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County Commissioners Condemn Law Permitting Transfer County Funds

Pass Resolution Creating Coupon Fund--Sell County Jail To Highest Bidder --Select Jurors for Superior Court Session

The Polk County Commissioners in their regular monthly meeting at Columbus unanimously passed a resolution requesting that the present statute allowing transfer of county funds from one department to another be repealed, and resolved that such practice be discontinued by Polk County officials.

W. Y. Wilkins explained that it was unfair to taxpayers to issue bonds to build roads or to tax residents for that purpose and then utilize the funds for other purposes.

Fred W. Blanton, asserted that while this had been done in the past, the practice had been discontinued by mutual agreement some years ago in Polk County.

Mr. Dunbar, Certified Accountant, of Charlotte stated that in auditing the books he had found many such transfers as matter of record, and that it had been almost impossible to complete the audit because of the endless work of running down such transfers and getting them correctly charged. He strongly recommended the repeal of the law allowing such transfers and stated in no uncertain terms that it was both unbusinesslike and unsafe.

On the motion of Fred B. Blanton it was resolved that a coupon fund be established in order to take care of interest payments on outstanding bonds, and that all cancelled coupons be kept on file in the office of the County Treasurer.

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Publicity Stunt Gets Tryon Front Page In Dailies

Gerald Stone, Sales Manager for The Mountain Industries, distributor of Tryon Honespun received a letter from H. G. Rhawn of the Clarksburg, (W Va.) Exponent stating the story of the presentation of the material for a homespun suit to John W. Davis, Democratic nominee for the presidency, had been reprinted in that paper exactly as it appeared in the Polk County News.

Mr. Rhawn further stated that the story had been filed on the Associated Press wire in Clarksburg for transmission all over the United States.

The following article appeared in the Exponent in Mr. Rhawn's "Looking Around" column:

Mr. Stone, sales manager for the Tryon Weavers, of Tryon, North Carolina, has sent us a bunch of samples of the homespun woollens made by the Tryon weavers. Among them is a piece like the cloth which was sent John W. Davis. It is a beautiful shade of dark gray, and its "feel" indicates that it would wear like iron. Mr. Stone did not exaggerate at all when he said Mr. Davis might wear such a suit through four years in the White House.

The letter from Mr. Stone, accompanying the dozen or more samples of woollens suitable for men's attire and for women's skirts and suits says that the Tryon product is a purely western North Carolina product, even from the sheep raised to the finished woollens. The Tryon Weavers have been operating over three years employing mountain boys as weavers. Under the direction of a skilled weaver these mountain youths have become expert weavers and dyers, says Mr. Stone. The samples of the woollens bear out what he says.

Not only are woollens produced at Tryon, but Mr. Stone also sends us a folder from Polk County News, which first published the story of the gift of Tryon woollens to Mr. Davis, and in this paper is shown a full page of articles in basket-weaving done in the Tryon shops. Besides the basket pieces and work in wood crafts, the Tryon folks turn out hand-woven luncheon sets, sport scarfs, beautiful homespun bedspreads, and even hand-made rugs, all "old-timey" things, such as endure for generations.

Stearns High School Term Begins August 25

About 200 wide-awake boys and girls will be on hand bright and early Monday morning, August 25th, in Columbus, as this date marks the opening of the fall and winter terms of the Columbus school. Columbus has one of the handsomest and best equipped school houses in this section, and the principal and his staff of teachers are exceptionally well qualified as educators. The staff is composed of J. M. McIntosh, Principal; Miss Vida McMurry, Miss Elizabeth McMurry, Mrs. J. A. Feagan, Mrs. J. W. Jack, Miss Katherine McChesney, Miss Margaret McDaniel, Mrs. Roy McHugh.

Guests At Oak Hall

Dr. H. F. Sterling and Mrs. Sterling, Misses Bee Hamlin Sterling of Greenville, S. C.; Rev. and Mrs. H. N. Bowne, Miss Elizabeth Bowne, Miss Ruth Bowne of High Point; Mrs. N. A. Coleman, Miss Nell Coleman, Miss Margaret Robertson of Columbia, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Lyon, Miss Virginia Lyon of Spartanburg, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Carter of New Orleans, La.; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Milam, Mrs. M. A. Robinson, Greenville, S. C.; Miss Marion Manfield and Miss Martha Bowen of Atlanta, Ga.; Bryon P. Parry, H. O. Day, W. M. Twomley, J. J. Bany, Washington, D. C.; A. H. Phillips, Louisville, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. Brachman, Wisconsin; Mr. W. M. Semmes and Miss Myrtle Semmes, Jacksonville, Fla.; Mrs. Wm. B. Davis and Miss Elinor Davis of Houston, Texas.

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Items of Local Interest About Tryon People and Their Friends

Mr. and Mrs. Fred K. Honour of Timmonsville, S. C., were week end guests at the Kennedy home while enroute to Waynesville.

Mrs. W. L. Lamb of Columbia, S. C., arrived in Tryon the latter part of last week and will spend the summer with her mother, Mrs. Johnson.

