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## WON ENTIRELY TOO SELF SATISFIED.

Want to Rest Entirely on Reputation Earned in "Days of Yore."

## NOT MUCH TIME TO LOSE.

Our article in last week's issue... We venture the assertion that there is not another town in North Carolina the size of Tryon that contains so much talent. Then for that talent to be idly and become afflicted with a bad case of dry rot is what makes us unable to understand such a condition.

In addition to our home talent but in places have as many visitors of talent and talent during the winter season. We do ourselves an injustice not getting from these people some of their knowledge and information which would be of benefit to us.

The Lanier Club has always set the pace for the ladies of Tryon and could do so this year. One gentleman told us Monday that he had been in Tryon for twelve years; that when he first came the Lanier Club was in the habit of giving a New Year's reception that was worth while to attend.

We are told that Tryon formerly had a local "Players' Club," and that it was composed of people who had the proper conception of what acting was, and that their performances were good. Could not that be revived again?

No one will dispute the fact that it is impossible for a town any more than an individual, to stand still unless firmly anchored and if Tryon has reached that stage then it is time to sound "Taps" for her as a resort town. One gentleman who has been in the habit of coming to Tryon for years told us just before departing for his home in the East, that he had come to Tryon for his last time; that his former glory as a lively, friendly resort town was gone, and he could not afford to advise any of his friends to return.

Our mountainous scenery is grand, atmosphere fine and water exceptionally good, but it takes more than that to compose a real resort. People are not going to leave their well heated city homes where they can find some kind of amusement within a short walking or riding distance and come to Tryon and sit around all winter with "Nothing to do until tomorrow."

## PRIZES FOR 10 BEST EARS OF CORN.

County Agent Sams writes us that he is on the sick list, but hopes soon to be out and about his business again. He has the following proposition to make to Polk county farmers:

"Every farmer who reasonably can, come to the Fair meeting at Columbus on Saturday, December 21st, and bring with him ten (10) ears of just such corn as he means to plant next spring, and let's see what kind of corn Polk county has anyway. To the farmer or citizen of Polk county, who, of his own growing, shows the best 10 ears of corn any variety I will give as a premium \$3.00 and to the one bringing second best I will give \$2.00. Now don't anybody leave their good corn at home and come and slobber around and say they have better corn at home than any here. If you have it bring it along and carry that \$3.00 back in your jeans."

This is certainly a liberal proposition, and as every farmer should attend this meeting anyway, it will entail no extra trouble to bring along 10 ears of corn for competition.

## TO OUR READERS.

Insofar as the NEWS is concerned, the war is over, and we have gone back to a peace basis.

This means that we are publishing a strictly local newspaper, endeavoring to do all in our power to build up Polk county. The newspaper business is our livelihood, and we seem to have recovered it and are enjoying a fair amount of it. In the future any person, society, church or organization wishing space in the NEWS will be charged regular advertising rates for same. The time for giving away our space has ceased to exist. It is no longer a test of loyalty or a military necessity. If you wish to use our space you must expect to pay for it. Of course this does not apply to a strictly news article.

## POLK COUNTY RED CROSS.

The whole American people will be invited in the week preceding Christmas to enroll as members of American Red Cross. Polk county should at least have a thousand members. If the present four hundred and fifty-eight all renew their memberships we will have to do some hustling to reach that thousand mark. But we can reach it and we must.

It is confidently believed that there need be no further campaigns for the Red Cross funds, but instead, the annual roll call will constitute the money foundation for the Red Cross. The beneficent work of the American Red Cross is to go forward on a great scale—not alone for purposes of relief of war, but as an agency of peace and permanent human service. Remember all the Red Cross has done for you and your boys. Then see if you cannot secure three new memberships. Every one must help in the campaign for loyal members.

Mrs. Lindsey asks that all knitted articles be turned in by the end of the campaign if possible. The Southern division, comprising North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Tennessee must furnish forty thousand refugee garments in the next six weeks. All sewers are asked to hold themselves in readiness to work as soon as called upon.

