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William Gillette Estate Purchased--- By Ballenger, Bacon and Law

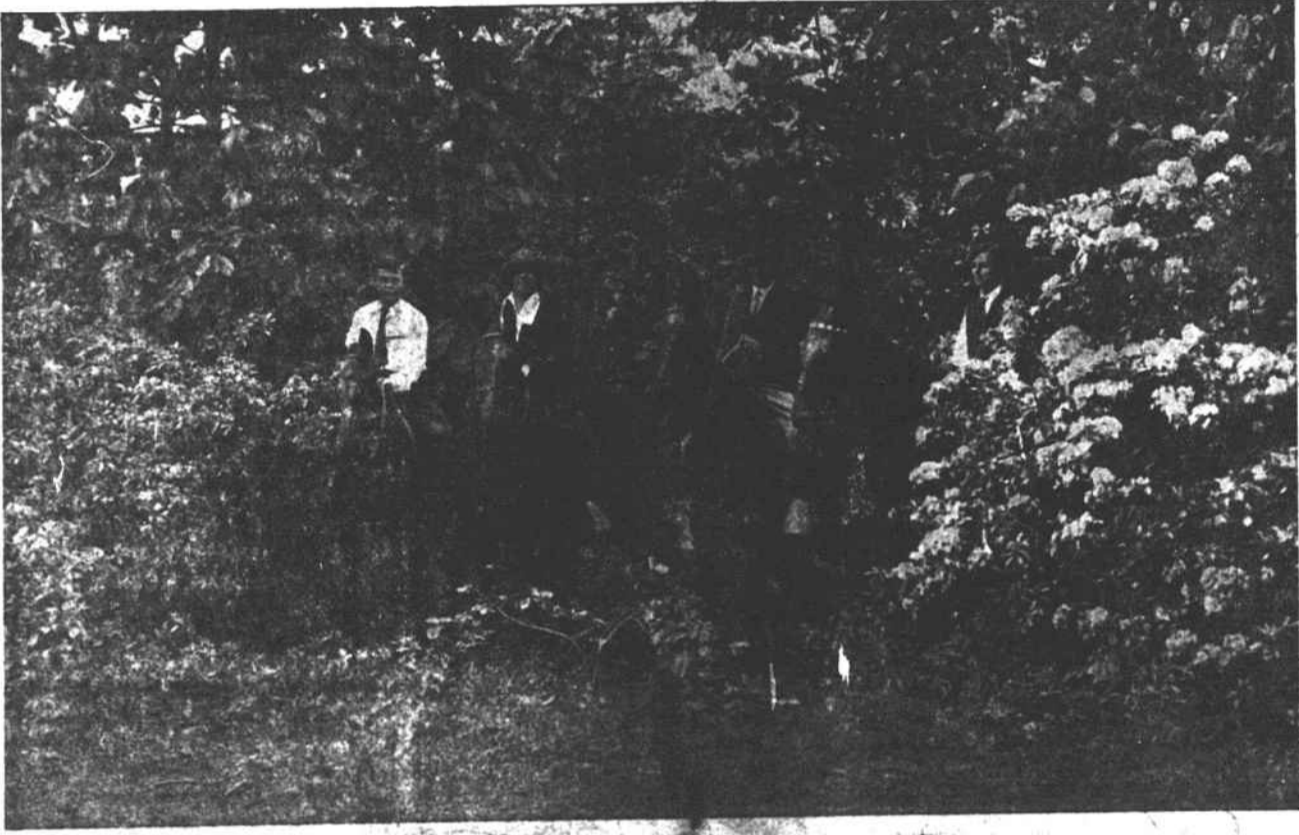
ERSKINE MEMORIAL CHURCH OF TRYON NAME CHOSEN BY CONGREGATIONALISTS

Want Simplified and Members of Any Faith Invited to affiliate
with New Organization in Building a Community Church.

