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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 Columbus.

I have been quiet busy all day in my office arranging to go to the farmers and womens convention next week at the state college, Raleigh, N. C.

During some deep meditations, I heard a bell ring at the school building and on inquiring found that Miss Padgett, our home demonstrator was conducting a demonstration in home economics at the school house, and being desirous to know more of what was going on in the community the writer repaired to the said school building and what do you guess I saw. I saw so much at a single glance about the room, that it would take twenty sheets of legal cap paper to hold it. Really I am bewildered to know just where to begin telling what I did see.

I know I saw one thing and that a gas stove in the corner of the room with some sizzling hot vessels on it. Then glancing about the room I saw about twenty mothers, some doing one thing and some another. Then I saw a covey of girls about 12 to 16 years old peeling potatoes and smiling as they worked. I also saw a crowd of little girls in the crowd about 8 to 12 years old. Then there was a bunch of smaller girls looking on. What impression did I get from this peep into this room? My first impression was, that here is a school. Yes, a real school whose students were mothers of almost all ages; girls of almost all ages going to school together. Going to school? Yes, to a real school, one of human experience. Was the text book used? Natures products fresh from the fields and gardens and good sense.

This is what home demonstration work is and it's meaning is

to prepare the girls now in the homes to be ready when the day comes, and come it will, to preside in the future over the homes of Polk county or some other county where their lots may be cast in a more efficient way than their mothers were prepared. Of course I saw many other things. For instance I saw Miss Padgett with a white apron and a white cloth tied about her head which becomes her very much when at work, I looked for an ugly woman and not one in all that crowd did I see, for all were smiling and who ever seen an ugly woman with a smile on her face. The big girls and all were smiling and happy, doubtless every woman and girl went from that school; for a school it was with new economies. When the mothers were girls they had no such opportunities, but now the state is preparing teachers of home economics and sending them out to counties that will avail themselves of such teachers, paying the big part of the salary. In other words the states are sending to the people teachers that will give their girls the same training at home that they would get at college at a great cost. All the women want their girls to have this training and all thoughtful men desire the same thing.

What I want to see in the future is homes with well trained girls to become the mothers of a generation of people never approached by any preceding generation. We all want to see that, and the way to see it is to go to work and give the girls training and you will see what you look for. I saw in that room what I looked for and we will see in the future what we look for and expect.

A Letter from Mrs. Copeland.

Kingston B. W. I.
July, 9, 1922.

Dear Clarence,

Kingston, the most picturesque and interesting place. We arrived here at 10 a. m. today and we who were making the trip to other parts, immediately went ashore. Two other ladies and myself took a car and went out to see the wonderful Botanical Garden, and we saw some of the most beautiful, as well as wonderful, plants and trees. One tree we saw called the Cannon Ball tree; the balls or seed resembling in size and shape a rusty cannon ball; the flower looked very much like an orchid, very pretty in color. Another was the Cinnamon tree, the bark when dried is what we use, and it is much stronger before it is dried; the Teakwood, and the Water Palm which grow on the desert and if you are thirsty you can split it (if your knife is long enough) and get pure fine water. The Bread Fruit tree is very beautiful the foliage is so glossy and a very dark green, the fruit when ripe is cooked (boiled) and is very much like our chestnuts, is very nourishing and not bad to the taste. A Banana grove of hundreds of trees hanging full of green fruit. I always thought that they let some of the fruit get ripe on the tree but they never do. They are always cut green and allowed to ripen in the dark. The Harbor to Kingston is most beautiful, a regular land, locked harbor and the approach to the city is wonderful; and such mountains, they rise high above the water and are covered with most luxurious vegetation. Large palms with leaves 15 and 20 feet long called Ostrich palms on account of the leaves looking so much like a plume. We also saw a cocoonut grove; the trees hanging full of cocoonuts.

