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Hospital For A Cotton Gin Raised By Farmers

Plan to Erect New Gin at County Seat

Farmers of Columbus, White Oak, Cooper Gap and Tryon townships have pledged over half of the necessary capital for the construction of a cotton gin to be built at Columbus this year. The ginners as planned at the present time will be in the neighborhood of 10,000.

Realizing that a large volume of the cotton business and subsequently other commerce has taken out of Polk County the planters who took their cotton to Rutherfordton or Landrum could be induced to trade at home with the construction of a gin at some central point in this section of the county, Fred W. Blanton, cashier of the Polk County Bank & Trust Company, Columbus, began a move about a year ago to place a gin in his community. Last Monday morning active steps were taken to raise capital for the venture which met with ready response from the farmers and planters of this part of the county, approximately half of the quota set being raised in pledges the first day.

T. MOORE KILLED IN FALL AT FOREST CITY

W. Theron Moore, aged 22, formerly connected with the North Carolina State Highway engineering department, died Tuesday evening at about 10 o'clock in the Rutherfordton hospital as the result of a fall from a tower at his home in Forest City.

The accident occurred at about 10 o'clock Tuesday evening while Moore was working on a tower at the town pumping station. He fell about twenty feet striking on his head. He was rushed in an unconscious condition to the hospital at Rutherfordton where every effort was made to save his life. Death followed within two hours after the accident.

Funeral services were held yesterday from the family residence in Forest City. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Moore, four brothers and two sisters.

SEVERAL PROPERTIES SOLD IN LAST FEW DAYS

Several real estate transfers have been made in the past ten days through various local agencies.

Mr. Mark Smith of Detroit has purchased the Reich place formerly owned by W. A. Newell. To this tract he has added an acre of land of the Corwin estate sold through Blake and Calhoun.

Mr. W. W. Reid of Greenville, S. C., has purchased the Godshaw house on Godshaw Hill now being occupied by W. B. Stone. The sale was made through the Tryon Real Estate Agency.

Mr. William Cantrell has bought recently five acres of land in the eastern part of town, through Blake and Calhoun.

HARD LUCK FOLLOWS TRYON SCHOOL TEAM

Tuesday was "hard luck" day for the Tryon Grade School baseball team. Returning late Tuesday afternoon from a trimming at the hands of the Campobello School team to the tune of 10 to 8, the truck driven by G. H. Bridgeman and containing a dozen or more of the boys swerved from the road and turned on its side, spilling the boys into the ditch. Minor bruises and abrasions

Spitzer Rorick & Co. Awarded Water Bonds

Sealed proposals for the purchase of \$28,000 six percent water bonds for the Town of Tryon were opened last Tuesday afternoon, seven bids having been received. The bond issue was awarded Spitzer-Rorick and Company of Toledo, Ohio who bid \$28,087.50, eighty seven dollars and fifty cents above par value. The bonds will be ready for delivery on or about May 5.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Commissioners until two o'clock May 6, for the furnishing and laying of 8,200 feet of six inch cast iron pipe, the taking up of six inch pipe and relaying of 5,850 feet of this pipe, also the construction of a 200,000 gallon concrete or steel reservoir.

Shooting Match Will Be Held Here Friday

The shooting match and demonstration of the "Live Pigeon Shooting Park" scheduled for two weeks ago and postponed due to the illness of the inventor of the apparatus, E. E. Thresher of Hendersonville, will be held Friday of this week beginning at 10:30 o'clock near the residence of Dr. A. J. Jervey.

Word was received yesterday morning that Mr. Thresher would arrive in Tryon Friday morning to give a demonstration of his invention. A large number of men have signified their intention of participating in the shoot both from Tryon and Landrum. The match will continue throughout the day and those interested are cordially invited to attend.

TOWN BEGINS STREET AND SEWERAGE REPAIR

Street repair work was started by the Town of Tryon last Monday morning. Many complaints have been received by the commission recently in regard to the condition of streets and roads in town due to the usual winter damage. Work this year has been delayed to a considerable extent by the inclement weather but it was stated by the commission that work would proceed now and an effort made to place all streets in good condition.

