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## Civic Improvements Discussed by Board

### Town Fathers May Revise Ordinances--Silent Cop for Trade Street

Several important matters pertaining to general improvements in the Town were discussed by the Board of Commissioners at its regular June meeting held last Monday night.

A general discussion was held as to the most practical method to eliminate stores outside of the township limits making canvass of Tryon for sales. Various methods of taxation were discussed. The petition requesting the Board to take up this matter was referred to the town attorney.

In discussing the present tax scales, the Board referred a plan to the town attorney that may possibly include taxing or required licensing of hucksters and peddlers.

According to the present plans of the Board, there will be a general revision of all traffic regulations governing the operation of motor vehicles to conform with the new State law.

A "silent traffic cop" will be placed at the intersection on Trade Street at the railway crossing.

Signs will be placed on the three main roads into Tryon denoting the Town Limits; these roads will be the Lynn road, the Valhalla road and the Landrum road.

The Board has been informed by the State Board of Health that that body will instruct the Southern Railway System to install comfort stations at the depot immediately.

The grade crossing question has been taken up by the commissioners and definite action for the elimination of this danger is expected in the near future.

The attention of the Board was called to the danger to pedestrians at the foot of Godshaw Hill. It was decided to determine the cost of building a footwalk and guardrail on the outside of the present railing. No definite action could be taken on this matter until the Budget for this year is completed.

The various unpaved streets will be placed in order as quickly as possible. However it was decided that work of a more lasting nature on these streets would be delayed pending the fixing of all pipelines. This must be done before extensive street repair work can be done, the Board decided.

Possibility of a new water ordinance to regulate water prices, depth of pipe, installation of meters in certain places, was discussed. Further action on this question will be taken in the near future.

A check on the present hydraulic levels over Doug Hill will be made soon to determine the cause of the lack of flow through the water main. It has been found that the water shed furnishes more water than the flow shows. Work on the reservoir which was held up due to inclement weather was resumed this week.

Plans for the disposal of all trash in the rear of stores on Trade street were discussed. This has become a menace to property owners, according to the Board. An effort will be made to have the stores clean up and maintain their areas in a sanitary condition.

## THE METHODIST AND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES OF TRYON.

Sunday School at 10:00 A. M., P. G. Moris, Superintendent.

Reverend Fikes preaches on 1st and 3rd Sunday mornings at 11:00 A. M., and 2nd and 3rd Sundays at 7:30 P. M.

Reverend Yaadell preaches on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11:00 A. M., and 1st and 3rd Sundays at 7:30 P. M.

## Vacation Begins For Tryon School

### Closing Exercises This Year Last to be Held in Old School Building.

The Tryon Graded School closed its term last Tuesday evening with commencement exercises for a graduating class of twelve pupils.

The exercises opened with an address of welcome by Miss Mary Screven. The class history was offered by Franklin Little, the class prophecy by Miss Josephine Hill and the Valedictory address by Miss Geraldine Sayre.

Following this the diplomas were presented each member of the graduating class by D. W. Simmons, principal of the school.

A chorus composed of the sixth and seventh grade pupils sang "Open Wide the Gates of Spring", following which medals of merit and certificates of promotion were awarded the pupils of various classes.

Rev. C. P. Burnett spoke a few words in appreciation of the work of the faculty during the term, outlining the progress of the school and its future.

Following the closing exercises the school chorus sang "Honey Town".

Last Monday night a play "The Wren" was offered. The characters were well chosen and the play showed both talent and work on the part of the cast.

All of the exercises were well attended. Referring to the recent disaster at the Cleveland School, Raleigh sent out orders to the various schools of North Carolina that every precaution must be taken to avoid a repetition of that calamity and to avoid any panic on the part of the people. The fire truck was ordered to be kept at the building at all times when people were assembled there.

## Lanier Library Adds New Books

The Lanier Library is offering to its readers some of the newer books of fiction. Among these are Arthur Train's "His Children's Children" easily holds first place.

Others that are popular are "The Enchanted April" by the author of "Elizabeth", "The Dim Lantern" by Temple Bailey, "Black Oxen" by Gertrude Atherton, "Where the Blue Begins" by Christopher Morley, "Captain Blood" by Rafael Sabitini and "The Middle of the Road" by Philip Gibbs.

