

Great Lake Resort Project Feasible According To Experts

Growers Exchange Ships Niagaras and Delawares to Five States—Every Basket Bearing Boost for Polk County.

Spartanburg real estate agent made an astonishing proposition to a NEWS representative the other day. "If folks up in Tryon, will go and build a lake large enough to offer swimming and fishing, I'll guarantee to sell a hundred building lots near development. Fully five hundred Spartanburg people would be glad to own summer homes in Tryon, provided you would offer the usual summer amusements. Why don't you do it?"

The NEWS representative agreed and said little. Having been a resident of Tryon for a comparatively short time he wasn't very well posted on the possibilities of a lake development.

At the earliest opportunity he sought Charles J. Lynch, who had at various times been mentioned in connection with a proposed development of that character. "How about it, Charley—can you do it?"

The grey eyes underneath heavy brows twinkled, and a grin spread over the face which is classically Hibernian. "It can be done—and will be done, some day. Climb in my boat and I'll show you the possibilities. The hustling and aggressive dealer in Tryon real estate suggested taking Mrs. Lynch along. Knowing that she possesses a keen eye for a thing, we heartily agreed and the three of us rolled off the Appalachian Highway towards Landrum.

Turning to the right a few miles south of town we skirted the old LeMort vineyard, passed the Gault place, and entered the valley of the Pacolet. Mr. Lynch pointed out the peculiar peak in the mountain through which the river forced its way to the lowlands. "A dam across that gorge, and we would have our lake. It would stretch for miles back up the valley to the paved highway leading to Columbus. At the narrowest point it would be some three hundred and fifty yards wide and at the widest several thousand. It would set like a gem in the surrounding hills and afford ample room for motor-boat racing, sculling, rowing and canoeing. Stocked with game fish it would draw anglers from all over the country. The hills around it afford splendid resort hotel locations, and beautiful building sites. Engineers have stated that it is the most feasible lake project in Western North Carolina and can be built at a lower cost than any similar development of course I'd like to see it go through. In my opinion it would mean the making of Tryon as a year round resort. We have the scenery and climate, we need the lake to make our attractions complete. Once we have the lake, hotels will follow."

"How much would it take to swing the deal," we queried casually. "Approximately \$300,000 as a starter. That would handle the erection of the impounding dam, cover the cost of land inundated, and pay the proposition on a sound basis for real development."

Not being able to stick our paper negotiable at the bank for that insignificant sum, we simply assumed a dignified attitude and wished some bloated capitalist might see the possibilities as we saw them. Stopping for a short stay at Mr. Lynch's beautiful home, where we met Mrs. Lynch, got acquainted with his bird dogs and examined his collection of guns—we proceeded toward Tryon by the old valley road which touches the highway

Gordon Gibbs Prize Winner in Farm Club Story Contest

Mill Spring Youth Wins First Prize ---Dorothy Corwith, of Saluda, A Close Second. Nine Others Get Honorable Mention

The boys and girls of Polk County who made the Farm Club trip are an enthusiastic bunch, and their descriptive stories of the excursion are so good that the judges have had a hard time making a decision regarding their relative merits but finally awarded first prize to Gordon Gibbs of Mill Spring and the second prize to Dorothy Corwith of Saluda. Prize stories with pictures of the winners will be run in the Polk County News.

The following Polk County girls and boys deserve honorable mention as "their stories were all exceptionally well written."

- GORDON GIBBS, Mill Springs, FIRST PRIZE.
- DOROTHY CORWITH, Saluda, N. C. Second Prize.
- Ruby Giles, Green's Creek.
- Fae Gibbs, Mill Springs.
- Cleo Jeanette Watson, Melvin Hill.
- Ruby Tallant, Columbus.
- Thelma L. Hague, Fox Mountain.
- Eunice Cloud, Columbus.
- Grace Waldrop, Mill Spring.
- Evelyn Cole, Melvin Hill.
- Bryon Lancaster, Green's Creek.