One thousand feet of sewer line is being replaced from the top of Oak Hall hill at the end of Melrose avenue to the Landrum road. This sewer line was one of the first lines to be laid in Tryon. Due to the heavy traffic on that road last year during the months of detouring and subsequent rains washing away the soil over lines the sewer pipes have been broken in a number of places necessitating replacement.

and a severe shaking up was the extent of the collective injuries. The driver of the truck stated that he had turned out to pass an approaching car when the wheels encountered soft dirt on the edge of the road, pulling the truck into the ditch.

MRS. J. E. MCKINNEY LAID TO FINAL REST

Funeral services for Mrs. J. E. McKinney, thirty-two years of age, sister of Mrs. James Moore, who died Sunday at a private sanitarium, were held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Woodward Avenue Baptist church, Atlanta. The Rev. Brookshire officiated and interment was in Greenwood cemetery. The Grant Park chapter No. 178, O. E. S., had charge of the services at the grave.

Mrs. McKinney is survived by her husband, three small daughters and one son; one sister, Mrs. J. R. Moore, and four brothers, William Roy, Ralph and C. T. Gurley.

Miss Rose Lipscomb of Pacolet is visiting Mrs. T. J. Kennedy.

Tryon Ideally Situated Both For Industry And Recreation

Town 100 Per cent American—Many Sites Available in County For Industries—As Recreation Center Tryon Offers Year-Round Advantage

Tourists visiting Tryon in the past few weeks have stated that the eyes of the nation are watching North Carolina with a great deal of interest in its rapid strides agriculturally, industrially and as a recreation center. Every day this state is placing its name more indelibly in the minds of the people of other states. Industries are watching developments with especial attention to water power and labor conditions. Some parts of the state are now boasting a cotton mill for every mile of railroad that passes through that particular section. It is equally true that hotel syndicates, boys and girls camps and sectarian conferences are looking this way for sites.

Tryon is particularly well adapted to cater to the needs of industries and recreation seekers. With the possibility of a lake in this vicinity, financial interests are making inquiries in regard to the immediate development of such a proposition. Roadroad officials have stated that they have received assurance that a hotel on a large scale would be built here as soon as the lake plan was definitely started.

Regardless of what the ultimate development will be on the Pacolet proposition it was pointed out this week emphatically that the construction of the dam as now planned would permit absolutely no draw on the water supply. The horsepower as indicated at about 300 was based on a minimum flow with no draw down to leave muddy banks that would be an eyesore to the public. Numerous sites offer themselves around the shores of the proposed lake for hotels with commanding views of the surrounding chain of mountains. Miles of drives along the shores winding in and out of the woods giving accessible residential sections each with a splendid view.

Due to the general contour of the land surrounding the proposed lake any site available would have a view of almost the entire range. The lake would be easily accessible from either the North or South Carolina over county or state highways. It would be on a direct route to Lake Lure and Chimney Rock via Tryon and Rutherfordton.

Industrially Tryon has much to offer with a one hundred percent American population containing no radical element and ample rural population to supply mill operatives at reasonable wages. Within a very few miles of the center of town

there are innumerable sites for mills contingent to power lines. With the main line of the Southern Railway from Cincinnati to Charleston and Florida intersecting their New York to New Orleans junction within twenty-four miles there is assurance of direct rail connections with the shortest mileage for raw materials, finished products and coal deliveries.

The North and South Carolina state-line parallels the railroad for some distance within a short distance south of town. A railroad station established at that point would insure a local rate on all outgoing and incoming freight from the two states saving in the neighborhood of one quarter of the freight charges.

The taxes in Polk County are not exorbitant and the attitude of the whole people in inviting capital is a guarantee that they will remain low. In sections for mill sites, the tax rate is approximately one dollar and a half per hundred valuation. Tracts of land containing from 500 to 1,000 acres are obtainable at reasonable prices. The county affords ample sewerage facilities and there are innumerable mountain streams of the purest water for drinking purposes. With the increase in the Tryon water system, work upon which will be started within the next thirty days, there will be adequate water to supply a population of about five thousand.

