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Squires New Manager Of Farm Federation

New Head Takes up Reins and Begins Active Campaign.

P. C. Squires, who was recently appointed by the directors of the Polk County Farmers Federation as manager of that concern following the resignation of H. H. Edwards, former manager, arrived this week to assume his duties.

Mr. Squires has been connected with similar organizations in various parts of this country and comes to Tryon highly recommended.

Following is a letter written by Mr. Squires to the farmers of the county:

Your President and Board of Directors have elected me to the position as manager of your local Federation, and in this my first circular letter to members I wish to extend greeting.

The short time I have been in your county, meeting members in the various districts give me assurance that you will co-operate heartily with your President, board of directors and manager in their efforts to improve conditions for the farmers of Polk County.

I am especially pleased to note the progressive spirit shown by the president and directors, and if I mention your energetic County Agent last it does not imply that J. R. Sams is least in the group of leaders who are striving for the advancement of the Federation.

I cannot forbear at his point to quote from a letter received from Mr. Sams, as follows: "I believe that you and I working like yoke mates can standardize crops and our farmers to grade and pack, and build up a market. We will have to begin at the bottom and build surely and safely."

Mr. Sams and the writer are going to work together in our efforts to help the Polk County farmers, but we will accomplish very little unless we have the co-operation of those we are trying to help.

Down at the state capital are a group of men who are working faithfully and earnestly for the advancement of the co-operative movement in North Carolina—and one of this group is Gorrell Shumaker of the Division of Markets and Rural Organization. I have before me the following letter from Mr. Shumaker:

"Dear Mr. Squires: I thought I had answered your very fine letter of August 25th but can find no record of it. I am truly glad you found the people of Polk Co. so hospitable and energetic. I am quite sure you will find Mr. J. R. Sams the most youthful elderly man you have met in a long time. I am looking forward to a few months hence when we will hear of great things you two are doing together. Very Truly Yours Signed, Gorrell Shumaker"

In my correspondence with Mr. Miller and Mr. Sams I find that conditions in Polk Co., are very similar to prevailing conditions in many counties of the state where the boll weevil is destroying the cotton and making that crop so uncertain that the farmers feel compelled to turn to other lines of farming such as truck and fruit growing—and this is why these two leaders of your Federation applied to Mr. Shumaker of the Division of Markets—with the result that I am taking up my abode with you for the one purpose of giving you the best that is in me, of years of experience in growing truck and fruit crops, and in grading and standardizing and marketing the same.

It may seem quite a task to those of you who have had little experience in growing perishable crops, and it is my business here and my purpose and desire to make the task easier for you and to make you familiar with this new line of farming.

And let me say to you that interlaced and interwoven into every stage of our operations—beginning with plans for crops, acreage of same and all the way thru to harvesting, grading, packing shipping there must be constant and cordial co-operation if we would expect the fullest measure of success. We should plan together as to what crops seem best, and most profitable and best adapted to soil and climate, and then there should be a unity of action in planting so that sufficient acreage will be planted to insure having car loads of same.

The first crop of which we should give our immediate attention—is the iceberg lettuce crop. I find that quite a number of the members have grown the iceberg successfully in a limited way and I feel confident that if sufficient acreage can be planted of this variety of lettuce to insure loading of refrigerator cars you will find it very profitable. You will of course find much more detail as regards the work in such crop than in cotton and I would advise a limited acreage for the first years planting—say a half acre to one acre, or possibly one and a half to two acres as conditions with the individual farmers may determine—but it is absolutely essential that sufficient acreage be planted in the aggregate to make us sure of car lot loading.

Those who intend to plant this crop should notify Mr. Sams or the manager at the earliest date possible as the seed beds for growing the plants should be prepared, and planted early in November and must have the names of those who will plant and acreage so the seed for the entire membership may be pur-

Spartans Plunge Off Picolet Road Sunday

Crashing down a thirty foot embankment near the bridge at Melrose on the Picolet road, an automobile driven by Dr. M. A. Drummond of Spartanburg, containing several other Spartanburg people made three complete turns before coming to a stop in the river beneath, last Sunday afternoon.

Those in the car with Dr. Drummond were, Mrs. Drummond, wife of the driver, David Drummond, aged 12, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Liles and their ten months old baby, Helen. None of the occupants were seriously injured, in spite of the long drop and the badly wrecked condition of the touring car. Dr. Drummond sustained a fractured arm. Others in the accident suffered bruises and lacerations. The injured people were brought to Tryon in passing cars.

