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## HENDERSONVILLE PLANNING BIGGEST SUMMER IN ITS HISTORY AS RESORT

### Building Boom Strikes Henderson County Capital and Things are Humming Every Day and in Every Way.

The Hendersonville building boom has been a most interesting and successful one during the past few months. A building boom of this kind, which equals the boom of a few years ago, is a rare thing in Hendersonville. The boom is due to the construction of a new high school building, which will contain a gymnasium, a library, a cafeteria, and a playground. The new school building is being built on a site which was formerly occupied by the old school building. The new building is being built by the Hendersonville School Board. The new building is being built by the Hendersonville School Board. The new building is being built by the Hendersonville School Board.

The old City Hall is being razed after having been condemned and the space which it occupied will probably offer of \$1000 per front foot for the property and it is possible that it will be sold and another site found for the city buildings. The Quality Ice Cream Company of Spartanburg, S. C. recently built a distributing and storage plant for their products which are having a wide sale in the territory. Side streets and alleys in the heart of the city are being paved and a regular clean-up program is under way in preparation for the biggest summer season of Hendersonville's history. Dr. Frank Bright, a former resident of Florida has opened a real estate office in the building housing the Chamber of Commerce and Emerson & Perry have leased the old Paza Hotel for a similar enterprise. Druid Hills, Laurel Park and other real estate developments are being vigorously pushed and many sales are being closed. The St. Petersburg contingent will return with reinforcements in plenty and the Charleston colony will also have many new members according to those who should know. It is rumored that there will be a daily newspaper in the field during the entire summer but whether Mr. Howell with the NEWS or Mr. Pain with the TIMES will make the effort isn't stated. Perhaps both of them will tackle it. All in all Hendersonville is hitting on every cylinder and the faster it grows the better Polk County people will be pleased for anything that helps any section of Western North Carolina and adds to its prestige must eventually help all of it.

## TRYON BEARS NAME OF COLONIAL GOVERNOR WHOM CAROLINIANS DETESTED

### Retaliation of Representative of the Crown Resented by Pioneers who Dubbed Ruler as a Bloody Minded Tyrant.

Tryon was named for one of the early colonial governors and recently a discussion has arisen regarding the name. "Bloody Tryon" he earned the name in that capacity under the British Crown prior to being moved to New York where he acted as governor until the revolutionists drove him to ship and away. In a recent historical review we noted as proof of the cruelty and tyranny Governor Tryon, none of the following: Captain Benjamin Merrill at New York, who was one of the men who had presented the petition of grievances, received the following sentence from Tryon's justice: "I must now close my duty by pronouncing upon Benjamin Merrill, be carried to place from where you came; that came: that you be drawn from the place of execution you set down while yet alive, that his bowels be taken out and burnt over your face; that your head be cut off your body divided into four parts and this to be His Majesty's disposal, and may the Lord have mercy on your soul." This martyr of the American Revolution died singing Psalms to praise his God.

## TRYON ART LOAN RAPIDLY TAKING SHAPE

The Art Loan is taking shape, and though the Sir Joshua Reynolds and the wonderful old china owned by the LeDuc family, the silver and furniture by the Bownes will not be on exhibit, there will be pictures by Mr. Mazzanovitch and Mr. Barnes; Oriental objects brought by Miss Stearns from the east, with many other unexpected treasure from the safe spaces of families living in Tryon.

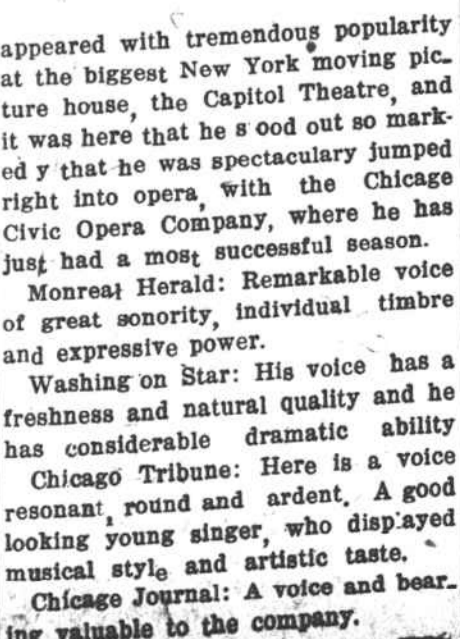
## FAMOUS CANADIAN BARITONE WILL SING AT SPARTANBURG MUSIC FESTIVAL

### World Professional Entertainer Since Eleven When He Toured America With Pryors Band and Sang With Pittsburgh Orchestra in New York

