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Thermal Belt Basket Ball Championship To be Decided at Mimosa, October 10

Saluda, Columbus, Landrum and Tryon To Battle For Supremacy



Prizes Offered Winning Aggregations

The sun is shining and it looks as if we are sure to have good weather for the coming fair at Mimosa, Friday, October 10th. The prize lists have been arranged, booths constructed, the program outlined and everything possible done to assure a big day with a big attendance. The Committees have worked faithfully to interest the people of the different localities, and the exhibits will represent every section of the Thermal Belt. A platform has been constructed just outside the Casino for the musical programme, but in case of bad weather it will be rendered from the Casino stage. Mr. Schilleter announces the prizes for the athletic contests will be as follows:

The Athletic Committee has every thing arranged to have one good time at the Fair October 10th. The following prizes will be awarded: One Brand New Reach Official Basket Ball No. 1x Price \$9.00 will be given each of the three winning teams. This is certainly something worth trying for and every team is coming determined to win. The winner of the races will be given a blue ribbon and one dollar in cash. Second and third place will get a red or a white ribbon. The winning teams of the horse shoe pitching contest will receive two dollars in cash. Do not miss one minute of this program because the boys and girls of Polk County are ready to show the people of the county what they can do in Athletics.

Kings Mountain Celebrates Defeat of Ferguson's Men

Even Though They Never Paid For the Powder Consumed, Colonials Used it to Good Advantage

The 144th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain will be celebrated at Kings Mountain, N. C., October 7th. An elaborate program is rapidly taking shape and there will be a full day of entertainment for old and young. Hon. John W. Davis, Democratic nominee for President, has been invited as the chief orator of the day. It is now expected that he will be present. Governor Morrison of North Carolina, Governor McLeod of South Carolina, and a number of other state and nation celebrities have indicated their intention of attending the great Celebration which was the turning point of the American Revolution in favor of the colonists and which signal victory marked the birth of American religious and political freedom. The celebration machinery is well organized and preparations are going forward to take care of at least thirty thousand people who will hail from every quarter of this great commonwealth to do homage at the shrine of American Liberty. The Battle of Kings Mountain was fought October 7, 1780, and was an undisputed victory for the lovers of liberty who were striving to found a government upon the Golden Rule. There were about eleven hundred soldiers of the British Empire under Colonel Patrick Ferguson in the engagement and about the same number of Americans hailing from all walks of life with every sort of fighting implement that could be had in a primeval country on short notice. Chief among the weapons of war of the hungry and ragged Americans were the old muzzle loading squirrel guns of the neighborhood together with the semi-organized forces coming from across the Blue Ridge in the Watauga county. The battle started at three o'clock in the afternoon and at the end of one hour Colonel Ferguson, the commanding officer of the Crown forces, fell dead. His second in command Colonel DePeyster, took immediate command and in fifteen minutes raised the white flag. Three hundred of the British forces fell in the engagement while only 27 of the Americans lost their life. The rem-

Burglars Loot Landrum Store

Arrests Made in Spartanburg May Uncover Organized Gang Operating in Carolinas.

The general merchandise store of Jess Brown, one of the principal establishments of Landrum, was entered, the safe opened and burglarized of cash and Liberty bonds to the amount of \$150 to \$250, at some time Friday night by yeggmen, believed to be members of a professional gang operating in North and South Carolina, according to the report received from the owner of the store and members of the sheriff's force today. The burglars, after filling away the combination of the safe and effecting entrance with steel bit and cold chisel, carefully sorted papers, scattering some \$20,000 in mill stocks and other non-negotiable holdings about the floor making away with one Liberty bond for \$50 and an undetermined amount of cash, according to the report. That the burglars were professionals, is believed proved by the nature of the tools which they left in making their get-away and by the cool and methodical manner in which they went about their work. They are believed to have carefully studied the store before executing the robbery and to have been well acquainted with the difficulties which they would meet. They succeeded in making their escape without leaving the slightest clue as to their identity, according to Mr. Brown and to officers who were detailed to investigate the affair.

TRYON PHARMACY TO GIVE SCORES

Baseball fans interested in the coming World's Series will be pleased to hear that the scores of each game will be given out at the Tryon Pharmacy by Dick Watson himself an eighteen carat fan, each evening not later than 6 P. M. Arrangements have been made to handle the scores by radio and phone for the accommodation of those who want to keep in touch with the daily doings of the Senators and Giants.

WILKINS APARTMENTS BEING COMPLETED.

Believing that Tryon needs an up-to-date apartment house W. Y. Wilkins, is remodeling the old Tryon School House into modern living quarters for four families. The building will be divided into four apartments, containing five rooms each, with sanitary plumbing, bath fixtures, and steam heat. The grounds will be improved, and the Wilkins Apartments made a creditable addition to Tryon's housing facilities.