According to Dr. Drummond, who was driving the car, he just crossed the bridge over Picolet river when he saw some acquaintances from Greer on the side of the road. Just then, he said, he thought he heard a horn blow and he turned and looked backward. As he turned his head, Mr. Liles called "Look out", and the wheels went over the side of the thirty foot embankment, bringing the car with them. The car turned over three times before it came to rest. A number of men, standing nearby, rushed to the scene and picked the injured people up. Helen, the baby, was under the car and was rescued when a door was opened.

NOTICE

On Wednesday October 10th at two o'clock P. M. at Columbus, N. C. the Board of Education will let the contract for a two room school house to be built in the Cox Colored, school district. Plans and specifications for this building can be seen at the office of County Supt., Schools, Columbus, N. C.

E. W. S. Cobb, Clerk to Board of Education.

County School Board In Regular Session

The Board of Education held its regular meeting at the Polk County Bank and Trust Company, Columbus, Monday Oct. 1. The following business was considered and disposed of on motion:

That the Sunny View School begin its fall session October 29th instead of Oct. 2nd. This delay caused by need for the service of the children on the farm.

That the bids for the contract for the heating plants in the three new schools in the county be held over until Thursday Oct. 4th on account of the absence of the architect, F. B. Simpson.

That all bids for driving school buses be rejected, and that all parties interested in securing this position for this school year see Supt. Cobb in person.

That the special cases of second grade teachers referred to the Board of Education be not approved.

That the Mill Spring Teacherage, now being repaired, be painted an appropriate color for this building. A number of interested school men appeared before the board in behalf of their schools, which is a good sign for better schools in the county.

chased without delay.

The lettuce crop requires rich soil with plenty of humus, and will well repay liberal manuring and thorough cultivation. As the lettuce crop is marketed during the spring months the proceeds of this crop are in the hands of the farmer at a time when it is especially appreciated, and another crop of truck or corn may be grown on the same land following the lettuce.

When discussing the lettuce crop we should at the same time make our plans for next season early Irish potatoes planting if this crop is to be included in our list of truck crops—and the last government report as to acreage and condition of the nation's potato crop leads me to believe it would be wise to plant early cobbler potatoes. Seed potatoes should be purchased this fall from hill selected crops to insure getting vigorous and good cropping seed and also as a matter of economy.

Plans for other crops may be made later but the iceberg and early potatoes proposition should be discussed and acted upon early in October. I want to take this occasion to introduce Mr. Vance Rich who will be my assistant and co-worker in the warehouse. The cordial greeting you will receive from this young man when you visit the warehouse will I am sure be the beginning of a friendship that will be enduring. Obliging and ever willing, you will find it a pleasure to deal with him, and it will be a pleasure to him to serve you. In conclusion, may I again express the wish that in working together we may be as one family in our earnest desire to help one another and so fulfil one of the great fundamental principles of co-operative endeavor.

P. C. SQUIRES.

Where You Are.

Do not despise your situation; in it you must act, suffer and conquer. From every point of earth we are equally near to heaven and the infinite.—Fredric Amiel.

Blue Ridge Is Making Aerial Map Of River

Pour First Concrete in New Dam This Week.

First pouring of concrete will be started Saturday of this week at the Turner Shoals project of the Blue Ridge Power Company. Rock crushing began this week following the completion of the huge crusher. Quarry, crusher and mixer are situated within a comparatively short distance of the site of the dam.

All of the mechanical parts of the construction work will be operated from electric motors with power supplied by the Tuxedo power house on Lake Summit, the trunklines tapping in from the Campobello sub-station.

The new air compressor equipment was completed and is under roof and in operation. This will supply air to the drill sharpening machines. Two of the inspectors, Mr. Spears and Mr. Cox of the Ingersoll-Pound Company made an inspection and test of the apparatus this week. The aviation crew and plane under the direction of Mees, Engineer, in charge of construction, have started the aerial topographic survey of the Green River property of the Blue Ridge Power Company, two photographs of the entire property from an altitude of 15,000 feet having been taken. Within the next few days series of pictures from various lower levels, each overlapping the other will be taken. The crew and ship are situated at Hendersonville, the only nearby available landing field.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Latham spent the week-end at Hickory Grove, S. C. Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Myers and Miss Morris of the Hendersonville office visited the project last Saturday.

