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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.

### To Farmers and all other Business Men of Polk County

We have just made an outline road map of Polk County and wish every business man in the county would do likewise, or call at my office and let us go over mine. It reveals certain things that need correction. These things we have begun to correct; but if we would make a study of our business relations with ourselves and with others, we would see more clearly why closer business relations would build Polk county instead of building the outside world at the expense of our own women and children. I want to appeal to every farmer, big and little in Polk county, during the next five yrs. to do his level best in every way to make the best and law abiding citizen possible. When this resolution is firmly fixed; the next resolution should be that will cooperate to the extent of my ability with all other farmers in conducting fairs, Farmers Federation and every other movement that will improve the farmer's condition. We should not stop at a closer relation with each other; but farmers should have the cooperative spirit. We should cooperate with our merchants and banks—and in turn our merchants should show the most friendly spirit toward the farmer. No county can be rich without a coordination of all its resources and interests. Our Road Board, Board of Education, Board of County Commissioners, Board of Trade, banks and merchants should make a study of our county roads, schools, business needs and all cooperate in the fullest measure to develop the whole county. Little neighbor jealousies should not enter into our thinking. A great county program should be the aim of every county official as well as every private citizen in the county.

The farmers of Polk county have their warehouse on the railroad at Tryon. That warehouse will be useful to farmers in proportion to the amount of patronage they give it. This warehouse never was intended to be a rival in the retail market; but to supply a long felt need of disposing of farm products through shipments abroad, and by supplying the farmers at wholesale fertilizers, lime and other fundamental supplies which enter into his crops to aid him in cheaper production for the good of the entire consuming public of which he is a great component part. What we need and desire is a better mutual understanding between our bankers merchants and farmers. Everybody now understands that when the farmer is taken out, that everybody else is in the same condition. So let us all study our interests together—and in the interest of everybody one pull manfully and womanly for the best interests of all of Polk county and then just watch us grow.

### The Larger Vision

In all history no man has ever accomplished any thing worth while until he caught a vision. He must see something worth an effort, before he will make the effort. Now what we have in mind is Polk county. What does the average Polk county man and woman see in Polk county? What has she been? What has

she done? What is she now and what are her future possibilities? Suppose we could hang the county on a wall like a map, what would we see? We would see along the south western border a railroad and a state highway from the Henderson county line to the south Carolina line, with the town of Saluda located on these roads near the Henderson county line and the town of Tryon situated on these lines of travel near the South Carolina line. We would also see the state highway passing through the center of the county with the little villages of Lynn, Columbus the county site and Mill Spring along the line. At Columbus we would see another road, which should and must be made a trunk road leading from Columbus to Greens Creek. We would also see another road leading from Mill Spring to Sunny View school in Cooper Gap township, which should be made equal to the road from Columbus to Greens Creek. You would also see a trail of a road from Sunny View School by way of Cooper Gap Church, Red Mountain, Mountain View, Milo Foster Bridge, Silver Creek to Mill Spring. Then by a close examination you would see a road start out from Saluda eastward and near old Friendship church make a dive, with twenty-one zig, zag turns and twists into the famous Green River Cove and there it stops. And this is the main purpose of this article. Polk County as a great county cannot allow this little link of road to remain unbuilt. That is from Fishtop in Green River Cove to Brides Creek to connect with the loop route from Mill Spring via Sunny View, Red Mountain, Mountain View, Foster Bridge, Silver Creek to Mill Spring. When this is done, with the opening up and improving of a few settlement roads, all the northwestern section of the county would have easy ingress and egress. Then let your eyes and mental vision turn to the other lobe of the county and you would see another large and splendid section of the county completely hedged away from their county site for lack of a very short link of road. This section is Hickory Grove, partly in Columbus and partly in Green Creek township. A farmer in that section to get to Columbus must go a half circle by way of Sandy Plains on the east, or a half circle by way of the west or take a direct course over a pig trail which is almost impassable. By making one half mile of road, two cross roads a great host of farmers would be sent by the most direct line of travel to their county site. When this is done, and the little link from Green River Cove to Brides Creek, and the local neighborhood roads all over the county improved; Polk county would have the finest system of roads to be found in any county. The natural line of travel from any section of the county site, Tryon and Saluda, which should be the logical aim of every county. Last week we studied the Geography and topography of Polk county. This week we want to study road system. We trust many farmers and business men will make a study of our county road system. Especially I ask the cashier of every bank in Polk county to make a road map of



