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## Boys and Girls At Club Encampment

Children Enjoy Four Day  
Camp at Columbus. To  
be Annual.

Members of the younger generation of Polk County were assembled together last Tuesday at Columbus to form the first encampment of Polk County boys and girls under the supervision of County Agent J. R. Sams and Home Demonstration Agent Sarah M. Padgett. The camp was held for two weeks ending the encampment to be held from Tuesday August 21 to Friday August 24. At the same time it was the business men of the county that cooperate with the movement to make it a success. According to Mr. Sams, the response was generous and support came in from all parts of the county.

Wednesday morning of the encampment two of the school children cruised about the county to pick up the club members. One, driven by E. W. Sams, county school superintendent, assisted by Mr. Sams, drove the rooms of the Greens district and returned to Columbus with twenty seven members, the majority of them boys. The other driven by Mr. Sams, with Miss Padgett as driver, started at Sunny View and returned through Pea Ridge and Mill Spring gathering up 23, the majority of them girls. At five o'clock that evening the entire camp of 50 boys and girls were assembled at the club encampment in Columbus and first club encampment was underway. Meals for the encampment were prepared by E. B. Cloud and Mrs. Shear, assisted by a group of women from Columbus.

Wednesday morning was over to detail work, club organization an entertainment was planned by Tryon and associates. The afternoon was devoted to exercise class, lectures, drills, singing and an instructive demonstration in knot tying by Major of Tryon. Three agricultural

## Country Club To Have Tournament

Fall Golf Meet to Begin Saturday.

The qualifying rounds for the annual Fall Golf Tournament of the Tryon Country Club will begin Saturday of this week. The tournament committee received a number of inquiries and applications from out-of-town players who wish to compete in the local match play. Among these are golfers from Spartanburg, Greenville, Columbia, Rutherfordton and other cities in this vicinity. The usual trophies will be awarded according to the number of holes in play and it is thought that the local course is in excellent condition and it is thought that the play will be several good rounds before the end of the tournament next Tuesday.

## BISHOP-FORD.

Miss Margaret Ford of Rutherfordton, N. C. and Mr. J. Carl Ford of Inman, S. C., were married at New Prospect Sunday afternoon August 26, at 4 o'clock, the Rev. A. Neal officiating.

Miss Easter Ford cousin of the bride and Mr. Vernon Hall of the attendants.

Mr. and Mrs. Bishop spent a few days in Asheville and will return to their home at Inman where Mr. Bishop is in business.

Mrs. Bishop is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ford of Rutherfordton.

## Peterson Reviews Polk County Forests

There was a time when forests were considered a barrier to the progress of civilization. The early pioneers regarded them as an enemy to be removed by the quickest and easiest method. Those were the days when the vast territory stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific with the exception of the prairie country of the west was an unbroken wilderness. The very state of Pennsylvania which was called Penn's Woods is today spending over \$300,000 annually in her effort to restore those woods that were laid to waste by cutting and repeated forest fires. What a change in conditions! With the growing scarcity of lumber throughout the country and the attendant high prices of forest products people are beginning to see that our forest lands must be made to produce timber. And, when we stop to realize that from the cradle to the grave we are dependent upon wood for a comfortable existence, we see how vitally important it is that we keep our forest lands producing a continual supply of trees.

We find that Polk County has a total area of about 160,000 acres. Of this territory it is estimated that about 40 per cent is forest land. That is, 40 per cent of the total area will always be more valuable for growing timber than agricultural crops. That is a very conservative figure and at the present time there is a larger percentage of woodland. A large number of the citizens of the county are realizing an income from forest products such as acid wood, ties, poles, posts and lumber, and unless some

## VETERANS OF SPANISH WAR HOLD ANNUAL MEET

The National Encampment of Spanish War Veterans will be held this year in Chattanooga, Tenn., September 16-20.

Every effort is being made to make this, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Spanish War a notable event. It is the first time that the encampment has been held in the South.

The Encampment will open officially Monday September 17, but on Sunday evening there will be a patriotic program under the supervision of the Chattanooga Music Club at which time Col. W. B. Miller representing Col. Alvin Owsley National Commander of the American Legion will be one of the speakers.

Elaborate preparations are being made to entertain the veterans during their stay in Chattanooga.

## Information Bureau Installed By Mayor

On account of the number of inquiries that are received by the Mayor's office from time to time from people seeking information concerning Tryon, Mayor W. S. Green has recently installed an information bureau with the idea of cooperating with house owners of Tryon and this vicinity and with the visitors.

Mayor Green has urged the public to list all information in regard to houses to let, or rooms for rent at his office. The followings information is sought for his records:

Size, location and rental of house by month or by season, whether furnished or unfurnished, whether modern or not and if for sale so state.

Rooms, whether with or without board, and rental with or without board.

"If the people of Tryon will place this information in my hands at their earliest convenience and will keep these lists up to date, notifying me when cottages or rooms have been taken," stated Mayor Green, "I shall be glad to incorporate these facts in my letters in answer to inquiries from prospective visitors."

