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## Record Crowd Attends Board of Trade Dinner

### Dr. Joseph H. Pratt Explains Purposes of Western North Carolina, Inc.

Addressing the largest assembly in the history of the Tryon Board of Trade at the dinner held by that body last Tuesday evening at Oak Hall, Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, director of the North Carolina department of Geological and Economic Survey and president of Western North Carolina, Incorporated, outlined the work to be undertaken by the latter organization in developing the twenty-one mountain counties of the state as the pleasure center of the nation.

Over one hundred and twenty people from Tryon and other county communities including Columbus, Saluda and Green's Creek were seated in the large dining room at Oak Hall when the address of welcome on the part of the Board of Trade was made by B. L. Ballenger, president. The guests were seated at small tables of four to six people with the principal speakers of the occasion grouped near the toast master, Robert B. Peattie.

Following the address of welcome, Dr. T. J. Justice gave the invocation. After the serving of the dinner courses Mr. Peattie called first upon Mayor W. S. Green for a few words. Miss Padgett County Home Demonstration Agent next urged the cooperation of the assembly in the School and Home Improvements campaign beginning this month.

J. R. Sams, County Agent, brought a message to the dinner from the rural and agricultural section of the county. Among other points of interest brought out by Mr. Sams was that there is an excellent possibility that Polk County may be chosen by the State Agricultural department as a model county for Western North Carolina. Mr. Sams stated that this will depend largely upon the people of the county and their response to an appeal for a sum of money to be raised to support an assist in this department.

Fred W. Blanton, of Columbus, when called upon reported that Columbus was ready to cooperate in any way with any plan for the future development of Polk county. Mr. Peattie then announced that in view of the serious illness of Mr. Harry Wilkie, who had been toastmaster at the former dinner a committee of two members would be appointed to offer the sympathy of the assembly to Mr. Wilkie in his inability to attend the dinner.

The next number on the programme was a solo offering by Mrs. Bess Elliott who sang two songs followed by an encore number. Mrs. Elliott was accompanied on the piano by Mrs. E. E. Missfieldine.

Among the out of town guests at the dinner was Howard Timmons secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Greenville, S. C. Mr. Timmons stated that the Greenville Chamber of Commerce was anxious to see Western North Carolina develop as the "Play Ground of America."

The Reverend George Sheffer, newly appointed leader of the Boy Scout movement in Tryon urged the cooperation of the public in fostering any work the troupe may undertake. One of the first things the local scouts will undertake, according to Mr. Sheffer will be the clearing and marking of trails in and about Tryon.

Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, the last and principal speaker of the evening was then introduced by Mr. Peattie.

Dr. Pratt strongly endorsed the general sentiment of the previous speakers in urging cooperation as a vital element in the future success of Western North Carolina as a playground and recreation center. He then divided his talk into six different phases under which Western North Carolina, Inc., will operate: Education and Music, Town and Community Development, New Enterprises, Summer Camps, Good Roads, and Forest Conservation.

"Concerts by celebrated artists for such communities are 'no pipe dream,'" stated Dr. Pratt. "Plans are already developing for a musical colony here in the mountains that will attract artists from all over the nation." Dr. Pratt then outlined the nature of the plans and indicated the possibility of Tryon's having concerts next summer by such

artists as a group of the New York Symphony orchestra who are expected to tour the mountain resort towns next year.

Under the head of Town and Rural Development he strongly urged the community to plan for future development in the years to come in regard to additional streets, parks, community buildings, planting, and general beautification of the town and country-side. "Too much stress cannot be laid upon this matter," stated Dr. Pratt. "Asheville, today, is suffering the humiliation of wrong planning in regard to her streets and parks. It will be necessary for Asheville to spend about \$300,000 in the next year or so to extend her city streets to make them attractive." A regional survey is being made of all of the twenty-one counties, according to the speaker to determine the best methods to develop this section as a beauty spot. This survey will apply both to town and country. Dr. Pratt further stated that he believes that there are but few people in any section that know all of the attractions of their own community let alone the hundreds of places throughout the mountains.

"Know Western North Carolina," urged the speaker. "Know your own immediate section."

He then urged more accommodations that could be made to appeal to the smaller purse.

"Thousands apply annually for room and board in the rural section of our mountain counties. They seek inexpensive rooms with good, simple accommodations and good cooking. We are making an effort to list every farm house in this region, with the number of guests it can take care of, proximity to the railroad, price, altitude and all other information that can be gleaned from any source. Urge your county people to list their homes with the organization after we have started. List them with the local Board of Trade. It will be of benefit to the farmer, the merchant and the banker."

