

TURNER SHOALS DAM UNIQUE IN ENGINEERING ANNALS

The Ridge Power Project Second Dam of the Multiple Arch Type of Concrete Construction Ever Built and Only One in the Entire South.

Mr. Bakes who was resident engineer at the Turner Shoals dam during its construction returned to Charlotte last week where after returning to Mees and Mees the completion of his assignment here he has an extended vacation trip into the mountains with Mrs. Bakes.

Mr. Bakes states that the Turner Shoals dam is the only multiple arch structure in the south and the only one of its kind in the United States. Before leaving the engineer returned to the NEWS office to express his appreciation for the cooperation given him in his work by the residents of Polk County. He stated that he had found every one exceedingly friendly, and that in every instance he had been extended unusual courtesy. He particularly stressed his appreciation for the favorable publicity given the dam by present and past managers of the NEWS.

Mr. Bakes' visit to Turner Shoals reveals the fact that much remains to be done at the scene of the new power development. A modern concrete dam is being built across Green River at that point and a force of men are engaged in removing float logs and debris from the lake which stretches for miles up the beautiful valley.

The dam resembles a small Niagara with the water pouring steadily over its top. The big power house being cleaned up and the immense electric turbines are being installed.

The Earnhardt brothers of Spartanburg, one having supervision of the transmission lines and the other of the lines of the Blue Ridge Company on the scene Sunday accompanied by Mrs. Earnhardt who is well known in Tryon, having made home here for some years.

Hundreds of people from all over the county visited the dam Sunday afternoon and many of them clambered over the concrete structure to get into locks and gates and comment on the immensity of the undertaking.

The Blue Ridge Power Co. has completed negotiations for the purchase of the electric power to be generated by Lake Lure at Chimney Rock according to an announcement by John A. Law, Treasurer of the Spartanburg Company.

Final details of the contract were arranged at a meeting in Spartanburg Thursday attended by directors of Chimney Rock Mountain, Inc., officials of the Blue Ridge Power Company, Charles W. Tillett, Jr., of Charlotte, Attorney for the Mountain Company, C. A. Mees, of Mees Hydraulic Engineers, of

Charlotte, and H. L. Bomar, Attorney for the Blue Ridge Power Company.

"This additional power production of the Lake Lure Dam," said Mr. Law "Estimated at thirteen and one half million kilowatt hours per annum will materially add to the power resources of the Blue Ridge Power Company, and increase the available service of the Company.

An interesting feature is that the Lake Lure plant is to be operated from the Turner Shoals Plant of the Blue Ridge Power Company through electric control and that an automatic governor will maintain at all times the level of the lake at Chimney Rock; thus assuring the attractiveness of the lake from a resort standpoint."

Mr. Law stated that the right-of-way for a transmission line from the recently completed Turner Shoals Power station of the Blue Ridge Power Company to the site of the Lake Lure dam, a distance of six miles had been practically all acquired and the line would be built immediately. This line will serve to carry power to the Lake Lure dam site for construction of the dam, and later convey the purchased power back to the Blue Ridge system connecting at Turner Shoals station.

Eighteen months will see the completed construction of the Lake Lure Dam and power development, according to C. A. Mees whose firm of hydraulic engineers has designed the dam. The construction will be of the multiple arch type, 555 ft. across and 104 ft. in height. Across the top of the dam a bridge will be constructed and the entire design of great beauty as possible to fit into the development plans of the Chimney Rock Mountains Company, at the same time of as durable economical and efficient character as modern science can devise. Immediate construction is contemplated and the work will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

JUDGE GENTRY BUSY

Judge J. J. Gentry of Bird Mountain Farm is stopping at the Hertzog apartments in Spartanburg while supervising the development of his residence lot subdivision just off North Liberty Street after leaving the underpass Southern Railway near Beaumont Mills. The lots should prove interesting to the buying public for the reason that they are right at industrial plants and hard surface streets lead into the city. The Newbury Realty and Auction Co. with M. O. Gentry & Sons will conduct the auction sale on this property.

