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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.

Why is Polk one of N. C.'s backward Counties?

There might be many reasons given; but the writer can see two obvious reasons; one can never be atoned for but there can be a remedy for the other, which depends entirely upon the attitude the people of Polk county take of rural life in the future. One reason for the backwardness of the county was the rejection of the proposition to issue Railroad Bonds which would have insured a railroad through the heart of the county which would have made her county site one of the best towns in North Carolina.

Of course this opportunity was rejected and forever lost. The other reason is the fact that the great majority of the most intelligent young people, instead of building homes and remaining in Polk county, leave the county for other states, in quest of the almighty dollar. And all this is because of the education and training the young people get in the home and the school as they grow into man and womanhood. The main idea of life and the purpose of life, both past and present, is money getting. The first question when a business proposition is mentioned is "What's the salary?" or "What will it pay?" Certainly everyone who works must receive pay, or salary in some way; but there are better things in this world than the salary a man or a woman draws.

Why not change the ideal of the young people from that of making money to that of home building. Of course one must have money to build a home; but the money should only be the means to an end. The main purpose should be an ideal home and not to have money. When the main purpose of a young couple, newly married is to build a home they naturally, have an incentive both to earn and to save money, and when the money is earned, there is always a place for immediate investment of the money toward the completion of the home, which is always the first object of their ambition. When home is analyzed, it is one of the sweetest of all English words. The house is of small importance when compared to other things that go to make up the home. Of course a good house with water running through it, bath and sewerage arrangements, power washer, ironer, etc. are all highly important; but these sink into insignificance when compared to the words Mother, Father, Wife, Husband, Sister, Brother, Son, Daughter, Baby, Love, etc. yes it is possible to ever get away from putting money as our first and most important purpose in life and go back to the original American idea of Home Building as our chief aim?

There are thousands and thousands of acres of good land in Polk county that are absolutely worthless to its owners. There are also hundreds of the very best boys and girls growing up in Polk county that will make good citizens in other states unless the parents of these boys and girls will change their mode of thinking and cooperate with their children in such a way as to develop their lands into magnificent homes—just think of 500 or 1000 boys and girls settled in Polk county on our slacker lands instead of going away

from the country. Think of that many homes added to the number already in the country with the family cows, flock of poultry, the garden and all necessary equipment for a real modern home—then we might begin to think of old Polk county coming to the front and taking her stand with other progressing counties of the state; but so long as the land holders cling to their broad acres and give the bright boys and girls no chance for home building and force them to go abroad in quest of the almighty dollar there will be little progress.

What I Saw at Grayson Whitesides

Now Grayson Whiteside lives in Cooper Gap township, where some folks think there is "nothing doing"; there. Grayson was the hardest case in Polk county to persuade into doing something. He was a regular doubting Thomas; but when he caught the grass fever, he got busy and has kept busy since. Last week as I passed through his section. I drove by and the first thing I saw, was some fine milk cows on a beautiful green pasture.

Then I saw where and old-fashioned ram-shackled fence had been removed and a beautiful straight fence in its place and the briars and bushes that adorned the corners of the old fence are removed and grass growing in their place. Again I saw a lot of gullies and bare places in the pasture all covered over with brush and grass seed sown to make the necessary sod to prevent washing of the land. While Mr. Whiteside has not operated on a large scale; he has done some valuable demonstration work, in a small but persistent way, little by little; which the poorest farmer in Polk county can do. Other farmers in Cooper Gap township would do well to see what Mr. Whiteside has done and go do likewise.

An Appeal to Farmers

There are two classes of farmers, 1st, those who own the land, and 2nd, those who tend other men's land. All who till the soil should be of the first class of farmers. According to human nature, men cannot and will not do their best, except on land of their own and then it is a rare thing that one does his best. Any way God made the earth and gave it to man, and this gift included the rivers, lakes, seas and oceans as well as the air that surrounds it all. He also gave man the rain and sunshine and a mind by which we can think on Him and all His works, and couple up his operations with that of the farmer in producing food and clothing for all mankind. Now farmers; the world is passing through strange and perilous times. While we are at peace and have plenty; war and famine are stalking abroad in many parts of the world. You all realize as well as myself, that we are having a very peculiar season, so far as making a crop is concerned. I believe every farmer in Polk county is doing his best to produce food and clothing for his own family and for those who are dependent on him for a living. I know there is a strange weather condition that seems to operate against the farmer at every point and every day: just here is where this message comes in. If our civiliza-

Still Waiting For His Ride



SCHOOL BONDS SOLD

Kauffman, Smith & Emert the Successful Bidders for Entire Issue at a Premium of \$2,068.95

According to the advertisement, bids for the \$65,000 issue of bonds of the Tryon Graded School District, were opened Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. There were nine bidders for the issue, the lowest being \$65,773.50 and the highest \$67,405.00.

Below are the bids as submitted.

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| W. K. Terry & Co., Toledo | \$65,773.50 |
| Weil Roth & Co., Cincinnati | 67,405.00 |
| Sidney Spitzer & Co., Toledo | 67,005.00 |
| Blanchard, Thornburg & Vanderstall Toledo | 66,301.00 |
| J. N. Jackson, Tryon | 66,295.00 |
| Hanchet Bond Co., Chicago | 67,008.52 |
| Prudden & Co., Toledo | 66,656.00 |
| Spitzer, Rorick & Co., Toledo | 66,547.00 |
| Kauffman, Smith Emert Co., Toledo | 67,068.95 |

The bid of Roth Weil, not conforming to terms of the advertisement for bids, was thrown out and bonds sold to Kauffman, Smith & Emert Co. at \$67,068.95.