Stanhurst, S. C.—Douglas Stanhurst, famous baritone of the Chicago Civic Opera Company, will appear at the Spartanburg Music Festival on Opera Night, Thursday May 7. Stanhurst was born in Canada and received the greater part of his musical training. He comes by gift of voice quite naturally, since his mother and grandfather were professional singers. He was a soloist in an Episcopal Church of Toronto, Canada. At eleven years he gave a public concert and was a famous boy contralto being very rare, he was much sought after, toured Canada and New York with Pryors Band and sang with the Pittsburgh Orchestra in Chester.

appeared with tremendous popularity at the biggest New York moving picture house, the Capitol Theatre, and it was here that he stood out so markedly that he was spectacularly jumped right into opera, with the Chicago Civic Opera Company, where he has just had a most successful season. Montreal Herald: Remarkable voice of great sonority, individual timbre and expressive power. Washington Star: His voice has a freshness and natural quality and he has considerable dramatic ability. Chicago Tribune: Here is a voice resonant, round and ardent. A good looking young singer, who displayed musical style and artistic taste. Chicago Journal: A voice and bearing valuable to the company.

Jethro Garren Returns to Tryon  
Jethro Garren, a former Polk County resident and who at one time was a popular clerk for The Ballenger Company, is up from St. Petersburg, Fla., where he spent the winter, and after visiting Saluda relatives came to Tryon and will do the office work for Streadwick Bros. until the season is over. Jethro's many friends are glad to hear of his return.



## Sprouting



## GEORGE C. AID AMERICA'S FOREMOST ETCHER GIVES EXHIBIT AT MOUNTAIN INDUSTRIES

Tryon Man Has Etchings Hung in Luxembourg, Paris, Library of Congress Washington, D. C., Royal Gallery, Dresden and Public Library, New York. George C. Aid, well known Tryon artist whose etchings have won for him an international reputation and who is recognized as the leading American exponent of this branch of the graphic arts is giving exhibit of his work for the benefit of visitors and residents during this week, at the Mountain Industries. The American Art Annual in its review of noted artists shows that Mr. Aid was a student of the St. Louis School of Fine Arts; attended Julian Academy under Laurens and Benjamin Constant, and was with Simon and Cottet in Paris. His work has been hung in the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C., New York Public Library; Luxembourg, Paris, and the Royal Gallery, Dresden, Germany. Mr. Aid is a Southerner by birth and his wife is a native Carolinian, Miss Orr. Though spending much of his life in his native Missouri, Mr. Aid lived many years in Europe and his etchings show this influence very strongly. The Atlanta Journal in reviewing the exhibition of Mr. Aid last February said: "Les Deux Ponts at San Remo shows the two old bridges and massive Italian houses bathed in a limpid atmosphere and soft sunshine. From far over the lagoon he draws the individual silhouette of the church of the Salute against the sky. He enjoys as only an artist can enjoy the infinite wealth of picturesque-ness offered by the buildings of countries like Holland, France and Italy. He is an excellent observer and does not disdain accuracy, as for example in his Venetian etchings. A light hand, a sane design, a hearty natural love of the picturesque, recommends his etchings to the public. "With him as with all artists who really love the art—he does his own printing and makes the production of a finished impression as important an event as the painting of a picture instead of leaving this part of the work for some able printer, who, whatever his training and skill can hardly be expected to have that feeling for the design which the author of it knows."

## Detroit Visitors Love Tryon

Mr. and Mrs. Mack of Detroit are with Miss Ravenel. They with other Detroiters are renewing their youth with drives on the mountains and walks over the hills. Every variety of humanity may be found now in Tryon, from an Austrian nobleman to a Siamese mother. The lands south of Egypt have been represented by an Abyssinian, a graduate of Oxford, and later of a theological school. Who knows but the "federation of the world" will be effected here in our mountains? NINETY THREE YEARS YOUNG MAJOR KING STILL ACTIVE  
Among the distinguished guests registered at Oak Hall during the past week was Major William A. King, 93-year-old agricultural journalist and horticulturist of Ballston, Va., a suburb of Washington, D. C. Mr. King is well preserved and exceedingly active, taking an interest in everything about him and looking forward to many more years of usefulness. He holds a national record for service in the field, retiring after thirty years continuous service. He is one of the oldest members of the F. A. M. and has been connected with numerous agricultural publications in an editorial way, including Farm and Fireside and Coleman's Rural World. He is past post commander of George G. Meade Post No. 5, G. A. R. Committeeman of the Boy and Girl Scouts and National Grange Deputy for Virginia. Mr. King after examination of the soil here states that those interested in growing handsome lawns can get very good results from the use of Carpet Lawn Grass which may be secured from Atlanta seedsmen and which is particularly adapted to the red clay soils such as exists in Polk County. "One thing you particularly need in Tryon," said Major King, "is a steel fagpole from which Old Glory may be unfurled every day in the year. Located on a pedestal near the station it would attract attention and testify to the loyalty of the town American traditions. It could be erected by subscription, I'm sure."