Gordon Gibbs, will receive THREE DOLLARS in cash, a years subscription to the Polk County News and the Southern Planter.

Miss Dorothy Corwith will receive TWO DOLLARS in cash, a years subscription to the Polk County News and the Southern Planter.

The others receiving honorable mention will be given the Southern Planter for one year.

NOTICE

The Tryon School will open for the session of 1924-1925 on September 1. All pupils are requested to gather in the auditorium at the schoolhouse by nine o'clock on that date.

W. A. SCHILLETTER, Principal at Lynn.

Mr. Lynch from time to time stopped the car to point out the splendid views, the bends in the land which would be embraced in the lake, and thoroughly sold us the entire proposition.

The possibilities are there. It would MAKE TRYON—it would tend to develop resort hotels all through this section, and it would help everybody living in Polk County.

What we lack is the necessary \$300,000. Who will be first to subscribe for a reasonable amount of stock? Don't all speak at once! Did I hear Broadus Ballenger say "Ten thousand?"—and F. P. Bacon, and "Twenty five?"—and who said "A hundred thousand?"

IT CAN BE DONE! Seriously speaking, don't you believe it would be the best investment Tryon property owners ever made? You have seen other developments of like character made possible through united effort. The residents of Rutherford county, alone, subscribed more than \$300,000 towards Dr. Morse's Chimney Rock development. If you interest outside capital, you must show them that you too are interested in the proposition, and that you are willing to demonstrate that willingness with a check-book.

Items of Local Interest About Tryon People and Their Friends

Mrs. Banks who lives on Melrose Circle, is in Spartanburg S. C. this week the guest of friends.

Mrs. G. C. Clark and daughter of Lake City, S. C., are visiting Mrs. Clark's mother, Mrs. S. E. Watson.

Wm. Stewart, Chief Petty Officer U. S. N., who is in the recruiting service, arrived in Tryon Wednesday and will be in Tryon a week. Mr. Stewart was here in June, and several Polk county lads enlisted for the service.

Mrs. H. P. Tassin, of Alexandria, La. and Miss Anna Ellis of New Orleans are guests of Mrs. M. V. Bush.

On Wednesday, August 13th at four o'clock, Mrs. James Moore entertained a happy party of little girls in honor of the 12th birthday of her daughter Florence. The afternoon was spent playing games and informal refreshments were served. Seventeen young girls enjoyed Florence's birthday party, and the out of town guests were Kathleen Brown and Julia Crawley of Greenville and Louise Andrews of Flat Rock.

J. W. Brown is the new Superintendent of the Mill Spring School and Mrs. Brown will act as correspondent for the Polk County News from that point and will give the News readers interesting information concerning that community every week.

Miss Callie Shoford, of Asheville has been spending the past week in Tryon with her niece, Mrs. James Lankford.

Meredith and little Mary France Lankford are spending two weeks in Asheville with relatives.

C. S. Green of Columbia, S. C. spent the week end in Tryon with Mrs. Green and son, Cleland.

W. C. Ward of the Southern Mercantile Company left Sunday for Philadelphia and New York to spend a week or ten days, looking after business matters.

Mrs. W. C. Ward motored to Spartanburg Sunday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. W. E. Walters.

Miss Elizabeth Kinloch who has been visiting relatives in Spring Lake, N. J., returned home last week.

Mrs. Buckner of Asheville is making an indefinite visit in Tryon with her mother, Mrs. P. G. Morris.

Little Edna Walters of Spartanburg, is in Tryon this week visiting her cousin Alene Ward.

Rev. Burnett, Rector of the Tryon Episcopal Church, has returned home after a two weeks vacation spent in New York and other points.

Owing to an unprecedented rush of work at THE NEWS job plant, work on the local Telephone Directory, has been held up, but is now going forward rapidly. An addition to the printing force in the job department will assure prompt delivery of work in the future.