In biography, "The Letters of Walter Page" are seldom allowed to remain on the shelves, two copies failing to supply the demand of eager borrowers. "Memories of a Scottish Lady" also makes fascinating reading.

Several new books of travel have been added from time to time, among which are "Old Morocco", and "The Forbidden Atlas" by C. E. Andrews; "Chronicles of Chicora Wood" and "Romantic Canada" have also been proving most attractive to patrons of the library.

The first two books of the "Outline of Science" by Thompson, have been given by friends and the Lanier library hopes to supply the two remaining volumes in the near future.

## TRYON BAPTIST CHURCH.

Services each Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

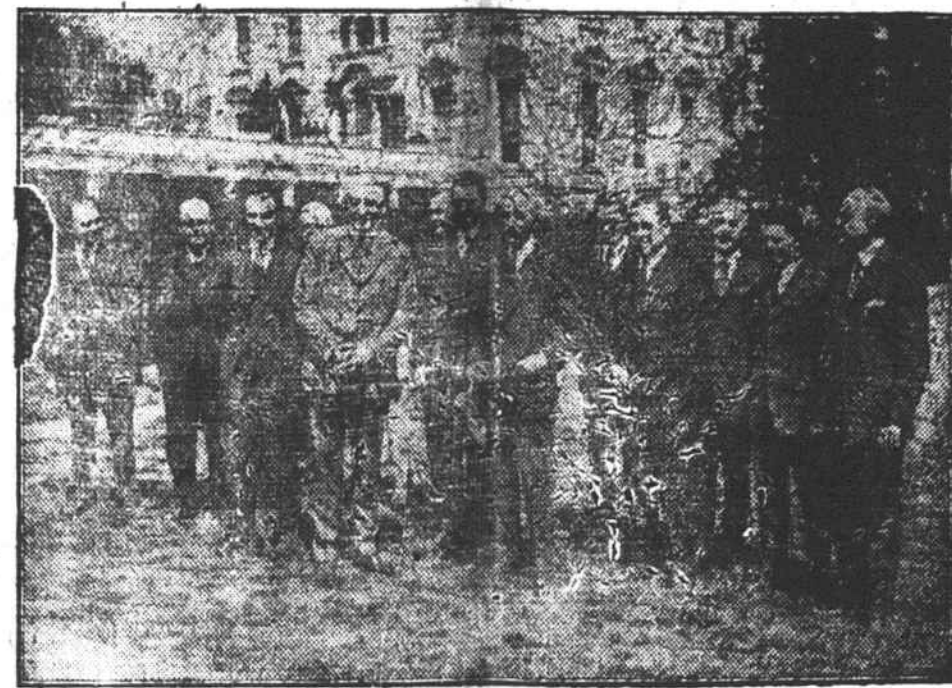
For Sale:—Good fresh milk cow for sale. C. V. ELLIOTT, Mill Spring, N. C. 2w-pd

## COLUMBUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Preaching Every 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays at 11 o'clock. Every Sunday night.

S. A. STROUP, Pastor.

## Conference of Savings Leaders at Washington; Sale of Treasury Savings Certificates to Go On



The above photograph was taken on the White House Lawn during the recent conference of the Savings Directors from the twelve Federal Reserve Districts. In the middle may be seen President Harding. The second from his left is Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, while on President Harding's right is National Savings Director Lew Wallace, Jr.

### WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Special.)—

That the sale of Treasury Savings Certificates has become a permanent part of the financing program of the United States government was divulged at a meeting just held in Washington, which was attended by the Savings Directors from the 12 Federal Reserve Districts of the United States, when plans were made for continuing the sale of these securities for years to come.

The Fifth District, comprising the District of Columbia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia, was represented by Howard T. Cree of Richmond, Va., the Savings Director for the district, who appears at the extreme left of the president in the above picture. Mr. Cree went to Washington with sales figures for the district which showed that last year the people of this district invested almost 10 times as much in these securities as in the year previous, more than 10 million dollars having been invested, and the district exceeding its quota by nearly three-quarters of a million dollars.

