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### Health Inspector declares Tryon water better than that of other towns.

The North Carolina State Board of Health Inspector visited Tryon last Monday to examine the reservoir and sources and reported that Tryon is in a much better position with reference to both supply and purity than the majority of towns in this State. The last water report received Tuesday from the laboratories at Raleigh indicate a decided improvement in the bacterial count of the water supply. As was stated in the last issue of the News there is no danger from the present water supply and no cause for alarm on the part of the citizens and summer visitors.

### TO POLK COUNTY FARMERS WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

Before we consider the future out look for farmers of Polk County, it might be a good thing to look backward and ask the question, What of the past? First let us make a study of the past and establish a basis by which the future may be foretold to some extent. Looking back one hundred years in Polk County, we are told that the forests were the finest that could be found; that wild Pea Vine and other legumes grew in great profusion that the land was rich and the streams teamed with fish. If this be true, and we believe it is; nature has done all for this county that human heart could desire. As to the present. Where are those splendid forests? Where are those natural wild leguminous plants that once grew in the woodlands and kept the soil in that high state of fertility that produced those magnificent forests? Where are those clear streams of sparkling waters in which there had been millions of fish? Where are the rich lands that were present when the forest was removed that yielded abundant crops when barely turned with a bull-tongue plow at the hands of the primeval husbandman? All these things that were once here are gone. Why did they go? Why is not the soil of Polk County rich and productive as it once was? Why are the hill sides washed away and the creek and river beds filled with clay and sand so that every heavy rain that comes makes conditions worse? Of course it is the system of farming these lands that has brought us where we are agriculturally. Just here comes in the question asked at the start—"What of the Future?" Farmers, let us think conditions over for just a little while. Will the same system of farming that cleared these rich lands and washed away the rich virgin soil and filled up the creek and river beds with clay and sand reclaim them and make them rich and productive again? Are you satisfied with your farms as they are? When the hard rains come and you see your terraces breaking and your best soil leaving for low lands, do you thank God that you have the foundation left on which to build another soil? And do you enjoy the task of building more terraces to be washed away by the next hard rain? Of course I am speaking of hill sides and slopes that are too steep for terraces to hold, which applies to much the greater part of the lands of Polk County. The purpose of this article is to arouse thought. If you are satisfied with your present condition; which many of you are; judging from your actions; then there is no hope for this generation; but for those who are not satisfied with present conditions there is hope, and in future articles in this column, we will endeavor to point the way to better things.

### Benefit Recital Pleases Assembly

The benefit recital given by Mrs. Boynton at Lanier Library last Thursday evening was one of the most enjoyable programs that has been offered in some time. Mrs. Boynton's selections were both entertaining and instructive. The subject of her recital "Imagination—A Friend" was well chosen and allowed a wide scope for her talents. All of her selections were well received by an appreciative audience. Mrs. Boynton is a professional entertainer who has been in much demand in Chicago in recent years.

J. R. SAMS

### Union Mills to Have Baptist Conference

#### Program of church meeting of three counties

The annual conference of the Baptist Churches of Polk, Rutherford and McDowell counties will be held at Union Mills beginning Monday July 16 to Friday July 20.

Following is a program of the Monday

10:00 a.m.—Devotional. 10:45 a.m.—Brief Report from Pastors.

11:15 a.m.—Special Needs in Our Churches as Seen by the Pastors.—Open Conference.

2:00 p.m.—What Organization Should a Church Undertake to Have.—M. A. Adams.

2:30 p.m.—The Pastor in Touch with All Organized Work.—D. J. Hunt.

3:00 p.m.—Preparation for World-wide Evangelism.—Q. C. Davis.

8:00 p.m.—A Study of Surveys.—A. C. Hamby.

Tuesday

9:30 a.m.—Devotional. 10:00 a.m.—The Church Training its Workers.—J. T. Bowen.

10:30 a.m.—Assigning Work to All Members of the Church.—A. S. Stroup.

11:00 a.m.—Pentecost and its Results.—Q. C. Davis.

2:00 p.m.—The Pastor in His Study, His Books, Papers, etc.—T. L. Justice.

