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## TRYON

The Misses Powell left for Charleston Thursday.

Miss Beatrice Reed spent Tuesday in Spartanburg.

Miss Martha Jackson is spending a few days in New York.

Mr. C. W. Ballenger spent a few hours in Asheville, Tuesday.

Mr. J. M. Hearon, of Saluda, spent a few hours in Tryon, Tuesday.

Mr. R. A. Leonard is attending the golf tournament in Asheville, today.

Mrs. F. P. Bacon returned from a visit to Flat Rock friends, Saturday.

Hon. W. F. Swann attended to business matters in Asheville, Tuesday.

Miss Helen Trask, of Chicago, is visiting in Tryon, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. B. Stone.

See F. K. McFarland for Undertaking, Monuments, Fumigating with formaldehyde gas.

Mr. C. S. Corwin returned from New York, Saturday, owing to the illness of Mrs. Corwin.

Mr. Charlie Kilpatrick and Miss Hattie Rhodes were guests of Mrs. E. Rhodes, last week-end.

Mr. F. P. Bacon spent a few days in New York and Philadelphia last week, where he went on business.

Misses Sallie Streadwick and Lena Livingston were guests of Hendersonville friends, Monday.

The golf professionals were unable to get to Tryon last Tuesday, hence the match games have been postponed.

Mrs. Amanda Wilkerson, of Chicago, arrived in Tryon, Saturday, for an indefinite visit to her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Stone.

Mr. Jarvis and Mr. John Washburn left for a ten days' riding trip, on Thursday, their first stopping place to be Chimney Rock.

Mrs. John Bagley, of Detroit, is at Roraime with her daughter and granddaughters, Mrs. Wallace, Esther and Suzanne.

Helen Pugh, the wonderful child pianist, from Asheville will give a concert in Tryon next week. The date will be announced.

Mrs. J. B. Reed was called to Gastonia, Tuesday, to attend the burial of the body of her brother who died in Montana, some time ago.

Mrs. Lubeck left, Monday, for New York, where she goes to meet her husband, Major Lubeck, who is returning to America from service overseas.

Postmaster W. H. Stearns left, Monday, for New York, where he goes to witness the reception to the returning Twenty Seventh Division.

Mr. Clarence Lightner, Mrs. Lightner and children, have arrived in Tryon from Detroit, and will spend some time at their beautiful winter home here.

Commander Q. C. Wright, U. S. N., and Mrs. Wright, have reached Tryon, and will remain for some time. Commander Wright has seen six years' service aboard one of Uncle Sam's submarines.

On account of the break-down of our typesetting machine, we are compelled to leave out almost all our correspondence and much other interesting matter, as well as being two days late. Hope to have everything all right by next week.

The Junior O. U. A. M., is going to give a big entertainment on the first Tuesday night in April, at the Missildine hall. Every member is requested to be present. Degree work in the third degree. Don't fail to come. If you do you will miss the time of your life.

The Polk County Red Cross, thro Mrs. J. W. Kennedy, will open the old clothing campaign for Belgian relief, on March 24th. Look over your used clothing that can be spared, and be ready to contribute to this worthy cause.

Congregational church, Rev. F. Barrows Makepeace pastor; Rev. Joseph E. Daniels, D. D., L. L. D., pastor emeritus. Bible school, 10 a. m.: public worship with sermon by the pastor at 11 a. m. Topic, "God's Work in Man's Life." Lenten services, 4:30, p. m., with topics as previously announced.

Mr. J. E. Lawrence, who has been in charge of the local telephone exchange for some time past, has resigned, his resignation to take effect on April first. The patrons of the exchange will learn of Mr. Lawrence's act with deep regret, for under his jurisdiction the service of the company has been largely bettered.

Tryon Baptist church: Sunday school at 10 o'clock; preaching at 11 o'clock by Rev. R. N. Pratt. A very pleasing and interesting program is being prepared for missionary day, on the fifth Sunday. Songs, recitations and good music will be rendered by the children. A cordial welcome is extended to attend this special service.

The special bill allowing the voters of Tryon to express their desire upon the question of the improvement of the public schools at a special election to be held in May, passed the legislature. We hope to secure a copy of the bill and present the same through our columns in the near future. In the meantime it behooves every person who is friendly to the proposition to do all in their power to see that everybody fully understands it.

