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PROGRAM

County Public School Commencement.

- Parade of all the children of all schools in county, led by Brass Band.
- Music selection by Tryon Public School Music Class.
- Township Stunts. Columbus, Cooper Gap and Greens Creek.
- Spelling Contest. Reading Contest.
- Picnic Dinner on Grounds. Everybody eat with everybody else.
- Musical Selection by Columbus Public School Class.
- Township Stunts. Saluda, Tryon and White Oak.
- Musical selection by Saluda Public School Music Class.
- Contest in Declarations. Contest in Recitations.
- Three musical selections, by Tryon, Saluda and Columbus Music Classes.
- Presentation of Seventh Grade Diplomas and awarding of prizes and Medals.
- Special Music by band adjourn.

Prof. F. M. Hollister, Tryon Township, Prof. D. W. Simmons, White Oak Township, Mrs. Annie F. Brisco.

I am confidently expecting every teacher in Polk County to give this program and your township leader your whole hearted support and cooperation. This is your commencement and I know you are interested in yourselves, your school, your community and your county. The teachers of Polk County are always loyal to each other and the school officials, and I am sure that we will not have a single slacker in any school, but our slogan is: The biggest and best county commencement ever at Columbus, April 13, 1923.

If I can be of any service to any teacher or any child at any time in any way during this period of preparation, command me and I assure you that I shall be only too glad to respond. I am,

Very cordially yours,
E. W. S. Cobb, County Supt. P. S. The words in the spelling contest will be taken from the special review words in the II Book that is now in use in all the schools. When these words are exhausted the words will be selected from the 6th and 7th grades, at random, until the contest is completed.

Map of Polk County.

County Agent J. R. Sams is offering a prize for the best map of Polk County, giving townships, divisions and locating churches, schools towns and principal roads. This map to be exhibited at County Commencement.

A Bad System

A housewife of Lynchburg, Virginia, purchased a peck of potatoes for which she paid 30 cents. As she was peeling one of the potatoes, she found a note reading: "I got 24 cents per bushel. What did you give?" It was signed "G. F. BEADSLEY, Staunton, Mich." and was dated January 19.

This story may be apocryphal but this much is true, nevertheless: It certainly does not misrepresent the wide discrepancy between the price which the farmer secures for his commodity and the price which the consumer pays.

When a farmer obtains only 24 cents a bushel for his potatoes while the housewife must pay \$1.20 something is radically wrong with our system of marketing and price-fixing. The farmer will continue to have a just grievance as long as he must content himself with such a small portion of the price which his commodities command in the retail market. —Spartanburg Herald.

A GOOD ANSWER

A citizen who was carrying an express package from a city mail order house was accosted by a local merchant: "Why didn't you buy that bill of goods from me? he said. 'I could have saved you the express, and, besides, you would have been patronizing a home store, which helps pay the taxes and build up this locality.'"

With characteristic frankness the citizen replied: "Why don't you patronize the home paper and advertise? I read it and didn't know you had the goods I have here, nor do I ever see your name in the paper inviting me to come to your store."

AT THE STRAND

- FRIDAY**
Norma Talmadge in "The Forbidden City" Her Greatest Picture.
- SATURDAY**
Mitchell Lewis in "The Last Of His People". A Thrilling Tale of the Northwest.
- TUESDAY**
Wesley Barry and Katherine MacDonald in "Stranger Than Fiction". The Most unusual Story ever Filmed.

REMEMBER!

Regular meeting
Board of Trade
Wednesday night
April 4. Important matters to be discussed.
Non-members are invited to attend.

MABEL BEDDO TO SING AT SPARTANBURG.



