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Butler-Lewis Post Advocates Buying of School Building by City

Legionnaires, City Council and School Board Meet to Discuss Purchase of Present School

FIRST RADIO CONCERT PLEASURES GATHERING

City fathers, the school board and the Butler-Lewis Post No 83 of the American Legion met in joint session Monday night at 8:00 o'clock in Missildine Hall to discuss the purchase of the present school house for use as a municipal building.

Following a brief business session of the Legion, the meeting was turned into a general discussion on the part of members of the city council, the school board and members of the legion. The majority of the opinions advanced by various speakers indicated that sentiment in so far as those present at the meeting was concerned favored the purchase of the old school building.

The present city hall, according to various speakers has already become inadequate for Tryon's needs. At the present time, and for the past year, the present building has been used but very little. The present city council have found it more convenient to meet elsewhere, where better heating arrangements can be found during the winter months.

One argument of special interest to Tryon was advanced to the effect that with the purchase of the school building and the subsequent placing of the fire apparatus therein, there would undoubtedly be a large saving to buildings threatened by fire. Under the present system, it was pointed out, that the fire truck has the steep grade on Maple Street to climb with a cold motor before it can be in position to gather

the speed necessary to fire apparatus for efficient work. With the location in the school building there would be ample opportunity for good speed to be maintained direct from the station to the fire.

It was also pointed out that there would be an ultimate savings to the citizens of Tryon of approximately \$20,000 in the purchase of the school building. The speakers pointed out the fact that Tryon can at this time purchase the school building at a cost of about one-fifth of the amount it would take to erect a similar building. With the passing of the school house into the hands of some one individual or a company, the opportunity to purchase a building suitable for a city hall at such a figure would never repeat itself. The loss to Tryon would amount to in the neighborhood of \$20,000.00.

The old school building has good heating facilities and would thus make a splendid gathering place for various municipal or private social or business gatherings.

It was further pointed out that with the purchase of the building, this property abutting on the main highway between Asheville and Spartanburg would never become an eye-sore or a detriment to the community. School children from two sides of Tryon will pass the site of the old school house twice daily.

It is planned that within the next few days petitions will be circulated among the tax payers of Tryon for their approval of the project.

THE TRYON GRADED SCHOOL

Professor D. W. Simmons Gives a Message for the Patrons and Pupils.

Declaring that lack of application on the part of students during the past school term is to blame to a large extent for the low grade average of the Tryon Graded School following the recent examination schedule, D. W. Simmons, superintendent of the school gave out the following statement for the consideration of parents and guardians.

At the beginning of the new term of our school year I wish to have a personal heart-to-heart talk with every parent and patron of the school; therefore I resort to the columns of our town paper. After you have read this, if you will send your copy to me, I can send it on to some friends who do not subscribe to the paper.

Did you ever take the time kind friends, to consider what it costs to run a school? Why even in a small community like Tryon, there is a daily expenditure of from \$60 to \$75 a day, something like \$1,500 a month or \$14,000 a year. Let us further consider who pay this large amount of money. At once any school boy or girl will answer, "It is paid by the taxes of the people." Now since these people are paying our burdens, does it not reflect great discredit, lack of appreciation and even disgrace upon us if we do not use this money to the best advantage by preparing the minds of these young people to meet the demands of modern society? On the other hand, what are we doing? Although I have

urged the parents time and again to see that their children stay at home week-nights to study their lessons, yet I know that a large number of those who are doing poor work are loafing on the street corners, or visiting when they need the home study.

In the examinations through which we have recently passed, a large per cent. of the pupils failed. I do not believe this is because of lack of ability, but lack of real application. It has long since been an exploded fact that school is play. Or the other hand, we try to convince the students that school work is real work, that we will be happy when we succeed, and miserable when we fail. Won't you help us to convince these boys and girls that they are treating very frivolously, the most serious side of life? There is so much good, even looking at it in a selfish way, to be derived from the mastery of these text books, to say nothing of the most excellent training which comes from gaining power to think. How can the coming generation solve the problems of life, if the problems of young life, or let me say preparation are overlooked?