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deputy collector of internal revenue will be in Tryon on February 1 and can be found at the Bank of Tryon at from nine o'clock in the morning until four in the afternoon that date by those who wish information regarding the preparation of income tax returns. He will also be in Saluda at the Bank of Saluda on the 10th to assist in preparing returns without cost. He offers many that may solve income tax problems, and the following information is called "Income Tax in a Shell" is given for the information of Federal Income tax payers: Who must make returns? Single persons who had net income of \$1,000 more, or gross income of \$1,500 more, and married couples who had net income of \$2,500 or more, or income of \$5,000 or more must return.

When? The filing period is from January 1 to March 15, 1925.

Where? With collector of internal revenue for the district in which person lives or has his principal place of business.

What? Instructions on Form 1040-A, Form 1040; also the law and regulations.

What is the tax? Two per cent on the first \$4,000 of net income in excess of the personal exemption and credits for dependents; one per cent on next \$4,000; six per cent on balance of net income. Surtax from 1 percent to

40 percent on net incomes over \$10,000 for the year 1924.

What are the Exemptions? \$1,000 for a single person, \$2,500 for a married person, or the head of a family, with an additional \$400 for each dependent.

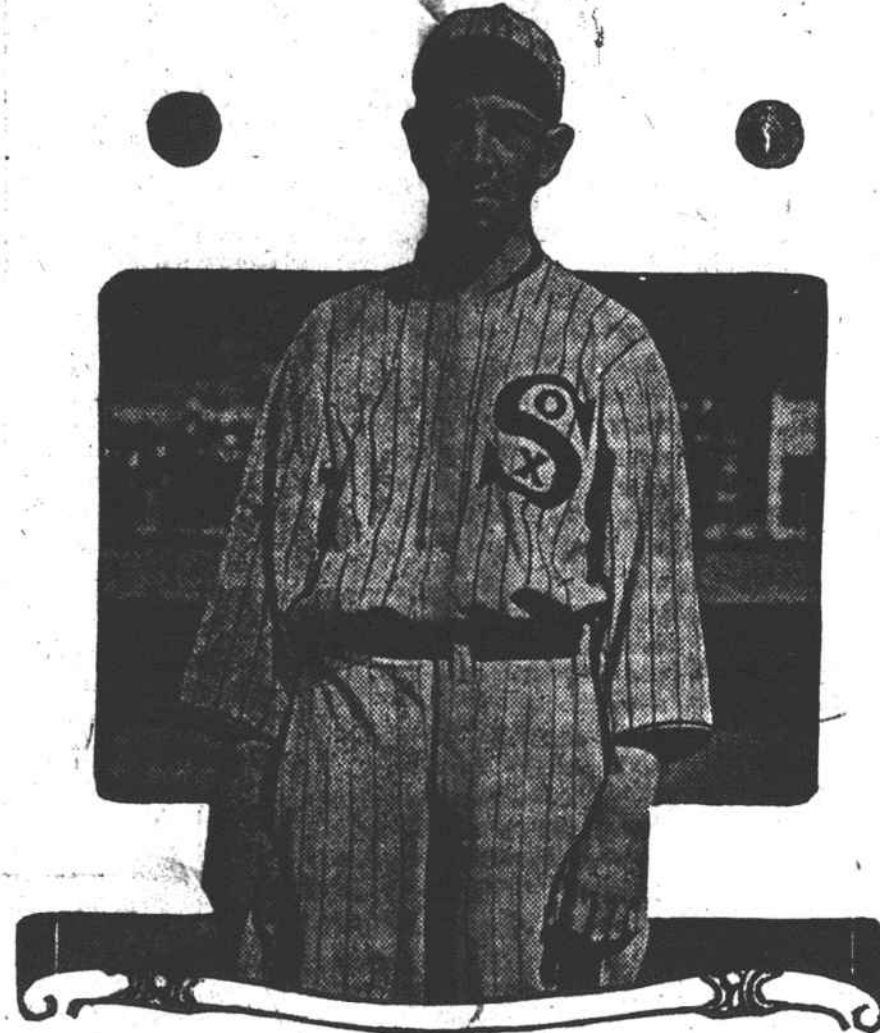
John W. Goodman, Jr., district farm agent, who for about six weeks has been seriously ill at his home in Asheville, is in the Biltmore hospital for a major operation and will not return to his office for two months or more. Mr. Goodman suffered a relapse during the Christmas holidays and his condition has shown no improvement.

