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FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 1914.

Go to church Sunday, Feb. 1st, that day has been designated in many localities in different parts of our country, as "Go to Church Day" for everybody. So, get up early and go!

MIDWINTER IN POLK COUNTY.

Our balmy sunny days of mid-winter in Polk County, are such a delight, such a comfort, especially to those who are not robust, those of low vitality, in failing health or recovering from long spells of sickness, to sit, walk or ride about in this bright sunshine and inhale this mellow life giving ozone of highest standard of freshness and purity, right from the pine forests of the mountains, is enough to render any human being contented with themselves, their surroundings and all mankind as well as all nature displayed hereabouts.

To be living at the present time and in this especially favored spot, is a joy that those so fortunate as to be here during this midwinter season, can but appreciate.

At this season, every year, very many northern families forsake their well appointed homes in the north, and come to Polk County, N. C., where they put up with very many inconveniences of life, simply to be here in this most charming invigorating climate, where every day the grandeur of our mountain and valley scenery is laid out before them of which the stranger soon becomes an ardent worshiper and our oldest inhabitant never tires of daily watching.

COMMISSIONERS OF POLK COUNTY

Can you not, by this time, make a report to the taxpayers of Polk county as to what was accomplished by the special committee that was appointed last summer to investigate and check up the accounts of the different officers of the county, including the office of sheriff?

There was then reported a shortage on the part of the sheriff and the taxpayers very generally think they are by this time entitled to a report from that committee, and if no shortage was found to exist, then the sheriff is entitled to that public acknowledgment from the committee to enunciate him before the people.

It is a pretty serious charge to make about a public officer and then keep the public, (the tax payers of the county,) in ignorance of what were the actual facts.

The facts should be made public.

APPLES AT HENDERSON COUNTY CORN SHOW.

Some remarkably perfect specimens of delicious Stayman's Winesaps and Imp. Black Ben Davis apples were exhibited at the recent corn show held at Hendersonville, N. C., Jan. 24, by Mr. E. L. Osteen of that place.

These apples were grown on lands near Saluda, Polk County, where there is plenty of choice apple lands, that can be bought very cheap. For particulars write to the Carolina Land Company, Tryon, N. C.

K. OF P. 50TH ANNIVERSARY.

Tryon Lodge K. of P. is settled in its new quarters and has been receiving a number of new applications from among the young men of this city who appreciate the benefits to be derived from the association with the men who are making Tryon what it is. The order is founded on the friendship of those ancient heroes, Damon and Pythias, and owes its growth in this country to the animosities of the civil war. Men of both sides, while in the trenches, saw the folly of war among men of the same nation and, in their leisure time, began, what finally resulted in the institution of the order of Knights of Pythias in the city of Washington, Feb. 19th, 1864.

Much interest is being manifested by the members of the local lodge in the fact that a team is now being drilled to put on the amplified third rank, something that but few of the local members have seen and it is significant that the first production will be on the fiftieth anniversary of the order, Thursday, Feb. 19th. A visiting member, who has had many years experience in the work, is lending his assistance and, judging from the interest shown in the team, it will be a decided success and will arouse new interest among all the members. Several lodges from out of town will send representatives to witness the work and a royal good time is promised.

MOUNTAIN INDUSTRIES MEET.

The postponed meeting of the Mountain Industries will be held at Oak Hall, in the Sun parlor on Monday evening at eight o'clock, February the second.

There are people, so we are told who live within forty miles of Niagara Falls who have never seen that wonderful place, and there are people who never have seen the Bunker Hill Monument, though they have spent their lives in Boston, and what is still more incredible there are people living in Tryon who have no first hand knowledge of the Mountain Industries. If they were asked what is the form of the organization how is it administered? what has it accomplished? they would be obliged to answer "I do not know."

The Industries are not so immense as Niagara Falls, they are not so sky-reaching as Bunker Hill Monument but they are worth knowing about.

Please come to this meeting and learn what is to be learned, understand the aims of the Industries, become aware of its difficulties and appreciate its successes. Everybody is invited.

Programme.