This is a good showing for our school district, and indicates that better times are near.

tion is to be perpetuated in the earth, you are the only agency that can do it. There is no way under Heaven by which the world of mankind can be fed and clothed than by way of the products of the earth brought about by human labor.

So in the face of adverse weather conditions, press forward with all the energy every moment of time that land can be reasonably worked and prepare and plant any kind of useful crops will mature before frost next fall for man and beast. Quit thinking of money as a result of your labors.

Think of taking care of your own wife and children and those other peoples of the earth depending on your effort and the money end will take care of itself. I reiterate; if the world is fed next year, you are the only medium through which it can be done. So do your very level best and if the world perish through starvation, let it be on account of natural weather conditions and not because of indolence on the part of Polk county farmers. Go about your work every morning in a cheerful and faithful manner. Don't worry and fret about weather condi-

tions. There is no power on earth to control weather conditions: but by close study and wise action we can take advantage of weather conditions and accomplish much. Remember always that the farmer of all human enterprises, works daily and hourly in direct-cooperation with God and His Laws. Of all business men on earth, the farmers live closest to Gods Laws and must exercise the greatest faith in Him for successful crops.

Mill Spring Route 1.

A large crowd attended the birthday dinner at Vance Newman's Sunday.

Miss Dorcas Edwards who has been in Burnsville for quite a while is home for the summer.

J. Burnette got his lip cut very bad Sunday while coming from church his car ran against a tree causing some glass to break.

J. Jackson is improving.

There was a singing at the home of V. B. Hyder Sunday.

J. G. and Fletcher Edwards made a business trip to Asheville last Monday.

Johnnie Griffin and Mary Sue Bradley from near Forest City were married at the home of W.

W. Womack last Monday. We wish them a long and prosperous life.

Several attended services at Chiger Ridge Sunday.

V. B. Hyder and son Gordon were in Spindale a few days ago.

Misses Bertha and Ida Edwards were after church guests of Mildred and Maude Womack Sunday.

Mesdames W. E. Elliott and W. W. Womack visited Mrs. J. J. Jackson Saturday evening.

A number of guests were entertained at the home of V. H. Burnette Sunday.

Can You Qualify?

It has been stated that to own a \$5,000 automobile, its purchaser should be possessed of a \$10,000 income.

To own a \$4,000 automobile, an \$8,500 income.

To own a \$2,500 automobile, a \$5,000 income.

To own a \$2,000 automobile, a \$4,000 income.

To own a \$1,500 automobile a \$3,000 income.

To own a \$1,000 automobile a \$2,500 income.

Patronize Our Advertisers.

Columbus

The Sunday School Institute conducted by Messers Jones and B. L. West at the Baptist church was very successful. Mr. West who had charge of the B. Y. P. U. work awarded 14 diplomas. A B. Y. P. U. was organized with officers as follows: President, Vada McMurry; Vice President, Curtis Hill; Sec. Dorothy Edwards; Group Captains, Gertrude West and Eylene Edwards. The course given by Mr. Jones on the periods which the Bible is divided into was very helpful to all, enabling one to study it by divisions.

Miss Edna Blanton of Molesboro visited her brother, Fred Blanton, here last week.

Miss Fay Ford of Rutherfordton has been visiting Miss Jeanette McFarland.

Misses Vada McMurray and Minnie Arledge spent last weekend in Hendersonville visiting Mrs. J. E. Shipman.

Miss Hannie Mae McGuinn has returned home from the summer school at Union Mills.

Miss Eva Davis of Green River was in Columbus Saturday.

J. W. Jack has purchased a car.

Gay Hill spent last week in Rutherfordton.

A crowd of young people enjoyed a hike to the mountains Friday.

N. G. Mills left Sunday for Steely's Hospital where he will receive treatment.

Tom Lynch spent Sunday with his parents here.

There will be an ice cream supper at the Presbyterian church Saturday, July 1st, at 6:00 o'clock.

Lynn

Dr. Pratt filled his regular apartment here Sunday.

The Sunday school is being quite well attended, still room for more.

R. G. Rhyne and wife and Mr. Kirley of Mt. Holley, N. C. was a guest of W. A. Cannon last Saturday night. Mr. Rhyne is prospecting for a location for a summer assembly grounds for the Lutheran Synod of N. C.

Miss Sattie Parker who is teaching in the Teachers Institute at Brevard, spent last week end at home.

The detouring while building new road seems a little inconvenient but it is to be hoped that the public will be patient.

The new concrete bridge spanning the Skyuka, in Cannon's pasture is now complete and is a fine piece of work.

The Dunn and Woodall camp at the Lynn bridge is becoming a very busy place.

Miss Lettie Nutt of Sonibel, Fla., and a friend of Miss Sattie Parker are doing light house-keeping at the teachers' dormitory while taking a summer vacation.

Dr. Romeo Hicks and wife of Henrietta passed through Lynn last Sunday on his way home from Brevard. He stopped long enough to shake hands with his cousins, Mrs. H. G. Cannon and his sisters Misses Emma and Myra Hicks who he had not seen for 40 years.

Miss Myra Hicks fell one day last week and sustained a painful shake-up.

Cathedral Resembles Grass Hill. Of the world's cathedrals, probably the most curious is that which crowns a hill in Uganda. In appearance it resembles nothing so much as a mountain of grass, although on closer inspection one is able to see that mud and wood have been extensively employed. The structure can accommodate 4,000 people.