

COLUMBUS

The play, "Peggy of Prim-Farm", presented by the Class of Stearns High School Saturday night brought to the Commercial Hotel the largest audience of the institution since it started last Sunday night. The Baccalaureate service delivered in the Baptist Church to a large audience by J. P. Burnett of the Tryon Episcopal Church.
Monday night the Primary and Grammar grades under the direction of Mrs. J. W. Feagan and Mrs. J. A. Feagan presented quite an interesting program. Tuesday night Mrs. McHugh rendered quite an interesting program. Tuesday night Mrs. Nelle McHugh presented a number of her pupils in a piano and violin recital.
Wednesday night came the date, the subject being "Reverend that the inter-armed debt should be cancelled". The Affirmative side was up by Annie Edwards, Eulas Davis, and Laura Jack—with Carrie Barber, Elbert Westbrook and Ernest Gibbs on the negative. Each debator did credit to themselves but the judges decided in favor of the negative side. A medal was given to the debator who did and delivered the best individual debate. This medal is awarded to Ernest Gibbs with Elbert Westbrook worthy honorable mention.
Thursday night the class day exercises were held.
Two medals were given in connection with this contest—one for the best recitation, the other for the best declamation. Each participant did credit for themselves but the judges decided in favor of Annie Cloud with honorable mention of Annie Lois Mills in the recitation contest, while Hubert Gibbs won in the declamation contest with honorable mention for Jacob Cobb.
Friday night the high water mark of the closing exercises was reached with a splendid address by Prof. E. H. Henderson of Furman University after which Prof. McIntosh presented diplomas together with a Saving's Book to each graduate showing a deposit of one dollar to their credit in the Polk County Bank & Trust Co., given by Fred W. Blanton, Vice President and Cashier of the Polk County Bank and ex-chairman of the School Board. The graduates this year are—Misses Gretchen Lynch, Dorothy Edwards, Annie Edwards, Mable Thompson, Laura Jack, Alice McCrain, Eva Davis, and Eunice Cloud and Messrs Marion Smith, Elbert Westbrook and Hubert Gibbs.
After the acceptance of the diplomas by Miss Gretchen Lynch, president of the Senior medals and other remarks by Prof. McIntosh, Mrs. Fred W. Blanton, in behalf of the Columbus Parent-Teacher Association, presented a beautiful picture of "Spring" by the French Artist Corot to the sixth grade for having the greatest per cent. of parents present at P. T. A. meetings during the year.
These exercises were all well attended and marked the close of a most successful year of work at the Stearns High School.

Rev. B. H. Laughridge of Lincoln is visiting his sister Mrs. S. A. Stroup.
Prof. and Mrs. W. D. Loy and baby of Hunterville spent the week-end in Columbus visiting friends. Mr. Loy is a former principal of Stearns High School.
Miss Gertrude West has returned home after spending a week in Rutherfordton, the guest of Mrs. Marie Carnegie.
Mrs. W. B. Arledge and children, Coy, Doris and Bettie of Hendersonville were guests of friends in Columbus for several days last week.
Box Wood Inn was a scene of merriment last Monday night

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO MEET WEDNESDAY

It is expected that final arrangements for the entertainment of the secretaries of the Chamber of Commerce of the South during their visit in Tryon will be made at the meeting of the Tryon Chamber of Commerce next Wednesday night.
Other matters of importance will be discussed and a full attendance of the organization is urgently requested by the officers.

COUNTY RANKS EIGHTH IN SCHOOL GRADUATES

Averaging 54.2 white high school graduates per 10,000 white population, Polk County ranks eighth in the list compiled by the University of the North Carolina. This estimate is based upon the number of graduates for the year 1923 showing this county as having 42 high school graduates.
Northhampton County ranks first with 93.7 graduates, and Gates County, second, with 64.3.
The State totals white graduates from public and private high schools in 1923 was 6'317 giving an average of 33.7 students per 10,000 white inhabitants, or one graduate for every 63 white families in the state.