The meeting will be opened by the President, Mr. Erskine.

Report on Membership—Mrs. Holden.

Financial Condition—Mr. Brownlee. Report of Superintendent—Miss Large.

Random Remarks—Mrs. Wynne. Comments on what the Mountain Industries have accomplished elsewhere.

—Mrs. Lindsey, Rev. Mr. Newell and others.

TRYON VOL. FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The preliminary meeting of the Tryon Volunteer Fire Department was held in the K. of P. Hall on Saturday night, Jan. 24th at 8 o'clock. Fifteen members were enrolled. The meeting was called to order by Mr. E. L. Anderson. Several subjects were discussed, and the following officers elected: Mr. E. L. Anderson, chief; J. Woodward, secretary. Executive committee, E. L. Anderson, J. Woodward, and C. W. Ballenger. The next meeting will be held at the K. of P. Hall at 8 P. M., Jan. 31st. The department wishes 30 members, 12 for the hook and ladder truck, 8 for the hose cart, and 10 for the chemical engine. The fire bell is put up temporary near telephone exchange, back of Ballenger Co., store.

The supper gotten up by the Lanier club and spread at the Library Tuesday evening, Jan. 27th, had many patrons and the club rooms were filled and a very sociable hour was spent among the assembled villagers and the many guests now in town for the winter, a sum of over \$60 was reported to have been received at the door.

TRYON.

"Ici On Parle Francais," Williams' amusing farce, in one act will be produced here in Tryon by local amateur talent on Feb. 12th for the benefit of the rectory fund of the Episcopal church, further particulars next week.

The first practice drill of the Tryon fire department under Chief Anderson occurred Wednesday afternoon, and demonstrated the practicability of the apparatus and the zeal the firemen enter into in handling it successfully.

Mr. S. C. Caldwell, Polk County Highway Engineer, was in town several days recently, as was also his assistant, Mr. W. D. Hedleston, Jr., who is now stationed at Marion, N. C.

Hon. T. T. Ballenger left last weekend for Atlanta, where he will tell the good citizens there all about the natural advantages of Polk county.

A combination concert is promised for some date in the near future, probably Feb. 16th. The singing society is at work on Max Bruch's "Fair Ellen," a very spirited cantata, and the Toy Symphony Orchestra will repeat the Hayden symphony, and give also a new one by Romberg.

Rev. H. Norwood Bowne will deliver a lecture before the Tryon Young People's Society on the evening of Feb. 6th, at the Congregational church, subject "Henry V."

THE TRYON YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY.

The fourth meeting of the Tryon Young People's society was held at the Congregational church Friday night, Jan. 23rd at 8 o'clock. On account of rain, not many of the members were present, but those who were enjoyed the meeting very much. The subject for debate was, "Music is the supreme art." Four speakers took part. For the affirmative side, Mr. E. G. Holden and Mrs. E. E. Missildine. For the negative side, Mrs. E. G. Holden and Mr. Ralph C. Erskine. Mr. Holden's subject was music in general. Mrs. Missildine, "Music the supreme art." Mrs. Holden "Poetry," Mr. R. C. Erskine "Art of the Artizans." Music was voted the supreme art, by a vote of 21 to 7. The next meeting will be held as usual at the Congregational church, Jan. 30th at 8 o'clock P. M.

SOUTHERN'S IMPROVEMENTS AT TRYON.

Mr. C. C. Hodges of the Southern Railway was recently in Tryon inspecting the proposed improvements the railway company contemplate making here as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made to do the work.

Two of the grade crossings between the depot and Godshaw Hill section are to be done away with and one to the Landrum road. The drive to be arranged on the northside of the tracks in the lumber yard district.

Electric light wires are now being laid at the passenger station, soon that will be properly lighted.

SALUDA.

Hopkins' Pharmacy, Saluda, N. C., will have an expert optician from the well known establishment of A. K. Hawkes Co., Atlanta, Ga., with them for two days next week, Thursday and Friday, Feb. 5th and 6th. Eyesight will be tested free by this expert and suitable glasses fitted at very low prices. Those having eye trouble should avail themselves of this very rare opportunity of expert service, right at home.

