Commencement Exercises Great Affair

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second to "The Little Half Chick" by

the Tryon school. The second part of these exercises were recitations by fourth and fifth ed to Alice Corwith of the Saluda school and second to Catherine Cobb of the Columbus school.

Mill Springs Girl Wins Prize, Making **Excellent Showing**

opened the exercises in the Tryon training and some talent. school with declamations and first

tied for by Nell Isbell of Green's Creek der the circumstances. and Mary Sayre of Tryon.

different schools.

A word of explanation is perhaps due here. The reason County Comis that many of the schools of Polk County and more especially those in the isolated districts only have six months of school a year and their term which did not begin until October, is ended now. This is all the school Equilization Funds make possible. In the districts where the patrons have felt that they wanted their children to have better opportunities, and where as follows: these patrons, by popular vote have levied a special tax upon themselves to provide it, the children have an extra two months and in one or two instances three. It is the profoundest Third, Sellers Edwards. wish of the County Board of Education that this condition will not long zens of Polk county will vote a county ren of the county will have eight Lynn; Third, Fisher, Tryon. months of schooling a year.

Dr. Allen Makes Eloquent Address Which Was Enjoyed By All

Dr. A. T. Allen, State Superintendent Public Instruction, gave the address of the day, taking as his subject The Larger Possibilities of County Wide Education." His address might be divided into the following four heads:

1.-Equal distribution of school funds means equal distribution of opportunity.

In North Carolina we have what is known as the state equalization fund; whereby the state makes is possible for all counties to have six months schooling by taxing all equally and then taking from the richer and paying it to the poorer counties. Polk county is a beneficiary under this arrangement for one half of our six months schooling is paid for by the state. This tweh stae of North Carolina feels makes for democracy and equality.

In the same way, some of our outlying schools cannot possibly have an eight months term if they must depend on taxes levied on the adjacent property, without making those taxes practically prohibitive. But if the entire county were under special school tax and this tax divided among all the schools, every child in the county could have eight months of schooling with a lower tax than is now levied in most if not all of the special tax districts because some of our most valuable property is not in any Special Tax District.

2.—The eight months school term for the entire county is not a plan for Polk county only but is being urged by the state on eevry county in the state and it is only a matter of time before the State Compulsory Education Law will be amended to run eight months instead of six. Why then should Polk county not adopt this of her own accord rather than have it forced on her by the state.

Stae Board Lays Down Course of , Study to Standardize Schools

3.-The State Board of Education has laid down a course of study which they feel every child should finish before he or she can be said to have satisfactorily finished the seventh grade. They have also laid down other conditons which tey feel must be fulfilled to standardize the schools of the state. In order that the children of Polk may have as good opportunities as the other children of North Carolina we must make our schools standard elementary schools, which can only be done by providiny an eight

months term 4.-An A-1 accredited high school can only be based on a standard ele-

mentary school. 13 while those going to a six months in this department as follows: school will be 16 or 17 when tey finish. This in itself is a handicap. When the children finish younger more of on the farm. The more children we nie Parker, Saluda.

have going to high school the more we will want te right sort and if our high schools are to have a good rating among the other institutions of the state they must be accredited. The stae has laid down rules here too and grade children. First prize was award- if we want A-1 accredited high schools we must have standard elementary grammar schools.

Dr. Allen Followed by Lovely Chorus Enjoyed by Everyone

Dr. Allen was followed by the intermediate choruses all of which did re-The sixth and seventh grade boys markably well and showed much

First prize was awarded to Columprize went to William Burton of Try- bus; second to Tryon nd third to on and second to Hoit Tate of Green's Saluda. Green's Creek suffered from the fact that their teacher had met This was followed by the girls of with an accident and had not been the same grades in recitation and able to give them attention for the Mary Patty of Mill Spring was given last few days. Some of the other first prize while second place was teachers did the best they could un-

The meeting adjourned for dinner The names of the 105 children who and the Parent-Teachers association successfully finished the seventh of Tryon lived up to their well earned grade or would have finished at the reputation for hospitality and ability end of the school term were read and by serving all the seventh grade stueach child responded to its name but dentseand visitors with a most delithe diplomas will be distributed at the cious luncheon out on the school

In the afternoon the High school students demonstrated their ability mencement comes at this time of year and understanding by interpreting some of the gems of literature.

The first prize was awrded Saluda for presenting "A Latin Farce" and second to Tryon for a scene from "She Stoops to Conquer."

The program concluded with some that the state compulsory education of the little children giving a Folk law provides for and all that the State Dance. The prizes for this went to Tryon first and Columbus second.

