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THANKS TO HENDERSON COUNTY.

Tryon is very proud of the news that Henderson county has, through its authorities, entered into agreements with the State Highway Commission, under which the pavement of the highway from East Flat Rock to the Polk county line, near the town of Saluda, is assured and to be accomplished very shortly. It is also learned from a very authoritative source the negotiations are under way between Polk county authorities looking to the paving of this same highway from Tryon to Saluda. This great step forward will be heralded as the one greatest achievement in years. It means that the popular slogan always used on the Polk County News, which reads thus, "Polk County, the Gateway to Western North Carolina," will be a reality.

This movement will come with great joy and enthusiasm to every resident in this section. Thousands of visitors will pass through Tryon, and thousands will stop off, once they see this gorgeous mountain paradise, which heretofore has been passed up by many who have had such a dread of the hazardous mountain road from Tryon to Saluda. This project when completed will be the finishing of the most important paving units in the entire state of North Carolina. It means much to Tryon, and also to the towns of Saluda and Hendersonville.

FRANK MUNSEY.

The passing of the venerable and illustrious Frank Munsey ends the last chapter of one of the world's greatest journalists. Starting on a capital of only forty dollars, he rose to the highest ranks in the newspaper field. Kind and easy in manner, keen to see the best ideas of business, and fair to his fellow-man, he was beloved by his friends and co-workers.

The following line seems very appropriate to this wizard publisher:
"Over the high peaks of achievements looms the valley of success."

We can vision now the great Munsey standing on the crest of this high peak, looking down into the lovely valley of success, painting the picture of his great work of journalism that lay ahead of him. The world has lost a great publisher. He has left a record that very few will equal in many years to come. Men of the Munsey type are the ones responsible for the rapid advancement of newspapers in America.

A PLAIN TALK ON VANITY.

The boll weevil may weevil the cotton, the crows may croak with the corn, the frosts may freeze the oranges, the pests may pester the lumber, and the drouths may dry the earth, but we still have with us one greater ruinous influence in the economic shuffle, and that is vanity.

Some people call it cheap aristocracy, still it is very expensive. We are all more or less guilty. Daughter thinks she just must have a new and different dress for every party. Father simply will not do without a brand-new set of balloon tires, while son matches them with balloon pants, and throws a couple of perfectly good narrow-bottomed trousers into the discard.

Almost everyone is living beyond his income and knows it. Undue pride, ruinous vanity, cheap aristocracy, is the cause. We seem not to have the mental resources at our command to rebuff the gossipy-mingled individual who peers at us with a crucial eye if things are not exactly "up to snuff." We seem not to have sense enough to be sensible, and not strong enough to stand "what the neighbors will think." We have gone mad in trying to do like, act like, look like, the millionaires that we certainly are not.

Plain, but true; not Puritanical, but common sense. The shoe fits, let us wear it. Some day, somebody will come along and say the right thing, bring a solution of which we here and now confess a failure. Sometime, someone will invent a slogan that will set us all to thinking, and say the magic words that we will all follow; and then, if our pride will let us, we will all come back to earth and less cheap vanity.

OUR COUNTY A BIG CORPORATION.

Much as some of us may dislike a so-called big corporation, we cannot escape being a stockholder in a mighty big concern known as Polk County. Every taxpayer of this county is a shareholder; and we may say that every inhabitant should have a voluntary interest in seeing this big corporation of Polk County spend its funds wisely and economically.

Our Board of Commissioners are merely citizens among us, trying to administer the affairs of this big corporation to the best of their ability for the people. There is a limit to the money they have to spend, as well as to their power and authority. The law sees to these things for us. Roads and the various other departments of the county government have certain allotments. We should not expect too much of these "directors" of this big corporation; neither should we demand too little.

Our conclusion is that we will get from our Board of Commissioners this composite result: what men of judgment and business acumen can perform, plus the amount of tax moneys available for the particular purposes and functions of government to which they relate, plus the confidence we repose in these our public servants, plus the active interest we show and the co-operation we extend in backing them up when they are right and backing them down when they are wrong.

