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**TRYON**  
NORTH CAROLINA  
In the Thermal Belt Region

Beautiful mountain  
drives; out-door sports;  
mountain spring water.

**COLUMBUS**  
NORTH CAROLINA  
County Seat, Polk County

Fine farming section.  
Home of an excellent  
County High School.

A quiet summer resort  
with 32 hotels and  
boarding houses.

**SALUDA**  
NORTH CAROLINA  
In the Land of the Sky

Among the mountain  
tops. Climate and  
scenery unsurpassed.

### THE TRYON BEE DEPARTMENT

BY WINIFRED W. MORTON

The steam heat is turned on in the graded school building. A fire destroyed a building of the Rockliff Rock Quarry Thursday night. Miss Emma Flagg spent a couple of days in Spartanburg last week. The Asheville Gazette News is authority for spelling it "Wenesay." Read and remember Sheriff Hill's notice, adv 31-4t. A brother of Mr. Riis is on the Peace Ship, he represents the Spokane Eagle. Rev H Norwood Bowne will conduct services at Lynn, next Sunday evening at 7:30. The Bazaar returns are still coming in, already the receipts have amounted up to \$212.00. Register of Deeds Burgess was in Tryon Tuesday en-route to Greenville, S C, on official business. There is always some one who has a growth. Now it's the doctors, they complain this town is too healthy. They're almost sick over it. The church of the Holy Cross will hold services at the Library Sunday morning at 11 o'clock; Sunday school at 9:45. The Tryon postoffice will be open next Sunday evening 7 to 8:30 for the parcel post division only. Christmas eve, the office will be open until 9:30 and Christmas day until noon. The distinction of originating the Red Cross Stamps in this country is given to Jacob Riis, the well known social worker in New York and Miss Emily Bissell of Delaware. Edward Nanney and Robert Davis of Rutherfordton visited Mr Nanney's sister, Mrs W H Durham, last Sunday. A most elaborate Municipal Christmas Festival is being rehearsed, to be given at the school house, Thursday evening before Christmas. Miss Violet Bray is expected home Saturday evening from St. Mary's school at Raleigh for her Christmas vacation.

The Red Iron Racket Store in Spartanburg was burned Monday night, total loss. H H Herring lost considerable furniture which was stored in the building.

Miss Katherine Kohler of Detroit who has been at Mrs Howes for several weeks, leaves Sunday for Jacksonville and St Petersburg Fla, where she will remain until spring, then she intends returning to Tryon and building on her land recently purchased near Dr von Kahlens's.

Ray C Mitchell, a medical student of the University of North Carolina expects to arrive at Tryon on December 23rd to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents at the South Cottage on Melrose Ave. This is his first visit to Tryon.

The Lynn Mass. "Item" of December fourth had several columns devoted to the business of J J Grover's shoes which has been manufacturing "Soft Shoes For Tender Feet" for thirty years. The head of the concern is Mr C L Grover, the father of Mrs E E Missilldine, and a frequent visitor to Tryon.

At last the weather prophets are justified. Way last July they had us shivering, nearly, for the cold winter that was coming. It finally got here on December eleven, but alas, for the prophets, it is liable to be all gone before this is over, that's the way our winters, now they are and now they are not.

In the current issue of Collier's Weekly is a feature article about William Gillette, theatrical craftsman by Clayton Hamilton. Mr Gillette's frequent visits to Tryon should make the story of unusual interest to our people.

The Western North Carolina Democrat of Hendersonville had a most interesting account last week of the Thermal Belt. It was from an old paper written in 1851 and recited the particulars about as we know them now. It did not especially refer to the Thermal Belt in Tryon, but to the same conditions found in many places in the mountains.

#### Photograph Exhibit

Some very interesting photographs of Tryon scenery and bits of life about us, the work of Miss Martha Bunting of Philadelphia, Pa., will be on sale Saturday, December 18th, at Library Exchange. Miss Bunting is one of the illustrators for "Country Life" and other prominent magazines. The photographs will be in charge of Miss Louise Kenworthy.

#### "Bee" A Welcome Visitor

The Tryon Bee has been merged with the Polk County, N. C. News. The combination is probably best for both papers though the Bee had a distinct personality which it is a pity to surrender. It was always a welcome visitor in this office.—Greenwood Index.

#### Forestry Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Forestry Club was held at the Board of Trade office Tuesday evening. Patrolman Riis made his report and made suggestions for the betterment of the service, one of which was the cutting of a trail on an old road from Kennedy's place to Skyuka. Secretary Cobb and Mr Riis have the matter in charge.

#### We thank You

THE TRYON BEE, after twenty years of service under the veteran hands of Editor George E Morton, passed last week into the hands of W F Little, editor of the Tryon Polk County News, who has consolidated the two papers. While bidding adieu to Brother Morton, we wish great success to Brother Little—a competent and affable editor, formerly of Illinois.—Aurora Highlander, Shelby, N C.