## AND AT EVENING IT SHALL BE LIGHT.

This Bible promise has been fulfilled in the life of our neighbor and friend, Mrs. Charles Ferris.

Born to beauty, luxury and devotion, she swung the whole circle to old age, suffering, and as far as the ordinary ties of life are concerned to absolute loneliness, but to the last hour when she said "I am dying" though she could not turn her body in bed, she was giving thanks for the power to work for others, in some cases, to warn of sin, in others to comfort under affliction in others to give material relief.

Almost at the last she brought her pieces of antique china, gold and silver. These she promptly turned over to a friend to be sold for the benefit of Missions.

A few days before she had parted with her beautiful piano for less than half its value (Mr. Russell who had just tuned it pronounces it worth as it stands one thousand dollars), taking great pleasure in what she could do with the money, and in the thought that her old friends in the Lanier Club would enjoy its sweet tones.

Her taking leave of it partook of the finality which in these latter days marked all her actions. Saying to Mr. Rowell, who was superintending its transfer, "I shall not hear it again, I wish you would play for me."

While Edward Streadwick and his force waited the notes of a selection which she loved floated up to her.

At once she turned to other thoughts and occupations. We are apt to think in these days of the newly developed business women, the driving club woman, the automobile driver that the type of the remote saintly woman has ceased to exist. Mrs. Ferris is a proof that she will not fade from the earth, while high thinking, noble living and vital faith have their place here below.

## A FLIGHT OF LARKS.

They flew, three of them, over Tryon on Sunday afternoon, lighting at the Kruse's house on the mountain in search of food. The lady who so often had furnished that desirable commodity, was ill, but her hospitality could not allow three hungry birds to go forth as a table was set and a good dinner furnished. Meanwhile, such a delightful concert as they gave is seldom enjoyed!

They were dressed in khaki and one of them who is a cellist, had no instrument with which to play but Mr. Goddard of the Y. M. C. A. sang in his glorious baritone voice, song after song, giving unmixed delight to the music lovers who live on the hill. Then Mr. Nussbaum played the piano in an unsurpassed way.

The three are still in their country's service where so much fine talent has been consecrated during the last few years.

Next time they take a flight let them pause on their way either coming or going and teach us something of that harmonious madness of which the poet speaks and in which their mountain friends so delighted.

## FROM OUR FRIENDS OVER THE COUNTY

Some Items of General Interest Gathered By Our Correspondents From Various Sections of Polk County

### PEA RIDGE.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Gosnell visited relatives in South Carolina, last week. Mrs. Mattie Mills, wife of Mr. Louis Mills, died at her home here Friday night, from influenza. Her body was laid to rest at the Methodist church, at Pearridge Sunday. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson have received word of the death of their son, Grover, who died somewhere in France, Nov. 12th. He was wounded on Sept. 29th. Grover was a fine young man and loved by all who knew him. We extend sympathy to the bereaved ones. He is gone but not forgotten.

Mrs. P. G. Brisco and daughter Minnie, spent Sunday afternoon at N. D. Moore's.

Misses Mae, Gladys and Mattie Phillips were callers at J. B. Dalton's, Sunday.

Mr. Richard Jolly, of Chesnee, S. C., visited at W. R. Turner's Sunday. Johnnie Dalton has returned home from Hopewell, Va.

Miss Nellie Foy made a shopping trip to Rutherfordton Saturday.

### MILL SPRING ROUTE 2.

Rev. Wright filled his regular appointment at Cane Creek, last Sunday.

Mrs. F. R. Coggins spent Sunday night with her brother, Mr. A. J. Dimsdale.

The flu is raging in this section, in spite of the bonnet tea.

Messrs. J. G. Corn and E. C. Lynch made a flying trip to Gaffney Saturday last.

Miss Annie Wilson spent Sunday night with Lizzie Williams.

Dr. J. M. Gilbert died suddenly at his home, Friday night last. His body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Cane Creek. He leaves a wife and seven children to mourn his death.

