all know

we are passing through a tight money depression; but this is something that must be done, and what can be done I will help do it. Let this be our slogan and stick to our purpose and we will be doing business in that warehouse next March. All I ask as president of your Federation is that you stand by me. Your directors are true as steel and will put the thing over if the members will stick, which they will. If any one feels inclined to be cowardly and want to quit, just go and get a little fat pine and run some old fashioned Tar and give your heel a good application and remember that a regular "Tar Heel", never shows a white feather, or becomes a "quitter".

The railroad has at last changed track and the crossing at warehouse site and everything ready for the work to go ahead—So let every one who can raise a dollar send it to M. I. Flentye who will give you full credit on your stock and the warehouse will be completed and business going ahead by some time in March. Don't anybody doubt for a single minute that the warehouse will fail—For failure is not on our masthead. It's only a question of who will be ashamed of himself when the thing is done and he has no hand in it. Then the answer to the What is The Farmers Federation. The answer to the How? Is roll up our sleeves and do the necessary things to succeed as outlined. The When, well that will be just when we want the thing done. We get what we want when we go after it, with a determination to bring it back or die in the attempt. Wishing every Polk countyite a prosperous year, I am yours for service.

### Our Country Towns.

Collective neighborliness marks the country town for its own. Death, poverty, grief, tragedy visit the city, and few friends hurry in to heal the wounds.

In some organized way the town's good will touches every family. The belief that if you are good to someone, someone will be good to you, distinguishes Americans from the rest of mankind. And it is not the product of our great cities, and not primarily a farm product. It is made in our country towns.

The Chamber of Commerce today in the American small town and in the American city is the leading exponent of altruism that the Chamber of Commerce fosters; it is Higginsville first. But it is for Higginsville all the time.

The Chamber of Commerce modifies the innate cussedness of the average selfish, hard-boiled, picayunish, penny-pinching, narrow-gauged human porker, lifts up his snout; makes him see further than his home, his business, and his personal interest, and sets him rooting for his community. —William Allen White, Collier's

The regular monthly meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association will be held on Monday, 16, at 3:30 p. m. You are invited to attend. Mrs. F. C. POPPE, Chm.

Our guess is that when the bride promises to love, honor and obey she is just as earnest as when she kisses the bridegroom's folks. —Dallas News

## Report of the Condition of the THE BANK OF TRYON

at Tryon in the State of N. C. at the close of business, Dec. 31st, 1921.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$103,605.69
Overdrafts, secured	1,359.24
United States and Liberty Bonds	7,700.00
All other Stocks, Bonds and Mortgages	1,829.41
Banking Houses Furniture and Fixtures	5,100.00
Cash in vault, and amount due from Banks, Banks, and Trust Companies	20,754.33
Total	140,348.67
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$10,000.00
Surplus Fund	10,000.00
Undivided Profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	2,144.80
Notes and bills rediscounted	3,100.00
Bills Payable	13,800.00
Deposit subject to check	68,753.81
Time Certificates of Deposit, Due in Less Than 30 Days	788.00
Cashier's Checks outstanding	777.04
Saving Deposit	30,985.02
Total	140,348.67

State of North Carolina, County of Polk.

I J. B. Hester, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. B. HESTER, Cashier.  
Correct—Attest:  
W. T. Lindsey  
B. L. Ballenger -  
J. B. Hester  
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 9th day of Jan., 1922.  
W. F. Little, Notary Public. My commission expires March 14 1923.

### An Open Letter To Our Saluda Friends.

Tryon, N. C. Jan. 9, 1922.  
Mr. H. P. Corwith  
Saluda, N. C.

