

### Hydraulic Engineer Inspects Lake Sites

Warren Hall of W. N. C. Inc. Make Report on Available Locations.

Warren Hall, hydraulic engineer and secretary of the Western North Carolina, Inc., accompanied by a committee headed by Dr. A. J. Jervy, J. C. Lynch and B. L. Ballenger, president of the Tryon Chamber of Commerce made a tour of the sites that are being developed for lakes in the vicinity of Tryon last Monday. Mr. Hall who has had a number of years of experience in hydraulic engineering and is an authority on water power developments went over both the sites carefully following the details as shown on the prints and other data prepared for the projects.

### Lanier Lake

The Lanier lake development is the first to be visited. This site lies conveniently to the Spartanburg highway, about a mile distant from Tryon. The project indicates a total developed area of about 130 acres. The construction of a dam 100 feet high across Vaughn's creek. It was pointed out that the stream is uncontaminated and is used for pasturage and the water would at all times be up to the standard required by the State Board of Health. The lake would be comprised of three large bodies of water connected by narrow channels backing up from a point about 400 yards from the highway to the foot of Clark's mountain. The estimated cost of the dam was placed at about \$200,000, the dam to be constructed of reinforced concrete. This project would develop about 48 horsepower.

### Pacolet Project.

The second project is on a larger scale estimates being given on the drawings for two dams, one 38 feet in height to be approximately \$88,000 the other a 48 foot dam costing about \$131,000. The larger of the two dams would be about 280 feet across and would back up from a point several hundred yards below the home of C. J. Lynch to the Lynn highway bridge, flooding about 100 acres of land, giving a lake one and a half miles long with a shore line of about 15 miles. This lake would develop the neighborhood of a minimum of 300 horsepower. The water would be fed by the Pacolet river, Vaughn's Creek, Horse Creek and Kellar and Cole creeks. Major Hall pointed out that in the event a power station were built for this lake the revenue accruing from the sale of power would pay the interest on an investment of about \$100,000.

Both of the lake projects would permit the development of beautiful residence sections with sweeping views of the encircling mountains from Hogback to White Oak. The greater part of the day was spent by the committee in going over the projects with Major Hall who will make his report to the committee as soon as he has had an opportunity of examining the relation of the projects from financial and beneficial standpoint. It is expected that the report will be made within the next few days.

### MR. BAKER DIES SUNDAY

Mr. Howard Baker, aged 50, of Holyoke, Mass., died last Sunday morning at 3:00 o'clock at the local infirmary following a protracted illness of several months. Mr. Baker came to Tryon about six months ago for his health and was removed to the infirmary several months ago for treatment. He is survived by his wife and daughter aged 14 years. The body was shipped last Monday morning to his home for interment.

### C. of C. Urges Greens Creek County Road

By a unanimous vote the Tryon Chamber of Commerce at its last meeting held last Wednesday evening at Oak Hall decided to hold its regular meetings bi-monthly beginning with this month, the next meeting to be held next Wednesday night at the same place.

Due to the fact that a great number of questions of importance to the development of Tryon are continually being brought to the attention of the organization it was found advisable to meet oftener in order to further plans for civic growth. The meeting opened with a general discussion of the road situation, committees making reports on developments made thus far. Following the discussion in which the needs of Greens Creek were pointed out by W. H. Stearns, county road commissioner, the members adopted a resolution urging the county commission to take steps to improve the county road from the South Carolina line through Green's Creek to Columbus and thence via Mill Spring to Chimney Rock.

A committee was appointed to discuss with Eugene Brownlee the best plan for cutting back a portion of the high bank flanking the railroad in order to give a greater vision at the two crossings.

Mayor W. S. Green brought up the question of better fire protection for Tryon, urging the members to consider the matter of an organized volunteer department. It was pointed out that at the present time Tryon is without any organized measures for fighting fires and the present slipshod attempts to combat conflagrations are a disgrace and a menace to the community and should be corrected at once. Several talks were made by men who had had some little experience with volunteer systems following which a committee was appointed to draw up plans for the organization of the department on sound systematic lines.

