

# Our Neighbors

**MLIL SPRING**

Big Level Sunday School is progressing nicely with Gordon Hyder as superintendent.

Mr. J. C. Powell called on V. B. Hyder Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Whiteside spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Womack.

Mrs. Lewis Bennett and children have returned home after a months vacation with Mrs. Bennett's parents at Rutherfordton.

A. A. Womack from near Greens Creek is visiting friends in this section.

Mrs. Valma Hyder was the guest of Mrs. W. E. Elliott Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Bowen Wilson and family visited at the home of Jim Bradley last Sunday.

The sick folks in this community are improving very fast.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stepp were the Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Womack.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Owensby and sister Minnie spent Sunday at the home of Rev. W. W. Womack.

Davis Elliott called on his son W. E. Elliott Sunday.

**SUNNY VIEW**

It seems as if winter days are coming back again by the snow that fell last Wednesday, we hope the spring day will soon be here again.

The birthday of Mrs. S. J. Helton was celebrated at her home on last Sunday, March 14th by the spreading of a nice dinner in remembrance of her 86th birthday, a large crowd being present.

## COLUMBUS NEWS

**COLUMBUS**

The women's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church had a most enjoyable meeting with Mrs. James F. Ormond last Tuesday evening. The meeting opened with a song following which Mrs. Lawter led in prayer. Roll call was answered with Bible verses after which came a short business meeting presided over by the president, Mrs. P. S. Lewis. Miss Gertrude West, had charge of the lesson in the Bible, "Winning to Christ," which the Society is studying. An interesting visitor was at this meeting Mrs. Annie W. Jones from Atlanta who is visiting in the home of her son in Denton Springs Park. She gave a very interesting talk on Missionary work. The meeting closed with sentence prayer after which she said to the following: Mrs. P. S. Lewis, Mrs. W. S. McDowell, Mrs. John Arledge, Mrs. G. Lawter, Mrs. Wade Allen Jones and Mrs. Annie W. Jones, Miss Minni Arledge, and Miss Gertrude West.

Mrs. H. F. Sikes delightfully entertained members of the Out look Club last Wednesday afternoon. After a short business meeting and exchange of club books Mrs. Holderbaum gave a very instructive talk on the Public Health Service of our government. This was followed by several musical selections after which the hostess assisted by Miss Seidel served a delicious salad course with accessories. Those present were Mrs. E. W. S. Cobb, Mrs. Fred W. Blanton, Mrs. W. S. McDowell, Mrs. P. S. Lewis, Miss Lois Holderbaum, Miss Katherine McChisney and Miss Ida Seidel.

Mr. A. V. Green of the Blanton Green real estate firm is spending a few weeks in Asheville with his brother Mr. E. C. Green lining up property for Polk County real estate. Mr. E. C. Green is a member of one of Asheville's largest real estate firms.

The annual stockholder's meeting of the Polk County Gin was held in the Court House at Columbus Wednesday at three o'clock. The report of the Sec. and Treas. was very gratifying. The directors had previously met and declared ten percent dividend and machinery, amounting to eleven per cent. The dividend checks were passed out at the meeting and everyone seemed to be glad he was a stock holder in the Company. The stock in this company is owned by several eighth of Polk County's most progressive farmers and business men, sixty-five percent of whom were present, at the meeting. The following old board of directors were re-elected: Fred W. Blanton, Pres.; J. T. Waldrop, Vice, Pres.; H. H. Carson, Sec. & Treas.; E. B. Edwards; O. L. Teague; E. G. Thompson and J. M. McQuinn.

The Circle of the Columbus Presbyterian church met with Mrs. Jack on Tuesday of last week, after the usual business a letter was read from Dr. R. M. Wilson of the Lepel Hospital in Korea telling of his work there and thanking the Circle for their interest and gifts to this work. The study of the new Foreign Mission book, prayer and Missions, was then taken up. The first chapter was discussed by Mrs. Cobb and the purpose and general outline of the book given.

Mrs. Wade Allen Jones who has recently moved to Columbus was welcomed as a new member at this meeting.

Mrs. F. B. Williams, a former resident of Columbus, but who for the past number of years has been engaged in real estate business in Shelby and Kings Mountain has been added to the sales force of Blanton and Green.

Mr. Blanton states that by the first of April three new members will be added to his sales force.

### EMPRESS OF ANNAM



Newest portrait of her majesty the empress of Annam, which is in Indo-China and is controlled by France.