The agricultural sections of the county are rapidly taking up the raising of produce to supply demands as well as for carload shipments to neighboring markets.

Improved highways afford easy access to the larger cities north and south of Tryon.

It has been pointed out by government statistics that Tryon's health conditions are unsurpassed, the U. S. medical inspection of all army men from this vicinity showed less than one half of one percent active tubercular lesions. Covering a period of four years government climatic records show a mean temperature for the month of January of 43.4 and for July, 74.8.

Modern school facilities on a par with the educational program undertaken by the state are offered home seekers in this region and several schools have been built in the past year to accommodate the growth of county population. It is expected that by the beginning of the fall term of school next year Tryon will have an accredited high school equal to that of any in the state.

Inquiries and requests for price lists of articles on display in the offices of Western North Carolina, Inc., from this section are being received by that office from the constant stream of visitors whose attention has been called to the new display case. Major Hall, secretary of that organization requests that firms having articles in the case kindly forward price lists or catalogues as soon as possible.

The Saluda Weave Shop has recently placed an exhibit in the offices that is attracting attention.

Major Hall also urges all communities in this county that are participating in the efforts of the office to forward booklets and pamphlets to Asheville at their earliest convenience, specifying in particular Saluda and Columbus.

SWIMMING POOL FOR CLUB IS PROGRESSING

Concrete work for the new swimming pool at the Tryon Country Club will be started about the middle of next week according to the present plans. It is expected that the forms will be in readiness to begin pouring concrete by next Wednesday, the majority of the excavating having been completed.

The structural iron for reinforcement arrived last Saturday. In spite of the inclement weather of last week considerable progress has been made by the workmen.

School Track Meet To Be Held Sat. May 3

County School to Compete 'Cup.—Two Ball Games

Final arrangements were completed this week for the county school meet to be held on the Tryon Grade School grounds Saturday May 3 beginning at 10:30 o'clock. This is the first time in the history of the county schools that a general track meet has been held. Schools throughout the county are urged to send representatives to the meet to compete for the silver loving cup to be awarded

IS PERMANENT PASTURE WORTH WHILE?

By J. R. Sams

To one whose memory runs back to his starting point in life, whose experience never knew any thing than the fact that a good permanent pasture is a prime necessity on every farm cant possibly understand why some people having eyes see not, and having ears then cannot hear and being deaf, dumb and void of taste cannot understand; but still there are that kind of people in Polk County. The writer was told that some individuals in Polk County have said that the preaching of the County Agent about grasses and permanent pastures had proved a failure and every effort by farmers had proved a failure. Now the question arises: Has it all come to naught, or have those individuals been asleep, or have some farmers to some extent succeeded? Let any individual who entertains such fond hopes and desires that good pastures cannot be built up and maintained in Polk

visit any of the following farms, Mr. C. D. Elliott, Columbus N. C., who was the first man in Polk County who sowed pasture grass seed under my instructions. Next Mrs. J. R. Smith, Columbus, N. C.; Mr. C. Elliott, Mill Spring, N. C.; Mr. Elias Edwards, Tryon R. 1, N. C.; Mr. G. C. Miller, Tryon N. C.; Mr. W. B. McSwain, Landrum R. 1, S. C.; Rev. J. J. Gentry, Bird Mountain, Farm Landrum, S. C.; K. N. Hines, Campobello, R. D. S. C.; William Fowler, (Pearidge) Mill Spring R. 1, and hundreds of men who have operated on a smaller scale. I wonder how many of these places these doubting Thomases have visited? I wonder how many of them have made an honest effort to improve their farm and Polk County by trying to build up a permanent pasture on their farm? Very few farmers who have made an effort at pasture making have given it a fair chance. They have as a rule taken poor thrown out land for this purpose and as a matter of course success is not what it would be if good land had been chosen. For instance, visit Mr. R. N. Hines and see the old gullied up thrown out field where he planted grass seed three years ago. See how the land has been saved from utter destruction and been made a paying project in the way of pastures. Visit all these farms mentioned herein and scores of others and see if it is all failure. What I desire to see is this; Now that a few good faithful farmers have proven beyond a doubt that permanent pastures can be made and maintained in Polk go to work at once and prepare some extra dairy heifers and prepare at once for a creamery in Polk County. This was my vision and aim when first I saw Polk County conditions. We are not now ready for a creamery; but in two years from now if farmers will get busy, we can be busy. A Polk County Creamery properly organized and conducted, will eventually make Polk County a rich county; because we have the clay foundation on which to build for the by-products of the dairy business. No—the growing of grasses and permanent pastures in Polk County in not a failure by a "jug full" while it is not the "Howling Success" it should be.

