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## OPENING OF FARMERS FEDERATION WAREHOUSE TRYON, N. C.

Large Gathering of Farmers and Business Men From All Parts of County. Fine Spirit. Able Addresses Plenty of Dinner and to Spare.

March the 8th, 1922, should be an epoch in the history of Polk County Agriculture; which means an epoch in the history of general business in the county.

The morning was auspicious. Nature seemed to smile. The mountains surrounding Tryon stood forth in all their beauty and glory and seemed to kiss the blue over arching canopy of Heaven, while the smiling sunshine lit up this glorious panorama in a way to gladden the heart of a poor mortal who might be inclined to feel blue.

This splendid condition of weather, found the Farmers Federation Warehouse completed with the exception of arranging office, windows, doors etc. Promptly at 11 o'clock a. m. the people were seated on crude seats improvised in the warehouse temporarily for that purpose, and the program commenced.

Hon. F. P. Bacon, Mayor of Tryon was invited to preside at the meeting; who graciously accepted and did so with becoming grace and dignity; for which he has the thanks of the Federation.

Rev. W. A. Black, pastor of the Congregational church of Tryon, after singing, All Hail the Power of Jesus Name etc. Led by Mr. Weigle and Nelson Jackson Jr. offered an able and impressive invocation of Divine guidance. Dr. E. E. Missildine President of the Board of Trade of Tryon delivered a very appropriate address of welcome followed by a response in ringing terms by Mr. Grant C. Miller, member of the Farmers Federation and architect and designer of their splendid warehouse.

Mr. H. P. Corwith, proprietor of the famous Oyerbrook Orchard, Saluda, N. C. and President of the State Horticultural Society was called on and responded in some well timed remarks. Another song, "Blessed Be the tie that binds" etc., was sung with emphasis and fine spirit. Mr. James M. Gray, Assistant Director of Farm Extension work Raleigh N. C., was introduced and presented in a convincing manner the importance of Farmers organizations of cooperative marketing; and that exigencies of the new times in which we are living, makes the need imperative.

Mr. B. P. Brown Chief of the Division of Markets Raleigh, N. C., was introduced and spoke with force relative to farm cooperative marketing. He insisted that there are four fundamental principals necessary to successful cooperative marketing.

1st. A good organization, which he says we have after examining our charter and by-laws. 2nd. Necessary capital on which to do business and good management.

3rd. A sufficient volume of business. 4th. Loyalty on the part of members of the Federation toward their organization. Mr. Brown presented his arguments in a masterly and convincing way and I trust every farmer and business man went home with the feeling that our organization and warehouse was not built to create strife in our business circles of Polk County; but to become a mighty force in the county to produce business at the base; on which all lines of business shall thrive. Now the last; but by no means the least of the program was the part our splendid ladies from the farms played.

No one saw any signs of anything to eat in any corner of the woods; but when we thought all was over; the ladies raised a howl and asked where was a table on which to spread their lunch? Believe me, there was some hustling around and in a very few minutes a nice table in front of the warehouse was improvised with long clean planks and trestle benches, and linen spreads provided and my, what a surprise. Mrs. Voorhies, our valuable new comer to Polk county, Mrs. Foster and Mrs. G. E. Thompson, of Mill Spring, Mrs. J. T. Camp Greens Creek, Mrs. H. H. Edwards Columbus, and a host of helpers spread a table that made the spectators's mouth water. Those who left immediately after the speaking closed, never will know what they missed. The farmers felt at home; because they were on ground on which they had the right to be. The farmers from the country and their wives covered themselves with glory; And yet there might have been much more glory.

Thus ended the glorious day March the 8th, 1922, at Tryon, N. C. and in behalf the Polk County Farmers Federation I want to thank the Mayor of Tryon, The Pres. of the Board of Trade of Tryon, Bro. W. A. Black, The brethren who conducted the singing and every one who aided in the least in making the day a glorious success, and I shall look forward to much greater days in the future that the ladies of Tryon with hot coffee, will meet their sisters from the farms with their pantry supplies and learn more of each other's toils, troubles and joys. Respectfully,  
J. R. SAMS, President.

