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GET READY FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY.

The Fourth of July is going to be celebrated in great style at Columbus. Remember it is to be Polk county's welcome to our returned soldier boys. They will nearly all be home by that time, so let's do the thing up right.

Capt. Robert R. Williams, of the 81st, has been invited to make an address, and it is hoped he will return to his home in Asheville before that time, and be ready to come to Polk county on the Fourth.

It is going to be an exclusive Polk county affair. Polk county people have been invited to partake in the entertainment, and nearly all have accepted the invitation.

Pack your baskets with lots of good "eats" and go to Columbus. It will be a good time to get acquainted with one another. Be there.

THE CAPITAL LAW NEEDED.

There is a widespread sentiment in favor of abolishing capital punishment, due to sympathy for the one who has gotten in trouble, but there are frequent illustrations of the urgent need of rigidly enforcing the law for the protection of society and the good of the community.

A lynching—which is itself a crime—was avoided in Catawba county recently only when confidence in the law prevailed, when the outraged citizens were led to believe that the negro brute who assaulted a white girl would be promptly tried and convicted and sentenced to the electric chair. In some cases it is possible that a person has been unjustly found guilty of a capital crime, but such have abundant opportunity to appeal to higher authority for clemency and to prove their innocence or guilt. Death is the only penalty that will fit certain crimes, and the public safety will be in peril if the law is ever repealed.

In connection with the Catawba affair mentioned, the Hickory Record makes this comment:

"The next time some bald-headed or long-haired gent stands up on his feet in the general assembly and offers to abolish capital punishment, somebody should pass the chloroform under his nose. He should be put to sleep for 60 days. If the bill introduced at the last session had not been emasculated before it left the house and killed dead in the senate Catawba county would have had a lynching. There could have been no answer to the indignant people."—Lenoir News-Topic.

SERGEANT YORK RECEIVES HIS DISCHARGE.

Sergeant Alvin C. York Tennessee mountaineer and hero of the battle of the Argonne, has received his discharge from the army and has gone to his home at Fall Mall, Fentress county Tennessee. Sergeant York has wired Senator McEllar asking him to introduce the necessary legislation allowing the return of the revolver—No. 24,048—with which he killed the Germans at the time of the Argonne exploit. The revolver was turned over to the army quartermaster at Retz, France.

Detailing the fight in which he gained undying fame and for which he received the Congressional medal, the highest honors bestowed by the United States on any soldier, Sergeant York said:

"I was sitting down when the battle was going on. I wasn't excited. You know if things got hot a fellow shouldn't mind that. You ought never to lose heart. Just at the time you think you are about to surrender yourself the other fellows are ready to surrender. The Germans came down the hill. There were seven or eight of them in the first wave. I didn't have time to count them but I began rapid firing. I guess I got them all because they all went down. My men were on my left guarding the prisoners. In the batch upon the hillside I kept on hearing some one shouting. I went after him and found a German Major who had emptied two clips. I would have shot him but he threw down his gun. I made them all take off their belts and throw away their guns and wacks where they stood. I couldn't help but get tickled at them when they went marching off with me holding my forty-five. The German major, he got mad when he found out there were so few of us and said "Oh" in good English when he found out I was an American. He thought we were going to kill him."

THE SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS.

(Charlotte Observer.)

The word was brought to Observer readers yesterday from Nag's Head is word that will be passed around jubilantly by the mountain people of the Blowing Rock section. It was a dozen years ago that Rev. William R. Savage, a born sand-fiddler, was removed by Church edict from the seashore and sent to the mountains in promotion of religious work in that locality. He was located at Blowing Rock and very shortly became a central figure in the life of that community. He was an Episcopal minister, to be sure, but that was overshadowed by the far greater fact that he was a servant of God. He loved flowers, he loved Nature and he loved his fellow-man. He put his talents as a landscape gardener to work, and Blowing Rock blossomed out into a cluster of parks. He saw the need of a community center where the people

TWO SOLDIERS.

