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## Polk County To Participate In Publicity Campaign Of Western North Carolina, Inc.

Buncombe County Subscribes Half of \$50,000 Annual Quota for Five Year Period. Twenty Other Counties to Raise Remaining \$25,000.

Western North Carolina, Inc., has begun its work for the season of 1923-4. This is an organization of business men and others interested in the development of this section from the viewpoint of settlement, commerce, education, religion and pleasure.

Twenty-one counties including Polk comprise the organization. It remains to be seen if the business men and other citizens of this county wish to join in a movement which has for its object the exploiting of this section so that its many advantages shall become generally known to the country at large.

The Tryon Board of Trade, the merchants of Saluda and Columbus desire this object to be realized. They wish spread before the world the fact that Polk County offers unrivaled opportunities for industries of almost every sort, that its beautiful scenery and its delectable climate have attractions not surpassed even by some of the most noted resorts anywhere in the country, and they wish to number among its citizens many of those of other parts who are seeking places for homes either permanent or temporary.

To do this effectively is costly. Better no advertising at all than that which is not attractive or which is badly placed. The chance to avoid the greater part of the expense and the errors mentioned seems to lie in joining forces with Western North Carolina Inc., which with the staunch support of the whole region will have the means and the organization to perform the task in the most effective manner.

At the head of the organization is Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, of the State Geological Survey, who knows the resources and the people of the region intimately, and who, as president, has the enthusiastic support of the Board of Directors comprised of men from each county. Dr. Pratt organized the Carolina Products exposition which holds a successful exhibit each year at Charlotte and

which has done splendid work of its kind. He is an ideal man to head the new organization and the way in which he has already taken hold promises well for its success. The headquarters will be at Asheville and will be a clearing-house for information of every sort.

It is proposed that a fund of \$50,000 be raised as working capital, the subscription pledges to be spread over a term of five years. Half of that sum has already been pledged by Buncombe County, the remainder to be subscribed by the other counties in the district. At a meeting of the directors in Asheville last week the representatives of the various counties mentioned the sums they thought it possible to raise. Even the smallest and least populated sections were confident that their quotas would be forth coming.

We think that herein lies Polk County's chance and one which should not be overlooked. The county is given an opportunity to exploit itself along with the whole region of which it is a part. Polk County needs industries; they mean increased prosperity. It needs settlers on its lands and more residents in its towns. It needs to let the country know its advantages for health and recreation which here awaits those who crave them. These things mean prosperity also.

By affiliation with Western North Carolina Inc., these needs will be met. By advertising in newspapers and magazines and through the medium of railroad publicity, Tryon, Saluda, Columbus and the rural territory will have their reputation spread as no local means could ever do. The result is certain to be an influx of capital and visitors both of which are necessary to the continued prosperity of the county. It is up to Polk and its merchants in town and country to say whether they are willing to go on as they have been doing or by affiliating with and supporting Western North Carolina Inc., to ride in on the crest of the prosperity wave.

## NORTH CAROLINA WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

High Point—Willis Cotton Mill Company constructing new mill. State Hospital for colored insane under construction.

Murphy—New electric lights installed on Hiwassee river bridge.

Asheville—Tobacco manufacturing concern looking for plant site at this point.

Washington—Construction of new central fire station nearing completion.

Morganton—Contracts awarded for three new buildings at State Hospital.

Rock Hill—Building and Loan Association formed here to encourage home building.

Durham—Masonic temple under construction at this point.

Wadesboro—Construction of big million dollar cotton mill progressing rapidly.

Rockingham—Contract awarded for erection of 24 four-room cottages at local mill village.

Bensonville—New pasteurizing plant planned at this point.

Department of Agriculture forecasts crops of 10,126,000 bushels of sweet potatoes this season.

Shelton—New school building completed.

Fidelity Bank & Trust Company, capital \$500,000, starts business in former National Bank building.

High Point—Plans under way for rebuilding Giant Furniture Company plant.

Midway—Contract let for modern school building on school building site.

Greenville—Contract awarded for erection of new courthouse here.

Beaufort—Smyrna township consolidated school building completed.

Cotton mills of both Carolinas have practically all resumed full time operation.

Midway—Monroe-Jackson Stand and Cotton Mills being operated by new owners after one year shutdown.

Waterbury—Plans being prepared for construction of 150,000 h. p. hydro electric plant on Great Pigeon river.

Asheville—Asheville Power & Light Company to spend \$200,000 on expansion of street car system.

Southport—Shrimp industry at this point thriving.

Charlotte—Contract awarded for erection of new \$150,000 plant of Carolina Bakery Company.

Burlington—\$50,000 being raised for site for proposed Junior Order orphanage.