Wise is the man who uses his wisdom first on himself.

You get as many kicks out of life as you put kicks into it.

HEARD ABOUT TOWN

Tryon Route, No. 1.

While some on Route 1 enjoyed a very merry Christmas, others had the saddest Christmas ever dawned upon them. Thus were the family of Mr. Ruppe. Their father was taken on Thanksgiving morning, and on Sunday morning of Christmas week, one month later, their mother joined him in the great beyond. May the family be consoled by the Heavenly Father, who will deliver them out of all trouble. (Psalms 34:17.)

Mr. Grover Ford and Miss Ruth Pack were happily married at Landrum, S. C., and spent a short honeymoon trip with relatives at Inman, and now reside at Fox Mountain.

Mrs. W. B. Edwards and children, Master Marshall and baby Donald, Earle and Miss Irene spent Tuesday afternoon at Walnut Grove and called to see Miss Sallie Carpenter.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Collins of Sprtnburg, S. C., spent Christmas and a few holidays with home folks. They hugely enjoyed a party given by Miss Clara Edwards, a Christmas tree at Bethlehem, and together with Mother Hamilton made a trip to the hospitable home of Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Womack and were very much surprised to find the former so well and jolly after a recent illness. After a most delicious dinner and afternoon chat of bygone days, etc., they bade the loved ones adieu and motored home.

Some enjoyed a Christmas party given by Miss Esther Gibbs, while some enjoyed the cute little invitation which came the day after.

A watch night party was hugely enjoyed at the home of E. B. Edwards. Punch and delicious cookies were served, all departing with the old year and announcing a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. and Master Bob Brown Nance of Spartanburg spent New Year's day with home folks.

Again a Happy New Year to all editors both old and new, and all readers of the News. May 1926 be the most prosperous ever.

Columbus News.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Blanton and little daughters spent last week-end with Mr. Blanton's parents at Mooresboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis spent several of the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Lewis' parents in Inman S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Blanton, with their two little daughters, were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Carson, Christmas day.

Miss Minnie Arledge spent the Christmas holidays in Charlotte with her cousin, Mrs. L. M. Hipp.

Mr. Ernest McMurry, who is holding a position with the Dixie Insurance Company of Greensboro, was the guest of his parents during the Christmas holidays.

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The Presbyterian Circle met with Mrs. J. A. Feagan last Tuesday afternoon. After the program the hostesses served delicious tea and cake.

Mr. Philemon Head, a former student of Sterns High School, was a visitor in Columbus last Tuesday.

Mrs. J. W. Jack, Hugh and Laura Jack shopped in Greenville, S. C., last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. S. Cobb had as their guests during the holidays Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Perryman, two daughters and little son, Pauline, Edith, and Allen, Jr., together with Frances Raper, all of Winston-Salem.

Sheriff and Mrs. R. F. McFarland had as their guests last Saturday Mr. McFarland's sister and her husband, Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Morris of Walnut Cove, and niece, Kathryn Hill of Spindale.

Prof. E. W. S. Cobb and family with their guests motored to Asheville last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith and little daughter, Rena, of Gaffney were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Newman and other relatives.

Mr. Austin Newman spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Newman.

Mr. John Walker McFarland returned to his work in Yancey county last Monday after having spent Christmas with his parents.

Misses Jeanette McFarland, Harold Dell and Monia Smith shopped in Asheville during the holidays.

Miss Eunice Cloud was the guest of the Misses Hagues at Mill Spring last Monday night.

Silver Creek.

We hope everyone had a Good Xmas and will have a Happy New Year.

On account of unfavorable weather, Rev. R. H. Morgan failed to fill his appointment at Silver Creek on the third Sunday.

B. H. Arledge and family and Ray Hill spent Thursday night at the home of W. J. Bishop.

Miss Ina Jackson has returned home from Fred Arledge's.

