

### Sou. Mercerizing Co. At Textile Exhibit

#### Display of Pioneer Mercerizing of South Attracts Knitters at Convention

The exhibit of the Southern Mercerizing Company, accorded by Textile World to be the pioneer mercerizing company of the South, at the annual convention of the National Hosiery and Underwear Manufacturers held last week in Philadelphia attracted textile men from all parts of the country. The display case contained cones of yarn, both in colors and natural, as well as hosiery manufactured of local yarn by the Hole-Proof Hosiery Company, one of the largest concerns of its kind in the country, and was attended by F. P. Bacon, president of the Southern Mercerizing Company, W. C. Ward, general manager and G. J. Loerzel, manager of the Chicago offices. Due to its unique position as the first mercerizing company in the South, the local display was one of the centers of interest at the exhibit known as the Knitting Arts Exhibition.

**Pioneer in South**  
The Textile World in its edition for February of this year points out the fact that F. P. Bacon, president of the mercerizing company was the pioneer mercerizer in the South, stating that "it is a distinction of no small importance to have been the first to visualize the possibilities of the very large branch of the industry that has been developed in the southern states within the past fifteen years."

**Growth of Plant**  
With initial capacity of about 100 pounds of yarn a day, Mr. Bacon began operations as a mercerizer in 1909 in a small building adjoining the Tryon Hosiery mill at Lynn. That concern used his total output until its failure some time later. In spite of this reversal Mr. Bacon continued to develop his industry gradually building up a southern market for his yarns, until he found it necessary to seek larger quarters. He moved his equipment to a new building in Tryon (now being used by the Tryon Hand Weavers) remaining there until further expansion became essential and in 1919 the plant was established in its present buildings on the outskirts of Tryon. The past two years have seen many additions to the equipment of the plant as well as the construction of a settlement of homes for those employed therein. At the present time there are approximately 175 hands on the payroll as compared to the little handful (about six or seven) which the first mercerizing in the south was carried on.

**Employees Well Cared For**  
The plant is ideally situated, lying among a little group of hills away from the town itself and yet within a few hundred yards of the State Highway and within easy trucking distance of the railroad. Every possible care is taken of the employees including the matter of entertainment and diversion for them. Recently a community house has been completed for the use of the employees. Fire risks have been reduced to a minimum by the recent installation of a sprinkling system. The air is thoroughly humidified at regular intervals which also reduces the amount of lint flying in the air (accorded to be one of the principle dangers to health in these plants) to a negligible quantity.

Single mercerized yarns for hosiery splicing and plying have been the specialty of the company and its capacity on this kind of work is, according to Textile World, the largest in the country. Ply yarns in fine counts are also mercerized and the plant is equipped for gassing, bleaching and dyeing. Its capacity at the present time is approximately 65,000 to 75,000 pounds of yarn per month in-

### Tryon Has Display In W. N. C. Inc. Office

Products representing four of Tryon's industries are on display in the offices of Western North Carolina, Inc., in Asheville, according to announcement made by G. F. Stone, chairman of the committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce to make necessary arrangements for this exhibit.

An attractive mahogany display case was installed last Tuesday by Mr. Stone in the front of the Asheville office showing the products of the Mountain Industries, the Southern Mercerizing Company, the Toy Makers and the Tryon Hand Weavers. The displays were neatly and attractively arranged in the case which is about ten feet in length, allowing each exhibitor about two and a half feet of space. This exhibit is the first to be shown in these offices and will, according to Col. Joseph Hyde Pratt, director of the organization have a permanent place in their office. Literature forwarded to the offices recently has been exhausted by the inquiring visitors and tourists seeking information concerning the mountain resort towns; it being found necessary to ship more of the pamphlets to Asheville. The Tryon exhibit will be seen by large numbers of people who daily come into the offices of Western North Carolina, Inc.

### LANIER CLUB WILL GIVE A ROOF PARTY

The evening of Wednesday April 23 the Lanier Club proposes to give a roof party. Not that it is to be on the roof. It is given to help pay a new roof for the club building. Bridge and Mah Jong will be played. Those wishing to make their groups for Mah Jong may report to Mrs. J. Foster Searles; those desiring their groups for bridge may report to Miss Ann Nash.