"The natural resources and raw products in these mountains will take care of the attracting new enterprises into this region," stated Dr. Pratt, in bringing up this next phase. "Industrials will follow as a matter of course. However we do not want objectionable enterprises."

Plans are now under way to bring additional summer camps to the mountains. Many schools and religious bodies are looking toward this section and according to the speaker many more can be induced to establish camps and colonies in the mountains.

Lack of cooperation among the various county road commissioners is the cause of the serious lack of improved roads according to Dr. Pratt. In stating this he pointed out the fact that attention has been centered by the state highway department on the Piedmont roads and on the Hickory Nut Gap road. It remains for every county to pull together for more improved and hard surfaced roads. Together with this move the public must cooperate in maintaining the road sides and covering the great scars that are almost without exception left by the construction crews following the completion of the road making. "Nothing" can give a better impression to the motoring public," declared Dr. Pratt, "than well kept road sides and model yards in front of rural and town residences."

The final topic discussed by the speaker was one in which he takes a particular interest, the conservation of forests.

The outstanding feature of the Western North Carolina is its forests," stated Dr. Pratt. "Fortunately for us we have but few devastated areas in this region. Every effort must be made by the people and the officials of the region to stop waste and destruction in our forests. Great scars on the mountain sides where fire has destroyed the woods will drive away the tourists."

It is the plan at this time to build a "home" probably in Asheville to be used for the display of the natural resources of the region. This building is still in tentative form and as yet nothing definite planned. Every point that Dr. Pratt brought out was of vital interest to Polk County and to each individual present at the dinner. His talk was matter-of-fact and practical.

Pointer for Politicians. Nothing is politically right that is morally wrong.—O'Connor.

## Leaps To Safety As Freight Hits Auto

### J. S. Aldrich Escapes Death by Fraction of Second.

Leaping from his automobile at almost the instant it was struck J. S. Aldrich, an employe of the Tryon Electric Service Company escaped death by a fraction of a second when the car he was driving was crashed into by the third section of freight 90 Wednesday morning at about 8 o'clock, at the highway crossing.

Aldrich was returning from Landrum Wednesday morning after completing some repair work for his company. Approaching the crossing from the South he brought his car to a stop as required by the new North Carolina State law. Seeing that the track was apparently clear and not hearing the approaching freight almost upon him, a quick wit and agile body was all that saved him from death. He leaped out over the drivers side of the Ford almost into the path of the locomotive and rolled clear of the track just as the crash came. It was later stated that had he jumped from the door side of his car he would have been crushed by the car as it was carried down the track by the freight. Aldrich escaped with a few minor bruises and abrasions about the lower part of his legs.

The Ford was carried several hundred yards South from the crossing on the pilot of the locomotive before the heavy freight could be brought to a stop. Smashed almost beyond recognition as an automobile the car was taken from the pilot near the asphalt plant. The locomotive suffered some little damage from the impact.

It may be recalled that last Summer one of the engineers in Tryon during the paving program stated that this crossing had practically no visibility from the South side.

Engineer Belue was at the throttle of the locomotive. Railroad officials stated that the whistle was blown for the crossing.

## Boy Scouts To Have Long Hike Saturday

Renewed activity is being taken in the Boy Scout movement here under the leadership of the Reverend George W. Sheffer, Presbyterian minister, who has recently been appointed temporary scout master.

A long hike is scheduled for Saturday in which all of the local scouts and all others who may be interested are urged to participate. The troupe will leave the Episcopal church Parish House promptly at 8:30 o'clock. Every scout is to carry his own lunch which according to the plan for this hike will consist of one half loaf of bread and a sufficient quantity of raw bacon for one meal. No other paraphanelia need be taken. Scout games will be played during the hike.

Owing to the dedication Friday evening of the Parish House there will be no regular meeting of the troupe. All of the scouts are cordially invited to attend the exercises and to help in the dedication of the scout home.

## CAMPOBELLO PLANS FOR POULTRY EXHIBIT

Miss Kate M. Hooper, county home demonstration agent, attended a meeting of the poultry fanciers of Campobello. The Campobello people will stage a mid-winter poultry show on December 15, and interest already is growing in this event, the first of the kind in that section of the county.

Plans for the show were discussed at the meeting Tuesday.

## APPALACHE MILL RECEIVES CHARTER

The Appalache Hosiery Mill at Landrum was chartered Tuesday by the secretary of state, according to advice received here from Columbia. The company, organized some time ago at a meeting of Landrum business men, will manufacture hosiery.