### ROAD BUILDING

### GOOD ROADS MUCH HELP TO DAIRIES

E. L. Browne, agricultural economist of the Department of Agriculture, has prepared a report to the government publication "Public Roads," on the growth of milk transportation by motor truck to Chicago. In discussing the average rates from various dairy localities Browne says:

"Good roads are a prerequisite to successful motor truck operation. The unfortunate operator who tries to maintain his service over highways which are virtually impassable for a part of the year finds that his daily operating costs far exceed the average normal expenses, and eventually he realizes that his profits are seriously affected. Very few operators appreciate the increased expense which results in this way from bad roads.

"As an instance of the value of hard roads, a large Chicago dairy believed for a time it would have to abandon its plant. As the section in which the plant was located is a highly productive dairy district, the company made every effort to find another means of transportation. About this time the Rand road was completed, furnishing forty-six miles of hard-surfaced road to the city. An installation of two tank trucks and two trailers is now operated daily between this station and the Chicago plant, with the result that the highway has saved the closing down of the plant and the company retains a profitable place to market its milk."

The rates charged for country haulings are directly proportional to the distance and condition of the roads on the various routes, and Browne says that dairymen living along unimproved highways pay from 25 to 50 per cent more than those in sections where improved roads have been completed. The value of an improved road to a community, he points out, can easily be measured in the light of these facts.

The rates range from eight cents per hundred pounds for relatively short distances over improved roads to twenty-five cents for a twelve-mile haul. Where the rates seemed high it was found that the trucks operated over the roads which had not been improved. For example, milk delivered to the station at Dundee is transported over gravel and paved roads for distances of three to fifteen miles at a rate of from twelve to eighteen cents per hundred pounds; while twenty-five miles west of Dundee at Herbert the haulage over dirt roads for distances of from three to twelve miles is twenty to twenty-five cents.

In 1924 Browne reports that approximately 44,000 eight-gallon cans of milk were delivered daily to Chicago by twenty-six railroads, which carried 68 per cent of the supply, and 141 motor trucks which transported 32 per cent. Milk delivered in any other way was negligible in amount.

**Illinois Completed 900 Miles of Road in 1925**

By laying 900 miles of pavement in 1925, Illinois completed more mileage than in any previous year except 1923 and 1924, the division of highways declared in a statement. "This additional mileage," the statement said, "is not only of great value to traffic in the local communities, but adds much to the value of the mileage already existing by making it possible to reach points heretofore isolated by earth roads.

"Perhaps the greatest measure of local relief was given to the west central portion of the state between the Illinois and Mississippi rivers, where much heavy grading had been done during previous years, but where pavement could not be completed prior to this year because of the necessity of waiting for heavy fills to settle. Every effort will be made to continue the highway work of Illinois in 1926 at the same record-breaking rate."

### No Chance for Change

Officials of the Lincoln Highway association have advised the county commissioners of Hancock county that there is no possibility of a change in the route in Wyandott, Hancock, and Allen counties, Ohio. The commissioners had urged a more northerly location. The association states that the present route constitutes an almost perfect tangent through the three counties named—the longest between the two coasts. The route was moved to its present location some years ago.

## TRYON SUB-DIVISIONS BOOMING

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upon the market. This property is located on a ridge on top of the hill just north of the Toy makers Shop and consists of seven acres and a ten room house with garage and orchard. It is thickly wooded with large pine trees, oaks and laurel, has frontage of four hundred feet on Trade Street and two hundred and fifty feet on Grady Avenue. Private roads into the place lead up from both Trade Street and Grady Avenue affording access to desirable building sites which will be sold by acres or lots, as the purchaser may wish. The whole property is within five minutes walk from the post-office.

### The Gillette Woods

The Gillette Estates consisting of six hundred and fifty acres acquired some years ago by William Gillette the Playright and actor, and held intact for a period of about twenty years during which time Mr. Gillette had a force of men taking care of the original forest. On this Estate is Mr. Gillette's home, a part of which was built by his own labor and is unique in many ways. This property is being subdivided into some three hundred lots, averaging three acres each, and excellent roads are being built throughout the Estate. The lots will be placed on the market within ten days.

Mr. Merrick is being assisted in subdividing this property by Mr. Sheridan, Landscape Architect and Gardener of Indianapolis. Already more than twenty people have made purchases, a majority of whom will build in the near future. There is a plan on foot to convert the Gillette residence into a Lodge for guests.

### The Ridgeway

This property is beautifully located on a high ridge overlooking the entire mountain range. The property has been developed by Mr. Julian Calhoun, has exceptional fine roads and contains about a hundred lots. A number of the lots have been sold upon which homes will soon be erected.

### Tryon Hills

This subdivision is owned by A. L. Smith and is located on Godshaw Hill, and comprises some forty lots. It is well wooded and has a fine view of the mountains in all directions. It has improved roads, water, lights and sewers.

