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## SUMMIT DEVELOPMENT MEANS MUCH TO SALUDA, ADDS TO ATTRACTIONS AS SUMMER RESORT

### Road Nearing Completion Shortens Route From Saluda to Lake Summit and Makes it Easily Accessible

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### You Are Invited!

To a Banquet at Box Wood Inn, Columbus on Wednesday, at 8 P. M. to participate in the organization of The Polk Club.

This Means YOU!

An After Thought

Strange as it may seem, when the great dam was built, to corral the waters of Green river, in order to furnish light to the towns and cities nearby and power to the big cotton mills of this and the Piedmont section, no thought was entertained of making a resort of Lake Summit. It was only after the waters were walled up and the lake spread itself from hill to hill that the loveliness and desirability of the place as a retreat for those weary with the heat and irritations of the long Southern summers became apparent and the seed of the idea took root and began to grow. Just now the hills and valleys are particularly appealing. The birds are filling the woods with their songs of ecstasy. Shy, delicate wild flowers are carpeting the ground with all the colors of the rainbow and the bees are putting on their lacy covering of buds and blossoms in lavish profusion, so that one has an almost holy feeling of the mysteries of nature, spread out before the eye to contemplate and enjoy. Hundreds of automobiles are seen here daily, the vanguard of that mighty throng which turns mountainward to escape from the wear and tear of city life when summer comes.

If you are contemplating a summer home in the mountains there is one thing that you must bear in mind. The sleeping giant has been slumbering for these many centuries but the hour has struck for the awakening! Nowhere in our country is there a section toward which the eyes of the world are turning as Western North Carolina. Today land is cheap. Tomorrow it will be beyond the average man's power to buy so fast is reality value increasing. And in all this fast area of hills, valleys and dales there is no more beautiful spot than Lake Summit. There is no development that offers just what is offered here. There is no more centrally located spot to be found than this wonderland, and the traveler from the east, north, south or west and nowhere can there be found a better place for the making of an investment, financial or otherwise.