J. Ward, superintendent was in Spartanburg Monday on company business.

WEATHER REPORT

Meteorological Record For Tryon

Gendel Brownlee, Official Observer of the United States Weather Bureau. For the week ending Tuesday October 2.

Day	Temperature	
	Max.	Min.
Wednesday	86	62
Thur.	83	63
Fri.	80	60
Sat.	88	52
Sun.	83	65
Mon.	81	48
Tues.	81	51

Prevailing Winds and Character of Day
Wed. W. Clear; Thurs. S. E. Clear; Friday N. W. Clear; Sat. S. W. Clear; Sun. W. Clear; Mon. W. Clear; Tues. S. W. Clear.

Maximum temperature for week 88; minimum temperature 48.

Sunday Services at Tryon Churches

TRYON BAPTIST CHURCH
A cordial welcome to all.
Thomas L. Justice, D. D., Pastor.

Preaching service each Sabbath at 11 o'clock.
Sunday School each Sabbath morning at 10 o'clock. C. E. Hageman, Supt.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. C. P. Burnett, Rector.
Sunday Services:
Holy Communion—8:00.
Sunday School—10:00.

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.

The Presbyterian Church of Tryon.

Services next Sunday at 11:00 o'clock at the Methodist Church The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered at this hour—All are invited to worship with us.

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

Uncle Eben.

"Of co'ise," said Uncle Eben, "you is intitled to speak yoh mind, but it's a 'wase' of time standin' aroun' an' epressin' opinions to a balky mule."

Power of Hydrogen Atoms.

Energy set free by the transmutation of the hydrogen atoms contained in a tumblerful of water would be sufficient to drive the most powerful steamship afloat from America to Europe and back.

Building And Loan For County Formed

New Association for Benefit of Entire County Organized.

A call meeting of the incorporators and subscribers to stock in the Polk County Building and Loan Association was held in the Court House at Columbus, N. C. Tuesday with W. F. Little acting chairman and H. H. Carson acting secretary.

W. F. Little made an explanatory talk relating to the detailed working of a building and loan association dwelling at some length on its purpose, object and benefits. A nominating committee was then appointed by the chairman, and the following directors were nominated and elected: W. S. Green, T. A. Rippey, C. C. Constant, O. L. Wilson, F. W. Blanton, Frank Jackson, D. W. McChesney and H. H. Carson.

Immediately after the stockholders adjourned the board of directors held their first meeting, electing the following officers: W. S. Green, President, F. W. Blanton, Vice President, H. H. Carson, Secy-Treas. By vote of the directors the secretary and treasurer's bond was fixed at \$2,000, and other matters necessary to perfect the organization were acted upon.

The name of this organization is characteristic of its scope, as it is not planned to confine its operations to any one section, or community of the County; but to be a County-wide organization, and it is hoped that the citizens of the County will lend their support and cooperation to this organization, which stands for the up-building of the County.

For the information of those who may be interested, the first series of stock will be opened on Saturday the 6th day of October and those desiring to subscribe for stock in this series may do so any time during the month of October.

The principal office of the association will be located in Columbus, N. C. Any person desiring further information concerning the organization are requested to see or write H. H. Carson, Secretary and Treasurer, Columbus, N. C.

Last Word About Our Fair

Every body remember that next Tuesday Oct. 9th will be Community Fair day at Greens Creek, N. C. and Thursday Oct. 11th. will be the Greater Polk County Community Fair at Columbus, N. C. These days will come before another issue of this paper.

If these fairs are a success it will be, because of the intelligence and loyalty of the citizens of Polk County to cooperate in undertakings common to all their interests. Let every one at least for one day do his best to excel his neighbor in making these fairs gloriously great.

Respectfully,
County Agent,
J. R. Sams.

HOLD FIRST FESTIVAL REHEARSAL OCTOBER 23

Director Frederick W. Wodell announces Date For First Chorus Meeting

Director Frederick W. Wodell announces that the Music Festival Chorus for 1924 will hold its first rehearsal on Tuesday evening, October 23, at 8 o'clock sharp, dismissing promptly at 9:30. It is desired that every singer who took part in last season's festival shall again join the chorus.