## STARS

Just as the brook keeps running Onward with rippling rhyme So they continue grinning At the assaults of Time So they continue playing Joyously on the job, A shining constellation, Johnson, Collins and Cobb. While others come and vanish From the hit harried field, They ever face the struggle, Not knowing how to yield; Mocking the calling shadows, Flouting the sunny sky They just keep on pasturing, Walter, Eddie and Ty. Although wise folks predicted Their finish long ago, They give old Time the ha-ha As their great records show. For, when books are balanced, Up to the top they bob, Real miracle performers, Johnson, Collins and Cobb. —Sportlife

## IMPORTANT LEGISLATION AFFECTING POLK COUNTY INTRODUCED BY F. P. BACON

### Bills Passed at Recent Session Which Vitrally Concern Citizens of County were Introduced by State Senator Bacon.

That State Senator Francis Pickens Bacon was active in getting through necessary legislation helpful to the interest of Polk County is best shown in the record of bills endorsed by him during the past session which became laws. They were: An act to provide for the collection of the Tryon Graded School special tax. Provides that this tax shall be collected without any charges or fees for the service rendered. Providing a schedule of fees to be collected by the clerk of the Superior Court in Polk County. Seventy-eight items are set forth in the act, embracing every conceivable form of action known to legal parlance, enumerating the fee to be charged, the charge of each being in harmony with fees allowed under the general statutes. Five per cent is also allowed on all fines, penalties, amercements and taxes paid by the clerk by virtue in his office and five per cent on all sums of money not exceeding \$500 placed in his hands by virtue of his office, except on judgment decrees and execution; and upon the excess of \$500 of such sums, one per cent. An act to regulate the fees of deputy sheriffs in Polk County. Executing summons, etc., \$1; arrests in civil action, \$2; in criminal actions, \$3; imprisonments and releases, 50 cents each; subpoena witness, 60 cents; conveying prisoners to another county, \$3 per diem and mileage, and for prisoners' guard \$2 per diem and mileage to be paid by the county in which the proceedings were instituted; allotment widows' allowance, \$2; taking property claimed, \$2; conveying prisoners to penitentiary, \$2 per diem, mileage, and actual necessary expense; \$2 per day and actual expenses for each guard, not exceed one guard for every three prisoners, etc. To enforce the prohibition laws in Polk County. Officers to receive ten dollars for each illicit distillery seized and destroyed in the county. Commissioners to allow that sum when satisfied, the seizure bona fide. An act fixing the fees of the register of deeds for Polk County. As clerk to the board of county commissioners such per diem as the board may allow not exceeding \$4 per day; five cents for each name in making out original tax list; for each name on each copy required to be made, five cents; in recording and issuing each order of the commissioners, twenty cents; for standing orders, only one fee is to be charged. For each statutory form chattel mortgage, twenty cents.

## COOPER GAP TOWNSHIP VOTES SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX AT ELECTION TUESDAY

Legislature Authorizes \$20,000 Bond Issue to Construct New School at Cooper Gap; To Be Completed for Next Term. The voters of Coopers Gap Township at a special election held Tuesday, March 31, 1925, voted a special school tax of 50 cents to go into effect immediately. Representative Hunter of Greens Creek introduced the following bill at the recent session of the legislature and succeeded in getting it through. An act to provide for the erection of a school building in Cooper's Gap Township. County commissioners empowered to issue "Polk County School Bonds" not to exceed in amount the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of erecting a school building in said township. Denominations to be determined by the Board, bonds to bear said interest not to exceed five per cent per annum, interest payable semi-annually. Issue to be approved by a majority of the members of the board of commissioners, signed by the chairman and countersigned by the secretary with seal of county attached. Bonds mature in five years and none to be disposed of at less than par. Prof. E. W. S. Cobb of Columbus states that they expect to have the new school ready for occupancy by the beginning of the next school session.