Admission will be \$1.00 This includes refreshments, which will be served under the supervision of Miss Elizabeth Grady. Mrs. G. H. Holmes will have charge of the decorating. Gentlemen are urged to be present and everyone is expected to come and have a happy time.

The Library, bought and supported by The Lanier Library, is, the year round, at the service of the community. The Lanier Club keeps open house at all of its meetings for whoever wishes to come and listen to its programmes and partake of its hospitality. Just now its needs a little lift.

### COUNTY DEMOCRATS APPOINT DELEGATES

Delegates to the North Carolina State Democratic Convention to be held in Raleigh Thursday of his week were appointed last Saturday at the county convention held in the court house at Columbus.

Following the meeting the executive committee went into session and elected A. L. Hill of Tryon chairman of the Democratic Committee of Polk County.

The delegates appointed to go to Raleigh are as follows: A. L. Hill, Mrs. J. A. Feagan, Marie Lynch, E. J. Thompson, Claude Tate, K. M. Davis, R. M. Hall, Miss Mae I. Flentye, and W. H. Stearns.

cluding its capacity for tinting and dyeing as well as mercerizing.

A little over a year ago, Mr. Bacon, at that time sole owner of the concern, admitted W. C. Ward to partnership. Mr. Ward was sales manager of the Chattanooga offices for the company, and is now in charge of the manufacturing end of the plant. Beside its offices in Tryon, the Southern Mercerizing Company maintains offices in Chattanooga, Chicago and Philadelphia.

### COLUMBUS

#### Book Club Meets

The Helen Stearns Book Club was delightfully entertained by Mrs. H. F. Sikes Wednesday afternoon at her home in the Barnes Cottage. The large sitting room with its rustic furnishings was attractively decorated in dogwood and apple blossoms.

The regular study of North Carolina writers was resumed, and the following program on Isaac Erwin Avery was given: Biographical sketch, Mrs. E. W. S. Cobb; Avery's Journalistic Career, Mrs. NeNe McHugh; His interpretation of Life, (with reading) by Mrs. H. F. Sikes; His Prose Style (with reading) by Miss Viola Johnson; Music, Mrs. D. W. McChesney.

After the exchange of books of popular fiction the hostess served delicious chicken salad and sandwiches.

Miss Hannah Sikes of Albemarle was special guest at the meeting.

#### Ladies Circle To Meet

The ladies circle of the Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. J. W. Jack the 21st of April. At this meeting a representative will be chosen to represent the circle at the Presbyterial which meets in Lowell the 23rd and 24th of April.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Prince, Saturday April 12th, a son.

#### Ladies Aid Society

The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist Church met with Mrs. W. S. McDowell Tuesday afternoon. Despite the inclement weather quite a number of ladies were present. Plans were perfected for the sale of lunches at the Court House the first two days of court, April 21st and 22nd. On account of this, it was decided to postpone the regular meeting next Tuesday until Tuesday April 29th, when Mrs. Herman Walker will be the hostess.

#### Boyd-Feagan

The many friends of Miss Corinne Feagan will be interested to hear of the marriage in Spartanburg last Saturday, April 12th to Mr. Claude C. Boyd of Maiden N. C.

This is the culmination of a romance started last July when Mr. Boyd was encamped at Columbus with the construction crew of the Blue Ridge Power Co.

Mrs. Boyd is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Feagan and is a young lady of attractive personality. She graduated at Stearns High school in last year's graduating class and this year has been a successful teacher in the school at Rock Springs.

After the wedding which was attended by the bride's two sisters, Misses Janette and Blanche Feagan, and Mr. E. C. Atkins, the happy couple left for Hendersonville for a short honeymoon. After the close of school at Rock Springs Mr. and Mrs. Boyd will make their home at Landrum where Mr. Boyd is located with the construction crew of the Blue Ridge Power Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Walker and children spent Sunday with relatives in Green's Creek.

Miss Minnie Arledge has resumed her duties in the Polk County Bank & Trust Co. after having been sick with lagrippe for two weeks at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. E. Shipman, in Hendersonville.