When about seventy-five young people from Columbus, Rutherfordton, Tryon, Saluda and other near by places attended the first dance to be held in the new hotel. Music was furnished by the negro string band from Rutherfordton and a most enjoyable time was spent.
Rev. S. A. Stroup left Monday for Atlanta to attend the Southern Baptist Convention which is in session there.
The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist Church met with Mrs. A. L. McMurry Tuesday afternoon. At this meeting plans were made to sell ice cream at the Court House Saturday afternoon, May 17th. Plans were also made to have a "White Sale" sometime during the month of July and each member is to report what her donation will be at the next meeting which will be held with Mrs. Fred W. Blanton next Tuesday afternoon, at 4 o'clock.
After the program and business meeting Mrs. McMurry served delicious refreshments.
Mr. N. T. Mills has returned home from the hospital at Greenville S. C., where he was taken last Sunday for an examination an x-ray treatment for his head. He will have to go back to the hospital Saturday for further treatment.
Miss Maud Wallace, Assistant Home Demonstration Agent, will be in Columbus May 26th. She is to give a course in clothing from 10:30 until 3:30, with a short intermission for lunch. In this course the study of color, line, design and alteration of patterns will be stressed. Miss Wallace comes to us highly recommended. She is a graduate of a leading Maryland College and has proven her ability through her work as Assistant State Agent. It is hoped that every woman and girl will be present and take advantage of this unusual opportunity to hear Miss Wallace.

The Columbus Circle of the Columbus-Tryon Auxiliary will meet with Mrs. F. M. Burgess, Monday 19th at 3:30. Subject, Foreign Missions. Topic—A General Survey of the Fields.
Rev. Sheffer will begin a Bible Study Class at the Presbyterian Church Wednesday night. The Gospel of St. John will be studied and the public is invited.

Growers of improved farm seeds in North Carolina are planning to form a State-wide Association which will work to build up the quality of seeds planted in the State. They will hold a meeting at the Upper Coastal Plain Branch Station in Edgecombe County during August.

FARMERS SELL SURPLUS MONTHLY AT AUCTION

A practice being developed by farmers in Anson County is the holding of a farm auction sale at Wadesboro on the first Monday in each month. As a result several thousand dollars worth of surplus farm produce has been sold at a profit to those consigning and the farmers have enjoyed a closer relation with the business men of the city. The movement has been fostered by the Wadesboro Advertising Club cooperating with County Agent J. W. Cameron of the State College extension staff.

In holding these sales, a vacant lot easily accessible to the business section is secured and farmers are invited to bring their surplus farm machinery, wagons, buggies, harness, livestock of all kinds, poultry or any other thing grown or used on the farm. An auctioneer, paid by the advertising club, sells these products. The farmers are invited to list their products the week before with a chairman of the auction committee appointed by the club, but as a general thing the products are listed on the day of the sale. All expenses are paid by the business organization. The sales have been going on now for about two years and interest has been steadily increasing. Sometimes only a few hundred dollars worth of produce is sold and on other days as much as one or two thousand dollars worth changes hands.

Mr. Cameron states that the the advertising club sometimes appoints a committee to get behind the sales and push them along. He says also that the merchants interested in the movements give special bargains in the local paper. Mr. Cameron believes their movement is doing much good in relieving farmers of their surplus material and is also aiding other farmers in obtaining such things as they need at a reduced price.

PRIMARY GRADES AT SALUDA GIVE PLAY

The primary department including the first and second grades of the Saluda school gave a delightful entertainment last Friday evening at the school. The play was under the direction of Mrs. M. C. Lunsford.
A feature of the school work this year is the series of talks being given by the Reverend M. C. Lunsford at morning chapel exercise. His talks cover the live question evolution as commonly in interpreted at the present day.

HOME DEMONSTRATION MEETING SCHEDULED

You are invited to attend any of these three meetings. Monday, May 26th, at 10:30 in the school house. (Columbus) Tuesday May 27th, at 10:30 Greens Creek school house. Wednesday May 28, at 10:30 Mill Spring school house.
Miss Maude Wallace, Assistant State Home Demonstration Agent, will be present at each of these places to give an all day course on "Clothing". A study of color, lines alteration of commercial pattern and design will be included in this Short School. The most interesting feature of the day will be the round table discussion, which will close the meeting about 3 P. M., by the club members themselves. Every one come prepared to ask and have solved for you, your hardest problem in sewing.