The Tryon Chamber of Commerce met Friday night and elected officers for the coming year.

B. L. Ballenger was elected president, F. P. Bacon vice-president, and W. B. Weigel, secretary. M. G. Blake, the secretary for the past six years declined a re-nomination on the grounds that business kept him from attending to the duties the office involved. It was agreed to hold semi-monthly meetings to be held in Missildines Hall on every alternate Friday night. A tentative program calling for increased activity of the organization with a possibility of opening a down town office with the services of a paid attendant was outlined and a membership drive will be staged shortly in order to raise the necessary funds.

nant of the British forces were captured.

One hundred years from the day of the famous battle the patriotic citizens of many sections met on the battlefield and commemorated the battle by unveiling a monument which was erected by the states of North and South Carolina. After that celebrations were held almost every year. October 7th, 1909, another and more imposing shaft, was unveiled amid appropriate ceremonies. This monument stands 89 feet high and is made of Vermont granite at a cost to the national government of thirty thousand dollars. Pilgrims from practically every state in the union journey to this battlefield each year and gather souvenirs and take historical notes. column after column in the nation's leading newspapers is devoted to its cause. There is a general movement rapidly gaining impetus throughout the commonwealth to have the United States government take over the grounds and develop it into a national park. The government already owns the land, forty acres. Everybody everywhere is invited to the big celebration October seventh.

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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.

Civitan Club To Be Formed

Tryonites to Organize Civic Club if Plans Carry Through

The Tryon Chamber of Commerce realizing the need for a business men's club which will cooperate with that body in working for better conditions, heartily endorsed the suggestion of F. P. Bacon, that a Civitan Club be organized in Tryon, and Pres. B. L. Ballenger appointed a committee of three, headed by Mr. Bacon to select the requisite membership, which is limited to one man engaged in any given line of business or profession. Twenty members must be secured to form a local club, and more than half that number have already shown their willingness to join.

Organized in 1917, in Birmingham, Ala, the motto of the organization is "Builders of Good Citizenship". Founded at the outbreak of the World War and dedicated to unselfish service to the city, state and nation, the Civitan organization launched its activities at a time when the hearts and minds of men were most receptive to the high ideals for which it stands. Among other activities the Civitans have inaugurated a nation wide campaign of education on foreign affairs, a movement which has received the strong endorsement of such men as the late President, Mr. Harding, ex-President Wilson, Secretary of State, Hughes, Senator William E. Borah, ex-Governor Cox of Ohio, and Dr. Charles W. Elliott.

Another resolution provides for a concerted effort to require the teaching of "American Citizenship" as a distinctive course in the public schools throughout the United States, in order that Bolshevik and Socialistic teachings may be counteracted. The constitution of the Civitans allow associate memberships, to others engaged in similar lines as charter members, and such associates enjoy all the privileges of active members except the holding of the office of President. Civitan Clubs have already been organized in Asheville, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Raleigh, Gastonia, High Point, Canton, Salisbury, Thomasville and Wadesboro in North Carolina and if Tryon succeeds in establishing a club it will be the smallest city in the state to maintain membership.

Miss Goodwin has returned to Tryon. Tryon has no lack of odd and interesting articles many of them in use "befo' de wah", the question being only to assemble and arrange them in a pleasing manner at the coming Tri-Township Fair.

The Denison family and Miss Faucet will arrive this week and the school will open. Martha Lightner comes with the Denisons from Cape Cottage, Maine, where she has been since her camp closed. Mr. and Mrs. Lightner will meet her here.

Mrs. Braswell of Charlotte, with her children, took possession of the Jones Cottage Wednesday. She finds Tryon much to her liking.

Mrs. W. W. Wade (Miss Frances Bell) is at Pinecrest with her two children. Mr. Wade is to play his team against Furman College at Greenville Friday of this week.

Cooperation Needed To Attract Industry Says Charlotte Man

President Chamber of Commerce Says It Pays to be Fair to New Industries.

A short while ago there came to me from a mill promoter in California an inquiry regarding electric power development in this section and the availability of that power for manufacturing enterprises. It was a knock at the door of Carolina—a knock by industry seeking location.

In replying to that inquiry, I did not hesitate to say that in large the growth and development of the Piedmont section of North and South Carolina were attributable to the abundance of cheap electric power. The industrial growth of this section in the last two decades has been nothing short of marvelous. To the Californian's inquiry also, I did not fail to reply that rates for power were fixed by a state commission, for I regarded that as a very important point; a point which big enterprises consider carefully when they are seeking location.