M. G. Blake, Town Manager, says Mayor E. E. Missildine has received a letter from the secretary of the State Board of Health stating that the week ending March 29th would be clean-up week all over the State, and requesting cooperation from Tryon. In compliance with this request, says Mr. Blake, he will, on March 28th and 29th send a wagon around to collect all cans, rubbish, etc., that cannot be burned, provided it is placed in convenient boxes or barrels, easily accessible with team. Every one is requested to clean their premises of all rubbish at this time.

## CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to thank my many friends and neighbors for their kindness during the illness and death of my wife.

H. T. CAMP.

## WHITE MAGIC.

White magic at the school house, on Friday, was a pleasant and profitable occasion. A crowded auditorium greeted the Rev. J. F. Black when the curtain was drawn, and a laughing and delighted crowd applauded him till the curtain fell.

Eighty two dollars and fifty cents was deposited to the credit of the Committee of the Lanier Club, some of which will be spent for window shades, new blackboards and other improvements.

The school children deserve it all, for they worked for the success as though it was a personal affair of each one.

Margaret McCahill sold the greatest number of tickets, receiving the prize of one dollar, offered by Miss Wingo, the principal.

The scholars were to have sung some of their pretty songs, but Miss Buchanan found it impossible to collect them in a group, as they came with friends and relatives, and without that they would not have been heard to advantage.

## FOR THE ARMENIANS.

A perfect illustration of modern efficiency was given in the kitchen of the Lanier Library, on Wednesday evening, when a group of Tryon ladies served an elaborate supper to over one hundred people in a remarkably short time.

Even the feeding of so great a number with coffee and bread, when each man takes his own tin cup and gets his ration, requires some forethought and concentration, but to have variety and

have it well served in an unaccustomed place, is indeed a test of ability.

It was a State Supper, and on a roll call of States, twenty-eight were found to be represented. If the names had been called loud enough to be heard in the kitchen, several from South Carolina, one from Pennsylvania, one from Indiana three from Michigan, one from Iowa and one from Kentucky would have responded.

Even with such speakers as Dr. Daniels, Mr. West, Judge Cutting, Mr. Frost, Dr. Grady, Mrs. Washburn, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Holden, Mr. Makepeace, Mr. Taft, and Mr. Hill in the running, it is not out of place to put the woman's part first.

The music, as usual, was in the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Doubleday, assisted by Laurence and Miss Mabel Washburn. Mrs. Wing delighted the audience with two of her pianologues.

The amount of money realized will be announced later. The management has hopes of bringing the sum up to one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

It would have been as easy to sell two hundred tickets as one, and the food could have been supplied, but the space was lacking.

Mr. Bacon, as toastmaster, demonstrated that he is no novice at the game.

One more success, however, is to the credit of Tryon.

## FROM A POLK COUNTY BOY.

La Pallice, France, Feb 13, 1919. Editor Polk County News:

Dear Sir: Your issue of January 10th has reached France, and I want to thank you for the pleasure it gave me after reading all the good news from home, because it was the first news I had received from home after being several months in France.

Will give you a little news about myself. I was gassed on Oct. 29th, but am in good health at present and contented after reading the news from home. Before I was wondering if everybody was all right at home, and that made it a little unpleasant for me. I would like to be home and enjoy some of the good pure air that the hills and mountains of the thermal belt produce, but not until we accomplish everything that we are over here for.

Give my regards to all my friends at Tryon. I think that will include everybody.

I was a little surprised when I saw the NEWS. One could easily notice how it has grown, especially in world-wide news.

Well, I will close with best wishes to the POLK COUNTY NEWS and its readers.

Sincerely,  
CAPT. O. L. WEAVER,  
A. T. S.—A. P. O. No. 735, A. E. F.  
Base Section No. 7.

## DON'T BECOME DISCOURAGED.

Columbus, March 10th. You see from the dating of this little message to the farmers, that one-third of March is already gone and very little plowing for crops is done. This need not discourage any one. I have seen many just such seasons and the world got along just the same. Have all farm tools, fences, etc., in good shape, and all tools and farm implements in the dry shed, ready when the ground gets in order for work.

Now here is what I especially desire to say. I am overwhelmed with requests to visit individual farms to assist in sowing grass and clover seed, and I find it impossible to comply with them all. But the thing to do is not to neglect this important piece of farm work. There is no mystery in getting grass and clover to grow. You all know how to prepare a piece of land for a good crop of oats. Now just select a piece of land that will grow good oats and corn; prepare as you would for oats, and sow the grass seed evenly over the land. If you have wheat, rye or winter oats already growing on good, well prepared land sow your grass or clover seed on such land, and run a drag harrow over it, or a good brush, and expect good results. The next week will cover the best time for spring sowing, and don't neglect to start the pastures this spring.