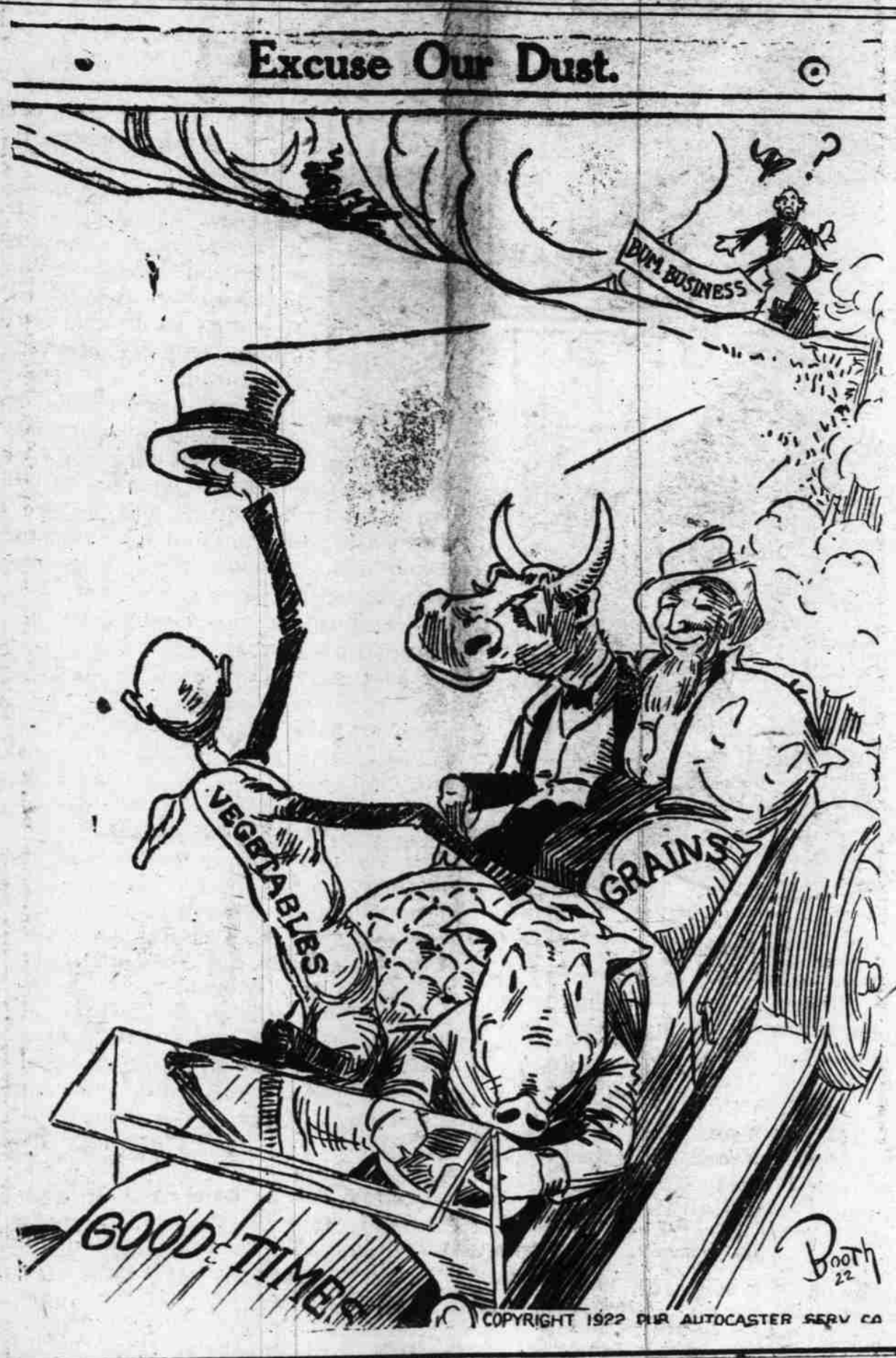
### Farmers, What Will You Do?