I am citing this letter of inquiry as typical of what is going on in the Carolinas every day. There is no question as to the movement of industry from the crowded centers of the North to the more inviting Southern fields. They are coming with a rapidity that is almost unbelievable. And the question presents itself to my mind; what is the attitude of our communities and our State legislatures toward these big enterprises?

North and South Carolina have as much in natural advantages and geographical location to offer industry as any of the Southern States; more than many of them. It only remains to assure industry of fair and just treatment and their establishment here is a certainty.

Enterprises conducted by the astute business men of today are not going into the city or State whose legislative bodies continually and consistently harass them and place upon them unfair burdens in the form of taxes and impose unjust regulations and restrictions. These enterprises have no claim for special consideration, nor do I believe they desire such. To be treated on the same basis with others and with individuals is all they are asking.

Growth and development are what all our communities are striving for; it is the goal toward which we are all aiming. And I do not hesitate to say that this growth and development will be guarded by the growth and development of public utilities. A community cannot grow faster than its utilities—a true saying.

If then, our progress depends in such large measure upon the efficient and healthy condition of our utilities, particularly upon our supply of cheap power, it behooves us to see that these utilities are allowed to grow and expand and pave the way for growth and expansion in other lines of industry.

Resolution of Respect.

Whereas Mr. Harry A. Wilkie, our esteemed fellow-citizen, after years of painful disease, on the 21st day of September, 1924, passed into life eternal. Be it resolved that we, the Chamber of Commerce of Tryon, N. C., extend to the bereaved family our heart-felt sympathy. We feel with them that death was a happy release, still the parting brings the sense of loss, and the regret that in this life we shall see his kindly face no more, nor enjoy his genial companionship. Mr. Wilkie was a man who quickly won the respect and love of those with whom he came in contact. His charming personality, lively interest in whatever pertained to

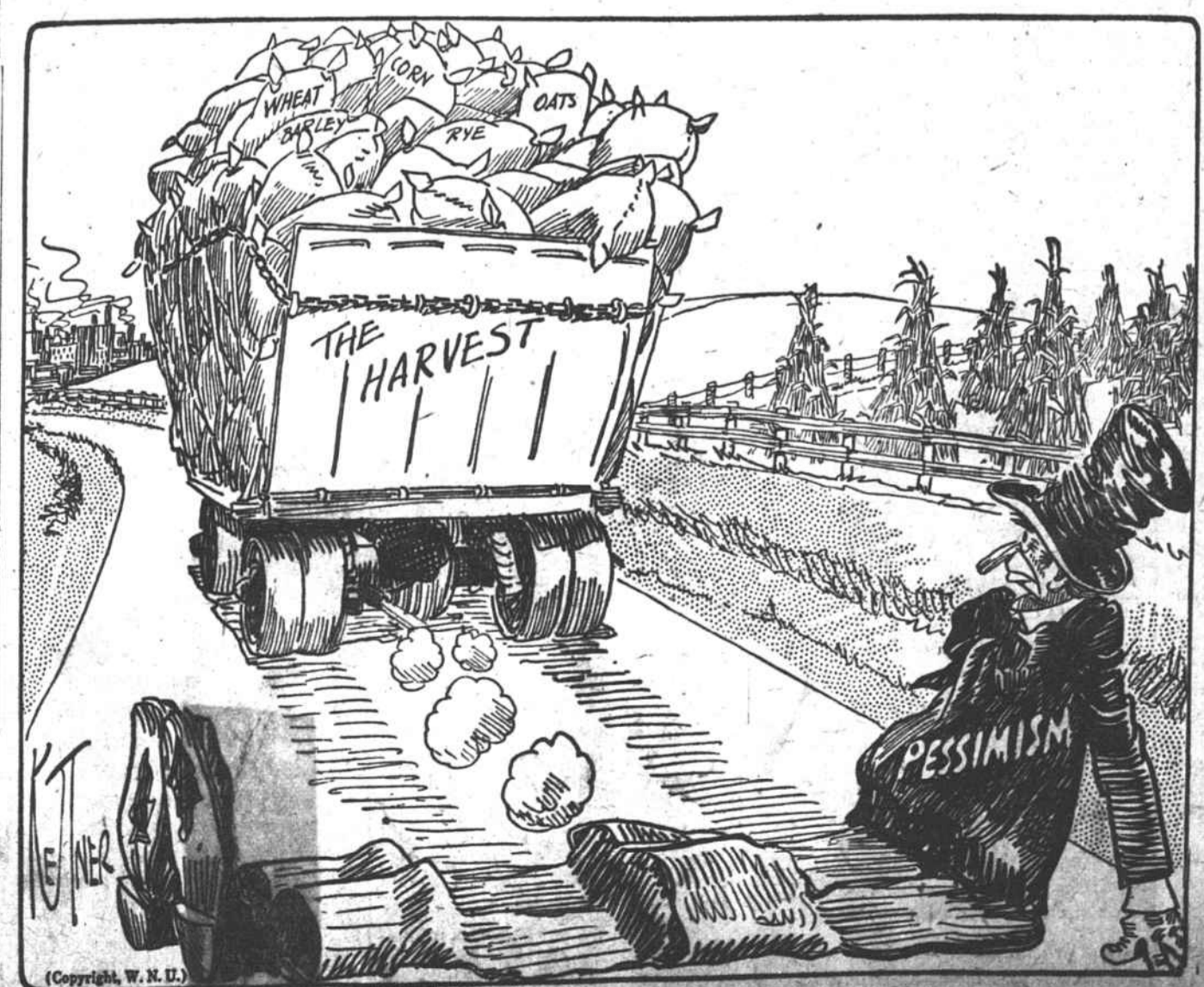
the welfare of the community, and his readiness to help by influence and deed any worthy cause will endear his memory to us, while his splendid manhood will be an example for the years to come. Resolved that this resolution be spread on the minutes of this body, and a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

