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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 I Saw at Mill Spring

Before I tell what I saw; I want to tell what I did not see. Generally when one goes into a rural community, he will see people all scattered around talking about each other and not able to get together and by cooperation help each other build up the general interests of their community; but not so at Mill Spring. It was my privilege to attend their Community Club meeting Thursday night March the 16th, at Mill Spring, and here is what I saw. The first thing was a crowded house, with men, boys, women, and girls and children. And they were there for business. Mrs. G. W. Voorhies is chairman of a Garden Club, to train boys and girls in growing gardens. Mr. Lynn Waldrop is chairman of a Pig Club with 12 members at present and it is increasing right along. Mr. Elias Edwards was appointed at last meeting to organize a sorghum syrup association, to learn to grow and manufacture standard syrup to be sold cooperatively through the Farmers Warehouse. Prof. Dill, in charge of the school is chairman of a Poultry Club, with a number of members to be heard from one year from now. There are other communities at work along various lines. This Community Club has completely taken over the fair work in White Oak Township and has its fair committees at work and any one may fairly predict a great fair at Mill Spring next fall. Another project I did not see; but heard whispered, and that was systematic dragging of the community roads. I should not be surprised if they appoint a road committee at the next meeting of the club to organize for community road improvement. I am writing this to hint other townships how badly they will be left by Mill Spring if they don't wake up and organize and get to work for community uplift. Greens Creek is coming and will be heard from. No community can do its best without the community spirit in action.

### A Talk With Our Farmers.

Come let us reason together and see what is the thing to do about our farming this year. Planting time is right with us. Suppose a farmer has 20 acres of good land to plant in something this year, how should it be divided? He certainly should not put it all to one crop. If he has been growing cotton; how would it do to plant 4 acres in cotton and apply the most approved methods of growing the crop under boll weevil conditions, 8 acres in corn, with say soy beans or cow peas, 2 acres in sorghum syrup, 2 acres in oats and vetch (too late now) 2 acre sorghum (for hog) omitting oats and vetch, 1 acre sweet potatoes, 1 acre Irish potatoes, 1-2 acres tomatoes, 1-2 acre snap beans, 1-4 acre strawberries, 1-4 acre watermelons, 1-4 acre cantaloupes, 1-4 acre turnips?

Of course this is only suggestive. The amount in each crop might be changed to more or less, or other crops substituted according to the farmers preference.

with garden and pastures in addition to the twenty acres in cultivation would make a little home where the inmates could live like sure enough aristocrats. Now why not have several farmers in one county sit down and figure out something on this line of farming for this year and see how it would work out?

Some farmers are long faced about the appearance of the boll weevil; but when a system of diversified and rotation farming something like the foregoing is fully put to practice in Polk county for a few years; the farmers would go to war rather than return to the old way. Polk county eminently fitted in every respect for this kind of farming, and we now have the warehouse an organization necessary for marketing such crops as here in indicated. All that is necessary is to adopt the system, grow the crops standard. Join the Farmer's Federation which will provide the necessary capital to fully carry out the marketing plan successfully. Then Polk county will be one of the richest and best counties in the state.

### Impressions of the History of Tryon.

Some ancient tulip tree is still standing in Polk county which has seen the whole drama of Tryon's history. In a field on the south slope of Warrior Mountain a large number of flint arrow heads tell of the Indians.

Their arrow warfare seems ineffective, almost like the sport of boys. But their stealthy crawl through thicket and forest with the final blow is more thrilling. Next comes the Revolutionary war when the whites introduced the deadly family feud. Tories of South Carolina, whose border line is only two miles from Tryon, taking the side or England and the American Patriots found an excuse for private murder of each other.

But all this state of things became much worse in the Civil war when the Unionists of the mountains were opposed to the Confederates of the Piedmont.

About forty years ago it was said that Polk county was the second lawless in the whole United States, a county in Texas being considered the worse.

Then began the long, steady conflict between the lawless element and its opposite in a losing battle for the former.