Mabel Beddo, Contralto, who sings at the Spartanburg Music Festival on Oratorio night, is one of the real musicians in the singing profession. She has old "Stuart" blood and also some Welsh on her father's side. Everybody knows that the Welsh people take to singing as a duck takes to water, and Tom Beddo's daughter Mabel has certainly followed along the ancestral path in the matter of singing. Her father was a successful tenor, and the daughter has made for herself a remarkable reputation in singing so well the immensely difficult solo parts of Bach's works at the Bach Festival at Bethlehem, Pa., where Dr. Wollé is conductor. Any artist who secures a return engagement at this Festival may be set down as a fine vocalist and splendid musician. Miss Beddo is a fine linguist, and is a graduate in music of one of the strongest conservatories in America. In Europe she attracted the attention of Seigfried Ochs, the celebrated conductor of the best choral society in Berlin, and also of Seigfried Wagner. Miss Beddo sang in a performance of "The Messiah," under Walter Damrosch, at Carnegie Hall, N. Y., with Freida Hemphill, and other noted soloists. She has sung with great success for the Toronto, Ontario Society, Philadelphia Oratorio Society, Columbia Choral Society, N. Y., and other leading organizations. Season ticket sale for the Spartanburg Festival now open at Dupre's Book Store Spartanburg.

How It's Done

Mrs. B.—"I wouldn't doubt but that Grace Rodgers will be a June bride."
Mr. B.—No doubt of it. If she can make up her sweet's mind."

TO FARMERS OF POLK COUNTY

We are ready to announce to farmers of Polk county that the necessary capital for a cannery at Columbus has been provided, and that everything will be in readiness when the season comes.

The farmers have responded well on their part to grow the necessary amount of beans and tomatoes to insure the cannery. If any farmers who have not agreed to grow tomatoes and beans desire to do so, they must apply at once or the cannery will not be under obligation to take them if there should be any over production.

The farmer wants as many ways as possible to increase his cash income.

This is one way. Club boys and girls will find the cannery a splendid opportunity to grow tomatoes and beans especially, for the cannery. All club members as well as farmers who desire to grow and sell tomatoes or beans to the cannery at Columbus should ask for information.

Address County Agent, or Polk County Bank & Trust Co. Columbus, N. C., until further announcement.
J. R. SAMS, County Agent.

Holy Cross Episcopal Church.
Rev. C. P. Burnett, rector

Services for Palm Sunday, March 25
Holy Communion.... 8 a. m.
Sunday School.... 10 a. m.
Morning Prayer and Sermon..... 11 a. m.
Evening Song.... 5:30 p. m.
Services for Holy Week.
Monday Evening, Prayer..... 4:30
Tuesday, Children's service..... 4:30
Wednesday, Evening Prayer and address 4:30
Thursday, Holy Communion..... 10
Litany and Intercessions..... 4:30
Saturday, Evening Prayer..... 4:30
All are most cordially invited to these services.

One good cotton for a county or community will make a better reputation for North Carolina cotton. There is always one best variety.

"Old Si Silver was a peculiar Duck,
Farmed with his bean and had darned good luck;
The folks 'round worked hard and tried,
But here's Si's secret—he diversified."

A safe investment—a well prepared garden.

SUNNY VIEW

Rev. J. J. Ruppe filled his regular appointment at Cooper Gap Sunday. A large crowd being present.

Mr. Claud Wilson and family visited Mr. Claud Williams and wife Sunday.

Mrs. Lolly Taylor visited Mrs. S. J. Helton Sunday p. m.

Mr. Andy McGuinn, who has a position near Rutherfordton, N. C., visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Pink McGuinn Sunday.

Mr. Terrel Taylor, was a pleasant caller on Miss Oma Reynolds Sunday.

Misses Fannie Bidly and Esther Wilson were the guests of Miss Arkansas Jackson, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. J. J. Jackson was a visitor at the home of L. M. Ruppe Sunday.

Mrs. Sophia Jackson and children visited her father, Mr. W. L. Brown Sunday.

Miss Mary Helton spent Saturday night at the home of Bill Jackson.

A crowd of young people were out joy riding Sunday afternoon.

We are glad to know that little George Lynch who has been sick for the past week is improving.

Wilbert Brown is very ill with pneumonia.

Rev. J. J. Ruppe was a dinner guest of Mr. Martin Gilbert Sunday.

The birthday dinner of Mrs. S. J. Helton was celebrated Wednesday March 14, her age being 83 years, also Mrs. G. W. Bradley's was celebrated Sunday March 18, her age being 81 years.

Misses Gladys Harris and Frances Lynch, also Mr. Abner Lynch, of Rutherfordton, spent Saturday night with relatives in this section.

