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TRYON

Who said they didn't believe in the ground hog?

Mrs. J. P. Williams and Miss Lorraine Stone spent the day in Spartanburg, Tuesday.

Mrs. James Vernon, Jr., entertained a few friends at The Dansante last Wednesday afternoon.

Mountain Industries Tea Room will be open every week day from 3:30 until 6 o'clock p. m.

Mrs. W. T. Lindsey gave a charming afternoon with four tables of bridge, last Saturday.

Mr. U. G. Speed, of South Bend, Ind., in town for awhile looking after his estate, Hillacres.

Admiral and Mrs. R. M. Berry, of Detroit, are occupying the Will Rankin house for the winter.

Mrs. Tack, of Cambridge, Mr. Robert Tack and Miss Agnes Tack, are with the Misses Pettigrew.

Miss Virginia Butler returned to her studies at an Atlanta, Ga., business college Thursday morning.

It is now "Rev. W. H. Stearns." If you don't believe us just ask Uncle Bill to show you his credentials.

Quite a number of schools in Greens Creek township have been compelled to close on account of the flu.

Mrs. Lorraine Stone entertained with a bridge party of five tables in honor of Ensign Julian Hester Thursday night.

Saturday Mrs. Lubeck and Miss Claire Bell took the girl scouts to Melrose on the noon train, and walked back.

Who said they didn't believe in the ground hog? Didn't he convert you when you saw that snow falling last Sunday?

Ensign Julian Hester, who was here on a leave, returned to Pensacola, Fla., where he will continue in naval aviation.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Little of Saluda, visited the former's brother, Mr. W. F. Little, and Mrs. W. F. Little, in Tryon last week.

Sunday's storm is said to have originated in Texas. One more score laid up against that state. It's nothing to be proud of.

Miss Helen Claxton, who is attending Columbia University, came to Tryon, Saturday, to spend the weekend with her parents.

Mr. G. R. Little, the Saluda druggist has begun clearing ground for a new brick store building to replace the one he now occupies.

Mrs. E. Rhodes left for Atlanta, Ga., Monday, where she goes to study late millinery styles, and also to buy her spring stock of the same.

Mrs. J. B. Hester and Miss Lorraine Stone went to Spartanburg, Friday, with Ensign Julian Hester, the latter on his way to Pensacola, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Jackson and daughters returned from their Florida sojourn Sunday. Mr. Jackson says he caught "nary a fish" while gone.

Mrs. Harold Doubleday has taken her little daughter, Miss Betty, to Asheville for treatment of her broat. We hope she will soon return in improved health.

Our foreign subscription list is growing also. We now have copies going to China, Siberia, Germany, France, England, Cuba, Kankakee and Komono.

The little grand daughter of Dr. Gray, child of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, who are staying at Mrs. LeCombs' was very ill last week. We are glad to report her much better.

A person who could not be pleased with the variety of weather offered every day is certainly hard to please. Snow, cold, or sunshine. You can get them all almost every day.

Our subscription list is growing very rapidly now-a-days, but, you know we are dissatisfied, and will be until our list is doubled and then we'll tell you more about it.

We will pay a straight salary of \$35.00 per week for man or woman with rig to introduce Eureka Poultry Mixture. Six months contract. Eureka Mfg. Co., East St. Louis, Ill.

Some important deals are hanging fire just now, which will mean a great deal toward the rebuilding of Tryon if they mature, and we believe they will. Hopeto have something definite to tell you next week.

On account of other matters Mr. B. F. Copeland was not able to accept the position of chairman of the Armenian relief drive. Mr. G. H. Holmes has consented to serve, and will push the matter through to success, for he knows how.

We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. Edgar B. Lewis, of the U. S. Marines, who says he has seen several Polk county boys as they arrived "over there." Also that he is glad that he has been able to be in the service until peace was declared, but that he would like to get "an eye full of Tryon peak."