The meeting closed with a splendid talk given by Howard Strong outlining the work that is being carried on by similar organizations throughout the country in bringing their cities before the attention of the nation.

### Polk County Schools Are Growing Rapidly

E. W. S. Cobb Will Address School Patrons at Abolene.

Grade schools throughout the State of North Carolina are rapidly taking up the matter of township consolidation and many are now operating under that plan, according to E. W. S. Cobb, County school superintendent. Mr. Cobb will address the patrons at Abolene school next Saturday evening and intends to make a tour of the county within the next few weeks in order to discuss this plan with the various townships.

Schools throughout the county have increased their attendance to a large extent in the past year or so necessitating additions to the school buildings in order to accommodate the pupils. Work was recently completed on the eight room addition to the Saluda school which has a total of about 260 pupils.

On March first, Greens Creek moved into its new quarters, containing ten rooms and an auditorium. This school has 183 pupils enrolled.

After a slight delay last Autumn in the opening of the new school at Mill Spring, that school opened with an enrollment of 326 pupils. A few of the high school students from this section are now attending the higher school grades at Stearns High School in Columbus.

### Page and Kistler May Visit County In April

Surplus of \$83,000.00 Remains From State Road Appropriation for Polk.

That Frank Page, chairman of the North Carolina State Highway Commission, and A. M. Kistler, Highway Commissioner for the Eighth District may be here in Polk County sometime during the next month was indicated in letters received recently by local men interested in developing a meeting between the highway commissions of both North and South Carolina.

B. L. Ballenger, president of the Tryon Chamber of Commerce received word from Mr. Page last week to the effect that the chairman of the commission would probably be able to attend a meeting at some date during April, the date to be set later.

W. H. Stearns of the county highway commission is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Kistler in regard to the State's appropriation for this county acknowledging a letter of inquiry written last week. Mr. Kistler states that it is his intention to visit Polk County sometime within the next four to six weeks to go over the matter of roads here. In response to the inquiry concerning the appropriation, he states that a total of \$289,623 was set aside for State highway in the county, of which amount \$206,110 were expended on the road between the South Carolina State-line and Columbus leaving a surplus of \$83,513. An effort will be made by county interests to have this amount spent on the immediate development of the continuation of State highway work across the county toward Ruthersfordton.

### BAPTIST PROGRAM FOR 75 MILLION CAMPAIGN

Edneyville and Broad River District, Carolina Association Fifth Sunday Meeting, Sunday March 30th.

Mt. Moriah Church 10:30 A. M. Opening Service conducted by the Pastor. 11:30 A. M. God's Ordained Agency for 'improving world's conditions': W. F. Penny and others. 11:45 A. M. The great task before us just now and how to meet it: A. I. Justice and others. 12:30 P. M. Adjourn for luncheon.

1:30 P. M. Songs. 2:00 P. M. Success of the seventy five (75) million campaign: Rev. W. M. Wilson and others. 2:45 P. M. Special exercises by Mt. Moriah Sunday School. 3:30 Question Box Opened. 4:00 P. M. Adjourned.

The following Churches are included in this district: Mountain Home, Mt. Moriah, Bat Cave, Broad River, Laurel Spring, Middle Fork, Bear Wallow, Barnwell and Liberty.

It is most earnestly urged that each of these Churches be well represented in this meeting.

The world program in the interest of missions will be discussed at 11:00 A. M. on the fifth Sunday in the following Churches and by the speakers named in connection with them: Balfour; J. Foy Justice; Beulah; Prof. A. N. Corpening, 3:00 P. M.; Ebenezer: Rev. A. B. Jones; East Flat Rock: Noah Hallowell; Etowah: M. L. Kirstein; French Broad: Rev. J. A. Mason; Fruitland: Prof. R. G. Anders; Hooper Creek: J. L. Jones; Horse Shoe: Clyde Johnson; Jones Gap: Roy Bennett; Mills River: M. C. Lunsford; Mud Creek: Rev. S. J. Morgan; Pleasant Hill: M. Y. Arledge; Saluda: N. A. Melton; Shaws Creek: W. B. Sinclair; Tuxedo: Rev. E. G. Ross; Tryon: Dr. E. E. Bomar; Valley Hill: J. E. Shipman; Mountain Page: Dewey Willis; Friendship: S. J. Lawrence; Green River: Albert Johnson; Mt. Gilead: Rev. J. B. Guise; Crab-Creek: To be supplied; First Baptist Church, Hendersonville: Dr. T. L. Justice.

