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XXXI No. 66 TRYON, N. C., THURSDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 16, 1926 Five Cents Per Copy

## Boy Scouts Of Tryon Perfect Organization Here

# BOSTON CLUB MAY TRAIN HERE

### MEETING HERE IS GREAT

The Officers Are Elected For the New Troop  
GREAT ASSET FOR TRYON  
Prominent Citizens Interested in First Meeting Of New Organization Here

The Boy Scouts of Tryon have at last perfected an organization, with very enthusiastic meeting that was held at the Parish House, on December 13th. Some very interesting reports were made by the various ones who were present at the meeting. Following men were elected as officers for the local troop of 25: Hon. F. P. Bacon, Fred W. Wilkes Dendy, Asst. Scout Master, and John Kittrell, Scribe. Much interest shown in the meeting. Tryon has fallen in line with other towns in perfecting a worthy organization of this kind, it will no doubt be a great thing for the boys of this section, and the local troop will be an overwhelming success. It is to be noted that the Scouts have a beautiful summer camp located at the Laurel. Through the presence of some of Tryon's prominent business men, this camp secured last summer, and boys from many different points were in camp for the summer. They have a large area of ground at the Laurel and mess halls and other equipment that make a good summer camp. The location of this important camp in Tryon will mean much to the boys of the country, last summer numbers of families from various sections of the state made their way to their boys who were leaving scout training. Uniforms were soon to be had for the new organization and things will soon be in shape in the way for the new organization for the boys in Tryon.

Large Membership Expected  
It is hoped that a full membership will be in evidence for the local troop, and no doubt the new organization will have the full support of the entire citizenship of the town. The boys should be encouraged as much as possible as it is known all over the world to be a great organization for the younger set of this community. Watch for the first parade of the Tryon Boy Scouts.  
Eduy will be Official Scout Editor  
William Eduy, will be the official Scout Editor for the troop, and news of the organization will be printed from time to time, informing the people of the progress that is being made. It is the purpose of the troop to publish news after each meet-

Rutherford Beer Seized  
RUTHERFORDTON, Dec. 16—Deputy Sheriff Thomas J. Vickers, of Colfax township, Rutherford county, announced Thursday the capture of a copper still and 300 gallons of beer near Locust.

## REMICK GETS ANSWER FROM GREEN

MAYOR W. S. GREEN



The Mayor explains water issue in detailed letter.

### BRYON COVERT WINS IN 100 TARGET SHOOT

PINEHURST, Dec. 14.—Byron Covert, of Lockport, won the hundred target handicap trap shoot after a shoot off. Three tied for first as Covert, Chandler of Atlanta and Howard Hamerschlag, of New York, each broke hundred. In the additional string of 25, Covert missed but three to win. Other high scorers were C. B. Shea, Pittsburg, 91 and W. W. Windle, Jr., Milbury, Mass., 86.

### W. C. T. U. MEETING

On Sunday January 16, 1927 the seventh birthday of National Constitutional Prohibition will be celebrated, in all probability, in the M. E. Church of Tryon. All local clergymen are invited to participate in the program. Due notice will be given of the hour which will be arranged to meet the convenience of all.

### MISSIONARY SOCIETY THANKS THE PUBLIC

The Woman's Missionary Society of Methodist Episcopal Church desires to thank the friends in sister churches, the tourists, and all who united in making its bazaar a success. The society also appreciates the kindness of Messrs. C. W. Morgan and A. L. Berry for the use of their windows, and the Williams Market for courtesies extended.

### CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL TO BE HELD 23rd

The Sunday School of M. E. Church will hold a Christmas festival at the church, Thursday Dec. 23, at 7:30 p. m. Xmas tree and gifts will be enjoyed.

### SOUTHERN OFFERS REWARD

RUTHERFORDTON, Dec. 16—A reward of \$100 for the arrest of the person or persons who on December 6, wrecked passenger train No. 113 here by pulling spikes from the track has been offered by Southern railway investigators who have been working on the case.

## MAYOR SAYS SYSTEM IS O. K.

Happy That Tryon Has Great Water Supply No Apologies To Offer

To the Editor  
Polk County News  
Tryon, N. C.  
Dear Sir:  
Mr. R. C. Remick's letter printed in your issue of December 9th as a paid advertisement has come to my attention and I take this opportunity to answer it; although I am opposed to entering a news paper controversy with reference to town affairs, believing that this kind of thing injures instead of helps the town; but of course I am glad to give the public any information regarding our water development and the reasons for what we have done.

