

TRYON

The first snow of the season, in Tryon, fell on December 1st.

For Sale—Very cheap, an upright piano, K. care NEWS.

Mrs. W. J. and daughter, Mrs. J. W. spent the day in Asheville last Monday.

Mr. R. L. Ballenger attended to business matters in Atlanta the fore part of the week.

Tea Room at Mountain Industries open every Saturday beginning November 30th, from 3:30 to 5:30.

Mrs. John Hoffman, of Spartanburg, S. C., is the guest of the family of Mr. J. B. Reed, on Melrose avenue.

For Sale—Buff Orpington cockerels, best strain, pure stock.

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Cakes, crackers and home made delicacies. Telephone orders. Miss L. B. Jayne, Sunshine Cottage, Melrose Ave.

The Lanier Club has bought from Mrs. Ferris her Weber Baby Grand piano but its first use will await the next meeting of the club.

Sabbath services at the Congregational church: Sunday school at 10 a. m., public worship at 11 a. m., sermon by the pastor. Public invited.

Mrs. LeCount gave a pleasant afternoon tea, Wednesday, to meet Mrs. Seveill, of Chihuahua, Mexico, and Miss Allen, of Stratford Conn.

Mr. C. C. Owens, of Greens Creek township paid us a friendly call one day last week, and while here left a renewal of subscription for Mr. W. F. Wilkins.

Tuesday's papers told us that all sugar restrictions have been removed so that now the size of your purchase will be limited only by the size of your "roll."

Services at 11 o'clock a. m., next Sunday, sermon by Rev. Mr. Pratt, the pastor. Theme: "Watching and Waiting to Hear God's Will." Public cordially invited.

We received a pleasant call Thursday morning from Mr. A. De Vere Turner, of Saluda. He was attending a meeting of the executive committee of the Red Cross.

Mr. J. C. Davis, of Greens Creek township, was in Tryon, Saturday, and paid us a friendly call. He reports many cases of Spanish influenza in his part of Polk county.

Mr. J. C. Rhodes, of Whittier, N. C., paid us a pleasant call last Friday and left his subscription to the NEWS. He formerly resided in Tryon, and is well known to many of our readers.

The Fifth Pioneer Band paid us another visit last Wednesday, and the boys were given a dance and reception at the Lanier Club rooms. The attendance was good and a most enjoyable time was had.

Mrs. C. W. Ballenger has gone to a hospital in Asheville, where she will take a complete rest and treatment. Her many friends hope to see her return in the very near future, completely restored to health.

Now that war activities have let up to a considerable degree isn't it about time to do something in the way of social activities in Tryon? No other town of its size in the State contains as much real talent, and it's a pity to see it become stagnant. Wake up, and let's make this a merry winter season in Tryon.

Mr. Bollman has sold the last of his 1,000 acre tract down Landrum way, bought by his grandfather soon after the war, 50 odd years ago; probably paying from \$8 to \$10 an acre, but now selling—some of it—for nearly twenty times that value. Any one that likes to figure out the compound interest and taxes during the 50 years, can get some idea of the actual increase in the value of the land.

Mrs. Bernard Sharp writes cheerfully to a Tryon friend from Fort Huachuca, that the family are well, but that the whole garrison has been rigidly quarantined for six weeks against the influenza which they happily escaped. Like all army people are in the habit of making themselves at home as much as possible wherever they are stationed, but confesses Tryon has the call on them. The Captain's future movements await the reorganization of the army.

As the time approaches when the U. S. Food Administration will cease to exist, a word of appreciation of the work done by this body of patriotic Americans is in order. Polk county was fortunate indeed when Mr. F. P. Bacon was selected as county administrator. In his easy, quiet manner he has gone about his work of carrying out the mandates of his superior, maintaining the good will of all with whom he has come in contact. The good done by this body will never be fully appreciated by the people.

In reading the proceedings of the Methodist conference recently held at Charlotte, we noticed that Rev. Mr. Newell was paid quite a compliment on the thoroughness of his work as presiding elder for his district. We were in no sense surprised, for to know this man is but to realize his "bigness," and we would not be surprised at any good thing he might do. In fact the day he is made Bishop will in no sense surprise us. We had the rare fortune to be pretty closely associated with Mr. Newell while he was on the Tryon charge and learned to admire him, and fully appreciate his talents.

