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Tryon-Columbus Highway Now Open

New \$160,000 Road Shortens Distance to County Seat.

Traffic was resumed last Tuesday morning over the new hard surface road between Columbus and Tryon. The road is one of the best skirting the base of Tryon Mountain, the new road gives quick and easy access to Tryon, the rail head of the county from the county seat.

Work on the new highway was started on April 1, just nineteen months ago when the Dunn and Woodall Company of Atlanta, began grading about a mile beyond Lynn. The first stretch of road to be completed was that between the Lynn post office and a Columbus detour. The latter part of the road this year the highway between the State-line and Tryon street was opened for traffic. Other work all along the road progressed rapidly.

The Atlanta contractors worked under a serious handicap throughout the first summer with the railway strike holding up materials and the necessity due to soil conditions of having to build up many parts of the road with clay and rock. It was estimated that the road cost approximately \$150,000 more than the original bid of about \$144,000, due to these conditions.

The new highway is of penetration macadam variety and should according to R. W. Morgan, State Engineer, resident supervisor here during the construction of the road, last indefinitely with normal usage and care.

"This road that we have just completed," stated Mr. Morgan, "is a first class road. There is no shoddy work in any part of it. It will be maintained by the State Highway Department and resurfaced with top dressing when ever necessary. This particular kind of road construction has proven to be lasting and durable under average traffic. We would like to thank the property owners for their consideration and cooperation throughout the work. We realize the inconvenience to the public of the enforced detours but all have stated since that the new hard surface road was well worth the trouble."

Although traffic is to be permitted to drive on the new road there is still a small amount of work to be done in cleaning up along the shoulders of the road, ditching and grading. This work will continue the greater part of this month following which the road will be turned over to the State for maintenance.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE OF WOMENS CLUB HELD

Approximately 150 delegates from all over the first district were in attendance when the meeting of the Federation of Women's Clubs opened under the direction of Mrs. R. H. Hay of Black Mountain, district president, at the Kenilworth last Monday morning.

Reports from the various clubs covered the morning session and following the luncheon at the Inn the afternoon was devoted to addresses by State officers and greetings from various district chairmen present. The business session began Monday afternoon at two o'clock. The principal address was delivered by Mrs. J. H. Jernigan of Raleigh, president of the State Federation. Mrs. Jernigan discussed the work of the Federation in its relation to the district organizations. Mrs. Jernigan was vice president and Mrs. J. H. McKee, record secretary, spoke during the afternoon session which brought the conference to a close.

Since the first of winter. Circumstances have shown us better than the old Latin Proverb. "Looks nice in a letterhead, but..."

Tom Tarheel said that the cotton picker who does not plow up his cotton stalks this winter and plant them for feed and feed for next year is a plainy farming disaster.

To Urge Hard Surface Road Across County

With the completion this week of the Tryon-Columbus highway plans are already being discussed by members of the Tryon and Columbus Boards of Trade as well as by businessmen of Lynn to urge the State Highway Commission to continue the hard surface road to Rutherfordton linking up the Asheville-Charlotte highway with the Appalachian highway through Polk county.

An invitation has been extended to State Highway Commissioner Kistler to attend a joint meeting of the business men of Tryon, Lynn and Columbus together with merchants of Mill Spring, the meeting to be held sometime in November as Mr. Kistler is expected to be in this vicinity early this month.

HALLOWEEN PARTY AT SCHOOL FRIDAY NIGHT

The first five grades of the Tryon Graded School will give an entertainment Friday evening at eight o'clock in the school auditorium. The entertainment will be in the form of a Halloween party and a charge of five and ten cents will be made for admission.

J. G. Weaver Owns First County Printed Paper

John G. Weaver of Green's Creek township is the possessor of the first issue of the Polk County News to be published in the county. The issue bears the date of January 4, 1899 and was printed at Columbus by Will K. Jones, editor and proprietor. The office of the Polk County News at the time was in a building directly opposite the court house, the building having since been destroyed.

We learn among other things from this paper that the county expenditures for the year 1898 were including all warrants issued \$2,746.36.

According to an advertisement in this paper the "Bad Roads in the county did not prevent Livingston's teams of Tryon from getting there."

C. C. Hampton, a merchant in Columbus held a big reduction sale last week.

George A. Smith was the proprietor of the Tryon Bargain Store.

M. T. Hammett was selling fresh meat and sausages.

J. P. Arledge, proprietor of the Columbus Hotel furnished transportation to guests from the railroad in Tryon if notified in advance of their arrival.