In the Fall of 1923, knowing we were within the danger zone of a water shortage, we retained The Harwood Beebe Company, Engineers, to make investigations for an additional water supply. The engineer's report showed that we could increase our yield from present water shed by increasing the size of the pipe line and building a third intake, and thereby put off the time when a much larger expenditure would have to be made for additional water. These changes of pipe were made along with the construction of a 200,000 gallon reservoir, at an expenditure of \$31,000. All these improvements will be used in connection with the new plant now being installed.

Due to the rapid growth of Tryon and the exceptionally dry summers, this supply again approached the danger line in 1925, and the engineers were instructed to make estimates of cost and complete investigations as to a permanent development. This report covered supplies from Vaughn Creek, Pacolet River and the creeks tributary to Pacolet River. Jamison Creek was not mentioned in this report due to its insignificance as shown by the United States Government topographical map of this territory. When I heard from Mr. Remick, I called the engineers' attention to this by letter dated July 30th, 1925, and they gave the matter all due consideration. Careful studies were made of all available sources of water supply, both gravity supplies and those that require pumping. Calculations as to cost of construction and cost of operation showed the present develop-

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### School Children Selling Stamps

Christmas is almost here. There is a larger quota of stamps, or tubercular seals than ever to be sold. The Tryon School is doing its share. There were a large number assigned to the school to sell. It has made a good job of it. Out of the total number sold, Miss Keenan's room having a total of more than any one of the rest.

## The Oteen Hospital Will Be Very Much Enlarged

### Jury Chosen to try Brevard Man

BREVARD, Dec. 14. — Having received a verdict of guilty of simple assault against Sylvanus McCall, in connection with the shooting of Samuel Owen following an election disturbance Nov. 2, superior court has taken up the case of Louis Whitmire, charged with the slaying of Jess Masters.

Monday and a part of Tuesday were taken up in securing a jury and evidence was started shortly before noon Tuesday. The case probably will take up two more days. First witness told of the finding of the body of Masters, some three weeks after the killing, hidden away in the rough mountainside near Rosman. The shooting of Owen took place in the Toxaway section. He has practically recovered from his wounds. The phrase "with intent to kill," which was included in the charge was excluded from the jury's verdict in McCall's case.

### Will Become Largest General Government Hospital in The Southeast.

ASHEVILLE, Dec. 14. — United States Veteran Hospital No. 60 at Oteen will be turned into a general government hospital for the rehabilitation of ex-service men as soon as the \$1,000,000 improvement program at that institution now underway is completed. This was learned in Asheville hospital circles following information received from Washington, D. C., that this is the plan of the government. The improvements now in progress and the purpose of the government to make the institution a general hospital instead of one for tuberculosis patients only, will make the Oteen establishment the largest in the eastern section of the nation, south of the Walter Reed hospital at Washington, it was pointed out by physicians cognizant with the situation.

Not Official  
E. P. Odenhal, medical officer in charge at Oteen, when called and asked about the information received that the institution would be made into a general hospital when expansion program is finished, said that he understood that this supposed to be the general expectation but he has not received anything definite from Washington regarding it as the present enlargements will not be completed until spring. The government is now spending something over \$1,000,000 for the construction of a diagnostic building on the Oteen reservation and the building of three duplex houses and one single house for officers' quarters. It now has two new permanent infirmary buildings, completed about two years ago and the new diagnostic structure along with the officers quarters, will give the plant a permanent capacity of 1,000 patients.

### Farmers Federation Strong Organization

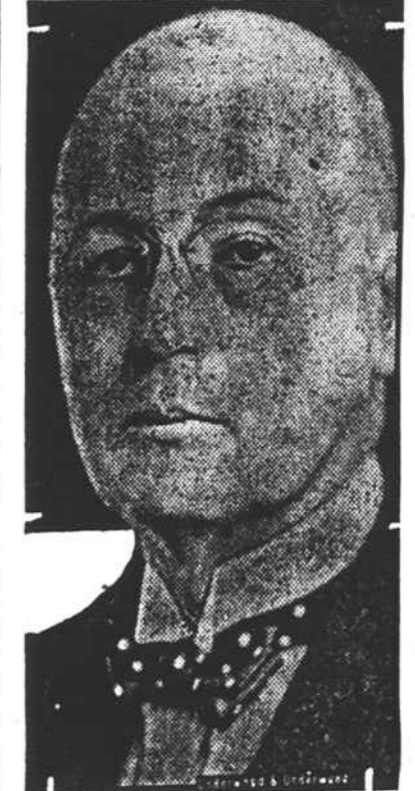
The Polk County Farmers Federation has been taken over by the Farmer's Federation, Inc. Several months ago stock was subscribed throughout the entire county so the Polk County Federation could join in with the other federation in Western North Carolina. The consolidation took place on November 1st, which will affiliate the county organization with others in Western Carolina.