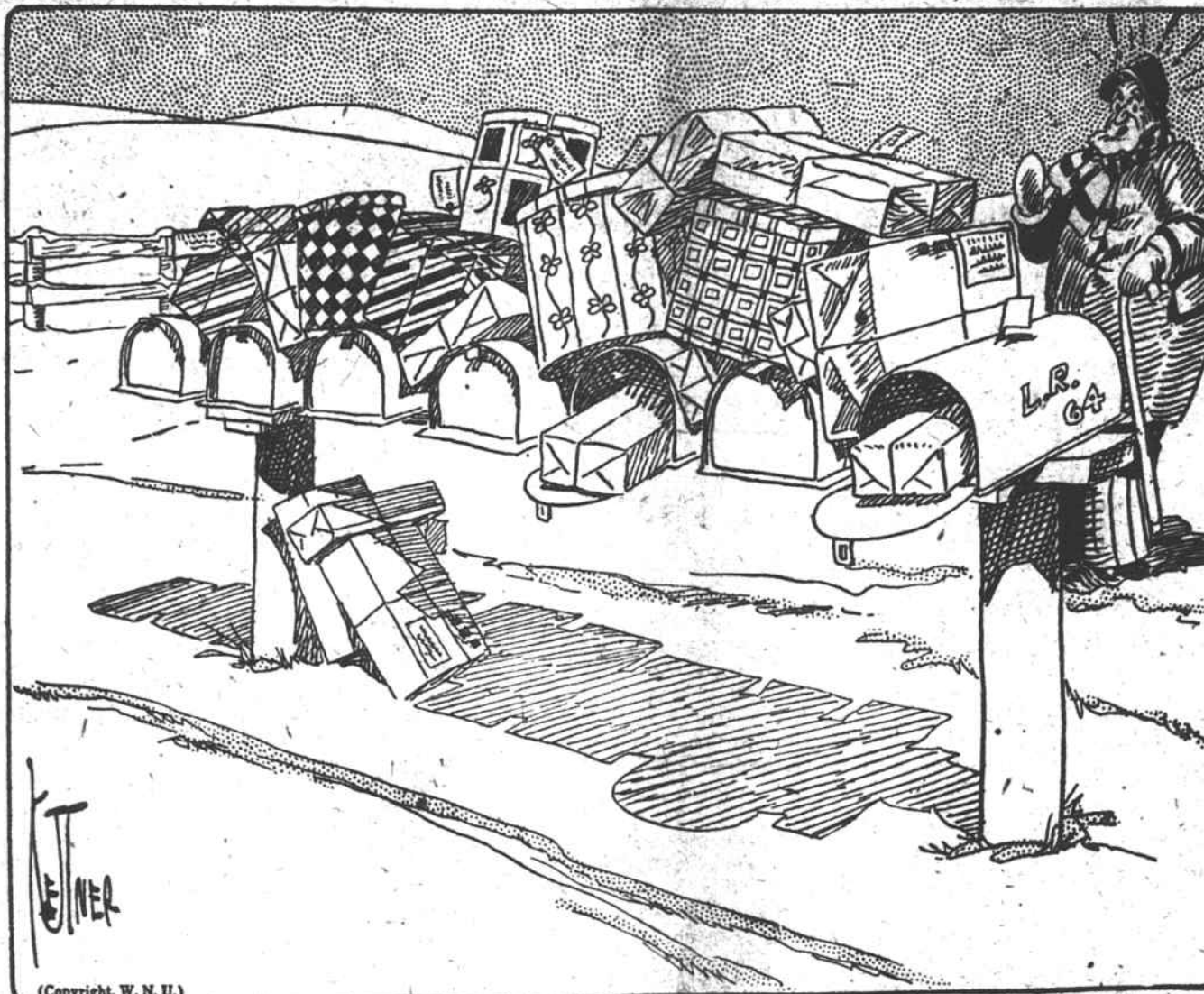
### NEW RESORT HOTEL FINANCED BY SALUDA AND TRYON CAPITAL

#### Six Per Cent Bonds To Cover Capitalization To Be Sold Through Saluda And Tryon Banks

At last Saluda is to have a first class hotel! After weeks of negotiations the deal is finally closed by which a syndicate headed by Dr. J. Le Smith and Dr. J. R. Little have purchased the large building owned by the American Missions Association of New York and will immediately convert it into a fine and modern hotel. The building was formerly used as a school, conducted by the Congregational Church, and is admirably adapted for hotel purposes.

The purchase price of the property is understood to be \$10,000. The syndicate will issue \$20,000 in 6 per cent bonds and sell them locally to assist in financing of the project. The Carolina State Bank of Saluda and the Peoples Bank and Trust Co. of Tryon will be in charge of the bond sales. These bonds should be a good investment, for a first class modern hotel fills that celebrated "long felt want" and it will certainly be patronized to its capacity. This summer season promises to be a record breaker in the mountains, and Saluda will be overflowing with visitors.

## The Easter Tide



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### \$400,000 BOND ISSUE FOR SPARTANBURG CO. ROAD BUILDING PROGRAM

#### Appalachian Highway is to be Improved by State if Number 8 is Completed by County

Spartanburg County after considerable lobbying managed to complete the enactment of a county bond issue bill authorizing an issue of \$400,000 the proceeds of which will be used to improve the highways of our neighboring county below the line.

Under the terms of the act the Greer-Spartanburg-Cowpens highway known as Number Eight, must be paved first, but it is understood that the Spartanburg delegation has an agreement with the State Highway Commission providing a hard surface road through from Union to Landrum and through to the state line, on condition that the county complete the paving program on the Greer-Spartanburg-Cowpens road.

Just when the Highway Department will be able to begin paving on the Appalachian Highway in the event that Route 8 is completely taken care of by Spartanburg County hasn't been definitely settled.

