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THE SOLDIERS' MONUMENT

Organization Perfected to Push the Scheme to an Early Completion. Proposed to Dedicate the Monument Some Time During the Polk County Fair in October.

Pursuant to call, a citizens' meeting was held in the court house at Columbus last Monday, to perfect an organization having in view the erection of a fitting monument to Polk county's soldier boys.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. B. F. Copeland, who was elected temporary chairman, and Mr. J. H. Gossett, of Mill Spring, temporary secretary.

Quite a number of expressions were heard from those present, and all expressed a desire to see the movement pushed to a successful termination.

Finally it was proposed to elect a committee of three which would have the organization of the county in its hands, and to devise such means as necessary to provide funds for the erection of the monument.

Mr. B. F. Copeland was elected president Mr. W. A. Cannon, of Lynn, treasurer and Mr. A. L. Hill, of Tryon, as the third member.

It was the consensus of opinion of those present that one day of the Polk County Fair would be a good time for dedication of the monument.

Polk county has the distinction of being the first county in North Carolina to start on a proposition of this kind, and of course there is no question of its success.

Don't wait until you are called upon to donate to this fund, but send your donation to Mr. Cannon, at Lynn at once. Mr. Cannon will publish from week to week a list of donors, so that you can tell what progress is being made. We hope to have a long list for publication in our next issue.

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Fingerville R 1, S. C., Apr. 21 1919. Editor News: I notice something regarding a monument in honor of the supreme sacrifice of Polk county heroes. I think it would be very nice if we would erect a monument in the county square at Columbus, and see that some one devote time to take care of it. I suggest that on one side we place the names of the gallant heroes that paid his all and was left behind somewhere in France, beneath the sod; also the name of the battle in which he fell and the dates, as this is all we can do to pay our respects for those that paid for us the debt that liberty may survive for evermore also I would suggest that we do not forget our wounded heroes who have returned, and those to return, and engrave the names on one side of the monument, as they are rewarded for great deeds done in the world's war for humanity's sake.

Let every loyal citizen contribute to this great cause, and pay to these brave young heroes who for us bled and died that liberty might not perish and this glorious land of ours may never be invaded by an enemy. Let us hear from the citizens of Polk county in regard to this move. Dear Editor, thanking you in advance, I am, Yours respectfully, C. WILBUR MCGINNIS.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Of all times on which Fourth of July celebrations should be held it seems to us that 1919 is the most opportune time of all. We have just emerged, victorious, from a great war fought to maintain the declaration of independence which we celebrate at the Fourth of July. This year, it seems to us, a big county celebration should be held, at some central point where everybody could get together and celebrate the day as it should be celebrated.

At the soldiers' monument meeting, Monday, this matter was brought up, and Columbus suggested, but as Columbus was entirely unrepresented, there was no way of telling whether Columbus wanted a meeting of that kind, so the matter was laid on the table.

If Columbus wants a celebration of this kind, then her citizens should hold a meeting at once and issue a call. We believe the people of the county are willing to hold a big union celebration this year. If Columbus don't want it perhaps some other point equally as well located could be decided upon.

There is no time to waste in the matter, and we hope to have something more definite to offer our readers next week.

THE HOME PAPER.

The local newspaper should be found in every home. No child will grow up ignorant who can be taught to appreciate the home paper. It is the stepping stone of intelligence in all matters not to be found in books. Give your children a foreign paper which contains not one word about any person, place or thing which they ever saw or perhaps ever heard of, and how can you expect them to be interested? But let them have the home paper and read of persons whom they meet, and places which are familiar, an interest is awakened which increases with every daily arrival of the local paper. Thus a habit of reading is formed, and those children will read the papers all their lives and become intelligent men and women, a credit to their ancestors, strong in their knowledge of the world as it is today.—Roanoke News.

TRYON

Mrs. J. T. Camp of Greens Creek, was in town, Monday.