The beauty and climate of Tryon attracted people of high character the family of Sidney Lanier being among the first to come.

A remarkable result has been attained. This Tryon in Polk county, North Carolina, which was once so bad, so very bad, is now a place of literary and musical activities of refinement and peace.

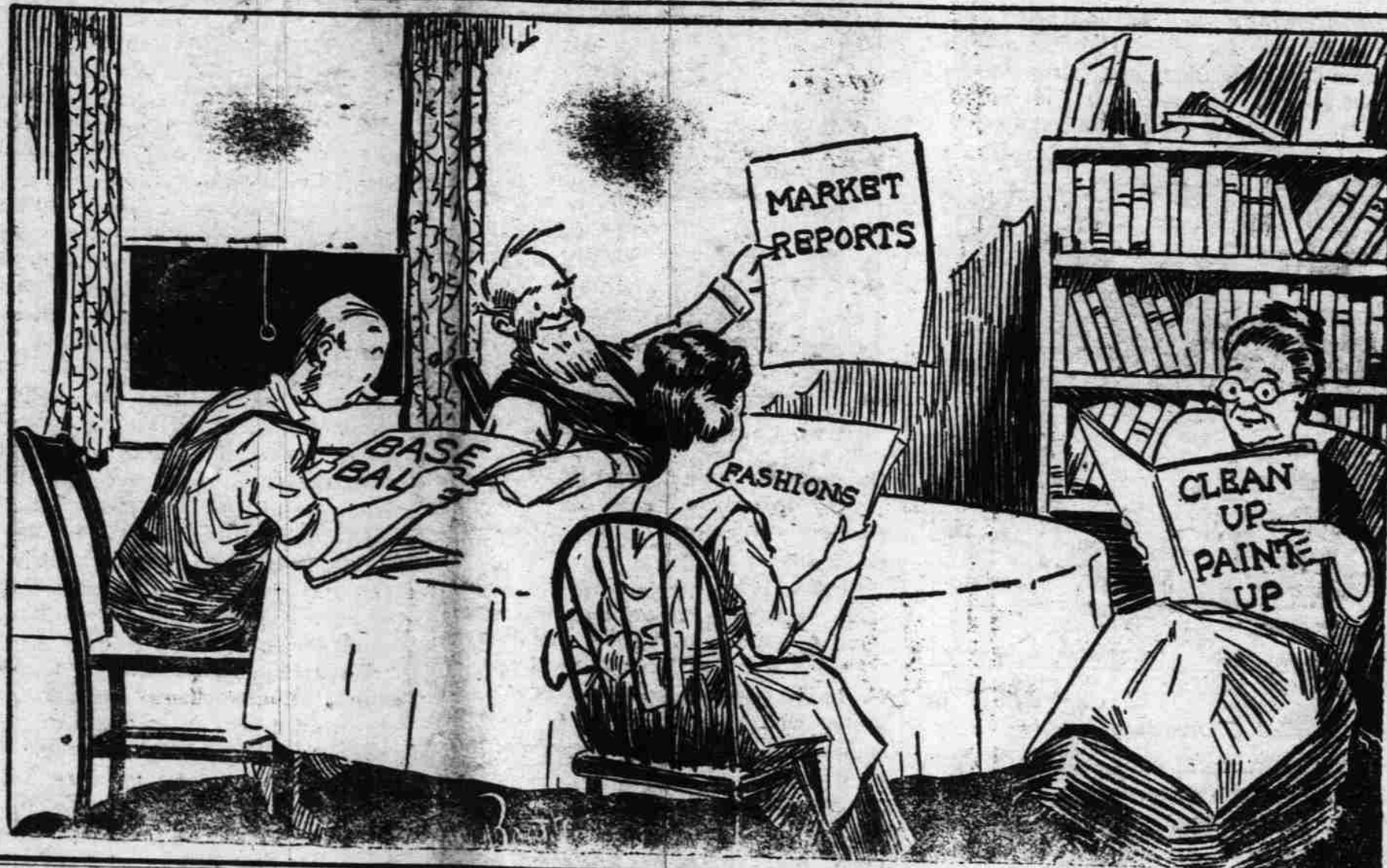
Tryon means to me golden sunshine. The slopes of the Blue Ridge mountains opening out to the south offer especially in the winter the finest brand of sunshine that I ever experienced.