Her kitchen girl had left her, and she'd all the work to do. Upon the day the plumbing broke and let the water through; The baby had the chickenpox—she had to go and see The doctor on the subject, and she fell and sprained her knee. A passing neighbor brought her home—the fire'd gone out by then— She ate a fright meal and then she got her ink and pen And wrapped a shawl about her, and beneath the evening lamp She wrote a letter to her man—a soldier down in camp.

"Dear John. Your loving letter was received to day, I hope. You're well, I keep so busy that I have no time to moop. The weather's cold, but beautiful, and spring is on the way. The baby's got a tooth. I took a trip down town today. And Mr. Johnson picked me up in his big motor car And brought me home—You can't believe how kind the neighbors are! Baby and I've decided we will lead the simple life And stay at home for quite awhile. With lots of love,
Your Wife."

Her name was Mrs. Legion, and she's quite well known to me. Her husband is a soldier of his country, so is she. —Ted Robinson in Cleveland Plain Dealer.

could be brought together for social intercourse and for intellectual advancement, and by some means he raised the money for the building of a library and community home, and this quickly became a popular rendezvous for both natives and visitors. Around this home he set out a wealth of mountain shrubbery and flowers, and the surroundings soon developed a picture of urban beauty that might excite envy in the heart of the nursery catalogue man. Meantime Mr. Savage's "charges" were scattered over remote sections of the mountain region. He had no horse, and he footed it to and from these places of modest gatherings. The deeper the snow, the earlier he made his start for his "appointment" and none waited in vain. There are some readers of this paper who may yet remember the story of a chance observation of this good friend of humanity plodding his way into the snowy depths of the valley one wintry Sunday morning, singing on his way and seeing in the ice-coated fronds of the spruce only so many glittering symbols of the cross.

And so it has come to pass that an appreciative authority of the Church has again sent him from the sand dunes of the east to the higher hills of the west, to once more resume his labors among a people he had learned to love and in whose hearts he had found an abiding place. The new center of Mr. Savage's activities will be at Jefferson, but little removed from the Blowing Rock community, yet rejoicing in the blessings of the uplifting work he planted there. But for him and the people of the region, one location is as good as another, and wherever his tent is cast there will be common claim upon him as the Shepherd of the Mountains.

SALUDA.

Mrs. Henry, of Statesville, has returned to her home, taking her little grandson, W. H. Pace, Jr. with her for an extended visit.

Miss Irene Salley, who has been spending some time in Asheville and Saluda for the benefit of her health, has returned to her home in Orangeburg, S. C., much improved. Mac Salley, her nephew, accompanied her for a visit to his grandparents.

Mrs. Sidney Dunn and Sidney, Jr., are visiting her mother, Mrs. M. Reade, while her husband, Capt. Dunn is overseas, or until she can join him in France. Miss Gene Rad has also returned for the summer.

Gov. Cooper, of South Carolina and his wife, Mrs. Cooper, spent a few days at Melrose Inn, where they have selected rooms to which they will return in a few days, to spend the season.

Mrs. Rosa Box and Mr. Russell Locke have returned to Saluda, bringing with them Commandant Ray and Mr. Jack Bull, a teacher and a fellow student of Piedmont college.

Miss Bessie Sonner, a student at Piedmont college, has returned for the vacation.

The students of Piedmont college, resident here and visitors gave an enjoyable entertainment at Library Hall, last week, for the benefit of the Red Cross orphan in France, clearing fourteen dollars.

Mr. Joe Meyer, of Washington, D. C., spent last week with the family of W. H. Pace, and seemed to enjoy his stay very much.

The Rev. Mr. Gordon and his wife have returned to Saluda for the summer, and are occupying their cottage on Columbia Heights.

Mrs. Wm. Ravenel is stopping at the Holly Hill while getting their cottage ready for occupancy.

Mrs. Werner and daughter, Miss Gussie, are here for the summer, both being old summer residents.

Thompson & Pace's new garage is nearing completion, and is a great improvement to the street.

Miss Waring is having a new roof put on her cottage.

Miss Louise Lane has returned from her visit to Savannah, and looks fine.

SILVER CREEK.

Mrs. Elizabeth McGraw and daughters, of South Carolina, attended church at Silver Creek.

Several of the young people from here attended the children's day exercises at the M. E. church in Mill Spring, Sunday.