Number of young people enjoyed a moonlight picnic on the lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Jackson last Friday evening. Guests were Misses Katie Wingo, Gertrude Sayre, Vera Boman, Clemmie Hammett, Myrtle Pace, Edna Jones, Grace Holbert, Hattie, Mary Ethel, Lea, Nelle Jane, and Alva Jackson, Messrs W. F. and Bryson Hammett, William Sayre, Robert Foster, Frank, Ray, and Cager Jackson, Archie Feagan, Lewis Poate, Carland Ramsey, Joseph Daniel, and Mr. Roe.

Z. B. Waters, who has a splendid farm and orchard on Melrose Mountain was marketing some delicious plums in Tryon Saturday. Mr. Waters

is one of the pioneers of this section, having resided here when the site of Tryon was in the wilderness. He cut cord wood for the Southern Railway when that road was beginning to push its way over the mountains, and used wood for engine fuel. In those early days Mr. Waters was offered the tract of land whereon stands stately Oak Hall, for twelve and one-half cents an acre. Great are the changes that have wrought since that time, and greater still are those that are on the way and which will come to Tryon in the next decade.

Miss Edna Jones entertained a number of friends at the home of her sister, Mrs. T. A. Rippey last Saturday evening. The hours were passed in a pleasant informal manner and cooling refreshments were served.

S. W. Halliburton of Marion is announcing the sale of his farm through the columns of the POLK COUNTY NEWS. Which goes to show that The News is recognized as a thorough advertising medium by out of town people as well as home folk.

Mrs. Ella Hanna and daughter who have been spending the summer with Mrs. Strong left for their home in Greenville last Saturday.

WHO WON

The much advertised two ball foursome, in which Miss Yates a Tryon visitor and Mr. Waverly Hester, were matched with Miss Grady and Mr. Dean, was played off Tuesday afternoon before a large and enthusiastic invisible gallery.

Gallery reports say it was a closely fought match, but official reports of the final score seem to be very confusing.

Mr. Hester says they won, while Miss Grady says that she and her able partner got them one down on the eighteen. It golfers could play eighteen holes, and not agree on score. What's the trouble?

We can't get our hands on their score cards and the players seem to be very indignant when questioned. What would you suggest, a four-cornered duel, or an adding machine?

Ladies Auxilliary Guests of Mrs. Cobb

The Ladies Auxilliary of the Presbyterian church held their regular meeting Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. W. S. Cobb. They had as their guests, members of the Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Sheffer of Tryon had charge of the program and gave a very interesting talk on the purposes of auxiliaries and their relation to church.

Mrs. Belcher who is a Baptist Home Missionary on Sullivan's Island at Charleston, and her daughter, Miss Lydia who are guests in the Sheffer home were additional guests. Mrs. Belcher told in a very interesting manner of her work and offered helpful suggestions to the organizations represented.

Miss Lydia who is a member of the Students Volunteer Band, at Winthrop College, told of their work among college students. After the program, Mrs. Cobb, assisted by her attractive daughters, and niece, Miss Kathrine Shore, served refreshments to the following: Mesdames Sheffer, Belcher, Blanton, Stroup, McMurry and Burgess and Misses Arledge, Hill, Jack, McChesney and Belcher.

Outlook Club Entertains

The Outlook Club held a most interesting meeting with Mrs. J. A. Feagan, last Wednesday afternoon. For sometime the Club has been making a

Tryon Grown Grapes Bring High Prices On All Markets

FREE!

To Paid Up Subscribers

Beginning Sept. first every paid up subscriber to the Polk County News will receive without additional cost The Southern Planter, the oldest agricultural journal in America, twice every month for a year. This subscription is paid by this paper as a part of its program to help the agricultural development of Polk County.

Rest Cottage Features Garage

New Garage, General Store and Mill On Highway Near Landrum Has Novel Features. Swimming Pool to be an Added Attraction.

Our near neighbors to the South of us, are moving ahead rapidly and one of the more recent additions to the trade territory contingent to Tryon is the erection of a modern brick building by J. J. Gentry, former probate judge of Spartanburg County on his place just south of the North Carolina line.

Mr. Gentry who owns a splendid orchard, vineyard, and farm is constructing a large and commodious building where he will conduct a general merchandise business, an up-to-date filling station and garage, and a flour and grist mill.

