

# POLK COUNTY NEWS

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## EDITORIAL.

### FREEDOM OF THOUGHT

Most of us pride ourselves on the fact that we do our own thinking. But do we? In the more important relations of life we certainly do not.

The two most vital matters effecting the average citizen's beliefs are his religion and his politics. Does he do his own thinking about these? Hardly.

If we take the Republicans of to-day we will find that at least nine out of ten had Republican fathers. The same is true of Democrats. If we look into the family histories of the Methodists of to-day, for instance, we will find that 99 out of 100 had Methodist fathers or mothers. The same holds good with respect to other denominations. In the case of Catholics, practically 100 per cent will be found to have had parents of that faith. The same is true of the Jews.

Then, do we really think for ourselves? In minor matters perhaps, but in the most vital things of life we follow blindly the beliefs and connections of our parents.

### WASTEFULNESS OR STUPIDITY?

America's fire loss has reached the proportions of a national calamity and we are becoming a criminally careless people. This matter of burning four or five hundred million dollars' worth of property every year has ceased to be a matter of no concern. Our increasing fire loss stands as a serious indictment of the American public. Our 1924 fire loss means that five hundred million dollars' worth of our natural and created resources are wiped out of existence. There is a prevailing opinion that fire insurance companies in some mysterious way make good our loss by fire. The proceeds of a fire insurance policy may reimburse the individual for the loss he has sustained, but no amount of money can restore a burned structure; therefore, when a fire occurs, everybody loses.

### TRADE INFLUENCE

We believe the town that enjoys a large volume of trade from the farming country surrounding it, is the town that has solved the problem of creating a proper relationship between town and country. If we get our farmers in here to trade, we will get acquainted with them personally. We will learn more about their problems, we will all come to understand something of the common interests of all the citizens of this entire county.

"One of the greatest problems of this country is to create a better and more friendly spirit between town and country," said a prominent speaker not long ago. He argued that the envy, animosity, and suspicion that keeps farmers and citizens of small towns separated now, is one of the greatest of all foes of true progress in our country.

The farmer and the business man with whom he deals have one great interest in common—namely to build up a more prosperous agricultural community, and to make life richer, happier, and more comfortable for all concerned.

To realize this aim, the farmer and the small city business man must work hand in hand. But before they can work together for the benefit of the community, they must come to know and like each other as the result of the business service rendered.

### THEY FEEL THE NEED

The editor talked with a man the other day who has been busy organizing newspapers in communities that have had no paper for some time. This is what he said:

"You have no idea how the people in some of these small towns want a paper. They have been without a voice for years, and they appreciate what a newspaper can do for them individually and collectively."

He went on to explain that the merchants especially feel the need of an advertising medium. They say that the business of the community is going elsewhere, because they have no way of getting a message before the people of the surrounding country every week.

Those who are active in commercial organizations, feel that a paper would be a great force in cementing the people of the village together—in wiping out factional lines—and creating a common body of ideas on what is best for the town—on what will make it a place among the more progressive communities of the country.

It is the old story. People don't appreciate a thing unless they have to do without it. The citizens of Polk county read the News regularly—take it as a matter of course—and never stop to think what the town would be like without any publication. Those who wonder what a newspaper can mean to a town, might well talk with citizens of small communities that have to get along without any kind of a publication. To them a paper is a public necessity—An organ making for social progress.

# Local News

The children of the Tryon Graded School will stage a carefully selected program at the School Auditorium on Friday, February 20th, in commemoration of George Washington's birthday.

Those participating have been thoroughly coached and it is asserted that the performance will equal anything of the kind ever before shown in the county. A small admission fee will be charged to help cover expenses. Everyone is invited to attend and parents who have children in the school are urged to come and bring their friends in order to demonstrate to the children that their interest is a real thing.