I should like to be soaked in that flood of sunlight this very minute of March 18, 1922.

J. A. ESTABROOKS,  
Boston, Mass.

taught by Experience.  
Dr. Samuel Johnson, the man who first said, "Hell is paved with good intentions," was a man who endured the severest poverty, and was always put off by those whom he asked for support, only to be told after he became famous that they had intended to help him.

## The Ruling Passion



### Report of the condition of PEOPLES BANK & TRUST CO.

at Tryon, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business March 10, 1922.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$82,565.45
Demand loans	1,411.59
Overdrafts:	
Secured	57.55
Unsecured	152.20
U. S. bonds and Liberty bonds	669.75
All other stocks, bonds and mortgages Polk Co.	80,650.00
Banking house \$6510.00 furniture and fixtures \$2900.00	9,410.00
Cash in vault and net amounts due from banks, bankers and trust companies	25,821.98
Cash items held over 24 hours (money order)	15.90
Total	\$203,544.67

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$10,000.00
Surplus fund	1,500.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	201.87
Bills payable	28,500.00
Deposits subject check	60,295.25
Cashier's checks outstanding	1,469.87
Time certificates of deposit, due on or after 30 days	10,298.97
Savings deposits	21,628.71
Certificates of deposit for U. S. bonds	69,650.00
Total	\$202,544.67

State of North Carolina, Polk County, Mar. 16, '22  
I, W. F. LITTLE, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. F. LITTLE, Cashier.  
Correct—Attest:  
G. H. Holmes,  
Walter Jones,  
H. H. Edwards,  
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 16th day of March, 1922.  
J. B. HESTER, Notary Public.  
My commission expires May 18, 1923.

### Report of the condition of The Bank of Tryon

at Tryon, N. C., at the close of business March 10, 1922.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$93,638.92
Overdrafts, secured	660.42
U. S. bonds and Liberty bonds	7,944.63
All other stocks, bonds and mortgages	1,829.41
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	5,100.00
Cash in vault and net amount due from banks, bankers and trust companies	22,176.10
Total	\$131,349.48

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$10,000.00
Surplus fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	2,230.07
Notes and bills rediscounted	2,500.00
Bills payable	4,000.00
Deposits subject check	69,564.30
Time certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days	666.92
Cashier's checks outstanding	100.65
Savings deposits	32,287.54
Total	\$131,349.48

State of North Carolina, County of Polk, March 16, 1922.  
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 16th day of March, 1922.  
W. F. LITTLE, Notary Public.  
My commission expires March 14, 1923.

Top Late  
After a woman has been married two years she wonders how she could have believed the things her husband said during their courtship.—Hamilton Herald.

## \$20 a Pound for California Rooster



Miss Marie Arsten saw "Mike," a white leghorn rooster, at the cockerel show in Petaluma, Calif., and she decided then and there she must have him for her poultry ranch. So she bid up to \$182.50 and got him, top price for nine pounds of fowl meat.

### Report of the condition of Polk County Bank & Trust Co.

at Columbus, N. C. in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, March 10, 1922.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$42,258.06
Demand loans	1,722.61
Overdrafts	277.28
United States bonds and liberty bonds	2,200.00
All other stocks, bonds and mortgages	800.00
Banking house \$5637.65 furniture and fixtures 3,363.52	9,001.17
All other real estate owned	3,696.61
Cash in vault and net amounts due from banks, bankers and trust companies	6,545.88
Checks for clearing	13.80
Total	\$66,515.41