Mr. Brown in his address in our Warehouse on March the 8th laid down four propositions that in his opinion are absolutely necessary to the success of our Farmers Federation: viz

- 1st. A good organization.
- 2nd. Good management.
- 3rd. Capital sufficient, and volume of business to more than pay overhead expenses.
- 4th. Loyalty of members to their organization.

Suppose we analyse these propositions and see if we can meet the requirements. If we can, then lets do it; If not, then lets quit as soon as possible. 1st. Mr. Brown says we have a strong and good organization. 2nd. our manager and management is largely untried; but will be just what we ourselves make it. 3rd. We have not sufficient capital to run a volume of business to more than cover overhead expenses.

4th. Are we loyal to our organization? Now according to this analysis, the first proposition is all right and under it we have built one of the best warehouses in the state. 2nd. proposition (management) who can gain say the management so far. To take the cramped and pinched means in the hands of our directors and expect them to build such a warehouse as we have, is simply marvelous. Who of you as an individual with plenty of money could have done better? 3rd. We have not the capital on which we can do a volume of business to cover running expenses. Can we get this capital? yes, as easy as to say so if farmers are in earnest to do business for themselves. How? Let every director and stockholder go to his neighbor and insist on his taking one or more shares of stock, 10 men or women who will each take 2



## Our Hard Surface Road

A News dispatch from Raleigh in the Asheville Citizen dated March, 15, says:

"Eighth district--six miles in Polk county, Columbus to South Carolina line, hard surfaced, Southern Paving company, Chattanooga, Tenn., \$195,469.80. Bridge work to Henry Construction company, Greenville, \$19,897.60.

### Melvin Hill

C. B. Sanders of Green River spent the week-end with his sister Mrs. Stacy.

The little child of Tilden Higgins and wife who was sick of pneumonia and whooping cough is much improved.

Bob Sanders of Green River attended religious services here Sunday night.

Elder W. A. Reed was absent from church and Sunday school last Sunday.

Elder G. A. Branscom filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

The Hillcrest girls spent the week-end with home folks as usual.

Well it seems that winter has held on until the six weeks are about out. Wonder if the ground hog shadow did have anything to do with it?

A fox chase was enjoyed here Saturday night minus the fox. A dead cat tied to a pole and dragged through the woods for several miles was substituted; which apparently answered all purposes well enough until the fox hunters caught up with the fellow who had the cat and seemed inclined to resent that kind of fox and talked threateningly of suing the young fellow for damages but in as much as the cat was private property, bought and paid for by the said fellow, he thought he had the right to drag his cat through the woods if he wanted to, and that he was not compelling anybody to chase; But looks like he could have waited until April 1st.

A Missouri man lost control of his automobile when his creditors took it away from him.

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### Saluda.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lumpford, March 13, a son.

Hugh Ward, of Fort Motte, is visiting his parents in Saluda.

Ernest Thompson went to Spartanburg Tuesday.

Saluda high school boys and the town boys crossed bats on the Seminary grounds last Saturday afternoon. Some good playing was done by both teams. The high school has some boys who can knock a ball and make the bases. Alvin Johnston knocked a home run. The score stood 11-8 in favor of the High School. Saluda high school is to play Columbus this week.

C. A. Lord of the Saluda Pharmacy has moved with his family into Mrs. Lance's cottage.

The Epworth League had a party at Library Hall Friday night. Notwithstanding the continual rain there was a good crowd of young people present. Old time games were played with much jollity. Ice cream and cake were served by the young ladies.

This Friday night another good party is anticipated at Library Hall. Everyone is invited. Come and see what fun you can have on St. Patrick's day. Benefit high school base ball team.

Last Sunday afternoon the Masons of Saluda had a service to which the public was invited. The Masons and a choir of young people sang, and Archdeacon Griffith preached relating origin, intent and the good of Masonry.

