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## RIGHT BEGINS CONSTRUCTION WORK ON SIXTY FOOT DAM AT LAKE LANIER WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED IN 60 DAYS

### Development Engineer From Hendersonville Starts Things Moving Across the South Carolina Line. Brief Biographical Sketch of Human Dynamo.

The dam began at Hendersonville, N. C., on Monday, March 23, 1925. The first step was to clear the site. The dam will be 60 feet high and will hold back 100,000,000 gallons of water. The Hendersonville Real Estate Company will be the owner of the dam. The Hendersonville Investment Company, which buys and sells real estate, improved and unimproved, and builds homes, was organized by Mr. Wright, thereby giving salaried and young business men an opportunity to make profitable real estate investments cooperatively. He was made exclusive sales agent and results

a few months of this and he resigned and entered the army Y. M. C. A. Jan. 1, 1918. A physical breakdown followed in April and he entered Trudeau Sanitarium, and remained until April 1919. Climatic advantages of Hendersonville made its appeal and he responded. He lived on the farm near Hendersonville for a year and entered the real estate field here just five years ago. The Hendersonville Real Estate Company was organized. He has had a number of associates but is now sole owner of this company. The Hendersonville Investment Company, which buys and sells real estate, improved and unimproved, and builds homes, was organized by Mr. Wright, thereby giving salaried and young business men an opportunity to make profitable real estate investments cooperatively. He was made exclusive sales agent and results

### GEN. F. W. WARD



Brig. Gen. Franklin W. Ward of the New York National Guard, who has been mentioned as a successor to Maj. Gen. George C. Rickards, chief of the militia bureau of the War Department.

have been grafting to stockholders, an annual dividend of 46 per cent having been declared last year.

Mr. Wright and A. R. Hanson organized or established Druid Hills. Mr. Hanson retired last year. Mr. Wright went forward with what was Hendersonville's first subdivision development with the finished touches of a city, including paved streets.

Mr. Wright's latest activity in Hendersonville was organization of the Druid Hills Home Builders, of which he is president. This organization is now in its formative period.

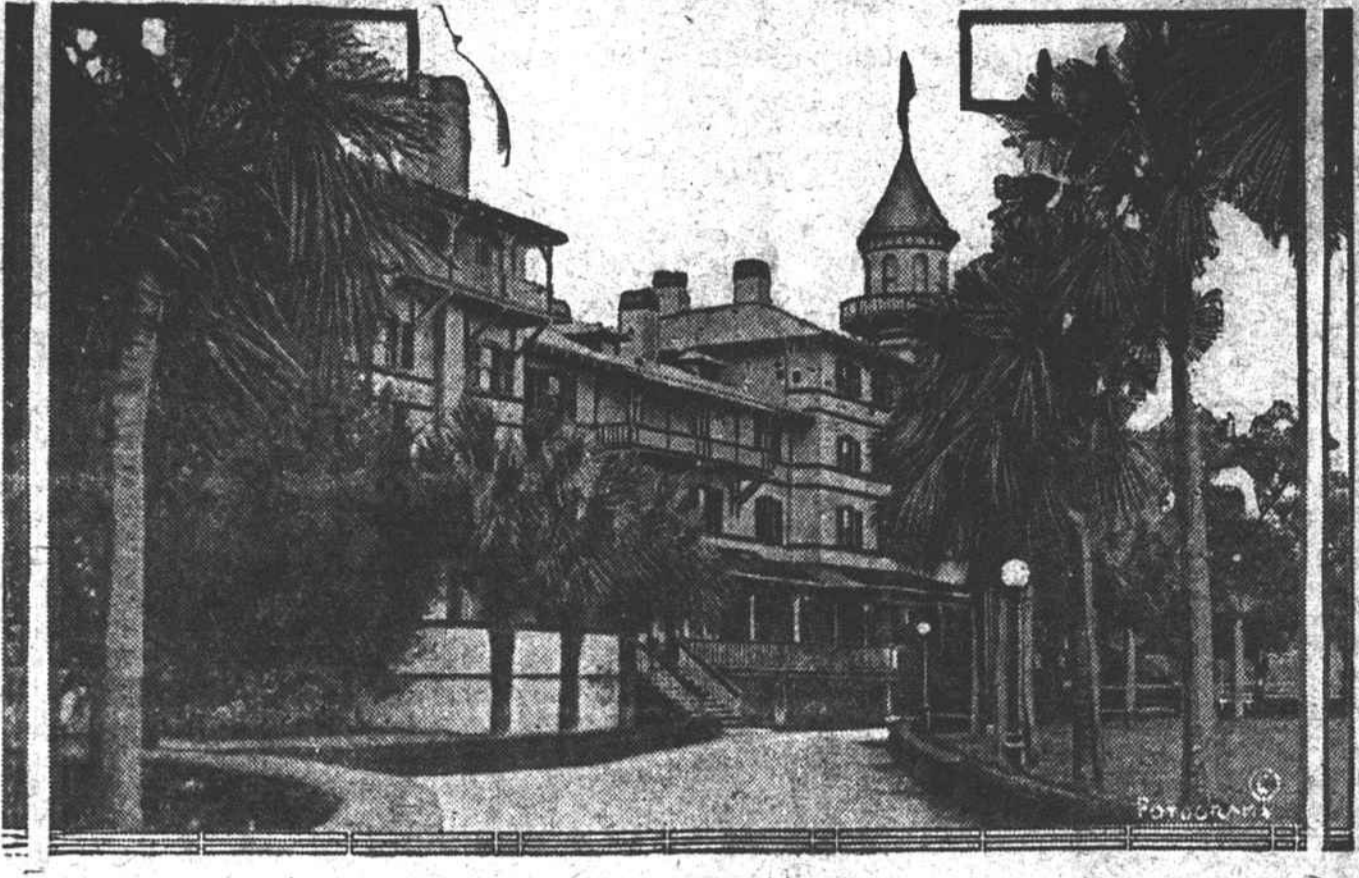
Mr. Wright's remarkable success led him to Tryon where he was induced to resurrect the dreams of the Tryonites who to the number of 100 received him with open arms last Monday night, banqueting him and purchased 27 lots before leaving the festive board. He expects this to become a \$2,000,000 development.

