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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.

(Intended for last week.)

### What I Saw In Tryon

It was not so much what I saw as what I heard in Tryon that did my very soul good. Last Wednesday night Sept. 6th at 8.30 o'clock p. m. was the annual meeting of the Board of Trade of the town of Tryon or city as you may please to call it. I have seen larger gatherings on similar occasions in larger towns than the meeting referred to in Tryon; but I must say I never sat in council with a bunch of men who manifested a higher degree of thoughtfulness and enthusiasm for the betterment of their town and contiguous country than they.

After reviewing the progress their town was making relative to their school, streets and sidewalks, and inviting friendly criticism: they entered into a discussion as to how they could best cooperate with the rural districts of Polk county to bring about the very best results in the way of progress and community uplift in general. After short deliberation it was unanimously voted to invite five representative citizens from each township in Polk county to meet with the Board of Trade of Tryon in Missildine's Hall, over Drug Store at 8.00 o'clock p. m. on Wednesday, November the first, being the first Wednesday in that month. So five farmer from each township in Polk county will receive a special invitation to be at Missildine's Hall at the time above stated and they will not be expected to eat supper before coming, nor prepare for supper after coming to Tryon. The object of proposing this get-together meeting is to get men from every section of Polk county into one meeting in order to get at first hand the most pressing need of the various sections of Polk county, and try to devise ways and means to provide remedies for the worst evils, and at the same time lay plans to push forward all the good things on foot; and to encourage any new enterprises possible. When these invitations reach the parties invited, we will expect an answer whether or not they accept and will be present. Now I have said but little about what I saw in Tryon: but the best thing I did see was the beautiful spirit of unity which made possible the splendid sidewalks, paved streets and magnificent school which has been provided for. Where such a spirit lives, in the people of any town, you will find all these good things and the outstretched hand, ready to help other communities less favored than themselves.

### Back to the Soil.

In order that hammering on one continual subject should not become monotonous we have been writing about first one thing and then another. Our aim all the while, if possible has been to get the farmer to think. No one; farmer, banker, lawyer, doctor, nor even the boot-black, ever does his best job until he thinks out what he means to accomplish. We have been speaking through these columns about great needs and the greatest needs, at various times; but now we want to come to the great central truth of successful

farming, and stick to that truth until every farmer in Polk county will catch a vision and every farmer right on his own farm, be it small or large, get on his job and correct some certain evils. This central agricultural truth is the Soil. Rich soil means rich farmers; poor soil means poor farmers. You can't get away from this proposition.

What is rich soil? We don't know. But there are a few things we do know and one of these things is this; we know that when we clear a piece of what we call rich ground and plow and plant corn, cotton and potatoes and other cultivated crops continuously for several years, the rains that come for our blessing, wash once rich soil away, and the land is left bare of its richness and refuses to respond with bountiful crops when we till it, and we say the land "poor" yes, it is poor and the reason is because of poor farming. The land, when properly treated should yield a bountiful harvest every year and be better than the preceding year. God in His wisdom has so arranged that there is a certain relation between the soil of the earth and the air, that they cooperate in such a way that one is a complement to the other. This soil and air relation must be understood, and the law obeyed in order that the soil may be kept replenished. It is a fact and of such universal knowledge at this time that a farmer should be ashamed of himself if he is still ignorant of this fact; that the air is the great reservoir and home of what we call nitrogen. And without this nitrogen in the soil it is impossible to make good crops.

It is to extract nitrogen from the air for agricultural purposes that the great wrangle over Henry Ford and the muscle shoals has been causing congress to fool away so much valuable time. Sweet clovers, cow peas, soy beans and velvet beans, vetch etc. When grown intelligently by farmers in connection with other crops; will supply all the nitrogen necessary