Report of the condition of  
**The Bank of Tryon**  
at Tryon, N. C., at the close of business June 30th, 1922.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts.....	\$90,592.29
Overdrafts, secured.....	713.99
U. S. bonds and Liberty bonds.....	7,900.00
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.....	34,287.65
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$140,423.34</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$10,000.00
Surplus fund.....	10,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid.....	2,317.48
Notes and bills rediscounted.....	None
Bills payable.....	None
Certificates of Deposit representing money borrowed.....	None
Deposits subject to check.....	85,539.91
Time certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days.....	688.20
Cashier's checks outstanding.....	1,413.44
Savings Deposits.....	30,464.31
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$140,423.34</b>

State of North Carolina,  
County of Polk.  
July 5th, 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 5th day of July, 1922.  
W. F. Little, Notary Public.  
My commission expires March 14, 1923.

the county and see how the making of the two short links of road would tie up our county system of roads and affect for good the business affairs of the county. We must know more about our county; and after getting a greater vision set to work and put what we see into actual substantial economic utilities.

Report of the Condition of the  
**Polk County Bank & Trust Co.**  
at Columbus, N. C., at the close of business, June 30, 1922.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts.....	\$55,166.16
Demands Loans.....	1,722.61
Overdrafts, secured.....	498.94
unsecured.....	112.17
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>815.26</b>
U. S. bonds and Liberty bonds.....	2,200.00
All other stocks, bonds and mortgages.....	800.00
Banking house, 5,670.52 furniture and fixture 3,476.02.....	9,146.54
All other Real Estate owned.....	3,753.07
Cash in vault and net amount due from banks, bankers and trust companies.....	14,793.98
Checks for clearing.....	531.74
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$88,929.36</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$13,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid.....	947.01
Notes and bills rediscounted.....	3,000.00
Bills Payable.....	12,000.00
Deposits due banks, bankers, and Trust companies.....	822.96
Deposit subject to check.....	25,540.14
Demand certificates of deposit.....	2,317.00
Cashier's checks outstanding.....	1.94
Time certificates of deposits, due on or after 30 days.....	30,500.31
Certificate U. S. Bonds.....	800.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$88,929.36</b>

State of North Carolina,  
County of Polk.  
July 5th, 1922.  
I, Fred W. Blanton, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
FRED W. BLANTON, Cashier.  
Correct—Attest:  
Frank Jackson,  
E. W. S. Cobb,  
J. W. Newman,  
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 5th, day of July, 1922.  
J. F. Ormand, U. S. Comm.

## Report of the condition of the Peoples Bank & Trust Co.

at Tryon, N. C., at the close of business June 30, 1922.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts.....	\$102,953.25
Demands Loans.....	884.40
Overdrafts, secured.....	632.95
unsecured.....	251.45
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>884.40</b>
U. S. bonds and Liberty bonds.....	77,350.00
All other stocks, bonds, and mortgages, Polk county bonds.....	1,500.00
Banking house, 6,510 furniture and fixtures, 2,900.....	9,410.00
Cash in vault and net amounts due from banks, bankers, and trust companies.....	24,934.21
Checks for clearing.....	11.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$217,042.86</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$10,000.00
Surplus Fund.....	1,500.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid.....	2,456.61
Bills payable.....	10,000.00
Deposit subject to check.....	92,811.52
Time certificates of deposit, due in less than 30 days.....	8,895.57
Cashier's checks outstanding.....	2,238.49
Savings deposits.....	23,540.67
Certificates of deposit for Liberty Bonds.....	65,600.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$217,042.86</b>

State of North Carolina,  
County of Polk.  
July 7th, 1922.  
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 7, day of July, 1922.  
J. B. Hester, Notary Public.  
My commission expires May 18th 1922.