#### Commissioners Meeting

The town commissioners met Tuesday evening and elected Wright Gains commissioner to take the place vacated by Mr Ford, who has moved to South Carolina. A 2 inch water main was ordered laid from Trade St, along Howard to Grady Ave and Markham Road. Two fire hydrants will be placed along this route. Wm McFarland was appointed tax collector.

Secretary Cobb of the Board of Trade has had printed a four page pictorial folder of Tryon to use as inclosures in letters sent from Tryon.

#### Almost Envy Us

The Tryon Bee and the Polk County News have merged and the paper comes out under a double heading. Mr W F Little, former editor of the News, will continue to hold down things while Mrs Morton, former news editor of the Bee, holds an editorial position. The announcement is made that two papers found rough sledding in Tryon. Polk county now has one paper and it has a splendid plant. Some improvements in the paper are announced and we see no reason why an excellent weekly cannot be turned out with the forces united. It has not been but a few days since the writer was in Tryon looking over the situation with a view to purchasing and now we almost envy Editor Little and his possibilities for doing good in the growing county of Polk.—Hendersonville Democrat

About four inches of snow fell on Saturday and Sunday, most of it melted Monday except on the North ern slopes.

Mrs Garrigues held her first class in sewing at the Graded School, Tuesday. All the girls over a certain age are being taught. Mrs Garrigues goes to the school Tuesdays and Fridays. Now Prof Denn's is wondering what to do with the boys while the girls are sewing. If there could be a teacher of manual training provided or a teacher of penmanship, it would help materially.

#### Columbus

The High School closes on Friday, for two weeks vacation.

Ray Arledge came home Tuesday to spend the vacation with his home-folks.

R L Hunter made a business trip to Landrum last Friday.

F M Burgess went to Greenville, S C, on business Tuesday.

Read and remember Sheriff Hill's notice, adv 31-4t.

Jonas Biddy was here from Red Mountain Saturday on his way from Saluda.

Mrs EH Shields spent last Wednesday and Thursday at Inman with relatives and friends.

Elias Cantrell accompanied his son, Will Epps, to Spartanburg Tuesday for the later to have his eyes examined by a specialist. He has been having serious trouble with his eyes during the last week.

Miss Nannie Runnion, of Red Mountain School visited her sister, Miss Carol on Friday and Saturday. Miss Bertha Foster of the same school visited her cousin, Mrs Lindsey Smith during the same time.

Examinations are being held in the High School this week. Nearly all the students are trying to finish up the fall term's work, the several have been kept out on account of illness and extra work on the farm.

The teachers' meeting last Friday was well attended. Several teachers were there for the first time this year. The general spirit of progress shown by the teachers this year is encouraging to all interested in the educational work of Polk County, and especially to the superintendent who is laboring to keep in touch with every department of the work. Some good work along the line of Moonlight Schools has already been accomplished.

Columbus vicinity is enjoying one of the most lasting snows in several years, and some few citizens have found it necessary to spend more time than usual at the wood-pile.

Mr T F Williamson of Columbus, was called to Brookline, Mass, on account of the illness of his wife who was operated upon at a hospital there last Tuesday.

#### When a Small Boy Washes.

A boy was recently asked to give a description of water, and this is what he wrote: "Water" is a white liquid which turns completely black the moment you put your hands in it."

#### Additional Tryon News

A new card club was formed Tuesday evening by some of the young people in town to play Bridge every other Tuesday evening. The members are divided into two sets and the one which loses at the end of the season is to entertain the whole club. They will meet at the homes of the young ladies. The following are the members: Misses Jackson, Stone, Bell, Frances Bell, Evelyn Little, Freeman, Janet Freeman, Hester and Messrs Andrews, Stone, Ford, Davis, Jackson, B L Ballenger, Jones Richard Ballenger.

"The Trumpeter's" Pure Home made Candy on sale at the Library, Oak Hall, Ballenger's and Miss Little's. Special orders with tasteful gift boxes for Christmas, also taken either at place of sale, or address Miss G L Donald, Box 215, Tryon, N C, or phone 110. adv 1t pd.

Mr and Mrs Richard Kirchner entertained several of their friends at their beautiful new home Wednesday evening, where many rounds of bridge were enjoyed, the following ladies and gentlemen were playing: Dr and Mrs Grady, Mr and Mrs Bacon, Mr and Mrs Bray, Mrs Sharp, Mr and Mrs Stone, Mr Brownlee, Mrs Campan, Miss Flynn, B L Ballenger, Mr and Mrs Holden, Mr and Mrs Holmes, Mrs Davis, Mrs Freeman, Miss Freeman, Mrs Wilson, Mrs McNauton, Miss Buckley, W H Stearns, Dr Palmer, delicious salad coffee, cocoa, etc, was served and also punch. Mrs Grady and Mr Stearns won the first prize. After the cards dancing was indulged into the wee sma' hours.