Mrs. M. D. McClure and family of Spartanburg spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McClure also Mr. Jessie McClure and Ray McClure of Tryon, attended preaching service at Oak Grove Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Belue spent Sunday with their daughter Mrs. Pauline Raines.

Mr. Tandy Prewett and two sisters Essie and Bertha spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lockhart.

Mr. Talmage Stewart and Russel Reid spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. Lindsey.

Mr. F. M. Gosnell has been very ill the past week.

Mr. Will Parker spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. Grady Coleman.

Mr. Leslie and Bewfort Barnett spent Sunday afternoon with their cousin, Voley Barnett.

Mr. Fred Wofford and family of Tryon, N. C., spent Sunday with his mother Mrs. N. E. Wofford.

Mr. Gosnell surely preached a real good sermon at eleven o'clock last Sunday.

Mr. D. L. Ballew of Landrum attended preaching service at Oak Grove last Sunday.

The Oak Grove boys and girl's Sunday School class would be glad for everybody that reads this and other too, to come to Oak Grove and be in our class.

Boy's do not say you haven't any place to go on Sunday. Go to Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. and you have been somewhere.

MILL SPRING.

March has come in nicely, but seems as if not going to hold out.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lynch have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lynch the past week.

Rev. Stroupe filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cantrell of Chesnee, S. C., visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cochran.

The little one-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Justice, of Rutherfordton, N. C., was buried in the Baptist cemetery last week. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

Mr. J. H. Gibbs and Mrs. J. H. Cochran made a business trip to Rutherfordton Saturday.

The B. Y. P. U. met Sunday afternoon and held their regular meeting. Rev. Stroupe gave a very interesting talk, as did Mr. Tom Mills.

Mill Spring school is progressing nicely since the change of principals has been made. We hope the erection of the new school building will begin soon.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jackson of near Mill Spring died and was laid to rest in the Cooper Gap cemetery Sunday. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones.

A surprise birthday party was given Miss Marjorie Walker March 15. All present report a jolly time.

Mill Spring Route 1

The farmers are getting behind with their work on account of the rainy weather.

There was a large crowd attended a prayer service at the home of Mr. R. L. D. Gilbert, on last Sunday. They had a good service and the singing was enjoyed by all.

Misses Gladys Harris and Frances Lynch, also Mr. Abner Lynch, of Rutherfordton, spent Saturday night with relatives in this section.

Messrs. Charles G. Flynn and Garvin Skipper, of near Chimney Rock, were callers in this section last Sunday evening.

Miss Doris Edwards spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. Arthur A. Thompson, on Pea Ridge.

Miss Maggie Sue Edwards and Mr. W. Theron Moore, of Tryon, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Thompson last Sunday, and motored to Forest City in the afternoon.

Rev. W. W. Womack was a dinner guest in the home of Mr. A. A. Edwards, last Sunday.

Mr. Jonas Harris was a visitor in this section last Sunday.

Mr. N. E. Williams, of route 2 was a visitor at the home of A. A. Edwards, last Sunday.

Mrs. Ed. Allen is ill at this writing, but we hope she will be out again soon. She is greatly missed in our prayer meetings.

There will be prayer meeting at the home of Grover Green, next Sunday p. m. Everyone invited.

Mr. Ralph Edwards spent last Saturday night at the home of Mr. N. E. Williams, on route two.

Mr. Roscoe Whiteside spent Wednesday on Broad River.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Griffin spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dyer.

Misses Lelia and Dalah Bradley visited their sister, Mrs. Johnnie Griffin, Saturday.

Mr. Oscar Huntley and brother, of Forest City, were visitors at A. A. Edwards, last Friday.

Messrs. Ross Smoke and Edgar Tramel, of Forest City, were afternoon callers of Miss Doris Edwards, last Sunday.

Misses Gertrude and Gladys Phillips and Messrs. Charley Taylor and Frank Moore were out joy riding Sunday.

It's Logical

Man held at Ellis Island speaks no language that the immigration interpreters can understand. We'll bet five bucks he's a train announcer returning from a European vacation.