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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.

Sane and Safe Plan of Farming For Polk County Farmers.

The two greatest problems now confronting Polk county, and all southern farmers.

1st. How to get ahead of the cotton boll weevil.

2nd. Cooperative marketing for the farmer.

The way to defeat the boll weevil in Polk county, is to do what should have been done before there was ever a plant of cotton planted in the county. That is all farmers adopt at once, yes right now; this blessed year of our Lord 1922, a system of diversified farming. That means to grow a great many different crops, that will come as nearly covering the whole year as possible, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, English peas, tomatoes, stringless green pod beans, water melons, cantaloups, sorghum, as a cash crop for molasses, turnips, asparagus, celery and many other vegetables, to numerous to mention.

Then the field crops such as corn, wheat, rye, oats, barley, etc. are familiar to all. Alfalfa etc. etc. This is the thing to do. Begin now and plant some of all the crops mentioned above. I don't mean that all of them should be planted on one little farm. Let every one be the judge of what will do best on his own farm. For instance water melons will do best on sandy land, cantaloups on red land. Sorghum and peanuts on bright and sandy soils etc. Adopt the crop to the kind of soil you have; but by all means diversify your crops this year. Don't risk all on cotton and corn, nor any other one or two crops. The greater diversity of crops that are grown; the more nearly will your labor be distributed over the entire year.

The second important thing or the marketing of farm products may appear like a great Ghost, or an open Grave and a Coffin on the front door steps to some timid souls who are afraid of their shadows on a moonlight night. There is nothing scary about cooperative marketing on farm products to a brave soul who thinks it can be done and who is willing to roll up his sleeves and help do it. We already have the plant started through which this marketing will be done. The warehouse will be done in a few more days of work, when we as farmers will be in a position to assemble our products for local and near by and foreign markets. We will first saturate our home market, and then look out for the overplus. We will not only be able to take better care of our home market and serve it better; but we will be so much better able to serve each other in the way of exchanging with each other. Then again, in our warehouse will be kept lime, acid phosphate, and commercial fertilisers that can be bought and hauled home as the farmer brings in his produce to the warehouse for sale. Moreover, he will be able to purchase direct from factory all kind of farm machinery, seeds, feeds etc, cultivate better, assort and prepare for market better, join the Farmers Federation and patronize with your buying and selling so far as supplies to make crops are concerned and you will find 1922 a great improvement over 1921.

Profitable Farming in 1922.

This will depend on what kind of farming is done. If everybody grows cotton in 1922, and plenty of it; cotton will be unprofitable; if everybody grows corn to the exclusion of other crops, corn will be unprofitable. So of any single or a few crops grown exclusively. Diversified, and no one crop over done, the markets this year will take a great deal of farm products. The farmers suffered intensely last year, his purchasing power was low because everything he had to sell was low. 1922 will be better, all lines of business are improving, prices of all manufactured goods are gradually leveling down, and dealers are beginning to learn that they in turn must fall in line and either reduce the prices of manufactured products to the level of farm products or help raise the price of farm products to that of manufactured products, as one or the other must take place before the farmer can become a valuable purchaser, and all business will drag until this adjustment comes. There is every indication that this is coming, and if farmers will only study well the situation and diversify his crops this year then grade his crops well, leaving all inferior stuff at home to be fed to pigs, poultry and milk cows, taking only the good stuff to the market and put that up in an attractive manner and carry it to the warehouse, it can doubtless be sold at reasonable prices. Every farmer must keep in good heart, we have everything for which to be thankful, study our condition, plan our crops well, plant less, prepare the land better, fertilize better, which are so necessary to successful farming. When these two things are done, and done efficiently, eternal prosperity for farmer, merchant and banker will be with us to stay. Then the farmer can afford to lime his lands by litter and grow clover and all legumes on our spendid red clay lands and the dairy cow will appear on the scene and those checks every Saturday night will gladden the hearts of the farmer and his sons and daughters will return from the cities and rejoicing in the homes will be heard because of the returning prodigals.

The Old Cider-Mill

On evenings like this, as I sit in the gloaming, my mem'ry goes back, as one's memory will; I give it full sway in its erratic roaming until it lands plump at the old cider-mill—the mill of my Dad, in the old apple-orchard,—the only machinery the old man possessed; it ground up the "cull" and it squeeze out the nectar, that thrills me this minute; down under my vest... That old cider-mill was the pride of my boyhood; though smug yellow jackets contested my right, and sometimes I landed an angry bald-hornet, that taught me too well how a devil can fight... I've sat on the fence in supreme contemplation, and scratched my brown leg, as a lazy kid will,—and longed for a bumper of liquid inflation that oozed betimes, from that old moonshine still.—That old apple-grinder, that staunch old stem-winder, that dealt out the juice, like an old moonshine still.

BEGINNING TO RUN



Farmers Federation

The Farmers Federation building is expected to be completed by March 8 and there will be an all day meeting of farmers and business men held in the building on that date. Every farmer and business man of Polk County is cordially invited to attend this meeting. Good speakers will address the people, and a general good time is promised all who attend.

See this paper next week for full program.