Miss Charity Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Williams, was happily married to Mr. C. Reagan Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bradley, on Sunday, June 8th, at 10 a. m. The bride was attired in a beautiful crepe de chine dress, with accessories to match. Charity is a girl of loving disposition, and has many friends in the country. Mr. Bradley was a member of the quartermaster corps at Greenville, during the war. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Bradley a happy life.

Mr. N. E. Arledge, of the U. S. N., has been released, and is now spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Arledge. He will accept the same position he had at Spartanburg, before enlisting in the navy.

Miss Mattie Early and brother, Grady of Rutherfordton, were visitors at R. M. Constant's, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Arledge, of South Carolina, were guests at Sunny View farm Sunday, also Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Splawn of Mill Spring.

Miss Lena and Mr. Frank Green attended singing at Pearidge Sunday.

Germany and Mexico are both endeavoring to join the League of Nations. No wonder so many people are opposed to the League. No respectable nation would care to associate with two such old reprobates as these two.

Polk County people are just as proud of her soldier boys as can be, and is going to show them that they are in the big Fourth of July celebration which is to be given in honor of their return, at Columbus.

Every man, woman and child in Polk county has a special invitation to be at this celebration. Bring plenty to eat.

RED MOUNTAIN.

Miss Sue Jones spent Sunday with Miss Naomi Dimsdale.

Mr. Pearson Dimsdale was a caller at Mr. J. S. Melton's, Sunday.

Mr. Henry Ruff was a pleasant caller at Mr. J. H. Lawler's, Sunday.

Mr. Dewey Jackson was a visitor at Mrs. Eliza Bailey's, Sunday.

Mr. King Lawler was a caller at Mr. J. P. Dimsdale's, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Wilson were visitors at Mr. Wilson's mother, Mrs. W. A. Ruff, Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ruff visited their daughter, Mrs. Haskel Lydie, at Pisgah Forest, Saturday, returning Sunday.

Mr. Harrison Searcy was a caller at Mr. Bud Lawler's, Sunday.

Miss Murilla Dimsdale has returned home after being at Turkey Paw, with her aunt, Mrs. Dora Dimsdale.

Mr. Posey Brown, of Spartanburg, visited his uncle, Mr. J. P. Dimsdale, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Major Jackson are visiting Mrs. Jackson's mother, Mrs. W. A. Ruff.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Lawler are the proud parents of a fine boy.

Misses Leona Lawler and Ruthie Bailey visited Mrs. Posey Williams Sunday afternoon.

MOUNTAIN VIEW.

Mr. Martin McCrain is very ill, and his recovery is very doubtful.

Mr. R. L. D. Gilbert and son were visitors at Mr. H. H. McCrain's, his son-in-law, Sunday. They were also callers at Mr. Martin McCrain's Sunday afternoon.

Farmers are very busy in this section since the late weather has returned, although many were called to court this week.

Hurray for the Fourth of July celebration at Columbus, and hurrah for good old Polk county.

Glad so many of the boys are returning from overseas.

Mrs. Twitty Jackson has been at Rutherfordton hospital for some time,

MILL SPRING.

Everyone who attended the children's day exercises at the M. E. church, Sunday, reports a nice time. The exercises were certainly enjoyed by all.

Mrs. W. B. Trogden and little babe, Mary Garren, are boarding at the home of Mr. J. H. Gibbs.

Mr. G. C. Brisco and George Vivian have returned from Wilmington, Delaware, where they spent a week with the former's son, Mr. Leo Brisco. They were accompanied from Rutherfordton by Miss Sallie Geer.

Mrs. J. A. Steele attended the commencement exercises of Converse college at Spartanburg last week-end. Some of the surveyors spent Saturday and Sunday at Saluda.

Quite a crowd attended the farmers' meeting at the school house last Saturday night.

Miss Addie Cocheran is visiting her brother near Cross Keys. Let everybody go to Columbus, July 4th.

Those who attended the party at the home of Miss Gladys Gibbs, last Thursday night report a nice time.

PEARIDGE.

Mr. W. W. Moore, of the U. S. N. is home on a few days furlough. He is visiting relations in Tryon and Melrose this week.