### Atlantic To Pacific



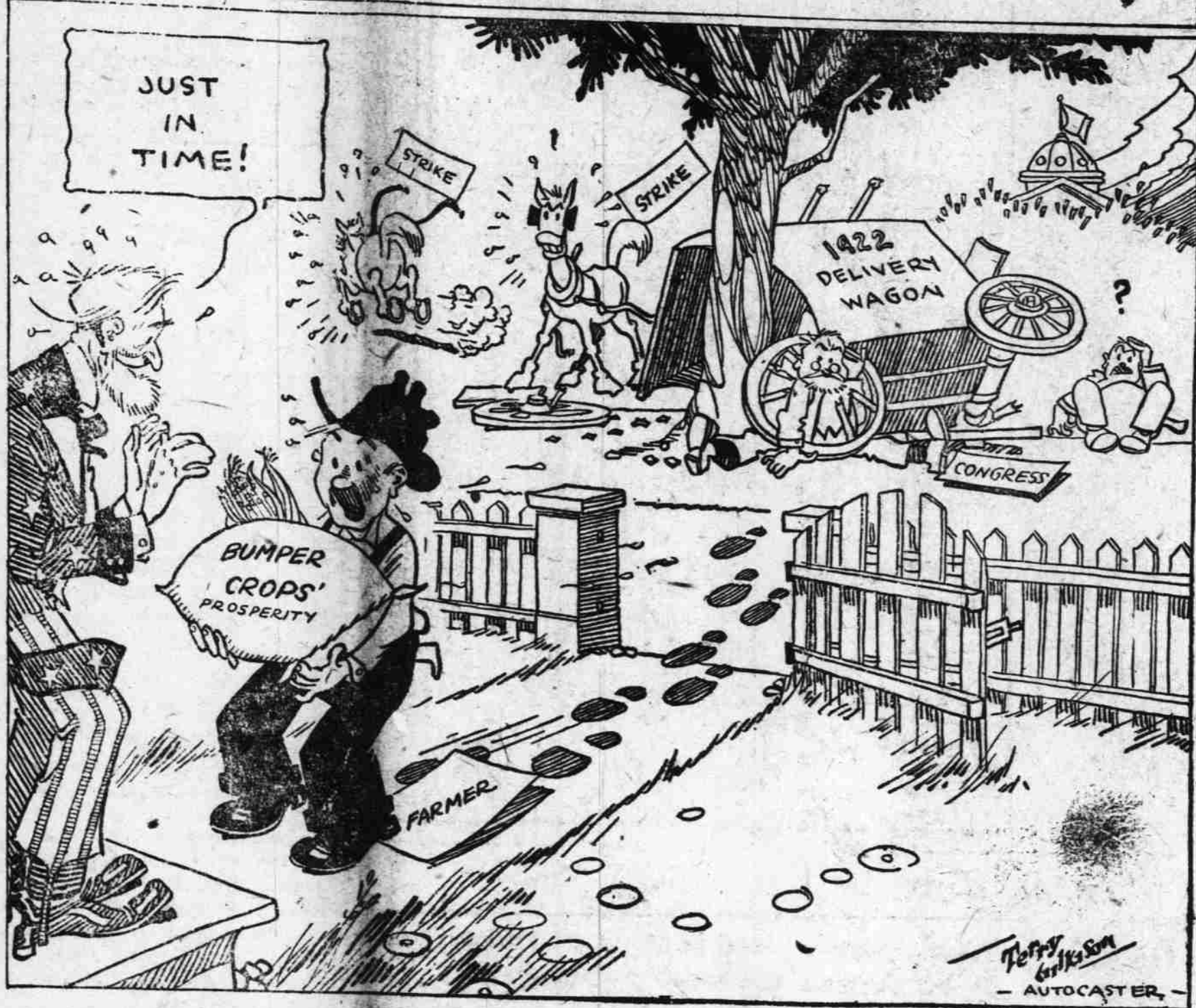
Lieut. J. H. Doolittle, U. S. Army aviator, left friends at Pablo Beach, Fla., one evening recently, and dined with other in San Diego, Calif., the next, going from ocean to ocean in about 21 hours of flying.

### SUPREME BENCH



Former Senator George Sunderland, of Utah, is the new associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court to succeed Justice J. H. Clarke.

## Getting here just the same



## DOGS

From Bennies Note Book

Dogs vary from big to little,  
From blunt to pointy and wide to flat,  
They love bones and food and people;  
But they cant stand the site of a cat.

Poor fokes have dogs of mixed sizes,  
Wile little fussy ones are owned by the rich,  
Because wen they wunt a dog they buy one,  
So they have the selection wich.

