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AN EARNEST APPEAL.

Last week, I went into detail with regard to the amount of money necessary to conduct this school, and what I consider the proper use of it. This week, I feel that I must make a desperate effort to save our own necks as it were.

In the High School, our attendance has grown from an average of 14 in 1921 to 46 in 1922-1923. Thus we are allowed two teachers in that department. In the elementary school, we have grown from 130 to 215. In this we are entitled to two teachers more. However, to my very great surprise, Supt. Cobb informed me last Saturday, that, unless we maintain these teachers for six months, the State will positively refuse to pay them next year. In other words, we must voluntarily show our willingness to help ourselves, before the State will help us.

In the first place I will state that there are not sufficient funds in the school treasury to meet these demands. Then the question will be asked how can we get these funds. Let me insist that where there is a will, there is a way, especially in Tryon. Never yet have I seen any good cause launched here, but that it came out triumphantly over the top. The only man, who has been approached on this subject, readily responded that he would help us out to the extent of \$30.00. That together with my donation of \$30 makes a fairly good start. He and I are doing this as patrons of the school. Both of us fully appreciate the improvement that has been made in all grades since the addition of this seventh teacher.

You, good business men, are being benefitted by this school even more than you realize. By giving you a successful school, new tourists will be induced to come here, and in that way your patronage will naturally grow. Since the eventful moment has come, may we not ask you for a generous donation? I truly feel that you will be helping a most worthy cause, and will never regret your generosity. Everybody will see the advisability of our spending enough money to build up for ourselves a school which will be worthy of our town. By spending \$1500 we will save many times that amount in the future. Who will be the first man to call me up with a liberal donation?

The News is intensely interested in our schools and while not able to give much toward the education of our children, we are going to make this offer. During the time our school is trying to raise the needed funds we will give as our part one-half of all money paid in on subscription to the News, let the amount be large or small as our people wish to make it. There are absolutely no conditions to this offer, our only desire being to do all in our power to help our young people to get a good education.—ED

HONOR ROLL 5th MONTH

After checking up the reports for examinations, I am glad to inform the friends of the school that the students in general came out as well as if not better than I had expected. However we have buckled down to hard work, in order that we may come our successfully at the end.

First Grade.

Elsie Mills
Bertha Palmer
Talbot Bradley.

Second Grade.

Mary Fisher
James Brock
Fred Swann
Mamie Cantrell
Mary Foster
Cornelia Williams

Third Grade

Elizabeth Avant
Sarah Milliken
Viola Lindsey

Fourth Grade

Roy Blackwell
Jean Beatson

Janet Durham
Bonnie Fisher
William Fisher
Mary McFarland
Florence Moore
Naomie Whitmire

Sixth Grade

David Caldwell
John Kittrell
Virginia Simmons
David Strong

Seventh Grade

Franklin Little
Josephine Hill
Polly Screven
Geraldine Sayre

High School

Miriam Strong
Betty Doubleday
Carolyn Simmons

Examination Honor Roll

To stimulate those who were required to take mid-year examinations, I announced that those who averaged 95 on these would be considered Honor Roll students. However, I must say in defense of our best students, that many of them were exempt from these examinations.

Second Grade

Mary Fisher, Fred Swann,
Mamie Cantrell, James Brock
Mary Foster, Cornelia Williams
Marion Palmer, Ida Woody.

Fourth Grade

Roy Blackwell, Bonnie Fisher,
Jean Beatson.

Sixth Grade

David Caldwell, John Kittrell,
Virginia Simmons, David Strong.

Seventh Grade

Geraldine Sayre, Josephine Hill.

High School

Betty Doubleday, Carolyn Simmons, Helen Morgan.

NOTICE TO FARMERS.

There will be a meeting of farmers of Polk County at large who are interested either in operating a public cannery at Columbus, N. C., or in growing tomatoes, beans and beets to sell for cash to a cannery operated by others: but this call is especially to farmers living within ten miles of Columbus. The boll weevil has made the cotton crop somewhat uncertain as a cash crop. This movement is to assist the farmer in providing other than cotton as a means of getting cash from other products than cotton. Come out and help lay plans to help yourselves to better advantages.

This meeting will be in Columbus, N. C., at Court House at 2 o'clock P. M. Thursday, Feb. 22, Washington's Birthday. A day for something good for Polk County to be born.

Respectfully
J. R. SAMS

IMPORTANT ORCHARD MEETING.

Mr. H. R. Niswonger, State Extension Horticulturist will arrive in Tryon on Monday, March 5th, on the 9:16 a. m. train, and go immediately to Dr. B. C. von Kahlden's orchard, where he will demonstrate the best method of pruning and otherwise caring for the orchard. And on Tuesday morning, March 6th, he will be in Saluda for the same purpose. Messrs. H. P. Corwith, P. H. Bailey and J. K. Davis will act as a committee to arrange for the orchard meeting at Saluda, and Dr. B. C. von Kahlden and Dr. J. C. Bushnell will arrange for the meeting at Tryon.