It is quite refreshing to see the way in which State Senator Cloud, Democrat and Hon. W. F. Swann, Representative, Republican, stand together on any matter affecting Polk county. Such a course is to be commended, and is right. Polk county is bigger and better than any political party. Let us all take the same stand on any matter pertaining to our county.

A special agent of the U. S. Revenue Department was in Tryon, Wednesday, investigating the shipment of beer now in the station here. He took the names of the physicians whose names appeared to the orders for beer, and is also going to investigate their standing in the community in which they reside. In the meantime the beer remains in full sight in the station here, to act as a tantalizer to those who like an occasional glass of "suds."

A story is going the rounds which shows a side to Col. Roosevelt that not many are familiar with. He was found in his barn one day with his arm around the neck of Quentin's pony, the one which the boy rode up the White House steps, and which is now twenty years old, softly crying. Who does not sympathize with a man in such sorrow? Only a man with the strong characteristics of Col. Roosevelt could grieve so deeply.

The dawn of a new and better day for Polk county is right here. That fact is clearly seen in the agitation for better schools. Not only Tryon has taken up the fight with that end in view, but Lynn and Sunny View districts have asked that a special election be held in their districts to vote additional tax in order to better their schools. The requests have been granted, and elections have been called in both districts for March 11. Will they be successful? Of course they will. Improvement and betterment is in the air, is contagious, and nothing can stop it. If you are hesitating which way to go, don't do so any longer, but jump in the "Better Schools" band wagon, and all go together.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 o'clock by the pastor.

A DISSATISFIED MAN.

Some one commenting upon an article appearing in the NEWS recently, remarked that we appeared not to be satisfied.

That party hit the nail square on the head. No, we are not satisfied, and we hope to God that we never shall be. A satisfied man is of no earthly use to himself, his community or his God. It is the dissatisfied people who make life worth living.

Dissatisfied, Columbus discovered America; Dissatisfied, the American colonies declared for and won their independence; dissatisfied, the telephone was perfected; the electric light invented; the steam engine and all the other discoveries and inventions which go to make life worth living brought into existence.

Show me a man who is satisfied and I will show you one that is mean, selfish and not to be trusted. Dissatisfaction is responsible for all advancement and progression in the human race. If our forefathers had been satisfied we would all have been subjects of some other nation and not citizens of the United States today. Dissatisfaction is what brought them to America. After arriving here they were not satisfied with conditions as they found them and immediately proceeded to improve them. Any man who is satisfied with what little he is able to do for posterity is unworthy the name of man. Dissatisfaction with every day affairs is responsible for all improvements and moral upliftings. Dissatisfaction with the old water company is what caused Tryon to purchase the plant. Dissatisfaction is the reason we are endeavoring to improve the public school system of Tryon.

Why bless you, brother, we are dissatisfied, and will not be satisfied so long as life remains within our body. We are very much dissatisfied with conditions that exist with many affairs in Polk county. We are dissatisfied with the lack of co-operation between Tryon and the remainder of Polk county; we are dissatisfied with the poor roads in Polk county; we are dissatisfied with the mail facilities in Polk county; we are dissatisfied with the dirty court house in Polk county; Show me a man who is not, and we will show you a man who has not the interest and welfare of Polk county at heart. Yes, we are dissatisfied; but not disgruntled.

POLK COUNTY RED CROSS.

The regular monthly meeting of the executive committee was held Feb. 6. An appointment was made for the use of the civil relief committee, of which the Rev. F. B. Makepeace is chairman. The national headquarters are planning some readjustment for holding the organization in active form during times of peace; and until these plans are perfected it was decided best to leave our county organization as it is.

The children's aprons that were made under such urgent conditions, were shipped at the correct time and in most satisfactory condition.

Mourning brassards to be worn on the left sleeve by those who have lost relatives in the war can be had through the Red Cross. They consist of a regular black cloth band with a gold star. They are given by the Red Cross to the nearest relative and sold at cost to others. All privileged to wear this brassard are asked to communicate with the woman's work in their section or directly with Mrs. Holmes, in Tryon.