Miss Margie Arledge, who has a position in Richmond, Va., spent Christmas with home folks.

H. J. Bradley of Edneyville spent Sunday night with his father-in-law, T. C. Lawler.

S. R. Monteth, from Charlotte, is spending a few days with his father-in-law, C. Arledge.

Mill Spring, Route 1.

Rev. H. G. Limer, pastor, delivered an interesting sermon Sunday.

W. W. Wovak, who has been seriously ill for the past few weeks, is very much improved.

The school children at Lebanon enjoyed a Christmas tree Tuesday morning.

Mr. Marion Early and Miss Vesta Odell decided to celebrate Xmas by getting married. We congratulate them, and wish them a long life filled with happiness.

Miss Ninetta Hyder, who has had a position in Tryon for the past six months, is at home. We are very glad to have her in our Sunday School.

THE PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Editor Polk County News:

Tryon is making a strenuous and commendable effort to call the attention of the public to its many advantages with the purpose of inducing the individuals composing that public to locate here. I wonder if its citizens are devoting much time and effort to an intelligent consideration of the kind of people we are soliciting. Situated as Tryon is, it can hardly expect ever to equal in size and commercial importance either of our two big neighbors, Spartanburg and Asheville. The attractions of Tryon are entirely adequate to insure us an ample number of the kind of people we want and the kind to whom we can successfully appeal. In other words, we are not looking for, nor can we successfully compete for those who want to enter commercial pursuits; but our greatest success can be attained by an appeal to those who because of their success in business or profession are now interested in securing a comfortable home in an atmosphere where they can be assured of congenial and interesting surroundings and occupation.

My own experience has been that the intelligent man or woman who has leisure or an occupation which permits of a certain amount of time available for pursuits usually classified as leisurely has one all absorbing obsession: that leisure or a lack of definite work may lead to mental and physical stagnation. Growing old

gracefully is a difficult achievement, but is one worth trying. The best way to insure its success is to keep busy at an occupation which insures an active exercise of the intellect, together with an amount of exercise consistent with the physical condition of the exerciser.

These observations are based partly upon the experience of the writer in attending one of the sessions of the Drama Fortnightly Club, when "The Age of Romance" was presented. Two opposing impressions were left by that event. I was most favorably impressed with the fact that through the resourcefulness of a limited number of energetic and intelligent individuals opportunity was afforded the people of Tryon of keeping in touch with the literary and dramatic world. On the other hand, judged by the attendance, a comparatively small number of these same people showed anything like the amount of appreciation which the occasion warranted. Manifestly, there is a large amount of labor attendant on the preparation and successful presentation of any drama. That this labor naturally falls upon the few who are qualified for it, is equally apparent; but that is no reason why the organization which has undertaken so laudable and so ambitious a task should not receive the wholehearted, unqualified co-operation of every citizen who is giving intelligent consideration of the needs of our city.

at Big Leno, as she was one of our most efficient teachers.

Miss Vernie Hyder is spending the Xmas holidays with friends in Charlotte.

Miss Marie Campiche, teacher of Lebanon school, has returned to her home in Biltmore.

The little infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Owensby was laid to rest in Big Leno cemetery Saturday, December 19. The funeral was conducted by Rev. W. R. White. Suffer little children to come unto me.

Mr. Robert Lynch and sister, Miss Besse, of Spindale are visiting their grandparents, R. L. D. Gilbert and wife.

Miss Clara Womack is visiting her grandfather, L. M. Ruppe.

Miss Shehan of Rutherfordton visited her sister, Mrs. G. L. Edwards, for a short time recently.

Mrs. Ed. Allen of Glendale is back again among friends.

Inman, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay McBride and baby of Hendersonville spent Christmas here with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wilson and other relatives.