We move that Tryon be annexed to Lynn, if they will have us.

W. T. Lindsey spent the day yesterday, in Asheville.

Mr. R. F. McFee went to Asheville Wednesday, to spend a few days with his son.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Georgion of Greens Creek, were Tryon visitors last Monday.

A few from Tryon attended the reception to the 30th division given by Asheville citizens, Thursday.

Tryon is infested with a few old frogs who will shout when old Gabe blows his trumpet "Taint legal."

Mrs. Godshaw of Greenville, S. C., was in Tryon, last Thursday. She was accompanied by Miss Barrett.

Mr. T. T. Ballenger returned to Atlanta, Thursday, stopping off at Greenville, S. C., to visit a sick relative.

Mr. T. T. Ballenger came up from Atlanta, Monday, to cast his vote in favor of better schools, and a better Tryon.

Messrs. Broadus and G. W. Ballenger went to Greenville, S. C., Thursday, to visit a relative there, who is very sick.

Rev. Charles N. Queen, D. D., Dean of Atlanta Theological Seminary, is expected to preach at the Congregational church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Dick Ballenger evidently has taken up the frog eating habit of the French, judging by the fine lot he killed Wednesday night. They were all large, fine fellows, too.

Commander Wright, U. S. Navy, and Mrs. Wright, after a very pleasant vacation spent in Tryon, left Thursday. The Commander will report at once for active duty.

Mrs. Griffith and daughters, Jane and Dorothy, left on Thursday noon for their old home at Kinston in the eastern part of the State, where they will visit for several weeks.

The many friends of Mrs. F. P. Bacon, who is at a hospital at Asheville, will be pleased to learn that her condition is very much improved, and that she is getting along nicely.

Mrs. W. T. Lindsey and Mrs. John Orr will attend to the duties of the Rev. F. Barrows Makepeace on the relief committee of the Red Cross during his absence this summer.

Rev. and Mrs. F. Barrows Makepeace have gone to Granby, Conn., where they will spend the summer months, until the fall months.

Mrs. J. W. Kenned- is in Marion, S. C., where she has gone to attend a family reunion, in honor of the return of a nephew from overseas, who saw service with the famous "Rainbow" division.

Mrs. Wing and little son, the last of the Pine Hill people, left for Chicago and Michigan points, Wednesday. The good wishes of everybody who had the pleasure of making her acquaintance follow her.

Mr. E. E. Missildine and his mother accompanied Miss Eva Missildine on her return to school at Spartanburg, Monday. They also met Mrs. E. E. Missildine there, on her return from a visit to relatives in Massachusetts.

Mrs. C. M. Hibbard and Miss Nellie Hibbard, of Torrington, Conn., are spending a two weeks' visit in Tryon, guests of Dr. and Mrs. Daniels. Mrs. and Miss Hibbard are the only daughter and grand daughter of Dr. Daniels.

Mr. Napoleon Jackson returned from New York, Wednesday night, where he went to consult an eye specialist. He assured Mr. Jackson that he need suffer no uneasiness about losing the sight of his eye, but that the trouble now existing could be easily overcome.

Services next Sunday in the Episcopal church will be as follows: Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock; evening prayer and sermon at 8:30 o'clock. These will be Mr. Griffith's last services in Holy Cross church as Rector. Everyone in Tryon is cordially invited to attend the above services.

The Rev. Jno. H. Griffith, who recently resigned as Rector of the Church of the Holy Cross Tryon, will close his pastorate of the local parish on the 15th inst., and assume at once his new duties as Archdeacon of the District of Asheville. For his present Mr. Griffith will make his headquarters in Tryon, radiating his appointments from here.