I am sincerely interested in the progress of this school, and I shall be glad to have your co-operation with us in bringing the coming men of America into a full realization of their duty. When we succeed in that, most of them will pass on all examinations. Otherwise we may grow from bad to worse.

The honor roll will be published next week.

You'll Like This One

Tourist in R. R. Restaurant
---Two ham sandwiches, please, to take with me.
Waiter (yelling to kitchen)--
Traveling pigs---a pair.

BOOST TRYON

The majority of the people living in Tryon today came here from some other part of the country—North, East, South or West.

Why did they stay?

What did they do to better their personal property conditions, to make their home attractive.

Tryon is just as much their personal property as their own home and yard.

Make it a better Tryon, a more congenial Tryon.

Tryon has a wide reputation for its congenial spirit and its democracy.

Mr. and Mrs. Citizen, write to these friends and acquaintances telling them why you like to live in Tryon.

TRYON ROUTE ONE

Valentine Greetings to all. Lets not forget to plant sweet peas this month. "Say it with sweet peas."

"You betcha," some of our folks made a business trip to Rutherfordton Saturday, that almost disappeared in a cloud of mud," realized the need of the new German invention a walking car.

Many on route attended church Sunday.

Misses Sallie Carpenter and Grace Hamilton, Mrs. Otis Packer and children called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Childress Sunday afternoon.

The women, girls and school children enjoyed Thursday afternoon at Fox Mountain, hugely laughing over our biscuit prospects of the various premiums etc.

We hear Miss Lela Thompson recently got married, don't know the name of whom she married but a fellow from "Sunny Tennessee," is the news.

Misses Pearl and Essie Edwards, teachers of Melvin Hill, spent the week-end at home.

Misses Thelma and Jettie Heague spent the Sabbath afternoon hours with some of their chums think 'twas the Misses Feagan.

Success to the News and the road work.

"THE VIRGINIA HEROINE"

"The Virginia Heroine" to be given at Stearns High School. Eleven of the girls of the Philathea Class, of the Columbus Baptist Church will give a three-act play entitled, "The Virginia Heroine," Friday Feb. 16th, 7:30 P. M. at the Stearns High School, Columbus, N. C. The proceeds of the play will go to help pay for the piano at the church. The admission fee for children will be 15c, adults 25c. Public cordially invited.

K OF 'P'S ATTENTION.

Dear Brother:--

I will be in Tryon Monday morning, February 19th, at nine o'clock, and wish to meet you, and every member of Tryon Lodge No. 118, K. of P. in the drug store for a conference as to the status and future of Tryon Lodge. Please arrange so you can be there for about one hours time, as I must catch the noon train for Hendersonville. Please give this publicity among the members, and let's have a conference over the situation.

Yours fraternally,
W. M. LYLES.

NEWS ADS PAY!

Mr. Editor:

The many letters I receive proposing to take my faithful friend "Dixie," shows that the Polk County News is a good medium for advertising.

I had tried by personal offer and by letters to dispose of "Dixie," but got no response. The one little notice in your paper brought stacks of offers to take and treat her well. And now I desire to thank every one who so kindly offered to provide a home for "Dixie," but only one could have this pleasure, and Mrs. J. T. Camp, Landrum Route 4—first responded, and consequently got "Dixie." "Dixie" and I have been friends long and true. I never had cause to give her a short word in emergencies, and they came, she appeared to have more sense than I, and sometimes knew better what to do than I. On last Wednesday as I turned her over to Mrs. Camp, I stroked her mane and put my arm over her neck and with a gentle pat on the cheek said good bye, "Dixie," and we parted, the best of friends, as we had lived for the last seven years.

Respectfully,
J. R. SAMS, County Agent.

P. S. I am getting phone calls and letters from Spartanburg to Saluda, and round about; all from that little notice in the Polk County News.

J. R. S.

Tryon Country Club Begins Campaign

Club Opens Active Drive to Increase Their Membership.