### The Hog Back Mountain Development

The Carolina Mountains' Inc. are developing some 17,000 acres including Hogback Mountain making a paved road winding around Piney Mountain and up Melrose Mountain then across the summit of Brushy Rocky Spur Mountain, then through Vaughns gap to the top of Hogback Mountain. On the top of this mountain will be built the most unique and picturesque golf course in the world under the personal supervision of Mr. Devereau Emmet. Plans are being completed for another 18 hole Golf Course in the Saluda Valley. There will be lakes, Polg Grounds and a Hotel of 100 rooms in this development also a large rustic clubhouse.

There will be a hunting preserve well stocked with game and the mountain streams are being stocked with rainbow and speckled trout. This tract has an altitude raising from 1000 to 3200 ft. this will enable the purchaser to select his home site in the altitude suitable to his requirement. It is the intention of the owners to select the purchaser as near as possible who will develop the property and build homes.

### Skyuka

A beautiful development of some 800 acres comprising Tryon Peak and Sunset View, and numerous other points commanding wonderful views of the mountains and lowlands. Skyuka Hotel is located in the center of this tract, it has 40 rooms with all modern equipments. This tract is to be subdivided into estates.

Well graded highway is being constructed to the summit of Tryon Peak where an observation tower will be erected.

### Rixhaven

A 3500 acre Development reached by the Historic Old Howard Gap Road.

Engineers are at work laying out roads, water, and several, line erecting powers and phone lines, and constructing three beautiful lakes on the top of the mountains.

It is planned to put this property on the market as soon as all developments are made.

### Adous Hill

A few choice building lots on a high knoll in the center of Tryon, affording a wonderful view of all of the mountains surrounding Tryon.

### Le-Monte Terrace

Consisting of some 350 acres with railroad frontage of 2-4 miles. This

tract will appeal to investors for subdivision. It lies on a ridge in the center of the horse shoe formation of mountains surrounding Tryon and lays well for sub-division.

### Melrose Heights

A tract of 87 acres adjoined to the Golf Course and the Hog Back Road well watered and timbered a splendid estate or sub-division.

### Junior Choral Society

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Something of the publisher's point of view, his reasons for acceptance rejection, the speaker made plain, and she also told of the encouragement to continue writing which acceptance brings a young author.

After the paper Mrs. Peattie read from manuscript an original one-act play a strong and moving drama of to day. Both efforts were received with much applause.

Betty Doubleday and Caroline Jersey sang a duet and Mrs. John Lindsey played delightfully three violin selections. Tryon welcomed her back again for she has already charmed audiences here with her excellent work. Mrs. Missidine was a sympathetic accompanist.

Next Friday night Mr. J. Foster Searles will talk on the Making of a House."

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## ILLINOIS RESIDENT WITH INTERESTING STORY

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adly absorbed by people wanting to enjoy the great open spaces hereabouts, a studious consideration by one of an investigating turn will surely be convincing that Tryon is the gem of the entire Western North Carolina territory, and that a spirit of happiness and contentment prevails among her people in a year round climate that is not surpassed anywhere in this country so far as we know. Increasing numbers may confidently be expected to follow the vanguard of satisfied residents gathered from nearly every state.

To the casual observer there is need for careful earnest consideration for the future. The quality of your domestic water is unequalled and it seems that it should promptly be assured in such quantity as to provide for a growth much in excess of its present needs.

The new tanks, mains, etc. are a big help but are they adequate? We do not pretend to know and only wonder. This seems to us almost your greatest and most important present community interest. Far seeing vision now may avert regret later.

Nothing improves a growing community, inspires so much confidence and favorable comment, and indicates an up and doing spirit as the paving of principal thoroughfares and grading and dragging of laterals. Additional paving should be arranged for as soon as possible.

Sewage disposal, fire protection that protects, and still better, fire prevention are very important to the welfare of the smaller growing town, and it is none too early to plan broadly in these matters for Tryon.

Civic pride and family interest prompt the beautifying of lawns, parkways, semi-public and park areas, within the village limits especially. Under proper auspices every child and grown up in Tryon may be interested in the pleasant and profitable task of beautifying of the neglected lawn and parkway. It is their town, the desire to be helpful is inherent in most of us, and under competent direction wonderful results may be accomplished. Each teacher in the public school may be of much help in spreading this propaganda, and will doubtless be very glad of the opportunity.

It costs money to run the affairs of Tryon just as it does a bank, store or other enterprise, and reasonable taxes equitably assessed, bonded in debentures rightly assumed, with funds carefully and faithfully administered is the best possible indication that Tryon is on its way and will soon arrive.

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