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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.

Possibilities of Manufacturing in Polk County

Ofcourse we do not have beds of iron ore, coal, lime to build a Pittsburg or Birmingham; but we do have the climate, water, water power, agricultural possibilities to support a large population, the long growing season that would give operatives, fresh meat and vegetables almost the year through.

When sufficient pastures and feed are produced in the County to properly keep the required number of dairy cows, the manufacture of butter and ice might be manufactured profitably.

The vast amount of water power in the county offers fine inducements to capital willing to engage in the manufacture of cotton. Why not organize a building and loan association for the purpose of manufacturing houses to sell to home seekers in the county.

Many people are inquiring for houses at this time. There is a great scarcity of houses everywhere at this time and the towns and countrys that get busy and provide this almost universal need, will be first to reap this the following reward.

The mountains of Polk county as well as the ridges produce a great quantity of hickory, why not make pick, mattock, axe and other handles for home use and to ship abroad.

There is also an opportunity for many to engage largely in the manufacture of sorghum syrup. A grape juice, pickling and canning factory doubtless would prove remunerative to those who would develop such an enterprise.

Our State Fair

We are expecting the greatest state fair at Raleigh N. C. next October, which has been offered to the public.

If our expectations ripen into a reality, how will it be done? There are one hundred counties in North Carolina and these counties are wealthy and full of opportunity to produce the best, grains, truck, fruits, live stock, timbers and manufactured products.

These one hundred counties, if every one will take space and make an exhibit commensurate with their wealth and ability to make a county exhibit, will not only astonish the exhibitors; but will astonish our old North State and visitors from all other states who visit our fair.

Now what is our county of Polk going to do? She is little; but tremendously loud when she tries, as was proven time and again during the world war. The trouble is Polk County under estimates her ability to do things. She is growing the corn sweet and Irish potatoes, apples, cabbage, hay cotton and other things to make up a decent state fair if it could all be shown up. Now the state fair management has called on me to see that Polk County make a creditable showing at the state fair this fall, in order to help advertise our State in a way that she will sit at the head of the agricultural table among the states where she belongs if only properly shown up. We can do our part and we should it nobly; but will we? That will depend on whether our citizens have the right county and state pride or

not. We have the stuff. No doubt about that, so let us begin now and not let up until we have collected specimens from every line of our farming activities that will make every Polk county farmer and other business men in the county full proud that he is a citizen of such a county.

All together let us help the ninety-nine other counties make the best fair ever pulled off in the old North State and let many farmers attend this year.

Farmers Market

WE WANT

Eggs	26c
Chickens	15
Frying Chickens	.20
Hams	.22
corn per bu.	.90

Tryon's New School Site!

Editor Polk County News:

A king once rebuked the mayor of a town for not firing a salute on his arrival. The mayor said he had twenty-four reasons for not doing it, the first of which was, he had no powder. The Tryon School Board is in a fix like that. There are good reasons for selecting a central site for the new school building, like the Livingstone-Mills, or Claud Ballenger properties, but there isn't money enough to pay for them and the school building too, and at present Tryon isn't going to pile up any more debt. A portion, 15 acres of the former Gordon property can be got for \$3000, while these central sites will cost from four to eight times as much; while \$3,000 will build a straight road from the Lynn highway, which will bring this proposed locality within less than a quarter of a mile of the present school building.

It has many decided advantages. It is protected from railway dangers by a ravine and steep hill of undergrowth while a deep cut shuts off all train noises. Its elevation gives plenty of light and air from all sides. There is a fine panoramic view of the mountain ranges. The trimming or felling of a few trees will make it a prominent object to the traveler by rail or highway, thus making it a welcoming advertisement of Tryon as residence and resort.

A representative of the State Board of Education after a thorough study and inspection of the problem, gave it his unqualified approval over the other sites. Several citizens, once heartily in favor of the more central sites, have on visiting it, changed their opinion. Besides if you haven't got the price what you going to do about it?

E. G. HOLDEN.

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.

Holy Cross Episcopal Church

REV. C. P. BURNETT, Rector. Services for August:

Holy Communion each Sunday morning 7:30 o'clock.

Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Litany and Intercessions for the sick, Fridays 5 p. m.

The regular 11 o'clock Sunday service will be resumed on the first Sunday in September.

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A Letter from Mrs. Copeland.

Barranquilla, Columbia, S. A. July 16, 1922.

Dear Folks:

Oh how I wish I had you on this trip with me! It is wonderful to me. It is now that I miss Daddy, Oh so much! We first touched Colon, after leaving Kingston, B. W. I. Went to see the Gatun Lock. Saw four boats pass through the canal, which was a sight to remember. Then went to Christabal (you know they are in one, on one side is Colon; on the other is Christobal;) Saw so many pretty things in the shops; ivory medallions, beautiful drawnwork, maderia embroidery, immense shell combs (they measure 12 inches across and are worn by the senoritas to drape mantillas over), shell canes, ivory beads and, I think, most anything to be found either in China or Japan. We were there all day and all night.