Miss Leona Giles of Spindale has been the guest of her cousins, Misses Janette and Fay Shehan.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Stroupe of Asheville, Mr. Lee Ward and Miss Etheline Trougher of Charlotte spent Christmas with Mrs. L. L. Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Parker have returned from Monroe, N. C., where they spent Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McElrath of Aiken spent Christmas with Mr. McElrath's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McElrath.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Clement spent Christmas with Mrs. Clement's relatives, in Newberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Berry and baby of Spartanburg spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cudd.

Mrs. Oscar Shehan and children of Boiling Springs visited Mrs. W. A. Shehan this week.

Rev. and Mrs. Eston Vaughn and children spent Christmas with the latter's parents, near Gowansville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Seism returned to Del Rio, Tenn., Sunday after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Harris.

Miss Louise Parris, who is teaching at Ogden, S. C., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Parris.

Miss Addie Mae Cudd spent the week-end in Spartanburg.

Mrs. W. A. Shehan visited relatives at Spindale this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gowan and Miss Gladys Gowan spent Christmas with relatives at East Flat Rock.

Miss Bertha Giles of Spindale visited here this week.

Lynn Church Notes.

Rev. J. R. Saunders of Canton Church, a representative of the South China Mission of the Baptist Church, visited our church on Sunday, December 20. He gave an interesting address—one in the morning and another, accompanied by stereopticon views, in the evening. We are glad to hear their inspiring messages from our returned missionaries, and we

hope our people will be stimulated to greater effort in missionary giving both to the work at home and in the foreign field.

On Sunday afternoon, December 27, a Christmas program was rendered by the Sunday School. Interesting musical selections were given by the choir, beginning with Aderte Medels as a processional. Other numbers were "Joy to the World," "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" and "Holy Night." A children's chorus sang "Away in a Manger," and several recitations were given by little girls.

At the close of the program bags of candy and fruit were distributed among the children.

The Bible Class recently organized with Miss Alta Ballard president and Miss Creelman teacher will meet on Wednesday evenings.

Campobello, Route 3.

Mr. James Clayton of Arden, N. C., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Clayton, of near Holly Springs.

Mrs. H. L. Fleming of Rocky Mount is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Y. Harrill, near Holly Springs.

Mr. Boyd Harrill and Miss Ruby Harrill have returned from Bristol, Va., where they spent the holidays with their cousin, B. K. Bryant.

Misses Mary and Nell Barnett, Halie and Lucile Johnson were the guests of Misses Lavonia and Geneva Bruce recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fisher and children of Greer spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Bruce.

Mr. Homer Thomas of Spartanburg spent Christmas with his grandmother, Mrs. Jim Fleming.

Sunny View.

Several from this section attended the preaching service at Cane Creek Sunday.

School opened here Thursday after the holidays were over. This is the beginning of a new year, and we hope to make it our best.

Ernie Bradley spent Saturday night with her friend, "Ark" Jackson.

Mr. N. E. Williams is spending a few days in Florida with his daughter, Mrs. Harry Bennett.

T. N. Wilson visited his mother, Mrs. S. J. Helton, Sunday afternoon.

Misses Ernie Bradley and Fanny Bidely of Fruitland, after spending the holidays with home folks, have returned back to their school.

Mr. Terrel Taylor, who had a position at Petersburg, Va., after spending the Christmas holidays with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Taylor, left Sunday for a position in Georgia.

"Wedding bells" are ringing. Mr. Meran Earley and Miss Vesta Odell were happily married at Spartanburg December 23. We wish the young couple a long and prosperous life.

Fishtop, N. C.

Well, after a long delay I again resume the business of furnishing the readers the news from this section, and if the editor will publish a few chapters more I will finish writing the history of this section.

Clinton Case cut his leg a few days back very badly.

The river froze over the 27th in places for a few days.

We learn that Mountain Grove Church house burned down the 27th.

Curtis Newman and T. W. Bradley have gone to Hendersonville on business.

We had the most enjoyable Christmas for years.