2:30 p.m.—The Pastor Visiting His People in Their Homes.—C. P. Holland.

3:00 p.m.—Philip, the First Great Evangelist.—Q. C. Davis.

8:00 p.m.—The Every-Member Canvas.—A. C. HAMBY.

Wednesday

9:30 a.m.—Devotional. 10:00 a.m.—All Departments and Treasurers Making Regular Reports to the Church.

10:30 a.m.—Church Equipment, Remodeling the House, Providing Hymn Books, etc.—E. B. Dillard.

11:00 a.m.—Barnabas, the Evangelist of the Powerful Appeal.—Q. C. Davis.

2:00 p.m.—The Sermon: Expository, Textual, Topical, Doctrinal. The Use of Illustrations.—J. M. Brown.

3:00 p.m.—Paul, the Evangelist of the Crucified Life.—Q. C. Davis.

Thursday

9:30 a.m.—Devotional. 10:00 a.m.—Difficult Problems I find on My Field.—Open Conference.

11:00 a.m.—The Evangelistic Campaign in Antioch.—Q. C. Davis.

2:00 p.m.—Administering the Ordinances.—E. P. White.

2:30 p.m.—The Denominational Paper. Getting it Into the Homes of the People, How.—Open Conference.

3:00 p.m.—Luke, the Evangelist with Historical Insight.—Q. C. Davis.

8:00 p.m.—Address.—A. C. Hamby.

9:00 a.m.—Devotional. 9:30 a.m.—Responsibility of the Church for the Social and Recreational Life of the Community.—A. P. Sorrels.

10:00 a.m.—Making a Program for a church.—A. C. Hamby.

11:00 a.m.—The Evangelistic Campaign in Ephesus.—Q. C. Davis.

### Contracts to be Let For New County Jail

#### Plans Accepted for New Building to Replace Present Jail.

The Board of County Commissioners of Polk County held their regular July meeting last week in the office of the Registrar of Deeds at the County Court House, Columbus.

Ronald Green, architect, of Asheville met with the board and submitted a plan for the proposed new county Jail. This plan which was accepted by the board will give Polk County a thoroughly modern and completely equipped jail building.

The building will be a two story structure to be erected at an approximate cost of \$3500.

Mr. Green will have general supervision of construction of the building. The contract will be let the latter part of this month.

John J. George, of Cherryville, has arranged to purchase the bonds for the building.

### Quartet Concerts Attract Many

The Junior Quartet of Piedmont College presented two interesting programs during the last few days, one at the Library in Saluda, last Friday night, the second last Monday night at Lanier Library here.

The Piedmont Quartet have recently returned to North Carolina after a successful tour of the New England States in the interest of their college at Demorest.

Both programs offered showed a well trained quartet whose blending and general ensemble work would be difficult to equal.

Russell Locke, son of Mrs. H. P. Locke was not a stranger to either audience and his solo offering was well received. Each member of the group rendered a solo number which proved them capable of a most satisfactory individual work and compared favorably with their ensemble.

Miss Betty Thomas of Charleston added much to the program by her two violin numbers accompanied by Miss T. P. Spencer, director of music at Piedmont College.

### Infant Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moore Dies

Funeral services for Helen May Moore, age 2 years, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Moore were held Sunday afternoon at Tryon Cemetery, the Reverend Fike officiating.

Helen May Moore died last Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock following a brief illness.

### POLK COUNTY REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

R. M. Foster and wife to Manufacturers Power Company, 700 acres. Consideration \$25,000.

William Gillette to E. W. Frost, lot in town of Tryon \$10 and other considerations.

Ralph C. Erskine to Peoples Bank and Trust Company lot in Tryon. \$1 and other considerations.

Peoples Bank and Trust Company, trustee to F. W. Sprague, lot in Tryon. \$1600.

Polk County Bank and Trust Company to Frank Jackson, land in Columbus.

T. A. Green and wife to W. A. Bridges and wife land in Columbus.

J. R. Foster et al to V. H. Hunsinger land in Mill Spring.

A. M. Salley and wife to Mrs. Oliver Andrews land in Tryon.

D. E. Conner to Mrs. Ruth Cramer land in Tryon.

Emma C. Williams et al to Amelia C. Van Buren land in Tryon. \$10 and other considerations.