### Notice to Polk County Farmers.

The first annual meeting of the stock holders of The Polk County Farmers Federation will be held at the Court House in Columbus, N. C., on Monday July 17th, at 10 o'clock a. m. And all farmers, members and non-members are requested to attend this meeting. The members should be more familiar with what the Federation is doing, and those who are not members, should meet with the members and find out the aims and purposes of the Federation and help make it a great success and blessing to themselves and consuming public at large. Every farmer come and bring a lunch and let us picnic together and feel more like brothers and sisters. Now why not? And make it the best get together farmers meeting ever held in Polk county. Respectfully J. R. SAMS.

### Farmers Market

WE WANT

Eggs.....	20c
Chickens.....	15
Frying Chickens.....	24
Corn per bu.....	1.00
Peas per bu.....	2.00
Cane Seed per bu.....	.90
Hams.....	.22

Too 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.

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### Columbus

There will be an Ice Cream Supper on the School Campus Saturday July 15th, at 6:00 p. m. given by the Ladies of the Baptist Church. The proceeds will be used for payments on the Piano. Every one is invited to attend.

The Revival Services at the Baptist Church will begin Sunday July 16th.

Mr. J. W. Jack and family, attended the Fourth of July celebration at Rutherfordton.

Miss Ruth Green is visiting friends in Rutherfordton this week.

Marion Smith has gone to Detroit to accept a position there.

Miss Curtis Hill spent last week in Rutherfordton.

Odessa Mills spent last week-end at her home here.

Capt. McIntire attended the Fourth of July Celebration at Rutherfordton taking part in the Confederate Veterans' Parade.

Mattie Green has returned home from a visit to her Grandfather J. T. Waldrop.

Sallie Lynch has accepted a position at Chimney Rock for the remainder of the Summer.

### Mill Spring Route 1

Rev. Roland White, preached a very interesting sermon at Lebanon last Sunday his text was Romans: 13-6. A large crowd enjoyed the sermon.

The infant of Ralph Edwards and wife was buried at Big Level Saturday last. Budded on Earth to bloom in Heaven.

Mr. Jones of Melvin Hill called on the route Sunday.

Chressie Burnett spent Saturday afternoon with her friend Maggie Sue Edwards.

Several people from here went to Rutherfordton Tuesday.

Charles Flynn from near Chimney Rock attended services at Lebanon Sunday.

Doris Edwards spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. Thompson.

Bert Edwards was in Tryon Monday.

J. D. Burnett went to Melvin Hill Sunday.

Norman Elliott is suffering from whooping cough.

Monroe Ogle and Talmage Allen went to an ice cream supper at Green Hill Saturday night.

Mr. Grisel and wife, from Spartanburg, are visiting the latter's parents, S. Ogle and wife.

The many friends of L. Gilbert will be sorry to learn of his death. He was buried at Big Level on Tuesday.

### Dog Hill Paragraphs.

Cricket Hicks has decided to get him a slim girl, as it is too much of a job fanning a fat one during the hot weather.

Slim Pickens, who has been in declining health for the past three days, was at the singing on Gander Creek Sunday and appeared again able to lift his voice and carry a tune.

Miss Hostetter Hicks rendered one of her charming solos at the Hog Ford Church Sunday morning. She didn't bring the house down, but the stove-pipe shook.

A Texas Iconoclast.  
Our guess is that when the bride promises to love, honor and obey she is just as earnest as when she kisses the bridegroom's folks.—Dallas News.