The best news we have is all are in good health, happiness, and peace among ourselves.

The Misses Eugene Price of Asheville and A. Price of Hendersonville visited their grandma, Mrs. N. A. Price, for a few days during Christmas. Arleana will remain for a few weeks and go to school here.

Miss Lily and Margie Arledge visited their home folks for a couple of weeks Christmas time.

Heard First Words



Dr. Thomas A. Watson, who worked with Alexander Graham Bell inventing the telephone, has the first sound or word ever transmitted by wire. In the test, Bell spoke over the phone, "Come here, Watson, I want you." A tablet was recently unveiled commemorating the 50th anniversary of this great scientific marvel, telephone.

SOCIETY EVENTS OF TRYON'S YOUNG

Many Parties, Dances and Given During the Christmas Holidays.

Miss Lucille Smith entertained her home on Godshaw Hill.

Herbert of guests of Tryon's society set at a very delightful of several courses before on Christmas night.

Miss Margaret Doubleday entertained at her home on Leno, a number of guests with formal supper on Monday, December 28th, before the fancy dress dance.

On Monday night, December 27th, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Holmes entertained at their home on Godshaw Hill a number of guests of the younger set at a light party.

A very delightful fancy dress was given on Monday night, December 28th, by Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Dell at their Spanish villa on Melrose avenue in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Wickham and Mr. Harold Crane.

The costumes were varied in every hue of colors, which added the multicolored decorations Christmas as well as the cheer and happy laughter that this year season always derives. After the delightful refreshments served to all, the guests were followed: Mesdames Carter, Barney B. Bishop, Wickham, Emma McFarland, Putnam, Stone, Margaret Doubleday, Smith, Messrs. Gerald Stone, De Bore, Julian Hester, Jr., Lantz, Mazzanovich, Embury Smith, well Gooch, Lawrence Goble, Crandell, Carter Brown, Wickham, Dr. Barney B. Bishop.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dennison entertained in honor of their daughter, Mr. John Dennison.

Miss Julia Dennison at Pine Crest New Year's eve. The guests of the old year out and the New Year and delightful dance music furnished by local talent.

Miss Margaret Law entertained a number of the younger set on Saturday, January 2nd, at her home, near the Country Club, a very delightful dinner-dance.

One of the loveliest teas of the season was given on Sunday afternoon, January 3rd, by Mr. and Peattie at their home on Godshaw Hill. Among the invited guests were: James Carter Brown, Phineas Hams, M. O. Kelley, W. R. Stone, old Doubleday, Misses Putnam, phemia Holden, Jane Oakley, Gottfried, Margaret and Betty bidelay, Lucille Smith and Ethel Grady, Messrs. Lawrence Matvitch, Embury Smith, Carter Brown, James Carson and Harold Crane.

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. James Vernor, Jr. have opened their lovely home for the season.

Mr. Ralph Green has gone to Arizona for the winter.

Mr. Lionel Ingram of Greenville has returned to school at the citadel after a few days' visit in Tryon.

Mrs. E. J. Braswell has returned from a short visit in Saluda.

Mr. Albert Vaughn of Greenville spent Saturday in Tryon, the guest of friends.

Mr. Leo Redding of New York, who has been spending some time in Tryon, is now in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on a business trip.

Actual work on the Tryon-Shelton hotel will begin on January 15th.

Mr. P. S. Wright entertained a party of eastern capitalists at the Leon New Year's eve at the Laker Tea Room.

Dr. and Mrs. Barney Bishop spent Xmas week with relatives in S. C.

Mrs. H. M. Mathews and Mr. H. T. Mathews, of Washington, arrived Thursday to be the guests of Mrs. W. F. Smith at her home on Godshaw Hill for the week.

Mayor G. R. Little of Saluda in Tryon on Monday, looking business interests.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol P. Reed children of Flat Rock, N. C., expected next week in Tryon for Tryon Lodge on Melrose avenue for the winter.