The small wooden buildings, opposite the railroad have all been moved back to widen the street which will improve appearances very much. The street is now being put in good order and when the new side walk is laid will make a good job well done.

The Tryon-Saluda automobile road that is being built up the valley gorge route is progressing under expert management and this end will probably be completed by early spring. The winter weather so far has been favorable for road building.

COLUMBUS.

Mrs. J. K. Barnes of Ridgefield Park, N. J., is in town looking after her winter residence here with view of putting it in good repair for occupancy.

The Blankenship road builders are nearly through with their work in this vicinity, and will probably very soon break camp here to go to some other section where their services are required.

Notwithstanding that Postmaster Newman resigned several months ago, no one has yet been appointed to take his place, so he is reluctantly holding over.

MILL SPRINGS.

Mr. Arledge of Spartanburg has been in this section recently looking after the fertilizer business.

Mr. Glenn Arledge who was operated on last summer at the Rutherfordton hospital for broken back, is very much improved, and is now able to be up and about some by the aid of a wheel chair.

Several of our young men are soon to make a prospecting trip to Texas.

LANDRUM.

(Special to the Polk County News.) Hampton Literary society which is composed of pupils in the high school department of the graded school is doing excellent work. In debate, essay and declamation, the boys and girls are being trained. The work being done by the society, this session is the best in its history.

At a recent election held here the following officers were elected to serve the town the ensuing year: C. Cantrell, mayor; A. M. Foster, G. B. Hampton, H. K. Finger and H. W. Atkinson, wardens. As most of the members of the old council were re-elected its evidence of the fact that the people appreciate the permanent work being done on the streets. It is probable that within the next six months more than a mile or concrete sidewalk will be constructed in addition to what has already been done. The first thing to be decided by the council is the best plan for financing it.

The third number of our Lyceum course will be given at the Spartan academy next Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock. It is expected that a large audience will be present.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Spears have returned from a visit to friends in Laurens.

Miss Bessie Landrum who has been teaching near Welford is spending sometime with relatives here.

Mrs. A. M. Kittress, accompanied by her two boys, Francis and John, has gone to Cheraw, where she will spend sometime with relatives.

H. W. Atkinson spent Saturday in Jonesville on business.

O. T. Baynard spent Saturday in Spartanburg on business.

Miss Inez Foster, a student of Limestone college, is spending a week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Foster.

Mrs. H. W. Ackerman, accompanied by her little daughter, Julia Belle, is spending several days in Spartanburg.

Mrs. H. M. Gear of Belton, is spending the week here with her daughter, Mrs. R. P. Whitlock.

Rev. J. K. Copeland of Campobello, filed his appointment at the Methodist church here Sunday morning.

The oldest people here say this has been the warmest January we have had in years.

MELVIN HILL.

The blacksmith has returned home from Florida and is doing business at the same old stand.

Mr. S. S. Lawter made a business trip to Spartanburg Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stacy visited relatives here Sunday.

The farmers have been making very good use of the nice weather, and have turned lots of their land.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Greenway visited the latter's mother, Mrs. Gilbert, Wednesday.

Messrs. Ben and Walter Reede made a business trip to Landrum Monday.

Mrs. Martha Sanders visited relatives here last week.

Mr. Govan Ridings had a good mule die Wednesday morning.

Misses Meldora Head and Mabel Gilbert visited Miss Hatie Griffith, Sunday.

Mrs. Laura Cole who has been suffering from side pleury for sometime, is improving.

Messrs. J. W. Stacy and F. D. Toney arrived home from Florida a few days ago.

Mrs. Minnie Lawter called on Mrs. Salena Covington Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Lula Jones and two little daughters, Cora and Grace, called on Mrs. Kilpatrick, the invalid lady here, Tuesday.

Miss McGinnie and Mrs. Geo. Palmer called on Mrs. Olley Cole Sunday P. M.

Mr. Joe Morris returned home from a few days' visit to relatives at Clifton, Sunday evening.