Miss Natalie Green left Monday for her home in Spartanburg after a pleasant visit of several weeks duration in Tryon with her aunt, Miss Mary McCowan.

Mrs. T. J. Camp of Landrum, R. No 4 will act as the NEWS correspondent for that section.

Mrs. J. H. Gaze of Asheville and niece, Miss Mamie Kell of York, are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. James Lankford. Miss Lenora Lankford will accompany them to Mrs. Gaze's home in Asheville, for a two weeks stay.

Miss Rose Wilcox of Hendersonville spent the week end with her cousin, Miss Elizabeth Grady.

Frank Wilcox of Union S. C. was looking after business matters in Tryon Saturday.

Mrs. Ball and Mrs. Kirkpatrick who occupied the Richards cottage during their stay in Tryon have returned to their home in Orange, Mass.

Mrs. T. J. Kennedy went to Marion S. C. the first of the week to visit several days with her friend, Mrs. M. C. Hunter.

Mrs. Inez Lamb, and son Walter Louis Lamb of Columbia, S. C., are visiting in Tryon, guests of Mrs. A. L. Johnson at the Strong cottage.

Mrs. McNaughton and daughter, Miss Muriel, who have been occupying the Bacon residence while Mr. and Mrs. Bacon were abroad, have returned to their home in New York.

Miss Nan Bell and Alberta Lipscomb of Gaffney, S. C. are in Tryon visiting Mrs. Brian Bell.

Attorney Ralph Fisher of Brevard stopped in Tryon Monday on his way home from Columbia S. C., visited among his friends, and looked after business matters.

W. C. Ward, superintendent of the Southern Mercantile Company, was looking after business matters in Forest City, Tuesday.

Grant C. Miller, Tryon's architect and President of the Farmers Federation, is in Knoxville this week looking after business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Camp, from the Green's Creek district were interested participants in the meeting of the Farmers' Federation at Columbus, Monday. Mrs. Camp took an active part in the discussion concerning the future plans of that organization of which she is a stock holder and charter member. In order that her section might be represented in the columns of the Polk County News, Mrs. Camp agreed to act as our correspondent and it is an assured fact that anything she has to say will prove interesting to her fellow agriculturists throughout the country.

Several of our county correspondents expressed their approval of THE POLK COUNTY NEWS, but as one expressed it, "we want correspondents from every little corner in this grand old county".

Jackson Family Reunion

One of the most enjoyable family affairs held in this section for a long time was the big reunion of the Jackson family, in Mill Spring, August 3. A large crowd of relatives gathered at the home of Mr. Frank Jackson and his mother, and various towns in both North and South Carolina were represented. An elegant dinner was served, and the day passed pleasantly with social chat. Members of the family present Mrs. J. M. Walker and family, and Miss Bessie Jackson of Boiling Springs, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jackson and son of Piedmont, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. J. Jackson and son of Boiling Springs, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. John L. Jackson and family, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. James Jackson and family, and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Green of Tryon, Mr. and Mrs. Landrum Jackson of Duncan, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Jackson and family, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Will Williams, of Landrum, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thompson and Mr. Wallace Thompson of Saluda, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Prince of Holly Springs, S. C. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Elliott and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Price and daughter, Mr. T. M. Ruppe and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Jackson and family, and Mrs. Matt Gibbs of Mill Spring.

Eighty-Four Children From Polk County In Farm Club Summer Camp

Boys and Girls From Every Township Spend Week At Bumcombe County Farm School Where Encampment Was Held

Eighty-four Polk County girls and boys will return to their homes from Bumcombe County Farm School where the annual encampment of the Polk County Boys and Girls Farm Club was held this week.

Leaving Columbus Monday a care-free crowd under the supervision of Mrs. Sarah Padgett Smith motored to the Farm School in buses and trucks furnished by the Polk County School Board.

Bobbed haired, knicker clad, the girls were up on their toes and teeming with enthusiasm over the trip, while the boys in khaki and overalls looked just as happy.

Through delay in presenting their applications several youngsters had to be left behind--and while it was hard to disappoint them it couldn't be helped. In any case they will remember to have their applications on file early next year.

Every township in the county was represented and it is an assured fact that the Club is becoming a real factor in the life of the young boys and girls of the section.

The programme included a sight-seeing trip to Asheville, where the Vanderbilt Hotel, the Central Bank & Trust Company, and the Biltmore estate were visited in turn. The return to the school was made via Chimney Rock and The Hickory Nut Gap.

Lectures by outside authorities along agricultural lines featured courses for boys, which included judging dairy cattle, poultry and scientific crop rotation.

The girls took courses in sewing, cooking, and canning. Athletic sports for boys and girls included swimming, baseball, tennis, and hiking. Prizes donated by various interested parties were contested for.

J. R. Sams, Polk County Farm Agent; Mrs. Sarah Padgett Smith, Polk County Home Demonstration Agent; Mrs. Clara Wallace, Graduate of the North Carolina College for Women, and a Polk County girl; together with John W. Goodman, District Farm Agent of Asheville and Professor Cobb of the Columbus Schools were instrumental in organizing the encampment and arranging the programme.