It will be learned with pleasure that the Lanier Club is going to resurrect the fine exhibit of Polk county woods left that organization by the late Prof. Green. The exhibit is being cleaned up, and will soon be placed on exhibition again, at the Lanier Club building. Also the fine collection of Indian relics bequeathed by Mr. West of Milwaukee, Wis. will be placed on display. Now why not provide additional room and bring out the mineral collection left the town, and put all this in one room, properly arranged, and add another attraction to Tryon. This will be one of the greatest movements yet undertaken, but we believe it not only can, but that it will be pushed through to success.

FROM OUR FRIENDS OVER THE COUNTY

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

SALUDA.

Mrs. Henry, of Statesville, N. C., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Pace, and enjoying the fine air and beautiful flowers, which at this time so plentifully adorn the woods in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Aiken, their daughter, Mrs. Steele, and their three sons, have returned to Saluda, the former for the summer, but the sons for only a short stay. Lieut. Dawson Aiken has just recently returned from France, where he did his best for freedom and democracy.

Mrs. Montgomery Read and little son are here until cold weather, their daughters, Miss Jean and Miss Grace will return later when their school closes.

"The Little Nieces of Uncle Sam" sold ice cream and cake on the lawn of the Culliphers, Saturday afternoon for the benefit of the little French orphan adopted by them. They cleared enough for her maintenance for one month, and a little more.

A movie picture show was shown on an out-of-doors screen, Saturday night, the proceeds to pay for a sidewalk of concrete in front of the Baptist church.

Mr. Vernon Roberts, recently of the navy and Miss Usher are guests at Mrs. Locke's.

Miss Singleton and Mrs. Phillips have rented and are now occupying the bungalow owned by Mrs. Read, and next door to hers.

Mrs. Mattie Leonard is the proud owner of a new piano, and the neighbors are enjoying the music which often fills the air.

Dr. Little's new drug store is nearing completion and it is a great improvement to the street.

Mrs. B. I. Hazard returned to Saluda, on Monday night, after a month sojourn in her old home, Georgetown, S. C.

Mrs. P. H. Bailey's mother is visiting Saluda now, and having a good time with her grandchildren.

The ground is being prepared for the stone foundations of the stores to be erected by Thompson & Pace, on Main street.

Mrs. H. B. Lane is visiting Mr. Harry Lane and family, in Columbia on her way homeward.

Mrs. Campbell recently spent the day in Hendersonville.

The Junior Auxiliary of the Episcopal church had a very delightful social Thursday, at the Library Hall. 22 members were present. After a program of games, ice cream, cakes and candy were served by the officers of the auxiliary. The Juniors have undertaken to send Christmas boxes to Alaska and to the mountaineers of Kentucky.

COLUMBUS.

Miss Geneva Hunter of Alexander, visited here last week.

Miss Alice Cornell, of Woodruff, S. C., is visiting Miss Lizzie Dedmond.

Mr. Frank Elliott has arrived from overseas.

Mrs. R. M. Hill and children visited in Rutherfordton the past week.

Messrs. J. P. Arledge and J. R. Sams, attended the commencement at Mars Hill, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Elliott, of Lebanon, visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cantrell, of Spartanburg, were visitors here, Sunday.

Mrs. W. W. Swafford and Mr. M. B. Mills attended the commencement exercises of Stearns High School.

Miss Gladys Smith is home again, after teaching for the past few months at Melvin Hill.

Miss Pearl Keenan, of Rocky Ford, Colo., visited the Misses Mills, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lewis and son, were pleasant callers here, Sunday.

Mrs. Rhoda Watson, of Spartanburg, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. N. T. Mills.

Miss Elizabeth Spivey, music teacher of Stearns High School, is on a month's visit at Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. John Smith, Jr., and Mrs. Lindsey Smith, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf, and Mr. John Smith on the mountains, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thompson were in town Sunday.

Mrs. E. B. Cloud, who has been in Raleigh the past few months, has returned home much improved in health.

Mrs. Chas Davenport has returned from a week's visit in Spartanburg. Lawyer Spears visited his family at Greens Creek, last week.