The rest of the afternoon was devoted to athletic contests which were

Groupe 1-Grades 1, 2 and 3

Running broad jump-First, Hollis Holifield; Second, Carl Holifield!

Potato race-First, Ina Jackson, Green's Creek; Second, Reba Sunny, third; Columbus, one first and two chosen to represent their school in continue but that very soon the citi- Tryon; Third, Jewel Morgan, Tryon. Bean bag target toss-First, Morwide special tax so that all the child- gan, Tryon; Second, Underwood, Group 2-Grades 4 and 5

Green's Creek; Third, Curtis Lanford, Lynn, one second; Saluda, three firsts

Running broad jump-First, Paul Turner, Green's Creek; Second, Carl- as follows: ton Grigg, Greens Creek; Third, Luth- Greens Creek er Cudd, Greens Creek.

Sack race-First, Raymond Waters, Tryon; Second, Marion Palmer, Tryon; Third, Lewel Swain, Greens seconds and two thirds; Sunnyview,

Creek: Second, Kilpatrick, Saluda; Third, L. Waters, Tryon.

Group 3-Grades 6 and 7

0-yard dash-(girls): First, Sara Milliken, Tryon; Second, P. Edwards, Columbus: Third, Sada Blackwell, Greens Creek.

Basketball throw (girls)- First; Thompson, Saluda; Second, Cantrell, Greens Creek; Third Lockhart, Try-

High jump-First, Lockhart, Tryon; Second, Turner, Saluda; Third, Newman, Tryon.

Sack race-First, Hays, Greens Creek; Second, Jockson, Greens Creek; Third, Swain, Greens Creek. Health drill.

Tug of War Creates Great Excitement For All the Crowd

Tug of War-First, Greens Creek. Group 4-High School Running broad jump-First, Culton,

Saluda; Second, Thompson, Greens Creek; Third, Morgan, Tryon.

Running high jump-First-Thompson, Greens Creek; Second, Hines, Greens Creek; Third, Kirby, Saluda. 100-yard dash-First, Fulner, Tryon; Second Curby, Saluda; Third, F. Hayes, Greens Creek.

50-yard dash (girls)-First, Smith, Columbus; Secondw, Hague, Columbus; Third, Green, Greens Creek.

Basketball throw (girls) - First, Preston, Tryon; Second Edwards, Columbus; Third, Feagan, Greens Creek.

Round the bases-First, Morgan, Tryon: Second, Smith, Columbus; Third, Hayes, Greens Creek.

Baseball throw-First, Stevens, Saluda: Second, Thompson, Greens Creek: Third, McDowell, Greens

Tug of War-First, Columbus. Rooms of Exhibits Are Extremely Interesting Events

All during the day persons who were not interested in the special parts of the program being given could entertain themselves by going from room to room and examining the exhibits made by different schools Prizes were awarded in this case to the schools as a whole but where any child had done a specially good piece of work even when his or her school Statistics show that children at did not get the prize, honorable mentending an eight months school finish tion was given to the child for the the seventh grade at the ages of 12 or piece of work. Prizes were awarded

Group 1-Grades 1, 2 and 3

Reading-First, Melvin Hill; Secthem can go to igh school before they ond, olumbus; Third, Tryon. Honorare needed or are old enough to be of able mention-Grover Hutcherson, any considerable benefit at home or Columbus; Louise Moore, Tryon; Fan ******************

Geography-First, Tryon; Second,

Health Posters-First, Columbus, Second grade, "Drink Milk"; Second, Lynn, second grade, "On Road to Health." w

Group 2-Grades 4 and 5

History-First, Saluda; Second Try on; Third, Mill Spring. Honorable mention-Hazel Pace, Saluda; Kenneth Heatherly, Saluda; Mary Pritchard. Mill Spring; Cornelia Williams,

ond, Saluda; Third, Mill Spring. Honorable mention-Bobbie Somers, Saluda; F. S. Palmer, Tryon; Annie Wil-

Health-First, Saluda; Second, Co lumbus. Honorable mention-Myrtle

Language-First, Sunnyview; Sec-Honorable mention-Pearl Womack Spring; Mary Patty, Mill Spring.

Geography-First, Mill Spring; Second, Tryon. Honorable mention-Mary McFarland, Tryon; Grant Wilson, Mill Spring; Edward Bell, Mill Spring; Mary Fowler, Mill Spring.

Health-First, Columbus; Second, Greens Creek; Third, Sunnyview. Honorable mention-Lewis Feagan, Columbus; Colean Stepp, Sunnyview; Lillie May Hannon, Greens Creek.