Lumberton—Cotton ales big on local market—gins running over time.

Charlotte—\$300,000 building permits issued for month of September.

Williamston—Harris Oil Company plans to double capacity of local plant.

Zebulon—New road to be built from here to Selma.

High Point—Plans completed for erection of new station on site of old C. & Y. station.

Rutherfordton—New school building being rushed to completion.

High Point—New machinery being installed at "Morning Herald" plant.

Rowland—Erection of new cotton mill at this point planned.

High Point—Thomasville & Denton Railroad trackage and equipment to be improved.

Wilmington—Atlantic Paint & Varnish Company completes new plant.

## APPOINT NEN MEMBERS ON P. T. A. COMMITTEES.

The October meeting of the Parent Teachers Association was held last Monday afternoon at the school building. Committee reports were made and tentative plans for the winter activities of the organization outlined.

W. A. Schilleter, principal of the school was appointed on the executive committee. Mrs. Schilleter was appointed to serve with the Welfare committee and Mrs. Butler with the Ways and Means committee.

Twenty-seven dollars were paid in to the treasury for annual dues.

## Spartanburg Fair To Begin October 30

Railroads Offer Rates to Sixteenth Annual Fair

Spartanburg, S. C., Oct. 12. The sixteenth annual Fair of the Spartanburg County Fair Association begins Oct. 30th and ends November 2nd. The railroads are offering reduced rates from neighboring cities and towns, and with hundreds of miles of excellent highways leading into Spartanburg, there should be a record-breaking attendance.

The Spartanburg Fair won a place among the great Fairs of the South. It has been financially successful and is able to stage an exhibition on a scale smaller fairs could not attempt. The 1923 Fair will be the biggest and best show ever put on in the Piedmont; and Spartanburg merchants, farmers and business men generally join in inviting the outside world to visit the city and the fair-grounds, October 30—November 2.

Besides horse racing and various amusement shows, there will be a great array of agricultural exhibits, poultry, swine dairy cattle, horses, mules, etc. There will also be a varied exhibit by the home demonstration department, boys clubs, girls clubs, flower clubs, etc.

The price of admission will be 50c for adults and 25c for children. Occupants of vehicles pay for personal admission. There is no charge for automobiles, but parking space on the fair grounds is limited.

Spartanburg invites her friends from the old North State and from counties to the South, East, North, and West to come and be her guests Fair Week.

## BAPTIST LADIES AID HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

The ladies of the Baptist church are making elaborate preparations for an Halloween festival to be held at the Lanier Library on Wednesday, October, 31.

## Quartet Concert Delights Audience

Splendid harmony and a diversified programme were the outstanding qualities of the concert offered by the LaSalle Bell Ringing Quartet at the school auditorium last Monday night.

The entire programme was well rounded out with a diversion of songs by the ensemble, solos, readings and the novel feature of bell ringing, interspersed with instrumental music.

This concert is the first of a series of five that will be rendered at the school building for the next four months. All of the concerts are said to be on a par with this first.

It is expected that the fault with the acoustics of the auditorium will be remedied before the next concert. An expert will go over the hall and make the necessary changes at once.

Tickets for the series may be obtained from J. N. Jackson or Eugene Brownlee.

## Card of Thanks.

We cannot express our thanks in words for the kindness of our friends during the sickness and death of our baby boy, Duford Williams, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Duford Williams  
Mr. and Mrs. M. Waters.  
Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Williams.

## WEATHER REPORT

Meteorological Record For Tryon

Gendall Brownlee, Official Observer of the United States Weather Bureau.  
For week ending October 16.

	Temperature
	Max. Min.
Day	75 37
Wed	83 39
Thurs	80 45
Fri	85 47
Sat	81 45
Sun	82 50
Mon	78 51
Tues.	

Prevailing Winds and Character of Day

Wed. S. W. clear; Thurs. S. W. clear; Friday E. Partly cloudy; Sat. W. clear; Sunday S. clear; Monday S. clear; Tuesday E. cloudy.  
Maximum temperature for week 85. minimum temperature 37.

## Pour Concrete For First Pier At Dam

Aeroplane Taking Views Starts Rumors of "Still" Hunting.

The giant booms on the derricks at the Blue Ridge Power company's Turner Shoals project swing from fifteen to twenty cubic yards of concrete into place every hour of the day as the first pier of the power dam rises from the bed of the river.

The first concrete was poured last Friday afternoon. Friday morning saw the completion of the huge rock crusher which is located within a short distance of the quarry. Ford one ton trucks are kept busy hauling sand from the sand pile a thousand yards distant from the dam. The rock is hoisted direct from the quarry to the crusher and passes into the mixer beneath it. Eleven of these piers will be constructed between which arches will be placed to hold back the waters of Green river in order to convert it into power to be sold to industries many miles distant.

