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OUR COUNTY AGENT'S DEPARTMENT

Some Timely Talks to Polk County Farmers, and others, on Timely Subjects, by County Agent, I. R. Sams.

What N. C. Cotton Growers Must Do To Meet The Cotton Boll Weevil.

By C. B. Williams

Since the cotton boll weevil entered the southern border of the state in 1919, our cotton growers have been watching the weevil's progress and wondering when their different farms would be reached and what the results of the coming of the weevil would be. There is hardly any hope but what all the cotton-growing area of the state will eventually be more or less invaded, and unless many of our growers recast their present methods, they will suffer severely if not be put entirely out of business. Naturally, the infestation will in all probability vary in intensity and damage as one goes from the coast westward, the prospects being for less damage in the Piedmont section than in the lower Coastal Plain region. The situation is not by any means dangerous, however, for the man who will adopt suitable methods of crop rotation; plant suitable and high producing cotton seed; fertilize and manure well and intelligently; plant early and cultivate thoroughly, rapidly and fairly late throughout the season; and practise other good farming methods that are already being practised by many of our best farmers. Such a farmer may expect far less damage from the weevil than will be inflicted upon the farms of those who plant cotton on poor land every year without any effort at systematic crop rotation and soil improvement; who prepare their land late in the spring; who plant their cotton late with poor yielding seed; and who cultivate the crop poorly after it is up. This latter man will without doubt be put out of business, certainly out of the profitable growing cotton.

The man who will practice good and effective methods may expect, outside of the low-lying and heavily wooded areas of the State, to be able to continue the growth of cotton, and make it as profitable as in the past or more so, provided the crop is economically produced and reasonable prices are secured for the crop after production. In this connection it may be of interest to learn of the observations of some of those farmers who have been farming extensively for many years under boll weevil conditions. In a recent letter to the writer, Mr. George L. Yerger of Louisiana, an extensive cotton planter, said in speaking of his farms—

"The coming of the boll weevil has taught us lots of things and I am absolutely convinced that if we had always farmed as we are now compelled to do, that the cotton farmers, large and small, would be best off financially of any people in the world. Even though the weevil is with us and we have to use our brains as never before, I believe we can consider the coming of the boll weevil a blessing.—Take it as a whole, if your people will get up and hustle and use fertilizer early, coupled with fairly decent cotton weather, you will have nothing to fear."

Mr. Alex Y. Scott, proprietor of an extensive Delta Plantation, Mississippi, wrote:

"It does not pay to plant poor land in cotton under boll weevil

conditions." The first lesson we would like to impress after the above preliminary in this series of articles is that cotton under boll weevil conditions should be planted only on good open land. The land should be broken early and allowed to weather and settle before planting time. Farmers should begin now to plan systematically for the attack. They should not become panic-stricken for outside of the low-lying and woody areas of the State, they will be able to grow cotton profitably, provided they meet the attack promptly and intelligently and prices are satisfactory for the crop after produced.

Report of the condition of the Bank of Saluda

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

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	\$44,885.46
Demand loans	4,971.90
Overdrafts	692.44
U. S. bonds and liberty bonds	7,250.00
Banking houses, \$3800.00 furniture and fixtures	6,300.00
All other real estate owned	750.00
Cash in vault and net amounts due from banks, bankers and trust companies	4,834.15
Checks for clearing	895.40
Expenses	537.32
Total	\$71,116.67

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$10,000.00
Notes and bills rediscounted	2,000.00
Bills payable	5,000.00
Deposits subject check	15,048.73
Time certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days	26,263.20
Cashier's checks outstanding	71.23
Savings deposit	12,733.51
Total	\$71,116.67

State of North Carolina, County of Polk March 20, '22 I, P. H. Bailey, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

P. H. BAILEY, Cashier.

Correct—Attest: R. B. Staton, Henry P. Corwith, J. M. Hearon, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 20th day of March, 1922 H. B. Lane, Notary Public, My commission expires Mar. 20, 1922.

Teachers' Meeting.

The final meeting for the year, of the Polk County Teachers' Association will be held at Columbus, Saturday April 1st beginning at 10:30 o'clock. All teachers, school committeemen and those interested in the educational development of Polk County are earnestly and cordially invited to be present at this meeting. Miss Elizabeth Kelly, State Department of Education, will be here and make an address. There will be other prominent speakers who will also address this meeting. I shall be glad to see you and shake your hand if you can possibly be with us on this occasion, I am, Very sincerely, County Supt.

Enough Said. Frequently a question contains its own answer. Such a question was the one put recently by a Kansas young woman who had failed to qualify for a position as teacher. Feeling that she had not been considerably dealt with, she wrote: "I think I am entitled to an exclamation of why I failed, anyway."—Boston Transcript.

CONTRACT IS LET

At Last Tryon Will Have a System of Hard Surface Streets and Walks.

