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Mathematicians Can Win Season Pass for Swimming

Time Record Will be kept at Lake When Sluice Gate Closes.

How long will it take to fill a new swimming pool? This question has been asked by many people who have visited the two acre swimming pool now being constructed by C. J. Lynch. Mr. Lynch announces that a season pass will be granted to anyone who comes nearest to the actual time lapsing between the time the sluice gate is opened at the dam and that day when the water starts to flow through the sluice gate. The exact time will be registered in both instances. The contest closes June 8 at noon.

Progress of County Outlined by Agent

R. Sams Sums Up Forward Strides of Polk in Last Five Years.

Five years ago, the fourth of last February, it was my privilege to press my foot on Polk County soil in Tryon, N. C. At that time the world was all astir, war was on every tongue, blood in every eye, and great and uncertainty in every mind. Polk County as a county seemed to have no county pride or program for county solidarity. It seemed to me that every man was in a gang to himself, and the women in small squads, doing the best they could under existing circumstances. There was not a rod of decent road in the county. It was a rare thing to meet an ox cart running in high gear. There were two decent school buildings in the county. Churches were a low class, and business was lagging in every conceivable direction away from the county.

While this county has not yet attained the goal of high ideals, it certainly has made some progress. The roads from Saluda via Tryon to the North Carolina line and from Tryon to the Rutherford County line have been so improved that they have been taken over by the State and kept in excellent condition as State highways and other roads of the county so improved that they can be found in every section of the county. The schools of the county are growing like weeds in rich soil. Within the next two years at the present rate of progress, every township in Polk County should have an accredited high school within its borders. The churches are coming along in about the same proportion. They are having their houses remodeled, repainted, and refurnished with more comfortable fixtures and furniture of all kinds, and the addition of Parsonages, which will mean much in the way of quality of the man who serves them as pastor.

Within these five years the county has added and given partial support to a Farm and Home Demonstration Agent with office in the Court House, who works constantly between the State College of Agriculture, and Department of Agriculture at Raleigh, N. C., and Washington, D. C. These servants of the people are links between the people and the best agencies, bringing the best and best methods of agriculture, business and home life to the people. During these five years, the banks of Polk County have more than quadrupled their banking resources—one new bank in successful operation and all the older ones forging

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Plans Being Made To Dedicate New School Building

New Building to be Thoroughly Fireproof.

Plans are now being made for the formal dedication exercises of the new Graded School building. According to present tentative plans the exercises will be held at some time during the latter part of July or the early part of August.

An invitation has been extended by the School Commission to Dr. E. C. Brooks, North Carolina State Superintendent of Education, to attend the ceremony and make the formal address in dedicating the new building. Dr. Brooks is widely known in the educational world and has been much in demand for occasions of like nature. The Board of School Commissioners feel that the presence of Dr. Brooks will lend a tremendous impetus to the forward movement along educational lines in this county.

Other prominent speakers will be invited to attend the exercises. A splendid programme will be arranged that will make the occasion noteworthy throughout this section of the State.

The new building will be completed, according to the present plans about the middle of July. The building will be completely equipped and thoroughly fireproof. Any danger of a repetition of the recent disaster at the Cleveland School in Camden, S. C., will be obviated by the most modern of protective measures. Quoting in part from a letter received this week from a prominent Tryon citizen and a man who has the interests of Tryon and its people at heart:

"Tryon's new fire-proof school should quite relieve the natural anxiety of parents, teachers and pupils that has been caused by the recent awful calamity that befell at the Cleveland school, in Camden, where 73 people mostly women and children were either burned or crushed to death in less than thirty minutes time.

"The thorough vigilance and diligence of the School Board have made such a terror impossible."

The commencement exercises to be held this year will be the final exercises that will be held in the present old school building. This building in itself has thoroughly safeguarded against fire, and adequate facilities are afforded for rapid exit from the building in the event of a fire. This danger is nil at this time of year in as much as there is no fire being maintained in the building.

However in view of the recent Cleveland school disaster every precaution will be taken during the closing exercises to prevent its repetition in this community.

Tryon Country Club Roster Increased

Courses to be Seeded Soon.—Other Improvements Planned.

Work on a number of improvements to the course at the Tryon Country Club has been held up by inclement weather. A fund has been set for reseeding the course. This will be done in the near future according to the present plans.

Eight new members have been added in the last few days to the roster of the club, R. O. Andrews, William W. Gray, Jr., Dr. J. L. Justice, Wm. C. White, Miss Grace Peters, Miss Helen Stearns, W. H. Stearns and H. M. Fraser.

Club members entertaining guests at the club are requested to register the names on the club blotter.

BOARD OF TRADE MEETING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6th, 8:30 P. M.

W. E. Kilpin Buys Local Garage

Detroit Man Purchases Ballenger-Morris Ford Agency.

Waldemar E. Kilpin, of Detroit, who has been an annual visitor in Tryon for the past several years, has recently bought the Ballenger-Morris Garage, authorized dealers in Ford Motor Cars.