Miss Minnie Arledge left for Hendersonville on a week's visit to her sister, Mrs. Jas Shipman.

ening the class day exercises of the class of 1919 amused and interested the audience. The class presented eight books to the school library.

The baccalaureate sermon was delivered Sunday the 27th, by Rev Mr. Owen of Mars Hill college. The literary address on Monday evening was given by Dr. Lodge of Limestone college, after which the diplomas were presented to the class by Mr. Yates Arledge, the first graduate of the High School.

A play "Willowdale," was given by the high school students on Tuesday evening, April 29th, the proceeds of which will be used by the trustees for the benefit of the school.

MILL SPRING.

Now that my school is out I am going to try to put more of my time to this writing, and will try to help make a better paper. Say, correspondents, let's each, and every one strive to make a better paper.

There were many Mill Springites who attended the commencement exercises of the Stearns High School, and every one reports a nice time.

Mr. J. M. Lewis and family attended the baccalaureate sermon at Round Hill Academy.

Mr. James Egerton has returned from Mars Hill college. Everyone is glad to see James back.

Mrs. C. M. Dicus and little Gladys returned to Gaffney last Sunday, after spending a week with Mrs. L. C. Gibbs. They were accompanied by Mrs. Dicus' sister, Miss Gladys Gibbs.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Brisco and Sallie spent Sunday afternoon at Sunny Brook farm.

Miss Letha Barber is visiting her brother at King's Mountain.

We have reorganized the Christian Endeavor. Let everyone who comes, try to make this society better. We want to do more in this work than we did last summer.

Messrs LeRoy McFarland and J. A. Feagan were in this section Sunday afternoon.

Messrs G. C. and W. L. Brisco were shopping in Spartanburg Saturday.

Little Addie Cocheran, who is staying with her brother Lee, near Greens Creek, spent the week-end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Arledge spent Sunday afternoon with their daughter, Mrs. W. M. Walker.

Mr. Clarence Gibbs is on the sick list.

Miss Arkansas Arledge and mother spent Friday and Saturday in Rutherfordton having some dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cocheran and Mrs. J. H. Cocheran visited at the home of Mr. M. C. Gosnell, Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Splawn spent Sunday with the latter's mother, Mrs. H. P. Arledge.

Mr. J. H. Gibbs made a business trip to Columbus, Monday.

FISHTOP.

Quite a cool wave passed over us last week, and it is feared much of the fruit will drop off.

Robert and Thomas Price visited their sister-in-law in the lower section of the county, Sunday, returning with two of their little nieces.

McKinley McGraw and Dewey Hill were visitors at T. C. Laughter's, Sunday.

The surveyors have decided to try the Holbert cove way, and have commenced to survey, leaving the railroad in Saluda, and tunneling through a few ridges and can easily get a good grade by going around White Oak mountain, we believe. But a better grade can be obtained by starting near Tuxedo, or even East Flat Rock and following approximately the old Cincinnati route, surveyed 78 or 80 years ago. This would be the life of Polk county. The county could well subscribe \$100,000 to induce road officials to adopt this survey as it could then compete with the C. C. & O. road, and would prevent some other company from building on this route.

SUNNY VIEW.

Mr. T. N. Wilson has recently received a telegram stating that his son, Reuben R. Wilson, had arrived at New York from overseas. Mr. Wilson sailed on the transport Leviathan, which on its way missed a mine by only thirty feet. We surely welcome him home again.

Mr. Ralph Jackson was a caller on Route 2, Sunday.

Miss Maye Lynch who has been in Charlotte for the past winter, has returned home.

Miss Mattie Williams was the guest of Miss Annie Wilson, Sunday.

A large crowd attended prayer meeting at Mrs. S. J. Helton's, Sunday evening.

Mr. Terrell Taylor has enlisted in the U. S. navy for four years.

Mr. Oscar Shytles of Chimney Rock attended services at Cooper Gap, Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wilson, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Coggins visited the latter's mother Sunday Mrs. A. J. Dimsdale.