Lew Wallace, Jr., National Director of Savings, urged the district directors to go back home and exert every influence and effort to increase the sale of Government Savings Securities in order to minimize the loss from worthless investments. Mr. Wallace told the directors that there were

many "land pirates" these days—"the pirates of finance." He declared that there were thousands of smooth-talking stock salesmen—full of glib promises—who are hard after the savings of the people in exchange for their get-rich-quick investments. "Go back home and tell your people to beware of the wild-cat stock salesman. He is more dangerous than the old-time pirate of the high seas ever thought of being."

The government is particularly desirous of helping the people of this country to spend wisely, save systematically, and invest safely. In order that an avenue for safe investment may be opened up, particularly for small investors—to whom safety is the first consideration, Treasury Savings Certificates are offered, yielding about 4 per cent per annum, compounded semi-annually, and maturing five years from date of issue, or which may be redeemed at option prior to that date at values increasing every month. These certificates are issued in denominations of \$25, \$100 and \$1,000, and may be purchased at a discount price of \$20.50, \$82 and \$820, respectively. They will not fluctuate in market value, they are always worth more than they cost, they are easily convertible into cash, and they are absolutely safe. These securities can be purchased through your local postmaster or from the Federal Reserve Bank at Richmond, Va.

## P. T. A. President Outlines Work of Organization in Report for Past Year

### Work Accomplished by Various Committees Proves Worth of Association.

Following is a report of the work done by the Tryon Parent Teachers Association during the school year just closed. "It gives me pleasure," states Mrs. Theodosia J. Kennedy, president of the association, "to answer in this way a question recently asked, what all has the P. T. A. done anyway? The wording of this question was rather pleasing—'What all' I like the inference."

"First of all committees composed of members well suited (as they afterward proved) to their particular duties, had charge of the various departments of the association. These capable women went on with the work with so much zeal and enthusiasm that one would judge that each of them had the committee of her choice. This fact meant much of course. Besides the Program, Publicity Membership, Finance and others whose titles indicate the functions, there was a Needs committee who looked into the greatest needs of the building and grounds and reported these at each meeting.

"This committee secured several splendid new maps at a cost of about sixty dollars, used its influence in obtaining pictures for the walls of several of the rooms and agitated the question of a talking machine for the elementary grades.

"Go the Ways and Means committee is due the credit of making the money for the carrying on the work of the association. These women es-

pecially gifted in raising funds, put on benefit entertainments from time to time through the session, and a total sum of \$230.00 was turned into the treasury."

### WELFARE COMMITTEE

"The Welfare committee and Lunch committee worked together so successfully and so intimately that duties overlapped in the double good they accomplished. A milk campaign was put on and to every child not failing to bring milk for a single day for ten days a reward of an ice cream cone was given. The good results of this series of ten-days milk campaign through the session can scarcely be overrated.

Several women (some of them without children of their own in school) provided milk for children who could not bring milk from their homes. To these interested women we wish to give our thanks. In several instances books and clothing were provided by the Welfare committee, making it possible for certain little ones to attend school who otherwise may have been debarred this privilege. First-aid medicines and bandages were supplied for use in cases of scratches, bruises & etc. Through the influence of the Welfare committee the school was given a pair of scales and weight charts were furnished each grade. Their efforts to co-operate with the State Board of Health in securing clinics for schools throughout Polk county were crowned with success, for a clinic is promised.

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## Southern End of Highway Now Open

### Godshaw Hill Detour Is No Longer Necessary--Work Resumed on Lynn Section.

Traffic was resumed Wednesday morning on the State Highway between the iron bridge and Trade Street.

Work was started on Monday morning to place the final stone course and tar surface. Tuesday evening saw this section completed except for the tar binding on a short stretch of the road from the iron bridge to the detour. This section will be completed at a later date. Traffic coming into Tryon from Landrum side may now drive straight through to Trade street.

Work was started yesterday on the road to Lynn, and according to the Engineering Department, with fair weather maintaining this section will be open to traffic by the latter part of next week.

### General Information On Government Insurance

The Government granted insurance to the enlisted forces at low term peace time rates, with the privilege of carrying it at these rates to March 4, 1926, or converting it into a permanent policy.

Men in good health can reinstate any amount not less than \$1,000 and in multiples of \$500, up to the full amount of the original contract, by only the payment of two premiums on the amount reinstated, or can reinstate and convert by paying only one premium on Term Insurance and one on the Converted Policy.

There are six converted policies i. e., Ordinary Life, 20 Payment Life, 30 Payment Life and 20 Years Endowment, 30 Years Endowment maturing at 62 years.

All of these policies have a disability clause without any restriction as to time or cause from which the disability may occur. All have cash, loan paid-up and extended insurance values and participate in dividends after they have been in force one year.

The loan value is 94 per cent of the cash value and does not affect the protection of the policy. A loan may be repaid at any time in one sum or in amounts of \$5.00 or multiple thereof, at an annual interest of not more than 6 per cent.

Premiums on Government Life Insurance are based on the insured's nearest attained age and do not change during the life time of the policy.

The policy can be paid in a lump sum on maturity.

Information can be obtained from Dr. I. T. Mann, High Point, N. C., or the U. S. Veterans, Bureau, 202 Mint Building, Charlotte, N. C., or the U. S. Veterans, Bureau, 407 Allen Building, Raleigh, N. C.

### ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

OAK HALL... Miss Ethel McEwen, and Miss Doris Castle, Normal School, Asheville, N. C.; Mr. L. Fagan, New York City Mrr. W. T. Montgomery, Spartanburg, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Craig, Greenville, S. C.; Mrs. I. W. Lucas, Greenville, S. C.; Master Tom Lucas, Greenville, S. C.; Miss Elizabeth Lucas, Greenville, S. C.; Dr. and Mrs. Richard Wollstein and children, Rome Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Y. Kergant Charlotte, N. C.; Mr. W. D. Callaghan New York City.

### EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. C. P. Burnett, Rector. Sunday Services: Holy Communion--7:30. Morning Prayer and sermon (Holy Communion of 1st Sunday in the month.) 11 A. M. Friday afternoon 5 o'clock Litany and Intercessions for the sick.

## TO THE BUSINESS MEN OF POLK COUNTY.

My business primarily, while acting as County Agent, is to counsel and give aid to the farmers in every way possible, to make living conditions in the rural districts better.

But while this is true, the duties of the County Agent have broadened and deepened until it has become his duty to cooperate with Boards of Trade, and with all similar organizations pertaining to the betterment of the county.

The time has come when we derive broader and more extensive views of life than in days gone by. The farmer is coming to be looked upon as a business man, along with the manufacturer, banker merchant, etc. We have come to see that every line of business must prosper or all will suffer. The farmer is at the foundation of all business. Without the products of the soil, all would go without clothing and perish from the earth; without the products of mother earth produced by the hands of the farmer, every factory on earth would close. Realizing this, the farmer should have the consideration due him. He should no longer be looked upon as a "hay seeder" and the "old guy" to be made sport of, but should be received into the chambers of business, where big business as well as small business is discussed.

The time has come when the farmer must be invited to meet occasionally with the Board of Trade of the nearest towns and cities and hear and participate in discussing business affairs that affect both town and country. The fact is, that the interest of all is in the prosperity of all. The banks cannot prosper unless the farmer is prosperous. The merchant cannot prosper unless he can sell to the people, and the manufacturer cannot prosper unless he can unload to the merchants who distribute their wares. So, it is up to every class of business man and woman to learn this a close relation between different classes of business and work out a system in our civilization that will be just between man and man.

With these fundamental facts before us; why not get together often as farmers, as bankers, as merchants, as hotel men and lay plans where by a better understanding can be had of each others welfare and benefit to each other.

J. R. SAMS  
County Agent.

## TO THE FARMERS OF POLK COUNTY

In passing through Polk County it is gratifying to find farmers in every section, improving their farms, and making plans to go farther with their improvements. One great trouble with farmers in most of the Piedmont section of North Carolina is the fact that they have run their soils down and have not had any system of farming to build them up. I believe I will venture the assertion, that it is impossible to cultivate land continuously in what farmers call "hoed crops" and keep them up by using commercial fertilizer. Growing cotton, corn, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, etc., year after year without intervening cover crops is certainly disastrous and will prepare the land to be carried away by hard rains.

Now the purpose of this article is; if possible, to get at least a few of the most thoughtful farmers of the county to think with me of the great importance right now of rebuilding your soil and how easy it can be done. There is no way to rebuild run down, land, so quickly and easily as by growing legume crops, which include all clovers, all beans, and all other vegetables ripening their seeds in pods. But farmers must understand continued on page 4