Dear Mr. Corwith:— The Tryon Board of Trade held a meeting and banquet at Oak Hall last Wednesday night and we have just learned that you and our other good friends of Saluda were not invited. This of course was an oversight on the part of the Committee having the matter in charge. The Chairman of the Committee, who sent out the invitations, is a man who was given that job because of his past experience in handling such affairs, but unfortunately he is a comparatively new resident of Tryon, and consequently failed to invite a number of people whom our Board of Trade would have been pleased to have had with us on that occasion. Though as a matter of fact it was a public meeting, as per notices in windows of all the stores in Tryon. The Chairman did know officials of the Chamber of Commerce, both of Asheville and Spartanburg, but unfortunately did not know names of any Saluda Board of Trade officials. Therefore the oversight, as explained above.

How are things going with the Board up there? We hold our next meeting on Wednesday night, Feb. 1st. at 8:00 o'clock. This should be a good meeting. Come down if you can and bring some of your friends. This will be a regular business meeting, but we and Saluda might exchange some helpful ideas.

With kind regards and best wishes, we are, cordially yours,  
E. E. MISSILDINE,  
Pres. Tryon Board of Trade.

## Report of the Condition of the CAROLINA STATE BANK

at Saluda in the State of N. C. at the close of business Dec. 31, 1921.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$50,230.04
Demand Loans	1,300.00
Overdrafts	174.41
United States Bonds and Liberty Bonds	2,851.40
All other Stocks Bonds and Mortgages	17,480.00
Banking Houses 1,250 Furniture and Fixtures, 1,000	2,250.00
All other Real Estate owned	301.57
Cash in vault and net amount due from Banks, Bankers and Trust Companies	8,214.08
Checks for clearing	385.20
Customers' Liability on Acceptances, Expenses	22.39
Total	83,480.05
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$5,000.00
Surplus Fund	5,000.00
Undivided Profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	1,478.19
Bills Payable	2,000.00
Deposits subject to check	35,134.79
Cashier's Checks outstanding	250.72
Time Certificates of Deposit, Due on or after 30 Days	34,616.35
Total	83,480.05

State of North Carolina, County of Polk.

I. H. B. Lane, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. B. LANE, Cashier.  
Correct—Attest:  
Q. C. Sonner  
M. A. Pace  
W. C. Robertson  
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 9th, day of Jan. 1922.  
P. H. Bailey, Notary Public. My commission expires Feb. 23, 1923.

### Mill Spring Route 1

(crowded out last week.)  
Everyone seemed to enjoy the Christmas holidays as there was no bad weather.

Ralph Edwards killed a large mad dog Christmas eve.

W. E. Elliott and family took Christmas dinner at the home of A. A. Edwards.

Misses Mildred and Lela Womack, have returned to their school at Hill Crest Institute after spending holidays at home.

Miss Maggie Sue Edwards, of the News force, enjoyed Christmas at home.

Miss Ellen Edwards from Brevard Institute is at home for the holidays.

Q. M. Powell and wife spent Sunday with the latter's parents, J. Abrams and wife.

A number of youngsters went horseback riding on the Chimney Rock road Tuesday last.

Misses Vinetta and Vernie Hyder entertained at their home a number of their friends on last Wednesday evening.

C. Elliott and family, from Lynn, were visitors here last week.

How Nature Scatters Seeds.  
Nature seeks other means than that of the wind to carry seed from place to place. Whoever tramps through the autumn woods must needs extricate himself from patches in which ticks and burrs have made life miserable for him. All over his clothes will be sticking the hairy, two jointed pods or seed vessels of the tick.

## FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

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

### Columbus

Sunday morning surprised us with a beautiful sleet, the old proverb. "A green Christmas a white Easter" may come true. In spite of the inclement weather a goodly number attended Sunday School both churches.

Rev. Reid filled his regular appointment at the Baptist Church at eleven o'clock Sunday morning.

Mrs. L. H. Cloud, who has been quite sick for sometime is improving.

F. W. Blanton, wife and little daughter, spent Sunday with friends at Inman.

Mrs. Hughes of Valhalla spent Monday last in Columbus.

Among the recent visitors to Columbus were John Louis Smith wife and little daughter of Gaffney, Lindsey Swafford of Spartanburg, Frank Elliott of Washington, D. C., Claude and Marion Mills, of Spartanburg, John and James Carnegie of Rutherfordton, Ray Arledge of Greensboro and Pat Hampton and sister Miss Myrtle, of Atlanta.

