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Warden System Planned For County

Forest Fires Destroy 934 Acres of Timber in Polk County in 1922.

The report on forest fires in Polk County for the year 1922 in most counties based on information from voluntary correspondents has been made public by the Geological and Economic Survey. The nature of the results sent in precludes the possibility of any great accuracy, but the results are at least conclusive. They show a total of 1227 fires which burned 190,737 acres and caused a damage of approximately \$650,000.00.

Reports from Polk County show that in 1922 this county had 934 fires which burned 190,737 acres and caused a damage of \$2,474. Only the larger fires are reported and it is more than likely that the numerous small fires in the county did as much damage as the fires mentioned in this report.

The above fires were reported by voluntary correspondents and by a warden employed by the Survey. Polk County is cooperating with the Geological and Economic Survey in forest fire prevention and a forest warden system is now being organized. This consists of a forest warden in each township or similar district with deputy wardens under them to get on all fires as soon as possible after they are started. This system together with educational campaigns conducted by the forest wardens should result in fewer and smaller fires.

Superior Court To Hold Special Term

36 Cases on Civil Docket. Judge McElroy to Preside

Judge P. A. McElroy of Marshall will preside over the Special Term of the Superior Court of Polk County at the Columbus Court House beginning Monday June 18.

Thirty-six cases are slated on the Civil Docket for the Special session. These cases include land and damage suits, divorce cases, etc.

The jury have been notified to report for duty.

COLUMBUS

On next Sunday night at 8:00 o'clock Tryon will be favored with a visit by the Billy Sunday Club of Spartanburg. They will conduct a service in their wonderful way at the Methodist Church. Be sure and come. You will enjoy greatly this hour with the Billy Sunday Club.

COLUMBUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Preaching Every 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays at 11 o'clock. Every Sunday night. S. A. STROUP, Pastor.

TRYON BAPTIST CHURCH.

Services each Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. For Sale:—Good fresh milk for sale. C. V. ELLIOTT, Mill Spring, N. C. 2w-pd

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. C. P. Burnett, Rector. Sunday Services: Holy Communion—7:30. Morning Prayer and sermon (Holy Communion of 1st Sunday in the month.) 11 A. M. Friday afternoon 5 o'clock. Litany and Intercessions for the sick.

State Organizes For C. M. T. C. Applications

Summer Military Training Camps Ready for Third Season.

Mr. Albert L. Cox, Raleigh, the State Aide to the Secretary of War for this state has completed his organization for procuring of candidates for the Camps for which young men from 17 to 24 years of age from this state are eligible. Between three hundred and four hundred more young men from North Carolina can be accepted for these healthful camps, which are entirely at government expense, with no cost to the candidate. Application blanks and information regarding these camps, which are now entering their third successful summer, can be obtained from Mr. Albert L. Cox, Raleigh, N. C., or from any of the following local agents: McKinley Prichard, Asheville; Michael Schenck, Hendersonville; and Sol Gallert, Rutherfordton.

Commercial Club Holds Rally Meet

Landrum Urges Cooperation of People in Civic Improvements

The Landrum Commercial Club held its regular June meeting last Wednesday, June 6, at 8 o'clock in the Masonic Hall.

The meeting this month was devoted entirely to a "get-together" program to stimulate interest in the club and in the community as a whole. The usual business session was dispensed with following a brief opening of the meeting by the president, R. P. Whitlock.

Several prominent men of Landrum and the vicinity were called on for appropriate talks, all of which were brief and to the point. Business men and farmers who were present as non-members were urged to join the club and "put their shoulder" to the wheel for a bigger and better community and to bring into closer touch the relationship of both merchant and farmer.

One or two of the speakers referred to the coming Community Fair urging all present to cooperate with the Fair Committees in making this year's Fair the best ever held.

A buffet luncheon was served. It was stated that the June meeting was one of the best in the history of the club.

Much can be done by the members of the Commercial Club for Landrum, both by the individual members and by the club as a whole. Upon its success or failure devolves to a large extent the growth and general success and improvement of Landrum.

BILLY SUNDAY CLUB TO CONDUCT SERVICE

The Billy Sunday Club of Spartanburg will conduct a service at the Methodist church next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

The service is conducted in a manner both unique and delightful. The public of all denominations are urged to attend.

THE METHODIST AND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES OF TRYON.

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

Swimming Pool to Open Next Week

Sluice Gates Closed Today. Lake Filling Rapidly. Equipment Installed

Final preparations for the formal opening of the swimming pool constructed by Chas. J. Lynch, are being made this week.

Work on the dam was completed today. The sluice gate has been closed and the lake is filling rapidly.

A few of the minor details are yet to be completed, but the majority of the bathing equipment has arrived and is in place for the opening day.

Announcement of the opening, together with the names of those persons winning season passes will be made in the next issue of the Polk County News.