In approximately a year's time the Turner Shoals project will be furnishing power. Upon the completion of this dam a second and larger project will be started near Fishtop to cost in the neighborhood of four and a half million dollars.

The aeroplane working under the supervision of Mize and Mize, Engineers, making aerial maps of the Green river has created no little sensation among many of the residents of the county living in that section. Various rumors have gone forth among which was one to the effect that the ship was searching the mountain sides for "stills," this rumor being based on the fact that the Federal Prohibition officers have been active in the past week or so in that section of the county.

Officials of the Blue Ridge Power company who have visited the project recently seem satisfied with the progress made.

## Complete Survey To Be Made Of Water System

Authorization was granted Mayor W. S. Green by the Town Commission at a meeting held last Monday afternoon to procure the services of an engineer to make a thorough survey of the Tryon water system with a view to taking prompt action on the resolution passed at the special meeting of the Board of Trade.

The Board of Trade as a representative group of Tryon citizens assured the commission of its support in any undertaking it might assume to alleviate the present water shortage.

Acting upon the recommendations made by Engineer White who was employed by the former commission the council will employ a competent engineer to make a survey of the system and to supervise the necessary changes to increase the water supply.

Honesty, the Wiser Policy.  
Most men are liars, but a few of the wiser ones are discovering that the habit is a foolish and damaging one, and lie as little as possible.—E. W. Howe's Monthly.

## Sunday Services at Tryon Churches

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
W. A. Black, Minister

Public Worship at 11 a. m.  
Bible School at 10 a. m.  
Christian Endeavor, 4 P. M.  
Bible Study, Wednesday 4 P. M.

TRYON BAPTIST CHURCH

A Cordial welcome to all.  
Thomas L. Justice, D. D., Pastor.  
Preaching service each Sabbath at 11 o'clock  
Sunday School each Sabbath morning at 10 o'clock. E. Hagemen, Supt.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. C. P. Burnett, Rector.  
Sunday Services:  
Holy Communion—8:00  
Sunday School—10:00  
Morning Prayer and sermon (Holy Communion on 1st Sunday in the month.) 11 A. M.  
Friday afternoon 5 o'clock Litany and Intercessions for the sick.

## Many Hundreds Of Exhibits Make Fair Most Successful In History Of County

County People Pack Court House Throughout Day. Booths Attractively Decorated New Departments. Prize Winners Announced.

By J. R. Sams

We never know what will happen on an eventful day, until the day has come and gone. Last Thursday Oct. 11, Fair day in Polk County, was an eventful day filled with pleasant events.

The morning was auspicious; bright with a clear sky, balmy sunshine, and bracing October atmosphere. From an early hour; until late afternoon citizens from every section in the county and visitors from abroad poured into Columbus.

At 11 o'clock all entries were closed and judging begun. While there has been in preceding fairs as much and perhaps more exhibits than were displayed Thursday it was extremely gratifying to see the great progress that has been made in the grading of farm products.

There were people from every township in Polk County and from each township came products that reflected credit upon those who grew and brought them to the fair.

A few things need special mention among which are H. P. Corwith's display of apples from Over Brook Orchard a display which would do him or any other orchardist credit in any State Fair. It took time and money to accomplish such an exhibit, and his only remuneration is the consciousness of having done his full duty in advertising his county as a good place to grow apples. J. C. Davis and James Horn deserve special mention for their farm exhibits.

George Gibbs—a Pig Club Boy, deserves great credit for bringing to the Fair his pig. This pig's name is Joe and has made an enviable record, and George should have credit for having the "know how" to grow a pig and patriotism enough to bring his pig to the Fair.

There were hundreds of meritorious exhibits of corn, cotton, Irish and sweet potatoes, apples, garden displays, truck, field and garden seeds.

Mrs. R. G. Hamilton's field and garden seed display should have special attention.

Taking every thing into consideration, I would pronounce it the best Fair since I have been in the county.

The social feature was the best part of the Fair. People met, and greeted each other as friends and brothers.

A great and joyful day, spent in a great and joyful way.

By Sarah M. Padgett.

Fall foliage in all its attractive coloring decorating the booths and displays in all departments was one of the outstanding features of the Fair this year. This is the first year that any attempt has been made to decorate the building for the Fair. The women of the county gave their hearty cooperation in making the Fair building attractive with foliage and paper hangings in Fall colors.

Wednesday, the day before the Fair, the County Court House was swarming with men and women placing decorations about the rooms and arranging the exhibits in an attractive manner. Throughout the week of the Fair there was a spirit of cooperation that made for the success of the occasion.