I will be at Greens Creek, Mill Spring, Sunny View, Tryon, Friendship church and Columbus, as advertised, for the purpose of starting organizations in each township looking later to the organization of a Polk County Chamber of Commerce for the better development of all Polk county, the towns as well as the country.

We want the farmers and their wives to come out to these meetings and help to make this county what it should be. At these meetings we want to lay the foundation for better social relations, better education, better morality, roads, markets and everything that goes to make life and living in this world better.

Respectfully,  
J. R. SAMS, County Agent.

P. S.—Those farmers who gave orders for grass seed, Monday March 3rd, will please call at my office, Saturday afternoon, March 15th, and get their seeds, with instructions for sowing.

## KEEP PURE BRED POULTRY.

West Raleigh, N. C. March, 12, 1919. Does the storekeeper handle low-grade, shoddy goods, when it is possible to handle high-grade material of good quality at the same price? If he did, he would soon lose all his customers who would rapidly flock to the man keeping the high-grade articles. However, all over North Carolina, farmers and town people are keeping low-grade, mongrel chickens, when they can keep pure-bred fowls that would give a much greater return for the money invested. Just why this is true is hard to explain, says Dr. B. F. Kaupp, Poultry Investigator for the North Carolina Experiment Station. It seems likely, however, that it is due to a lack of interest and appreciation for the pure-bred fowls.

Dr. Kaupp has found that it is a wise financial move for those who are still keeping scrubs or mongrel chickens to sell them, take the money thus realized, and invest it in pure-bred poultry or eggs. The returns secured from pure-bred poultry are much greater than from scrub stock. If this were not true, those men who go into poultry raising as a business would stock up their places with the mongrel stock, rather than the pure-bred stock. However, no up-to-date poultry farm can be found that does not keep only pure-bred or standard bred fowls. If they do keep mongrels, this indicates that they are not conducting their business along the best lines. One reason why comparatively low prices are being received for North Carolina poultry and eggs is that there are a large number of mongrel fowls on the farms of the State.

As a result of his investigations, Dr. Kaupp states that pure breeds will produce a better grade and a more uniform product, whether this be eggs or meat. The statement made by some people that pure-bred stock is not so strong and virile as the mongrel stock is not true and is misleading. There is no question but that pure-bred poultry is more profitable and desirable, from any standpoint considered.

If impossible to buy pure-bred flock to begin with, those who desire going into this business may purchase at least a few sittings of eggs of some pure-bred varieties of chickens to furnish the breeding stock for next year. In this connection, it should be remembered that a scrub male must not be kept on the place.

Indications are that pure-bred poultry is rapidly increasing in popularity in North Carolina, as there is considerably more interest in this line of business this year than in many previous years.

Commenting on the results of the Britt-Weaver contest proceedings in the House, the Charlotte Observer says: "Regardless of evidence, the seat was given to Britt by reason of the fact that the Republicans at the time had more votes than the Democrats had, just as it would have been given Weaver if the Democrats had been in control of the situation. It does not indicate that Mr. Britt was elected by the votes of the people of the Tenth District, but it undoubtedly indicates that for the time the Republicans in congress were smarter than the Democrats."

Optimistic Thought.  
It is a bad cause that cannot be talked over in public.

## LIVE POULTRY TOPICS.

Ques. I have tried both indoor and outdoor brooders bought of manufacturers, and find them to be too hot; will run up too hot before morning with the lowest flame available. Thought perhaps one could be made without the use of artificial heat for our climate.

Ans. Cold brooders can be made and such a brooder is described on page 340 of Poultry Culture Sanitation and Hygiene, but chicks are likely to become chilled in cold brooders. Remember that a large percentage of losses of brooder chicks are due to chilling. If a brooder becomes too hot the chicks will be noted to poke their heads out around the edges of the hover and thus select the temperature which is best suited for them. It is better, for this reason, to have the hover portion too hot than too cold.

Ques. I have raised pure blood Buff Rocks for several years and find no objection to them except in artificial incubation. Their eggs have a dark shell and are hard to test out, and I find the chicks harder to get out of the shell, being thicker than the white strains; so I have decided to try the Single Comb White Leghorns. Do you advise this?

Ans. Brown eggs have a thicker shell than white eggs. The hatchability of white eggs is greater than that of brown eggs. If you will candle your eggs on the 7th day you should not have any trouble in recognizing the embryo. If you want birds for eggs alone then get the S. C. White Leghorns but be sure that you get eggs or birds from a high producing strain. If you want a dual purpose fowl as is mostly the requirement of the farm then the larger breeds should be selected. Brown shells should not stand in the way. The Buff Plymouth Rock is an excellent breed.