Some Guide Posts Being made an orphan at six did not make Mr. Wright shiftless. At 15 he was full of college ambitions and learned the great lesson of self-reliance. He had no father and mother to discourage or encourage him in his enterprises. The high spots in his biographical sketch show that he chose the better side and influences of life. Coupled with his indefatigable energy was the ambition to be honorable with Christian bearings. Though a very busy man, he has found time for civic and religious endeavor. He recently finished a term as president of the Kiwanis club; is vice president of the Chamber of Commerce and is president of the newly organized Men's club of the Methodist church.

LIBRARY TEA POSTPONED The tea scheduled for the benefit of the Lanier Library has been indefinitely postponed from an account by those in charge of the proposed entertainment. Other means of raising funds for the benefit of the library are being considered instead. One of Tryon's prominent society leaders suggest that those entertaining guests arrange to have luncheons served in the library, which can be done at moderate cost, thus assisting in the maintenance of a necessary and valuable adjunct to Tryon's social life.

Enters Real Estate Field necessity for more outdoor activity led him into the real estate business in Winston-Salem in 1913. He remained until September 1914. Scarcity of male teachers on account of the war and his physical unfitness for military service caused him to go back to high school work in Winston-Salem in September, 1917.

## Most Exclusive Club in the World



The Jekyll Island Club, near Brunswick, Georgia is known as the most exclusive club in the world and news photographers have always been rigidly barred from the island. Recently an enterprising camera man was admitted to this beautiful spot which is frequented by many people high in society. The proposed Blue Ridge Club of Tryon will be conducted along similar lines catering to the same class of people and it will in time be just as famous.

### POLK COUNTY SCHOOLS HOLD COMMENCEMENT IN COLUMBUS APRIL EIGHTH

Fifteen Piece Band to Head Parade. Chas. J. Lynch of Tryon, Chief Marshal. Dinner on School Grounds. Everybody Invited to Come.

The children of all the schools in Polk County will meet at Columbus, Wednesday, April 8th for County Commencement. This will be a gala day for everybody in Polk County.