## Prisoners Pry Way Out Of County Jail

Three Escape From Jail in  
Broad Day Light.

Three prisoners, James Blackwell, Charles Webb and Edgar Searcy, made their escape from the county jail at Columbus last Friday afternoon during the absence of the jailor, O. L. Wilson, by prying up the flooring in the cage room on the second floor of the building and dropping down through the jailors quarters thus making their exit.

The three men were being held in the county jail awaiting trial at the Fall term of Superior Court. Blackwell was charged with violation of the prohibition law; Webb and Searcy on separate larceny charges.

Mr. Wilson stated that he had "been in the habit of allowing the prisoners in that section of the jail to exercise through the day in the large room in which the cage was situated, returning them into the cage every evening at supper time." Friday, Mr. Wilson was called away to attend the funeral of his sister shortly after releasing the prisoners into the main room. Mr. Wilson left the jail keys with Joe Owens, a laborer in the lumber yard next to the jail. About four o'clock Friday afternoon, Owens' attention was attracted by yelling from one of the jail windows on the second floor. There were six other prisoners in the building at the time of the jail delivery. Answering the call, Owens was told of the escape by one of these six who stated that a prisoner named Richard Pitts had seen the men leaving the building and had told him to warn the lumber man, because Pitts was on the far side of the building.

The warning was sent out within ten minutes after the escape but a complete search of the vicinity failed to discover the escaped prisoners.

Investigation of the escape by the authorities indicated that an iron bar used to lock the cage at night had been used by the men in prying up the old flooring in the cage room, the three men dropping to the floor beneath after knocking out the ceiling. They ran across the intervening space to the woods near the jail and disappeared.

It was stated Saturday that Blackwell and Webb had been seen near Oak Grove Church Friday night.

Every effort is being made to apprehend the men and return them for trial.

## NEW FRUIT EXCHANGE OPENS AT CINCINNATI

Fruit and vegetable growers throughout the South will be interested in the formal opening of the new Cincinnati Fruit Exchange building here as it will provide better facilities for handling the large volume of perishable products from the South destined for markets of the Middle West which moves through Cincinnati.

The new building was built by the Southern Railway System and has been leased for a long term to the United Fruit Auction Company, composed of the principal fruit and vegetable firms of Cincinnati. It is of reinforced concrete construction and has every modern facility. The lower floor will be used as a warehouse and has Southern railway tracks on one side and a paved teamway on the other. The auction room and the offices of the various dealers are located on the second floor. Both telegraph companies have their own offices in the building.

The location of the exchange building on the Vine Street terminal of the Southern makes it very convenient both for the prompt handling of cars arriving from the South and for the delivery of produce to Cincinnati dealers.

## School Opening Date Delayed For One Week

School to Open Friday Sept.  
14. Plans Being Made  
for Dedication.

One more week of vacation for the pupils of the Tryon Graded School according to announcement made by the school board.

Due to the fact that all of the equipment for the new school building has not been placed as yet plans which called for the opening of the local school on Friday September 7 have been delayed for one week. School will open according to the new schedule on Friday September 14 for grading and general classification and the formal opening the following Monday with all classes in session.

Seats and desks for the new building will be placed during the coming week. The seats for the auditorium are expected to arrive soon.

Plans for the dedication of the building are being made by the school board. It is expected that the dedication will take place soon after the beginning of the Fall term. Several men prominent in educational circles have been invited to make addresses upon that occasion including a few local men.

## S. C. Governor Speaks At Big Co-op Meeting

Featured with a forceful address in behalf of Cooperative Marketing by Governor Thomas G. McLeod, a "cotton farmer" as he styled himself and a man of deep conviction. Farmers from four counties gathered at Jackson August 22. Governor McLeod gave as one of his chief reasons for being on the platform in favor of orderly marketing the statement that through this method alone would the farmers find financial salvation. General Manager U. B. Blalock of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association was another speaker.

Really it was a gala occasion. No man can tell how many people were there—798 automobiles were counted parked within two blocks of the Court house and entire streets were roped off for the parking. Northampton, Bertie, Halifax and Warren counties were represented with visitors from Hertford, Wilson and even across the state line in Virginia. The arrangements were superb and there was barbecue, fried chicken, sandwiches and cake for the multitude and plenty over.

Mr. Blalock was presented by Mr. W. H. Joyner of Garysburg and Governor McLeod was introduced by State Senator W. H. Burgwin of Woodland. Mayor Eric Norfleet of Jackson made the visitors welcome in a graceful speech after the invocation by Rev. B. P. Robison of the Methodist Church. Joseph C. Jones, Field Representative of the Cotton Growers, whose territory covers Warren, Halifax, Hertford and Northampton was in charge of the program and really it was under his immediate supervision that the picnic was arranged by the Cooperative Association locals of the four counties.

