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OUR COUNTY AGENT'S DEPARTMENT.

Some Timely Talks to Polk County Farmers, and others, on Timely Subjects, by County Agent, I. R. Sams.

LAST YEAR AND THIS.

Last year, with all her opportunities is gone forever. Whatever opportunity we may have had to be of service to our neighbors and to the world, and did not make use of, it will never come again. Wherein we failed last year of living up to the full measure of our duty, let us not fret and worry; but make the firm resolve that it shall not be repeated during the coming year.

Grieving over past lost opportunities makes no amend for them. So let's forget the past by being so busy improving on last year's life that we will remember our past failures no more. As we enter the threshold of the coming year we should and have the natural desire to be happy, and happiness is the natural state and privilege of every human being in the world. Happiness is a state or condition of body, mind and heart and comes from within and not from external things. Happiness, while a privilege of every human soul is as elusive as the rainbow. When you pursue it for the sake of your own selfishness, it recedes and leaves the person in quest miserable, just as all selfish desires will do. It is when we are out seeking someone else's good and happiness that happiness comes to us. It is something that money positively cannot buy. Now we are just entering the New Year of 1923. The question comes to us, "Will I be prospered this year?" Will I be happy? Will I accomplish my desires? and many other questions; and the answers will all depend on our own actions.

If we go out with the intention of violating law, raising rows with our neighbors and acting in a way that our conscience will give us no ease at night; we need not expect happiness or even success. Some folks may think the tenor of these remarks is far from farm demonstration work. Such people, if there be such, know not what they think about. Happiness is at the very foundation of good farming just as it is at the base of any other good business. No man or woman can do his or her best in any calling when unhappy. The preacher of righteousness cannot preach a sermon worth listening to, who is in an unhappy state. Now if this state is so important to the well-being of every person, how can it be attained and retained? Simple enough. Just live-up to the Golden Rule laid down by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. "Love the Lord thy God with all thy soul, mind and strength, and love thy neighbor as thy self." Some will say, "Impossible." That this teaching is an ideal towards which we should aspire, but one too high for attainment. Nonsense Jesus never commanded or taught a single thing that is impossible for us to perform. Now how many will this year just simply and faithfully strive to make practical in his or her life the teachings of Jesus as laid down in the 5th and 6th chapters of Matthew. Who will make the test during the good year of 1923? In order that we may have great material and financial prosperity in Polk county during the incoming year, the people of all classes and callings must be contented and happy. This state cannot exist unless all the people in all the towns and all the country make an effort to treat each other as brothers and sisters and to act upon the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would they should do unto you," and then all would be happy and an abundantly

prosperous year would be the result.

J. R. SAMS, County Agent.

MY GREATEST FAULT

Never in my life did I write about myself; but I ran across such a fine joke on myself, I cannot refrain from telling it. On yesterday a special friend of mine asked me if I knew what many of the farmers in Polk county thought was the worst fault I have. I answered, "No." Well he said it was this; "They think you are cranky about grass and talk too much about pastures." I confess that I was both amused and gratified.

Amused to see how different great minds could see things and gratified that my greatest sin is trying to grow grass and live an easy life by so doing. Now of course I plead guilty to the soft impeachment; and stand convicted out of my own mouth in open court. Culprits usually, when convicted, plead for mercy of the court; but not I. Like John Paul Jones when the British officer commanded him to surrender his vessel to the British navy, replied; "I have just begun to fight."