A fifteen piece Brass Band from W. C. W. will furnish music for the occasion. This in itself will be worth while for YOU to be here. Then there will be a number of both literary and athletic contests between the various schools of the County. As teacher and committee men see that your school is here in full force, and is taking part in some or all of the contests. The program for this occasion:

9:45 Parade of the children of all the schools led by Brass Band. Each school is asked to provide a banner of 18X36" with the name of the schools on it to be carried in the parade.

10:00 Grammar Grade and High School Declamation Contest. In court house, also Grammar Grade and High School Recitation Contest in Court house and School Buildings.

11:00 Story telling Contest of P. R. Mary Grades and School Chorus Contest in Court house and School Buildings.

11:30 Commencement Address.

12:30 Dinner on grounds. Everybody is asked to bring a well filled basket and spread dinner together and have one big picnic feast.

1:30 Third Grade Spelling Contest, in school building and Grammar Grade Spelling Contest in Court house.

One Contestant from each school in the following:

2:00 50 yd. dash, Grammar Grades and High School.

2:15 100 yd. dash, Grammar Grades and High School.

2:30 Broad jump, Grammar Grades and High School.

2:45 Basket Ball Throw, girls and boys.

3:00 Potato race, girls.

3:00 Three legged race, girls, Two from each school.

3:30 Base Ball Game, Tryon vs. Greens Creek.

### Arch Calvert Commits Suicide

Arch B. Calvert of Spartanburg, well known in Tryon as the owner of the Skyuka Hotel property on Tryon Mountain committed suicide in Spartanburg, Wednesday morning.

The news came as blow to his many friends here who have had no inkling of any reasons which might cause such a tragedy.

It is reported from Spartanburg that financial worries, aggravated by failing health probably resulted in Mr. Calvert's rash action.

### COMMUNITY PLAYERS OUTLINE PROGRAM FOR COMING PERFORMANCES

Devotees of the spoken drama in Tryon will be gratified by the announcement of the Tryon Community Players that rehearsals will commence next week for an evening's program of well balanced one act plays to be staged before the close of the present tourist season.

The plays selected are, "The Green Coat" by Alfred de Masser, one of France's greatest poets, is a delightful comic sketch of the life of the Bohemian artists in Paris. "On Vengeance Heights" by Allen Davis, a splendid character play, laid in the mountains of Tennessee, with a wild atmosphere pervading the action throughout. And "Twenty Minutes Under an Umbrella", a very interesting little history of what happened to Cousin Frank and Cousin Kate while a shower compelled them to spend twenty minutes together under an umbrella.

The casts are as yet incomplete and there are several vacancies for amateurs possessing marked histrionic ability; these plays are to be produced under the able direction of Mr. Dwight Smith, whose efforts in the past have contributed largely to the success of the many local entertainments in which he participated.

The necessity of Community cooperation cannot be over-stressed. The success of the undertaking depends upon it. Mr. Smith and his supporters are and have been for some time devoting much time to this project and it is hoped that the reception accorded this first attempt of the Community Players Organization to function will justify the outlay, in time, trouble and expense.—L. G.

### GAINES BUILDS THEATRE ON TRADE STREET LOCATION TO BE OPERATED BY EARLY

Wright Gaines, who has won a local reputation as an erector of high class homes, has had plans prepared for the construction of a modern fire-proof theater building which he will build on the Trade Street property lying between the Postoffice and William's Store.

The theater will be handsomely furnished and equipped, with a seating capacity of 500 and a stage large enough to accommodate any traveling show. A washed air ventilating system will be installed and the lobby attractively arranged.

R. W. Early, Proprietor of the Strand Theater, has leased the new building and states that the best pictures and shows obtainable will be booked regularly. The old Strand will be continued as a moving picture theater for the use of colored people only.

### SENATOR BACON ELECTED MEMBER CHIMNEY ROCK BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Local Manufacturer Interested in Resort Development of Land of Sky and Believes in Boosting It.

The election of Francis Pickens Bacon of Tryon, president of the Southern Mercantile Company, to membership on the Board of Directors of Chimney Rock Mountains, Inc. gives the development of the big lake resort just to the north of us a local angle hitherto lacking.

Mr. Bacon takes the attitude that anything which will help develop Western North Carolina and make it a paradise for those seeking recreation and pleasure must help every city and town in that fortunate region and his participation in the Chimney Rock development which he is liberally supporting is an indication that he is big enough and broad enough not to let imaginary lines blot out the real advantages which this section may gain through cooperation with our neighbors.