From there we went to Cartagena (pronounced Cartihena). And it was there, we were shown what hospitality means. On the ship coming down we met such a clean, nice and wholesome boy of 18. He brought his father over and introduced him to us, and we enjoyed them so much. The boy said, "I would like so much to have you meet my mother, when we get to Cartegena. She is wonderful—at least we think so." But of course he was busy when we arrived, taking care of his baggage, and we wanted to see the town, so we started out to get an auto. We had to walk about one-half mile to a little shack and no one there could talk English; so I used the little Spanish I knew and told them what we wanted. Well after getting all worn out and on the verge of nervous prostration, his face lighted up and he said, "Oh, Si, Si." Then he went to the telephone and called a coach and an auto also, so we could take our choice (There was not much choice.) Well after a wait of about 15 minutes the phone rang and the party at the other end asked, "are they still waiting!" and he said "yes." Well we were there but not very still, as there were two dogs there and they were covered with fleas; and we were on the move all the time to keep away from the dogs—and incidentally the fleas. Well, after another 15 minutes the coach arrived. There were four of us and we took one look at the outfit and decided that we had better wait for the auto. In a few minutes we heard what seemed to be a tin roof being torn off a house, but discovered on looking, that it was what had been at one time a "Henry." In the meantime our crowd had been enlarged to six. All of us got in and started out. Oh, it was great! One of the very first things, we saw was "Singer Sewing Machine Co." It made us feel as if we had seen a friend. We went to the bank, where we had a letter from Mr. Castillo (the boy we met on the ship) got our money changed and by-the-way, you get \$108 for \$100. The cashier spoke English, called an auto for us, a Hudson by-the-way and told the driver where to take us. He drove all over the town—and all over is right too, for he drove up on top of some houses where people were living. It certainly seemed funny to be riding on top of houses in an auto. The view from there was most beautiful. From there he took us out to Mr. Castillo's home. That, I assure you, was a most delightful treat. He stopped at the gate for us to see

the house. We had no thought of anything else; but Mr. Costello's mother came out and insisted that we should come in. We hardly knew what to do; but we went in. I can hardly tell you of the house. You would think if I told you that I was crazy. But their homes are most beautiful. All the floors are the mosaic type; the ceilings are 18 and 20 feet high. She took us all over the house. The furnishings were most magnificent.

Oh the beds—I must tell you! They do not have mattresses at all—just a straw mat spread over the springs, and it is a most comfortable bed too. While we were going over the house, she had her daughter, who, by-the-way was educated in the States, to have something for us to drink when we came down. It was a most delicious drink called Cola; not at all like Coca-Cola. It is made of a fruit and is a beautiful rose color and most refreshing on a hot day.

After leaving there we started back to the ship and heard someone behind us blowing his horn. Instantly looking back we saw Mr. Castello. He had us get in his car, paid our driver and then we had a ride away out in the country. We then went back to the ship almost too tired to eat.

We left there at 5:30 a. m., and as it is only an eight hour run down here, we got here some time after 12 o'clock. I was wondering how I was going to get along, but I need not have felt at all uneasy. Jim had everything fixed up for me. There was a gentleman came aboard the ship and asked the captain for me, saying I was his charge. Well, I feel almost like a baby as everything is ready for me before I know I want it.

I don't know if I told you Jim had to leave me in New York or not, but I could not get my passport in time to come as he did.

A boy came up and said, "Mrs. Copeland?" and I said "yes." He said, "Checks!" I did not want to give them to him as I did not know if I should or not. He said "must have." Well I gave them to him and he went away—checks and all. Shortly here he was again, picked up my suitcase, took me by the arm, and we were off, I did not know where. He took me to the train put me in a seat and said "now" and I said "Si. Thank goodness, he's gone." But no such thing. Some passengers from the ship came over here for the night and were on the train and we were all going to the place for the night, and we were having a fine time. We got off and started for the car to go to the hotel when up bobs my boy again. I told him I was going with the crowd and he said, "No, you go wid me." But I got in the carriage with the others and he ran along side all the way to the hotel; would not let me out of his sight. When we arrived at the hotel he took me by the arm and handed me a letter from Jim in which he told him to take care of me and take me to the Continental Hotel. He was going to do it and there was no use trying to stop him; so I said, "Lead on, I follow." And I am so glad I did, for I found a nice big room with a private bath waiting for me here, while the others were put four in a room and no bath. Believe me! If anyone wants to send a child down here alone, it can be done with safety.

The maid came in and fixed my bed and bath, put a screen in front of the bed and opened

FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

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

Landrum, S. C. Route 1.