Mrs. Campbell and Miss Killian have returned for the summer.

Dr. E. M. Salley and H. L. Capps attended the second quarterly conference of the Tryon and Saluda charge at Tryon Sunday evening. Delegates were elected to District Conference of the Asheville district to be held in Hendersonville, May, 16.

### Fishtop

Bad weather for the farmer still continues here.

J. Henderson and T. W. Bradley went to Saluda on Saturday.

J. W. Bishop passed through this section Sunday.

Preparing stove wood for this summer is about all the work that has been done for some days.

T. W. Bradley has received six dozen song books for his classes at Silver Creek and Mountain Grove churches.

J. B. Bradley visited home-folks Sunday.

Newton Case moved from Landrum to the Bradley plantation last week.

Clayton Pace and Curtis Newman have been spraying orchards for themselves and J. B. Bradley the past week.

Posey Henderson, Clayton Pace, Curtis and Taft Newman visited Newton Case a few minutes Sunday.

T. W. Bradley sang for the Mountain Grove choir Sunday.

The tramps have tramped back home or some place else, since their happy visit in the Sartin hills.

We hear Judge Lane is giving drunken auto drivers down the country in Henderson county. Hurrah for him!

We are informed that a certain man received a letter last week which very much enthused him,

for a while as he thought it was from his "lady love his sweet turtle dove" but later found out it was from Sheriff Jackson.

### Mill Spring R. I.

The many wishes for O. L. Wilson to succeed in the superintendent work in the Big Level Sunday school were in vain, as Talmage Allen, a former member of a Methodist church, took the place last Sunday and we feel sure he will strive for the best.

Miss Gilreath Edwards who has been sick with flu is improving, we are glad to say.

Virgie Ogle called on her little friend Vestie Odell Sunday.

Miss Fannie Lynch has returned to her home at Rutherfordton after a brief stay with her grandmother Mrs. R. Gilbert.

Sallie Whiteside of Uree, spent the week-end with her friends Gilreath and Pantha Edwards.

Ethel Ogle spent Sunday with Maggie Isrel.

Mrs. W. E. Elliott visited Mrs. Gettys Tuesday.

Talmage Allen was a welcome caller at the home of Floyd Mills Sunday, as usual.

Mrs. N. E. Williams enjoyed last Sunday with her daughter Mrs. Ralph Edwards.

There was a singing at W. E. Elliott's last Wednesday night. These weekly singings are held in different homes and are enjoyed very much by all who attend, especially the listeners.

The interesting sermon delivered by Rev. W. W. Womack at Lebanon last Sunday was very much enjoyed by all that were present.

### Lynn

Dr. Pratt filled his regular appointment last Sunday at 3:30.

Next Friday the 17, is St. Patrick's Day. Don't forget your ribbons and ties.

No visible sign of the Tryon Hosiery Manufactory Co., operating this plant as yet.

It's to be hoped that the contractors who ere they may be of the hard surface road from state line to Columbus will see their way clear to begin work soon.

Tryon wants to congratulate herself for the progressive vote on her improvement proposition. Also on having the Farmer's Federation located in her city. With the hard surface road when it materializes Tryon should have quite an increase in business.

Oh you community people and local school dads what about your promise or your resolutions last Feb., 1921 to keep your school grounds cleaned up etc. Don't become slackers.

Thomas W. Cannon and Miss Dalia Thompson of Saluda were married last Sunday at the residence of Rev. John Arledge who officiated. (no cards) At home in Lynn, N. C.

T. A. Caldwell and wife of Landrum, S. C., were guests of H. G. Cannon and family last week.

Miss Myra Hicks is nursing a very badly sprained ankle.

Miss Parker opened a private school last Monday in the school building charging only a very moderate tuition.

Deputy Marshall Swann was at his home with his family last Sunday.

Roy Swann a student of the deaf institute at Morganton is at home for a few days.

When a man sets the world on fire there is always another one coming along right behind him with the fire extinguisher.

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