Rev. James Brown spent Saturday night at Mr. Bill Dimsdale's.

Mrs. G. S. Whiteside spent several hours with Mrs. S. J. Helton, Saturday last.

Mr. J. R. Blanton is home on a visit from Spartanburg, S. C.

Miss Florence Gilbert, from Henderson, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Corn this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wilson made a business trip to Asheville, one day last week.

Mr. Curtis Wilson is home from Great Falls.

### HILLCREST.

Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Powell and family and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abrams and family spent the day at Mr. J. P. Abrams, Sunday.

Public school opened at Cox's school house, Monday, with Miss Margaret Brian as teacher.

Miss Mabel Poston returned Friday from a short visit in York, S. C.

Mr. Earnest Bridges is spending some time with his cousin, Mr. Wiley Bridges, to help him in the Cantrell shops, recently acquired by the latter.

There was an informal dance at Mr. J. T. Camp's, Saturday night.

Mr. T. H. Houser's corn shucking, on Saturday, was very gay, and very successful.

Mr. J. C. Bishop and family have moved back to their old home in Spartanburg county.

## SALUDA.

Miss Arkansas Jackson is very ill with the flu.

Mrs. Sallie Jackson visited her brother, Mr. Joe Jackson, Saturday.

Dr. Walden, of Landrum, was in this section Sunday.

Yes Fishtop school we are planning to go to commencement. We will be looking for you.

On account of the epidemic school will not begin until after Christmas.

Mrs. M. J. Jackson visited her mother, Mrs. N. L. Lynch, Saturday.

Mr. A. H. Lynch made a business trip to Asheville, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dimsdale attended the funeral of Dr. J. M. Gilbert, Sunday.

Mr. L. Odell and daughter, Miss Beulah, made a trip to Cane Creek, Sunday.

Mr. U. S. Gibbs has returned from Spartanburg, S. C.

Rev. Robert Gilbert, of Edneville, was a visitor at Mr. T. N. Wilson's Saturday.

Mr. A. F. Corbin left, Monday for Mill Spring.

## FISHTOP.

The influenza has at last come into our midst. Thomas Price and Posey Henderson and wife have it, but not seriously as yet. Also James Miller is on the sick list with his old complaint.

Columbus Vaughn and wife, of Inman S. C. visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Case Saturday and Sunday last.

Herbert Pace and wife, of Mt. Page started on a visit to T. E. Pace's family, Saturday but hearing that the flu was in this section returned home.

T. R. Stepp has butchered the finest hog in this section by odds.

T. C. Llaughter has made big money from his cotton.

We heard the biggest gun or something of the kind, last Saturday, we ever heard in this section.

There is plenty of honeydew and the bees will be rich if the weather continues warm.

J. L. Hart and R. C. Grumbles and son, of Saluda, made a short call at E. J. Bradley's, Sunday.

Misses Clara Feagan and Emma Newman enjoyed a horse-back ride Sunday evening, down the river into the devil track region.

## TRYON ROUTE 1.

The eyes of the world are now watching the papers to know the results of our first presidential voyage across the seas. The women folk should especially be interested as our president is the first one to give to American womanhood such appraisal as he did in his last address.

Fox Mountain school gave a box supper Saturday night. The proceeds are to be used to paint the building. Thirty-three dollars and ninety cents was realized.

Miss Myrtle Pack began teaching at Beulah, last Monday.

Mr. T. P. Rice and Master Loren Toney spent last week in Asheville.

Mr. Brannon and family of New Prospect made a short call on the route, Sunday.

Services at White Oak, next Sunday. Christian Endeavor at White Oak next Sunday. Leader, Miss Esther Gibbs. Topic, "The Cross in the Philippines."

## WHAT'S TO BE DONE WITH GERMANY?

The Question of Punishment is Likely to be Knotty One to Allied Nations.

DON'T BECOME TOO SYMPATHETIC.