Among the prizes offered was one of Five Dollars in Gold for the best story of the trip written by any member of the club, and a prize of One Year's Subscription to the Polk County News and Southern Planter for the second best description of the annual outing donated by this publication.

The story winning first prize will be printed in the Polk County News together with the photograph of the prize winner.

Watch for it!

FREE! To Paid Up Subscribers

Beginning August first every paid up subscriber to the Polk County News will receive without additional cost The Southern Planter, the oldest agricultural journal in America, twice every month for a year. This subscription is paid by this paper as a part of its program to help the agricultural development of Polk County.

Representative Morgan Off For Raleigh

C. W. Morgan, Polk County's representative in the State Assembly, left Tryon, Tuesday morning for Raleigh to attend the special session of that body.

Mr. Morgan before leaving assured a NEWS representative that he would keep Polk County people posted on legislation affecting their interests through this paper.

A weekly letter from Mr. Morgan will undoubtedly attract much attention and the News takes pleasure in announcing that service.

Trade Event Brings Big Business To Spartanburg Stores

Spartanburg merchants who staged their annual trade event the last week in July report an unusually large volume of sales, especially to out-of-town buyers who thronged the streets of the South Carolina city during the entire period.

It is stated that the Trade Event will be made a regular annual affair, and both those who participated as customers and those who promoted the merchandising program have every reason to feel that it was well worth the time and effort expended.

Many Polk County people were in Spartanburg during the days of the event, and returned well pleased with the courteous treatment extended them by Spartanburg progressive merchants.

Conducting Revival At Columbus



Rev. J. A. Snow, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lincoln, N. C. is conducting a revival meeting in Columbus with services every day at 10:30 a. m., and 8 p. m. in the Columbus Baptist Church.

Mr. Snow is a forceful exponent of the Christian religion, an eloquent speaker and a man with personality and charm. He is well worth listening to, and people from all over Polk County are invited to attend the services.

Mr. and Mrs. Teague of Goldsboro, together with their two children spent an enjoyable week with Mrs. Teague's classmate, Mrs. H. B. Conrad.

Mr. and Mrs. Hibbard with their little daughters are occupying the Poppe apartment during the summer.

Manufacturers Record Says Democratic Sheep Need Protective Tariff

Famous Trade Journal Comments On Tryon Handweavers Gift To John W. Davis Presidential Nominee

The Manufacturer's Record of Baltimore, Md. possibly the most influential trade paper published in the South in commenting upon the presentation of a home-spun suit to the Democratic candidate for the presidency by The Tryon Hand Weavers says:

F. P. Bacon, owner of the Tryon Hand Weavers, Tryon, N. C., sends us copy of a letter which he addressed to the Democratic Presidential candidate, Hon. John W. Davis, when forwarding to him a bolt of homespun cloth made at Tryon. In his letter Mr. Bacon said:

"This cloth is made of democratic wool from democratic sheep, spun and woven by democratic men in the altogether democratic Old North State. The industry which produces this wool is endeavoring to return to the handicraft of our democratic forebears when whereot man ate and clothed himself."

We do not know what the latest sentence means, but we do know that the world cannot return to the simple ways of olden days when the population was small, industry of all kinds was light and people were content with conditions which would not be tolerated today. But when Mr. Bacon refers to the wool of this cloth being from democratic sheep, we wonder if he has taken into account that a protective tariff is essential to the sheep industry. Is he aware of the fact that the sheep industry in the South which once flourished abundantly is now almost dead when compared with fifty or sixty years ago? Does he not know that under a Democratic free-trade bill, the sheep industry of the Southwest was almost destroyed, but that under a protective tariff this industry has been reviving and the sheep growers are rejoicing in prosperity which they could never under Democratic Free trade?

As it happens Mr. F. P. Bacon didn't send the copy of his letter to The Manufacturer's Record--the story was secured from press release sheets issued by the Polk County News and forwarded to every trade publication and large daily in the south-east.

Evidently the Record has Republican leanings and so far as their defense of the protective tariff goes we will leave the reply to Mr. Bacon himself who is the Senatorial nominee on the Democratic ticket from this district. He is the kind of a Democrat who can stand to his Democratic guns as well as produce Democratic Cloth from Democratic Sheep.

Confederate Veterans Seek Lost Records of Old Souths Navy

An effort is being made by the navy department, United Confederate veterans, under the directions of Admiral A. O. Wright, to rescue from oblivion the records of the men who served in the Confederate navy during the Civil war. Captain W. H. McElroy will be in Hendersonville ten days for the purpose of securing the names and records of the men who went from this part of North Carolina into that service.

Captain McElroy asks that any one who has ever heard of a man claiming to have served in the Confederate navy get in touch with him at that point.

The work which the department is doing has been endorsed, it is said, by the governor of North Carolina and the mayor of Hendersonville and all organizations of the Confederacy.

These records when compiled will be placed on file in the archives of the state capitol alongside these of the men who served in the Confederate army. When Richmond was evacuated in 1865 the naval records were lost and the survivors and their dependents who are entitled to pensions and admission to the Confederate soldiers' home are having difficulty on account of the lack of records.