The singing at Pearidge, Sunday, was a success. Rev. Pink White preached a very interesting sermon. Dinner seemed to be plentiful.

The little two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. James Melton passed away Saturday night. Was buried at Mill Spring Baptist church, Sunday. "As you are now so once was I; as I am now you shall be; prepare for death and follow me."

COLUMBUS.

The ladies of the Columbus Betterment Club wish to thank the men of Polk county for their liberality in patronizing their refreshment stand, also the courtesy extended them. Quite a nice sum was realized, the proceeds to be used in building cement walks around the school property.

The Betterment Club will give the plays, "The Sewing Circle" and "The Book Agent" at an ice cream social to be held during the teachers' summer school, date to be announced later, proceeds for the soldiers' monument fund.

Every community in Polk county should have a community social of some kind to help swell the funds for the soldiers' monument.

Mr. J. R. Sams is in Madison county this week.

Miss Pearl Keenan visited Miss Mae Mills this week.

Miss Odessa Mills, Miss Thelma and Miss Hannah Mae McGuinn left, Tuesday, for Asheville, to attend the B. Y. P. U. convention.

Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Jones were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Elliott, Sunday.

Mrs. Ada Brown and children, of Newberry, S. C., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Dedmond.

Columbus was well represented at the children's day at Bethlehem Methodist church, Mill Spring. Everyone present enjoyed the splendid program.

Preaching the first, second and third Sundays in the month; Sunday school at 10:30; at the Columbus Baptist church. We are making special efforts to increase our Sunday school attendance to 100 by July 1st. We had 78 in attendance last Sunday, a very gratifying increase. Let us work together for the 100 mark. Our services are interesting and enjoyable. The church with a hearty welcome. Prayer and song service next Sunday evening. E. J. JONES, Pastor.

CROSS KEYS.

The crops, especially the cotton, was badly damaged by the hail storm in this section Sunday afternoon.

The farmers in this section will be very busy this week, harvesting their wheat crop.

The rain Sunday, put out the fire that had been raging on Toney mountain for about two days.

A large crowd attended the ice cream supper at Frank Jackson's, Saturday afternoon.

There will be an all day service at Greens Creek, next Sunday. Everybody invited.

Quite a number of people around Sandy Plains attended the all day rally at Pearidge, Sunday. Some also went to Mill Spring.

We are expecting a number of the soldier boys from this vicinity who belong to the 81st division, home, within a few days.

FISHTOP.

Mr. Posey Henderson is quite ill, we are informed.

James Jones is on the sick list. He is staying with his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Jones on the mountain.

The finest rye ever grown in this section, and some wheat are being harvested now.

Well Brother Lynn, three more rattlers have been added to the casualty list. Mr. T. C. Price was lying in the shade of an apple tree to rest, one of these warm days, when he discovered that a large rattler had crawled up and was within two feet of him, licking out his tongue but he lost no time in giving Mr. snake all the room.

Mr. Beach McMurray passed thru here last Sunday. He says he has no use for France.

E. J. Bradley was the guest of T. W. Bishop's family, Sunday.

The worst complaint we hear of is that of having to attend court this week.

A RARE OLD VOLUME.

Mr. Henry Reich is the possessor of a rare old volume. It is a religious book, printed in 1726, in the German language.

Of course all the work was hand work. The paper was made by hand, the printing done on a hand press, and the binding done by hand. The remarkable part of it is the perfect state of preservation of the old book. Notwithstanding time has yellowed the paper it is still in good condition. The printing was done in red and black, and the red ink is as brilliant, no doubt, as the day the book was printed. At any rate, no such printing ink can be secured these days, nor is anything like as good grade of paper used, as was on that book. A book printed in 1919 by our modern fast methods, will not be as perfect as the one Mr. Reich possesses, two hundred years from now.

MILL SPRING ROUTE 1.

Mr. H. K. Corn is very sick this week.

Several from this section went to Columbus last Monday.

Misses Grace and Oma Gibbs were guests of Miss Maggie Jackson, Sunday afternoon.

Sheriff Frank Jackson was in this section on business, Saturday last.

N. E. Williams made a business trip to Landrum, S. C., last Monday.

The hail storm on last Sunday, did considerable damage in this section.