It is not known who will look after his work until he returns and the coming district conference of farm agents in Asheville has been postponed.

Mr. Goodman is considered one of the most active men in the state extension department and under his leadership farm agents of the western district last year reported considerable progress in modern farming methods. He was formerly county agent of Avery county.

Mr. Goodman will be remembered by all Polk County people who attended the Columbus Get-together meeting as he was the leading speaker of the evening on that occasion.

Gets Christmas Gift From White Sox



Eddie Collins, for many years captain and second sacker for the Chicago White Sox, has been appointed manager of the team to succeed John Evers. Eddie Collins said from his home at Lansdowne that he was delighted to get the chance to manage the Sox. "It's a mighty good Christmas present," he said. "It's too soon for me to say what I intend to do to give the Sox a winner," he continued.

SHALL TRYON HAVE BASEBALL DURING THE COMING SUMMER

Semi-pro Club Can Be Organized if Support is Forthcoming. Fast teams in the Carolinas assure Hard Fought Games. In order to Hold Visitors They Must Be Amused.

That golf is a popular pastime goes without saying. Thousands of people all over America play it regularly, and yet the immense stadiums owned and operated by professional baseball clubs have never been empty because of the call of the green.

Americans love action and baseball above all other sports provides it in plenty. The crack of hickory on horsehide will always draw its crowds. The snappy spirited fight of two well matched teams cannot be surpassed as a means of entertaining a crowd.

Tryon has from time to time supported independent baseball clubs. The success of these teams has varied with the ability of their management. Fans demand real baseball, and must have it if the club is to be a financial success.

The coming season will find thousands of people coming to the Blue Ridge who never were here before. The opening of Route "A" from Chicago to Miami will bring many more tourists over the Appalachian Highway.

They stop where they can find amusement and a good baseball team will help hold many of them in Tryon. It will also keep a lot of Polk County people at home for the week ends which were spent in Spartanburg and Asheville last summer because of baseball.

There is a suitable location for a park. Some money spent in rebuilding stands will make it answer for the coming season. Equipment is necessary and that too requires an outlay of capital. Independent players assured these things, can be induced to spend the summer in Tryon, depending upon gate receipts to sustain the team.

There are fast teams in all of the nearby towns. A good schedule can be worked out and a sterling brand of the great American game assured.

If Polk County wants to see baseball at home it can be managed. If they had rather motor to other cities they can do that.

Those interested in maintaining a team this summer will make an organized effort to secure the backing of the business concerns of the community. Their efforts should be encouraged—and probably will be.

If we are to have baseball it is time to get started. In a few months summer will be on us and then it will be too late to begin. Those interested in a movement to establish a club wearing the Tryon uniform are requested to send in their names to the Editor of the News.

Does Tryon WANT baseball? We wonder!

MISS MARGARET WELTNER OF CHICAGO WILL MANAGE NEW BLUE RIDGE TEA ROOM

On Tuesday, February 3, Tryon will witness the opening of one of Western North Carolina's most attractive as well as exclusive tea rooms, both from the point of service and the excellence of its food. The new enterprise will be known as the Blue Ridge Tea Room, operated in connection with Blue Ridge Weavers, whose fame has spread to every State in the Union, and abroad.