Miss Hannah Sikes of Albemarle arrived Tuesday to spend some time with her brother and sister, Mr. H. F. Sikes and Mrs. Fred W. Blanton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cantrell of Spartanburg spent Wednesday and Thursday with the latter's sister, Mrs. N. T. Mills.

Prof. E. W. S. Cobb was in Asheville Wednesday and Thursday attending the West-

### Lake Plans Interest Big Hotel Syndicate

#### Power Concerns Also Watching For Developments

Inquiries are being received by local men interested in the new lake project from hotel operators syndicates in various parts of the country concerning the proposed plans. A large hotel operator in this section of the country recently wrote stating that the moment the plans for the lake went through he desired to begin building operations for an extensive establishment in Tryon. Several firms interested in hydro-electric power development are keeping their eyes on this section, one having sent a representative here recently to ascertain the facts in regard to the possible power output of the new lake.

It was pointed out by Major Hall as well as by the engineers who made the survey of the Pacolet project that approximately 300 horsepower could be developed from this prosposition with a maximum one foot draw down on the lake. It is believed from recent development that this power can be disposed of readily upon completion of the project. Spartanburg people have for sometime been looking toward Tryon for summer residences that are within easy commuting distance of that city. With the development of any lake proposition in this vicinity there would undoubtedly be a large influx of cotton country business men and their families.

#### HOLY CROSS CHURCH

**EASTER DAY SERVICES**  
Holy Communion 8 A. M.  
Children's service 10 A. M.  
Morning prayer, Holy Communion, sermon 11 o'clock.

#### TRYON P. T. A. TO MEET MONDAY AFTERNOON

The regular April meeting of the Tryon Parent Teacher's Association will be held next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the auditorium of the Grade School building.

The meeting will be devoted to committee reports and to discussion of plans for further work to be carried out this year. Members of the organization are urged by the president Mrs. T. J. Kennedy to be present.

#### NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by the Town of Saluda, N. C., until 2 P. M. May 1, 1924 for the laying of 11,600 feet 6 in., 8 in., and 10 in., water mains, furnishing and placing 225 water meters and meter boxes and making house connections. Bidders check of \$500—made payable to Town Clerk of Saluda, N. C.; will be required. Specifications will be forwarded on request to the Town Clerk or the Engineer.

P. H. Bailey, Mayor  
J. B. Cullipher, Clerk  
Harwood Beebe Engineer  
Spartanburg, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lynch and Mrs. Herford of Baltimore motored to Asheville last Thursday. Mrs. Herford returned last Friday to her home after a visit of two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Lynch.

ern Regional Sunday School Convention. He presided at the session Thursday morning.

The teachers of Stearns High School who attended the County Tryon Saturday are most enthusiastic in their praises of the delightful way in which they were entertained, not only by the Parent-Teacher Association which served them such a well prepared dinner, but by Tryon people as a whole. Those who attended from Columbus were—Supt. Cobb, Mr. McIntosh, Mrs. Jack, Mrs. McHugh, Miss Gloyas, Miss Johnson, and Mrs. Feagan.

### Bakery Opening Date Postponed Few Days

Due to a delay in the arrival of special materials for the construction of the oven for the quality Bakery announcement was made yesterday by George S. Thru, proprietor, that the opening date set for today would be postponed until next Wednesday. Shipment of the special fire brick and structural iron was made in time for the bakery to have opened on schedule but were delayed enroute to Tryon.

Final work in completing the remodeling of the store adjoining Andrews Brothers was made this week. Mr. Thru assured the many people who have dropped into the new establishment during the course of the remodeling that every effort would be made by him to have the bakery in readiness for opening next Wednesday.

#### INTEREST SHOWN IN COUNTY CLUB WORK

The schools in hat making which were conducted in the county last week by Miss Martha Creighton, who was here in behalf of Home Demonstration work, proved most beneficial to a large number of people.

Three meetings were held—One at Mill Spring on Tuesday, one at Green's Creek Wednesday, and one at Columbus on Thursday. County Supt. Cobb showed his hearty spirit of cooperation in this project by giving over the use of the school busses in transporting the "hat makers" to school.