### Head-on Collision on Valley Road Sunday

#### Trying to Pass on Curve Results in Bad Smash.—Passengers Cut by Glass

One more automobile crash was listed on the valley road last Sunday afternoon when a car said to have been driven by M. C. Shull collided head on with another car driven by H. M. Brown, Jr. of Asheville.

Eyewitnesses of the accident stated that Mr. Shull who was coming toward Tryon on the Paolet Valley road had passed a number of cars and was making a fairly high rate of speed at the time he crashed into Mr. Brown's car.

It was said that Mr. Shull attempted to pass an automobile going in the same direction on a curve at the time he struck the other car on the left side of the road. The passengers in both cars were badly shaken up and cut by flying glass from splintered windshields. An infant in Mr. Shull's car was badly cut about the shoulders and arm by the glass and was rushed to the Tryon Infirmary for treatment. The child was removed by its parents to a hospital in Spartanburg on the late train.

Both cars were taken to the Lipin Motor Company for repairs.

### Genevieve Lankford Funeral at Church

Funeral service services for Miss Susan Genevieve Lankford, age 16, were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Congregational Church, Reverend W. A. Black officiating.

Miss Lankford was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Langford. She was taken ill the evening of July 4 and died Monday noon following an operation on Sunday morning.

Miss Langford was the second in a family of seven children all of whom survive her. By her quiet, earnest, industrious, and loving ways Miss Lankford made herself a general favorite. She will be missed, not only in the home, the Sunday School and the Church, but the whole community feels that one beloved of us all has suddenly gone from our midst.

### THE GARDEN IN JULY.

F. E. McCall, garden specialist for the State College and Department of Agriculture wonders what has become of that garden begun so auspiciously early in the spring. The hot weather caused many to neglect it, especially those town folks who might find it easy to buy vegetables from the corner grocery. But for the man who is sticking to the job and determined to have a supply of health giving, cost cutting vegetables all through the year. Mr. McCall states that good culture in July is more important than ever. Good culture means more palatable vegetables because during hot weather many kinds will become bitter. If the vegetables are forced to quick growth however, this will be overcome.

Some of the things which need attention in the garden during this mid-summer month, Mr. McCall gives as follows:

"Transplant tomatoes for the early fall garden. The Stone, Greater Baltimore and Norton are good for this purpose and are quite free from blight.

"Bush lima beans, the Seiva bean, Henderson's bush and Fordhook bush are some good bean varieties to plant. The Stringless Green Pod is the best of the bush snap beans.

"Seedlings of the Cos lettuce may be made now and again late in July. Turnips may also be sown for early fall garden."

### NOTICE

Polk County Farmers Federation stockholders will hold their annual meeting at the Columbus Court House, Monday morning July 16, at 10 o'clock.

### Board Salaries to Go to Town Manager

#### Mayor to Devote Entire Time to Town Affairs.

As a matter of information and explanation in connection with the resolutions passed last week by the Town Board investing Mayor Green with the management of the town, the following facts are presented:

It was decided by the commissioners that to hire a man both competent and with the future welfare of Tryon as first consideration was next to impossible. Mayor Green is willing to undertake the management, devoting his entire time to Tryon affairs, but he cannot be expected to sacrifice his business interests unless he in some measure be reimbursed.

The Commissioners had endeavored to secure a manager at a salary of \$150 a month (\$1800 a year) and they felt that the town would receive more value for their expenditure from Mayor Green than from any other available man, hence they decided to allow him a salary of \$1000 as Mayor. This amount with the \$200 salary of each commissioner to be turned over to Mayor Green by the Commissioners and the \$200 clerk hire to be allowed would make the \$1800 a year which the Board believed to be reasonable compensation for the work expected.

### Repair Work Started On Streets and Mains

Work has been started this week under the supervision of Chief W. A. Wilson on lowering the water mains.

Many of the mains were lying exposed in the unpaved streets, subject to danger by passing vehicles. These pipes will be lowered about two feet below the street level.