Carrying on the spirit of "Boost Tryon," the Tryon Country Club has begun a new drive for members. The reputation for a splendid golf course of the Tryon Club has spread over a large part of the country and to such an extent that it is felt that the club should increase to such an extent as to warrant the addition of new attracting features for the entertainment of its increasing membership. This according to officials to the club can only be done by an "every-member-get-a-member-campaign."

"Any person who has given the matter the least thought, must realize the great value to any community of a good golf course," declared H. A. Wilkie, of the membership committee.

"This is especially true of Tryon, for here gather people from every part of the United States for rest and recreation. The Board of Trade, the Town Clerk, the hotels and boarding houses say that one of the most important questions asked by prospective visitors is "Have you a good golf course?" Hundreds have come here because the above question could be answered in the affirmative. Some have remained but a few weeks, others have remained for good or returned another season to become property owners, but all have spent money here no matter whether the stay was a long or short one.

"The Tryon Country Club at its recent Annual Meeting elected new officers who are taking hold of its affairs in earnest and are out for members, for they realize that to make the Club the success it deserves, a greater interest must be taken in it by all our citizens whether they play golf or not.

"We are informed on good authority that Tryon really never began to grow in the best sense until the advent of the Country Club, and since its organization the property values have increased very much and through no special force nor reason than because of good golf being offered as a prerequisite to prospective visitors or citizens.

"Those to whom the Membership Committee have written, setting forth the value of increased membership both to them and the town, should respond wholeheartedly by joining, not only from civic pride but for the selfish reason, if you will, of making the citizenship and their property of greater value.

"Under a new ruling of the Board of Directors dues may be paid quarterly.

"Let us all get behind and help those who are giving of their time and efforts, and boost this project which is of vital interest to everybody in Tryon."

Temptation Great to Show to the Winds

The sign of the times are all mighty good, and everybody is optimistic over the future outlook. And everything is going to turn out all right, provided we face the facts as they are and act accordingly.

In the face of high price cotton at planting time and what looks like good prices this fall, it is going to take more than ordinary courage to do the sensible thing, and yet we must do that or ultimately go down to defeat. There was never greater temptation to sow to the winds than confronts the Southern farmer this year. Therefore, every man ought to sit down and calmly figure out a plan that will make him safe. This should be done irrespective of what any other man in the South is going to do. If each will meet the demands of good farming, the promise of good times was never brighter. If on the other hand we throw reason to the winds, we are going to suffer the consequences. Reason demands that we grow a living at home, and then all the cotton that can be fertilized, cultivated and poisoned well.

Our people all love cotton. It is the South's greatest crop. Indeed, it is the world's greatest crop, and it can be made to serve the South as a wonderful blessing. It has cursed the South, however, because we have not backed it up with a living at home. The end of any one-crop system is poverty—poverty of the land and poverty of the people, as we have already seen. Even in the face of this, a fact known to us all, a lot of people are going to plunge. In this connection, however, we might keep in mind the fact that the crop of 1922, while one of the smallest on record, has outsold every crop in history except four.

DR. JUSTICE COMING

Will Arrive in Tryon Today and Preach at the Baptist Church Sunday

Services will be conducted Sunday morning, February 18, at the Tryon Baptist Church by the Reverend Thomas L. Justice, D. D. Newly appointed pastor.

Dr. Justice and Mrs. Justice will arrive today and will make their residence in the Jones house on Godshaw Hill.

The new Baptist pastor is a descendant of the well known Justice family of North Carolina, distinguished in legal and ministerial work. It will be remembered that Dr. Justice was pastor of the local church about a quarter of a century ago.

Dr. Justice is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University, and received his training and subsequent Doctors degree at the Moody School of Theology, Chicago.

He has been called here from the Enfield Baptist Church, Enfield, N. C.

Holy Cross Episcopal Church

Rev. C. P. Burnett rector.
Lenten Services:
Sunday:
Holy Communion 8 A. M.
Morning prayer and sermon 11 A. M.
Evening song 5:30 P. M.
Week Days
Wednesdays Evening prayer and address 4:30 P. M.
Fridays, Litany, address and intercessions for the sick 4:30 P. M.
Confirmation instruction, Thursday 4 P. M.
All are cordially invited.