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From our County Agent

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Dear Mr. Editor:

I desire to speak to the farmers and other business men of Polk County through your columns relative to my whereabouts.

For ten days the County Agents of the state and the specialist along all lines of investigational work in N. C. were in session in Raleigh and have just closed these series of meetings. During these meetings, we have worked out a program of perpetual activity for farmers for all time, and it will be up to the county agent and the farmers of each County to work out the details in each of the counties. My main object in Polk County to be accomplished next year will be.

1st. General Club Work.

2nd. Community organization.

3rd. Marketing Cooperatively

4th. Home and School Improvement

5th Every thing to advance every interest of Polk County.

North Carolina is rapidly approaching the leadership of States in this American group of great states, and there is no reason why Polk county should not become one of the foremost counties of this great State. On the 1st day of Jan. 1923, Miss Sarah M. Padgett and myself will begin work in dead earnest in Polk County to endeavor to bring these results about in the county. We have plans by and through which we mean to do cooperative work, and we want to cooperate with every community and person in the county as far as possible, to have Polk, the best organized county in the state, at the end of next year. And if the various communities will cooperate with us; we pledge our best effort to deliver the goods.

To this end, we want the full sympathy of the Board of Trade of Tryon, Saluda, Columbus and all the Community Clubs now in existence, and those to be organized hereafter, as well as the Lanier Club of Tryon, and all Banks and Merchants in aiding in this great work.

All North Carolina from the ocean to the mountains is hobnobbing with the spirit of progress; and old Polk must be found in the lead of this great forward movement.

Wishing everyone in Polk county a Happy Christmas I am yours truly,

J. R. Sams,
County Agent.

LETTER FROM MR. A. F. CORBIN.

Pembroke, N. C. Dec. 15th '22

Dear Friends:
Enclosed find dividend check of Farmers Federation which please apply on my subscription account and send postal acknowledging same. I have been missing Mr. Sams articles lately. I like to use them in my classes of Indian boys.

This year I have 55 boys of 7-8-9 & 10 grades who are studying animal husbandry. Most of them will take hogs or poultry for their years project work, through a few will select dairy cows, goats or bees as their chief money crop.

Glad to see Tryon and Saluda and Greens Creek represented at the annual Thanksgiving teachers conference at Raleigh. Polk County has usually a special table at the dinner given by the music teachers at the Women's Club there.

My two room agricultural shop and class laboratory building was finished last year. By February we expect the new \$75,000 building will be completed with class rooms for home economics, kitchen, dining room, sewing room, as well as an auditorium to seat 1,000 and a stage to hold 100 singers.

Our Indian boys and girls work very faithfully in their Baptist and Methodist choirs preparing for their choir con-

tests. I help the local Methodist Central Church choir leading with my violin. A new community church will be erected soon on land adjoining the Normal. This will include a room for volley ball and Sunday school classes and a room for the Red Cross nurse and another for music lessons.

With greetings for the holidays and best wishes for the new year.

Yours
A. F. Corbin.