According to the Lynn locals John Monroe and Miss Inez Swann were married December 23.

The roof of the hosiery mill received a new coat of paint and the citizens of Lynn were urged to meet at an early date to discuss the Lynn school.

Coopers Gap section recorded the fact that there had been a number of marriages in that vicinity.

Saluda had a number of holiday entertainments and a number of students returned to college. Q. C. Sonner had his house painted and the firm of Morris and Garren dissolved each merchant to continue business under his own shingle.

The earliest edition of the News that we have received thus far is that of Mrs. R. G. Hamilton, the copy having been printed in October of 1895. It bears the date October 16. This issue is devoted entirely to a history of Polk County from its earliest days down to the date of the paper. The paper was not printed within the county. It is filled with cuts of buildings and citizens of the county prominent in the settling of the county and in county business affairs.

Splendid response was given on the part of subscribers to the News to the query for the oldest paper printed in the county.

Due to the complete destruction of the News plant by fire on March 25, 1920, the only issues of the Polk County News now in existence are those in possession of subscribers.

The News is particularly anxious to obtain at this time any copperplate cuts of Polk County interest that may be in the hands of individuals or firms within the county. Any individual or firm in the county having these cuts are requested to communicate with the News at their earliest convenience.

D. Joseph Hyde Pratt To Address Meeting

Board of Trade to Have Dinner at Oak Hall Tuesday, November 13.

Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, of the North Carolina State Geological department and directors of Western Carolina Incorporated has accepted and invitation from the Board of Trade to attend a meeting of that body to be held Tuesday evening, November 13, at Oak Hall.

Dr. Pratt will be the guest of honor of the meeting and the principal speaker of the occasion. He will speak on a subject of vital interest to this immediate section of the State and public is urged to attend the meeting which will be held in the form of a dinner.

The entertainment committee is making plans for music and singing during the dinner which will be followed by the address of Dr. Pratt and talks by local business men.

A VISIT TO OVERBROOK ORCHARD NEAR SALUDA

A visit to the Overbrook Orchard, near Saluda, is a very interesting experience. With the first installment of the programme, after leaving the railway station, you receive kind and polite replies to inquiries in reference to the orchard "highway." The only thing, or which you have to beware is not to take the instructions literally.

"Just turn at the next corner and go straight on", means "on", but not "straight".

After meeting various folks in the road, and being directed to the right one, you at last find yourself in the orchard at the top of the hill, or small mountain.

"Apples to right of you", Apples to left of you", while the apples in front of you grace the side of another small mountain across a steep valley, which forms a near view of a beautiful prospective, the exquisite blue of these wonderful mountains.

As a substitute for the usual notices "Don't do this this" and "Don't do that", you observe signs embodying tact, precaution and politeness, reading thus: "Please let us pick the fruit", and "Let us pick the fruit, please."

To resist temptation, you have to imitate the little boy by putting your hands in your pockets, to keep away from the "goodies".

You visit the packing house where you are allowed to be a "sightseer", and are given a kind welcome, provided you do not ask more than a few hundred questions. Then a visit to Mr. Corwith, the owner of the orchard, who will stop in the midst of his busy work and give you the benefit of his valuable information.

Mr. Corwith lived, at one time, in Rockford, Illinois. Rockford is an important furniture manufacturing town of the middle west.

The lure of the manufacturing did not entice Mr. Corwith, so on he came to North Carolina, and now takes as much pride in the advantages of this country as if he were a native Tar Heel.

His orchard embraces twenty-eight acres with seventeen hundred trees. Mr. Corwith has given to his work, his best efforts, with thoroughly-equipped intelligence in the apple industry.

He laments the fact that the best efforts, toward perfecting the fruit, are not given to all the apples in this section of the country.

Were this done, he said, it would mean the added distribution throughout the section of two million dollars.

At a meeting of the National Pomological Society, at Council Bluffs Iowa, in 1922, the apples of North Carolina were given the first prize for richness in flavor. Mr. Corwith's apples being the prominent ones which caused the decision.—Western North Carolina Times, Hendersonville.

"If you can't win, make the one ahead of you break the record" is a good slogan for Tarheel farm club members.

Comprehensive Appeal. A street car conductor called out shrilly to the passengers standing in the aisles: "Will thim in front please to move up, so that thim behind can take the places of thim in front an' lave room for thim who are nayther in front nor behind?"

E. A. Hart, Prominent Railroad Man, Dies

Many Attend Funeral Services Held in Saluda Last Sunday.

