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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.

Our Fairs, Again.

Everybody in Polk should take part in our community fair. Some can do one thing to make them a success and others can do something else; some can do several things and others can do but one, some can put on exhibition a good farm exhibit of live stock, grains, root crops, hay, etc. and bring out a wife and a gang of children. Others can bring several samples of farm products and a few children, and still others can bring one sample of corn, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes or other single article and be just as patriotic as the big farmer who makes the greatest display, the main thing is for every one to do his duty.

The old widower whose children are all gone out and left him, and the old bachelor who has no children and little hopes ahead, perhaps can persuade some widow or old maid to go along to the fair and gather some Golden Rod or other wild flowers to aid the ladies in their floral exhibits, if they can do no more. The merchants, the bankers and the business men of every kind should be on hand with something to show, even if nothing but a smiling face, we want every one to come and bring something to exhibit if possible. If you have nothing growing worth looking at; then come and look at what other people have on exhibition, and go home and go to work to have something to show next year.

We are up against strange times. The world has been on fire and is still upside down. Everybody now knows that something must be done to improve our system of marketing; and this is not for the farmer alone to work out; but he alone can work out his end of the need. To this end we mean to conduct the fairs this fall. In our fairs this year we want to learn how to standardize all our products, and then how to grade them so that we can sell them cooperatively in large sales, now in order to do this, all farmers, both large and small must help by bringing good samples of their products together for comparison, and by attending the fair and by exerting his influence in having every other farmer and business man in Polk County to do likewise.

What To Do Now.

This is the season of the year when many hens loaf. That is, they stop laying. Those that moulted, or shed their feathers, put on a new coat of feathers and produced a few eggs and have gone into their second moult and will not lay again until next Feb. or spring. So they should be culled out and not wintered for nothing. Circular No. 101 will give full instructions and is free.

Prepare land and seed and sow wheat and vetch, or rye or wheat and vetch for hay next spring and save paying that high freight bill on high cost hay shipped from the other side of the country.

Now is the time to prepare land and seed for next year's wheat crop. Prepare good land well, fertilize well. Get the best variety of seed, suited to our conditions, early variety best, and sow by Oct. 20, or a little later, or don't sow at all.

Now is the time to build or improve your poultry house.

It is also the time of year to look out for rotten eggs. Don't sell anybody a rotten egg, you don't want to eat one, neither do you want to pay your good money for one. So do not put one on the market for anybody. You may sell a rotten apple or potatoes and be excused; but to sell a rotten egg is criminal.

Another thing just now is the sowing of winter cover crops for soil improvement. Crimson and burr clover should be sown at once, and if you fail to get a stand, don't get out of heart and quit. Sow again next year and the next right on, until you learn how. Your soil must be enriched if you are ever to be rich by farming. And to make the soil rich, legume crops and other forms of fertilizing elements must follow every crop taken off.

Now is the time of all times in the year to improve the pasture. Cut the bushes, briars and weeds and put them in gullies and on bare places. Do it now; yes; don't allow any thing to make you neglect this important work. It will stop your washes, improve your pastures and permanently improve your farm.

Home Demonstration Work in Polk For August, 1922;

No. miles traveled	462
No. letters written	251
No. bulletins sent	421
No. meetings held	23
total attendance	685
No. conference held	42
No. articles for publication	3
No. of clubs	8
enrollment	105
No. of demonstrations given	28
canning tomatoes	4
canning soup mixture	3
canning beans	2
canning beets	2
canning apples	2
Sewing lessons given	5
Making potato salad	3
making mayonnaise dressing	3
making iced tea	2
making jelly	2

There is one thing that has been accomplished this month. The clubs have been thoroughly taught to take care of the most generally used fruits and vegetables. Those present caught a clearer vision of home keeping. The demonstrations not only gave information along the lines which we were discussing but prepared the members to take up in an independent way other and new problems. I believe the food that appears on the tables of Polk county next winter will be of a better class and a greater abundance.

Women are doing more. Girls who have never given the home pantry a thought before are helping. Fifty young girls have gone from home demonstration clubs to help their mothers. A part of these have taken the entire responsibility of the home canning.

To say that I am proud of the way the women and girls are taking hold of this work is mild to say the least. Often I go to a meeting feeling that the work is very slow; but the spirit of willingness to learn and put in practice the best methods is so encouraging to me. I leave with a lighter heart to meet another group.

SARAH M. PADGETT
Home Dem. Agt.

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THE DIFFERENCE

The booster is the party

Who is hauling down the dough,

The folks are glad to grasp his mitt,

Wherever he may go.

He's the little ray of sunshine,

He is Johnny on the spot,

And his talk is mighty welcome,

Though it strains the truth a lot.

There's a sort of benediction

In his cheerful "Howdy do"

And he makes your life worth living

While he's around a-joshing you.

The knocker is the person

Who's the sorriest of chumps,

He is blue and melancholy,

And he goes around in the dumps.

When the people see him coming

They walk 'round a city block,

So they needn't stand and listen

To his stone-age fossil knock.

He's a burden to his country;

He is no good to himself,

And his victims shout thanksgiving

When he's laid upon the shelf.

—Roy K. Moulton.

Health Bulletin

Repeated instances when rashes on children were considered to be trivial affairs instead of scarlet fever are coming to the attention of the State Board of Health. It is not always easy for a physician to diagnose scarlet fever so it is more difficult for a layman. Quite often the symptoms are so mild that they pass unnoticed. After a while the skin begins to peel and the hands and feet to swell as a result of kidney complications which might have been avoided had proper care been taken.