Special mention should be made of the following which are extremely good and for which there was no honor available:

grade drawing; Tryon's music poster; school; Science exhibit from Tryon.

ceived prizes as follows: conds; Saluda two firsts and one from grades five, six and seven are

seconds; Mill Spring, one first.

Tryon, five firsts and seven sec- Department of Education. two seconds and one third.

In the exhibits prizes were awrded

oe third; Columbus, two firsts, two is your opportunity. one first and one third; Saluda, two Potato race-First, Smith, Greens firsts and two seconds; Mill Spring, one first, one second and three thirds. In checking over the score it was found that Tryon won the greatest number of points, Green's Creek was a close second, Columbus third, Saluda fourth and Mill Springs fifth. This report is subject to furter review by each of the schools represented.

Mill Spring; Third, -Tryon, "Eat Fruit Every Day"; Third

Language work-First, Tryon; Secson, Mill Spring.

Geography-First, Tryon; Second, Salwuda; Third, Columbus. Honorable mentfon-Margaret Anderson, Columbus; Lewell Swain, Greens Creek.

Stroup, Columbus.

Group 3-Grades 6 and 7

ond, Greens Creek; Third, Mill Spring Greens Creek; Florence Whiteside, Snnnyview; Charis Brown, Mill

Bird house made by Fred Hines, of Columbus; Tryon's exhabition of fifth Language work of the Saluda High lina selected 25 compositions. The

awarded as follows:



Rev Dy. 8. Parkes Cadmien has sen pastor of the Central Congre-stional Church in Brooklyn for 25 years. The anniversary event was celebrated with a great evation. President Coolidge sent congratulations. The congregation presented Dr Cadman with a purse of \$25, 000, a thousand dollars for every

Music Contest To Be Held April 19

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riculum. Tryon has enjoyed the enlivening efforts of a trained music teacher, so has Columbus, not so the other three schools of the county. But this year under the direction of the Contest each of the schools are doing some work in music, as everyone who attended the County Commencement found to be true.

The Federated Clubs of North Carochildren have learned the name of the In the literary work the schools re- compositions source, composers, nationality and type. They are trained Greens Creek one first and two sec- to give these five points after having onds; Tryon, one first and two sec- the composition played. Five pupils the contest which will be held at In the athletic work prizes were Tryon scool, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, which is endorsed by State

onds; Greens Creek, six firsts, seven The taxpayers and parents are in 75-yard dash-First Paul Turner seconds and six thirds; Columbus, terested in the schools primarily and Green's Creek; Second, Luther Cudd, two firsts, three seconds, one third; almost exclusively, because of his contribution to the education of his children. He asks that his child be made accomplished and happy. Every parent is urged to be at the meeting Hill, one first; Tryon, three firsts, standing of the needs of our schools three seconds and one third; Lynn, Your children need attention and now

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Four lions that escaped from circus wagons and mingled with the crowd threw the populace of Jarnac, France!

HONOR ROLL

Honor roll for Tryon Graded school

month ending March 27: Grade 11-Betty Doubleday, Dan Rien, William Burnett, Mary Sharp. Ruth Eva.

Grade 10-Geraldine Sayre, Sidney Sayre.

Grade 9-Katherine Jones, Louise Andrews, Robert Burnett, Allen Jervay, William Endy, John Kittrell. Grade 8-Jean Beatson, Louise lie Porter, Juanito Camp, Genell Gos-

Grade 7-William Barton, Earle John Vallmer. Rion, Myrtle Mills, Janet Durham, Florence Moore, Naomi Whitmore, Mary Sayre, Mary McFarland, Eva Rion, Rachel Jackson. Wolf, Lenore Goodwin.

Grade 6-Elizabeth Avant. Lindsay, James Moore. Grade 5-Virginia Dare Dreyer,

Clarence Davenport.

Grade 4-Esther Andrews, Raymond Waters, Della Burrell, John Chapman, Virginia Ward. Advanced third and fourth grades:

Lois Avant, Betty Bradley, Ruth Creasman, Wilma Gosnell, Pauline Kuy Kendall, Betty McFarland, Mildred Rippy, Alene Ward, Tolbert Bradley. Grade 3-Louis Moore, Bertha Williams, Anne Hart, Troy Walker, Nel-

nell, Lucile Gosnell, Lily Henson, Grade 2-Dorothy Durham, Dorothy Galloway, Lillian Thompson, Sara

Advanced first grade-Clyde Kuy-Viola kendall, John Lewis Shields, Louise

Camp, Marvin Williams. Grade 1-Arthur Besworick, Wes-Coye Fisher, Adeline Fisher, Mary ley Gosnell, Mary Jackson, Carl Mc-Foster, Francis Justice, Fred Swann Clure, Louise Moore, Edward Sayre, Edwin Summey, Billy Ward.

