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Get the Golf Links and watch Tryon grow.

Have you contributed your bit to the Golf Links?

A general free county phone service will help develop Polk County.

Saluda is getting the thing called Civic pride. It took the efforts of the good ladies to bring it about. Saluda will be "spotless town," if the idea is followed out.

The News expected to be all dressed up and come out this week a brand new paper. We will be delayed a week, perhaps two, on account of some broken machinery which delayed us and one of our bunch was taken ill Monday, causing another delay. We will give you the new News within a week or two.

**COUNTY PHONE SERVICE**

The Hendersonville Democrat reproduced our County phone free service editorial of recent date. Polk County is behind the times in this instance. Every progressive County has a universal county service. We should have it here. Saluda offers to join in the movement and has provided a way to pay the additional expense by adding a small monthly charge to phone rentals. The News hopes the patrons of all phone companies in Polk County would get interested and push this matter. There is not much inducement to rent a phone now and their use will be restricted until a county service is established.

**Efficiency**

This word efficient, now being worked overtime, is one deserving the prominence it is getting. To be efficient at what one undertakes is a great thing. The Germans have taught the world what efficiency means. We, as a nation, are not efficient. Harum scarum, most any way to get by. We are proficient, but not efficient. Why not try to bring up our efficiency?

Elbert Hubbard dashed off a little article for a booklet he called "A Message to Garcia," about the time of the Spanish-American war. That book struck the popular fancy for it told a marvelous narrative. The man, Gowan, selected to carry the message to General Garcia at once. Gowan saluted and beat it. He delivered the message. He asked no fool questions. Did not heliache just delivered the goods. If these things can be trained into our coming generations it will be well, otherwise we are going to lose out to the nations that do. Proficiency and Efficiency will make any of us a sufficiency.

**SALUDA**

Mrs. D. S. Hinton, Misses Maude and Ruth Hinton of Asheville, spent Sunday in Saluda.

Miss Mentry Thompson spent Sunday with Mrs. Robert Newman.

Miss Irene Parrott, of Darlington, S. C. is visiting at the Leland Home.

C. H. Leland, Jr., of Atlee, Va., and Ernest Leland, of McClellanville, S. C., are spending the summer with their parents Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Leland.

In answer to numerous inquiries I am compelled to say that all patients desiring my treatment must come to my office, when possible, where they will receive every care and attention.

J. C. Bushnell,

Dr. of Mechano Therapy & Medical Psychology. Adv. It.

J. C. Thompson and family were in Greenville last Friday.

Mrs. J. A. Bolich visited her sister, Mrs. Lockett, at Inman, S. C., last Thursday.

Miss Anna Bishop spent the week-end with friends in Tryon.

R. M. Hall and family will leave Sunday for a week's visit with Mr. Hall's father, in Greenville, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Aiken, of Chelsea, N. J., have arrived to spend the summer season at their home.

Mrs. Morrison of Chester, S. C., is stopping at The Esseola.

Mrs. Ruth Hill spent Saturday in Spartanburg.

W. Bryan Bolich has returned home from Wofford College and will visit his father in Winston-Salem the latter part of the week.

Miss Betty Fudge of Atlanta, is here for the summer.

Miss M. T. Blackman spent Thursday in Spartanburg.

Mrs. Chas. H. Thompson of Miami, Fla. who has been spending several weeks at The Holly Hill, left Thursday for home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Capps were called to

Flat Rock Wednesday to attend the funeral of their brother-in-law Dr. Otto, Oppelt, who died there Tuesday night after a lingering illness. Dr. Oppelt was a native of Saxony, Germany and had not heard from home since the European war broke out. Interment was in Hendersonville.

Mrs. E. S. Edgerton of Washington, D. C., is the guest of Mrs. H. P. Locke at Fairview.

Miss Arra Lankford attended the district Conference of the Methodist Church at Brevard last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Chandler and Miss Thelma Yelvington who have been visiting friends at Marshall, N. C., have returned to Saluda.

D. A. Moyers of Knoxville, Tenn., the night watchman for the Steam Shovel station at Saluda, tips the scales at 345 lbs., and is 6ft. 4in. He has a son who weighs 280.