In his address, Mr. Blalock reviewed the years work of the Association and told of the plans which have been made for the coming season. Already \$14,511,412.66 has been paid to the members of the Cotton Growers Association, said Mr. Blalock and just as soon as the auditors can complete their work, a final statement of the years business will be sent the membership. The well known firm of Ernst & Ernst, have been engaged to make the annual audit of the Association books and are busy at this task. With enlarged warehouse facilities and a larger force of classifiers, the members will be given still better service the coming season.

## Town Commissioners To Meet Monday Night

The budget for the fiscal year 1923-24 for the town of Tryon will be taken up for adoption by the Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting to be held Monday, September 3, at 8 o'clock in the office of Mayor W. S. Green.

The budget has been delayed this year, according to members of the commission, due to the fact that the town records have been in the hands of the auditors for the past several weeks. The budget was prepared in June as specified by law, but final adoption was delayed until the commission could determine the exact nature of the town's exchequer.

Work was started this week on the laying of the new water line to the negro school house over Cemetery Hill. Approximately 3,000 feet of pipe will be placed from Grady avenue to the end of the new line.

Street work has been somewhat delayed due to the excessive dry weather, but Mayor Green stated that repair work would proceed as soon as the streets could be worked to advantage. Several culverts have been repaired about town in addition to the completion of the lowering of all water mains.

It is urged that the citizens who have not yet paid their taxes for the past year or who owe water rent make payment as soon as possible at the office of Mayor Green. Miss Jones, newly appointed. Town Clerk will be on duty at that office from 9 to 5 o'clock daily to accept taxes, or bills payable and to file complaints for the consideration of the commission.

## MRS. POWELL, MOTHER OF MRS. G. E. BELL, DIES

Word was received here Monday of the death of Mrs. E. B. Powell, mother of Mrs. G. E. Bell, at her home in Petersburg, Virginia.

Mrs. Powell, who was 81 years of age at the time of her death, has been a visitor in Tryon upon several occasions, her last visit being about a year ago.

She died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Burleigh. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the old Powell homestead in Windsor, Va.

Mrs. Powell is survived by one son and five daughters.

Mrs. Bell left Monday noon to attend the funeral of her mother.

## BENEDICT-JACKSON.

A wedding of interest to a wide circle of friends was solemnized on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Central Methodist Church in Asheville, when Miss Jessie Wingo Jackson, of this city, became the bride of Mr. Paul Benedict, of Flint, Mich. The impressive ring ceremony was used. Rev. Dr. Ashley Chappel officiating, in the presence of a few friends.

The young couple left on an evening train for a honeymoon in the North, after which they will be at home in Flint, Mich.

Miss Jackson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Jackson of Tryon, and has many friends here who will be interested to learn of her marriage.

## TO PATRONS OF THE MILL SPRING SCHOOL

The school bus will transport all the graduates from the seventh grade and all high school students, to Columbus school until the Mill Spring School opens. This will make it easily possible for these students to do a full year's work during this school year.

The bus will leave Mill Spring Monday morning Sept. 3rd for Columbus. I hope every parent will see that his child takes advantage of this special opportunity to make his grade this year.

E. W. S. COBB, Supt.

## S. S. Association Of Polk County To Meet

Pennant to be Given School  
With Largest Attendance  
Convene at Mill  
Spring.

One feature of the approaching Polk County Sunday School Convention to be held at Bethlehem Methodist Church, Mill Spring, Thursday and Friday, September 13 and 14, will be the presentation of a beautiful pennant, 18 by 36 inches, to the Sunday School having present the largest number of representatives over sixteen years of age, according to the number of miles traveled. The number of representatives from a given Sunday School will be multiplied by the number of miles from that church to the convention church, and the school having the largest total will receive the pennant. The Sunday School with which the convention is held, and any other school within one mile, will not compete for the pennant.

There will also be a roll call of townships, when a record will be made of the number of Sunday Schools represented from each township, as well as the number from each school, and the number of pastors, superintendents and teachers present.

The County and Township Sunday School Association officers who are promoting the plans for the convention are County President: Nelson Jackson, Jr.; County Secretary, W. W. Creasman; Township Presidents: S. E. Sloan, G. L. Thompson, J. H. Gibbs, E. W. S. Cobb, J. D. Weaver and T. F. Mills.

These officers are requesting the co-operation of all pastors, superintendents and other Sunday School leaders in the effort to make the convention a success.

The two out-of-county speakers on the convention program will be D. W. Sims, General Superintendent North Carolina Sunday School Association, and Miss Flora Davis, Asst. Superintendent. Both Mr. Sims and Miss Davis are well trained and experienced Sunday School workers. With these two outside speakers, and the splendid local talent, the county officers felt that an interesting program is assured.

## Sunday Services at Tryon Churches

### 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.

### THE METHODIST AND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES OF TRYON.

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

### The Presbyterian Church of Tryon.

Services next Sunday at 11:00 o'clock at the Methodist Church The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered at this hour—All are invited to worship with us.

### TRYON BAPTIST CHURCH.

Services each Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.