Joseph Lee is president and treasurer of the company, and B. F. Owens is secretary.

Good pastures are essential to the health of dairy animals, say State College livestock workers.

## Plan Development of Chimney Rock Section

### Four Million Dollars to be Expended for Recreation Center

Asheville, N. C. Nov 15. Plans entailing the expenditure of an ultimate \$4,000,000 in the creation of a mountain lake and pleasure resort at Chimney Rock, 26 miles southeast of Asheville in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains, have just been announced by Colonel Joseph Hyde Pratt, President of Western North Carolina, Inc., this disinterested body going on record as wholeheartedly endorsing a project of such signal proportion and destined to have such a telling effect upon the entire future growth and prosperity of the Land of the Sky.

Backing Chimney Rock Mountains, Inc., as the project is to be known, are some of the most prominent and influential business and professional men of the section. They are as follows: Dr. Lucius B. Morse, President of the Chimney Rock Company, Kenneth S. Tanner, Spindale, N. C. owner and operator of extensive cotton-tontoon mill interests in Rutherford County; S. E. Elmore, also of Spindale, head of the Elmore Company, one of America's leading mercerizing and dying concerns; B. B. Doggett, connected with large cotton mill and lumber interests and president of the Farmers Bank and Trust Co., of Forest City; J. H. Thomas, Vice-President and Executive Officer of this bank at Forest City, Dr. M. H. Biggs, prominent surgeon of the Rutherford Hospital, at Rutherfordton, N. C. These men form the nucleus of the Board of Directors which will be extended to include many outstanding men throughout the South.

Tom Tarheel says that there seem to be as many plans for fighting the boll weevil as there are boll weevils but he is going to follow the plan tested and approved by those who have studied the matter for years.

## Sunday Services at Tryon Churches

### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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. B. Hagemes, 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 4:30 o'clock Litany and Intercessions for the sick.

### WEATHER REPORT

Meteorological Record For Tryon

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

Day	Temperature	
	Max.	Min.
Wed.	64	39
Thurs.	56	29
Fri.	57	32
Sat.	63	27
Sun.	65	41
Mon.	73	35
Tues.	63	41

Maximum temperature for week 73, Minimum 27,

Prevailing Winds and Character of Day  
Wednesday S. E. Cloudy; Thurs. N. W. Clear; Fri. N. W. Cloudy; Sat. W. Clear; Sun. S. Clear; Mon. E. Clear; Tues. N. W. Partly Cloudy.

The Almazance made 67,149 pounds of butter, paying out \$22,993.96 for butter fat to the farmers of the county during its first year of operation ending September 30th.

## NEXT CONCERT AT SCHOOL TO BE WEDNESDAY NOV. 23

Announcement was made this week that the Galgano Duo would be the next offering for the monthly concerts scheduled for the new school auditorium, the concert to be given on Wednesday, November 23 at 8:15 o'clock. This series of concerts is being given for the benefit of the Tryon Graded School Athletic Association the proceeds to be devoted to the purchase of equipment for the various athletic departments of the school.

The Galgano Duo consist of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Galgano who will present a musical programme including harp solos, Hawaiian guitar solos, readings, and harpologues.

The high quality of this series of concerts was evidenced by the offering of the first of the five programmes rendered last month. Tickets may be purchased either at the door on the evening of the entertainment or through J. N. Jackson or Howard Strong.

## AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK NOVEMBER 18-24th.

This is again to call the attention of all principals and teachers in Polk County to the Special Program published in last week's issue of the Polk County News for American Education Week.

Mr. Sams and Miss Padgett have put on a special program for better homes and better communities in Polk County. This American Education Week is the Schools' part in this big and important program. We must cooperate together and go forward, or we will go backward in spite of individual efforts to the contrary.

I am confidently expecting every teacher in the county to give this program some special effort and attention. Select at least one speaker of note for one day of his program. If Mr. Sams, Miss Padgett, any member of the Board of Education or myself can help you during this week command us. Be sure that every patron of your school has a special and pressing invitation to be present at the school some time during this week.

Saturday, November 24th, at 11 o'clock at Columbus we will have one big get together meeting at which every boy and girl, every man and woman will have a special invitation to be present. The Hon. Clyde Hoey has been invited to be present and make the principal address on this occasion. There will also be other addresses which will be directed toward bringing together of all things that have been presented in the individual schools during the week.

With best wishes for a great week's achievement, I am Very cordially yours, E. W. S. COBB, Co. Supt.