### Miss Mary Large Dies In Kentucky Hospital

Friend of the Mountain People Stricken by Typhoid.

The many Tryon and Polk County friends of Miss Mary Harriett Large were saddened yesterday by the news of her death resulting from an attack of typhoid fever contracted recently while on a visit at Middleboro, Kentucky. Tryon friends were expecting Miss Large to arrive here soon to recuperate from her illness and the announcement of her death came as a shock to the community.

The childhood days of Miss Large were spent in Grand Rapids, Mich., her father being the Episcopal minister there. She inherited to a large extent from her father a desire for aiding those in need and upon coming to Tryon some years ago found a field for her beneficent endeavors. Miss Large came to Tryon after several years of splendid work at Hull House in Chicago where she served in many capacities helping any and all useful projects in the settlement work.

Arriving here she immediately took up her work, toiling in a brave and faithful way living in a small cottage, the property of the Holy Cross Church. Sunday school entertainments, Christmas trees, the making and altering of garments for the needy and selling articles made by these people, occupied her time and brought sunshine into the lives of many.

Soon after her arrival, the Mountain Industries was organized at a breakfast given by Mrs. Washburn at Oak Hall. The history of this organization as it related to Miss Large has yet to be written showing both its and her usefulness to the many poor and needy families living here and in out of the way places in the mountains. Many of the mountain people and women in the agricultural sections of the county came to Miss Large for advice and assistance and for criticism of their handiwork. As their work improved under her guidance it found a ready sale. Her later years have been spent in the Kentucky mountains working among the natives in much the same manner as she did here, developing and stimulating them to the better things in life.

### TOWN COUNCIL HOLDS A SPECIAL MEETING

The town commission held a special meeting Tuesday afternoon to discuss the proposed water bond issue details. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved in Council assembled that the funds received from the sale of \$28,000 of Water Works Bonds shall be placed, one half in each of the two banks of Tryon, and drawn out only on order of the town treasurer, countersigned by the Mayor and one of the Commissioners, the account being approved by the Board of Commissioners, and that separate accounts from all other monies shall be kept.

B. L. Ballenger  
P. G. Morris  
W. C. Ward  
Commissioners  
W. S. Green, Mayor.

### MRS. REED ENDED LIFE WITH PISTOL SATURDAY

Mrs. J. B. Reed, mother of Mrs. Oren Herring, both well known in Tryon, committed suicide last Saturday afternoon about two o'clock by shooting herself in the right temple with an automatic revolver. Death followed immediately. Despondency as a result of prolonged ill-health is attributed as the cause of Mrs. Reed's taking her own life.

### Repairing Bridges And Roads of County

Bridges on all county roads will undergo repairs wherever needed within the next month according to the present plans of the county road commission. Work started this week on the repair of bridges across Green River at Fishtop. New timbers will replace the present ones and I-beams will be placed in many of the present structures to strengthen the frame work.

It is expected that as soon as possible the county road system will be completely gone over with plows and scrapers and placed in good condition.

The attention of the commission was called to the present condition of the approach from the State highway to the Tryon Country Club and assurance was given that this short stretch of road would be worked at once.

### N. C. HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETS TODAY

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Horticultural Society is being held today in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium in Asheville. Following a meeting of the Board of Directors held this morning the general session convened for luncheon.

The meeting will be opened by an address by H. P. Corwith of Saluda, president of the society. Among the prominent speakers who will make interesting addresses to the members are Col. Joseph Hyde Pratt of Western North Carolina, Inc., and H. R. Niswonger, Extension Horticulturist of this State.

### AUTO STRUCK BY TRAIN AT SALUDA CROSSING

An automobile driven by Oscar Hall of the Landrum Milling Company was struck by a train yesterday about noon at the crossing about a mile from the town limits, the driver escaping serious injury, although the car was badly damaged.