Rev. F. Barrows Makepeace delivered a very able address at the Congregational church, last Sunday, on food conservation. He took for his text "Give ye them to eat." He touched upon the importance of food conservation for the next year, showing how necessary it was for the maintenance of life in Europe. He also touched upon the question of punishment of the Germans, and his views coincide entirely with ours. It is refreshing to hear a minister who has pronounced views and is not afraid of the courage of his convictions. Mr. Makepeace doesn't want any persecution of the Germans, but as to make them realize the enormity of their offense, and such as to bring them to a realization of their sins, and that will make them a repentant people.

We take this method of thanking the many persons who have complimented us on the good appearance of the NEWS of late. We are like other human beings and if we are worthy of a good word most certainly appreciate it. For several weeks past we have labored under difficulties on account of our type-setting machine refusing to do its work properly. A mechanic from the factory has been with us this week and carefully gone over it, and we hope our troubles in that line are over for awhile, at least. We try to give our readers as good a paper as possible. So far as county news is concerned, there is not another paper in Western North Carolina that has as large number of correspondents as we, and the field is pretty well covered every week. Our subscription list is not nearly so large as it should be, and if our readers really appreciate the NEWS won't you help us to increase our list? If every Polk county subscriber would secure one additional name for us it would give us about the size list we should have. It is our aim to make the paper non-political and free from anything objectionable. In other words we are trying to make the NEWS a FAMILY paper, one that you can feel free to allow to go into your family, knowing that its moral tone is good.

Mr. Eugne Brownlee who has been connected with a British hospital unit on the Italian front for several months past, arrived in Tryon last Sunday, looking as fine as he did before leaving home. He has many interesting experiences to relate in connection with his duties at the front. He says he has learned to love the Italian people, and says that of all the enemy nations none have stooped so low or done so many vile things as the Germans. The reputation the Turk has achieved is far from right, so Mr. Brownlee declares. He says that the Turk absolutely refused to use gas in warfare, and that they took splendid care of prisoners. The stories we have heard of the sufferings of the Italians as well as others of our allies are in no sense exaggerated, says Mr. Brownlee, but that we haven't heard the half. He says that ham and bacon sell for \$4.00 per pound, eggs, 20 cents each, while a broiler size chicken sells for \$4.00. The middle and poorer classes of Italy have not tasted fats of any kind for many months, butter being an unknown article of diet. So sure of success was the Kaiser that he actually had paper money printed, to be used when the Germans and Austrians had captured Venice. Mr. Brownlee has a piece of money to verify this story. The Italians are great fighters, says he and have fairly earned their brilliant victory.

—W. S. S.—
FAIR MEETING.

The officers of the Polk County Fair Association met in Tryon Tuesday morning, and after some discussion it was thought best to call a general meeting of the citizens of Polk county to discuss the proposition and to elect officers for the Fair for 1919.

A meeting has been called for Saturday, December 21, 1918, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the court house in Columbus. It is hoped that everybody who possibly can, will attend this meeting.

While it has not been possible to hold a Fair this year, yet considerable expense has been incurred, and it is hoped that any person who has the welfare of the Fair at heart will make as liberal contribution to the Treasurer, Dr. H. H. Edwards, at Columbus right away as it is desired to clean up the present indebtedness and turn the organization over to the new officials entirely free of debt.

NOTICE!

TO TAX PAYERS.

The State and County taxes for the year 1918 are due, and the books are in my hands for collection. All tax payers are earnestly requested to meet me on the following dates at places named and pay their taxes:

Branscomb's store, Monday, Dec. 16th, 1918.
Melvin Hill, Lawter's store, Tuesday Dec. 17th.
John W. McFarland's, Wednesday, Dec. 18th.
John A. Shields' store, Thursday, Dec. 19th.
Pearidge, Mrs. Taylor's store, Friday, Dec. 20th.
Mill Spring, Lewis' store, Saturday, Dec. 21st.

Last Call.

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There will be a wind-up war savings drive in this county during September.

Canvassers, acting under authority of the United States Government will call upon you. You must pledge to buy every single War Savings Stamp you can to help save your county—and your boys.

Any further information will be cheerfully given you by Mr. B. L. Ballenger, County Chairman of Polk County War Savings Association.

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