Everybody here volunteered and gave the sand clay road a good working, on last Saturday.

Several from here are planning to be in Asheville, Thursday, for the celebration of the 30th division.

Sunday school, next Sunday, at 1 o'clock, preaching at 2 o'clock. Everybody come.

Mr. Searcy assisted in the musical program last Sunday.

HILLCREST.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Coxie are spending some time at Cedar Hill plantation.

Hillcrest Institute is preparing for its commencement exercises to be held Wednesday evening.

Misses Mary Lizzie Houser and Mattie Wilkins spent the week-end with Mr. Billy Gray at Gray's Chapel.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Craton Roddy motored to Floyd's creek, Sunday, to attend a memorial service.

Mr. N. L. Shehan, who moved from this community to Virginia several years ago, is visiting his sister, Mrs. N. E. Shehan.

Rev. Mr. Clarke, of Asheville, is visiting at Cedar Hill plantation.

Mr. and Mrs. Georgion, Mrs. Milnor Jones and Mrs. J. T. Camp spent Monday in Tryon.

Mr. T. P. Moore went to Columbus, Monday.

It is to be hoped that the effort to erect a memorial to Polk county's soldiers will be successful. Those who had boys in the army should be glad to help, and those who did not ought to be ashamed not to.

Cotton planting is the order of the day. One time it has paid to be late, as those who planted early have spent some anxious moments over the prospect of having to replant.

TRYON ROUTE 1.

The sick on the route are reported better.

Sorry we could not attend the meeting at Columbus about the soldiers' monument, nevertheless our mite will be cast in just the same.

Mr. Marvin Edwards has enlisted in the navy, and is now drilling at Ft. Thomas, Ky.

Messrs. Marvin Hall and Jobe Lawter who have been at the battle front, have returned home.

We had the pleasure, Monday of meeting, at Columbus, Mr. A. T. Hart, who had just returned from an extended visit to relatives in Oklahoma and other Western points. The trip has done Mr. Hart very much good, as his appearance shows.

UNION GROVE.

Mr. Pearson Dimsdale, Miss Ollie Melton, Mr. Henry Haynes Miss Sue Jones, Miss Leona Lawter and Mr. McFadden from Great Falls, S. C., motored to Asheville, Sunday.

Mr. B. H. Wilson and wife came up from Great Falls, S. C., Saturday, returning Monday.

Mr. King Lawter Miss Naomi Dimsdale, Mr. Harrison Searcy Miss Ola Lawter and Mr. Hamp. Ruff motored to Chimney Rock, Sunday.

Mr. Hamp Ruff had the misfortune he escaped unhurt.

Miss Sue Jones spent Sunday night here, Mr. Dewey Jackson and Mr. Ralph Searcy motored to Chimney Rock Sunday.

Mr. Henry Haynes returned to Great Falls, Monday.

Mrs. W. A. Ruff was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Jasper Lawter, Sunday evening.

Miss Sue Jones spent Sunday night with Miss Ollie Melton.

W. A. Ruff made a business trip to Landrum last week.

WAR GREATLY INCREASED NEWSPAPER INFLUENCE.

"No educative campaign has ever surpassed that of the use of newspaper space in war propaganda in the nineteen months during which the United States was in the war," said the editor of the Minnesota University Farm Press News in a recent talk to editors of that State.

"This use of newspaper space as a means of accomplishing an end, then must and will serve as a tremendous object-lesson as to means of getting things done by the people. It means simply this: If a community or an individual wishes to accomplish something which depends largely upon interesting and convincing large numbers of people, such community or individual must use the press. This was known to many before, but never to so many has the lesson been brought home with such convincing force as it has in the various campaigns that have been features of the war as seen from the home side.

"If then, the people call to the editors for leadership because they have guided them and told them what to do in the recent crisis, and if they recognize the power of newspaper space rightly used, the press has advanced to a new position of power as a factor in the world's progress."—News Letter, University of Wisconsin.