It was said that Mr. Hall stopped at the crossing, noted that the rain was approaching but thought that he had plenty of time to cross, and started his car over the tracks when the train struck him. He was removed by a passing car to Saluda where he was treated. His injuries consisted of a number of bruises and contusions.

### Choral Society Will Give Initial Concert

Newly Organized Group to Render Program Tuesday Night at Parish House.

On Tuesday evening, March 25 at 8:15 o'clock, the Tryon Choral Society will offer its initial concert under the direction of Carolina Beeson Fry of New York City. The chorus consists of about forty voices, assisted by several soloists. The programme includes solos by Miss Mildred Payne of New York, Mrs. Stuart Bailey of Chicago and Lawrence Mazzanovich of Norwalk, Conn.

Tryon appreciates the opportunity of hearing such soloists as those that will be presented at this concert. All of them have given Tryon music lovers much pleasure upon former occasions this season. It will be a privilege to hear them again together with the excellent work that is assured for the chorus. The accompanists for the concert are Mrs. Walter Jones, Mrs. E. E. Missildine and Mrs. Fry.

Due to the fact that the seating capacity of the Parish House is limited the public is urged to purchase tickets at once from any of the following places, the Bank of Tryon, the People Bank and Trust Company or Missildine's Pharmacy. Tickets will be sold until the capacity is reached.

### Prison Labor Used In Building Railroad

Politics and Finance Play Part in Construction of This Division.

By J. B. Cleveland

About 1880, Major D. R. Duncan, who was then President of the Spartanburg and Asheville Railroad, invited me to go to the terminus of the road which was then situated where Tryon is now located. He said we would have to get an early start as we had to go on a construction train. Not having had any breakfast, when we got there we were hungry. There was not a house in sight except a small log cabin located about where the City jail is now. When we knocked at the door, a man, apparently the sole occupant, in reply to our question, said that he had nothing at all that he could give us, not even a piece of bread or a cup of coffee. As we turned away, he followed and said, "I will tell you what I have. I have some fine peach brandy." That was the last thing we wanted, and we declined his offer and went to the camp of an Italian who had the contract for grading just beyond Tryon, where we had a very hearty meal. It was all in woods and no roads except what had been built in the construction of the railroad. We spent the day there and returned about nightfall. In coming down the grade the engine was pushing the cars it was a weird scene. The freight cars were filled with Negro laborers sitting on nail kegs. Every now and then as we rounded a curve, the headlight of the engine would flash first on one side then on the other of the road, and altogether, it was rather a disconcerting trip. After that time, I went with Major Duncan to Saluda, by private conveyance. The gap had not been filled between Tryon and Saluda and in returning home we walked all the way thru the woods and along the right-of-way. Of course the walking was very disagreeable as it was on the side of the mountain and the footing was very insecure. There were two camps where convicts were employed, one at Melrose and one at Saluda. The road would never have been completed at that time if it had not been that the State of North Carolina furnished free labor. There was a law that the Judge had a right to sentence a prisoner to some public work. Mr. R. Y. McAden of Charlotte, who was the principal promoter of the road, made it a point to attend the session of the court and have the judge to sentence the prisoners to the Asheville road. In that way, there was a considerable number, which cost the railroad nothing but the feeding and clothing. The State furnished the guards.

The history of the Asheville railroad is quite a long one and might be traced back as far as the days of Robert H. Hayne, (Continued on last page)

### MEMORIAL FUND TAG DAY SATURDAY MCH. 29

In order to raise their quota of the Polk County Soldiers Memorial Fund, the pupils of the Tryon Grade school will have a Tag Day on Saturday, March 29. Any donation that may be made other than those given to the children on this day may be sent either direct to W. A. Cannon, Treasurer of the Memorial Fund at Lynn or to any bank in the county.

### Lanier Club Meets Today.

The Lanier Club enjoyed a programme given by Mrs. Cowell of Cleveland, Ohio, at its regular meeting held this afternoon at the Library. Mrs. Cowell used as the subject of her programme, "Nature and Fantasy in Irish Poetry."