The Ashville Citizen says: Mr. Bacon is a representative in the General Assembly from Polk County, and is prominent in the Hogback Mountain development and the Lake Lanier project at Tryon, in a statement made yesterday he declared that he considers his connection with Chimney Rock Mountains, Inc., one of the most important he has made. He plans to take an active part in affairs of the company which, he said, will mark an active co-ordination of interests between Polk County and the balance of Western North Carolina.

Efforts will be made by Mr. Bacon, he said, to secure construction of a hard surface highway connecting Tryon with Lake Lure at Chimney Rock. This road would be the main link for traffic from Greenville, Spartanburg and points South, to the resort development at Lake Lure.

The proposed Lakes to the Gull Highway as originally planned enters the State at Mount Airy, thence to Lenoir, Morganton, Rutherfordton, Columbus, Tryon, Spartanburg and on to Columbia. There has been an attempt made to divert this highway to points east but with Senator Bacon actively interested in bringing it through Chimney Rock and Tryon those who live in Polk County can rest assured that they will have real representation when the matter comes up for action.

### TEACHERS' MEETING POSTPONED

On account of the Negro County Commencement coming on April 8th, the regular date for our County Teachers' Meeting. This meeting will be held at Columbus, Thursday, April 2nd at 10:00 a. m. No County school will be in session on this date and all the County teachers are expected to attend this meeting.

E. G. Cobb, Supt.

### A GOOD USELESS CITIZEN

There is a certain type of man in every community who poses as a good citizen. He breaks no laws, gives morally, pays his honest debts and is never tangled up with the law in any manner. But he lives of himself, by himself and for himself exclusively. When the call is issued for volunteers to put across a community movement and give it a boost, he never answers. When calamity has befallen people in certain localities and charity files to their rescue, he is never one of their number. When money is needed for a public enterprise, his name is never on the list. When he sees some neighbor stuck in the mud he detours to avoid him. In fact, if he stood on the shore and saw the ship of state sinking, he would never offer to throw out a line. And it all mankind was fashioned from this same kind of chap, what would happen? There would be no churches, no hospitals for the sick, no institutions for the unfortunate, no progress. If you are about to become a useless "good citizen" read this again.

### LeMort Property Sold

Julian Calhoun of Tryon and Spartanburg purchased the old LeMort vineyard site from Nina Morgan Webster and F. G. Morris during the past week. This place which was famous for the quality of its wine in pre-Revolutionary days has been hawked back and forth on the market for the past year. The astute office supply man scented an opportunity and grabbed it by the horns. Certainly Mr. Calhoun has one of the finest residence sites in this section.

### THE HOWARD GAP ROAD ATTRACTS MANY VISITORS WHO ABSORB ITS LEGENDS

Trail Traversed by Daniel Boone and Jack Sevier with their Kentucky and Tennessee Rangers Rocks with Memories of Pioneer Days.

One of the most beautiful rides in this section is in the direction of Saluda over the old Howard Gap road which was a well recognized avenue when Daniel Boone hid himself to the happy hunting grounds of the Dark and Bloody Land.

While the French and English battled for supremacy along the border lines of this country painted warrior haunted the laurel hedged hills smugly those who traveled the highways.

On this trail Major Howard matched strength with the wily Cherokee and a stone marker designates the spot where he fell the victim of a speeding arrow from a six foot bow.

Half way up S. and the site of the old post-house where coaches drew up in Colonial days to change horses and there the planters from the Carolinas rubbed shoulders with the buckskin clad rifle men from Tennessee and Kentucky.

Over this trail marched the rangers of "Nollichucka Jack" Sevier in pursuit of fleeing warriors of the forest and on the same path the imprints of those bold pioneers from Tennessee and Kentucky who hastened to the Land of the Rising Sun to join those who defeated Ferguson at King's Mountain.

Rich in historic lore, rich in tradition—beautiful beyond mere words this trail winding along the mountain side is well worth your seeing. Ride, motor or walk but be sure and travel the Howard Gap trail while in Tryon.

