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Good Friday, to-day.
 Easter next Sunday.
 Superior Court at Columbus, next Monday.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION.

A town is a public corporation, and every town possesses certain things to market. These commodities are well termed unscheduled assets, and will always remain unscheduled unless they are listed and put upon the market in some public way.

If advertising a private business is logical and profitable, then advertising a public corporation's advantages, is also.

How to put a town's advantages and opportunities so attractively before the public as to create a market for them, is the province of its board of trade, or other commercial organization.

The functions of a municipal government do not include this line of work, and it is too great a work for a private citizen to undertake, therefore it must be done by an organized body of citizens, working in unison, or it will not be done at all.

Therefore the imperative need of community organization here in Tryon, right now.

The News has many very earnest endorsements of such a movement from public spirited men and women in this community, and we hope this public sentiment may shape up to the end that this town ship will organize for co-operation with all other organizations in the country for the further development of the abundant natural advantages of Polk County as an all the year Home section, and all boosting together will produce results.

RURAL CREDIT

There is a great cry and real demand for some feasible plan or plans of furnishing money at a fair rate to our farmers. President Wilson and Members of Congress are studying the subject and will no doubt work out some good plan. In Catawba Co., a land and loan association has already been chartered and is getting ready for business. It proposes to apply the principles of building and loan associations to the needs of the farmer. In our opinion, this will be found to be wise. Whatever plan or plans evolved, it will be well to build them upon the basic principles of building and loan associations. If this is done, farmers will not only be able to get sufficient funds at low rates of interest, but at the same time will be educated in systematic saving and real thrift.

Why not organize an Association of this sort in Polk County? It is just what many of our farmers need, and would help much in building up our farms.

Big Auto Tour.

The Spartanburg County Auto Club in some 500 Auto's proposes to make an opening tour over the new roads through Tryon to Hendersonville as soon as the new roads up the mountain are completed and open to traffic.

Mr. V. M. Montgomery who is to summer in Tryon this year on the Washburn estate, was elected President of the Spartanburg County Auto Club, yesterday April 9th, with Mr. A. B. Calvert, Spartanburg, and Dr. J. R. Gibson, Inman, Vice-Presidents.

Forestry Convention Postponed. The Forestry Convention which was to be held at Asheville this week (April 8th to 10th) was not held, it being postponed until June, date will be announced in a few weeks.

1914 TAX LISTERS.

The Tax listers for the townships in Polk County for 1914, appointed by the County Commissioners, are as follows;

- Columbus, Z. B. Nance.
- Cooper Gap, J. C. Powell.
- Green's Creek, M. F. Wilkin
- Saluda, Leo. C. Pace.
- Tryon, R. A. Leonard.
- White Oak, Jesse Splawn

\$1,000,000.00, LIFE INS.

Mr. Geo. W. Vanderbilt of Biltmore Estate, who died Feb. 6th was insured in the Mutual Life Insurance Co., of New York for one million dollars, final proofs of his death were filed with the Company March 25th, and the claim was paid that afternoon before 3 o'clock.

Mr. Geo. B. Cobb, Tryon, is Agent of the Mutual Life Ins Co. in Polk County.

NEW WAY TO MEASURE LAND

Tennessean Has System of Weighing Which May Yet Be Brought to Perfection.

A Tennessean has discovered a new way to measure large areas of land. He weighs it—rather, he weighs his map and computes the measurements from the scale records. Louis C. Mathey of Spot, Tenn., writes to Engineering News that he has for thirty-four years been obtaining land areas by the simple process of accurately plotting the survey to scale on good paper, then cutting away the paper outside the boundary with a sharp knife and weighing the folded plot of the tract on a chemist's or jeweler's scale accurately to one sixty-fourth grain.

He sends a sample map of a tract of 16,651 acres, plotted on a scale of 80 rods to the inch on a sheet of 18x24-inch paper which weighed 42 8-32 grains. Engineering News comments:

"While the plan might serve as a rough check on computations, the limit of error in plotting and trimming, as well as in weighing, would make the scheme only applicable where land is of very low value."

TO MAKE COAL MINING SAFE

Simple Test for Fire Damp Said to Be the Best That Has So Far Been Put Forward.

One of the simplest of the many suggested tests for firedamp in mines is that described by Henry Briggs to the Scottish Society of Arts. It is an attachment that may be applied to any oil or spirit safety lamp, and consists of a loop of copper wire supported on a brass rod passing through the oil vessel. To make a test the loop is moved into the flame. This becomes instantly non-luminous, but if firedamp is present in the air the gas cap is clearly seen. The test can be made in a moment at any time without turning down or putting out the light.

It is claimed that the percentage of firedamp this method will detect is exceedingly small, and the results of trials on both laboratory and mine go to show that this is one of the most sensitive, accurate and expeditious means of revealing the presence of inflammable gas in mine

TRYON.

Mr. C. A. Lightner came in from Detroit this week for a rest with his family in his new Home here.

The City Fire Dep't., building on Maple St., is well advanced, roof now going on, will likely be occupied early in May.