T. G. Randolph's family left this town for parts unknown Tuesday morning.

Miss Hatie Griffith, the Mill Creek school mistress, will speak here on the next second Sunday. Her subject will be concerning Sunday schools and Sunday school work. Everybody invited to attend.

Mr. Jim Lee of Cooley Springs, received the sad intelligence of the death of his son last Saturday. The young man was accidentally shot and killed. He had joined the army and was stationed somewhere in Texas at the time of the accident. We extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

Good luck to the News!

LYNN.

Miss Bertha Cannon is at home on a visit.

The Misses Hood spent last weekend at Hendersonville with their parents.

Rev. Mr. Morgan of Tryon preached at the chapel Sunday afternoon. His sermon was enjoyed by all.

There will be some new machinery installed at the Tryon Hosiery Manufacturing Co's plant at once.

Mr. Jim Hudson was very badly hurt last week by being thrown by a mule.

MELROSE.

We hope the Southern Railway will give us a ticket selling station here sometime soon.

Mr. Giles Pearson's new two story house now nearing completion will stand as the first greater Melrose house.

Capt. Pearson is offering 100 acres of his land here for sale upon which to build a town.

Polk County Superintendent, E. W. S. Cobb, Columbus, N. C.

THE COUNTRY GIRL'S OPPORTUNITY.

It is a great blessing to be born in God's open country where the pure air is abundant, and where health is running wild if we only knew how to catch and keep it.

The question, "Resolved that the city is a more desirable place to live than the country," has often been debated, and so far, it is hard to prove that the country is the more desirable of the two, but I would like to change the question and have it read: "Resolved that the country can be made a more desirable place to live than the city." There would be no trouble to prove this, because we have such an abundance of the first essentials which make up a desirable place to live.

If you were planning a home in the city you would be very proud to own a large and well situated lot upon which to build your home. In fact the location would mean as much or more than the kind of house you would have. You would desire nice shade trees and some attractive shrubbery, to say nothing of a large grassy lawn. Now, a great number of the people who live in the city or the town lot must be content to go without these luxuries because they cannot be bought for an ordinary price.

Now, let us begin with our beautiful country surroundings and be thankful that we have so much to start on. The house we live in may not be fine nor beautiful from the architectural standpoint. Indeed, it may be in part the old one our grandfathers lived in which makes us love it all the more. We have nevertheless, with this house and lot undreamed of opportunities. It will be assumed by this time that we are girls of the farm, and that means that we have more land than the one lot. There is good garden land, bottom land along the creeks, and above all the woodland which in many places now is carefully guarded because of its scarcity. From this very woodland we will find an abundance of the things which go to make country life more desirable. The evergreens may be carried from their natural places of abode and planted near the house in the places most suited to them, and the lovely Virginia creeper and clematis may be converted into the nicest kind of porch shades. These are only samples of the natural beauties at our disposal, that may add to the outward appearance. Of course the country girl will not be able to spend all of her time beautifying the outside. She would like to do some of the things which girls in town do. She has fully as good an opportunity to develop her mind and hands. The rural library is nothing new, and she can have its advantages for the best literature. Every country home can have a few good papers and magazines if they want them. Several of the best periodicals can be had for the cost of one Sunday dress.

Every true girl and young woman wants to be trained in the best methods of home making. If she wants to learn all about canning and preserving, bread making, sanitation, etc., she will have little trouble or expense, to find out. The U. S. Bureau of Agriculture will furnish bulletins on any of the above topics and many more too numerous to mention. The State Board of Health will give information concerning the contagious diseases and practical needs of the sick room. If embroidery or fancy work, or any kind of sewing is the favorite occupation any information about each can be found in the magazines devoted to those subjects.

The day is at hand when the country home will rarely be without modern conveniences, water-works, heating plants, and light systems that will not require the drudgery that has driven so many young women to the cities where they are dragging out a mere existence.

Instead of planning to leave the country as soon as possible let us stay with it and work for those things which will make it the happiest place in the whole world. "Where there is a will, there is a way."

S. W. HUNTER.