

POLK COUNTY NEWS

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Many folks are so situated that they have neither the time nor opportunity to work a garden.

Few Tryon people can legitimately claim that excuse.

The growing of vegetables is valuable from two view points. It necessitates bodily exercise in the open, and it supplies the table with a variety of food, thus benefiting one physically, while it knocks a dent in the high cost of living.

Flower gardens too call for exercise in plenty, and certainly the beautiful blooms repay one for the time and trouble expended.

There is an inherent satisfaction in the fact of one's living "by the sweat of the brow," and in no way is this exemplified so thoroughly as in the preparation, the tending, and harvesting of the choice results of the kitchen garden, or of the colorful flower beds.

No matter what the vocation one should spend every hour possible in the open air close to the soil and grass roots, and forget the "five-foot shelf" of household remedies which decorate every family cupboard.

A clever woman up in Virginia pinned a note on a potato she had raised which read, "I got twenty-four cents a bushel for these potatoes. What did you pay for them?"

The man who found the note paid \$1.20 for his bushel of spuds, and straightway wrote the lady in Virginia about it.

She got busy and the matter received a lot of nation wide publicity. A fine illustration, no doubt, of the vast difference between grower and consumer of foodstuffs in this land of ours. Co-operative marketing is reducing the cost of handling appreciably, and it assures the farmer of a fair return for his labor.

The Polk County Farmers Federation is doing good work in this community, and deserves the support of every individual farmer in the county.

Florida tourists are rolling north these days and many of them pass through Tryon. No more beautiful stretch of highway may be found in the entire "Land of the Sky" than the Tryon-Saluda road.

Auto travelers are impressed with its scenic value, and when this particular stretch of highway is better known, few indeed will miss it.

The completion of Route "A" of the Dixie Highway from Cincinnati to Miami will annually bring thousands of motorists through this section who now make the north and south trip via Washington.

Messrs. Buckner and O'Connor of the Western North Carolina Motor Club have worked faithfully to complete the "missing links" in Kentucky, and have raised thousands of dollars toward that end.

It would not be a bad publicity stunt to distribute a lot of those Chamber of Commerce booklets which are now being prepared, along this route.

Once more our schools and colleges come to commencement time. School is a work shop where we become familiar with the tools with which we will do our share of the world's work.

Graduation day is only the beginning of the long battle of life. It is the day when plans for the future develop. And it isn't what you know that gives you recognition and brings advancement in the world of work, but what you know how to do.

One who cannot use the things he has learned from text books, has labored in vain.

The world has little use for the man or woman who can "do anything". There is always a place for the girl or boy who can do any one thing, and do it well.

This is an age of specialization. Education is a necessary preparation. Special training is even more a necessity. Happily our school systems are beginning to recognize the fact. Commencement Day is well

named. It is the beginning of work. It is the day when Youth faces the future with fearless eye and undaunted courage.

LETTUCE CONDITIONS AT WILMINGTON

By P. C. Squires

Taking advantage of summer excursion rates from the mountains to sea shore I spent last Saturday looking into the lettuce situation in the vicinity of Wilmington, and regret to say that I found conditions in that great lettuce growing district far from satisfactory to the lettuce growers as prices had taken a decided tumble that many shipments to northern markets had failed to sell for enough to pay transportation charges.

These conditions had been brought about largely by the lettuce growers themselves, who in their eagerness to get ahead of the other fellow rushed hundreds of carloads of immature and trashy lettuce to New York, Philadelphia, Boston and other northern points until the markets had become demoralized. Conditions had become so serious that buyers representing large produce concerns in the north, called at the office of Wilmington Morning Star and pleaded with the editor to urge the lettuce growers to desist from shipping trashy and unsaleable lettuce. An average of fully sixty car loads of lettuce has moved out from the Wilmington section daily in the past ten days and large percentage of these shipments have been of the undesirable and unsaleable sort. When will shippers of perishable truck and fruit come to a realization of their importance of proper selecting, grading and packing of their crops? I am firm in my belief that no class of people show so little business acumen, and who use so little judgement and calculation, especially in preparing and disposing of their crops as the average farmer. I think I can make this statement with authority as I have been a farmer for two thirds of my life, and when I look back and review some of my farming operations, especially the marketing and sales end away back in the nineties I am compelled in all truth to say that of all the fool farmers in our neighborhood I was the chief, and if in after years I acquired the least bit of wisdom it was pounded into me by force of circumstances. It took some hard and mighty uncomfortable jolts before I had enough sense knocked into me to realize that I would have to select, grade, and pack properly if I could expect satisfactory prices and build up a reputation for my brand of goods but when I finally changed methods my conversion was so complete that from that time to this, I have been known from the city produce sections to eastern North Carolina as the "grading crank". I mention this merely to acquaint the lettuce and potato growers of Polk County with the fact that from now to the end of the season you will be dealing with a regular martinet when it comes to grading and packing your truck crops. I shall insist on proper grading and honest packing. What I mean by honest packing is that the lettuce hampers must be packed so solid full that the covers will press against the lettuce after it has been hauled to Tryon.