The birthday party given by Baty Hall and little Nina Hall, Friday June 4th was well attended and greatly enjoyed by all present. Ice cream and cake were served set with white, pink and green candies. Numerous games were played and a delightful evening spent. The following guests were present; Julian, Gertrude, Gladys, Leon, Leasia, and May Pace, Julia Ward, Louise Averill, Edna and Lawley Fisher, Elizabeth and Margaret Hart, Mack Sally, Kathleen Garren, Cleveland Turner, Hazel Cullipher, Dorothy Corwith, Montgomery Reed, Robert Moody Edna May Capps, Clemy Bishop, Sam Souner, Julia Baumberger, Leon Sternberger and Marion Bolich. Colors for the occasion were white and yellow. Mrs. Hall was assisted by Mrs. Ted Averill, Mrs. W. H. Pace, Mrs. J. L. Hart, Miss Octavia Moody and Mrs. Mark Fisher. Prizes were won by Lawley Fisher and Hazel Cullipher.

W. G. Willard and family of Spartanburg are occupying the Esseola Cottage.

Saluda Lodge of A. F. and A. M. 482 will elect officers for the ensuing year, Saturday night, June 12th, at 8 o'clock.

**ABOUT OUR CAPT. BOLICH**

From The Southern News Bulletin we clip the following:

J. A. Bolich has been appointed trainmaster of the Winston-Salem division. Mr. Bolich entered the service of the Richmond and Danville Railroad in 1880 as fireman and was promoted to engineer in 1891. He ran an engine on the Danville and Asheville divisions until 1907, when he was promoted to trainmaster on the Asheville division. In 1908 he took a position as engineer on the helper on the Saluda grade, Asheville division, which he has held until his recent appointment. In addition to his service to Southern Railway Mr. Bolich has found time to devote himself to public activity. He was mayor of the town of Saluda for a number of years and served Polk County in the North Carolina legislature for two sessions.

**NOBODY HOME.**

Grandfather?—Out for a drive.  
 Grandmother?—Calling.  
 Father?—Golf.  
 Mother?—Matinee.  
 Daughter?—Dawncing.  
 Son?—Club.  
 The maid?—Her day out.  
 Rap, Rap.—Detroit News.

**Rickshaven**

(Intended for last week.)

Mrs. Fannie J. Ricks and Miss Lizzie Berkhart who have been Washington, D. C. for the past three months returned to their home here Wednesday.

J. W. Hipp and family moved to Saluda last Monday.

Luther Durham of Lynn spent the week-end here with his son Frail Durham.

Mrs. F. J. Ricks lost a fine milch cow last Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Green of Silver Creek spent the week-end with their daughter Mrs. J. S. Arledge. Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Arledge spent Sunday here also.

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Miss Maude Davis and Mr. Dille of Hendersonville, were married last Sunday night. J. S. Arledge went shopping in Hendersonville last Saturday.

Mrs. Shirell Davis is visiting her mother Mrs. Thomas Blackwell near Flat Rock, at this writing.

Mrs. Frail Durham spent last week-end with her mother, Mrs. John Edwards.

Curtis Garrette and Crawford Foster have secured a position with Mrs. Ricks and will begin work Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Davis visited relatives in Hendersonville, a few days last week.

**MILL SPRINGS.**

Rev. W. W. Womack, filled his regular appointment at the M. E. Church Sunday.

Miss Elsie Edwards was the guest of Miss Leona Edgerton Sunday.

Farmers are very busy in this section. Mrs. Lionell Brisco visited her parents in Landrum, last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cocherum visited relatives in Uree, N. C., last Sunday.

There will be childrens day at the M. E. Church next Sunday, everybody invited.

**FISH TOP**

Rain seems to be tapering down some. The locusts have about all sung their farewell song.

Dewberries are another dish to add to the menu.

I ate the first peach Sunday last, this season.

We are seldom bothered with tramps but a drove passed through Monday last.

James Hollifield of McDowell County called on the Bradley family Sunday.

This season is sure fine on potatoes, cabbages and weeds too.

Peaches, apples and tomatoes will follow soon.

Thomas Price visited his Uncle, Levy Jones, Saturday and Sunday at Zircocia.

T. W. Bradley has taken a recess in his singing school, at Zircocia, until corn is laid by.

Posey Henderson went to preaching at Mt. Lebanon, Sunday.

To wet for honey bees to do well.

We learn the first green beans went from the Cove to Saluda, Saturday.

**THE GUIDE TO NATURE**

The News has one exchange that is looked forward to each month. It is carried home where every member of the family reads it, even the 5 year old looks at the beautiful pictures and asks many questions. The Guide to Nature is published by the Agassiz Association, at Arcadia, Sound Beach, Conn. Edward F. Bigelow, a renowned nature lover, is the Managing Editor. This magazine is devoted to commonplace nature with uncommon interest. It is profusely illustrated and is sent postage paid for a dollar a year, worth at least \$3.00.