Ask your men who are returning from service what they think of the Red Cross.

FROM OUR FRIENDS OVER THE COUNTY

Some Items of General Interest Gathered By Our Correspondents From Various Sections of Polk County

LYNN.

Our Sunday school was in keeping with the weather, last Sunday, but no other services, owing to the small crowd.

Polk County Farm Demonstrator, Mr. Sams made a talk to the school and patrons one night last week. Among some of the good things he said was, urging the people to be clean and sanitary, and at the same time, while he was talking, evidently some present did not pay any attention, as one of the teachers said the tobacco juice spit on and around the stove was very offensive next day when fire was made and the stove became hot.

John Shehan, of Landrum, S.C., was in Lynn attending a meeting of the I. O. O. F. here, of which he is a member. John was wounded at the battle of St. Quentin. He was in the 30th division and is entitled to his part of the honors that belong to the 30th.

Don't forget to register next Saturday and vote for the local school tax. It's been reported that some of our people have moved from and outside of the school district to dodge the compulsory school law.

John T. Panther is register. See him and register so you can vote your sentiments at the school tax election March 11th.

Dr. Pratt failed to fill his regular appointment last Sunday, owing to the inclemency of the weather.

Gaishu Panther who belongs to the national guards and stationed at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., has been discharged and is now at home.

A petition has been filed with the County Board of Education asking for a local school tax district to be laid out and an election ordered. At their meeting last Monday this petition was granted and the election ordered to be held on March 11th. It's to be hoped that this is the right step and at the right time and in the right direction. No doubt, from a selfish standpoint, some will oppose it and will vote against the proposition.

Mr. Logan McMurray is now "Johnny on the Spot" with the mail. We hope to see him soon carrying the mail in an up-to-date combination passenger and truck car.

Mr. T. A. Rippey, who is with the F. S. Royster Guano Co., at Columbia, S. C., was to visit his family last week-end.

Geo. H. Bradley, of Spartanburg, made a hasty run up for his little daughter, Elizabeth, who has been visiting her grandfather, W. A. Cannon.

Old Uncle Nathan L. Williams died at the home of his nephew, Burton Williams Saturday night at the age of 93. Uncle Nathan as he was mostly called, by all who knew him, was one of, if not the oldest veterans in the county. He lost one of his legs at the battle of Gettysburg. He was honest and upright in all his dealings, and unwavering in his convictions. He was born, reared and lived all his life at this old home place. Peace to his ashes.

Again the road on the east side of the river has been repaired so it can be traveled.

It is rumored that the hosiery mill will curtail production soon. For facts see overhead management.

HILLCREST.

Several members of the community gave Hillcrest Institute a good "working" Saturday.

Measles is following in the wake of flu in this neighborhood.

Misses Elizabeth and Eugenia Lollar, from Rutherford county are new pupils at Hillcrest Institute.

Private Lewis F. Camp spent Saturday in Tryon.

Mr. Grady Flynn went to Spartanburg, Friday.

The ground hog got it right. We are having winter all over again—snow Sunday and freezing cold Monday. And last week forward-looking folk made gardens. "Some climate," as the boys say.

POOR'S FORD.

Hey, we have had some more snow in this section.

Mr. J. W. Thompson visited Mr. J. H. Read, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Crawford were snow bound at T. C. Mitchell's, Sunday.

Mr. L. C. Thompson and son made a business trip to Rutherfordton, last week.

Mr. M. C. Thompson who has been nursing a bad wound, is getting much better.

Little Iona Thompson is on the sick list this week. Hope she will soon recover.

Mr. L. B. Connor and B. C. Thompson made a trip to Chesnee, Saturday.

Mr. Robert Riding and Mr. Jim Read motored to Rutherfordton, Saturday.

Mr. B. C. Thompson's mules ran away with him last week, tearing up the plow and gears, but nobody hurt. S. G. Crawford was at Mr. J. W. Thompson's, Friday.