Two new departments were added to the Fair this year that are worthy of especial mention: the Art Department, fostered by the Misses Nash, and the Domestic Science Department featuring School Lunches under the supervision of Miss Glayas of the Columbus school.

There were between 150 and 200 paintings displayed in the art department, all by artists living in and about the county. This department attracted many people for the paintings were mostly of scenes in the county.

The domestic science class under the direction of Miss Glayas packed several different school lunch boxes for that booth. The booth was attractively decorated with instructive posters.

There has been a decided improvement in the canning exhibits in the last two years. Although there were many exhibits this year, quality was the outstanding feature rather than quantity. All of the

displays were of the highest quality and well put up.

Eleven year old Evelyn Cole of Melvin Hill who attended her first course at the summer club encampment was awarded two prizes in her department, first prize for soup mixture and second for beans. She also won the prizes at the Green Creek Fair.

Miss Hattie Neil, Home Demonstration agent of Rutherfordton county was the judge for the Home Economics department.

Mrs. Ludlum who offered two prizes for fine thread weaving judged this department.

We are already making plans for next year. Classes will be organized in various courses of home economics for the winter months. The Fair gave us an excellent opportunity to judge the progress of the county and we feel that rapid strides have been made in many things pertaining to our work.

Those who registered the entries and those who recorded the decisions of the judges desire the cooperation of the exhibitors in correcting any mistakes that may have occurred in the confusion of the crowds surrounding the entries at the Fair. Corrections or omissions in the list given below should be reported as soon as possible to either J. R. Sams, Miss Sarah M. Padgett or Miss M. I. Flentye. Checks will not be mailed to the premium winners for several days and the committee are desirous of sending the checks to the right persons.

Following is a list of the premium winners:

## FARM DEMONSTRATIONS DEPARTMENT

- 1 Best single ear corn, white (prolific); 1st 341 J. C. Davis, 2nd 340 J. C. Davis.
- 2 Best single ear corn white (single ear); 1st 686 T. E. Walker, 2nd 959 J. W. Wilson.
- 3 Best 10 ears corn prolific 1 stalk with ears attached; 1st 451 J. C. Davis, 2nd 367 J. C. Davis, 3rd 649 T. E. Walker.
- 5 Best ten ears corn single ear white; 1st 585 T. E. Walker, 2nd 835 J. A. Feagan, 3rd 463 T. A. Clark.
- 6 Best ten ears corn yellow; 1st 520 Jack Abrams, 2nd 519 R. N. Hunter.
- 7 Best 10 ears of pop corn white rice; 2nd 222 Mrs. R. G. Hamilton.
- 9 Best peck wheat any variety; 1st 951 J. P. Horn.
- 10 Best Peck rye any variety; 1st 168 James L. Smith, 2nd 710 Gordon Gibbs.
- 11 Best peck oats; 2nd 709 Gordon Gibbs.
- 12 Best peck soy beans mammoth yellow; 1st 762 D. J. Lawter, 3rd 952 J. P. Horn.
- 13 Best peck soy beans any variety; 2nd 339 J. C. Davis.
- 14 Best peck money beans, 1st 962 J. M. Davis.
- 16 Best single stock bean; 1st 760 D. J. Lawter, 2nd 264 R. L. Collins.
- 26 Best single stalk cow peas any variety; 1st 228 J. C. Davis, 2nd 501 Geo Pack.
- 31 Best and most prolific stalk of cotton; 1st 865 W. H. Whiteside, 2nd 464 T. A. Clark, 3rd 505 Geo. Pack.
- 32 Largest, best arranged and most attractive Farm exhibit; 1st 502 J. C. Davis, 2nd J. P. Horn.
- 33 Best plate apples Virginia Beauty; 2nd 796 Hattie Bridges.
- 34 Best plate apples Wine Sap; 1st 758 Lynn Waldrop, 2nd 967 H. E. Flynn.
- 35 Best plate apples Limber Twig; 1st 874 J. A. Feagan, 2nd 849 Mrs. Lillie Taylor.
- 38 Best plate apples Grimes; 2nd 828 C. V. Elliott.
- 40 Best plate apples Stayman; 1st 622 B. C. von Kahlden, 2nd 613 B. C. von Kahlden.
- 41a Best exhibit private orchard; 1st 454 B. C. von Kahlden, 2nd 453 B. C. von Kahlden.
- 46 Best plate pears any variety; 1st 385 Mrs. H. H. Edwards, 2nd 964 Dorothy Edwards.
- 47 Best basket mixed fruits one peck or more; 2nd 800 Mrs. Lillie Taylor.

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