Likewise, the potato grower when he gets into the game will be required to so thoroughly shake the barrels when filling that the top of the barrel will be well rounded over with potatoes after he has hauled his load to the station. Remember that it is solely for your good, for your profit, and for the reputation that you growers are going to build up that I shall insist on these methods being followed as we enter upon the last and very important stage of our money crop campaign—but if you find my rules for the game to severe and too drastic you may get consolation from the fact my resignation has been in the hands of the Farmers Federation for the past three months, and it will take but a few minutes for me to pack my grip.

Grape Spraying.

High quality fruit is essential if grape production is to be profitable and to meet the demands of the market it is necessary to combat black, downy mildew, grape curculio and the

leaf hopper. A discussion of these subjects is found in a circular issued by the College of Agriculture, Columbia, Mo. Every Polk county grape grower who is interested in authoritative information on the control of insects and diseases affecting the grape crop should send this valuable circular. Any producer of grapes can benefit by writing for a copy. Ask for extension circular 141. Mountain Rutabagas.

The writer visited the rutabaga section of Canada a few years ago and found the farmers coming in from all directions with big wagon loads of rutabagas which they were selling to buyers at the station for 25 cents per bushel. They were hauled in bulk wagon loads and shoveled into the cars. I found that shipments were made from this station to all of the principle cities of the south where rutabagas were sacked by the wholesale receiver and sold at so much per 100 pounds to the retailer. Two weeks later I was again in the Southland and having occasion to call on a farmer in Sampson County this state, was not a little surprised when I sat down to the bountiful table with this family to be served along with other vegetables, Canadian rutabagas. I was further surprised when I found that the rutabagas the Canadian farmer received 25 cents for cost this North Carolina farmer 6 cents per pound or \$3.60 per bushel. The five parties who prices between the producer and the consumer were the speculator who purchased the bulk rutabagas of the Canadian farmer. The United States customers. U. S. and Canadian railroads, wholesale dealers and the retailers.

The Sampson county farmers who paid the price of a half barrel of best flour for a bushel of rutabagas declared that this class of turnips could not be grown in eastern North Carolina. The next day I was shown as fine a basket of rutabagas as could be founded in Canada, and they were grown by a little energetic woman mother of four bright children and within two miles of the farmer with whom I took dinner the day before.

I venture to say that Canadian rutabagas have been on sale the past winter in every county in this state including Polk, and I consider it a disgrace to the farmers of North Carolina, especially of Western North Carolina, where this class of turnips can be grown equal in quality to those grown in Canada or elsewhere. At least fifty carloads of rutabagas should be grown in Polk County this year and shipped from Tryon and Saluda during the winter months. If the farmers of Polk county will grow fifty to a hundred carloads of rutabagas for the winter trade the writer will guarantee to find a market for them, and at prices that will make cotton growers sick in the chest.

Garden Pests.

Early and prompt action with poisons and contracts sprays should be taken if the inevitable attacks by the insects is to

be controlled before serious crop damage is done. Biting insects are controlled by the use of a stomach poison, the best known and safest of which is arsenate of lead. This poison can be used in powdered form and should be used at the rate of one heaping teaspoonful to each gallon of water and applied to the plant in a form of a spray. Or the arsenate of lead may be used as dust, in which case it is usually mixed at the rate of one pound to five pounds air slacked lime. This poison dust is applied to plants either with the aid of dust gun or a hand duster; or may be applied by placing the dust within a sack of thin material, like a salt or flour sack. For the control of insects which suck up plant juices a constant insecticide is used. Extracts of tobacco is the most effective for this insect pest. A tobacco preparation known as Black Leaf 40 is as good as any thing on the market for aphids or plant lice which are usually found on the underside of leaves. The spraying should be very thorough and should be repeated about three days after the first application; which be sufficient for two to three weeks.

Notice Of Mortgage Sale

By virtue of the power contained in a certain mortgage deed executed by J. O. Vehawn and wife, Florence Vehawn, to G. W. Gosnell and Daisy Gosnell, dated Nov. 29, 1920, recorded in Book 17 page 164 of the records of Mortgage Deeds for Polk County, the undersigned, will, on Monday, 23rd day of June 1924 with the legal hours of sale, for the purpose of satisfying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage deed, with interest and cost, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door of Polk County the land conveyed by said mortgage deed lying and being in the State of North Carolina, Polk County, Columbus Township, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stone and P. O. and pointer, Edward's and Champion's corner; thence West 85 poles to a stake on the Edwards line; thence with his line S. 35 poles to a stone; thence S. 1-2 E. 63 1-3 poles to a stone; thence S. 32 E. 17 poles to a small pine; thence S. 83 1-4 E. 25 1-3 poles to a stone on east side of the old Landrum road; thence with same as follows: N. 22 1-2 E. 30 poles, N. 8 E. 24 poles, N. 11 W. 20 1-4 poles to a stake in road and on Champion's line thence with same S. 70 W. 30 1-2 poles to the beginning, containing 32 acres, more or less. This May 22, 1924.

G. W. Gosnell
Daisy Gosnell
Mortgagee

E. B. Cloud, Atty.

FOR CORONER

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