Each of these meetings was well attended and quite a number of attractive hats were made. Some were made out of new materials while others were made of old materials. One lady at Mill Spring made a good looking hat from an old opera coat—While a high school girl at Columbus made a beautiful one from the side panels of an old crepe de chine dress. Other materials used were ginghams, linen, silk, and braid—all of which were made for about one-fourth the price of an average hat.

Miss Padgett, Home Demonstration agent, states that the greatest draw back in the making of hats at home is lack of material. Prior to these meetings she made trips to Spartanburg and Asheville and purchased about \$2.00 worth of materials—most of which have been used.

Miss Creighton, who is from Charlotte, has had supervision of Home Demonstration work in 50 counties in Western N. C. and Piedmont district for four years. She came to Piedmont district for four years. She came to Polk County from Buncombe and Mecklingsburg counties where she had been holding meetings similar to the ones held here, but she said she found the people in Polk county more interested in work and more people attended the meetings here than in any place she had ever been.

Hitherto her largest classes had been from 40 to 50 while the average attendance was about 12. But at Green's Creek in Polk Co., she had a record breaking class of 150 members. She said she was impressed with the enthusiasm exhibited in the classes. At Mill Spring one woman walked five miles to attend a meeting and she made a good looking silk hat. Another girl only 12 years old made a very becoming hat for herself. Some of the ladies at Mill Spring were were so interested that they not only attended the meeting there on Tuesday but also came to Columbus again on Thursday.

Miss Padgett says that due to this aroused interest she is planning to continue this course in hat making thru April and part of May.

W. Y. Wilkins transacted business in Spartanburg Wednesday.

### Record Crowd Visits Tryon Country Club

#### Many Out-of-Town Golfers Play Course.—Pool Progressing

The lure of a Spring day in the mountains together with nine holes of the sporty golf in this section of Western North Carolina proved too much for a number of Spartanburg and Greenville people last Sunday as well several from other cities in this vicinity. A party of half a dozen or more came down the mountain from Hendersonville to try out the course and decided to make a day of it playing until nearly dusk before returning to the up-mountain city.

Nestled down between mountains on three sides, the course these days presents an ever changing mass of color as the sun strikes the new foliage, and incidentally nature's colors last Sunday were closely rivalled by the sports clothing of the feminine devotees of the game. It was a record day in the history of the club, it being estimated that in the neighborhood of sixty people played the course during the day. At one time in the afternoon there were about forty players on the course.

Tryon people and visitors made the walk to the club and return their Sunday afternoon constitutional not a few taking advantage of the veranda of the club house to rest for a few moments and enjoy the view of the surrounding mountains that can be obtained from that point.

Work on the swimming pool is progressing although the rain the last two days of the week held up the digging of the large pit to some extent. It is thought that concrete work will be started soon. Out-of-town visitors evinced a great deal of interest in the pool remarking that it was the one thing lacking on the part of the local club to make them be constant visitors on the course.

### Teachers Of County Hold Final Meeting

Stressing the necessity of sane thinking during the present up-heaval in the national capital, E. W. Frost addressed the members of the Polk County Teacher's Association at its final meeting held last Saturday in the auditorium of the Tryon grade school. Mr. Frost pointed out the position of the teacher in the schools of today in guiding their pupils toward righteous and sane thought on the problems of youth as a fore-runner toward the same level headedness in the greater problems that confront the adult in later life. The speaker gave a brief summary of national and international affairs urging the necessity of careful thought on all issues that are constantly arising at this time.

Miss Susan Fulgham of the State Board of Education reviewed the Elementary School system pointing out the need of study of the pupils on the part of the teacher among other things. Miss Fulgham paid a splendid tribute to the new school building and the local board for its efforts in bringing its construction.

The meetig adjourned at noontime for dinner served in the school building by members of the Parent Teacher's Association. The afternoon session convened promptly at 2:30 o'clock and was first addressed by Mrs. R. B. Peattie, following which the organization went into business session.

Opening exercises for the morning session were conducted by members of the Tryon high and grade school who offered musical selections, a reading and a group of physical training exercises that were much enjoyed by the members.