## FIRST MEETING OF THE DRAMA FORTNIGHTLY

The first meeting of the Drama Fortnighly for this season took place last night at the Lanier Library. The first offering of the society was William Archer's play "The Green Goddess."

The parts were read by the following members: The Rajah of Rukh, Mr. Peattie; Dr. Traherne, Mr. Maz. zonovitch; Major Crespin, Mrs. Searles; Watkins, Mr. Skinner; Mrs. Crespin, Miss Putnam. Mrs. R. B. Peattie was the directress of the play.

Some very interesting plays are being considered and the season promises to be the most successful in the history of the society. The public are cordially invited to attend the readings.

## PROFESSOR G. R. AGASSIZ TO TALK TO LANIER CLUB

The next meeting of the Lanier Club, which will be held on Thursday November 22 will be addressed by Professor George Russell Agassiz who will use as his subject "Is Mars Inhabited?"

A cordial invitation is extended to winter visitors in Tryon to become temporary members of the Lanier Club and enjoy the privileges of the club. Two endorsers are required for membership.

Guests are cordially welcome and gentlemen are assured that the members of the club are pleased at their attendance.

## Dedicate New Parish House Friday Night

### Bishop Horner to Attend Ceremony at Church of the Holy Cross.

Plans for the dedication of the new Parish House of the Church of the Holy Cross which will be held Friday evening of this week at eight o'clock, were completed today by the dedication committee, J. Foster Searles, chairman.

An interesting program has been arranged which will include music, addresses and refreshments.

The Reverend M. Horner, Bishop of Western North Carolina will be present. Among those scheduled to make brief addresses are Mayor Green, School Superintendent Schiltler and other prominent local business men.

The auditorium of the new Parish House which will seat about 250 people is destined to be one of the principal gathering places for entertainment in Tryon, regardless of church affiliation. It has been constructed and will be dedicated for such use as will stimulate and increase happiness and brotherhood in the community.

The dedication of the Parish House, with its excellent auditorium and stage, its study, its kitchen, its room for the choir and accommodations for the Boy Scouts marks a fortunate day in the life of the Parish of the Holy Cross.

The mission from which the church grew, was organized April 13th, 1894. February 6th 1899 the parish was organized. The Clergy presiding over the church have been the Reverend Messrs Ferris, Joyner, Areson, Bowne and Griffith.

The Rev. C. P. Burnett, the present incumbent was called from the Diocese of Montana and entered upon his duties as rector May 1st 1922. He is assisted occasionally by the Rev. Rollo Dyer, a retired clergyman, resident here. The Sunday school is presided over by Mr. J. Foster Searles, who is assisted by an efficient corps of teachers. Also a Union Sunday School is held Sunday afternoon at the Day Nursery of the Mercerizing Plant, in which seventy are now enrolled. The officers of the parish are George H. Holmes, senior warden, J. Foster Searles, junior warden, Henry Bray, treasurer, Dr. Marion C. Palmer, Clerk. A vested choir under the direction of Mrs. Clemens adds to the dignity of the service, the organ being played by Mrs. Earl Grady.

December 12th, a bazaar will be held at the Parish House, at which it will be possible to obtain practical gifts for Christmas. The proceeds will go toward paying for the Parish House, which represents an investment, in estate and equipment, of \$12,000, a substantial portion of which yet remains to be raised.

## CELEBRATE ARMISTICE WITH BRIEF EXERCISES.

Brief exercises in recognition of the signing of the armistice between the warring nations on November 11, 1918 were held last Monday afternoon in the Parish House of the Church of the Holy Cross.

Opening the exercises, a patriotic hymn was sung by the assembly led by Mr. Strong, and accompanied by Mrs. Harold Doubleday, pianist, Miss Nash, violinist, and Miss Margaret Doubleday, cellist. Following the hymn, the assemblage was led in prayer by Dr. Black. Mrs. R. B. Peattie read a letter by her son, Mr. Peattie describing the effects of the Armistice upon the American soldiery and French people when word was received of the truce. The letter was written to her son, Donald the day following the signing of the armistice and gave a graphic account of the joy of a war-tired people.

Dr. T. L. Justice addressed those present, urging the cooperation of the public in the recent move to make the new highway to Columbus a memorial to those men of Polk county who lost their lives in the service of their country and to the living ex-service men.

H. M. Fraser gave an account of the final hours of the war as seen from the standpoint of the men on the firing line. The exercises closed with the singing of "America" and the benediction by the Reverend R. Dyer.