Polk County North Carolina

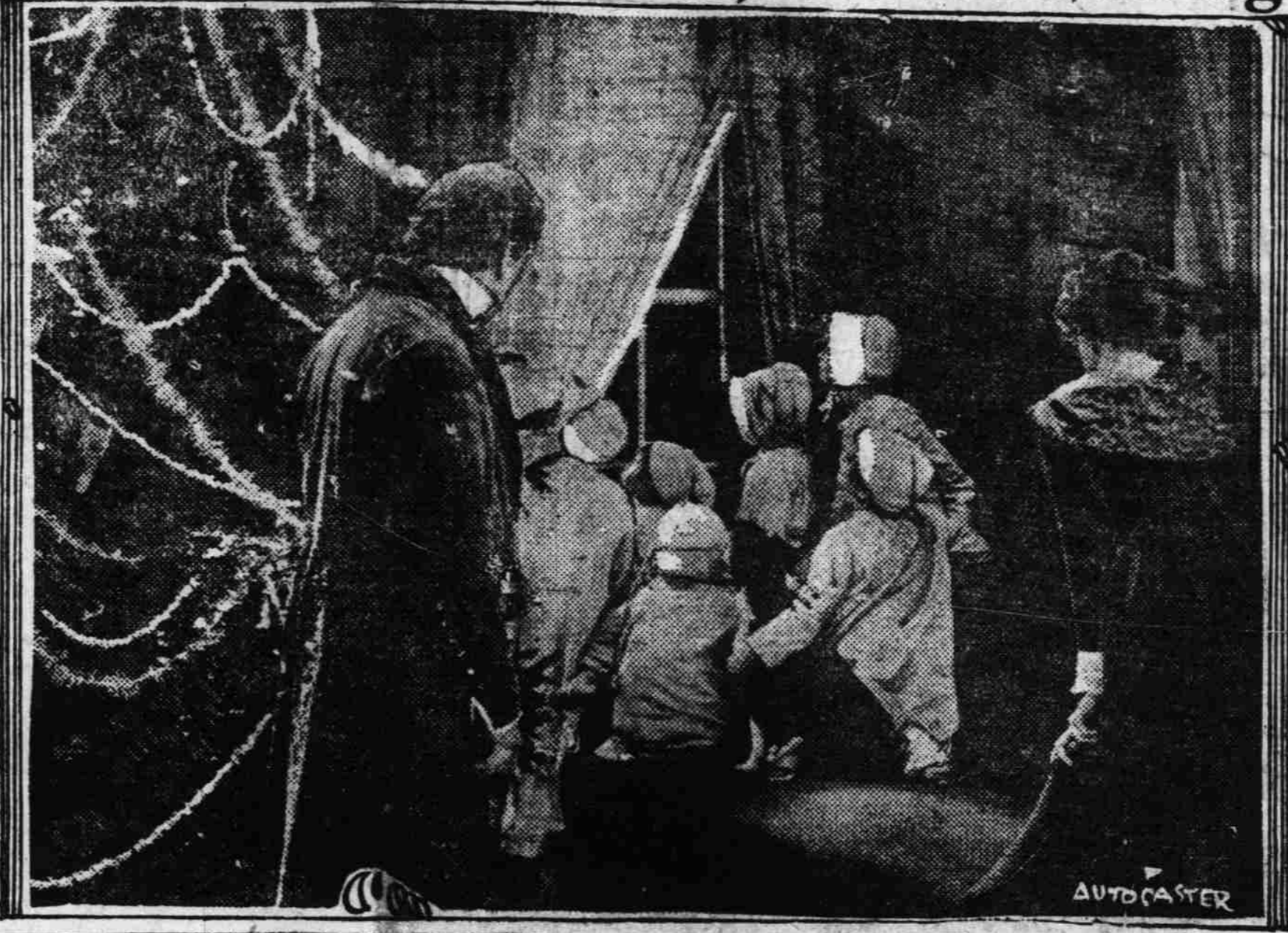
Always there has been great affection between Spartanburg county, South Carolina and Polk county, North Carolina. Spartanburg has always been one of the great and strong counties of South Carolina, while Polk has been one of the small and isolated counties of North Carolina, but these differences have rather strengthened the ties. It is true that for more than a generation Polk county had, in the person of the late Ralph K. Carson, of the Spartanburg bar, a representative in Spartanburg, who never ceased to sing the praises of Polk. But in addition to that talented friend and champion, Polk touched Spartanburg with many real and sentimental appeals.

In the early days Spartanburg was Polk county's trading post. This community even until to today draws upon Polk for much of its produce, such as cabbage, potatoes, apples and poultry. Polk has fed the big county of Spartanburg while it was raising cotton and allowing its red lands to wash away. And Spartanburg since the early days has thought of Polk as its recreation grounds, of beautiful mountains and clear streams. Until a few years ago it was a week's experience to visit the mountains of Polk, climbing Tryon, hiking through Howard Gap and down Holbert Cove or back to Green river. Today, of course it is but an afternoon's outing, but the beauties of Polk are still there in all freshness.