Dr. Bigelow is trying to arouse interest in astronomy and a campaign has been launched for the purpose of buying a telescope and establishing an astronomical observatory at Sound Beach. Small subscriptions will be very acceptable. Anyway many of our readers should subscribe for the Educational magazine The Guide to Nature. Just send along a dollar to address given above or bring a dollar to The News office and we will do the rest.

**COLUMBUS.**

Hon. F. M. Burgess is attending the Grand Lodge, K. of P. at Salisbury, this week.

The special election held Tuesday to vote bonds for school purposes resulted in favor of the bonds by 2 votes, 29 for and 27 against. A great deal of interest was taken in this election which resulted in so close a vote.

The Commercial Bank of Rutherfordton secured the \$15,000. special road bonds recently voted by Saluda and Tryon Townships to reconstruct the Howard Gap Road from Lynn to Saluda. They sold at par. The County Commissioners transacted routine business for the rest of the day.

**LYNN.**

Miss Mary Schwarburg has left Southern Pines for Chautauqua, N. Y., where she will spend the summer.

**MISSION OF THE RURAL CHURCH**

SHOULD BE UNIVERSITY OF RELIGIOUS LEARNING.

Duty of Christianity to Evangelize the World.

By Rev. Jno. A. Rice, D. D.

Pastor St. John M. E. Church, South, St. Louis, Mo.

Some years ago, the question was asked: What is a college? The attempt to answer it shook the educational world in America from center to circumference. Another question is now beginning to be asked: What is a church? Without undertaking to give a definition of it, let me ask, in this initial paper, what the church is for? The New Testament reveals three distinct tasks to which it is committed.

First, that of evangelization. The church is divinely commissioned to reach for the lowest and the least man in the least land and offer him sonship to the Eternal God; offer him a divine power, which lifts him out of the bog and places him upon the highest levels of human life, where God and the soul are in fellowship. This alone were an immense privilege.

**Teaching the Art of Living.**

The church is commissioned also to teach and train those who are rich with its evangelistic message. The term, Religious Education, has come to mean a specific thing in our country, namely, the training of the people in the local church in those deep matters which pertain to the art of living. I am not now speaking of the work of education in schools, colleges and universities, but the work of education at our doors, in the congregation. Every agency in reach should be employed to the utmost in this important mission. Indeed, the local church could be made a sort of university for all the people, in which the simple, practical arts and virtues of everyday life should be taught and enforced. Only recently has this special phase of the church's work received anything like adequate attention. The New Testament word for it is Edification.

**School of Religion Needed.**

Of course, the Sunday School is the center for all this work, although the activities of the church should extend through the entire week and the Sunday School should cease to be so named. It should be called the School of Religion or the Church School or something else that indicates it to be an all-the-week activity. During this time various and sundry clubs, classes, musical organizations, culture courses, as well as distinctly religious meetings, should be held. Thickly settled neighborhoods, as we shall see, offer fine opportunities for the development of things spiritual.

The third task to which the church is committed is that of infusing the spirit of Jesus into every nook and corner of our life. Nothing is foreign to the interest of the church.

**Neighborly Love Essential.**

If religion pervades and colors the whole life then ours is serious business, for it will let no corner of the world escape its influence. The sooner we learn that Christianity is not a thing to be practiced in a corner the better for the world. The question of the eighteenth century, touching Christianity, was, Can it be made to square with the human reason? Of the nineteenth, Can it be made to square with the results of scientific research? Of the twentieth, What can it do? We must learn to enforce not only love of God, whom we cannot see, but love to our neighbors, with whom we are living in constant contact. Neither without the other is Christianity whatever else it may be. Everything that interests his neighbors must interest him, if he is a genuine follower of the Christ.

It is the mission of the church—the rural as well as the city—to evangelize the whole world, to train to the highest degree of efficiency those whom it evangelizes and to seek to make the spirit of Jesus the absolute rule in all human relations.

It is an admitted economic fact that there can be no permanent prosperity without a permanent agriculture.

**THE NATION'S DINNER TABLE**

When the dinner bell of this nation rings there have been slaughtered for the repast 13,000 hogs, 21,000 hogs, 4,600 sheep, 2,000 hundredweight of poultry and other meats, and there have been 700,000 bushels of cereals and 540,000,000 pounds of vegetables prepared for the feast. Multiply these quantities by one thousand, representing approximately the number of meals per annum, and we have the annual contents of the nation's larder. But with all our immense quantity, superb quality and wide range of products, the American housewife, like the wife of King Nebuchadnezzar, longs for variety and she goes marketing in foreign lands. She buys abroad \$200,000,000 per annum of farm products that can and should be produced in the United States.

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