The best kind of a dog is a bull dog  
And the werst is a fat french poodle,  
O it may be a dog to some people  
But to me its a mere kioodle.

Grayhounds are long narro dogs,  
They can run to beet the band,  
And wen you see their long thin narro legs  
You can easy understand.

I used to know a dog named Fuzzie,  
Who was wite till some red paint stained her,  
And her tale was so short wen she wagged it,  
That she wagged her intire remainder.

ary to keep up farm fertility independently of the nitrate beds in South America. This is the reason for the Bank of Landrum offering large inducements to farmers continuous, to grow these legume crops. Why? Because growing these crops will make the soil rich; this will make the farmers; and business with these rich farmers will make the banks rich. The great pitv is that the banks of Polk county will remain impervious to the thought of helping the farmer to see his greatest need, and to help him supply the means to satisfy this need. Now what is this need? In Polk county it is humus and nitrogen in the soil? How can we get these two essential soil requirements? By growing legume crops. What are legume crops? All the clover, alfalfa, all the peas and beans, vetch etc., that

draws free nitrogen from the air and deposits a surplus, after the plants own need of nitrogen is supplied, to supply this element to other plants that have not this power. It is now, as already stated, a well known scientific fact that these plants do possess this power and that when grown and returned to the soil will enrich the soil; and as stated, the farmer who is now ignorant of this fact, should be ashamed of himself; and the farmer who knows these facts and persistently goes on ignoring them; should be regarded as one who is recklessly careless of the best interests of the wife and children of the place he calls his home?

If some women used as much care in picking out a husband as they do in selecting a hat there would be fewer divorces in this country.

### 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.

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### SAVED LIFE OF Mrs. HARDING



Brig. Gen. C. E. Sawyer, personal physician to President and Mrs. Harding, and Dr. Charles Mayo, prominent Surgeon of Minnesota, photographed as they left the White House after ministering to Mrs. Harding during her serious illness.

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### Mill Spring

Plans are being made for making the brick for the new school building. Everybody is anxiously awaiting the commencement of this building.

A goodly number of our people attended the sining at Silver Creek Sunday. All report a good time.

Furman Smith is back in the village. We understand he is making his home here for awhile.

Mrs. Dill of Columbus spent Friday and Saturday at the home of A. M. Lynch.

J. W. Cash has put in a filling station. He has also added the second store in Mill Springs.

The S. H. S. pupils of Columbus spent the week-end at their home.

The youngsters are off for school. Miss Carrie Barber has gone to Greenville, Miss Mollie Egerton to Asheville, Miss Leona Egerton has gone to Caroleen where she becomes a member of the school faculty.

Miss Padgett was with us Wednesday. The ladies met her at the school house with their cans of fruits, vegetables jellies preserves etc, for a mock fair. The ladies received much information about preparing cans for the fair which is not long off.

Those who were at the party at the home of Miss Annie Edwards Saturday night, say that they spent an enjoyable evening.

### Columbus

Dr. E. C. Brooks State Supt. of Public Instruction spent two days in Polk county last week. While here he was the guest of Prof. Cobb and family.

Miss Monday a returned missionary from Japan spoke on the history and customs of Japan to an appreciative audience at the Baptist church Sunday morning. She came in the interest of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Columbus, Presbyterian church.

Supt. Cobb and Prof. McIntosh of the Stearns High School attended the Superintendents and Principals meeting of the Western N. C. division in Asheville Friday and Saturday.

Miss Padgett the home demonstration agent spent the week end with relatives at Flat Rock. Mrs. Stockton, representing the Childrens Home in Greensboro spent a few days here this week.

Misses Vada McMurtry and Marie Burgess are again teaching in the school at Saluda.

Misses Thelma Mills, Leona Feagans, Aylene Edwards left last week for the N. C. college for women at Greensboro.

Archie Feagan has retired from Detroit Mich., on a two weeks visit to his parents before returning to the State University at Chapel Hill.

Miss Katherine McChesney left for college at Due West S. C.

Mrs. Lindsay Smith and Coy Smith spent Sunday with Mrs. Lawter at Lynn.

Miss Hilda Burgess left last week for Elon College.

Miss Oma Reynolds is visiting relatives at Hot Springs.