Thursday, Jan. 1, 1925
annual business meeting
the members of the Congre-
gational Church was held in
church where after the
business for the year
been disposed of, initia-
were taken for the
ndment to the ritual of
rch, under which the name
d be changed from the
regational Church, of
st, Tryon, to the Erskine
norial Church. This in-
ory of Chas. R. Erskine
ugh whose generosity the
building was restored to
present handsome edifice
the pipe organ installed
this amendment, provision
made to broaden the ac-
ties of the church by mak-
it a community Church, at
same time lifting certain
rictions of creed and for-
observances and opening
doors wide to those who
ve all wish to accept Christ
their guide.
n the Saturday following
3, a meeting was held at
ch the motion to adopt this
order of things was car-
and on Sunday, Jan. 4, the
ouncement was made pub-
from the pulpit by Rev.
B. O'Neill.

come unlimited in scope and
magnified to the lasting glory
of the community.
Following is a condensed his-
tory of the Church, giving
names of its successive pas-
tors:
In August 1891, a meeting
was held in the M. E. Church
in Tryon for the purpose of
considering establishing a Con-
gregational Church in Tryon.
Dr. O. S. Missildine was made
moderator of this meeting and
after discussion it was unani-
mously decided to take the
necessary steps to organize
said Church, and a committee
was appointed to draft a
Constitution. Ten days later
another meeting was held and
the committee appointed to
draft a Constitution gave its
report, and this report was en-
dorsed and adopted.
On Sept. 6, 1891, a meeting
was held with Dr. Missildine
as moderator, and at this
meeting Rev. A. H. Missildine
of Winter Park, Fla. was pres-
ent and helped in organizing
the new church. The M. E.
Church offered the use of its
building to the newly organiz-
ed church until the conference
should have further use for
the building which offer was
accepted. The present build-
ing and organ were the gift of
Mr. Chas. R. Erskine, were
completed in 1908, and dedi-
cated on April 12, 1908.
Since the organization of the
Church the following pastors
have occupied the pulpit: G.
Stanley Pope, Oct. 1891-June
1893; Alpheus Winter, March,
1894-Dec. 1899; Lemuel Jones,
June 1900-Sept. 1901; S. O.
Bryant, Dec. 1901-June 1902;
Sept. 1902-April 1904; John
Metcalf, Summer Supply; R.
P. Hibbard, Dec. 1904-June
1906; E. A. Lathrop, June 1906
April 1909; J. L. Daniels, Oct.
1909-Sept. 1913; Percival Mor-
gan, Oct. 1913-Oct. 1914; Sam-
uel M. Johnson, Oct. 1914-Jan.
1916; Geo. E. Paddock, Feb.
1916-Jan. 1917; Theo. T. Hol-
way May 1917-Oct. 1917; Sum-
mer Supply, W. A. Black, Nov.,
1919-Dec. 1923; Will B. O'Neill
Dec. 1923, present pastor.

Famous Country Place of Noted American Actor to be Developed as Restricted and Exclusive Residence Section



GILLETTE ESTATE PASSES TO LOCAL PURCHASERS

Andrew M. Law, Francis P. Bacon, and Broadus L. Ballenger
Buy Gillette Property

William Gillette, the famous American tragedian while tour-
ing the country woke up in a Pullman one morning, peeped out the
window and saw the Blue Ridge looming high in the offing.
The landscape appealed to the tired actor, and he gathered his
bags and baggage and piled them on the platform at Tryon, then a
straggling mountain town of the crudest type.
After roaming the hills for weeks, Mr. Gillette purchased a
tract of land lying west of the town and there he later erected a
handsome bungalow and built improved roads through the tract.
From time to time he made Tryon his home and many men and
women famous in the annals of the theater joined the merry parties
at Gillette Lodge.
Mr. Gillette made friends with the mountain people and his
yacht was named for Polly Carruth an elderly inhabitant of the
section whose sterling worth and quaint character particularly at-
tracted the tragedian.

Now thirty years since the founding of Gillette Lodge the
property has passed into other hands. A Tryon company composed
of Andrew M. Law, Francis P. Bacon and Broadus Ballenger re-
cently completed the purchase of the 655 acres embraced in the
property including Gillette Lodge and Hatch House both commo-
dious structures buried in the heart of the primitive hills.
This property will be opened up and placed on sale as a restric-
ted and exclusive residential section of Tryon. The roads will be
improved and many changes made although the new owners have
been rather reticent regarding definite plans for its future devel-
opment.
It is understood however that Gillette Lodge will be used as a
club house or tourist hotel after being overhauled and refinished.
Mr. B. L. Ballenger when interviewed, stated that the building
would be left in its original shape as far as possible including the
interior.
The principals in the deal which involved a rather large sum
are well known Tryon business men. Francis P. Bacon is State
Senator from this district and President of the Southern Merceriz-
ing Company; B. L. Ballenger is the head of The Ballenger Com-
pany, Inc., dealers in general merchandise and President of the
Tryon Chamber of Commerce; Andrew M. Law is a well known
investment broker of Spartanburg and Tryon.
The standing of the three men at the head of the proposed de-
velopment assures its being a successful venture and demonstrates
the fact that others than outside capitalists are able to see and
quick to realize on the possibilities of Tryon as the coming year
round resort city of the south.