Some of the repairs work on the town streets has been temporarily completed. No further work will be completed until all water lines have been fixed.

### Summer Care of Fruit Trees.

The time is practically up for summer sprays, but since there is every little fruit this year, there is quite a bit of Summer pruning that could be done now.

Any time from now until the middle of July, where there is very little fruit on the trees, you can begin to do light pruning on your trees and shape them up and at the same time get rid of some of that extra growth and save that extra plant food for the fruit buds for another year. In pruning now, you should not cut off every big limb, but thin out some of the smaller ones and all of the dead ones and cut off some of the shoots of this years growth which are really putting on too much growth, due to there being no fruit to take up the plant food. In pruning try to keep the tree open so the sun can get in and force out growth on the lower part of the tree that will be in your reach and not cut off all limbs and make the tree get taller and further out of your reach every year. Every branch wants to break its head out in the sun and keeps trying to get higher and higher, but if you will keep the tree pruned you can keep the tree low and keep the branches arranged so that they will all get their share of the sun light.

There has hardly been enough fruit to warrant one to do any summer spraying this year, but it is the summer sprays that keeps the fruit from rotting. We often hear "I pruned and sprayed my fruit trees last winter and my fruit is rotting as bad as ever this Summer" The winter sprays do not keep the fruit from rotting, it just kills the scale and insects that live over the winter on the fruit trees, and will keep down the leaf curl.

### Board States Weevil Harms Cotton Alone

#### Boll Weevil Does Not Infest Fruit, Berries or Vegetables.

Inquiries received by the State Board of Health from widely separated sections of the State indicate a fear of the boll weevil that is entirely unfounded. The State Board of Health is advised that this pest of cotton plant is without danger other than the damage which it does to one of the State's leading farm products.

The boll weevil is not poisonous. It does not infest fruits or berries, nor any of the garden vegetables, such as corn, beans, Cabbage, lettuce, okra, tomatoes, or the like. The only food that satisfies the appetite of this insect is the cotton boll, and it eats this preferably when young and tender, when the squares are just forming.

In answering such inquiries the State Board of Health has endeavored to reassure those unduly fearful with the definite statement that there is nothing to fear from the boll weevil except the partial destruction of the cotton crop. The insect is not poisonous, and infests only cotton plant.

### Sunday Services at Tryon Churches

#### EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. C. P. Burnett, Rector. Sunday Services: Holy Communion—7:30. Morning Prayer and sermon (Holy Communion of 1st Sunday in the month.) 11 A. M. Friday afternoon 5 o'clock Litany and Intercessions for the sick.

#### TRYON BAPTIST CHURCH.

Services each Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

#### THE METHODIST AND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES OF TRYON.

Sunday School at 10:00 A. M., P. G. Moris, Superintendent. Reverend Fikes preaches on 1st and 3rd Sunday mornings at 11:00 A. M., and 2nd and 3rd Sundays at 7:30 P. M. Reverend Yaadell preaches on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11:00 A. M., and 1st and 3rd Sundays at 7:30 P. M.

#### The Presbyterian Church of Tryon.

Services next Sunday at 11:00 o'clock at the Methodist Church The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered at this hour—All are invited to worship with us.

#### Congregational Church.

W. A. Black, Minister. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Nelson Jackson Jr. Supt. Public Worship at 11 a. m. Christian Endeavor 7:15 p. m. Alice Andrews, President. Even Song and Prayer, 8:15 p. m.

#### PEOPLES' FORUM

The Searles Letters To the Editor:

I assume, in behalf of his "dear Tryon friends" to whom he addressed his entertaining and instructive travel letters, to thank Mr. J. Foster Searles for the pleasure they have given us, enabling us to enjoy and be interested in the things that amused and interested him. Their topics were of wide range and variety, but whether grand or petty, were novel, striking and diverting. His descriptions of places and events formed a kaleidoscopic panorama, alluring, piquant, humorous and clear.

Only an alert attention, an observation both minute and sweeping, diligence, patience and pertinacity in setting it all down during the distractions of travel, could have so successfully portrayed his impressions to his gratified readers.

E. G. HOLDEN.