### GRADY SUB-DIVISION OFFERS CHOICE BUILDING SITES FOR PROSPECTIVE BUYERS HERE

The beautiful knoll belonging to Dr. Grady and situated just north of his residence has been subdivided into lots 100X105 feet, which are being offered at very reasonable prices by Blake and Calhoun, real estate dealers.

This most desirable property which consists of several acres commanding splendid views of the mountains has been divided into eight beautiful lots and no where in Tryon can more desirable sites be found.

The demand for building sites of this character has been exceedingly heavy during the past two years and the sub-division of the Grady tract simply marks another step in the growth of Tryon.

### TRYON CHORAL SOCIETY IN ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT PLEASURES CRITICAL AUDIENCE

Lawrence Mazzanovich Shows Exceptional Ability as Musical Director and Well Trained Chorus Proves That Local Talent Has Ability.

The 2nd concert of the Tryon Choral Society, brought a capacity audience to the Parish house Monday evening. Of the first portion of the programme rendered by the ensemble, conducted by Mr. Lawrence Mazzanovich, we thought the "Volga Boatmen's Song" particularly impressive.

The charm of this number, with the majority of folk-tunes, resides in its simplicity, primitive appeal, sensuous persuasion. The chorus interpretation was beautifully done, a complete and finished rendition.

Of the evening's entertainment, Mr. John Lindsey's several violin solos appealed to us most, and to judge from the ear splitting applause which followed each of her numbers, we weren't alone in this opinion. The connection between music and language is very much closer than most people imagine. Music is the expression of thought in sound of one kind, language the expression of thought in sound of another kind. Like an actor with a new role, Mrs. Lindsey strained every nerve to make the interpretation of her selections as impressive and attractive as possible, taking advantage of contrast, climax, pauses, emphasis, etc., in order to play upon the emotions of the audience. Her capacity for feeling, imagination and analysis, her sincerity in rendering with every movement, the emotion that is called forth in her together with excellent phrasing and ability to modulate on her instrument made us feel the presence of the beautiful; the advent of a new creation, the irresistible appeal to the highest instincts of the soul. It is really the afterthought more than impression of the moment that brings to us the beauty of the selections rendered.

"Mullyberry Tree", a negro spiritual, we are sorry to say was slovenly executed by the chorus. It was lacking entirely in rhythm and swing. But immediately they exonerated themselves with as pretty a rendition of "Deep River" as we were ever fortunate enough to hear.

We were very sorry Mr. Arthur Carver was unable to fill his end of the programme due to illness, and only those who have heard Mr. Carver sing on previous occasions can feel the extent of our disappointment when the announcement of his default was made. However, Mr. Mazzanovich gallantly strived to fill this gap in the evening's entertainment with several numbers which he sang without preparation. He has a natural sweet, voluminous voice and the ladies applauded so vociferously (as usual) that we men-folks were jealous and didn't applaud at all.

"Wake Thee My Dearest", a Czech Slovak Folk Song by the Woman's Chorus pleased immensely and was repeated by request. This was also the case with "The House and The Road".

"The colored Band" by ensemble had a good deal of the punch that the rendition of "Mullyberry Tree" lacked and the floor of the Parish House rang with the feet of the audience which couldn't resist the urge of the tune to keep step-marking time.

"Old Family Clock" tick-tocked to the amusement of the gathering and was followed by "My Love Dwelt in a Northern Land", which work in itself is a fine one, original, strong terse and racy. It was sad, very sad, but there was a magnificent elevation throughout, which raised it far above a mere complaint, gave a depth to its tragedy while it pointed to hope interpreted by the Chorus whose particular mood it seemed to suit at the time, held the hall-full of people attentive—more than attentive—vertically enthralled.

Pineutt's "Spring Song" was a refreshing and enjoyable light selection to end the evening's programme.

The programme was very well chosen and Mr. Mazzanovich and his chorus deserve to be commended for the spirit that moves them to give their time to the promotion of musical interests and understanding in the community. As Mr. Mazzanovich intimated the organization is now a permanent one and the cooperation of Tryonites is earnestly solicited, for its future maintenance.

Charles J. Lynch is showing "em 'it can be done". The live-wire dealer in Mother Earth has managed to sell Tryon to several new residents, and selling 'em Tryon means selling 'em a slice of Tryon dirt with Charley