Charles Hearson, the Spartanburg member of the Highway Commission, at a meeting in Polk County promised the Chairman of the North Carolina Highway Commission that the Pamlico State intended paving their part of the Appalachian Trail and secured his verbal agreement to meet them at the line with a hard surface road through to Hendersonville.

Number Nineteen traversing Polk County by way of Columbus, Mill Spring and Rutherfordton will be improved with the money past due Polk County which will be available shortly, and the Chimney Rock interests are clamoring for improvement in the link of Number Nineteen which connects Columbus with Chimney Rock.

In any event it seems assured that Polk County will soon be connected with the main arteries of tourist travel by hard surfaced roads and as it is estimated that some half a million motorists will visit "The Land of the Sky" during the coming summer and that the number will increase with each passing year it behooves every man jack living in this section to get busy and keep behind the paving program in our section.

At the present flood of applications for accommodations continue.

An important line of patrons for this hotel will be furnished by Dr. Smith's patients and their families. Dr. Smith has been conducting two baby hospitals here every summer for a long time, and has often had to turn away patients for want of hotel accommodations, although one of the hospitals has a number of cottages and annexes. Dr. Smith also conducts what is known as a "Pediatric Seminary" every summer lasting 2 to 6 weeks. No matter what this pedantic nomenclature signifies, it brings to Saluda in the middle of the summer as many doctors as can find a place to sleep, apparently in order to swap theories and experiences on the care and treatment of infants.

### The Lure Of Sparkling Lakes Carolinas Latest Asset And Attraction

Lakes, lakes, lakes! Carolina is determined to have water in plenty and experience has proven the value of lakes in the development of any resort section.

Greenville will shortly begin the construction of an immense water reservoir at the base of Table Rock, just below Caesar's Head.

A dam 130 feet high and 600 feet long will create an immense lake, 2 miles wide and about three miles long surrounded on every side by towering mountains with Table Rock on one side and Caesar's Head on the other.

This great natural lake will add much to the charm of the beautiful country, and it is understood that certain Pinehearst hotel operators have plans for the development of the Caesar's Head section which will call for an expenditure of approximately \$1,000,000.

R. C. Remick's Hog Back Mountain road if extended to Greenville Highway will place Tryon in direct touch with this development and undoubtedly those who spend their vacations near Caesar's Head will take advantage of the opportunity to visit Hog Back and Tryon, while enroute to Chimney Rock or Lake James.

Lakes offer no competition, neither do resort developments. Florida has proven this, Miami, St. Petersburg, Palm Beach, and other resorts divide the business equally, the people passing from one attraction to the other as the mood moves them. This will apply in "The Land of the Sky"—and every development in the Blue Ridge Country will indirectly help every other institution of similar character.

The more lakes, the more attractive places to see. The more to see, the more people to see them. The coming "Playground of America" has plenty of room for development for a century without overcrowding.

### HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS PRESENT POPULAR PLAY AT PARISH HOUSE

#### "A Case For Sherlock Holmes" Makes Hit With Audience. Miss Eva Missillidine Proves Excellent Coach

At the Parish House Friday night last to a good sized audience the girls of Tryon High School gave "A Case For Sherlock Holmes" a play in two acts. As the title indicates, the play was a "Gum shoe" affair and chucked full of mirth provoking incidents. As is usually the case when a Sherlock Holmes and several Watsons start sniffing around the mystery of the shy bank robber, in this case, is solved and everything is explained before the end of the last act.

Miss Betty Doubleday headed a fine local cast including Carolyn Jervy, Lonora Lankford, Rosa Amarosa, Geraldine Sayre and Ruth Andrews. Much credit is due to Miss Eva Missillidine, Athletic instructor at the High School, for the excellent coaching manifest in the quality of the performance. The proceeds of the evening's entertainment are to be used for the purchase of uniforms for Tryon High School Girls' Basketball team.

### HIS MONGRELS WON



H. E. Mason of Tamworth, N. H., has a team of mongrel dogs which he values at about \$50, which won the race at the winter sports at Newport, N. H., defeating teams that are valued at thousands of dollars. Mason is shown with his lead dog, "Mack."