Prof. Loy spent the week-end in Shelby.

Miss Nannie Sue Arledge of Silver Creek entered Stearns High school last week.

Kitty Loy, a student in the high school here has returned from a visit with home folks near Burlington.

Archie Feagan and Ernest McMurry have returned to the University after a visit with home folks.

Clarence Prince and family are occupying the Phillips residence here.

**Fishtop.**

The News came out in such fine shape last week that I consider that issue alone worth the price in fact our County Agent's department is worth the price. Let every good citizen of Polk County rally to the support of one of the best papers in Western North Carolina, the News, and thereby assist in making it greater.

Your correspondent attended the meeting of the County Commissioners of Henderson county last week where it was ordered that they meet with railway men the Summit business men the Saluda men and all interested in a road from Saluda to Summit and on to Tuxedo at the dam on the So. Ry. across Green River on Monday the 16th to inspect, advise and agree what right and practical for all interested?

Well Brother Lynn, my hope seems to be unfounded, for C. C. Jones says one of the largest king snakes was moving around lively on the 7th, where he was at work but of course he never killed it as they are the rattler's greatest enemy.

It was reported that a big still in full blast was captured on the "Short Mountain" Sunday the first day of the year.

Now what ought to be done with the dogs? Several children have been bitten by mad dogs and one child is worth more than all the dogs that has ever been or ever will be, and on the sixth of this month Burton Constant lost 25 or 30 sheep by sheep killing dogs. Polk county can never be worth much while such business is tolerated. I saw a small child at a house and asked

the woman (I can't call her a lady), if that was her child and she replied: "Why no, I rather have a dog than a child." I guess she spoke the truth once. What about a man that raise dogs for a living just because the price is good: is he any better than the blocader who stills because the price of his stuff is high?

### Lynn

On account of the weather last Sunday there was no preaching. The school resumed work last Monday after a two weeks vacation.

It is to be hoped that the school will get in some real good work.

So far the winter weather has been real good, all kinds of work can be done on the outside.

We are sorry that we have nothing of great interest to talk about this week.

Ruppe Capps who works with the telephone people is nursing a bad cut foot. We hope to see him on foot again soon.

Calvin Moore and wife were taken to the county home last week, he having lost his eyesight.

We would like to see a community day all over the county and that every school would get together for the purpose of beautifying their school grounds.

T. C. Westall and sons have the contract repairing the cottage for Miss Flyhtye.

Dr. Pratt's congregation presented him a purse of \$20.00 as a token of their appreciation of his faithful services.

The annual community work day will be Feb. 19, but as that falls on Sunday it will be on Saturday, the 18th. Don't forget the date.

### Tryon Route 1

Talk about Christmas presents, the best yet were about a half dozen yearly subscriptions from a dear friend of the following periodicals: Scientific American, Boy's Life, Progressive Farmer, Home Circle, McCalls etc. added to these the Christian Herald, Christian Advocate and our own county paper and most of the time the Asheville Citizen and Youth's Companion, provide us ample reading for the long winter evenings, by the big hickory log fire, which Mr. Sams had tucked under his old felt hat and delivered to us in last week's News.

Was it the Fox Mountain bell that chimed last Saturday afternoon? Methinks it was the tole of the last wedding on the route which was Frank Edwards and Miss I. V. Cathey. We extend to them heartiest congratulations.

John and Miss Sallie Carpenter's home was made lovely last Saturday evening by a surprise party which was enjoyed by all present.

Ah! the mail man is hurrying me so I will quit and continue next week.

### Church of the Holy Cross.

Holy Communion..... 11 A. M. the first Sundays

Morning Prayer..... 11 A. M. all other Sundays

Sunday School..... 10 A. M.

Friday

Litany..... 4:30 P. M.

Intercessions for the sick..... 4:50 P. M.