## Program

### TRYON GRADED SCHOOL

FRIDAY, FEB. 20, 1925

8 O'CLOCK

1. Song, Washington, First and Advanced First Grades
2. Hatchet Story, Boys of Advanced First Grade
3. Duet, Little George Washington (Weaver) Rachel Jackson and Melvin Phillips
4. Dreaming, Sara Rion
5. Young Soldiers.
6. Songs, Washington's Birthday (Wheeler) and Playing Soldier (Poorman) Second Grade
7. Play, Washington's Sixth Birthday Party, 3rd Grade  
Cast of Characters  
Madame Washington, Sara Scruggs  
Augustine Washington, Eulan Ford  
George Washington, Bob Millikin  
Betty Washington, Genell Gosnell  
Aunt Shady, Bertha Palmer  
Uncle Remus, Brownlow Parker  
Billie, (George's "own little coon"), Francis Smith  
Friends of George, Harry, William Wilkins  
Johnny, Charles Lankford  
Susan, Isabel Durham  
Martha, Esther Andrews
8. A Little Boy's Hatchet Story.
9. Cherry Pies.
10. Something Better.
11. My Country's Flag.
12. The Big Drum.
13. Our Flag.
14. Trio, Soldier Boy, Advanced First
15. Minuet, (2nd Grade) Ruth Creasman, Betty McFarland, Jane Jervey, Lois Avant, Alene Ward, Mildred Rippey, Sam Cawthray
16. (a) Songs, There Are Many Flags in Many Lands, (Hawliston)  
Soldiers Marching, (Johnstone), 2nd Grade  
(b) Verses by Lillian Thompson
17. To be sung by Audience, Standing. First two verses in song book, "The Star Spangled Banner".

### Meaning of "Ozark"

Ozark is a corruption of the French words *aux arcs* meaning "with bows," a term descriptive of the Indians who inhabited the country.

### Use for Penguins' Wings

The wings of the penguin, useless for flying purposes, serve as efficient paddles in swimming.—Springfield Republican.

## Did You Stop to Think---

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The editor and all of his force are working for YOU.

They want to build the kind of paper that you like.

Why not help them?

What kind of news interests YOU most?

What feature of the paper do YOU like best?

These are simple questions but they are BIG questions with the editor.

He is putting forth every effort to make this paper the kind of a newspaper that YOU want in your home.

Why not co-operate?

If something in the paper pleases YOU tell the editor.

If there are articles which don't interest YOU, tell him too, and tell him why.

No two communities are alike. The editor has to study his town and his people.

A word from YOU now and then would help wonderfully.

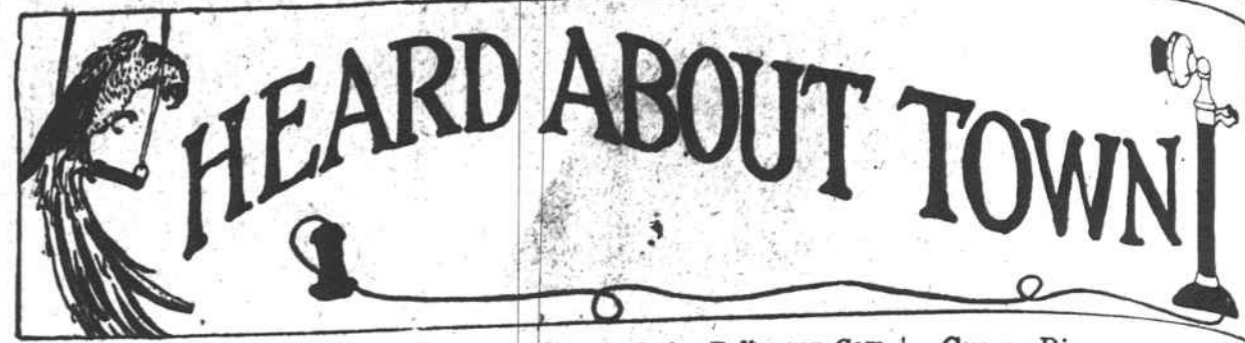
If YOU have any suggestions send them in.

This is YOUR paper. Let's make it the best weekly paper in the South.

It can be done!

## The Polk County News

"The Livest Weekly in the South"



Mrs. E. Buckner and little son, of Asheville are in Tryon visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Sheehan and D. C. Jr. were called to Greenville, S. C. Wednesday owing to the serious illness of their son and brother, Mr. Walter Sheehan, who is very low with pneumonia.