In order to accommodate new members, Mr. Wodell will be at his studio in the Converse College Music building Tuesday evening, October 9, 16, and 23, from 7 to 8 o'clock, when he will be very glad to meet vocalists, and assign them to a part.

This season the opera will be the world-wide favorite "Il Trovatore," by Verdi. The first night of the festival will be called "Choral" instead of "Oratorio" night, as the program will include works of varied character, in addition to the well known and liked "Stabat Mater" by Rossini.

Apt Comparison.

Women are like pictures, of no value in the hands of a fool till he hears men of sense bid high for the purchase.—Farquhar.

Heat From Kerosene and Coal.

It has been pointed out that kerosene contains a greater quantity of heating energy than coal when the comparison is made upon the basis of weight. One pound of kerosene contains about 19,000 heat units, whereas one pound of high-grade coal shows about 15,000. The cost of the various fuels for heating purposes depends largely upon the relative supply.

Odd Superstitions.

A curious custom is practiced in Norway, where those in search of a drowned body row to and fro with a cock in the boat, fully expecting that the bird will crow when the boat reaches the spot where the corpse lies. In Persia the crowing of a cock is the sign of some event affecting the family, and the master of the house hastens to feel the bird's feet. If they are cold it is a premonition of death, but if they are warm the sign is propitious, and the master rejoices in coming good fortune.

Baptists of County Meet at Mill Spring

By Esther Gibbs

Last Saturday and Sunday, Baptists of Polk County, regardless of associational affiliation, met at the Baptist Church. The attendance Saturday was small but the meeting on the whole was good. Reports from the organizations of different churches were made.

Rev. A. J. Justice was present on Saturday. The B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U. originated during his visit to our church last Spring. By his help we secured our Pastor of whom we are proud. Through his instruction and help the Baptists made many of repairs and additions to their church. In the general discussion regarding church work, he made many valuable comments.

On Sunday the crowd increased considerably. Nine Baptist Churches in Polk County were represented. After Sunday School Rev. Felmet of Hickory Grove discussed the Biblical Recorder and its use. County Agent Sams then gave an insight to some ways of better Sunday School equipment. Rev. M. C. Lunsford, Pastor of Saluda Baptist Church preached the Association Sermon.

After the dinner, served in picnic style, Dr. T. L. Justice spoke on the following subject in an instructive manner: "Great World Program for Kingdom Work; Relation of the 75 Million Campaign to it."

A committee appointed on Saturday to decide the place for next meeting, and the preacher to give introductory sermon, decided to meet with the Columbus Baptist Church with Dr. Justice to preach the sermon, the meeting to be held the fifth Saturday and Sunday in December. A large delegation from each church in Polk County is strongly urged, on Saturday this question will be discussed and we hope, solved. "What can be done to better the condition of our Churches of Polk County?"

Saturday Will Close Spartan Trade Event

Five o'clock next Saturday evening on the city Square, the grand finale of Spartanburg's Greatest Trade Event will be held, marking the climax of eleven days of the liveliest business on record.

Seventy merchants are participating in the Event. Almost every line of merchandise is represented, and no matter where one buys they will come in for the benefits.

The weather has been favorable to shoppers ever since trade event opened on September 25th. Out of town shoppers have taken advantage of this fact and the roads to Spartanburg throughout a radius of fifty miles have been filled with cars bringing to the City of Success, men, women and children, all eager to buy goods and share in the benefits of trade event. While in the city they have taken occasion to stop in the Square and admire the four shiny cylinders, and remark to their friends that they felt sure they would get either a Ford or a Chevrolet.

MILL SPRING

Death visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Waldrop last Tuesday morning and carried away little Stanley, who was quite ill for several days. The many friends of the sad parents extend their profound sympathy in their dark hours of sorrow.

Mrs. Lou Geer and daughter Sallie of Rutherfordton visited relatives here a few days last week.

Mrs. L. C. Gibbs entertained a party of young people at her home Friday night in honor of her daughter, Edith Caldwell and husband who are visiting them.

Rev. R. C. Freeman was called to Lebanon last Monday to conduct the funeral of Jerry Jackson, an aged man who passed away. Some relatives and friends here attended the funeral also.

The B. Y. P. C. will give an entertainment at the Baptist Church next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. This proceeds the preaching hour which will be at 3 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to the B. Y. P. U. Exercise.

Simplicity.