Bring with you a lunch as only a short period will be given for this time. This applies to the country woman who lives a good distance away. Club members, see to it that you are there. Both the girls and women. See to it that you invite a non-club member also.
Home Agent.

"THE SCOUTS AND THE COMMUNITY."

Today your boy is just a boy. Tomorrow he will be the man. What kind of a man? Upright and honest or a dishonest crook? The job is up to you! Are you prepared, to shoulder the responsibility?

Scouting offers the man building program. Any boy who accepts the Scouts oath and law as a guide makes the crimson current of his heart clean, and keeps it clean, for that guide is: "On my Honor: I'll do my best, to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the scout law."

To help other people at all times.

To keep my self physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

The law is: A scout is trustworthy, Loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and above all, reverent toward his God.

With a boy like this in years to come the community will have a man, a real, red blooded man's man. One who will stand for the rights even though the jeers and threats of his enemies still ring in his ears. He will be a man who will "back the line" for the rights of his community, and do the job well. Are you back of him? If not, why?

Give the boy a chance and he will secure the future.
Wm. R. Turner, Scouts Executive Spartanburg County Division Boy Scouts of American.

Dr. A. J. Jervey, President Boy Scout Troop Committee, Tryon, N. C.

My dear Dr. Jervey:—
I am glad to note the interest your committee is taking in the Boy Scouts of Tryon and I trust that the campaign to secure funds for permanent equipment will be successful and that you will raise a sufficient amount to give the boys a place where they may develop in mind, body and spirit.

As Deputy Scout Commissioner I commend your campaign to the generous hearted citizens of Tryon.

Most cordially yours,
Geo. W. Sheffer
Deputy Scout Commissioner Spartanburg District.

The Boy Scout drive to raise funds for a permanent home will be made next Tuesday.

Dr. Allen Jervey, Chairman, has the drive in charge. There will be ten committees to do the soliciting of funds.

Tryon is indebted to the scouts for their work in the past. No doubt our citizens will welcome an opportunity to help this worthy movement.

Western North Carolina Incorporated is exploiting the mountain country for Boys Camps. It has the cooperation of the National Boy Scouts organization. Tryon will want to keep in line with this work by building up our local boy scouts. Tryon citizens will have an opportunity next Tuesday to help the scouts by investing in their new home.

FISHTOP

A good rain the 10th. All not done planting yet. T. Henderson is entering into the bee business.

T. W. Bradley went to Zirconia Saturday to teach a singing class.

E. J. Bradley went to Columbus last Monday returning by way of Mill Spring Tuesday.

A party of the Blue Ridge power company have been looking the past week for a suitable place to erect a power house for the Fishtop dam.

Mr. Davenport has worked out the cove road from the river to the Howard Gap road and has it in the best condition it has ever been.

The saw mill crew are turning out some nice lumber and auto spokes.

POURING CONCRETE ON ASHEVILLE HIGHWAY

Concreting of the Asheville-Hendersonville highway began last week, the first pour being started near Mountain Home. The contractors are working toward Hendersonville and it is expected that this section of the road will be open for traffic by July 1.

The Mills River detour is reported to be in good condition but the highway commission advise the use of the regular Asheville detour except in wet weather.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAY TO BE GIVEN FRIDAY EVE

"The Land of Heart's Desire," a one act play by W. B. Yeats, will be presented by members of Tryon High School at the school auditorium Friday evening of this week. Included in the program to be offered are scenes from David Copperfield, "The Friendly Waiter," and "Betsy Trotwood at Home." Those taking part in the play are: Noah Wilson, Franklin Little, Rudolph Hardy, Katherine Hardy, Lucy Moore and Geraldine Sayre.

Dan Rion and Rucker Durham will present the first of the scenes from Dicken's book, and Mary Swann, Leon White, Nell Hagaman, John Preston and Mary Sharp, the second. An admission of fifteen and twenty five cents will be charged to defray expenses.

LOUISVILLE SEEKING LEGION CONVENTION

Louisville, Kentucky, and Houston, Texas, are the first cities to announce bids for the 1925 national convention of the American Legion. The effort to bring the convention to the Kentucky city will be made next Saturday, Derby Day, when National Executive Committee of the Legion will be entertained by the Louisville Post on their way to the executive meeting to be held the following week in Indianapolis.