The Lyceum Entertainment advertised for Wednesday night April 8th was postponed to Saturday night April 11th at the Library, 8 o'clock.

We are very glad to report that Mr. Frank Wilcox is convalescing very satisfactorily at Union S. C., from the severe attack of pneumonia that alarmed his many friends in this section.

The lot east of Frank Belue's Market building on Trade Street is reported, to have been sold to Dr. Gibson of Inman, S. C., who intends to erect a substantial building thereon in which he will conduct an up to date Drug Store.

Mr. A. J. LeMort & Son, Henry, very narrowly escaped a serious accident Wednesday Evening, when their mule frightened buy the incoming train on Trade Street, bolted down the lower Godshaw Hill road at top speed, upsetting the buggy, throwing both violently to the rough ground by the road-side. Mr. LeMort was taken up unconscious but soon revived, some cuts about the head bled profusely, Henry was bruised some, but both are today (Friday) reported all right.

PIANO RECITAL.

Those who heard Miss Josephine Large of Chicago, play, when she visited Tryon a few years ago, will be glad to learn that she is to give a piano recital at the Lanier Club Building on the Evening of April 13th, beginning at 8:15. Admittance 50 cents.

The Program is as follows;

Part 1.

1-17th Century Dances;

- Sarabande, Romeau.
- Allemande, Scheinon.
- Passepede, Bach
- Gavotte, "

2- Perfect Happiness, Sohuman

- Child falling asleep, "
- Shadow Dance, MacDowell
- Who shall sound the Mystery of the Sea? "
- Romance, Brahms

Part 2

3- Fairy Stories.

- The 1001 Nights, Reineke
- Heinzelmannchen (Brownies) Reineke
- Sleeping Beauty, "
- The Rain Fairy, "

Of a Tailor & a Bear, MacDowell

- Elves, Schumann.
- 4- Valse Chopin
- Nocturne, Grieg
- Scherzoso, Brahms
- Impromptu, Chopin

EASTER SERVICES.

At Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7:30 A. M., and at 11: A. M., there will be a second celebration with a sermon. The music will be a special feature at this second service.

On Monday and on Tuesday of Easter Week there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 10:00 A. M. Tuesday being the tenth anniversary of the Ordination of the Rector, he hopes that all will try to be present at the service.

COLUMBUS.

(Special to The Polk County News.)

The road between here and Lynn is being sand clayed.

Jno. Shotwell of Rutherfordton, was awarded the contract for the labor to reshingle the Court-house roof.

Attorney E. B. Cloud was in Spartanburg Saturday on business.

Campbell Carnegie of New York City spent part of last week with friends and relatives here.

Mrs. W. C. Bostic of Forest City is visiting her father, Clerk J. P. Arledge.

Prof. E. W. L. Cobb was in Greens Creek Friday.

Mrs. C. C. West who has been very sick with pneumonia is much improved.

Mrs. Angie McFarland of Rutherfordton is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McFarland of Tryon spent Sunday at Mr. F. W. Burgess.

Mrs. A. M. Hyde is very sick. Mrs. J. E. Shipman and children of Hendersonville are visiting here.

Mrs. Clara Watson who has been teaching school at Pea Ridge closed her school Thursday and is home again.

Messrs. W. B. Feagan, F. M. Burgess, L. H. Cloud and Sheriff Hill were in Spartanburg on business Tuesday.

Messrs. N. T. Mills, Davis Elliott, C. C. West and Vergel McCurry attended court at Charlotte Monday.

Mrs. Nancy Cloud is visiting Mrs. B. Henderson near Sandy Plains this week.

Miss Cynthia Constant of Lynn is visiting her sister, Mrs. V. McCurry.

Misses Mae Mills and Ada Walker were visiting in Tryon Sunday.

Mrs. Josie K. Barnes of New Jersey and two of her daughters, Mrs. Barnes and Neighting, also several friends are at Allendale, their cottage here for a few weeks.

Preparations are being made for the closing exercises of the Columbus High school which begins April 18th and continues until the 21st.

First Monday, April 6th, was County Commissioners day here, and it being the limit day for paying taxes many from all parts of the county were here, and the county officers had a very busy day. The commissioners awarded the contract for labor of shingling the court house, and appointed the tax listers for 1914.

AND THEN SOME.

"But you inherit everything your father left, don't you?"
 "Yes, sir; including his debts, a roving disposition, and a tendency to gout."

EXPENSIVE TRIP.

"I saw you out with Miss Gygler last night."
 "Yes, but I dare say you have no idea how much I was out."

FOR STATE SENATOR.

I hereby announce myself a Candidate for the office of State Senator of the 33d senatorial district of North Carolina, subject to the action of the Democratic primary or mass meeting. I trust my experience and intimate knowledge of the requirements and duties of the office will be considered by the voters in my favor.

James C. Fisher.

Adv.

LYNN.

W. A. Cannon was recently re-appointed Postmaster at Lynn.

R. A. Leonard's mother and brother-in-law of Canada are visiting here.

Misses Rucker and Rhodes of Saluda Seminary, visited in Lynn last week end.