Crops are looking fine everybody most through work, and enjoying life.

Ladies are quite busy canning fruits and making jelly.

J. T. Greenway and wife visited their daughter, Mrs. Robert Abrams, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ben Willy, has returned home. She has been staying with her daughter, Mrs. Bromet.

Meeting is going on at Greens Creek quite a large crowd is attending.

Mrs. J. I. Branscom is on the sick list. We hope her soon recovery.

Quite a large crowd attended the service at Sandy Plains Sunday.

Mrs. Carrie Hickman and E. Gettys and John Bryant were the supper guests of J. F. Greenway and family Monday evening.

Mrs. Lee Collins who has been in Rutherfordton hospital will return home Wednesday.

The musical of Mrs. Sid Feagan's was well attended Saturday night everyone reported a good time.

Mr. Hunter and wife are attending Y. P. C. U. convention at Statesville this week and are expecting to bring Miss Jannie Love back to Hillcrest.

E. M. Horn and wife went to Rutherfordton Saturday on business.

Sidney Greenway spent Monday night with his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Greenway.

Wilbur Feagans and wife of Boiling Springs spent last week with her mother, Mrs. J. D. Blackwell.

Elmer Davis was a pleasant caller of Miss Addie Lee Blackwell-Sunday afternoon.

Rev. R. N. Hunter will soon have his new house finished.

Mrs. Greenway and sister, Mrs. Smith, from Greenville, are visiting her daughter and son, Mrs. E. M. Horn and J. T. Greenway.

Columbus

The Columbus baseball team played the Melvin Hill team on the Melvin Hill diamond Saturday. The score was 9-10 in favor of the Columbus team. Marshall McIntire of Columbus knocked a home run.

Miss Curtis Hill visited friends in Greens Creek the past week.

Mrs. John Smith and daughter, Rena, of Gaffney are visiting J. W. Newman and wife.

F. W. Blanton and wife are spending their vacation at Monroe.

Professor C. E. McIntosh, wife and little child arrived Monday in Columbus. Professor McIntosh is the principle of the S. H. S. and Mrs. McIntosh has been engaged as one of the high school. Mr. Dill who was principal of of Mill Spring school last year has been engaged as assistant Principal. Miss Bertha Kelz has been engaged as music teacher again. Miss Gluyas of Char-

lotte will have charge of the home economics department. The same grammar grade teachers have been secured again with the exception of Miss Prince Clark whose place has not yet been filled.

Mrs. A. H. Hackney and daughter Grace and mother Mrs. L. M. Anderson of Lake City, Fla., have been visiting Mrs. Anderson's sister Mrs. W. O. McChesney, the past week.

J. F. Sossoms and wife of Newberry, have been visiting Mrs. Sossoms grandfather, E. W. Dedmond. Mrs. Sossoms was formerly Miss Nell Brown of this place.

Home Demonstration in Polk Co. Monthly Report For July 1922

Number of clubs visited 19, total attendance 380.

Total meetings held 20, total attendance 392.

Conferences held 56.

Number of articles for publication 5.

Number of clubs 8, enrollment 137.

Number of demonstrations given to clubs and individuals 27.

Number of letters written 278.

Number of bulletins sent and distributed 220.

Number of miles traveled 489.

The women and girls of Polk county have been up and doing. During the past month the rains and warm weather have not locked them in their home. The clubs have been well attended and the spirit of cooperation and interest has prevailed at every meeting. Many who had never prepared before for the cold lean winter days have been busy canning and preserving the luscious fruits and vegetables found here. In fact our county is unsurpassed in producing a great variety.

A study of the latest and best methods in canning has been the general subject for the month. The importance of sterilizing jars so to keep the product will not be forgotten soon. Even the boys who came to the meeting caught the idea. One little fellow was asked to sterilize a tray of jars, when the time was up (8 min.) he came to me with an all knowing look and said "Here are the jars and they are steamalized just right." He had the correct idea without a doubt. The cold pack method we have learned, means a more perfect product in flavor, color, and form. While failing to cook the fruit in the jars and cooking it in an open kettle, then packing in the jars, means a mushy product. The following canning has been demonstrated both in tin and glass; bean, tomatoes, peaches, apples, berries, beets, canning jelly stock, pectin test given, making jelly and making apple butter. Making and serving potato salad, mayonnaise dressing and iced tea. Three sewing lessons have been given also. At the close of each meeting some member was asked to go home, prepare just what she had seen demonstrated in the same way it was given and bring her exhibit to the next meeting for criticism both of the good bad points. Mrs. Cobb of Columbus, Miss Ester Gibbs of Mill Spring and Miss Mary Camp of G. C. brought back exhibits of their work that did them credit and made their clubs proud of them.

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