#### Resolution of Sympathy

Whereas our Heavenly Father has seen fit to remove from the earth by death, the wife of our brother, S B Edwards, and whereas the members of the Columbus Lodge desirous of expressing to him their sympathy Therefore, be it resolved, that the members of the Columbus Lodge, No 114, Knights of Pythias, through the undersigned committee, do extend to our brother S B Edwards and his family, our most heartfelt sympathy during these hours darkness and bereavement and may He who counts the sparrows as they fall ever protect his home and be a companion to its occupants.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, a copy sent to the home of brother Edwards and a copy sent to The Polk County News for publication.

A Y Arledge  
A L McMurray  
L H Cloud  
Committee.

#### Red Mountain

Probably some of your readers will be interested to know that the Red Mountain School, though far away, is very much alive and doing many things for the improvement of the school building and play ground. On Saturday evening, November 20th, at seven o'clock, a merry crowd of young and old people met at the school house to partake of a pie supper. The pies and a cake for the prettiest girl, sold well. The proceeds amounted to twenty seven dollars and eighty-five cents, which will be spent to make the school rooms more attractive and more comfortable.

Arbor Day was observed Friday Nov. 26th by the school. An interesting, but short program was given out on the play ground. Several shade trees were planted, but most of the day was spent in digging up stumps and clearing out the under growth. The pupils and teachers feel amply repaid for their work by the improved appearance of the campus. We are planning numerous other improvements for our school, if success follows the planning, will send an article telling all about what we have accomplished.

#### Not Hard to Please.

"De man dat likes to hear hisself talk," said Uncle Eben, "is mos' always mighty easy interested."

A nice letter from Rev E N Joyner states that he and his little household are well and happy at their home in Lenoir, where Mr Joyner is rector of St James church. Mr Joyner was formerly rector in Tryon and still keeps up his interest in the place.

Dr Simmons will be absent from his Tryon office for two weeks, resuming his days of Wednesday and Thursday, January 5th and 6th, 32-2t.

The regular meeting of the Ladies Club was held Thursday, Mrs Sharp was to have given a talk on her life in army camp in the Philippines and Alaska but was unable to come at the last moment, so her husband, Capt Sharp, U S A, gave a talk on his experiences instead. It was one of the most delightful and informal programs the club ever had. After his talk, Mrs E E Missilldine played four dainty piano pieces. Mrs Cobb and Mrs Reich served tea. Instead of a New Year Reception the club will celebrate on their Birthday, January 9th.

Mrs Claud Ballenger went to her former home, Troy, O, on Saturday evening, on account of the illness and later death of her father, Walter Thomas. Mr Thomas was quite well known in Tryon as he had visited his daughter frequently here and he and his wife were planning to come here this winter. Mr Thomas was 76 years old and was a well known lawyer in that part of Ohio, but had retired from active business several years ago. Beside his wife he leaves four children, two girls and two sons. He was a brother to Capt. Thomas who lived in Tryon at one time and built the house now owned by the Washburns.

Mr and Mrs John Baumberger of Asheville spent the week-end with friends and relatives in Saluda.

Miss Elsa Baumberger, formerly of Saluda now of Philadelphia is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs Jules Baumberger.

Read and remember Sheriff Hill's notice, adv 31-4t.

Mrs J B Cullipher, Mrs W H Pace Mr and Mrs E B Guice and Miss Lucile Garren spent Tuesday in Hendersonville.

Miss Blanche Borcas of Telford Tenn, is visiting Misses Nora and Lucy Brown.

Mrs R A Bishop and Miss Maud and Bertha Bishop spent Saturday in Spartanburg.

S B Wilson spent the week-end at Brevard.

Rev T C King attended the Baptist Convention in Charlotte, which he says a success in every way, and met many notable preachers of the South.

B S Aiken of Columbia S C, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr and Mrs W D Aiken.

Mrs M M Pagan has returned from Walhalla S C.

Q C Sonner and E L Patterson attended the Southern Commercial Congress at Charleston this week.

Mrs H B Lane is visiting friends and relatives in Charleston, this week.

Mrs John T Staton, Miss Lola Staton and Edgar Barrett are visiting friends and relatives in Alexander, N C this week.

Mrs D S Hinton spent Wednesday in Asheville.

C G King of Asheville and train master Southern Railway spent Tuesday in Saluda on official business.

Saluda will have a municipal Christmas tree this year. It will be lighted with electric lights and have lots of good things on it for the children. The business men and all churches have joined hands to make it a success. A program of music and recitations will be given.