Funeral services were held last Sunday afternoon in Saluda for Edward A. Hart who died last Thursday in Raleigh. Thursday morning J. L. Hart father of the deceased was notified of the serious illness of his son. Mr. Hart hurried to Raleigh from Saluda but arrived too late. The remains were brought to Saluda on Friday.

Mr. Hart has been in ill health for several years following an injury received while in the employe of the Southern Railroad. Realizing some month ago the hopelessness of his condition he requested that upon his death his body be taken to Saluda for burial in the family plot.

The services Sunday were conducted by the Reverend M. C. Lunsford, pastor of the Baptist church of Saluda, assisted by the Reverend R. F. Fikes of the Methodist church. The pall-bearers were Charles W. Ward, R. A. Rand, J. E. McCall, F. A. Whitaker of Saluda, W. C. Ward of Tryon, and Briscoe Bishop of Asheville.

The love and esteem in which Mr. Hart was held by the community was evidenced by the great number of people who attended the service.

The deceased is survived by his widow, a son, R. P. Hart, Savannah, Ga., and infant son, James, his father, J. L. Hart and three sisters, Mrs. L. H. Cox of Blimont, Mrs. Dr. J. O. Hooper and Mrs. Hattie McLean of Saluda.

HELEN STEARNS BOOK CLUB HOLDS OCTOBER MEETING

Mrs. H. H. Edwards entertained the Helen Stearns Book Club of Columbus at their October meeting, in spite of the inclement weather nearly all of the members of the club were present.

The programmes for the meetings for the next three months will be devoted to "American Women." The subject for this last meeting was Louisa M. Olcott with the following programme:

Roll call answer with the name of the favorite book of the above author.

Reading from Little Women, Mrs. Fred Bianton.

Incidents in the life of Louisa Olcott, Mrs. J. W. Macintosh.

Reading of Poem, Mrs. D. W. McChesney.

Music selection, Mrs. Nell McHugh.

Discussion of the work of Louisa Olcott by club members.

Following the serving of refreshments the meetin adjourned to meet this month with Mrs. J. W. Jack.

DEATH CLAIMS "WIZARD"

In the death of Charles P. Steinmetz the world has lost one of its foremost students of electrical phenomena as well one of the most learned electrical engineers and chemists.

Born in Breslau, Germany, Dr. Steinmetz came to this country many years ago seeking the advantages of the "New World." To his credit goes a great share of the successful expansion of the General Electric Company at Schenectady, N. Y. Through his research work especially in very recent years he has given to the world many electrical inventions of untold value in various fields.

Dr. Steinmetz died last Friday morning at his home in Schenectady following a brief illness from which up to the last moment he was fully expected to recover.

Thousands of people paid their respects to the remains of the dead scientist during the intervening time before his burial in Schenectady on Monday. Scientists throughout the world have paid tribute to this man who has been accorded the title "Electrical Wizard."

Antiquity of Glass. The Egyptians are said to have been taught glass-making by Hermes. Glass houses were built in ancient Tyre and glass was used by the Romans in the time of Tiberius. Ruins in Pompell show glazed windows.

Use Only Portion of Brain. Not one person in fifty of the present population uses his or her brain to half its full capacity, says a famous specialist.

Columbus Mercantile Begins New Warehouse

Work was started this week on the new warehouse for the Columbus Mercantile Company at the foot of Godshaw Hill near the Polk County Farmer's Federation building. The warehouse will be erected at a cost of approximately \$1,500 and will be a two story structure. It is planned to have the building completed within the next thirty days.

The foundations have been laid for the new Wilkins building at the corner of Maple and Trade streets. This building will be a one story brick building built on a foundation of sufficient size to carry a two story building in the event the owner desires to add an additional story at any time in the future.

Work is progressing on the new residence of W. C. White.

W. J. Gaines is remodeling the Kenworthy house on Melrose Avenue. This property was purchased last summer by Mr. Gaines and F. C. Bacon.

The new residence of Miss Helen Stearns is expected to be completed by the middle of December. This property formerly known as Jones' folly gives one of the finest views of the Pacolet and Lynn valley in this vicinity.

Sunday Services at Tryon Churches

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

W. A. Black, Minister
Public Worship at 11 a. m.
Bible School at 10 a. m.
Christian Endeavor, 4 P. M.
Bible Study, Wednesday 4 P. M.

TRYON BAPTIST CHURCH

A Cordial welcome to all.
Thomas, L. Justice, D. D., Pastor.
Preaching service each Sabbath at 11 o'clock
Sunday School each Sabbath morning at 10 o'clock. E. Hageman, Supt

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. C. P. Burnett, Rector.
Sunday Services:
Holy Communion—8.00
Sunday School—10.00
Morning Prayer and sermon (Holy Communion on 1st Sunday in the month.) 11 A. M.
Friday afternoon 5 o'clock Litany and intercessions for the sick.