NOTICE TO BEE KEEPERS.

Mr. C. L. Sams, specialist in bee-keeping will be in Saluda, May 15th, from 11 a. m., to 5 p. m., to consult with any bee-keepers, and will visit neighboring bee yards if desirable, for demonstration work in bee keeping.

He will also attend the farmers' meeting at Friendship church that evening, about 7:30.

TERMS OF PEACE HANDED GERMANY.

Fate of That Country Made Known by the Peace Conference in Paris, Wednesday. Compelled to Surrender Alsace-Lorraine to France, and Hiltstein-Schleswig to Denmark.

At last the world knows the fate of Germany. Peace terms were handed her envoys at Paris, Wednesday. While they may appear harsh to all pro-Germans. They appear liberal enough to all fairminded persons.

If Germany accedes to the terms, and we fail to see how she can do otherwise, the world will have nothing to fear from that nation of murderers and outlaws for many years to come.

In commenting upon the terms the Asheville Citizen says:

"The great military machine built up by Germany since she overran France in 1870 is broken in pieces by the terms of the treaty. The army is limited to 100,000 men. The navy is stripped of submarines and will include only six battleships, six light cruisers and twelve torpedo boats with a total personnel of not more than 15,000 men. Conscription in Germany is abolished, all fortifications within thirty miles east of the Rhine are to be destroyed and nearly all production of war material is to be discontinued.

Alsace-Lorraine, stolen in 1871, are to be returned to France. The Saar valley will be administered by an international commission for fifteen years. The coal mines are to be given to France for that period and at its expiration the people will decide by vote whether they desire French or German nationality. Schleswig-Holstein goes back to Denmark.

Germany shall also hand over the Kaiser, and all others equally guilty with him for trial by an international tribunal for the murders and outrages committed by the Huns. She shall also lose all her colonies.

MEETING OF HIGHWAY COMMISSION.

A special meeting of the Polk County Road Commission was held on May 5, for organization, and other business. Mr. S. S. Laughter, of Greens Creek, was elected to serve in place of Mr. E. B. Lancaster, resigned.

G. H. Holmes was elected chairman and J. H. Gibbs, secretary of the board. It was decided not to appoint a treasurer till the first Monday in June, and to give all banks in the county the opportunity to submit proposals for acting in the capacity of treasurer.

In view of the fact that there is no money available in most of the townships for repair work this year, it was decided to appoint several overseers in each township, to serve the balance of this year, whose duty it shall be to warn out all free labor for road work, and also to use what tax money is available.

These overseers will be appointed at the next meeting, after they have signified their willingness to serve.

At this time it is impossible to get labor for road repair work. It is hoped that conditions will be better after crops are planted.

SPECIAL TAX DEFEATED.

The election held Tuesday to vote upon the proposition for an increase in taxation for the benefit of the Tryon Graded Schools was defeated. The vote stood 71 against, 70 for.

Unfortunately the whole matter is in a mix-up, and one for which there is no excuse. The polls were closed long before sundown, while the election law, so we are informed, plainly states that the polls shall open at sunrise, and remain open until sundown.

Messrs. Hill Lankford and Steelman received practically all the votes cast for trustee, but are in quandary as to how to do. If the election was illegal, then they are not legally elected, and do not desire to hold the office.

On the other hand it is claimed by those opposed to the tax that a sufficient time for calling the election did not exist, therefore if the tax had received a majority it would have been illegal.

At all events, it is proposed to call another election just as soon as it can be legally done and settle the matter once for all.

Tryon has won this distinction in the matter—it is the only town in the State that has defeated a proposition to better their public schools. The biggest tax payers in Tryon were in favor of the tax and did all they could to carry it. The opposition was headed by men who pay but little tax and have no children to send to school.

CITY ELECTION.

The city election, Tuesday passed off very quietly, with the following results: