

Time Of Tryon Spread First By Dr. McAboy

Former Owner Of Mimosa First To Advertise This Section

By J. B. Cleveland

The outstanding figure of the early days of Tryon was Dr. McAboy, who came south soon after the Civil War and bought the beautiful home of Columbus Mills, known as "Mimosa". He was the first to claim the merits of Tryon as a health resort. Converting a large house into an hotel, he claimed and advertised far and near the merits of the Iso-Thermal Belt. I have seen him surrounded by an admiring crowd as he talked of the wonders of the Iso-Thermal Belt, suitable for all kinds of ailments, especially for grapes. I knew him, well knit frame, whiskers, the typical Presbyterian Minister of that time. He took great interest in the building of the railroad from Spartanburg to Asheville and made speeches all over the county advocating the subscription of \$50,000.00 in bonds for the county if the road was built by Columbus which would be defeated, who, at that time, Dr. McAboy thought that ultimately, would be built much nearer his home. He was by far the best citizen of Tryon and did more for the growth of the town and advertising that section than any other man. His enthusiasm was such that he lured several other families come down and buy homes and near Tryon.

The Thermal Belt

A good many years ago the United States Government adopted Dr. McAboy's theory of Iso Thermal Belt and by various observations extending over several years, defined the belt as running up the side of the mountain. From my collection, the report in substance was that the hot air from the valley rose up to certain height and was there met by a counter-current from above which made the warmer current stationary so that it is several degrees warmer down in the valley or on the top of the mountain.

R. K. Carson

I have taken several trips through the late R. K. Carson thru Polk County. Altho he lived in Spartanburg, he was ever loyal to the county of his ancestors. On one occasion in driving thru the country, he suddenly stopped the buggy in which we were riding and said, "This is the place in which my grandfather, John Moore, was killed. His horse ran away and threw him against a tree. John Moore was in some respects a man ahead of his times. A large land-owner in both Spartanburg and Polk Counties, he lived in a large, four-story house, which afterwards was burned. I think his place was near White Oak Creek. He was a great merchant and had three presses, one of which was managed by Mr. James Nesbitt at Spartanburg county. His will was in some respects a remarkable illustration of his practical sense and sound judgment. Among many de-

MANY LIVES ARE SAVED BY CAROLINA STOP LAW

Raleigh, N. C., February 28, Deaths and injuries from grade crossing accidents showed a marked decline following the enactment of the North Carolina law requiring drivers of motor vehicles to stop before crossing railroad tracks, according to figures just made by the Safety Department of the Southern Railway System.

This decrease in casualties was in the face of an increasing volume of automobile and truck travel, 247,612 motor vehicles having been registered in the office of the Secretary of State of North Carolina during 1923 as against 182,060 in 1922.

REV. E. E. CHITWOOD TO GIVE LECTURE SERIES

A series of Sunday night Bible lectures, promising to be of unusual interest, will begin next Sunday night, March 2, at the Strand Theatre at 7:30 P. M. The lectures will be given by Rev. Ernest E. Chitwood, the opening subject being, "Civilization's Future—Will It Be Peace or Pieces?"

Rev. Chitwood is from Los Angeles, California, but has spent several years in the Carolinas. He has had marked success in meetings held in Greenville, Columbia, and Charleston. It will be of interest to our readers to know that Rev. Chitwood is so pleased with Tryon that he has bought property here, expecting to make this his home when he is not away holding meetings.

One feature of the services Mr. Chitwood will conduct here, is that the congregation will be given opportunity to ask questions on any Bible subject, and the answer to the question will be read from the Bible at the same meeting, in every case that this is possible.

The public is invited to attend these free lectures.

He directed that his executors should employ the best tutors for his children but that they should not be taught either Latin or Greek, as he regarded this a waste of time.

Mr. R. K. Carson always regarded himself as a citizen of Polk County as well as of Spartanburg. I can not end this letter better than by showing the high regard and esteem in which he was held, as evidenced by the following resolutions adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of Chesnee Mills:

RESOLVED: That by the death of Mr. R. K. Carson, who has long been a director in this Company, we have lost a useful and faithful member, always ready to render valuable and efficient service, seldom absent from any meeting. Always by his presence there was an atmosphere of cheerfulness over our deliberations.

Naturally of a cheerful and happy disposition, he was a welcome companion of any gathering, and often brought to our meetings a story or anecdote which relieved the routine work and illustrated so well the matter under consideration by personal experience which made our paths more agreeable.

A sincere, able, candid and truthful citizen has passed to the great beyond. One whose reflections expressed in perfect candor were free from malice.

Mr. Carson's greatest quality was sincerity. He never failed to express his opinion freely and openly. He never gave offense and was popular with all the humblest as well as those who held high stations in life. Our companion in business, we wish to put on record our greatest appreciation of his qualities of mind and heart and extend to his family our deep sympathy and love at their, as well as our, loss.

RESOLVED: That these resolutions be spread on the minutes and a copy be sent to his family.

Columbus Mercantile Holds Annual Meeting

Power Co. Suit--Club Meeting--Senior Class Party.

The Stockholders of the Columbus Mercantile Co., held their annual meeting in the Polk County Bank building, Monday evening Feb. 11th. A six percent dividend was paid and the following directors were elected:—J. R. Sams, T. M. Lynch, Fred W. Blanton, Frank Jackson, Ed W. Newman. The directors then met and elected the following officers:—Fred W. Blanton, Pres; T. M. Lynch, Vice Pres. and Treasurer; Ed W. Newman Sec. The case of the Blue Ridge

Power Co., Vs. Clarence Justice of Rutherfordton was tried in the court house here Feb. 14, 15, and 16, before W. S. Green, J. H. Gibbs and A. M. Lynch as commissioners.

The Power Co., had offered Mr. Justice \$12,500 for land belonging to him that would be covered by the lake at Green River Where the Blue Ridge Power Co., is building a million dollar power dam. Mr. Justice demanded \$33,000. The Commissioners decided that the Power Co., should pay \$20,050 for the 169 acres that will be covered by the lake. So far neither side has given notice of appeal.

Mr. J. E. Shipman of Hendersonville and Mr. Horace Bowman of Spartanburg represented the Blue Ridge Power Co. Mr. Solomon Gallart and Mr. Fred Hamrick of Rutherfordton represented Mr. Justice.

Senior Class Party

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. S. Cobb delightfully entertained the Senior Class of the Stearns High School at an elaborate five course dinner last Friday evening at six o'clock. It being Washington's birthday the place-cards and decorations were symbolic of the occasion. Covers were laid for the following Seniors: Miss Gretchen Lynch, Laura Jack, Alice McIne Edwards, Mable Thompson, Eva Davis, Lillian Pack, Eunice Cloud, and Messrs. Hubert Gibert Gibbs, Elbert Westbrook. After dinner was served the Senior class repaired to the living room where they spent a most enjoyable evening indulging in games, contests and music. Each Senior was given pencil and paper and asked to draw a likeness of George Washington from a picture of him which was placed on the mantle. Miss Lillian Pack proved to be the artist of the class and received the prize, a large apple. The hour of departure arrived all too soon for this happy bunch of Seniors who left declaring they had spent the most delightful evening of all their Senior year.

The transmission crew of the Blue Ridge Power Co., that has been encamped at Columbus since last July have moved their camp near Landrum since completing their work here. The crew will be greatly missed by the people of this community.

Miss Gertrude West is at home after having completed a business course at Cecil's business College in Asheville.

Book Club Meeting

Miss Sarah M. Pagett was hostess to the Helen Stearns Book Club last Wednesday afternoon. At present the club is studying North Carolina writers and poets and a very interesting program on Walter Hines Page was carried out at this meeting. At the next meeting the life and works of Benjamin Sledd are to be studied. Miss Pagett, assisted by Miss Gluyas, served tea and cakes at the conclusion of the program.

The recently organized Missionary Society of the Baptist Church met with Mrs. Fred W. Blanton last Tuesday afternoon.

Power Dam At Turner Shoals Progressing

Bad Weather Causes Slight Delay in Construction Work.

In spite of some little delay in construction work at the Turner Shoals project of the Blue Ridge Power Company due to inclement weather, work on the various structures is progressing, according to H. Bakes, resident engineer.

About sixty percent of the piers for the huge dam have been completed several of which have already been connected by the arches. The South end of the dam is now about complete. All of the foundation work for the dam has been finished as well as the penstock foundations. The continued cold weather since Christmas has delayed much of the concrete work.

Excavating for the foundations for the power house was started recently and the stone excavation for the tail race at the power house is now well underway. The greater part of the machinery and steel structural work for the power house has arrived.

Three crews are being kept busy clearing the lake banks and bottom throughout its entire length. Surveying parties are now working along the river above the present project which will be started immediately after the completion of the Turner Shoals dam. It is undecided as yet, according to recent reports, as whether the second project will be started at Fishtop or at Foster's.

The steel towers for transporting current from this plant into the mills in the Piedmont section have been erected and transmission crews are stringing the lines. The crew that has been encamped near Columbus during the past few months has now been transferred to a camp near Landrum, work having been completed that far. Several members of the Board of Directors of the company made a tour of inspection of the project last week.

Miss Alice Lockhart Pettigrew

Funeral services for Miss Alice Lockhart Pettigrew, who died at her residence last Monday morning following a brief illness were held Tuesday afternoon from the Church of the Holy Cross, the Reverend C. P. Burnett officiating. Interment was made in the Tryon Cemetery.

Mr. Frank Green, who has been spending a few weeks with his parents returned to his work in Detroit Saturday.

Miss Sarah M. Padgett had her tonsils removed by Dr. Allen J. Jervey at the Tryon Infirmary last Friday and is getting along nicely.

Mr. Robert Landis of the U. S. N. is spending a thirty day furlough at home with his parents Mr and Mrs. J. I. Landis.

Mr. W. C. Hague, Register of Deeds of Polk County who has been very ill with small pox is improving and expects to back in his office the first of March. C. L. McFarland has been acting in the absence of Mr. Hague.

Mr. C. L. Wingo of the High School faculty has been confined to his roof at the boy's dormitory for several days with a severe cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Blanton and little daughter, Mary Lillian, went to Mooresboro Saturday and spent the week-end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Blanton.

The many friends of Mrs. L. H. Cloud will be glad to learn that she has returned very much improved after taking treatment at the chiropractic hospital in Tryon for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. S. Cobb and Miss Ruth Cobb motored to Spartanburg Saturday and spent the day shopping.

Mr. Frank Sikes of the Sikes Motor Co., went to Spartanburg last Thursday on business.

SALUDA

Mr. "Bob" Reynolds of Asheville addressed a large and appreciative audience in the Princess Theatre last Friday, afternoon. He was invited by the J. O. U. A. M. in commemoration of the birth of our national hero, George Washington.

Mr. Q. C. Sonner returned recently from Florida. While away Mr. Sonner took occasion to make a short trip to Cuba. He reports that the weather has been unpleasantly cold in Florida this winter and that he wore his overcoat every day he was there.

Prof. J. M. Foster, of our High School faculty spent the week end at Landrum, S. C.

Saluda is having a touch of real winter. It has rained, sleeted and snowed this week. We have already had four sleet storms which caused heavy losses to the telephone, telegraph and power companies, however, this is the first snow of the season. We have had a great deal of cold weather but without snow until the present one.

Rev. M. C. Lunsford pastor of the Saluda Baptist Church, is running a unique contest between the men and boys on one side and the ladies and girls on the other side. He has them engaged in the reading of the Bible and each Sunday calls for a report on the number of chapters of the Bible read during the previous week by the members of each side. It is interesting to note the reports and to consider the work that is being done for some members report reading as many as two to four hundred chapters. So far the ladies and girls are leading the men and boys in the total number of chapters read.

On account of the serious illness of their daughter Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pace were called to New Bern, N. C. They found her better and she is still improving. While away they stopped over at Goldboro, Alliance and Bayboro. Mr. Pace is agent of the Southern Railway at this point.

The regular meeting of the Mother's Club was held at the usual place Thursday afternoon. Six dainty little kimonos were finished for the layette and three little dresses were added to finished articles. Mrs. Thomas kindly offered the use of a trunk for an emergency chest in which finished work can be locked until needed. A box of used clothes is expected from Philadelphia, in the near future, which will be greatly appreciated by the ladies of the Mother's Club as these things can be placed to good advantage.

The Girls Club, an auxiliary of the Mother's Club is progressing. The Club consists of the following members, Gladys Pace, Birdie Johnson, Lila May Hobert, Sara Pearson, Alice Pearson, Felicia Johnson, Edna Thompson, and Grace Wineken.

PEA RIDGE

J. T. Edwards was in Rutherfordton last Saturday afternoon on business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Fowler visited Mrs. Ewell Bradley Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Gibbs of South Carolina were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Z. Fowler on Sunday.

Miss Ola and Lucy Byars, and Thurman Taylor motored to Flat Rock last Sunday to visit C. F. Byars.

Miss Sallie and Julia Byars of Spindale spent the week-end at their home in Pea Ridge.

Miss Elsie Byars of Chesnee spent a few days visiting friends in Pea Ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Linn Conner spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Ewell Bradley.

Miss Rose and Thalma Fowler visited with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Phillips Monday evening.

Col. Pratt Urges Town To Develop Lake Site

Points Out Value of Lake in Letter to C. of C.

Urging the necessity of lakes as a recreational feature for Tryon and vicinity, Col. Joseph Hyde Pratt, director of Western North Carolina, Inc. has written the Chamber of Commerce of Tryon in regard to the development of such a resort attraction.

Col. Pratt briefly points out the value of an artificial lake to this community in attracting visitors. He spent some time in and around the vicinity of Tryon several years ago, it was learned recently, and is in a position to have the topography of this immediate section in mind when he states that there are a number of localities here that "offer possibilities for the developing of a lake."

Following is Col. Pratt's letter: February 21st, 1924.

Mr. M. G. Blake, Sec'y, Tryon Board of Trade, Tryon, N. C.

My dear Mr. Blake:

Since the conference held in Asheville with the members of your Board of Trade and the Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce, we have given considerable thought to the development of Tryon and community.

One of the things that we think should be developed if possible is the construction of a lake. We believe that there are several localities that offer possibilities for the developing of a lake and that these should be investigated and the most favorable one selected and then every effort made to bring about the construction of the lake.

One thing the mountain region of North Carolina has lacked has been lakes, which as you know do not occur here naturally by reason that the big glacial blanket, which was largely responsible for the lake formations of the Northern States did not extend into this section of the country.

The development of a lake means boating and other aquatic sports, lake fishing and bathing, etc., which appeal to the greater number of guests who visit Tryon and community. The lake will also attract a good many people to build summer homes around the lake. I believe the construction of a lake would mean the building of another hotel almost at once. Tryon and community offers many attractions different in many ways from those offered by other Western North Carolina communities and will attract a great many more people than now visit it if the lake is constructed and other facilities and accommodations are provided for their benefit.

We sincerely hope that the Chamber of Commerce will give serious thought and consideration to the construction of a lake in your community, and we can assure you that Western North Carolina, Inc., will assist you in every way possible in determining upon a satisfactory location.

Very truly yours, J. H. Pratt

A. M. KISTLER WILL NOT MAKE DEFINITE DATE

Replying to an invitation on the part of the Chamber of Commerce of Tryon to attend a meeting of representatives of the South Carolina State Highway Commission and others interested in the hard-surfacing of the Appalachian Highway, A. M. Kistler, North Carolina State Highway Commissioner for the Eight District stated that it would be impossible for him to set even an approximate date for his attendance.

Mr. Kistler indicated that it might be possible for the organization to obtain the attendance of Mr. Frank Page, Chairman of the State Highway Commission.