Little Addie Thompson visited her grandfather, L. C. Thompson, last week.

The Sunday school is progressing

nically at New Hope, with Mr. Charlie Thompson as superintendent. May God help him in his work.

Mrs. Delia Thompson visited Mrs. Renner Thompson, Sunday.

Mr. C. L. Thompson made a short call at Mr. J. H. Read's, Saturday.

Mr. Ed Liles was in Rutherfordton, Friday.

What has become of New Hope?

MELVIN HILL.

After an illness of eight or ten days, Miss Flora Lawter died, last Friday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, of pneumonia, following influenza. Miss Flora was about seventeen or eighteen years old. She was a nicely behaved girl and highly esteemed by all who knew her. She leaves a father, mother, two sisters and one brother who have our deepest sympathy in this their darkest hour. They are all suffering from the epidemic with two cases of pneumonia in the family.

Mr. Jim Johnson's family has the flu.

Mr. W. A. Reed's family is afflicted with the flu.

Messrs. Tilden and Grant Higgins' families are down with the flu, all in the same house.

Mr. Frank Branscom has the flu. Mrs. Jack Burnett's family, also Mrs. Laura Cole, have the flu.

Dr. Head is worn out and has not been able to attend his patients for several days. We need nurses and doctors here, if any place ever did need them.

There was no church or Sunday school here last Sunday.

School closed here, Monday, on account of the epidemic.

Mr. Philips Henderson visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Henderson, last Sunday.

ABOLENE.

Mr. M. F. Wilkins made a business trip to Forest City, last week.

Mr. C. W. Davis made a business trip to Rutherfordton one day last week.

Miss Eva Davis spent last week in Fingerville with friends and relatives.

There was a singing at Mr. Wilkins', Saturday night. Those who were there report a nice time.

Misses Ruth Brian and Alma High spent the week-end with Miss Pauline Wilkins.

There was a small congregation at Green River, Sunday, but Rev. Mr. Golden delivered an interesting sermon.

Mr. Frank Davis spent Saturday night with Harold Davis.

We are very lonesome since our school has closed.

MILL SPRING ROUTE 1.

Our first quarterly conference was held at Lebanon, last Saturday and Sunday. Presiding Elder Parker E. Holmes, delivered a splendid sermon both days.

Miss Julia Abrams will spend this week with her sister, Mrs. Powell.

Mr. A. F. Corbin took supper at St. Thomas Mission, Sunday.

Miss Lizzie Dalton is visiting Miss Mosse Edwards.

Glac to note Anderson Womack has recovered from a scare which he thought a second attack of flu but was not.

Misses Mossie Edwards and Lizzie Dalton spent Monday at Rev. W. W. Womack's.

Mr. S. B. Edwards was at A. A. Edwards' Saturday, surveying land.

Mrs. Otho Womack is teaching school at Mountain creek.

FISHTOP.

A cool wave came this way from the north-east, Sunday, mantling the tops of the mountains above the thermal belt, of ice and sleet line.

Aunt Rutha Patz, who has been on the decline for several months, died last Thursday, and was buried at the family burying ground, on Friday. A good attendance and service at the grave. She will be missed. She was 75 years old, and had lived where she died, for 50 years or more. She leaves four sons and a number of grandchildren as well as a large circle of friends.

T. R. Stepp went to Landrum, S. C., last Saturday, on business.

Ernest Laughter and E. J. Bradley hauled a load of apples to Saluda, Saturday.

John Patz returned to his home in Asheville, Saturday.

Now the Fair is assured let's all endeavor to have something there that will attract people, for there are many who would rush to our county if they only knew the advantages it possesses, and we need a thousand families now.

Most everything is high priced (and I like a fair price) here now. The cheapest product that Polk county has, according to value is the POLK COUNTY NEWS. Hurrah for the NEWS.

Marriage Custom.

For women to take their husbands' names on the marriage day was a Roman custom. For example, we have Octavia of Cicero, meaning Octavia, wife of Cicero. Now we omit the "of."