C. W. Ballenger opened the first Ford agency about twelve years ago with the shop and sales office located in the garage building near the Southern Railway station. About six years later P. G. Morris bought an active interest in the firm. In 1922 the business had enlarged to such an extent that larger quarters became necessary. The present site was leased from W. S. Green, and garage and filling station built.

W. E. Kilpin, the new proprietor of the garage has had wide experience in the motor car world. He has assured the public that service will be the chief motto of the new company. Several new features along these lines are being planned that will greatly assist the motoring public. Among these will be a well equipped trouble and wreck car on duty at all hours of the day.

The new company will take over the plant on June 1, and will be known as the Kilpin Motor Company.

EDITORIAL

On April 24, the State Highway Engineering Department stated that "with fair weather conditions maintaining, the Godshaw Hill detour would be eliminated within a week or ten days at the most, and that by June 1 the stretch of highway between the iron bridge near the North-South Carolina State-line and Trade Street would be completed and open to traffic."

Thirty-seven days have elapsed and traffic still entangled itself on the narrow, and somewhat dangerous detour.

This stretch of the State Highway is one of the most important parts of the local project. It is one of the arteries of the great highway system of the Atlantic States. Thousands of motorists travel over this highway annually, tourists from the Piedmont country sojourning in the mountains, Northern tourists Florida bound. Many of the motorists who know of present local conditions are now making their mountain trips over the flanking routes East and West of Tryon, in order to avoid the scant mile of dangerous, narrow, spring breaking detour, that is, according to the detour signs, maintained by the contractor.

The local project contract was let in the Spring of 1922. Construction work was started in the Spring of the same year. Three miles at the most of an approximate six mile project have been completed.

During the most favorable of weather conditions, the Godshaw Hill detour is a most serious menace to the motorists and especially the inexperienced driver. With three short turns in the detour beyond which is no visibility, cars entering the roadway from either direction must depend entirely upon that uncertain quantity "chance" in the matter of passing other cars on the narrow road. For the experienced driver there are three or perhaps four places where it is possible to pass an oncoming car. For the inexperienced driver there is but one and that at a midway point on the detour on a sharp curve.

TRYON BAPTIST CHURCH.

Services each Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.
For Sale:—Good fresh milk cow for sale. C. V. ELLIOTT, Mill Spring, N. C. 2w-pd

Church Parish House to be Completed Soon

Community Growth Brings New Features

The new Parish House of the Church of the Holy Cross Episcopal Church will be completed about July 1 according to present plans. Work on the building has progressed rapidly in the last two weeks.

The Parish House will be well equipped to take care of the needs of the church. A large auditorium and stage will take up a section of the building. Entrances have been made from a dressing room to the stage. The rector's study will adjoin the auditorium. A short passage way between the Parish House and the nave of the church will afford access for the choir from the locker rooms to the choir stalls.

Plans are underway for a formal opening of the new building as soon as it is completed.

The new parsonage for the Tryon Baptist church is expected to be completed in about a month. Work was started on the house about the middle of April and every effort is being made to complete it as quickly as possible.

One of the most important additions to this community and to the county at large is the new infirmary in the Wilkins Building. This infirmary has most of the conveniences to be found in any similar establishment in the larger surrounding resort communities. It is equipped to care for any emergency and if necessary to keep patients during their convalescence. Eight beds have been provided, three rooms of two beds each, and two single rooms. Three attendants are maintained and special nurses are provided when the occasion demands. Complete and modern equipment has been installed in the operating and anesthetizing rooms.

Designate Dates For State Fair

General Lines Will Be Followed This Year.

The dates of the 62nd North Carolina state fair are October 15-19, 1923. Plans are well under way to make this year's exhibition superior to any previously held.

The executive committee has decided to conduct the fair along the same general lines as last year, eliminating all concessions, excepting novelties, and stressing the educational and entertainment features.

Amusements will always be a part of any successful fair. However, education is the primary feature of a fair, the great spirit back of it, the force which is making our exhibitions all over the land greater every year. With all of these interests in mind the midway attractions, free acts, and fire works have been carefully selected.

One hundred and thirty-nine horses from twenty-two states and Canada have entered the four closing stake events, the purses for which are \$1,000 each. This is an average of thirty-five horses to a race. There will be six open class races announced later, which in addition to the stakes should attract the best horses in the country.

The 1923 premium list is now being revised. The classification for prizes will be practically the same as last year, having been arranged so that all products of the home and farm may be shown. There will be something applicable to every member of the family.

COLUMBUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Preaching Every 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays at 11 o'clock. Every Sunday night.
S. A. STROUP, Pastor.

Tryon High School To Hold First Commencement

Five Students in First Graduating Class Exercises to be Held Friday Night.

First to graduate in a regular four years course from the Tryon Graded School, the Senior Class of 1923 will hold its commencement beginning Friday morning at 11 o'clock. Commencement exercises will be held in the auditorium at the school building.

This first graduating class of Tryon High School consists of the following students: Miss Alice Andrews, Miss Helen Morgan, Miss Lucile Smith, James Roin, Jr., and Robert Reich.

