

## CURB REPORTER

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ley Mize will remain with the new owners who will operate a Ford office there. No formal announcement has been made . . . Jack Blackwell and Dean Shields, who operate The Electric Shop are moving their equipment to Jackson's building upstairs, because Goodyear's and Betty Sturgis are taking the Electric Shop building this week. This is the time of changes. Let us look forward to a happier and prosperous New Year for everybody . . .

Mrs. Ethel Loveland has arrived at her Saluda home from an extended stay in Illinois.

Mr. Ralph C. Erskine, of Tryon, writes me:

"I am engaged in a project of editing "The Book of Tryon," a collection of pictures dating back as far as possible, also some brief word sketches of matter of historic interest. It happened that I was delving into the first use of the name Tryon, as a place, and found that the post office at Saluda had antedated any use of the name for a town by almost 50 years.

"I was much interested in a quotation in our Tryon Bulletin of your contribution in The Spartanburg Herald, about the first Tryon post office."

I have known Saluda rather intimately, only about 33 years, but in the early days of our wanderings over the hills up there, I was told that what was then the home of Mr. Berry Thompson, afterwards the home of Ed Thompson, located on the old Howard Gap Road, about a quarter of a mile east of Friendship Baptist Church, was the site of the first Tryon post office.

That old building was purchased as it stood, in rather recent years, and removed from the site. I have heard that Carter Brown of Tryon, was interested in restoring the building, either at Tryon, or in Michigan. If that is true, it is possible Mr. Brown has some of

the original Tryon post office building.

When the Howard Gap Road was rebuilt, from Howard Gap toward Saluda, about 20 years ago, it was relocated, so that the site of the Old Thompson place is not now on the Howard Gap Road as we know it today, but is on the Holbert Cove Road.

That portion of the Holbert Cove Road, between the junction with the Green River Cove Road, and the Old Thompson place, is a portion of the original Howard Gap Road, the main trail between South Carolina and Tennessee, over which were driven droves of turkeys, hogs and muls, and the Berry Thompson place was one of the regular stopping places on that route, and was the location of the "First Tryon Post Office."—C. O. Hearon in The Spartanburg Herald.

### Mrs. Clifford McDonald

News has been received in Tryon of the death of Mrs. Clifford McDonald at Detroit on Christmas Day, following a long illness. She was a daughter-in-law of Mrs. Fred J. McDonald and the late Mr. McDonald of Tryon. She is survived by her husband and several children.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Goodyear have moved into the Presbyterian manse formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McDonald. The McDonalds have moved into their new home. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Souther have purchased the Brown house, located near the Baptist Church, formerly occupied by the Goodyears. Mrs. Ben Milling of Laurens, S. C., has purchased the Souther home near the hospital entrance.

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