RAY ARLEDGE OF COLUMBUS MARRIES MISS ESTHER JORDAN OF ASHEVILLE

Ceremony Attended by Many Polk County Friends of the Happy
Young Couple. Mr. Arledge City Clerk of Hendersonville

Miss Minnie Arledge attend-
ed the marriage of her brother,
Mr. Ray Arledge to Miss Es-
ther Jordan, in Asheville Sat-
urday. The following account
of the wedding is taken from
Sunday's Asheville Citizen.
A pretty marriage taking
place at Bethel Methodist
Church yesterday afternoon at
2:30 o'clock was that of Miss
Esther Mae Jordan, daughter
of the pastor of the church
and Mr. Robert MacRae Ar-
ledge, of Hendersonville.
Southern smilax, ferns and
white roses were effectively
banked around the altar and
under the soft glow of many
white candles gave a charming
setting for the taking of the
vows.
Mrs. John O. Wood presided
at the piano and accompanied
Miss Vivian Smith who render-
ed Joscelyn's "Berceuse" on
the violin, and also played the
accompaniment of Mrs. V. R.
Patterson, who sang sweetly,
"Because" and "O, Promise
Me." During the ceremony,
the MacDowell's "To A Wild Rose"
was softly rendered by Mrs.
Wood. Wagner's wedding
march from Lohengrin was the
processional and departure
from the church was made to
Mendelssohn's wedding march.
Miss Maxine Brawley, of
Statesville was the maid of
honor and wore a Colonial
bouffant gown in peach crepe
satin with hand painting and
ostrich feather trimmings and
blue velvet streamers. Her arm
bouquet was of pink roses and
delphinium. Miss Mary Moyle
of Salisbury was the only
bridesmaid and her gown was
of poudre blue georgette made
also in bouffant style and with
ostrich trimmings. Her poke
bonnet was trimmed with
peach and orchid flowers and
Huffine and Claude Ditmore,
was pink roses and delphinium
also.
Little Misses Fredrika Clod-
felter and Mildred Enloe were
the flower girls and wore white
wreaths of pink and blue for-
get-me-nots. They carried
small white baskets of rose
petals, which they scattered in
the pathway of the bride.
The bride entered upon the
arm of her brother, Mr. Thom-
as Carlyle Jordan Jr. who gave
her in marriage. The bride's
father officiated using the im-
pressive ring ceremony of the
Methodist church. She was at-
tired in a traveling suit of
brown duvetyne with brown fur
trimmings, and wore a small
hat of gold cloth. Her acces-
sories were of a lighter shade
of brown and her corsage was
of bride's roses and lilies of
the valley.
She was met at the altar by
the groom and his best man,
who was Dr. Sample, of Hen-
dersonville. Dr. Albert Clie
of Canton, was the groom-
man and the ushers were Mr.
C. C. Humphries, Jr. and Mr.
Nat Reid.
Immediately following the
ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Ar-
ledge left on the afternoon
train for Chicago and other
Northern parts for a honey-
moon. They will be at home
to their many friends in Hen-
dersonville after January 15.
Among the out of town
guests here for the wedding
were: Mr. J. P. Arledge, father
of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. A.
G. Arledge, Mrs. I. C. Arledge,
Mrs. J. E. Shipman, Miss Min-
nie Arledge, Mrs. I. C. Arledge
Miss Grace Roberts, Miss Cor-
don and Mrs. W. B. Arledge all
of Hendersonville, Miss Maxine
Brawley, of Statesville, and
Miss Mary Moyle of Salisbury.
The bride is a highly accom-