Mr. Niswonger comes from the State College at Raleigh N. C., and will be glad to meet with and help apple and peach growers with their problems. These meetings will begin about ten o'clock a. m., and last as long as profitable.

J. R. SAMS, County Agent.

Must Prospered

"You don't love me any more. When we were first married you used to help me wash the dishes every evening."

"Sure—but we only had two dishes then."

BOOST TRYON

To the Real Estate men:

What are you doing for Tryon?

Are you meeting the trains your tenants arrive on?

Is that house ready for that tenant to go into for a season's pleasant stay with no first thoughts about fuel, a clean house and tidy yard?

Are you informing that tenant as to the location of banks, groceries, meat markets and public utilities?

Do you realize that that tenant is here for a respite from business or for a restful change of climate?

Do you realize that each and every tourist or visitor to Tryon is a "Live Prospect" for future citizenship? You were when you came here.

Are you aware of the fact that each tenant, guest, visitor or tourist in Tryon has a circle of friends and acquaintances and that each of these have more friends and acquaintances, ad infinitum?

Get them! Sell them Tryon first in their own minds, and a "little corner of it" later to live on.

And list your houses and real estate with the secretary of the Board of Trade. He can help you and he's there to help the tourist!

THINK IT OVER

ECONOMICAL FEATURE OF THE BETTER BREAD CAMPAIGN.

Dear Bread Makers:

Having been asked to express my opinion on the benefits of the Better Bread Campaign, will say: The economical feature alone makes it worth while giving it our attention.

Everyone should try to always have or make good bread.

Aside from the fact of improving the taste and appearance of our biscuits, two very important facts are overlooked: the effect on health (which should always come first in selecting the things we eat) also the economy of using the measured ingredients in the making of our biscuits.

From observation and also from personal experience we know that everyone sometimes uses too much or not quite enough of some ingredient necessary for good biscuits.

More often we see too much soda (which while not so harmful) spoils their appearance. Very seldom we see the best baking powder used, but usually some cheaper brand which requires more and contains alum, which we know is injurious. Now by using the small amount called for in the recipe (which is plenty to make the best of biscuits) we could afford to use the very best cream of tartar baking powder like the Royal and still be saving money.

If we measure our flour after it is sifted not as much will be required. Too-stiff a dough (which means too much flour has been used) is responsible for as many failures as anything else.

There are very few things we do in the home that we do not consider the economical side of it. Why not in the biscuit making? Biscuits or bread are used more often than any other food.

Hang up your recipes where you can easily refer to them. After a few trials you can make them by recipe in a short time as by the old way of guessing. Let's keep on trying and "day by day, in every way, our biscuits will be getting better and better."

Mrs. H. H. Edwards.

Observing One

"There have been many mean things said about the flapper—but no one has yet claimed that she is over dressed."

The Fiction of yesterday is fact of today.

WHAT IS CALCIUM ARSENATE?

Sherman Explains Boll Weevil Poison.

"Calcium arsenate is a light fluffy, poisonous white dust. It is applied pure, not mixed or diluted with any other material. When applied with proper machines in the still night air, it forms a dust cloud which hovers and slowly settles, the fine particles penetrating even between the bract of the squares. Because of the limited feeding of boll weevils a very thorough and penetrating lodgement of poison is needed, and that is why calcium arsenate is far superior to other poison dusts which are heavier, and also superior to any liquid application, says Franklin Sherman in answering many inquiries about this boll weevil poison.

Mr. Sherman states that calcium arsenate was very little used until its effectiveness against boll weevil was demonstrated. The material is made from white arsenic, and the total amount of this has always been far too small to provide enough calcium arsenate to dust all the cotton fields of the South. There is therefore a genuine (not artificial) shortage of the material, and all careful students of the situation know this.

Mr. Sherman says that all the cotton farmers have never tried to use calcium arsenate. Probably not 10 per cent of them will attempt it in 1923, and many who do will delay until summer to place their orders or even make inquiries. There was a similar shortage a year ago, but so far as is known every North Carolina farmer who followed his advice and ordered early (by or before the end of April) did get all that he ordered.

Mr. Sherman has already pointed out the actual profitable results of the dust poison method in North Carolina in 1922 and the areas in the state where it is expected that dusting will pay (and be most necessary) in 1923. It is now up to the cotton farmer he says to decide whether he wishes to undertake the method.

A SUGGESTION.

To the Editor Polk Co. News:

Dear Sir: The holocaust in New York brings forcibly to my mind the danger we people of Polk county lie under as regards the county jail in Columbus.

The jail is a brick building outside and a perfect fire-trap of wooden construction inside.

The prisoners live on the top floor, up two flights of wooden stairs which in turn are closed with two locked doors, one at the bottom of the stairs and one at the top of the second flight. The cell windows are barred with heavy iron bars.

If a fire should start and get any headway at all the prisoners would be roasted to death.

Rather a grim responsibility for the rest of us, isn't it?

Yours truly,
EDGAR W. UPTON.

Tryon is indebted to the Southern Railway System for an attractive circular that has been gotten out recently.