### THE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT FOR POLK COUNTY SIMPLIFIES VOTING

#### Bill Introduced by Representative Hunter Becomes Law and New System Goes Into Effect

For years the voters of Polk County have had to wrestle with the most complicated voting machinery ever invented by human ingenuity. A conglomeration of printed ballots of various shapes and sizes were offered the voter at the polls and he could pick, choose and arrange them as best he or she might be able to do.

A mistake in the correct box, a mistake in selecting the proper slip, there were many ways of making mistakes and with no adequate checking system elections were pretty much guess work when the count was tallied.

Rev. R. N. Hunter, representative from Polk County, and well known Carolinian educator introduced a bill in Polk County and hammered at it until the bill became law as set forth in the following act duly ratified by the late legislature.

An act to provide the Australian Ballot for Polk County.

Chapter 606, public-local laws of 1917 providing the Australian Ballot for a number of counties in the State is made applicable to the County of Polk and all elections hereafter held in the County must be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this act.

So the next time you vote in Polk County you can at least do it intelligently, thanks to Mr. Hunter.

### SWAT THE FLY

Now approaches the summer pastime of swatting the fly. And he alms most a waste of time! The task seems hopeless. The fly multiplies too rapidly to be repulsed by a simple swatting campaign. Don't give the fly a chance to breed. Clean up the dirt and see that your neighbor gets the habit.

### EVENING IN THE GREAT SMOKIES

This is their moment, when the brimming skies Tilt mellow radiance along the wind To pour through drowsy valleys, and behind Far peaks. Compassionate the mountains rise Dim with the wistful dimness of old eyes That, having looked on life time out of mind Know that the simple gift of Is greater than all wisdom of being kind the wise.

In this deep moment, hushed and intimate, When the great hills lean close and understand,

Children in life's dark house may swing a gate That lets into a lucent, ample land Where lips struck dumb may learn to sing again. —Du Bose Heyward

### COMPLETION MUSGRAVE BRIDGE OPENS NEW ROUTE TO MOUNTAINS

Tourists traveling from South Carolina to the Blue Ridge Mountains or those going in the opposite direction may now use the Saluda-Tryon-Spartanburg, Pauline Cross Anchor-Clinton route and traverse a splendid road all the way at the same time cutting off several miles from the Greenville route or the present Newberry-Whitmire, Union route from Spartanburg.

The completion of the new stretch of highway between Clinton, S. C. and Musgrave Bridge over the Enoree River near Cross Anchor provides this direct route to the mountain country for our Southern visitors.

### COUNTY AGENT SAMS ORGANIZING COUNTY CLUB

#### Farmers of Polk County Urged to Get Behind Movement, Will Help Development of Resources

LET US ALL PULL TOGETHER Wednesday evening at 8 O'clock at Boxwood Inn, Columbus, N. C., will be a meeting of Polk County Club, for the election of officers and for any business that may come up for consideration affecting the County.

Now this club was not organized for the benefit of any person, it was organized for the benefit of all.

Now in the beginning, every person who has the spirit of cooperation should join to help wake Polk County up.

Those who are not progressive and do not have the spirit of cooperation should join and learn to be progressive and to work with their neighbors in a good and laudable undertaking. Then the time has come that the County people and the town people must learn that they are all one flesh and blood and understand that they must know and love each other better. The country people and town people must know more of what is going on in the country. To know this, they must meet together often and discuss their problems face to face whereby they can know and understand. Let us have the greatest meeting yet on the 15th of April, at 8 O'clock, P. M. at old Boxwood Inn. While we are pulling for everything good in Polk County, don't forget to pull for Polk County NEWS, for it is pulling for all.

### SALUDA CLEANS UP IN PREPARATION FOR SUMMER VISITORS

#### Opening of New Hotel, Completion of Lake Summit Highway and other Improvements Pop Up Population

Saluda on top of the mountain is getting ready for its banner year as a summer resort, according to G. R. Little, one of the leading business men of that thriving community.