ANDREW BONAR LAW, FORMER PREMIER, DIES

Andrew Bonar Law, for seven months prime minister of Great Britain, died last Tuesday morning at his home in London following an acute attack of pneumonia.

Five months ago, on May 20, he resigned the premiership of his nation because of a throat malady which had been troubling him for some time. He, however, retained his seat in the house of commons where he made several appearances prior to his death.

Often called "Roosevelt of England" because of his tremendous following from all parties and all walks of life he was accorded to be one of the most powerful figures in political Europe during and following the world war and became prime minister of Great Britain, October 23, 1922 upon the resignation of David Lloyd George.

WEATHER REPORT

Meteorological Record For Tryon.

Gendall Brownlee, Official Observer of the United States Weather Bureau.

For Week Ending Nov. 1.

Day	Temperature
	Max. Min.
Wed.	59 33
Thurs.	70 38
Fri.	79 52
Sat.	70 39
Sun.	71 39
Mon.	73 44
Tues.	73 47

Maximum temperature for week 79. Minimum 33.

Prevailing Winds and Character of Day

Wed. N. W. Partly Cloudy; Thurs. W. Clear; Fri. W. Clear; Sat. S. Clear; Sun. S. E. Clear; Mon. S. Clear; Tues. S. W. Partly Cloudy

Fire Warning Issued By District Warden

Peterson Urges Hunters to Take Precaution in Woods.

Hunters and other individuals tramping through the woods are warned to be careful about leaving fires burning in the woods at this season of the year in a statement issued recently by I. Peterson, District Forest Warden of Western North Carolina.

"At this season", stated Mr. Peterson "of the year with the fire hazard at its height and hunters taking to the woods, the importance of forest fire prevention cannot be over emphasized. Uncontrolled fires are a menace whether running at large in the forest or in a city. They leave a trail of destruction in their wake.

"Statistics show that the hunter is responsible for a large number of fires in the western counties of the state each year. Instead of his presence in the woods being a sign of increased forest fire danger, it should mean an alleviation of that risk. Fire burning thru the woods drives out game and in the spring of the year destroys the eggs of game birds and the young of game animals. The hunter diminishing supply of game an opportunity to survive. One essential step in this direction is to stop forest fires.

"The prosperity of the western counties of the state is wrapped up in the preservation of a growing crop of timber on their forest lands. The lumber and wood using industries, if they ars to be retained in this section of the state, must be furnished with a continuous supply of treegrowth.

"Recreational possibilities and important waterpower developments are sure to unfold in the future. But if the charming beauty of our tree clad hills and mountains, which attract the tourist, is to be retained forest fires must be kept out of them. The part that forests play in regulating streams flow is common knowledge.

"The responsibility for keeping our immense amount of forest land productive devolves upon each individual citizen, since the common welfare is concerned. The primary step in this direction is the prevention of forest fires.

"Forest fires have been outlawed in the state of North Carolina, and every other progressive state in the Union has recognized the fallacy of burning the woods by declaring it illegal. And the citizen who is concerned with the welfare of his County, State and Nation will do his bit toward preserving one of our most important natural resources by keeping fire out of the woods."

COUNTRY CLUB BEGINS PLANS FOR FALL MATCH

With the usual Fall increase in visitors at the Tryon Country Club, a new feature is to be added this year in the serving of tea on the club veranda under the supervision of Miss Ann Healy.

The Country Club is one of the real beauty spots of this section, surrounded on three sides by mountains and within easy walking distance of any of the hotels or boarding houses. Many visitors to Tryon even though they do not enjoy golfing take delight in spending some of their time walking about the links on the close cropped turf or rambling along the trails that lead off in different directions from the golf course.

Beginning about the middle of this month it is planned by Miss Healy to serve tea each afternoon from three to five o'clock. This feature should prove most attractive to "hikers" and to the visitors who may motor or drive to the club house in the afternoons for recreation or golf.

Invitations will soon be sent out to neighboring clubs for the annual Thanksgiving tournament. The match plays at the local course have for several years proven an attraction to players from surrounding cities. Definite plans for the tournament and for the entertainment of visitors will be announced at a later date.

Make some brush dams in the gullies this fall and keep the fertile soil at home. Better still, prevent the gullies from forming by planting winter cover crops and by terracing, say extension workers of the State College.