The frontispiece of the circular containing a large view of the Green River Valley from Tryon Peak, a view of the golf course, as well as a small picture of Pine Crest Inn and Oak Hall.

The two inner pages contain, beside the train schedules from New York City and Chicago, and a brief and well chosen description of Tryon advantages, views of Calf Rock, riding, camping and picnicking parties, a view of Piersoon's Falls and a small panorama of the Blues Ridge near Tryon.

Copies of these circulars have been placed in the ticket offices and hotels of the large cities by the Southern Railway System and every effort is being made by the Railroad Company to attract tourists to Tryon.

What I Saw At George Branscomb's

Before I tell what I saw at Mr. George Branscomb's I will tell what I saw at many points along the road before we reached Melvin Hill. Our line of march was from Columbus to Greens River, New Hope to Melvin Hill, by means of a Ford car, the things of least interest along the route of travel, were mud holes, so deep that passing through or around was almost impossible. The things of interest were fields plowed up, preparatory to coming crops—When we arrived at Mr. Branscomb's; the first thing we saw was a beautiful, large, well constructed house well set in a lovely grove, with pecans, English walnuts, pears, and other fruit trees scattered in front and around this beautiful farm house and home.

The next thing I saw, was Mr. George Branscomb with a friendly smile and an air of welcome and a hearty come in. Well; we came in, and we saw, felt and realized in our souls, that old fashioned, heart felt hospitality, such as our fathers and grandfathers in times past exercised toward welcome visitors. Why can't all homes in cities, towns and country get back to this old fashioned, heart to heart hospitality? Well, the next thing I saw was This flock of poultry fowl: a This flock of poultry looked good; but they can be improved by eliminating everything but one breed, and then provide an up to the times hen house.

Then I inquired about that Kudzu field and was told that it would be plowed up and put in corn this year. This was what I wanted to hear, because I had doubts that any team of horses, mules, oxen or even a Titan tractor would be able to pull a plow through the mat of vines and roots. So next morning Mr. Branscomb hitched up a pair of 800 lb. mules, and without difficulty they pulled straight forward, turning out roots that run deep into the ground.

The amount of humus on top of the land by means of leaves and stems was enormous. The roots which had run deep into the soil and subsoil were not to be compared to those of alfalfa, any of the clovers, cow peas or beans. I cannot tell what Mr. Branscomb's finding will be next fall, but it looks now, that with a liberal use of acid phosphate and good cultivation a large crop may be expected. From what I saw here, would not be afraid to plant Kudzu on my farm. I do not advise it without a little further observation and experience: but I do want to make a plea for Kudzu, that it should not be "blacked listed," and "out lawed" without an intelligent trial.

Mr. Branscomb is very enthusiastic about the outcome of his demonstrations with this great legume. He means to try it out fully. He has no fears that he can get rid of it readily when he so desires: but he wants more rather than less of it. I confess my deep interest in Mr. Branscomb's work, and any one who will take the time and trouble to visit Mr. Branscomb's farm will be treated like a King and will be shown and told all he knows about Kudzu. Every legume plant is in a way different from every other legume. To my mind Kudzu vine is the greatest of all legume plants. Why not find out its greatest values and how to deal with it to make it work for us. Lets not be afraid of it any longer: but at the same time lets be careful and learn as we go how to use it.

Respectfully,
County Agent
J. R. SAMS.

A Long Shot Bird

Roommate—"Hey, Bill, wake up. It's ten to eight."

Roommater (sleepily) — "wait till the odds get better—then bet it all."

Holy Cross

Episcopal Church

Rev. C. P. Burnett rector. Lenten services during the week: Wednesday and Friday evenings, 4:30.

Confirmation instruction, on Thursday, 4:00 P. M.

Choir practice, Thursday 4:30 P. M.

Missionary Meeting, addressed by Bishop Thurston, of Oklahoma, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

Saturday being St. Matthias Day, Holy Communion at 10:00 A. M.

CONGREGATION CHURCH

Sunday at the Congregational Church.

Bible School at 10 A. M.

Public worship and sermon at 11 A. M.

Christian Endeavor at 4 P. M.

By request the picture illustrating "Child Life in All Lands" will be repeated on Sunday evening.

"Stearns School Interested"

The girls of Stearns High School have entered the Better Bread Campaign one-hundred per cent. A great deal of interest has been shown, and every girl ten years old and upward submitted biscuits to be judged Thursday by Miss Gluyas, of the Home Economics department.

One little girl who walked three miles to school was absent on the day the demonstration was given, and when she came Thursday and realized that she would likely cause her school to fall behind in the contest because she forgot to bring her biscuits, asked permission to go back home and bake them. She was back in good time, having walked a total of six extra miles to do her bit.

In addition to the girls, three boys, all of them in the High School department, have entered, and the display of biscuits spread on the table in the Domestic Science room was one to torture the soul of the dyspeptic, and to make glad the heart of the hungry.

Stearns High School is out to win the set of maps, and if the prize goes elsewhere, it will not be because of a lack of interest on the part of the student.

Prof. McIntosh.

County agent in North Carolina conducted 23,165 crop demonstrations on 70,973 acres last year.