Mr. Mack McGinn and uncle were callers at Mr. Ed Whiteside's last Sunday evening.

MR. SAMS AT THE LANIER CLUB

It was most unfortunate that so few were present, last Thursday afternoon, to hear what Mr. Sams, our County Demonstrator, had to say to the women of the Lanier Club. "Iron" because Mr. Sams' message was of value to the members as women as well as inhabitants of Polk county.

In surmising the chief of the existing points against the prosperity of Polk county, Mr. Sams cited that the roads all led out of the county to trading centers in Rutherford or Henderson counties, and South Carolina, instead of having their broad ends lead to some town in Polk; that the rural mail systems were miserable, as a result of the lack of interest in this county when the routes were originally planned. How many people realize that it takes thirty-six hours for letters sent to within a mile of Tryon, to receive an answer, and that much of Polk county's mail goes to Hendersonville and into Rutherford counties and South Carolina before being delivered within a few miles of its starting point.

Mr. Sams also emphasized the need of advertising on the part of our banks and merchants to secure the trade that flows outside, on account of existing roads and mail service conditions. To him it seemed that Tryon being the largest railroad point should be the central mail point of the mail routes and of all business; that the Tryon merchants and people should cater to the interest and needs of the farmer; and that efforts should be made to establish a cotton gin, a flour mill and cotton warehouse. He suggested that a good agricultural background should be stronger and more substantial than the tourist business; and that the Chamber of Commerce appoint an agricultural committee to study the needs of the farmer, and Tryon's ability to supply these needs, thus developing Polk county.

There were many in the audience who did not agree with Mr. Sams and who thought Tryon's beauty and charm lay in her freedom from machinery and commerce, and these felt that with such natural attractions our little nest of peace and quietness would hold her own with larger towns. They also cited the fact that it was just for this peace and quiet that the majority of property holders had come to Tryon.

The few present were inclined to extend the Club's influence throughout the county; to help in many ways, of development; and all were most appreciative of Mr. Sams' well drawn picture of our opportunities as a Club, and all hoped to be able to do something towards the development of both town and country, especially the improvement of the rural routes.

SECOND FIRE WITHIN FEW MONTHS.

The building of Wilkins & Co., was completely destroyed by fire Wednesday morning. The alarm was given about three o'clock, and a crowd soon gathered about the burning building. The auto fire truck was brought to the scene as soon as possible, but the fire had gained such headway that nothing could be done to save the building or contents.

Wilkins & Co., grocery and feed dealers, suffered the greatest loss, as the entire stock was destroyed, and a large quantity of feed and flour had just been received a few days ago. Mr. Wilkins could not give us a statement as to his probable losses, but the stock was estimated at about \$18,000 with only \$8,000 insurance.

The Southern Mercantile Co., occupied the basement, and all the machinery was destroyed. The greatest loss to this concern will be in time, as it will take many months to secure new machines, and the company is rushed to the limit with orders.

Mrs. Rhodes occupied the first floor, jointly with Wilkins & Co., with a millinery stock. Mrs. Rhodes had a nice stock of goods and was enjoying a good business, but unfortunately carried no insurance.

Frank McFarland occupied the upstairs with a stock of undertaker's goods. All were lost, partially covered by insurance.

Mr. Wilkins announces that he will soon be in business again in temporary quarters, and will occupy the building lately vacated by the Carolina Hardware Co.

This same building was gutted by fire only a little over a year ago.

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

Quite a number of our people were given a treat, Tuesday night, in the shape of a musical entertainment, at the Lanier Library.

Miss Mary Lindsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Lindsey, who had just returned home from Atlanta, Ga., where she had spent the winter in musical study, furnished the instrumental selections. It is unnecessary to further comment on this part of the entertainment, for Miss Lindsey's work as an instrumental performer is too well known by Tryonites, to need any. She played up to her usual good form, and her selections met with generous applause.

Mr. Arthur Carver has before entertained Tryon audiences with his singing, and as usual, did not fail to entertain. It is always a pleasure to hear Mr. Carver sing, and he is commended upon the willingness with which he responds to the demands of Tryon people.