plished young lady, having re-
ceived her education at several
of the large universities and
having been a successful
teacher in several cities of the
State and elsewhere.
Mr. Arledge is city clerk of
Hendersonville and is also con-
nected with other business.
After spending the holidays
at home, the following stu-
dents have returned to their
respective colleges: Misses Le-
ona Feagan and Laura Jack to
N. C. C. W. at Greensboro,
Miss Dorothy McChesney, to
Due West Woman's College,
Pearl Mills to Mars Hill Col-
lege, Miss Jeanette Feagan to
Cullowhee Normal, Mr. John
McFarland to N. C. State at
Raleigh and Mr. Archie Fea-
gan to the University at Chap-
el Hill.
Quite a number of parties
were given by the younger set
during the holidays. Miss
Laura Jack delightfully enter-
tained at a New Years party
last Wednesday evening. The
time was passed in watching
for the New Year by the play-
ing of games and the serving
of refreshments.
Misses Kathrine and Dor-
othy McChesney were hostesses
at another delightful party
given on Thursday evening to
the younger set of Columbus.
Games were played among
which were several interesting
contests. The winners each re-
ceiving a box of candy. Delic-
ious punch and doughnuts
were served during the even-
ing to the following guests:
Misses Leona Feagan, Vada
McMurry, Eleanor Bird, Laura
Jack and Marie Lynch, and
Messrs Ed Newman, Archie
Feagan, Jacob Cobb, Earnest
McMurry, Hugh Jack, A. D.
Huffine and Claude Ditmore,
of St. Paul, Minn.
On last Monday night Misses
Hildah and Marie Burgess en-
tertained quite a number of
friends at a card party. Those
enjoying this hospitality were
Anna Lynch, Oma and Mildred
Reynolds, Gertrude West and
Messrs Ed Newman, Archie
Barnett and Robert Jones,
of Greens Creek. After sever-
al interesting games refresh-
ments were served.
Mr. R. C. Prince happened to
be in a narrow accident Satur-
day night about eight o'clock as he
was crossing the street in
front of McDowell's store. He
was knocked down and it was
only luck that kept him from
being run over, by a car driven
by Mr. Curtis Newman. The
accident was wholly unavoid-
able. A car was coming from
toward Tryon, Mr. Prince was
looking at it and did not see
Mr. Newman's which was com-
ing from the other direction.
The lights from the other car
prevented Newman from see-
ing Mr. Prince. Mr. Prince,
who was knocked unconscious
was immediately taken to the
Tryon Infirmary where his
bruises were attended to and
examination showed that they
were not serious so he was
able to return home.
Messrs Croker Thompson
and Marion Smith left Friday
morning for Detroit. It seems
that Polk County maintains a
colony of its own in Detroit.
The colony at present however
is smaller than it was a few
months ago due to the fact
that many of the members
have come "back home."
Among them being Mr. and
Mrs. Wiley Bridges, LeRoy
McFarland, DeWitt Smith, and
John McFarland.

TOWN & COUNTY Personalographs

Mrs. R. S. Loughridge, of
Astoria, N. C. spent the week
end in Tryon, a guest of her
sister-in-law, Mrs. J. F. Eudy.
Clarence Bush, of The Polk
County News Company has
been confined to his home with
rippage during the past week.
Harry C. Bradshaw, adver-
tising manager of the News
was called to Tryon to act as
pressman during the illness of
Mr. Bush. Brad's past experi-
ence as a skilled pressman
stood him in good stead in the
emergency and through his ef-
forts the News appeared this
week.
On next Thursday, the 15th
inst. the Lanier Club will meet
at 3:30 the usual hour. Mr.
Edward Frost will deliver an
address having for his subject
"The World Court." Those
who have heard Mr. Frost will
look forward to this meeting
where he will discuss this most
interesting subject.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jordan, of
Hendersonville are expected in
Tryon Saturday to spend the
week with Mr. and Mrs. W. H.
Brock.
Mrs. Will B. O'Neill has been
confined to her bed the latter
part of this week with gripe.
Among the new arrivals in
Tryon are Mrs. E. L. Clarke
and daughter, Miss Edith, of
Oberlin, Ohio and Mrs. A. M.
Nickerson of Findley, Ohio.
They have rented apartments
at Mrs. L. M. Norman's on
Godshaw Hill for the winter.
Mrs. L. G. McElheney and
little son Harold, of Spartan-
burg are visiting her father, J.
C. Fisher.
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brock
and brother Edward, spent the
week end in Hendersonville.
Little Fred Hutchinson, the
son of Mr. and Mrs. Major
Hutchinson, is quite sick with
pneumonia.