Polk has never been regarded as progressive, but it is, and that is becoming known even in North Carolina. Only yesterday Polk was held up as an example to be followed by other counties of North Carolina by The Charlotte Observer:

The Mount Airy News is felicitating the farmers and business men of Polk county on the advanced stand they have taken in promotion of agricultural interest in making donation of an automobile for the use of the county agent. This action is in striking contrast to that of some other counties which have cut off the farm agent, and yet others have refused to employ one. Surry is in the latter class, and The News believes it will be a long day before Surry gets out of the rut, because it seems to be "controlled by the non-progressive element." It has come to pass in North Carolina that a traveler going about the State can pick out the counties that have a farm agent and those that have none, simply by taking account of the appearance of the fields. Polk is one of the isolated counties. Up to the time when State Highway No. 19 was run through it, there was no traffic across its bounds by outsiders. But Polk county is now becoming known. It is revealed as one of the most advanced agricultural counties in the State; the home of intensive farming, and, as The Observer stated last summer, while it is as much of a red clay county as Lincoln, its farms are so closely covered with grass that its streams run clear even after a storm. In this hitherto cut-off county the farmers for years have been pursuing the most improved methods of agriculture, and that they are not of a mind to allow a check of their prosperity is evidenced in the gift to the county agent of an automobile, that can get around often and cover more

Come On, Old Santa, We're Waiting



ground. The Polk county farmers have been but little heard of, but all the while they have been conducting farming operations under a system that would prove a revelation to the State. The people who "live at home" in Polk have built their dominion up into the model agricultural county of North Carolina. As a matter of fact Polk county, North Carolina is one of the most remarkable counties in the United States. Every thing grown in the United States from the Canadian line to the Gulf of Mexico can be grown in Polk county. The elevation ranges from 700 feet to nearly four thousand. You can't beat Polk.—Spartanburg Herald.

FISHTOP, N. C.

The wet disagreeable weather prevents the finishing up of gathering and seeding crops for the coming year.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Posey Henderson a girl on the 7th.

J. Henderson who has been sick for the past few months, died about one o'clock p. m. last Friday, and was buried at Friendship Church on Saturday. He leaves several children, and grand-children and great-grand children. He was 78 or 79 yrs. and consequently, he leaves a host of friends and acquaintances. He was a veteran of the Civil war on the Confederate side; but never asked

for any pension, he having provided ample means for all his needs. He deced his youngest son, Posey, his real estate, and his bank account will be disposed of according to law.

Harrison Arledge and Spurgeon Bishop hauled a load of holly and mistletoe to Asheville last week for the Christmas trade.

It is reported that Taft Newman takes his two-mule team, when he goes to his fur traps. Evidently he aims to make one trip do.

It is also reported that two young men a few days back discovered some smoke in a very suspicious place and decided to investigate and eased up close to the place, so as not to be seen or to disturb anyone there, and when they got very close, they found that it was an old stump afire. (No money for such discoveries) nor much satisfaction either.

TRYON. ROUTE 1.

Death shadows gathered over the home of W. B. Edwards and Our Heavenly Father took their baby Clinton, to join the two babes of this home and grand-baby Evangeline, of the West, to sing Christmas Carols in heaven. May this thought console the bereaved family.

Mr. Walter Ridings passed away, was laid to rest in the family cemetery, Saturday.

Mrs. Abraham Huntsinger and child were laid to rest in

the Green Cemetery, on this route today. May all the bereaved families find comfort in the words of our Lord, "What I do thou shalt know hereafter, but thou shalt know hereafter."