T. L. Justice, Will B. O'Neil, C. P. Burnett, Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, Tryon, N. C.

Mrs. R. T. McFee's many friends will be glad to know she is better after an illness.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Foster Searles have returned from their foreign tour during which they flew over the English Channel, probably the only Tryon people who have risked their lives in what is still a novel means of transportation.

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Deed Dated 1785 Signed by First Governor of S. C.

Unique Document Strangely Worded in Old English Script to be Exhibited by NEWS at Mimosa.

Mrs. W. J. Ford of Tryon has kindly loaned the Polk County News a deed drawn in Greenville County South Carolina in the ninth year of the independence of the United States transferring a tract of some 119 acres from the commonwealth to Samuel Fowler. The land lies along Vaughns Creek, on the Pacolet River, in Ninety Six District and was then surrounded on all sides by vacant land, and brought the State two pounds, fifteen shillings and six pence and one half pence.

The document is in a good state of preservation and bears the signature of Benjamin Guerdon, Governor and Commander-in-Chief over said State at Charleston on the 21st of January 1785.

Mrs. Ford also has a deed transferring this patent to Ohoro Barton for a consideration of \$300.00 on the 6th day of February 1824.

These old deeds together with autographed letters of George Washington, General Nathaniel Greene, and copies of old newspapers will be exhibited at the Tri-Township Fair and may be seen at the booth of The Polk County News along with other interesting relics of other days.

Thirty Thousand To Be Expended On A. M. Law Home

Spartanburg Investment Broker Builds One of the Finest Homes in Section

Tryon is logically the playground for Spartanburg people and during the year many thousands from that city visit us for short periods. Some of these are so vividly impressed with the desirability of living in the shadows of the purple hills that they become permanent residents.

A. M. Law, well known Spartanburg investment broker is one of the last of these to purchase holdings in the vicinity and proceed with construction.

His new home overlooking the course of the Tryon Country Club, affords a splendid view of the surrounding mountains from its perch on the top of a commanding hill a mile north of town.

The house of modern construction, has an oak beamed living room and dining room, oak beamed porches, and every convenience including a built in garage which connects directly with the house.

The massive oak beams used in the building were secured on White Oak mountain and hauled across the ridges to Tryon, Wright Gaines has charge of construction.

The bed-rooms are large, and well lighted, and each has an individual bath room. A sleeping porch on the second floor affords one of the finest views of the surrounding mountains to be found in the vicinity.

Mr. Law is having the grounds terraced and seeded in grass, and has ample space for flowers and shrubbery. He has carefully refrained from cutting the forest trees surrounding the house, merely trimming away interfering limbs so that the view is unobstructed.

The Law residence will be one of the finest in this part of the country, and we hope that many other Spartanburg business men may follow his example. The hard surfacing of Route 19 will permit quick communication with Spartanburg by road or rail and we expect to see hundreds of Spartanburg folks living in Tryon the year 'round after the Appalachian Highway has been completed.

Meekin in Polk.

Hon. Isaac Meekin of Elizabeth City, N. C., addressed a large audience at Columbus, Tuesday evening. Touching on topics of interest to every North Carolinian, Mr. Meekin had the crowd with him from the very start. A magnetic speaker he has the ability to deliver a forceful and interesting talk and those who attended the Columbus meeting seemed exceedingly interested in what he had to say. Residents from all over Polk county were present, practically every community being well represented.

After the address Mr. Meekin was entertained at Boxwood Inn by Fred D. Hamrick and O. S. Bird of Columbus.