Other Warehouses  
The Farmers' Federation, Inc., have warehouses in the following places: Hendersonville, N. C., Craggy, Fairview, Fletchers, Weaverville and Tryon. Being affiliated with these warehouses will enable the local organization to reap great benefits. The Polk County Federations is centrally located in Tryon, and great changes for more business is being contemplated by the new management in charge. The new manager is Mr. Oren W. Lancaster, who for some time has been associated with the Farmer's Federation at Hendersonville, N. C. He comes here well recommended and has already made a creditable showing. Their advertisement appears in this weeks issue of the News.

### TRYON LOSES TO SALUDA IN BASKETBALL GAME

In a very interesting game of basket ball last week, Tryon, was defeated by the wonderful team at Saluda, N. C., by the score of 22 to 12. A great crowd were on hand to witness the interesting event. William Eduy, of Tryon was the referee for the game.

ROBERT P. SKINNER



Robert P. Skinner, dean of the consular service and consul general at Paris, has been appointed American minister to Greece.

### CLARK ACCEPTS CALL IN TRYON

Rev. John Britton Clark, of the First Presbyterian Church of Washington, D. C., has accepted a call to be the pastor at the Erskine Memorial Church of Tryon. According to a telegram received by Mr. F. W. Crandall of this city Tuesday, Mr. Clark preached here several days ago before a large audience and his sermon was received with great praise. Tryon should and will feel proud of this great addition to the ministerial force of this section. Dr. Clark is a great bible student and is well known all over the country.

### Pal "Squealing" On McDermott In Murder Trial

COURT HOUSE CANTON O., Dec. 14.—Pat McDermott, a debonaire headed youth, on trial in connection with the assassination of Don R. Mellett, Tuesday heard the pal of his childhood days in Nanty-Glo, Nenna, violate the code of the underworld and "squeal."

McDermott sneered as Steve Koscholk, the star witness for the state, resumed the witness stand in the murder trial and told in detail how the defendant had sought to induce him to help out in a conspiracy of rum runners to "kill the editor."

When he refused to join the murder plot after he and McDermott had inspected the Mellett home where the blinds were closely drawn Pat called him "yellow," Koscholk said.

In his testimony late Tuesday Koscholk said McDermott told him that he could make some money "beating up an editor."  
"Did McDermott have a gun with him when you inspected the Mellett home?" McClintock asked.  
"Yes, I asked him what he was going to do with it. He said he was going to use it."

## PACOLET PARK IS IDEAL

News has Already Spread Over The Entire Country.

MANY SUITABLE SITES

Local Citizens Busy On Plans To Try to Get Club To Locate Here.

The following telegram was received this week from Albert L. Berry, who was in Asheville, N. C., the telegram read as follows:

The Polk County News, Tryon, N. C.

The officials of the Boston Braves Ball Club are desirous of securing a suitable location for training quarters at Tryon. They have heard a good deal about Tryon and the Thermal Belt and they calculate that their men can be conditioned better here than in Florida.

Signed,  
ALBERT L. BERRY.

The above is great news for Tryon, and some quick step is expected to be taken at once by some of the leading citizens in the way of interviewing the officials of the Boston Club. The Braves heretofore for the past few seasons have been training in Florida, but the manager and president of the club state that many of the men returned from the training trip last year with several colds, due to leaving the warm Florida climate and returning north in the chilly early spring days.

Club Changing  
The Charlotte Observer carried an interesting article Wednesday that appeared on the sport page which read as follows:

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 14.—If a suitable baseball plant can be arranged at Tryon the Boston Braves figure to establish a permanent spring training camp in the Thermal Belt near Asheville it developed during the recent baseball convention held here and attended by Judge Emil Fuchs, president of the Braves.

Both President Fuchs and Dave Brancroft, manager of the Braves, were struck with the mild weather encountered here in mild January and inquiries informed them of the gentle spring weather in the Thermal belt.

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### DR. VON KAHLDEN TALKS TO STUDENTS

On last Friday afternoon instead of the usual Literary Society program being given, Dr. Von Kahliden gave an illustrated lecture on some of the folk songs of various countries. This short lecture was illustrated by means of a phonograph which is furnished by the school. This lecture was very much enjoyed and appreciated.

### WEATHER

For North Carolina: Fair tonight; slightly colder in central portion; freezing temperature to the coast; Friday partly cloudy and not so cold; moderate northwest winds becoming variable.

	Min.	Max.	Prec.
Atlanta	20	36	.01
Atlantic City	18	32	.04
Boston	22	32	.04
Charlotte	26	42	.04
Chicago	10	10	0
Helena	10	20	0
Jacksonville	44	76	.10
Los Angeles	50	64	0
Miami	70	80	0
New York	16	30	.02
Raleigh	24	40	.08
Washington	18	32	.32