MURDERED MOVIE DIRECTOR HAD DAUGHTER



The murder of William Desmond Taylor, director at Famous Players-Lasky movie studios, at his home in Hollywood, Calif., brought to light a hidden chapter in his life. He had been married in 1901 and was the father of a 19-year-old daughter who now lives with her divorced mother in New York. The shooting of Taylor has brought many prominent movie stars into the limelight. Pictures are of Taylor, the wife who divorced him and who is now Mrs. E. L. Robins, and his daughter. Lower picture shows the room in Taylor's Los Angeles home where he was shot. Arrow indicates a desk from which letters were stolen, written by Mabel Normand, famous movie star.

FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

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

Saluda

(Too late for last week)

H. B. Lane, cashier of the Carolina State Bank, left last week on a month's vacation. He will visit friends and relatives in many cities of the south and east. We all wish for him a pleasant trip.

C. Lord of Hendersonville has accepted a position with the Saluda Pharmacy. We are pleased to welcome this competent pharmacist and affable gentleman.

Miss Ara Langford left Monday on a two week's trip to visit friends at Tryon, Greenville and Columbia.

Miss Eastman of Columbia, who has been the feted guest of Mrs. Janie Thomas returned to her home last week.

The supper given by the ladies of the First Baptist Church at the Martin Tea Room and Gift Shop was quite a social event. Tables were engaged by quite a number and a most attractive menu was served. The affair was a success financially as well as socially.

J. C. Metcalf passed away at noon Monday. He leaves a wife, four children and his mother, Mrs. Jane Pace. He was buried at Mt. Page Tuesday and attended by the W. O. W.

W. O. W. SANITARIUM

E. B. Lewis, Sovereign, Auditor, Member Executive Council, and State Manager of the Woodman of the World with headquarters at Kinston, N. C. was the distinguished guest of Saluda Wednesday the 8th.

Mr. Lewis was met at the station by a delegation which included L. C. Pace Council Commander of the local camp, J. E. Cullipher Ex. President of the Western North Carolina Leg Rolling Association, Dr. J. O. Hooper; M. A. Pace and P. H. Bailey the mayor.

The party proceeded to the headquarters of the mayor and there, was joined by other Woodmen and H. P. Corwith, J. M. Hearon, G. R. Little and W. B. Heriot representing the Saluda Board of Trade.

After luncheon the party took an automobile ride and returned a short time before the departure of the 5:30 train on which Mr. Lewis left for his return journey home.

The trip of Mr. Lewis was preliminary to a later trip on which he will be accompanied by W. A. Fraser, Sovereign Commander and Chairman of the Sanatorium Committee at Omaha, Nebraska at which time several points in Western North Carolina will be again visited.

The people of Saluda were made to feel real good by assurance from Mr. Lewis that Saluda would be included among the points to be visited together by Mr. Fraser and himself in their endeavor to decide upon the best location for the sanatorium.

A Fire in Saluda

Shortly after three o'clock on Tuesday morning the sleeping inhabitants of Saluda were awakened by the alarm of fire. The old Forrest building was at the time in raging flames. The men and boys were up and fighting fire. However it was impossible to extinguish the flames, but by much hard work nothing else was allowed to catch fire.

Mr. Carson Hill had a store on

the ground floor, and H. D. McCallister and wife used the upstairs for a dwelling. Mr. McCallister was at Bryson City and Mrs. McCallister was at her mothers on the night of the fire. Mr. McCallister had no insurance on the household goods.

Happily Mr. Hill had a partial insurance on the stock in the store.

Dr. Salley and Calvin Hill the owners of the building also carried insurance.

Mrs. John Riley of Sumter is visiting Mrs. E. M. Salley.

The School auto is again bringing in the children on time.

Mrs. M. P. Hanna and children who have been spending the winter in Tryon have returned to their home in Saluda.

W. C. Robertson was in Saluda last week.

Miss Bessie Sonnor was in Asheville last week.

Dr. G. R. Little went to Hendersonville on Monday.

Sandy Plains

Rev. W. J. Hackney filled his appointment at the New Hope church Sunday.

There was choir practice at Sandy Springs Sunday afternoon.

Roxie and Dora Tanner were the guests of Edna and Ossie Turner Sunday.

Herbert Cudd of Fingerville S. C., spent the week-end with homefolks here

C. W. McGinnis, Clyde Honeycutt and Osborn Morrow attended preaching at Broad River, Sunday.

S. L. Hines and family of Greens Creek were the guests of his father-in-law Mrs. C. L. Rogers Sunday.

J. J. Morrow made his usual call at Mr. Hines' Sunday afternoon.

H. B. McMurray is suffering with a severe cold.

O. C. Smith and family also Furman Hines of Spindale N. C., spent the week-end with friends and relatives here.

Mrs. E. B. Lancaster spent Sunday with her parents near Cooley Springs, S. C.

Many from this section attended the services at the tabernacle and heard the wonderful sermons of Billy Sunday. We wish he could have stayed longer at Spartanburg.

Let's all cheer up a few more cold rainy days and spring will be here.

A Resolution of Sympathy

Whereas it has pleased the almighty God in his infinite wisdom to take home to himself the young son of our Bro. T. W. Ballew.

Whereas, We realize that Bro. Ballew and his good wife have had a bright ray of sunshine taken from their home. But we realize futher that their loss is Heaven's gain.

Therefore be it resolved: That Tryon Council, 143 Junior Order United American Mechanics, Extend our heartfelt sympathy to Bro. Ballew and family.

Therefore be it futher resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Bro. Ballew and copy spread upon the records of the Council and copy published in the Polk County News

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