W. B. Henderson is reported no better.

There is much sickness and death. Seems that Xmas on Route one will be very sad. Although we should rejoice, and keep our Saviour's birthday as the most happy day of the year, and should not deprive and children of Santa, whom they have looked for, for many weeks. They have already seen him this year as our best listening in and known broadcaster.

E. H. Edwards was in Asheville on business last week.

E. B. Edwards has purchased a new ford.

We would like a good long story in the news from Mrs. Copeland telling us how they keep Christmas in South America.

A Merry Christmas to all everywhere young and old, the News force to get the first, broadcaster from Route one.

Preaching by the Methodist pastor at the Tryon M. E. Church, South on

First Sunday of very month at 11:0 a. m.

Second Sunday of each month at 7:00 p. m.

Third Sunday of each month at 11:00 a. m.

Fourth Sunday of each month at 7:00 p. m.

Greatest Of Them All



COLUMBUS NEWS.

The Executive Committee of the Columbus P. T. A. met Dec. 6th. This committee chose the members who will serve with the chairman of the different committees. The Slogan Committee decided on "Pep! Team-work Acton! for its Slogan.

The Union Christmas Entertainment given by the Pres. and Baptist Churches of Columbus will be held Saturday night 23rd., at 7:30 p. m.

The Christmas entertainment given by the Grades of Stearns High School will be held at the auditorium Wednesday eve 7:30 p. m.

The proceeds of the Parent-Teacher Association's Bazaar held last Saturday afternoon (not with standing inclement weather) netted about \$15.00. The P. T. A. wish to thank the Columbus Merc. Co for the courtesy extended them for the use of their store.

Through the generosity of our Community Fair Pres. Mr. E. W. Dedmond Columbus Township exhibitors received their Fair Premiums before Xmas. We appreciate Mr. Dedman's kindness in advancing this money.

The Seniors of S. H. S. entertained the Juniors in the Domestic Science Room Saturday evening 16. Refreshments consisted of good cake and cocoa.

Mr. John T. Smith acted as Host at a dance at his home in Columbus one night last week.

The cement walks to be laid at this time in Columbus are about completed.

Mr. Walter Ridings aged 72 yrs. who lived near Columbus died at his home Friday 15th. at 8 a. m. He was survived by his sister Miss Ann Ridings to whom we extend our greatest sympathy.

Miss Sara Maud Padgett left for her home at Flat Rock to spend the Holidays.

Mrs. T. M. Williams of Asheville visited Mrs. R. M. McFarland last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alberta Burgess of Raleigh and Miss Hilda Burgess of Elon College are Xmas guests at the home of their parents.

Mrs. John Carnegie and son spent a few days with friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Otis Wilson and family moved to Columbus to take charge of the jail.

Mr. J. B. Wilson and family has charge of the County Home moving in this week.

Mr. Heber Carson, Clerk of the Court will move his family to the Barnes place soon.

Mr. W. M. McChesney has accepted a position with the Columbus Merc. Co.

Mr. Ralph McChesney left for his home at Waterloo S. C., after visiting his relatives Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McChesney and family.

HILLCREST NEWS

The Live Wire S. S. Class of Hillcrest had a business meeting Wednesday evening.

There will be a music recital and Christmas tree at Hillcrest Thursday night Dec. 21, 1922.

Miss Katie Spurlin spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Willie Spurlin.

Mr. Kidd, one of the teachers at Hillcrest has returned home from the hospital and is improving fast, he has been suffering from blood poison in his head.

Mr. Durand Kebabian spent the week-end with his uncle, M. Georgian.

The Sandy Plains Presbyterian Church is being called.

The Hillcrest girls have basket ball now and are learning fast. Mrs. Hunter being coach.

There are several cases of "flu" near here hope they will recover soon.

Mr. Sidney Greenway who has been working at Cliffside, has entered school at Hillcrest.

Old Dutch Custom Kept Up.

In Holland it is still the fashion for ladies to wash the dining table and silver after tea or breakfast in the presence of the family and guests.