EDITORIAL

STANDING STILL

Mistakes are often expensive, and errors unprofitable, and yet it is only thro' mistakes and errors that we learn.

The world is constantly changing and things that don't change with it are always behind the times.

The records of any business, of any individual of any town show that they have all made their quota of mistakes. In fact to advance, to go upward in any phase of life involves the danger of making mistakes.

The greatest mistake that we as individuals or as a town can make is to feel we have reached the place where we can stand still. Standing still in a world of motion is the same as going backward by lightning express.

The stage coach was alright until steam took its place, but the day of these things are over.

We are living in a day of progress. We are either going backward or forward. Are you doing your part?

Did you ever think about the shortness of time. If we live to be seventy years old we live 25,567 days.

A good many days, we say, wait a minute—Sleeping eating, bathing, dressing etc., take up over half your life leaving only 12,283 days.

Under modern conditions it takes about twenty five years to get started. Ten years of absolute childhood, ten years getting an education five years getting under way and one third of life is gone. How these remaining years fly, fade and pass away.

A kind word to every one with whom you come in contact will make the world a better place in which to live.

Knocking is one of the worst forms of evil. Be a Booster.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

OAK HALL...

Max Eustin, Charlotte; T. J. Bagwell, Asheville; H. M. Rex, Raleigh; Wayne T. Jervis, Charlotte; Earnest Busbell, Charlotte; H. T. E. Newberger, Charlotte; W. S. Glenn, Spartanburg S. C.; Mrs. Allen Y. Graham, Spartanburg; Miss Duval, Spartanburg; Mrs. Robinson, Spartanburg; T. B. Alleman, Greenville, S. C.; Miss Elizabeth Peterson, Spartanburg, S. C.; W. H. Gray, Brevard, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Reynolds, Clanton, Ala.; Mrs. J. M. Bridges, Richmond, Va.; O. L. Reynolds, Clanton, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. D. Cardwell, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McAlister, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Milam, Greenville, S. C.; H. G. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Scoville, Greenboro.

State Fair Exhibits To Surpass Last Year

Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt Planning Best Fair in History of State.

Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt is back from the Orient with many new ideas about making the next State Fair bigger and better than ever before.

Like other North Carolinians, Mrs. Vanderbilt is proud of the State, and she wants to make the State Fair representative of a great State. Of course, she expects to have agricultural exhibits in keeping with the splendid work that is being done in farming, but she wants to do more. She wants all the various industries of the State represented also.

There is the textile industry. Here North Carolina leads the South. Some of the best exhibits at the last State Fair were those shown by cotton mills.

Mrs. Vanderbilt doesn't expect to stop with exhibits of agricultural and industrial progress. She wants to show what the schools are doing, for she believes that intelligence must be the basis for all substantial progress in any line of endeavor.

Wholesome entertainment is one of Mrs. Vanderbilt's hobbies. She is arranging to have many interesting features in the way of first class amusement at the State Fair this year. Careful study is being given to this important feature of the fair.

PAVING BOND ISSUE DEFEATED AT SALUDA

Resort Town Not To Pave Streets

After a long hard fight on the part of the minority, Saluda defeated the paving bond issue at the election held last Tuesday.

P. H. Bailey, Mayor of Saluda, who was reelected for this term at the last election, campaigned to a large extent on a "paved streets" platform. It is apparent that Mayor Bailey was reelected to office on some other qualifications.

EDITORIAL

The \$65,000 bond issue for the purpose of paving and improving the streets of Saluda was defeated at the polls last Tuesday by a vote of 130 to 62.

And with this defeat came also the defeat of growth and subsequent prosperity to the community. For the next few years at least, taxes will continue to be sunk in ruts, mud holes and wash-outs. The above statement does not refer to the natural growth of each and every resort community of Western North Carolina, but it does mean the development that would follow a modern, paved street community in which its citizens may take pride.

A town in Polk County recently completed a street paving program. That town in that same year reported a quarter of a million dollars in building construction exclusive of its bond issue for paving.

Saluda is on one of the main arteries of the Land of the Sky. Thousands of motorists pass through this community each summer. To the motorist there is no better advertisement of a town than a paved street. Saluda has much to offer the summer vacationist seeking the cool breezes of our Carolina Mountains.

Last Tuesday the town of Saluda refused to cater to those people who were looking for a modern up-to-date-paved street summer resort.

There are approximately 250 votes in Saluda, of this number 62 voted for the issue, 130 against, and the remaining 58 failed to vote.

Work Progressing On New Power Project

Million Dollar Dam to Form 400-Acre Lake

Preparation for the concrete work on the Blue Ridge Power Company's project at Turner Shoals is being made under the supervision of Jack Ward. Mr. Ward was with General Goethals on the Panama Canal work and several years ago had charge of the building of the power plant at Tuxedo.