SUNNY VIEW.

Rev. N. L. Wright began his pastoral work at Cooper Gap, Sunday. A nice little snow fell here Sunday last.

Private Bill Jackson who is in LeMonis, France, reports that he expects to soon sail for home. He also reports that they are staying in iron barracks that hold five hundred soldiers, and are working every day digging ditches and leveling land, etc.

Mr. G. P. Brown has returned home from Tennessee.

Mr. Dewitt Helton, who has been staying at Ft. Raritan, N. J., is now at Ft. Wingate, New Mexico.

Mr. A. H. Lynch has purchased a new saw mill and outfit. Going to build a dwelling house to replace the one burned last spring.

Mr. Frank Mills was a caller on Route 2, Saturday evening.

Rev. Wright was a dinner guest at Mr. J. L. Jackson's, Saturday.

Mr. Posey Brown, of Spartanburg, is visiting home folks.

Some of our soldiers who are stationed in Germany, report that the scenery along the Rhine is grand.

Mr. W. W. Gibbs attended the sale at Mr. O. L. Wilson's, last Friday, and purchased a fine mule.

Sunny View district has ordered a new election for special school tax, on March 11th. We hope every one will come, register and vote. Let's boost for better schools.

TRYON ROUTE 1.

"Hi there, listen." The old ground hog crawled back into his jiggamatic and left us six weeks more of bad weather. However we wish he'd stayed out long enough for us to plant sweet peas, though we are not content with his prophecy, and will confide with old mother nature and be content with what she sends.

School was to begin at the school house on lightning rod ridge, Tuesday morning, Rev. E. L. Shelton as teacher.

The Fox Mountain school is getting up a nice little program to pay to the honor of Washington's birthday.

Mr. Parris is very ill with pneumonia this week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Pack a Sammie. We would like to call him John Jack Pershing.

Mrs. N. M. Hall and daughter, Marie, spent Friday night with her daughter, Mrs. George Biggerstaff.

Mr. Billy Wilson was fortunate to sell a nice little farm for four thousand and five hundred dollars, which only a few years ago he paid two and one-half dollars per acre for.

Oh, my, we are sure going to have another Fair next fall if nothing happens to prevent.

Three cheers for our county "Uncle Sam" on the poultry and grass question.

WARRIOR MOUNTAIN.

Mr. John Edwards and family are in bed with influenza. So are: Mr. George Foster and sons, Elton, and Alden.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arledge visited relatives in Silver Creek, last week-end.

M. Mat Early is confined to the sick room.

Miss Cora Fisher, nurse from the Hendersonville hospital, is visiting her mother, Mrs. John Edwards.

Mr. Jim Mathew is erecting a log cabin in Howard Gap.

Mr. John Holbert met with a painful accident while cleaning under the saw at his mill; his right hand slipped cutting four of his fingers so badly they had to be taken off.

We certainly would appreciate the rural route in this community and we'd do all we can to help bring the idea to reality.

The friends of Miss Abbie Arledge will be glad to know she is improving in health.

MILL SPRING.

Rev. Shelton was away from home, Sunday, and there were no services at the M. E. church.

Messrs. G. C. Briscoe, Robert Foster and Lionel Briscoe, Mesdames Alta Pruitt and Annie Briscoe motored to Spartanburg, Friday, and back Saturday.

Mr. P. G. Briscoe and family spent Saturday and Sunday with the former's brother, G. C. Briscoe.

A large crowd of youngsters enjoyed a cotton picking at the home of Mr. J. H. Gibbs, Saturday night.

Mr. Sam Cocheram, of Georgia, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cocheram.

Little Bennie Cocheram is spending a few days with his brother, Lee Cocheram, near Greens Creek.

It is said in reports that the United States is dominating the peace conference and virtually entire world. Why not? Didn't United States soldiers end the war? Didn't United States money finance the war? Didn't United States food feed the world? Didn't United States clothing clothe the world? Didn't the peace terms as promulgated by the President of the United States end the war? Then why should not the United States dominate the peace conference? We are the only really uninterested nation, so far as wanting anything out of this war is concerned that is seated around the peace table.