Mr. Tom Bagwell of Spartanburg was a guest of his friend Miss Jack Bell, at the Rippey home last Sunday.

Rev. Ralph Morgan of Mars Hill filled his appointment at the Lynn Baptist Church, and spent Sunday night with his sister, Mrs. P. G. Morris in Tryon.

Mr. John Bobo of the Rippey Way Store, spent Sunday at his home in Roebuck, S. C.

The Directors of the Tryon Country Club have made an arrangement with all the taxi drivers so that they will charge 75c a round trip for one person and 25c for each additional person. So that the rate will be: For one, 75c; For two, \$1.00; For three, \$1.25; For four, \$1.50. The taxi men have made this special rate so as to encourage as many people as possible to use the Country Club.

At the next meeting of the Lanier Club on Thursday, February 26th, the program will be "Topics on Gardening." Miss Bennett will talk on the Cultivation of Tulips, and other members will make brief addresses.

This community was grieved and saddened by the death of Mrs. J. Foster Searles last Thursday and while it was not unexpected, sorrow hung like a pall over the little city in which she had so long taken an active interest in both its civic and social welfare. A fitting tribute will be published in the NEWS our next issue.

Fred Swann of the Ballenger Company, left Saturday night for St. Louis, Mo., where he will spend the week placing orders for merchandise and groceries.

Miss Gertrude Cowin of Cleveland, Ohio, who will be remembered by many in Tryon from previous pleasant visits is a house guest for several weeks, of her friend, Mrs. Lydia Strong.

Mrs. W. Y. Wilkins, and little son Billy, have been visiting relatives in Spartanburg the past week.

C. R. Hambrick, Deputy Commissioner, will be in Polk County on the following dates for the purpose of helping make out state income tax returns, which he will do free of charge. Bank of Saluda, Saluda, N. C. Thursday, February, 26; Bank of Tryon, Tryon, N. C. Friday Feb. 27; Courthouse, Columbus, N. C., Saturday Feb. 28th.

Mrs. Ada Brown, who has been visiting her father Dr. E. W. Dedmond in Columbus, left for her home in Newberry, S. C. Wednesday morning. She was accompanied by her uncle, J. R. Dedmond, who will visit with Mrs. Brown and family before returning. Mr. Dedmond carried them to Tryon to take the train.

Rutherford County peace officers raided the Chimney Rock section recently and captured five hundred gallons of beer in the vicinity of Cedar Creek. A lone negro was haled into court to answer to the charge of "manufacturing and selling" the kind of 'shine that made Moonshine famous.

### Harsh Comparison

A person who talks continually about himself is like a chair that talks about its springs. A chair, remember, talks about its springs only when they are not worth talking about.—Youth's Companion.

Green River, Sandy Springs, Broad River and New Hope have organized a singing convention which is attracting a lot of attention amongst inhabitants of the eastern fringe of Polk County—and some from other sections as well. It will meet the first Sunday in each month, the next meeting being at the Broad River Church in Rutherford County. Rev. T. M. Hester is Chairman, Clyde Davidson secretary and John Scoggin treasurer. Those from Polk County who think they can sing are invited to attend and prove it.

Geo. L. Jones, L. L. Howard, Mrs. Bertha Peace of Lardersville, S. C., together with G. P. Spangler of Harris, were prominent participants in the church service at Holly Springs recently. According to information over the local "grape-vine" Messrs. Jones and Howard are able contenders for the honors of Billy Sunday star performer and Rhodehearts should look to his laurels. How Holly Springs folks say the CAN sing and DO.

Miss Leona Egerton of Spring, who has been critically ill at St. Leo's Hospital in Greenville, is reported to be rapidly regaining her health. Miss Egerton is one of the popular young ladies of the county with friends all over the Thermal Belt. She was teaching school in Sumner field when taken ill, and formerly taught at Floyd's Creek and Caroleen. Friends are invited to write her cheering letters, which will be appreciated during her convalescence.



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