Last Friday Saluda had a general clean-up day in preparation for the coming influx of visitors, and every effort will be made to keep the city in a presentable condition during the entire summer.

The playground furnished and fitted by the Saluda Civic League proved most attractive during the past season and new equipment will be added this year. The grounds have been cleaned up and the shrubbery trimmed and the visiting kiddies as well as those who live in Saluda the year round will find it a charming spot during the spring and summer days. The many cottages, boarding houses, and hotels are undergoing the usual spring overhauling and Saluda will be in a position to furnish better accommodations than ever before.

### DAM AT LAKE LURE UNDER CONSTRUCTION BY CHARLOTTE BUILDERS

#### Dunavant-Gunter and E. H. Clement Companies Awarded Contracts Calling for 15 Months Work

With awarding of contract for construction of the dam and hydro-electric plant at Lake Lure, machinery has been set in motion for immediately proceeding with the program that is to convert the property of Chimney Rock Mountains, Inc., into a scenic playground resort and residential development of first magnitude.

Announcement a few days ago that the contract had been awarded to Dunavant-Gunter and the E. H. Clement Companies, joint bidders of Charlotte, was received with wide interest throughout this section and to the industrial world generally.

While 15 months remain in which this construction may be completed so that the property will be ready for the first real estate subdivision by June, 1926, every precaution will be taken so that it will be finished on time.

The task is a tremendous one, yet a thorough organization will be perfected for carrying it out successfully and with the allotted time. A vast amount of machinery and equipment will be brought into use. A camp sufficient to house 200 workmen will be started soon.

Cost of the dam and hydro-electric plant will be in the neighborhood of \$700,000. The dam will be 104 feet high, and 585 feet across the top.

Plans and specifications call for a design of the very latest approved type. The structure planned should prove virgily imperishable. A tremendous amount of concrete and steel will enter into the dam. The hydro-electric plant will be of modern design with the "remote control" embodied in the turbines and electric generators. They are designed to be "fool proof" and so arranged that any defect or accident in operation will be immediately followed by the functioning of safety devices which operate to protect the machinery and safeguard its operation.

Several contractors were represented at the meeting held in Charlotte at which the construction contract was awarded, and the event attracted much interest in building circles.

The Dunavant-Gunter and E. H. Clement Companies, while not permanently associated, have joined hands on the job for the purpose of speedily completing the contract.

The Dunavant-Gunter Company has been widely known throughout the South for 30 years as prominent railroad and bridge contractors, having done a large share of the work of the Southern Railway double tracking project through the Carolinas. The E. H. Clement Company has just completed the raising of Waterlee dam in South Carolina for the Southern Power Company.

"Steps have been taken," said Mr. Clement, "to push the work to rapid completion; our full erection and construction equipment consisting of crushers, concrete mixers and all other necessary equipment is being unloaded today at Lugoff, S. C., the site of our job just completed, and will be unloaded at Rutherfordton and hauled to the Lake Lure dam site during the next two weeks."

### MISS LOUISE TALMA, FORMER TRYON GIRL PROTEGE OF MRS. KINGDON GOULD

#### Former Tryon Girl Protege of Mrs. Kingdon Gould

The New York Times of last Sunday, April 5, gave a detailed account of the piano recital given in New York City by Miss Louise Talma, a protegee of Mrs. Kingdon Gould. This will be a most interesting item to Tryon folk who remember "Dr. G." as Miss Talma is a grand daughter of Mrs. Kingdon Gould.

She showed remarkable talent, and Mrs. Gould has watched over her musical development since she was seven years old. Miss Talma is now 18, and appeared in a program of Liszt, Brahms, and Chopin. Her genius is not an accident, for her father was a noted Russian orchestral conductor, and her mother a grand opera singer in France, Germany, and England. Miss Talma is French by birth.