Ques. Do you advise applying moisture in incubators? If so, how, and when, and how often and how much, during the period of incubation?

Ans. Some incubators are now not provided with a water pan. This is a very difficult question to answer because the conditions under which the incubators are operated is so different. As the embryo forms in the egg there is a gradual loss of moisture through the shell. This should be just so much and no more. If the room is very dry then we prefer a water pan placed under the nursery tray. If the room is quite moist as some cellars are and the incubator was not provided with a water pan then I would not bother with a water pan. It is a good plan if water is not provided and the incubator is in a dry room to lightly sprinkle with water at a temperature of 103 deg. F. (test out with incubator thermometer) on the 10th and 15th, and 18th days. Many do not sprinkle eggs and get excellent results.

Ques. Wheat is so high that it is out of the question to use it for feed for chickens. What would you recommend to take the place of it?

Ans. We have found in our War Time Experiments that wheat is not necessary to get good results. We are feeding and are recommending corn and cats equal parts. Give one pint in the morning and the same quantity in the evening to each 12 hens. In addition to this they must be provided with green feed and with animal food. If they have the run of the barnyard and farm little else need be given them as long as the flock is not over 50 birds but if they cannot get worms and bugs then they must have an additional mash, at least one ounce per bird per day in addition to the grain. Add to wheat middlings or bran 20 per cent meat meal. Or the more complex mashes are good.

Ques. How long do you recommend keeping the same rooster with your flock?

Ans. You may keep the same "rooster" with your flock for two years. This will mean breeding his daughters back onto their sire for one year. Don't breed together brothers and sisters.

Ques. Do you recommend any particular breeds of chickens for this section of North Carolina?

Ans. It is my opinion that any breed will do well in that part North Carolina. If I were to choose just one breed for Polk county I would select the Single Comb Rhode Island

Red as a farm utility bird. They just can't be beaten.

Ques. Do you consider the Rhode Island Red is a first-class bird?

Ans. The Rhode Island Reds are a first-class bird. They have been tried and have been found not wanting. There are also many other good breeds and varieties.

It might have been well to have included Hindenburg and Ludendorf in the list of big guns to be turned over to the allies.—Greenwood Index. No, neighbor, they have been declared worthless junk and ordered sent to the scrap pile.

## SOUTHERN "Y" MAN BLINDED IN SERVICE

Says It Will Take Time For Public To Realize Value Of The Red Triangle Service To American Fighters.



DeRoy R. Fonville.

New York, Feb. ...—So unusual was the service rendered by DeRoy R. Fonville of Burlington, N. C., in his Y. M. C. A. work overseas that Major General L. S. Upton has written him a personal letter in appreciation of his efforts.

Mr. Fonville has returned to his home after ten months service with the Y. M. C. A. He was with the Fifth and Sixth Marines and Ninth and Twenty-third Infantry at Chateau Thierry, Soissons and St. Mihiel. It was while he was in a trench waiting to serve the Marines when they "pushed off," that a high explosive shell blew particles of rock into his eye, blinding it. The same shellfire killed James A. Birchby, a Y. M. C. A. secretary from Pasadena, Cal., and wounded another Red Triangle worker, Thomas W. Wilbut, Jr., of New Britain, Conn.

The letter of appreciation that was sent to Mr. Fonville by General Upton read as follows: "I have observed your work as Y. M. C. A. representative of the Ninth Infantry for some time and wish to convey to you my appreciation of the uncomplaining and soldier-like manner in which you have undergone all without the glory that is attached to the profession of arms. The work which you have done has added greatly to the contentment of the men and thus to the efficiency of the command."

"My experience gave me an appreciation of American men and what they can go through," said Mr. Fonville. "Our division was a shock unit. It never went any way but forward. Our division alone captured 12,000 prisoners. Those men appreciated the Y. M. C. A. and understood the difficulties it had to contend with in getting supplies up to the front. I have no complaint to make about losing the sight of one eye, that is war, but it bewilders me to have known what I do of the work of the 'Y' in France and then come home to learn of the criticisms being circulated here. I believe that in due time the full appreciation of the Y. M. C. A.'s work for victory will be general."

## "A Little Learning."

The following are some of the answers recently given in a school examination on "general knowledge." "Gravitation is when an apple falls on the floor." "Benjamin Franklin invented lightning." "The place where they keep all kinds of wild animals is called a zoological garden." "One of the most important inventions of modern times is the North Pole."