For the above reason the State Board of Health is suggesting to people that they consider more seriously rashes occurring in children and that they make sure to request the physician to observe the child's tongue to see if it is like a strawberry because this is one of the main points in diagnosis. Proper care will prevent many deaths from scarlet fever.

E. B. CAWTHRAY
County Quarantine Officer.

The Secret Key

In these days many of our girls work for their living and feel no shame in doing so, either. It is more honorable to be self-sustaining than to be a drone.

Labor is dignified employment is healthy, and through one, perhaps would rather not be compelled to fight the world in hand to hand combat, yet, if you have to do it, do it, do so with all your might.

Half-hearted measures will never bring success. The secret key that opens the door of fortune is made of combined medals, ambition and effort. You can forge for yourself, and once in your possession round after round of the ladder will be left behind, until you at last reach the top; but you can't do it by watching the clock, and as soon as the hands point to five or six, shutting up the desk or hurrying

to ache by the unnecessary noise, and persons subject to bronchitis are obliged to avoid it entirely. In all European society the voice is kept lower than usual in large parties, and a general hum prevails, in which every person is easily heard by those he addresses. The loudness of Americans is very marked, and produces disgust and indignation when it breaks the stillness of picture galleries and other places where nothing but whispers are ever allowed. —Requested.

Farmers Market

WE WANT

Eggs	30c
Chickens	15
Frying Chickens	.20
Hams	.22
corn per bu	1.00

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.

Our Town

Our Town is the town of happiness. We strive for something more than business. We strive for friendliness, one with another which makes life worth while. we have a family circle in which every inhabitant counts one. Our motto is, "One for All and All for One." And we want to play the same game with our neighbors everywhere. Life is the game of Brotherhood, and Our Town is building on that basis.

Notice

Having qualified as executrix of the estate of Joseph Gurley, deceased, late of Polk county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to file same with me for payment within twelve months from this date or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This August 30, 1922.

LIZZIEBETH GURLEY

Executrix

Publish The Tax List.

In Minnesota, we learn from the monthly Bulletin of the National Editorial Association, the entire personal property tax list is published so that each taxpayer who cares for it may have a copy and make comparison of the taxes paid by himself and neighbors. The result has been that taxes have been equalized and the publicity has been of untold value to the state.

Commenting upon the Minnesota law the editor of the Long Prairie Leader says it is the best system possessed by any state in the Union and has done much to secure better assessments, find tax property and check up tax dodgers.

During the month of May when the assessors were at work, the Leader received many calls for copies of its issue containing the personal property tax list from citizens who wanted to check neighborhood assessments and tell the assessor what they knew. There is little question but that the publication of the personal property tax list, thereby giving publicity to the work of the assessors, is having a helpful effect in securing better assessments. But why confine it to personal property?

Be a booster for Tryon and Polk county and you will have friends. Be a Knocker and those that are your friends now soon will not be. Nobody likes a chronic knocker.

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Mill Spring

Pastor Reid filled his appointment at the Baptist church Sunday. Preceding this service was the Baptizing.

Misses Nannie Sue Arledge, Mabel Lynch, Bernice Smith and Hubert Gibbs have entered school at Columbus.

Some of the Hampton relatives of Rutherfordford visited at G. C. Brisco's last week.

We were glad to see Mr. Dill and wife back in the village a few days ago.

George Wilson and family of Charlotte recently visited his sister, Mrs. J. H. Gibbs.

Wedding bells don't forget to ring here occasionally. Mr. Dan Constance and Miss Pearl Lawter, both from near Saluda, were married at the home of Mrs. L. C. Gibbs Sunday, immediately after preaching. All wished for them a long and joyous life.

Miss Miller of Greens Creek visited Esther Gibbs last Friday and Saturday.

The Community club held its semi-monthly meeting last Wednesday night.

Miss Padgett gave a demonstration on canning tomatoes, making potato salad and mayonnaise dressing last Wednesday. This was a very instructive meeting. After the demonstration the salad and dressing was served. One lady was kind enough to bring some good home made loaf bread with her. This was relished by all present.

Mr. E. B. Barber is visiting his brothers.

Mr. Albert Lynch returned to his home in Roanoke Rapids N. C. last Friday. His wife will visit here a few weeks longer.

Fishtop

Hot weather! Seems too hot for September.

We sure are needing rain on gardens and late corn.

Some have begun to draw fodder.

T. W. Bradley, T. Price, S. Bishop, and C. Case attended a singing at Silver Creek Sunday.

Jess Case visited in the lower section Sunday.

The two daughters of Henry Price are visiting their grandma, Mrs. N. A. Price.

P. Henderson and N. Case returned home Friday from a trip to market.

Leonard Henderson and son visited his father one day last week.

We hear that court commenced Monday. As it has not been published we suppose that it is to be a private court.

Clayton Pace says that rabbits ate seven acres of soy beans, (knee high) in three nights for him.

Holy Cross Episcopal Church

REV. C. P. BURNETT, Rector. Sunday services:

Holy Communion 7:30 a. m.

Sunday school and Bible class 10 a. m.

Morning prayer and sermon 11 o'clock.

(First Sunday in month, Holy Communion also at 11 o'clock.) Friday afternoon, 5 o'clock, Litany and Intercessions for the sick.