Mr. P. N. Hood, who has been ill several weeks, is able to be on duty again.

Our Lonely Spinsters scored a marked success at Tryon last Friday night.

The Misses Schwarburg and Mr. W. W. Ballard, made a business trip to Asheville this week.

MINED IN PRIMITIVE MANNER

Plumbago, First of Ceylon's Mineral Products, Wrested From the Earth Mainly by Manual Labor.

Plumbago, Ceylon's most important mineral product is known all over the world for its luster, lubricating, polishing and binding qualities. The United States is the chief consumer. In appearance it is a strong, black crystalline, and in this respect it differs from the grayish lead which is found in young rock in America. There are now about one thousand plumbago mines in Ceylon, including all the shallow pits, open works and deep mines. The depth varies from a few yards to as much as 700 feet. Most of the mines are worked by natives, the only important one controlled by Europeans being the Medapola. At the majority of the mines the only machinery used is the "dabare." This consists of a long wooden barrel with handles at each end. Round this a rope is given two or three turns and a bucket fastened to each end. It is worked by seven or eight men turning the handle.

NO MONOPOLY OF LOYALTY.

A South side man and his wife, who have no children but who keep a dog, were discussing the fidelity of dumb friends last night, when she said:

"Isn't it remarkable how a dog will love some worthless old fellow, even though he might be a murderer? I can't understand it—it seems as though even a dog would understand what a brute some men are. Some dogs will stick to their masters through anything."

"So will some women," remarked her husband. And he cited a recent Kansas City case to prove it.

But still she doesn't understand it.—Kansas City Star.

His discourse on education in his usual eloquent style.

Much credit is also due to Miss Elizabeth Camp and Mr. Marshall Abrams who were mistress and master of ceremonies during the progress of the exercises.

After the exercises were over everybody was enthusiastic to greet and congratulate our efficient teacher, Miss Mamie Freeman on her splendid pedagogic abilities.

"And it was a touching scene when her pupils—many of them with tears in their eyes—came to bid her good bye as she was leaving for her home to enjoy a well-earned vacation.

M. GEORGIN.

OUR SCHOOLS
 E. W. S. COBB
 Polk County Superintendent
 Columbus, North Carolina

Columbus High School Commencement, April 18-21.

The following is the program for the 4th commencement under the present management, of the Columbus High school, viz:

Saturday 18th 8 p. m., a public debate for a gold medal, by representatives of the Utopian Literary society.

Immediately following the debate Prof. M. C. S. Noble, dean of the department of pedagogy of the University of North Carolina will deliver the annual literary address.

Sunday 11 a. m., annual sermon by Rev. K. W. Cawthon, First Baptist church, Hendersonville, N. C. Sunday 8 p. m. sermon before the Y. M. C. A. by Rev. F. B. Rankin, 1st Presbyterian church, Rutherfordton, N. C.

Monday evening 8 o'clock annual contest for gold medals, in recitations and declamations by six young women of the Philomathen and six young men from the Utopian Literary societies.

Immediately after the contest the graduating and attainment diplomas will be awarded.

Tuesday 8 p. m. final entertainment by the two departments of the school, consisting of a drill and two plays, "Kindergarten Graduation," and "A Case of Suspension."

All the above program will be freely interspersed with music.

Commencement Marshals.
 Miss Bessie Belle Jackson, Chief, Misses G. Marie Burgess, Clara E. Edwards, Mattie Lee Jackson; Messrs. H. W. Hill, Roy Foster, H. W. Walker, W. R. Arledge.

A very cordial invitation is extended the public to be present at all these exercises.

Green River News—Coxe School.

The closing exercises of the Coxe school at Green River took place last Friday. It was quite a brilliant affair and the weather being ideal there was a very large attendance.

The exercises opened at 10:30 a. m. by a short prayer. Then Prof. E. W. S. Cobb, superintendent of schools, delivered an instructive and constructive speech touching the various problems of rural communities. Next Capt. M. Georgion gave a brief address—a sketch of education in general.

At noon dinner was served by the ladies who spread the delicious foods from their baskets on long tables which had been temporarily erected under the shade trees around the school house. Then the big crowd was invited to help themselves and needless to say everybody was in the right humor to attack the juicy fried chickens, crisp pies, home-made pickles, buttered biscuits and many other delicacies.

The afternoon program began with a succession of recitations and dialogues which were very cleverly executed by the pupils. Then a play called "Murder will out" was enacted by the following pupils: Miss Mary Lizzie Houser as "the grandmother," Miss Lucie Abrams as "the Irish girl," Miss Gertrude Camp as "the granddaughter," Miss Eliza Abrams as "Dinah, the cook," and Misses Clara Taylor and Miss Ruth Brian as "accomplices." The players acted their parts with wonderful artistic effect. And the farmers' union band composed of Messrs. Fred Horton, Carl Womick and Sam Miller rendered delightful music for the occasion.

The last, but not the least, was Rev. D. J. Hunt of Union Mills college, who delivered an encyclo-