The natives are most picturesque with their basket of fruits on their heads, Mangoes a very peculiar looking plumb, and the funny little Burrows with their pack baskets fastened to a grass blanket one on either side loaded until it seemed like they could not move; but they would trot along as though they did not have anything on them. The Police have such a funny looking uniform consisting of a white duck coat. Black belt, dark blue trousers with broad red stripes on side, the white helmet and they with their black faces sure look strange. Oh yes, I almost forgot to tell you of one of the most beautiful scenes is the soldiers barracks. Just as you enter the harbor, on the point is the light house along the coast for quiet few miles are all the buildings of the soldiers barracks and the ground is beautiful with flowers and palms. Oh it is a most wonderful trip and I am enjoying it to the fullest extent. I will write you again from Colon our next stop. Hope you are all well. With love to all. ROSA.

S. S. Carrillo.

At Sea Kingston to Colon.
July 12, 1922.

Dear Clarence and Myrtle,

I was just told that I could get a note off to you as we would meet a ship in Colon that would take mail. The trip from Kingston has been quite rough but just now the sea is wonderful. I want to go ashore at Colon if anyone else does and I suppose they will as we will be here all night. I would have liked a longer time in Kingston but I

saw quite a lot only to have been there such a short while. All the houses are only two story as they are afraid of earthquakes. And there are so many bon bon huts taken, taken all together it is a very interesting place to visit. We took on there a lot of deck passengers it was interesting to watch them get settled. On the after deck they stretched an awing and the passengers all had their cots or steamer chairs and provisions; men, women and children all together it sure is some sight. We are nearing Colon they say, so I will stop and get this on the ship for home. With love to all. ROSA.

Columbus

The Misses Colvin of Chester S. C. visited Mrs. F. W. Blanton last week end.

Marion Mills of Spartanburg is spending some time with his parents Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Mills.

Mollie Dalton of Mill Spring visited Marie Burgess here last week end.

Mr. Lindsey Smith, wife and daughter, Coy, spent the week end with Mr. Metcalf and wife on the mountain.

Gladys Gibbs of Mill Spring visited the Misses Mills last week.

Estelle Walker visited last week with her sister, Mrs. E. B. Cloud.

Eva Davis, Gladys and Estelle Walker, Marvin and Eba Hines, Glenn and Eula Jackson former students of Stearns High School, spent Saturday in Columbus.

Corine Feagan spent last week in Landrum.

Lucian Hicks was a Columbus visitor for the week end.

Eunice Cloud and Mable Thompson and Kieth Thompson attended the Sunday School Convention at Silver Creek Sunday.

Yates Arledge and wife of Hendersonville visited J. P. Arledge Sunday.

Jim Shipman and family visited in Columbus last week.

Rev. Williamson of Saluda preached at the Presbyterian Church Sunday.

The B. Y. P. U. will hold its regular meeting Sunday night at 8:00. Group No. 1 will have charge of the program. The topic is "God's Help When Times Are Hardest." A devotional meeting and the scripture lesson is found in Mark 14:32-42 verses.

Columbus Baseball team played Melvin Hill team Saturday at Columbus. The score was 1-15 in favor of Columbus.

Harrell and Johnnie Carnegie of Rutherfordton were here Sunday.

Rev. O'Neil and sister Mrs. McSwain were in Columbus last week looking after property located here.

Too Much.

A very stout man mounted the scales in a downtown drugstore the other day and dropped a penny in the slot. There was some wait, and the clanking and rattling of the inward of the contraption, and the pointer finally came to rest somewhere not far from the 300 mark. There was an unseen witness to the ceremony, and, as the fat man woefully contemplated the result, the voice of a wee small boy piped up from behind him: "Say, Mister, how many times did it go around?"

Turned Down.

"Boss," whined the beggar, "speak in' as man to man, I'm hungry." "Friend," replied the pedestrian, "speaking as man to man, I have just one dime left for car fare and I propose to see that a greedy corporation gets it."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Life as I See It.