ASHEVILLE STUDENTS SPEND DAY IN TRYON

Sixteen members of the graduating class of St. Genevieve School of Asheville, arrived this morning to spend the day in and around Tryon.
A picnic luncheon was served at noon on the C. J. Lynch farm. Automobiles were furnished by the following Dr. Earle Grady, G. F. Stone, C. J. Lynch, and the Reverend J. A.

PRESBYTERIAN NOTES

Rev. J. H. Henderlite, Chairman of the Home Mission Committee of Kings Mountain Presbytery Rev. Greenlea Tate, Moderator of Kings Mountain Presbytery, Rev. W. W. Akens, Lincolnton, Rev. A. W. Crawford, Superintendent of Home Missions of the Synod of North Carolina, and Mr. Kennedy, a member of the Home Mission Committee, spent Tuesday in Tryon looking over the local situation with a view to assisting the local Presbyterian congregation in their building program. These gentlemen representing the Presbytery and Synod were much impressed with the field and expressed their willingness to cooperate to the limit of their ability in making the building campaign a success. The need for a Presbyterian Church is apparent when it is a known fact that there are more than fifty Presbyterians in Tryon, affiliated with the Church, and when Presbyterians considering locating here ask, "Is there a Presbyterian Church". Presbyterians want to locate in a community where there is a church for their children as well as for themselves.

Eggs preserved in water glass may be poached this winter. They are plentiful and cheap now but will be scarce and high when cold weather comes.

MILL SPRING R 1

The Rev. Mr. Freeman preached an interesting sermon at Lebanon Sunday night. Quite a large crowd attended the services.

Miss Mildred Womack has returned to her home from Hill Crest Institute. Her friend Miss Mary Coffin is spending a week with her.

George Whiteside of Uree visited his brother Roscoe Whiteside Sunday.

J. G. Griffin who has been seriously ill the past few days is improving.

Misses Pantha and Gilreath Edwards were the supper guests of Vinetta and Vernie Hyder.

O. D. Early and wife spent Sunday at the home of W. E. Elliotts.

Joe and Fred Womack also Fainy Laughter and Ray Elliott were the afternoon visitors of their friends Gordon and Garland Hyder.

Alberta Edwards was in Rutherfordton Saturday.

Little Avery Lee Edwards has been very sick with sore throat.

FORMER POLK COUNTY BOYS TO WED.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Arnold of Buffalo, N. Y., and St. Petersburg, are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Ida Dora, to Mr. Claude Andrew Shankle of this city.

Miss Arnold is an accomplished musician, both as a pianist and as a vocalist, and as an active church worker she is particularly well known as a pianist both for the Sunday pianist of the First Christian church and for the Young People's Christian Union. Her friends will be pleased to learn that she is planning to make her future home in St. Petersburg permanently.

Mr. Shankle, who is a nephew of B. T. Boone of this city and of Mrs. T. F. Thorne, Landrum, S. C., has lived here the greater part of his life. He received his early education in St. Petersburg public schools, and later attended the North Carolina State College, Raleigh, N. C. At present he is connected with the W. B. Elliot Grocery Co.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Goodale of Bangor, Me., who spend the winters at 2709 First avenue south, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Thelma Phyllis, to Mr. Claude V. Lewis, son of Mrs. J. M. Lewis, formerly of North Carolina, but now of this city.

Miss Goodale is an attractive young tourist resident, who has made many friends during her past two winters which she has spent here with her parents. She is a graduate of the Bangor High school and of Mrs. Gilman's Business College of Bangor.

Mr. Lewis is a prosperous young business man of this city, being a member of the firm of Lewis & Thorn.

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—Jacksonville (Fla) Times-Union.

HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK IN POLK COUNTY

To the club members and those interested in club work in our county.
No. field days..... 22 1-2
" office days..... 5 1-2
" miles traveled..... 957
" letters written..... 267
" bulletins sent..... 76
" demonstrations club meetings held..... 37
Attendance..... 1,037
No. other meetings attended..... 5
Attendance..... 235
Total meetings held and attended..... 42
Total attendance..... 1,072
No. conferences held..... 57
No. homes visited..... 23
The improvement of the home inside and out and "hat making" main features of this
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