This attractive place is designed similar to a roof garden, being of brick construction, and an extension of the main floor.

It is divided into three rooms. The larger tea room, as one enters from the gift shop; the alcove room for private entertaining; and the splendidly equipped kitchen, fitted to satisfy even the most capricious appetite.

The beautiful mountain view from the five broad windows which form the west wall of the larger room, is continued in the private diningroom from windows on both west and the north. On clear days, guests may enjoy their food while looking out

on Shunkawanken Falls, twelve miles across the valley.

Preparation has not been lacking in the arrangement of detail, and hand made furniture, products of our mountain people, will be used throughout the rooms in its natural unfinished state. This feature consists of tables, chairs, screens, and wicker shades, for the suspended lights. With the purpose in view of making the table service particularly attractive, the old Indian Tree design with other unique and adorable bits of china and pottery, was selected. The same motif is followed in the draperies, and snowy linen and dainty silver will also be employed.

Feathery sprays of long leaf pine in wicker baskets, artistic hooked rugs, and native pottery, will add to the typical mountain atmosphere.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Gentry, known this section over as "George" and "Miss Sally"—as host and hostess, will be assisted by Miss Margaret Weltner, who has, during her brief stay in the valley, gained a

name and fame as a caterer unexcelled. Miss Weltner, a native of Hungary, had several years experience in her chosen profession in France and other foreign countries. She is thoroughly versed in the art of foreign cookery, and before coming to Tryon, had charge of Y. W. work in Chicago. Since October, she has been Mrs. George Woolson's assistant at the Agnes Jane Tea Room at Floral Knoll.

The Blue Ridge Tea Room is prepared to serve luncheons, cater to dinner parties, supper parties, hot waffle and chicken "spreads" every day in the week, and at all hours. Martha Washington and White Oak Mountain candies, the latter made famous through its originator, Mrs. Wm. Ludlum, will be offered fresh at all times. On short previous notice, a most elaborate formal dinner, chop suey supper, or any unusual service can be given.

Between the hours of three and six on the opening day, the public is most cordially invited to drop in, and become acquainted.

NEGRO SCHOOL DEMONSTRATES VALUE OF SPECIAL TRAINING

Home Economic Class of Negro Institution Shows White Business Men and Women of Tryon What They Have Accomplished and How Fund Is Spent

On Monday afternoon the Tryon Colored School's class in Home Economics gave a demonstration of the training being given the colored girls of the county under the direction of E. J. Hayes, principal of the Colored School.

Some twenty-five invited guests attended the event and the faculty was assured the cooperation and help of the white residents of the vicinity in putting through their program for the betterment of the colored youth.

After a short talk by Principal Hayes, the doors to the auditorium were thrown open and a delightful luncheon served. Those who might have been skeptical regarding the value of the course were thoroughly convinced of its utility when they sampled the attractively served menu.

From soup to dessert it was a credit to any caterer in any town large or small and those who participated enjoyed it immensely.

Short addresses by Broadus L. Ballenger, President of the Tryon Chamber of Commerce; W. S. Green, Mayor; Rev. Will O'Neill of the Ebenezer Memorial Church; W. C. White, noted attorney; Frank Little, Cashier of the Peoples Bank and Trust Company and H. A. Shannon, interpreted by remarks from Principal Hayes preceded the most interesting part of the program.

A series of negro spirituals sung by well trained voices accompanied by Principal Hayes on the piano, made a decided hit with the audience. "Swing Low Sweet Chariot," "Roll the Stone Away" and "Jubilee" were exceptionally well rendered.

Mary Cline a graduate of Tuskegee Institute, who is acting as instructor of the class, made a short talk regarding the aims of her work and pointed out what it meant to the community to have an available supply of well trained help stating that she would be pleased to instruct any girl of her race who might be employed in Tryon whenever arrangements could be made for attendance.