The poet must put far from him the amazing word, the learned allusion, the facial invention, the clever twist of thought, for all these things will blur his poem and distract his reader. He must not overcrowd his lines with figures of speech, because, piling these one upon another, he defeats his own purpose. . . . The poet should try to give his poem the quiet swiftness of flame, so that the reader shall feel and not think while he is reading. But the thinking will come afterward. —Sara Teasdale.

Heat Reddens Fruit.

What makes cherries red, light or heat? The question was recently discussed by the French Academy of Sciences in Paris, and the answer was heat. Some cherries, exposed to the light, remained as colorless as at first. Others, put into a dark oven, became beautifully red. Which only shows us that light alone, without heat, cannot ripen fruit, but that heat, without light, can. Many of us would have thought otherwise.

B. Of T. Approves Bond Issue For Water Works

Town Council to Act On Engineers Report.

Tryon's water supply, relating to both present and future condition was the subject of discussion at a special meeting of the Board of Trade held Wednesday night in Miss Sidline Hall.

The meeting was called at the request of Dr. William Gray, following an apparent water shortage under which the citizens of Tryon have been suffering during the past ten days.

During the past summer every effort was made by the town commission to augment the present water supply. The entire water system was carefully inspected by members of the commission, and a weekly inspection of the intakes and reservoir was made by Mayor W. S. Green. Up to the past two weeks there seemed, according to the Mayor to be an adequate supply and no danger of the present shortage was felt by any of the town officials.

Almost overnight the water supply decreased to such an extent that it was thought there must be a break in one of the intake mains. Subsequent inspection discovered the fact that one of the small basins on the water shed was in need of repair from damage near the base.

At the meeting Wednesday night this was explained by Mayor Green as well as the meter policy. Following considerable discussion on the part of various members who related personal experiences, the board as a group endorsed the findings of Engineer Wright of Charlotte who was employed by the town last Spring to inspect the water shed and supply and make written report. In this report, Mr. Wright suggested the replacing of the present 4 inch intake with a 6 inch pipe and the additional tapping of a third branch on the water shed with a 4 inch main. He further suggested meters for the town. It is thought that an expenditure of approximately \$20,000 will cover all necessary changes and additions to the present works to give a water supply of sufficient quantity to supply a town of twice Tryon's present population.

Members of the town commission stated that they wanted the consensus of opinion of the citizens before placing any further bonded indebtedness on the town. The board will meet at once to discuss the question and some definite action to relieve the situation is expected soon.

CHESTNUT BLIGHT SPREADING IN SOUTH

The chestnut blight, a destructive fungus disease, has been steadily spreading southward as well as northward and westward since its introduction into this country from Asia. The Bureau of Plant Industry, United States Department of Agriculture, has given most exhaustive study to the question of control of the disease, but its character is such that all efforts to develop any way of stopping its spread in forests have without avail.

The main area of infection has now reached North Carolina on the east slope of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The disease has been spreading westward across the mountains much slower than on the east slope of the Blue Ridge.

A new infected area was recently found covering parts of Greenville County, S. C., and Henderson and Polk Counties, N. C. This large infection of unknown duration is many miles ahead of the main line of advance of the disease. This advance infection is rapidly spreading and the indications are that the chestnut growth of the southern part of North Carolina, northern Georgia, and the southeastern part of Tennessee will be killed sooner than previously estimated.

Owners of chestnut growth in these regions should make plans in advance for the utilization of their trees. If the stand is growing rapidly and increasing in value, it may not be advisable to cut the trees until they become infested. In other cases where the area to be utilized is too large to cut over quickly, it will probably pay to start cutting before the blight becomes prevalent. It is not advisable to allow extensive stands of trees suitable for telegraph poles and lumber production to be killed by the blight and deteriorate until they can be utilized only for extract wood. The blight itself does not weaken or injure the wood, but saprot and checking start soon after the death of the tree.

LA BELLE QUARTET TO SING HERE OCTOBER 15

The first of a series of five concerts to be given during the winter months will be presented on Monday evening at 8:15 o'clock, October 15, in the auditorium of the new school building when the LaBelle Bell Ringing Quartet offer a programme.

Arrangements have been completed for the entire series every number of which it has been assured will be of the highest calibre, and both entertaining and instructive.

Season ticket for the series are being placed on sale about town at \$3.75 for adults and \$1.75 for children under twelve years of age.

According to the present plans there will be one concert each month for the next five months.