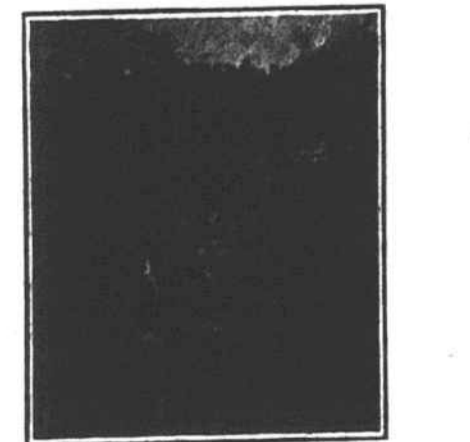
## BLUE RIDGE WEAVERS HAVE SPLENDID DISPLAY

You can't visit Tryon and overlook the Blue Ridge Weavers. George and Sally Cathey have made many friends in and out of the town and their assortment of mountain made wares is exceptionally attractive. They are always ready to show visitors their wares and explain how and where they were made and by whom. And Marguerite will entertain you—Miss Wetner conducts the Blue Ridge Weavers Tea room. We call her Marguerite because we know her, and like her, and can testify concerning her ability to satisfy the cravings of the inner man for delicious and appetizing cookery.

## TRYON WINTER SEASON IN FULL SWING WITH HUNDREDS OF VISITORS

### Attractive Bridle Paths, Mountain Trails and Purring Streams Attract Horseman, Hiker, and Fisherman. Golf Course Popular With Those Who Play the Game

The lure of the bright crisp days of a Tryon Springtime, the tender green of luxuriant turf, the chirp of the robin—these are enchanting to those fortunate enough to winter in the thermal belt. On horse, by motor and on foot visitors seek the beauty spots which have made Tryon famous since the days when red-coated Britons rided the land and pioneer spirits matched strength with primitive savagery. Up dale and down, over ice-cold mountain brooks plunging from rock to rock in their mad race towards the lowlands; through dim vistas of towering pine and fragrant balsam bordered with rhododendron and dogwood; into the coves and canyons where grim lipped men defied prohibition laws long before Volstead was born; these things the trails offer to the observing visitor, these and many others just as attractive. Incidently out at the foot of the mountain the Tryon Country Club offers a nine-hole course for those lovers of the old game of the canny Highlanders—a mountain breed whose progeny made North Carolina a byword for stubborn tenacity when the world was young—and whose children's children seem to have inherited the inborn love for the feel of a bridle and the arc of a circling ball well struck. Every day, natives and visitors rub shoulders on the spring turf of the club regardless of caste and class, intent only on following the course of



a hurtling bit of rubber over the natural hazards of an ideal course. Golf is a great game for those who like it. It furnishes out-of-door exercise for men and women who might otherwise never get a fair amount of sun and fresh air. The flick of a fly on whirling water the crack of a rifle on the frosty air, or the dull roar of a twelve gauge scatter gun from the concealment of a duck blind appeal to the red-blooded American who takes his exercise in the rough. Golf is probably a more refined and cultivated sport—and its lure brings hundreds to Tryon who might otherwise never come. But for those who enjoy the varieties of recreation we can say that there are both rainbow and brook trout in the Pacolet, Vaughn's Creek and Green River. The skillful fisherman will not return with an empty creel.

## MILLIONS INCREASE IN MAIL ORDER BUSINESS

Two of the greatest mail-order houses report a January business of \$34,476,000, four million greater than January 1924, and seven million greater than January 1923. They represent a fair measure of the country's purchasing ability and show conclusively what advertising will do to build up a business when backed by service and courtesy. These successful concerns spend approximately fifty percent of their gross income on paid publicity and advertising of various sorts. They grab dollars from under the very noses of small town competitors because they thoroughly sell their prospects through the printed page. And yet many Polk County merchants assume that money spent in advertising is thrown away and that they are conferring a favor when they by white space in the best possible medium—their county paper. Advertising is a commodity the same as any other merchandise and is sold on that basis alone. If you can't apply it profitably to your business—there is something wrong with your business, and not with advertising. The merchant who uses advertising space in his count paper because he feels he is "called upon to help support a public institution" expects no returns. He neither studies, plans nor writes advertising in a manner which will get returns. He has the wrong viewpoint. If he approaches the matter of advertising from a straight business angle and uses his brains to plan his sales talk and uses every possible tie-up in the shape of window display, direct-mail signs, and salesmanship he will get visible returns. Tourist Activities in Tryon The dogwood and red bud are out on the mountains and the season is in full force with every room and cranny filled with tourists. Miss Fackett had an exhibit of embroidered garments at Oak Hall on Thursday, and Mrs. Ruysdaal read a most interesting story of a recent visit to the Canyon of Colorado and of the unspotted Indians who live to the north.