That exactly expresses my attitude toward grass, permanent pastures and good livestock to consume it, grow fat and put cash into the owner's pocket. Now suppose we refer to our Bible and see whether or not I have good ground for talking grass and pastures. When God began the creation of the Heaven and the earth on the third day He separated the water from the dry land, and the first command He gave for our obedience; even before He made man, said, "Let the dry ground bring forth grass." So the process of growing grass began with the 11th verse of the first chapter of Genesis. Now turn to the 13th chapter of Genesis and the first verse and you will find this: "And Abraham was very rich in cattle, in silver and gold." Abraham obeyed God and let the grass grow and put cattle on the grass and they grew money into his pocket. When Joseph removed his father to the land of Egypt on account of the famine in Canaan, had him located in the land of Goshen because it was well watered and its abundance of grass to sustain his flocks and cattle. Now let me submit a proposition to my critics for their consideration and proof that it is not the truth. I defy any person anywhere to show me a country where the grasses are not grown abundantly and livestock grown to consume these pastures. In some countries it is beef cattle and sheep. In others it is cattle, hogs and sheep. In still others it is dairy cattle, pigs and poultry. Wealth is always associated with livestock. This is so, because livestock and rich soil go together. Rich soil and rich people go together. This is the rule in well developed civilized parts of the world. This is why I say so much about grass and pastures and this is why I mean to continue to say more about it. And I am happy to say that at last the whole state has awakened from its Rip Van Winkle sleep and gone to talking grasses and pastures. Now in conclusion, let me plead with my friends who think differently from me about grasses and pastures, that the time has come when intelligent thinking must govern our conduct on the farms as well as in the store, the factory and the bank. Yes, here is the farmer's eternal and everlasting program everywhere and for all time: 1st. His soil left better every succeeding year. 2nd. Crops the world needs, standardized and properly graded.

3rd. His crops marketed, either directly as commodities of the soil; or indirectly by feeding through livestock, which is better.

The soil, the crops and the disposition of the crops, will always be the farmer's problem and he cannot get away from it. The farmer cannot maintain his soil fertility without growing grasses and legumes, feeding them to livestock, return manure to land and intelligently use commercial fertilizers. This arrangement does not exclude the growing of cotton and other useful crops, but only enables the farmer to grow such other crops profitably and make himself a greater blessing to the rest of mankind.

J. R. SAMS, County Agent.

PROGRAM FARM INSTITUTE.

Because of the coming of the boll weevil farmers are very much interested in a more diversified program of farming, and for this reason a series of farm institutes are being planned for Spartanburg county. There is not one subject to be discussed but what is vital to us at this time. These topics will be discussed by practical men who have had experience with their particular subject.

The second of these institutes will be held at Landrum and all farmers and others interested are asked to attend these two days. The program is as follows:

FIRST DAY.

9:30 A. M.—Announcement and outline of institute—by County Agent.
9:45 A. M.—Orchards: Location, setting, pruning, diseases, etc.—by A. E. Schilleter, Clemson College.
10:45 A. M.—Hog raising for profit—by W. J. Sheely.
11:45 A. M.—Questions and general discussion—by County Agent.

12:00—Lunch.
1:00 P. M.—Soil Building and fertilizers—by A. A. McKeown, District Agent, Rock Hill.
2:00 P. M.—Seed breeding and selection—by Jas. L. Carberry, Specialist.
2:45 P. M.—Field demonstration in orchard pruning, etc.—by A. E. Schilleter, Clemson College.

SECOND DAY.

9:30 A. M.—Dairying: Cash from sour cream, feeding home-grown feeds to dairy cows, economy and safety in growing calves—C. G. Cushman, Specialist.
10:45 A. M.—Permanent pastures and forage crops—by S. L. Jeffords, Specialist.
11:45 A. M.—General questions and discussions—led by County Agent.
12:00—Lunch.
1:00 P. M.—Poultry: Feeding, houses, management, culling, etc.—by Mehrof, Specialist Clemson College.
1:45 P. M.—Boll weevil poisoning and other control methods.
2:45 P. M.—Demonstration in poultry—Mehrof.

Farmers are urged to bring lunch and remain for every lecture and demonstration, if possible.

Bring your neighbors. Come rain or shine. Polk County farmers are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Yours for service,
ENREST CARNES, Co. Agt.

The power of the press goes into the kitchen. Several newspapers, under the oilcloth on the kitchen table makes the oilcloth last longer.

Thirteen counties in North Carolina produced and sold cooperatively 33 cars of hogs under the supervision of the Agricultural Extension Service last year.