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$13,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	791.96
Notes and bills rediscounted	3,000.00
Bills payable	15,000.00
Deposites due banks, bankers and trust companies	651.65
Deposits subject to check	20,923.91
Demand certificates of deposit	4,233.99
Cashier's checks outstanding	230.90
Time certificates of deposit, due on or after 30 days	7,883.00
Certificates U. S. bonds	800.00
Total	\$66,515.41

State of North Carolina, Polk County, March 14, '22.  
I, Fred W. Blanton, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FRED W. BLANTON, Cashier.  
Correct—Attest:  
E. W. S. Cobb,  
J. R. Sams,  
J. W. Newman,  
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 15th day of March, 1922.  
J. F. Ormond, U. S. Comr.  
My commission expires May 10, 1924.

### Cooper Gap.

We are having plenty of rain and the farmers are getting very badly behind with their work, and most everybody would enjoy seeing springtime come, and the roads and mud dry up.

Mrs. Mary McMurray is very ill. She is 92 years old.

V. B. Blanton is suffering a very bad cut on the wrist which he accidentally did with his knife last week.

T. N. Wilson and son are very busy setting out peach trees on his mountain place.

J. B. Wilson's family attended the birthday dinner on Pearidge in honor of Andrew Byers last Sunday.

Mr. W. J. Bradley attended preaching at Cooper Gap Sunday.

## County News

### Columbus

Numerous improvements are being made on the Stearns High school campus. The walk before the building is being cemented, beautiful shrubs are being placed on the campus according to plans of a landscape gardener.

We are glad to know that our excellent high school teacher, Miss Bessye Brown, is back at school again.

Miss Emmaline Gilman, of Shelby, visited her sister, Mrs. W. D. Loy, last week.

Miss Mamie Cantrell spent the week-end with Miss Ruth Green.

Miss Kitty Loy returned to her home in Burlington, N. C., Tuesday.

Misses Bertha Kelz, Emmaline Gilman, Prof. W. D. Loy and John W. McFarland enjoyed a horseback ride to Ben Craigan, last Friday.

Miss Mamie Morgan spent the week-end with Miss Elma Newman at Fishtop.

The girls glee club of S. H. S. held an unusually good meeting last Tuesday morning. The boys glee club is doing fine work also.

Mrs. E. B. Cloud and Mae Mills spent Saturday in Tryon shopping.

The dormitory girls enjoyed a hike to the Weaver place Saturday. They returned with many beautiful flowers.

The Stearns H. S. baseball team crossed bats with the Saluda boys last Wednesday on the Saluda ground. The score was 34-12 in favor of Saluda. We hope to make a better showing when Saluda plays the return game on the Columbus diamond.

Mr. Dill and wife, Mrs. and George V. Briscoe of Mill Spring, were dinner guests of Miss Odesa Mills Sunday.

Mrs. C. D. Elliott left Saturday to spend several weeks in Rutherfordton for medical treatment.

Roon Arledge made his weekly visit to his father J. P. Arledge.

The teachers' reading circle met at the Stearns H. S. Saturday. A large crowd of teachers were present.

Octa and Lillian Pack spent the week-end with homefolks.

### Tryon Route 1.

Oh! ye! first day of spring; Seems more like the first day of winter just now. Guess Miss Ground Hog will "doll" up and come out again but will have to exit for a few days, then all will be well; then she can don her new spring hat and gown and with us stay with much renown.

Miss Essie Edwards, of Brevard school, spent a few days at home recently.

Mrs. B. F. Nance, little girls and baby, Bob Brown, were visiting on the route Monday.

Misses Esther Gibbs and Bessie Hamilton spent the week-end with home folks and returned to their work in Greens Creek High School.

Mrs. E. B. Henderson left this world of pain and sorrow to await the coming of husband and children on the morrow. Her remains were laid in Landrum cemetery Saturday last. We extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

A Sunflower Definition.  
Really, a pessimist is only a person who expects to get the worst of it a little sooner than the rest of us.—Tokaga Capital.