The modern Woodman organized a camp here Thursday. Deputy Oldring of Asheville and Hendersonville camp installed the following officers: J B Cullipher VC, G R Little P C, R B Staton Advisor, J R Newman Banker, J T Coates Jr, Clerk, L C Pace Escort, G Turner Watchman.

#### Winter in The Orchard

(By, Nadine H. Morton.)  
The wintry wind passed through the orchard trees,  
The old wind tossed the branches bare and brown;  
The little snowflakes came upon the breeze  
And fell upon the trees as soft as down.  
The trees are decked with fairy garlands white;  
The wintry clouds throw shadows over all;  
And through the dark and dreary winter-night  
The snowflakes on the last year's stubble fall.  
And the pale-faced moon opened in the leaden sky  
To view the orchard with its blanket white;  
And as she sailed above the earth so high  
The whole earth glittered in her light.

#### Tax Notice

The 1915 property and pole taxes for the Town of Tryon is now due and payable—All back taxes must be paid by January 1st, or I will be compelled to sell as the law directs.  
W H McFarland, Tax Collector. 32-2t

#### WEATHER REPORT

For Week Ending December 14, 1915.

	Mia.	Max.
Dec 8 fair	40	58
Dec 9 fair	38	58
Dec 10 fair	32	56
Dec 11 cloudy snow p m	34	34
Dec 12 cloudy	32	46
Dec 13 fair	36	50
Dec 14 fair	30	48

#### Christmas Musical

A Christmas entertainment worth hearing and seeing will take place at the Library Hall, Tuesday evening, December 21st, at eight o'clock. Miss Susie Reese, professor of piano at the Duke West Woman's College, who will be in town as a guest to the Jackson-Ellis wedding, has kindly consented to contribute largely to the musical success of the entertainment. A great treat is promised to all music lovers in this proposed concert, as Miss Reese has made music, piano and vocal, her life work and has studied with Josef Lehvinne, Ernest Hoffzimmer and Proschousky in Berlin.

The entertainment will be under the auspices of the Saluda Dramatic and music club. Admission, 15 and 25 cents.

#### Masonic Celebration

Probably the best Masonic meeting ever held in Saluda was on last Friday afternoon and evening. Five candidates were made Master Masons. The session began at 3 o'clock and at 6 o'clock adjourned to The Carolina Home, where an elaborate supper was served by Mrs W C Robertson assisted by Mesdames J C Thompson, J C Bushnell, R M Hall, E L Paterson, Fayette Thompson. Those in attendance from other lodges were: J H Blake, Charlotte; J C Snowden, Asheville; Jones J Darby, Gaffney S C; E J Rhodes, Hendersonville; E J Owenby and C H Leland, McLellanville, S C; Z Y Searcy Rutherfordton; H P Corwith Rockford, Ill and W H Bange, Atlanta.

#### FISH TOP

J A Henderson and wife went to Hendersonville on business Friday.

C C Jones visited his uncles, John and C C McMurray, of Fingerville, last Tuesday.

Eight teams went to Saluda, from this section Saturday and came back in the snow flurry.

The snow was about 7 inches and holding on, waiting for more I suppose.

Charley Henderson and Doc Gilbert visited Posey Henderson a few days last week.

Miss Louisa Bowen attended the teacher's meeting at Columbus, Friday last.

D A Shields and wife spent a few days last week with kin folk, W A Henderson and family.

#### Fox Mountain School

(Mrs J W Jack, Teacher)  
From November 8 to December 10, 1915, total 5 weeks, the pupils present every day, are: Mamie Jackson, 6th grade, Lama Jack 4th grade, Wade Whiteside 3d grade Hugh Jack 3rd grade Frank Whiteside 2nd grade, Alvin Pack 1st grade, Henry Pack 1st grade, Sallie Jackson 1st grade.

For week of December 6, to 10 the entire enrolment, 35 pupils, except one, were present every day. The first grade of twelve members, who merit special mention, were present every day and on time, Nicie Robins, Helen Partons, Lawrence Robins, Nettie Partons, Albert Robins, Sallie Jackson, Alvin Pack, Irene Edwards, Henry Pack, Margaret Whiteside, Beauford McCraw, Annie May McCraw.

#### Lynn Honor Roll

6th grade: Will Connor, Fay Randall, Bertha Hood, Burrena Fowler.  
5th grade: Amanda Alewine, Artis Ballard, Ruppy Capps, Clyde Metcalf, Grace Panther, Ophelia Thompson.  
4th grade: Gladys Foster.

An entertainment will be given by the Lynn School, Wednesday, December 22, at the school house, beginning at 7:30 p m. The program consists of Dialogues, Recitations, Songs and Bible selections. There will be a Christmas tree loaded with presents for the children who have been in school. A nice time is expected. Every one invited.

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