Report of the Condition of
Bank of Tryon
at Tryon, N. C., at the close of business, December 29th, 1922.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$94,758.70
Overdrafts, secured.....	681.07
United States bonds and Liberty bonds.....	9,515.00
All other stocks, bonds and mortgages.....	1,829.41
Banking house furniture and fixtures.....	5,100.00
Cash in vault and net amount due from banks bankers and trust companies....	34,459.75
Total.....	\$146,343.93
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in....	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus fund.....	5,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid.....	3,691.18
Deposits subject to check.....	91,834.11
Time certificates of deposit, due in less than 30 days.....	713.88
Cashier's Checks outstanding.....	127.84
Savings deposits.....	29,976.92
Total.....	\$146,343.93

State of North Carolina,
County of Polk
Jan. 8, 1923
I, J. B. Hester, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. B. HESTER, Cashier.
Correct—Attest:
B. L. Ballenger,
D. E. Connor,
C. M. Howes.

Directors.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of January, 1923.
W. F. Little, Notary Public.
My commission expires March, 14, 1923

COLUMBUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 o'clock
Christian Endeavor at 6:15 p. m.
Worship at 7:00 p. m.
The people of the town and community are heartily invited to attend these services.

THE METHODIST AND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES OF TRYON.

Sunday School at 10:00 A. M., P. G. Morris, Superintendent.

Reverend Fikes preaches on 1st and 3rd Sunday mornings at 11:00 A. M., and 2nd and 3rd Sundays at 7:30 P. M.
Reverend Yaadell preaches on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11:00 A. M., and 1st and 3rd Sundays at 7:30 P. M.

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

First Sunday of every 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.

R. P. Fikes
Pastor.

The first farmer was the first man, and all historic nobility rests on possession and use of land.—Emerson.

The state warehouse system has grown from 32 warehouses having an aggregate capacity of 49,050 bales of cotton last year to 78 warehouses with a total capacity of 212,620 bales this year.

Western North Carolina is producing annually about 400,000 pounds of cheese in cooperative factories established during recent years by the mountain farmers.

Snail's Paceful Way.
It would require 14 days to travel a mile at snail's pace.

Greet in Many Ways.
Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence and third President of the United States, was also an astronomer, physicist, engineer, anatomist, geologist, zoologist, botanist and paleontologist.

Report of the Condition of
Carolina State Bank
at Saluda, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, Dec. 29th 1922.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$50,805.82
Demand loans.....	1,985.63
Overdrafts.....	108.18
All other stocks, bonds and mortgages.....	14,530.00
Banking houses, 2,000, furniture and fixtures, 1,000.....	3,000.00
All other real estate owned.....	301.57
Cash in vault and net amount due from banks, Bankers and Trust companies.....	13,879.89
Cash items held over 24 hours.....	11.91
Checks for clearing.....	28.49
Customers' liability on acceptances, drafts for collection.....	100.00
Total.....	\$84,751.49
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 7,500.00
Surplus fund.....	2,500.00
Undivided profits less current expenses and taxes paid.....	2,574.54
Deposits subject to check.....	34,648.16
Cashier's checks outstanding.....	49.45
Time certificates of deposit, due on or after 30 days.....	37,479.34
Total.....	\$84,751.49

State of North Carolina,
County of Polk
Jan. 6, 1923
I, H. B. Lane, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. B. Lane, Cashier.
Correct—Attest:
M. A. Pace,
H. L. Capps,
Q. C. Sonner.

Directors.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January, 1923.
P. H. Bailey,
Notary Public.
My commission expires Feb. 22, 1923

LYNN.

We hope all your readers had a merry Christmas, and will have a prosperous and Happy New Year.

We have nothing of very great importance to mention since our last appearing, but there have been a number of changes of minor importance found about our village.

Quite a lot of colds, gripe or flu, but no epidemic as yet. Our people are all at their post of duty.

The Tryon Hosiery Co., have resumed operations, running on schedule time and the force will be increased as conditions demand. Mr. J. B. McKaige, of Spartanburg is in charge. Mr. Hammett, who has been in charge of this plant for so long takes charge of the Southern Mercerizing Co's plant at Tryon.