Life is not a sprint, but an obstacle race. You might as well qualify for it on that basis.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

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

Coopers Gap

Well it is very warm weather and most of the farmers of this section are about done work in their crops.

Messers Buford and Clarence Whiteside have purchased a new truck to haul lumber with.

Leona Wilson is at Rutherfordton Hospital for a treatment.

Mrs. J. L. Jackson was ill the past week.

Messers Furman and Twitty Jackson and Belton Jackson and M. A. McGuinn have been spending the last week in Morristown, Tenn. on a visit.

J. H. Gibbs our most popular R. F. D. carrier is spending his vacation in Ashville, N. C., and is boarding at the Farmers Restaurant while on his stay there.

E. C. Lynch is busy hauling peaches to Asheville this week.

Sunny View

Several from this place attended services at Big Level Sunday.

Mrs. Ella Gibbs visited her sister, Lilly Taylor Sunday afternoon.

We are sorry to say that Mrs. J. L. Jackson, who has been ill some time is not improving.

I. B. Wilson and family visited their grandmother Mrs. S. J. Helton, Sunday.

The B. Y. P. U. at Coopers Gap is progressing nicely.

Maggie Jackson of Chimney Rock spent Friday with her father J. L. Jackson.

Noah Lynch was a caller near Rutherfordton Sunday, at the home of J. M. Brian.

Annie Jackson, who has been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. S. J. Helton for a few weeks, has returned to her home in Whitney, S. C.

B. Jackson made a business trip to Saluda one day last week.

Mill Spring

The revival services will begin at Coopers Gap the second Sunday in August. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

Revival services began at the Baptist Church Sunday morning.

The ice cream, box and pie supper given by the B. Y. P. U. Saturday p. m. was quite a success. The proceeds will be used for church repairing. \$39.18 was the sum received.

J. H. Gibbs is in Ashville at this writing.

J. Robert Foster, who has a position in Tryon, spent Saturday night and Sunday at his home.

We are glad to report that dog which bit George Vivian Brisco was not mad, as reported.

Mrs. C. M. Dicus and children who have been visiting with her mother several months left Monday for Robbinsville, N. C., accompanied by her sister, Annie Lee Gibbs. Mr. Dicus spent the latter part of last week here, returning with them.

Victor Lankford and family were visiting his mother Mrs. J. R. Foster last week-end.

Frank Dinsdale of Kansas City Kansas, spent Saturday night with his sister, Mrs. F. R. Coggins. He went on to Coopers Gap where he will visit relatives for a few weeks.

The parents and many friends of Ray N. Edwards and wife of Slaton, Texas, were grieved to here of the tragic death of their

daughter, Evangeline. Deepest sympathy is expressed for them in their dark hours of sorrow.

Janet Stroud spent a few days here last week.

We are glad to see A. M. Lynch back to his road position.

Miss Padgett our home demonstration agent, and Miss Crater our district agent were with us last Thursday. The girls meet with them in the forenoon for the demonstration of beans and beet canning. In the afternoon the married ladies and girls, observed the jelly demonstration.

Mill Spring Route 1.

Revival services ended at Lebanon and Big Level last Saturday with good results. At Lebanon, Rev. Rathburn preached splendid sermons and Revs. Linder and Gosnell at Big Level. Many souls were led to Christ during the past week.

Mrs. M. E. Womack from near Rutherfordton, but formerly of this place, is visiting friends and relatives this week.

Mrs. J. R. Hardin and children Hugh and Leona, of Forest City are visiting at the home of the formers parents, Rev. W. W. Womack and wife.

Our Editor and wife were welcomed guests at the home of A. A. Edwards and family last Sunday.

Marvin Edwards and Hortense Fisher were at the home of A. A. Edwards Sunday.

Miss Francis Lynch of Rutherfordton spent Monday and Tuesday with her friend Maggie Sue Edwards.

Ellen Edwards who graduated at Brevard last year is at home for her vacation. She will soon leave for her teaching.