The Commencement programme is as follows:
FRIDAY-JUNE 1.
11.00 A. M. Opening of exercises.

Chorus: The Morning Invitation, by Senior Class, assisted by the High School.
Invocation: The Rev. C. P. Burnett.

Class Day Exercises: Class History Miss Helen Morgan; Class Prophecy, Miss Alice Andrews; Last Will and Testament, James Roin, Jr.

Tryon School Song.
Introduction of Speaker.
Baccalaureate Address: Dr. J. Henry Highsmith; Supervisor of State High Schools, Raleigh.
Presentation of Diplomas.
Hymn: America.

Benediction: Dr. Justice.
On Monday evening, the Senior Class assisted by the Graduating Class of the Grammar School will give the play, "The Wren."

Tuesday evening, June 5, the Grammar School Class will hold its graduation exercises followed by the regular closing exercises of the Graded School.

Grammar School Graduates are as follows:
Nell Hagaman, Edith Preston, Josephine Hill, Mary Screven, Geraldine Sayre, David Caldwell, James Fisher, John Fuldner, Fred Laurence, Franklin Little, Sidney Sayre, Cager Jackson.

COUNTY AGENTS DEPARTMENT

The Banks of Landrum S. C., last Fall offered 1st, 2nd and 3rd, prizes of \$50.00, \$25.00 and \$10 respectively, for the purpose of stimulating the growing of alfalfa and red clover within the zones of their business circles, which embrace portions of Spartanburg and Greenville counties in South Carolina, and Polk County in N. C.

I was called upon to visit the farmers who had received free seed and lime at cost from these banks for this purpose, and to assist in judging. Mr. Atbery, Specialist in Seed Breeding, Mr. Cairnes, County Agent of Spartanburg County, and myself, on Thursday May 17th proceeded to make visitations to all these farmers and make notations of the degree of success. We found alfalfa growing under varying conditions from good down to medium and poor; and in every case we found the alfalfa plants succeeding in proportion to the environment which the farmer had created for the seed before sowing time.

Some failed for lack of proper inoculation, some failed for lack of proper preparation of soil and some failed for lack of necessary humus and plant food, and still others were not as successful as should and would have been on account of weeds that had not been suppressed before the seed was sown.

The red clover contest, we found to be on a plane with the alfalfa.

In proportion to land selection, preparation and fertilization, which means lime as well as plant food; we find from these demonstrations that success or failure will follow.

These demonstrations prove

Season Pass to be Given to Person Naming New Lake

Committee Selected to Pass on Names Submitted.

Several names have been suggested for the new swimming pool that is being constructed by C. J. Lynch.

Mr. Lynch announced this week that a committee composed of three men had been selected to choose from the names sent in for the pool. The person submitting the name that is decided upon as most fitting will receive a season pass for swimming privileges at the lake.

Names must be legibly written and should be signed carefully with name and address of the person submitting the suggestion.

The contest will close June 8 at 12 noon. No suggestions will be accepted after that date.

Mail your suggestions to the "Editor" Polk County News Tryon, N. C.

Capital Increased by Peoples Bank & Trust

Local Institution Adds \$15,000 in Six Years

One month from tomorrow, the Peoples Bank and Trust Company will celebrate its sixth year of service to the citizens of Tryon and Polk County, as well as to innumerable Tryon visitors.

On July 1, 1917, the Peoples Bank and Trust Company opened its doors to the public with a capitalization of \$10,000. The bank at that time was adequately equipped to give service and satisfaction in all matters pertaining to the bank.

In its announcement to the public one month before its sixth birthday, the Peoples Bank has stated that it has made a fully paid increase of \$15,000 in its capital in those six years, giving a total paid capitalization of \$25,000. The surplus and undivided profits of the institution are over \$7,000, and its total resources over a quarter of a million dollars.

It has been stated on authority that this county is in need of approximately a million dollars, this amount to be utilized in the development of its resources. The banks of Polk County can do much to bring about such results with the cooperation of the public.

With the rapid expansion of the Peoples bank it was found advisable to add new features in the building to care for the needs of the Public. Among the innovations added to its equipment are a ladies rest room and a writing room.

conclusively the wisdom of the banks in offering these prizes; which have stimulated within their economic trade zones a spirit of progressive farming that will be as enduring as the hills on which the alfalfa and clover are grown.

The Banks, Manufacturers, Merchants and other business concerns that do anything at this time to stimulate soil building, will do much to build their own business. Soil depletion is the Agricultural Sin of the Piedmont South, and the only salvation from this sin, is the growing of legume crops alternately with cotton and other necessary crops.

The great wonder why these humus and nitrogen gathering crops have been so long neglected, after such a long period of educational effort is a mystery to one who hailes from a section where they have been grown and land kept in increasing fertility because they were used. By the use of a little lime and acid phosphate, barn yard manure & etc., it is an easy matter to get all the clovers to grow on the splendid red and chocolate clays of the Piedmont cotton belt of the South land.

Announcement of Successful Alfalfa and Clover growers will be made in an early issue.