The garage will have storage accommodations for touring cars and loaded trucks, and carry a full line of accessories and supplies.

A rest cottage for ladies, and a smoking and rest room for men fitted with lavatories, sanitary toilets and attractively furnished will be among the unusual features of the new venture.

The grounds will be graded, and laid out in beautiful gardens under the supervision of an experienced landscape gardener, and if Mr. Gentry's plans carry through a small lake affording swimming, and aquatic sports will be constructed.

Mr. Gentry while a member of the South Carolina bench, made many friends and acquaintances all over the Carolinas and if personal popularity count for anything he should make a huge success of his new undertaking. He is also prominent in Baptist church circles having done evangelical work for that denomination during the past years.

Located directly on the Appalachian Highway half way between Landrum and Tryon Mr. Gentry has a strategic advantage which should insure a prosperous business both from tourists and residents of the immediate community.

study of North Carolina poets and writers as outlined in "Studies in Southern Literature" sent out by the Extension Division of the University of N. C. The program at this meeting on Henry Jerome Stockard and William Thornton Whitsett, brought to a close this interesting study of our own beloved writers, and the Club will now take up other phrases of Southern Literature. At the conclusion of the program the hostess assisted by her young daughter, Harriett, served ice tea and home made cake.

"Tryon grapes are the best grown anywhere," said Dr. Louis Fuldner, one of the leading spirits in the Tryon Fruit Exchange and an experienced grape producer. "Our Delawares are exceptionally delicious, the Niagaras, can't be beaten for looks, and our Concord are superb. While Concord won't stand shipment well owing to their tendency to split the skins, they are a fine grape for local consumption."

"Peaches? Yes I grew some peaches. Still have some coming on and I never saw finer fruit anywhere. It was an exceptional year for peaches, and I've gathered an exceptional crop from the comparatively few trees on my place."

Dr. Fuldner has traveled all over the world and he knows good fruit when he sees it. A surgeon by profession he settled in Tryon because of its climate and scenic attractions, and judging from the merry twinkle in his eye when he talks Tryon, he is pretty well satisfied with his choice. And his orchard and vineyard is one of the best kept and cultivated garden spots in the Pacolet Valley.

B. C. von Kalden, president of the Tryon Fruit Exchange backed up Dr. Fuldner's statements in no uncertain manner. "The possibilities of the section are practically unlimited from the grape growers viewpoint. We have always been able to market Tryon Grapes at fancy prices because we grow better grapes than those produced elsewhere and people are rapidly discovering that fact. Once they get a taste of our Delawares and Niagaras nothing else will completely satisfy them."

Mr. van Kalden's Bella Vista Farm is widely known throughout this section as a model of its kind.

R. W. Early, secretary and manager of the Tryon Fruit Exchange is also enthusiastic about the possibilities in grape culture in this section. "We will ship ten carloads this year, having a total retail value of about \$35,000. We could have sold many more car loads had they been available. We are shipping the choicest varieties and the best fruit from those varieties under the exchange label. We have established a reputation for producing fancy grapes and we intend to maintain that reputation by seeing that every basket which leaves Tryon carrying our label, is up to the highest standards of the trade. With shipments going into five states, every basket carrying a boost for Tryon and for Tryon grapes, we believe that the demand created will induce others to come here and enter the grape growing business."

Having sampled Tryon grapes, the editor of the Polk County News echoes the sentiments of the grape growers when they say that Tryon Grapes are the best on earth. If there are better grapes grown anywhere, we have never tasted them.

COUNTRY CLUB

At a Board of Directors meeting of the Tryon Country Club, it was decided to put off until early next Spring the finishing touches to the Club's Swimming Pool which has so far had cost some \$4500.00. It might be of interest to readers to learn that well over 300 paid admissions have been received during the forty five days running, and this doesn't include any of the members of families of the present Club Memberships. Elaborate plans were laid down by the Directors for the completion of the grounds around the pool.