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INTERESTING STORY OF GILLETTE ESTATE

Continued from first page all that he surveyed in but remnants in isolated reservations, - public

When white man first traversed these mountains is a matter of con theatrical engagements. The inspiratroversy. Tradition has it that Hernandez de Soto and his small band of and the quaint, lovely surroundings, adventurers passed through this section of the country in 1539, on that here several of his most successful great expedition which resulted in the discovery of the Mississippi River. and "Too Much Johnson." Unmistakable evidence of mining operations conducted, has been unearthed in the form of mining shafts and tools of the Spanish type of that period. Weather the Spaniard ever found the reported desposits of fabulous wealth for which he came, is not known, but it is significant that Le disappears from this stage of history and his presence is not recorded again and the Indian was left to enjoy undisputed control of his domains until the coming of the English a hundred years later.

William Gillette, Actor, Praises This Property Highly

A score of years back, when Tryon was a little hamlet, Mr. William Gilwas a little namet, mr. with the lette, America's foremost actor, and of other days. With its beautiful and interested people over the than romance and poetry.

fleeting. Two months later Mr. Gillette came again to Tryon and purchasbe the nucleus of the Gillette Estate. As time went on, the frequency of Mr. Gillette's visits increased and more and more land was added to his recommendation—the most powerful initial purchase. When his brother-in- and effective medium of advertisinglaw, Mr. Warner, joined him, together comes to Tryon a growing influx of they planned and aided with thir own prospective permanent residents and hands in the construction of the an unprecedented demand for desir-Rustic Lodge (which now stands on able sites for small estates with sufthe estate today) and aptly named it ficient grounds to enjoy privacy and 'Thousand Pines." Every effort was yet be near enough to Tryon to permade to keep nature here in its own mit participation in the enjoyment of chosen condition—a forest rimeval, its excellent schools, churches, library tangled with laurel and rhododendrum and social activities. and fragrant with Azalea. So it stands A group of prominent Tryon busitoday, just as the Red Man left it, ness men, reluctant to lose for Tryon, temple of fragrnt pines, reared in desirable persons

reverence—a monument to the brothers-in-law's nature worship. Here in his retreat, far from the maddening crowds, Mr. Gillette found peace and quiet during the short intervals of rest snatched between sterenuous tion found in the peaceful atmosphere impelled Mr. Gillette's pen to write

The death of Mr. Warner, who had been a life long friend of Mr. Gillette ended the latter visits to "Thousand Pines". Reminders of his departed friend lurked in every corner of the estate and the daily associations became unendurable. For years the lodge has been unoccupied except for caretakers. Fond lingering memories of happiness and contentment enjoyed there, prevented Mr. Gillette from disposing of the property, although he was aware he would never use it again.

Tryon's Growth Has Been Marked During Past Few Years

Tryon is no longer the little hamlet playwright, while on his way to Flor- diversified scenery, its mild and dry daily. ida, alighted from his train when it unexcelled all-year-round climate, its was delayed here for a short period opportunities for social intercourse and became so enamoured with the with people of culture and refinement surrounding country that before he not surpassed in the great art centers boarded the train again, he wrote a of the country, it has grown gradualfriend in New York that he had ly, not in boom fashion, but with a found a place that even the magic steady, uninterrupted, systematic pen of Wadsworth could do no justice growth, based on its physical requireto: "With a dazzling roof of green ments for additional space and locavelvety caret, set off with a back- tion. For many years artists, writers, ground of mountains of turquoise, the professionl men, members of the ensemble of such indescribable beau- great American intelligentsia have ty, with a charm so contagious that it been coming here in ever increasing is difficult to think of in terms other numbers. There is a current phrase on the lips of temporary sojourners The impression was evidently not when time comes to return to business or homes: "Oh yes, I'll be backonce a Tryonite you know, always a ed a tract of land which was later to Tryonite." With them spread the country o'er the fame of Tryon, the

Mountain Paradise. As a result of tis word of mouth

plays, among them "Secret Service"

property of this description location elsewhere realizing

tentialities of Gillette Woods

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ed on Mr. Gillette to sell the a

-a restricted residential part tinction, where natural scene bracing equitable all-yearns mate and neighbors of refinence culture add to the foff Ellsworth, with offices in the Development office marketing this property and a

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