Misses Mildred Womack and Martha Hickman spent Friday night with Mrs. Q. M. Powell.

John Womack and wife of Forest City visited relatives here last week.

Maggie Sue Edwards spent Friday with her friend Mary Willie Whiteside near Chimney Rock.

Women's Missionary Society was organized at Lebanon last Sunday with about 25 members and the following officers: Mamie Womack, president; Maggie Sue Edwards, vice-president; Bertha Edwards, secretary; Mildred Womack, treasurer. The committees have not been elected yet.

Fond Relatives.

Allice—"Do the doctors give you much hope regarding your rich uncle's illness?" Bob—"No, they say he may live for many years yet."—Houston Post.

Making Matches.

Matches are turned out in huge quantities by machinery. The machines now in use cut great planks of wood into match splints at lightning speed. The ends of the splints are then passed through a paraffin bath and receive their heads.

On Happiness.

There is no happiness but in a virtuous and self-approving conduct. Unless our actions will bear the test of our sober judgments and reflections upon them, they are not the actions and consequently not the happiness of a rational being.—Benjamin Franklin.

Working Toward an Object.

Did you ever hear of a man who had striven all his life faithfully and singly toward an object and in no measure obtained it? If a man constantly aspires, is he not elevated? Did ever man try heroism, magnanimity, truth, sincerity, and find that there was no advantage in them, that it was a vain endeavor?—Henry D. Thoreau.

Democrats Nominate Ticket

At the mass convention held on Saturday by the Democratic party, at Columbus, the following ticket was nominated.

Clerk of Court, F. M. Burgess. Representative, J. C. Fisher. Sheriff, Frank Jackson.

Register of Deeds, W. C. Hague.

Surveyor, J. B. Livingston.

Coroner, R. B. Williams.

Commissioners, W. H. Ledbetter and T. H. Steadman.

Mill Spring

Rev. Hackney preached at Bethlehem Sunday.

Revival services closed at the Baptist Church Friday night with two additions to the church.

Mrs. Lionell Brisco and Leona Egerton returned home Wednesday from Ashville Summer School.

Logan Gibbs and wife of Spartanburg, S. C. visited relatives Sunday and Monday.

Some of our people attended the Sunday School Convention at Silver Creek yesterday.

Mrs. Will Walker is visiting her sister, Mrs. Avery Elliot of Columbus.

Mr. W. A. Mills passed away Friday night. He has been failing in health for some time, but just recently he was confined to his bed. The many friends extend their deepest sympathy to this family. We will greet a tly miss Mr. Mills in his pleasing manner. He was always ready to greet anyone with a pleasing smile and a hearty handshake.

Gladys Jackson is visiting her

grandfather at Mountain View.

Lifesus Jackson and Ralph Humphries spent a few hours at the home of John Jackson Friday.

Minnie Brisco and Mrs. Cora Duncan spent a few days with their aunt Alice Brisco, last week.

Messers R. Jones and C. Barnett of Greens Creek attended services here Friday night. We were also glad to have some of the Columbus people with us.

At Congregational Church.

Bible school at 10 a. m.

Public worship and sermon at 11 a. m.

Bible study class at 8 p. m. on Wednesdays.

Welcome to the public.

On Camping Trip

The Misses Bettie and Margaret Doubleday, Louise Dunn, Caroline Jervey, and Leon and Hugh White and Jerry Stevenson left Tuesday for a camping trip near Tuxedo at camp K. K. K. They will be joined at Flat Rock by the Andrews girls and Mrs. Kittrell and two sons.

They expect to be gone about a week, but from the looks of the outfit I think they intended staying longer.

Will Never Grow Old.

A young woman can't help thinking that she will never grow old, because long before the time comes for that there will be a change in the laws of nature.

Fellow Sufferers.

Dryden—"No, sir; I don't know what whisky tastes like." Wetmore—"I understand. Since we've been reduced to this synthetic stuff I, also, have forgotten what real whisky tastes like."