If we were to listen to a large number of Americans regarding the making of peace terms with Germany and her allies we would lose all the fruits of our victory. The great trouble with the German nation is that it does not yet acknowledge its defeat, or the enormity of the crime it has committed against civilization.

So well has the German propagandist played his hand in the past, and for that matter is still busy, that a large number of our people have become befuddled over the situation and are allowing sympathy to get the better of their horse sense.

For a nation to act as Germany has, and to escape punishment can hardly be thought of by the allied powers. The peace conference at Versailles will soon be held, and the greatest questions ever brought before civilized nations will confront the allies. It is time that our people should lay aside all sentiment and look at the matter in its true light.

No one can blame Germany for wanting to escape with as light punishment as possible, still at the same time the allies should not allow that line of talk to influence them in a peace settlement. The hand of the Hun Junker is plainly seen in every move that is made in Germany. All this talk about revolution is bosh, for we see at the head of the revolutionists such men as Hindenburg and his ilk, patiently awaiting the time until the people are divided into so many groups as to make an agreement impossible, then will the ex-Kaiser and his crowd appear on the scene and again take control of the situation.

There is only one way to prevent this, and that is to exact such terms of Germany as to make her powerless as a world factor for the next century. That is going to be the only way to make her see herself as others see her. Germany is money mad, and the only penalty that she can understand and have the desired effect is to assess such indemnities against her as to keep her busy for the next century paying off this burden. The burden must be so heavy as not to be misunderstood by the people of that benighted country. All signs of kindness are misconstrued by her as a sign of weakness, and she seeks to take advantage of such acts.

Another thing we must not allow—for such treaties to be made with Germany as to allow her to dump her manufactured articles upon this country in payment of her indemnity, and thus cripple our own industries. How she is to make the money to make the payments is her problem. But we do not intend to, in a round about way pay it for her by buying manufactured articles at cheap prices. She must solve her own problem in that respect.

Lloyd-George voices our ideas to a "T" in the matter, when he said, speaking upon the subject, recently: "Whatever happens, Germany is not going to be allowed to pay the indemnity by dumping cheap goods upon us. That is the only limit in principle we are laying down. She must not be allowed to pay for her wanton damage and devastation by dumping cheap goods and wrecking our industries."

"There is a third and last point. Is no one to be made responsible for the war? Somebody has been responsible for a war that has taken the lives of millions of the best young men of Europe. Is not anyone to be made responsible for that? If not all I can say is that if that is the case, there is one justice for the poor criminal and another for kings and emperors."

"We have got so to act now that men in the future who feel tempted to follow the example of the rulers who plunged the world into this war will know what is awaiting them at the end of it. We shall have to see that this terrible war, which has inflicted so much destruction on the world; which has arrested the course of civilization and in many ways put it back; which has left marks on the minds, upon the physique and the hearts of myriads in many lands that this generation will not see obliterated—we must see by the action we take now, just, fearless and relentless, that it is a crime that shall never again be repeated in the history of the world."

## STAMPS ARE FOR RICH AND POOR

No man or woman who has acquired a Liberty Bond is relieved from the duty of buying War Savings Stamps. We leave the Stamps plan of lending money to the Government to those of narrow means and to the young people is to be careless of the cause of America and her allies.

Does the average man or woman who earns a substantial salary or good wages have any idea of the sacrifices made by the small investors in War Savings Stamps to do their "bit" in the war? It is often a story of silent heroism. If those in fairly easy circumstances envied the very poor, whose souls are filled with unyielding resolutions to do their share to win the war, what a boom there would be in the Government's receipts from sales of War Savings Stamps.

Now is the time for everyone, no matter what his station in life may be, to make as great a sacrifice for his Government and for humanity as is made by the most humble of our citizens.

## POLK COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the citizens of Polk county is hereby called to take place in Columbus, N. C., on Saturday December 21 1918, at 2 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of electing officers for 1919, and for the transaction of any other business that may come before the Association.

W. T. LINDSEY, Pres. B. F. COPELAND, Sec.