Equipment began arriving in Tryon sometime ago for the project, which is located about halfway between Tryon and Rutherfordton just above where the Highway from Tryon to Chimney Rock crosses the river.

The Turner Shoals dam is expected to involve an expenditure of approximately \$1,000,000 and is planned to develop about 10,000 horsepower. A large force of men is now engaged in excavating for the dam which will form a lake flooding about 400 acres of land, or a development slightly larger than the Lake Summit development at Tuxedo.

The dam will be 87 feet high and will be of the multiple arch type. It will not be as high as the Tuxedo dam which rises about 110 feet from the base. Work on the new project is expected to be completed for the delivery of power early next year. Three power manufacturing units are to be installed, one more than is maintained at Lake Summit.

Transmission lines will be run as far South as Campobello at which point a substation for distributing power to Chesnee and Spartanburg and connecting with both the Blue Ridge Power developments will be maintained.

PIEDMONT QUARTETTE GAINS FAME VIA RADIO

O. Russell Locke, son of Mrs. H. P. Locke of Fairview House, Saluda, has been singing with the Piedmont Quartette for the past several months.

Radio fans may possibly have heard the Piedmont Quartette which has gained much fame throughout the country via radio. This group of male singers representing our own section of the country have sung before the microphone of several of the largest broadcasting stations on the eastern seaboard. They will be "on the air" again next Thursday night June 21st. at 8:30 o'clock at the Medford Hillside, Mass., Station.

SHERIFF THOMPSON BACK IN HARNESS.

Sheriff G. L. Thompson of Saluda, who has been seriously ill at his home for the past month is now at his duties.

"The necessary work," stated Mr. Thompson, yesterday, "has been adequately taken care of during my illness by the various deputies and rural police in the county whom I wish to thank for their cooperation during my absence from duty."

Sheriff Thompson urges the people of Polk County to telephone or write him at any time his services are needed.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES. SALUDA

Fairview House, opened May 1st. Among the recent arrivals are: Miss Ellen McAlpin, Savannah Ga.; Mr. Sal-laway, Cleveland, Ohio; Miss E. F. Holmes, of Charleston, S. C.; Miss Madeline Holmes and Master Allen Holmes; Miss Alice O. Edgerton and Miss Elizabeth Drayton of Washington, D. C.

COUNTY AGENTS DEPARTMENT

TO POLK COUNTY FARMERS.

This is the busy of all busy times for the farmers, and the recent heavy rains make it more so. Cotton to chop; corn to cultivate; the garden to be plowed and cultivated; sweet potatoes to be planted; tomatoes to be set out and cultivated; rye, oats and wheat harvest on hand; and a thousand one other things.

There is but one thing on the farm that is forging ahead during this rainy weather without human aid. That is a good well set pasture. Where the farmer has one, it is doing business just now on a big scale. Milk cows are coming in at night with heavy loads of foaming milk without expense to their Masters, and the work animals are collecting their own living.

This is a digression from the main line: but a happy one, if only one farmer will take the hint and go to making pastures instead of tying his poor old cow out by the head to get a living from weeds and bushes.

Now back to our subject: which is any thing to get the farmer to think and act for his own betterment and that of his neighbor. Another thing to think about is the coming Fair this Fall. Now is the time to collect many of the most valuable farm products, to show what Polk County can and is doing. Samples of rye, oats and wheat should be saved now to show both grain and straw, and when threshed, samples of grain. Then there is alfalfa and all the clovers that should be saved. Pig and Poultry Club boys and girls should think and work to make the best out of their pets in order that they may make a good showing at the Fair.

Another all important thing is for those who agreed to grow tomatoes and beans for the Cannery at Columbus to see to it that their stuff is planted and well worked, and it will bring you the cash in a very short time.

So there are a great many things now for farmers as well as business men of Polk County to think about and to do. Now in conclusion let us all: farmers, bankers, merchants, and all other business men and women in Polk think, work and pull together for a great and better County.

Respectfully
J. R. SAMS,
County Agent.

TO THE FARMERS

MONEY IN BEES.

Bees may be handled as a side line or as a regular business profitably.

I believe there can be a good profit made from bees here in our community if they are handled and cared for properly.

Only a few weeks ago Professor Wilbur F. Massey, the garden expert, died. Last week A. I. Root, pioneer bee raiser and honey merchant passed away. The life of Mr. Root, an interesting one.

When a young man Mr. Root took a short course in jewelry and began business as a manufacturer of coin silver jewelry. While he was talking with one of his fellow workman in front of his business one day, a swarm of bees flew overhead. Root was interested, so his friend asked how much he would offer for the swarm, young Root offered a dollar, for the sake of humor. To use Root's own words: "I did not dream that he could by any means call them down. To my astonishment he returned in a short time with the bees hived in a rough box he had hastily picked up."

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