Mr. P. N. Hood, who had charge of the finishing department of the Hosiery Co., is now back on the old job. Mr. Hood is quite efficient in his work.

Mr. Silas Fowler and John Panther have been fixing machines so long that they have become fixtures of the Tryon Hosiery Co.

The Tryon Hosiery Co., have just installed an electric dynamo. They now have steam, water and electric power.

Mrs. D. H. Swann is quite ill with flu.

The many friends of Mr. W. T. Hammett were very sorry to give him up, but it is hoped he has changed only temporarily.

Rev. Mr. J. L. Yandell will preach next Sunday, the 14th in the school auditorium at 3:30 p. m.

Mr. C. E. Davidson, principal of our school, has moved his family to the dormitory.

Miss Mabel Capps who is being treated by a specialist, is very much improved. She is now able to walk quite well with crutches. Her many friends are glad to see her doing so well.

Though the credit unions of the state have undergone a period of financial stringency, five new ones were formed during the past year.

Report of the Condition of
Polk County Bank & Trust Co.
at Columbus, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, December, 29, 1922.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$68,451.67
Demand loans.....	617.73
Overdrafts.....	1,071.55
United States bonds and Liberty bonds.....	3,200.00
All other stocks, bonds and mortgages.....	800.00
Banking house, \$5,670.52 furniture and fixtures.....	9,146.54
All other real estate owned.....	4,126.25
Cash in vault and net amount due from banks bankers and trust companies....	19,555.84
Total.....	\$107,032.68
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 13,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid.....	1,976.41
Notes and bills rediscounted.....	6,000.00
Deposits due banks, bankers and trust companies.....	1,189.00
Deposits subject to check.....	48,294.19
Cashier's checks outstanding.....	690.60
Advance from War Finance Corporation.....	10,000.00
Time certificates of deposit due on or after 30 days.....	23,215.85
Savings deposits.....	1,116.63
Certificates U. S. bonds.....	1,550.00
Total.....	\$107,032.68

State of North Carolina,
County of Polk
Jan. 5, 1923
I, Fred W. Blanton, Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FRED W. BLANTON, Cashier.
Correct—Attest:
J. H. Gibbs,
J. W. Newman,
J. R. Sams.

Directors.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of January, 1923.
J. F. Ormand, Notary Public

Fussara.
"Dey's some people in dis worl' so fond o' fuss!" said Charcoal Eph, ruminatively, "dat dey all jes' natchelly fust an' fust 'cause dey ain't got nothin' t' fuss about."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Seek Virtue.
There is one pursuit in life which it is in the power of all to follow and of all to attain—"It is subject to no disappointments, since he who perseveres makes every difficulty an advancement, every contest a victory, and this is the pursuit of virtue.—Exchange.

Put Prohibition on Cotton.
In 1700 the importation of cotton goods into Great Britain was prohibited and in 1721 the manufacture of cotton in England was absolutely forbidden by act of parliament, a penalty of \$100 being inflicted for selling it and one of \$25 upon any person convicted of wearing it.

The Heroic Deed.
Whatever is not simple, whatsoever is affected, boastful, and wifful-covetous—tarnishes, even destroys, the heroic character of a deed; because all these faults spring out of self. On the other hand, wherever you find a perfectly simple, frank, unconscious character, there you have the possibility at least of heroic action.—Kingsley.

Sabbath Day Preserved.
An American lady who visited Scotland not long ago relates that on returning from Kirk on Sunday morning she found that her landlady had closed her windows. When she spoke of the discomfort of it her landlady said firmly: "Your room will not get stuffy in one day. 'Twas never our custom, miss, to have fresh air rooshin' about the house on the Sabbath."—Boston Transcript.

Where We Excel.
A week or so ago a highly cultivated Indian gentleman, widely traveled, not only in his native East, but in many parts of Europe, said, as he drove through the Green Spring valley, that the one thing in America which impressed him more than the tall buildings and the great engineering feats and the crowded cities was the glory of the woods, which was such as he had never seen anywhere.—Baltimore American.