POULTRY DEPARTMENT

Question. Does it matter to cross-breed single and double comb pure bred fowls of the same breed?

Ans. The only injury in cross breeding, as example, single and rose comb Rhode Island Reds is that part will have single and part, double comb and part a cross between these two. Since the cross is in the same breed the size of the bird or uniformity of the eggs would be the same. We have a pride in having nice chickens and this would mar that niceness of the comb. Don't do it.

Ques. Why grow pure bred fowls on the farm instead of common, thrifty cross-bred stock?

Ans. I am certainly glad you have asked that question. It gives me another chance to tell you why. When breeds are crossed usually the first young are pretty good but when the second year you breed together these chickens of the first cross you have large, some small, some medium, some speckled, some white, some black. Now this gives you a poor product to sell either as live broilers or as dressed chickens. If you keep pure bred birds you will have a uniform product. In this cross the same holds good of the eggs. Some eggs will be small, some large, some medium, some brown, some white, and some well the Lord only knows and He won't tell. When you send these uniform eggs to the city markets you will find that you have no uniformity of your product and will get a poor price, as for instance in New York 10 and 15 cents per dozen less than a uniform all large white or brown eggs. Eggs should and are in large cities and many smaller ones, selling on quality basis which means more money for a nice uniform size and color egg. That is why we would like to see all the Townships in Polk county organized and the Secretary of each Township Association a business agent to buy and sell for the association. By pooling your eggs you can ship in 30-dozen case lots and get city prices and do it at the least cost or to put it another way the most economical way.

Ques. Why go to the expense of having farm poultry houses, when they have access to a nice pine or cedar tree in which to roost?

Ans. I am glad too that this question has been put to us. The old members of our present flock and did roost in trees but they did not lay in the winter. If you want winter eggs there are three principles you must carry out diligently. First, you must have hens properly selected for egg production. Second, you must have a warm house and make conditions as near under spring or summer conditions as possible, in other words the bird must be kept warm. Third, they must have the proper feed. If the birds are cold they will not lay eggs. If they are in a draft in an improperly built house they may get sick. So have a good modern building with roof, two ends and the back tight with a part of the front open and the building facing the south. Have straw or pine needles on the floor and throw and fork in the grain feed so the birds will have to work for it thus the exercise keeps them warm and is essential to good health. A good warm house is essential for good egg production.

Henderson county is asking for better roads. Recently, at a meeting of their Board of Trade a bill was adopted and sent to the State Legislature with the request that it be passed. Some politicians up there objected because it came from a Republican county. But they have heard from Henderson since then. The attitude of the chairmen of the Democrats and Republicans in that county on the issue, sure sound good to us. Mr. Ewbank, Democrat, says as Henderson is a strong Republican county that the Republicans should hold the offices, and that the Democrats should not whine about whether the road commissioners were Democrats or Republicans. Mr. Staton, Republican, says he is willing to go on record in writing and request the county commissioners to give the two appointive offices of road trustees to Democrats rather than see the road building come to naught over politics. With two such liberal minded men at the head of the two parties we cannot see why Henderson county should not have just the kind of road laws she is asking for.

The Woolsock.

The woolsock is the big red bag, without back or arms, on which the lord chancellor sits, when presiding over the deliberations of the house of lords. Its origin is curious. An act was passed in Elizabeth's reign prohibiting the exportation of wool, and to keep this source of national wealth in their lordships' minds the kindergarten notion of making them sit on wool bags was tried. Nowadays, when a new chancellor is appointed he is said to be appointed to the woolsock and to sit on the woolsock.

Origin of One Proverb.

One obtains historical glimpses in proverbs. The familiar "robbing Peter to pay Paul" is said to derive its origin from the fact that in the reign of Edward VI the lands of St. Peter at Westminster were appropriated to raise money for the repair of St. Paul's.