Respectfully,

the school winning the highest number of points in the meet.

BOX-WOOD INN OPENS DOORS AT COLUMBUS

"Box Wood Inn" which has been chosen for the name of the newly remodeled hotel at Columbus, was opened the first of the week. The first person to register was Mr. J. P. Arledge, now of Hendersonville but who for many years was proprietor of the old Columbus Hotel.

New Officers Elected To Head Saluda Bank

Directors Elect Staton and Little—Splendid Fruit Prospect—Record Tourist Year Expected

R. B. Staton was elected as president and G. R. Little, vice-president of the Bank of Saluda at a meeting of the directors of that institution held last Wednesday. The election was held following the resignation of H. P. Corwith as president and P. H. Bailey as vice-president, both of whom have held office over a period of successful and progressive years for the bank.

Mr. Staton has recently returned to Saluda from an extended trip in the west and stated upon his return that he intended remaining in Saluda where the prospects for the of that town look so good the prospects for the future of that town look so good. Mr. Little is owner of the Saluda Pharmacy and proprietor of the Princess Theatre.

Splendid Fruit Prospects.

The past three weeks have have been busy ones for the orchard men in the vicinity of Saluda. Hand and power sprays have been working overtime. Three sprays have thus far been applied in the orchards, the dormant, pre-pink and at the present time the pink spray. Pruning and field work is about completed. During the past severe winter all of the orchards in this vicinity were generally in good condition and according to the present prospects will produce an exceptionally fine grade of fruit in large quantities this year.

Fruit Growers Will Meet.

The first field meeting of the apple and peach growers will be held in May at Grand View Orchard near Hendersonville. This orchard is being supervised by H. P. Corwith of Saluda. Those attending this meeting are assured not only of a most interesting meeting but will have an opportunity of seeing one of the finest twenty mile views in this section of Western North Carolina, overlooking the Henderson plateau from Mount Pisgah to Sugar Loaf.

Canadian Inspects Orchard.

Robert M. Rolles of Edmonton, Canada, made a tour of inspection of the famous Overbrook Orchard recently and stated that he was so impressed with the possibilities of fruit growing in this section that he was considering locating here. The Overbrook Orchard is reported to be in splendid condition this year with prospects for a banner crop of apples. It will bloom this week and should be one of the show places of the region. The owner H. P. Corwith, is putting in a new sprayer with a capacity of ten gallons to the minute to spray.

Mr. Crawford of Charlotte is working with P. H. Bailey on his orchard. Mr. Crawford comes with the highest recommendations for result producing work.

Needs More Accommodations.

That Saluda will need more cottages and boarding houses than ever before is indicated by the large number of inquiries received each though various sources for summer accommodations and rates. Each year every available room has been taken in advance of the season and all indications this year point to a record year.

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Bushnell returned to Tryon last week after being absent for several months. Mrs. Bushnell landed recently in New York after an extensive European trip, while Dr. Bushnell spent the winter in Washington.

Mrs. C. P. Burnett was called Tuesday to the bedside of her mother who is seriously ill in St. Louis, Mo.

Mesdames Roy P. Whitlock and Nash of Landrum were visitors in Tryon Wednesday.