Principal Hayes brought up the question of financing the work during its five month session and stated that they were still short the required amount by about \$150. Mr. Ballenger and others assured him that Tryon had never been found lacking when it started to do a thing and that he might proceed with the work the assurance that the necessary funds would be forthcoming.

The Home Economic Class still requires additional equipment and supplies and anyone interested in

the practical work being done in this community to make colored children more valuable citizens and better workmen can rest assured that any money contributed to the cause will be well spent.

Principal Hayes has long advocated manual training for boys under him and only the lack of necessary equipment and money has kept him from installing classes in applied mechanics for the boys. Certainly there is room for this and we believe that charity should begin at home and certainly no charity can be more deserving than the effort being made by this humble educator of his own race to follow in the footsteps of the noted Booker T. Washington.

Having visited both Hampton and Tuskegee and seen the work under way in those institutions—having met graduates of those schools in many southern cities doing more than their share to bring happiness and contentment to their brothers through real education along practical lines—having attended the meetings of their Chambers of Commerce in Atlanta and Waycross—having seen the splendid business concerns they have developed in the Old South—having seen the friendly attitude of really big business men of Georgia, Alabama and Texas towards their work—the Editor of the NEWS is pleased indeed to endorse its aims and objects and we feel sure that the citizens of Polk County are broad enough and big enough to give them every opportunity to develop any latent talent they may possess.

We believe that these members of another race who have dug deep into their hard earned savings to make their present school possible, these men and women who have struggled and denied themselves that their children might have competent instruction under favorable conditions—we believe that these people are entitled to and should receive help from the State Department of Education and that they should be given all of the assistance possible locally.

CARD OF THANKS

Through this means I wish to express my appreciation of the friendly ministrations and neighborly acts of kindness shown during the illness and death of my beloved wife Callie, who departed this life Sunday January 11, in Columbus, N. C.

Ben F. Green.



COLUMBUS

The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist Church met with Mrs. Fred W. Blanton last Thursday afternoon. The hostess presented each member with a dime together with what it has made to the Ladies Aid treasury and tell how she made the business meeting the Society adjourned to meet with Mrs. H. H. Carson, Feb. 3rd.

Sheriff R. F. McFarland attended the North Carolina Sheriff's Convention in Raleigh last week and while there visited his son, John McFarland, a student at N. C. State College.

Guy Davenport, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davenport who enlisted in the navy last fall and since that time has been stationed at Hampton Roads, Va., is at home on a two weeks furlough, at the end of which time he will report for duty at Charleston, S. C.

The many friends of Mr. D. W. McChesney are glad to see him out again after having been confined to his home for several weeks with influenza.

Mrs. J. W. McIntosh and little daughter, Mary Elizabeth, spent the week end in Asheville.

Mr. Miles McClellan, of Monroe, who is an expert mechanic has ac-

cepted a position with the Sikes Motor Company.

Among those from Columbus who attended the oyster supper and entertainment given by the Masons of the Mill Spring lodge Friday night were: Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Stroup, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hutchinson, Mr. J. R. Sams, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McIntosh and Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Blanton.

Celebrating her sixth birthday, little Miss Mary Elizabeth McIntosh was hostess to fifteen of her little friends last Friday afternoon, January 23rd. It was a happy group of children who gathered in the cheerful living room and for an hour and a half engaged in various games conducted by Mrs. McIntosh. Following the playtime the children were led into the dining room where the table was the center of attraction, decorated as it was with the two tiered birthday cake with its six candles burning brightly. At each child's place at the table were favors consisting of lollipops dressed in crepe paper dresses. Delicious refreshments of whipped cream, jello, and cake were served to the following: Misses Evelyn Landis, Coy Smith, Katie Cobb, Opal Cloud, Jeanette Hutchinson, Evelyn Walker, Helen Ormand, Mary Lillian Blanton, Evelyn Ormand, Masters Walden Wilson, Clarence Davenport, Charles Carson, Hugh Hill and Jackson Carson.