On Tuesday last the Town Commissioners received bids for the construction of a system of streets and sidewalks for Tryon. The competition for the contract was keen, ten bids being received for several types of work. Prices for the work ranged from \$53,095 to \$5 ,000.

After tabulating the bids it was found that four concerns were pretty close in their estimates, and after hearing their claims the Commissioners went into executive session to deliberate. The contract was awarded to the Southern Paving Construction Co., of Chattanooga at the price of \$53,095.

The type of road to be constructed is asphaltic cement, the same as that leading out of Spartanburg toward Tryon.

Bids did not include the engineering and legal expense. This bid was only about \$100 above the low bid on concrete.

Work is to begin within ten days after notification, and is to be completed within four months. This, together with the state road, the Lake Lanier and School addition will make Tryon the best residential town in this part of the country.

The Drama Fortnightly.

The program for the Drama Fortnightly for this Friday includes two one-act plays "Overtones" by Alice Ersteberg and "Sunrise" by Mrs. Peattie. The former is a remarkable little drama of deep satire and meaning. The parts are read by Mesdames Vernor, and Williams, and Misses Lindsey and Stone. "Sunrise is another mountain play, dealing this time with the feud spirit, but in an entirely novel manner. The persons in the cast are Franklin Little, Miss Kate Rose, Miss Wright, Embury Smith and Dr. Mary Peery. The entertainment promises to be one of the most enjoyable yet given.

Don't Forget to Register

Saturday is another registration for the election to vote school bonds. The vote on the paving proposition was entirely satisfactory. Now let us show we are behind the plan to enlarge and better the Tryon school. It means more recitation rooms and an auditorium, all of which are very much needed.

Don't think because you registered for the paving election, that you don't have to register for this. You do and get your name on the books, and vote for bonds. Don't let the school needs go unsatisfied. The fate of the coming generation is bound up in the school.

The amount the bonds will add to your taxes is infinitesimal. The result of favorable vote is beyond estimate.

Mrs. Mark A. Richards of Maplewood N. J., arrived yesterday and is occupying her home in Tryon.

No hunting or fishing on my premises, day or night. This means you. G. G. WEAVER.

During the next few weeks it will be advisable for all those using town water to keep a supply on hand as it will be necessary to cut off the water quite often for short intervals in order to make changes to new pipe line. It will be impossible to notify every body each time. M. G. BLAKE.

Saluda

There will be an all day singing at Library Hall next Sunday April the 2nd. Everybody in Saluda and the surrounding country is invited to come and bring dinner. Prof. T. A. Sloan of Greer S. C., is to lead the singing.

Dr. and Mrs. John Bushnell have returned to Saluda.

R. T. Hopkins spent the weekend in Winston-Salem.

Brooks Wilson has returned from Texas.

Mrs. H. B. Lane who is visiting in South Carolina is expected home tomorrow.

Misses Lola Thompson and Pearl Metcalf spent the weekend with Miss Bettie Henderson at Hendersonville.

The friends of Luther Coggins are sorry to learn of his illness.

Earnest Thompson and Roy Ward went to Hendersonville Friday.

Wiley Wilson went to Asheville Tuesday.

Linwood Patterson and Clara Thompson spent Friday night with friends in Hendersonville.

Mrs. G. R. Little and Bobbie have returned from Spartanburg.

Archdeacon Griffith will preach in the Episcopal church next Sunday, March the second.

The play "Whiskers" given at Library Hall Monday night for the benefit of the community house was enjoyed by those who attended. The play was well staged and the personification of characters was good. Beside the play there was a good chorus of "collud gals" whose rendering of songs brought down the house. There was an amusing duet sang by two white ladies also.

Saluda High School and Columbus High School are still playing ball.

Rev. Hays, a free-will Baptist now of Texas who formerly lived in Henderson county and Rev. Liner a Missionary Baptist of Landrum, S. C., are conducting a meeting in the Woodman Hall. The meeting is expected to continue through the week.

March the 28th, was the appointed day for cleaning the park grounds. Mother nature spent the day bathing the hillside and the other folks decided to do their part at some future time.

Sunny View.

We are having plenty of rain through this section.

James McCraw of S. C. was in this section Sunday.

Birch Jackson, King Steppé, and A. H. Lynch visited J. W. Cash Sunday.

Mrs. David Lynch visited her mother last week.

Some of the boys were having a jolly old time Friday when one of our justices was passing and had them arrested. Hurrah for him. Go in the hills get the ones that run the booze factors then our boys will not be bound over to court.

Terrel Taylor left Monday for Spindale N. C.

Bill Steppé and family have moved in this section.

Myrtle Bradley visited Lucille Taylor Sunday.

M. I. Gills is very sick.

John Amons has returned to finish teaching our school.

Mrs. N. I. Helton is only 82 instead of 92 years old as was stated last week.

Plenty of Fungi Eats. More than 700 species of fungi are found to be safe to eat and many are considered very nutritious.

FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

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

Beulah

(Too late for last week.) We are having plenty of rain now.

Sunday school is progressing nicely with L. Jones as superintendent.

Misses Dennesta and Eva Shehan spent Sunday at the home of J. M. Fowler.

Mrs. G. W. Waycaster and little Ralph have been very sick are improving.

W. G. Green spent Sunday at home of home of Will Green.

Mrs. Grant Mills visited her parents, John Shehan and wife.

Frank Waycaster and Alexander Culbreath called on Dennesta and Minnie Shehan Sunday night.

John Panther called to see Grace Waycaster last Sunday.

Hurrah! for our rural policeman, G. W. Waycaster. He is on his job now and we hope he will clean up Polk county.

Greens Creek

(Too late for last week.) Mr. Stafford of Hendersonville filled his regular appointment at Greens Creek Saturday and Sunday.

We are having some winter and March wind now. Guess it will damage the fruit.

Mr. Spurlin and family have moved to Pearidge in the Bill Russell house. We sure will miss them here.

Miss Ethel and Ishman Henderson went with the Wileys family to an entertainment somewhere in the Boiling Spring neighborhood last Friday night.

Maud Spurlin spent Sunday at Mrs. Ed. Johnson's.

Miss Jennie Barnett has gone to Landrum to visit Miss Margaret Cantrell. Hope she will enjoy the visit.

Mill Spring R. 1

(Too late for last week.) A number of people from here attended services at Rock Spring Saturday.

Arthur Thompson and wife visited the later's parents A. A. Edwards and wife Sunday.

Knox Womack is suffering of tonsillitis.

Miss Lucy Sheehan from Rutherfordton spent last week with her aunt Mrs. A. A. Edwards.

Several people from here attended the singing and "peanut eating" at the home of W. H. Ledbetter last Saturday night. The singing was enjoyed very much by all those present, especially the listeners.

Several people from here were in Rutherfordton.

H. M. Whiteside and wife visited relatives here Thursday.

Miss Minnie Womack was an afternoon caller of Mrs. Eliza Jackson Friday.

Miss Birdie Allen who has been sick is improving.

V. B. Hyder was a dinner guest of Collette Fowler Sunday.

Rosecoe Whiteside was a Chimney Rock visitor Saturday night.

We have been having nice weather for the last few days. The farmers are all busy preparing land for cultivation this year.

Rev W. J. Hackney filled his regular appointment at Lebanon last Sunday.

Miss Faye Walker also Maud Womack spent Tuesday night with Mrs. W. E. Elliott.

Bert Edwards was in Tryon last Tuesday.

W. E. Elliott made some nice improvements on his house last week.

Quite a large crowd attended the singing at the home of V. B. Hyders' Tuesday night.

Misses Rosa and Thelma Fowler were the afternoon callers of Miss Minnie Womack last Monday.

Miss Birdie Allen enjoyed Sunday with her friend Miss Pearlie Mills.

W. W. Womack and wife visited at the home of G. L. Womack one day last week.

Misses Faye Walker and Gilreath Edwards dined with Maggie Lee and Ida Edwards last Sunday.

A. A. Womack and family were after church guests of Q. M. P. Powell Sunday.

Misses Mildred and Lela Womack spent the week-end at their homes. They returned to Hillcrest school Sunday.

J. T. Edwards made a business trip to Spartanburg last week.

Bob Lynch and sisters from near Pleasant Hill were among the visitors at Big Level church Sunday.

M. H. Hyder was a guest at the home of R. L. D. Gilbert last Sunday.

Broadus Whiteside is home from Stearns High School for a few days.

Mrs. Eliza Jackson is very ill.

Our school teacher and several of her pupils spent last Monday on Bear Den Mountain. Every one reports a fine time.

There was a singing at A. A. Edwards last Sunday evening.

Greens Creek.

Some of the Greens Creek people were glad to hear from their old friend A. F. Corbin our former music and agriculture teacher. He says he will pay us a visit before long. We will be glad to see him.

News has been received of the marriage of Miss Mollie Withers one of our teachers who resigned her position a few weeks ago, on account of the illness of her father.

Miss Weber of Cowpens is visiting her friends Misses Pernie and Vennie Feagan for a few days.

Mrs Sid Feagan who has been sick for sometime seems to be improving very slowly.

John Perser and wife of Spartanburg spent a few hours with their home folks Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Giles died at her home Saturday p. m. Age 44 yrs. Surviving are her husband, three daughters and two sons. Her remains was laid to rest in the Greens Creek cemetery, Sunday p. m. Rev. H. G. Liner conducting the funeral services. The husband and children have the deepest sympathy of their friends.

Wilbur Feagan and wife and Clifford Feagan spent a few hours at the home of Ed Feagan Sunday. Clifford was the winner of a gold medal in a debate at Boiling Springs High School, last Friday.

Some of our young people hiked to Hill Crest Sunday night to attend services.

Greens Creek school is progressing nicely.