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Polk County First Sec-
ond Last ...
WATCH THE DRAW!
Volume ...
KE LANIER ENGINEER
OUTLINE PROGRESS OF WORK
WHICH IS 60 PER CENT COMPLETED

More Is Staked, Bottom Cleared, Dam De-
Excavation Through Two Hundred Feet
Machinery & Equipment Assembled

Best U. S. Athlete



Flansky, of Georgetown University, won the famous Decathlon championship at the Penn Relays games, stamping himself the best all-around athlete in the U. S.

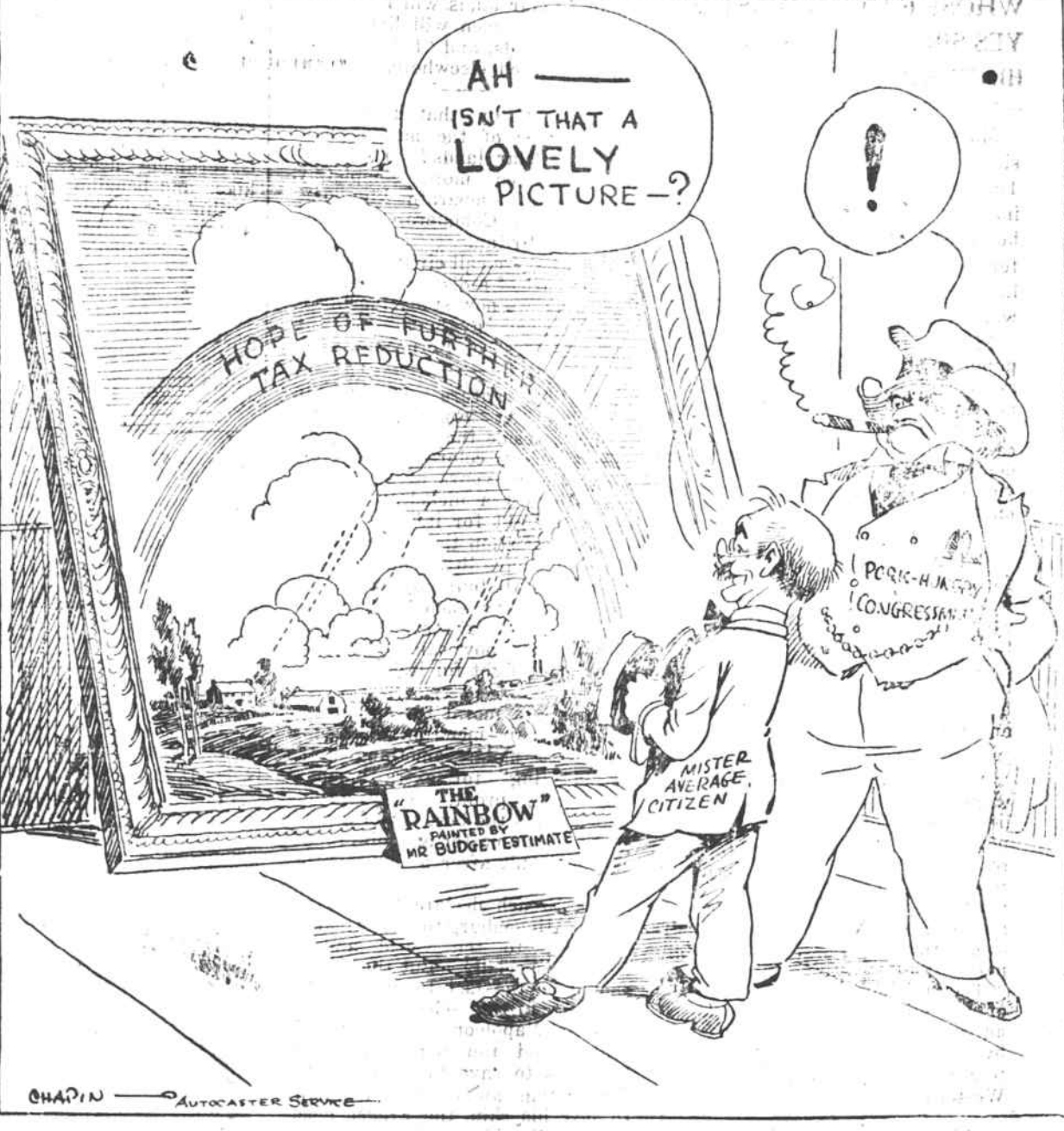
least one half of the work incident to completing the dam performed and that within 40 days the last batch of concrete will have been placed and the forms stripped from the completed structure. Moreover approximately 2 miles of streets have been located and slope staked and graded out to their full width of paved roadway and sidewalks. Already long lines of automobiles having purchasers are daily driving over these new roads admiring the wonderful scenery, later to be beautified tenfold by the sparkling waters of a Lake.

Two complete units numbering 180 homesites have been staked out on the ground and another unit of 300 lots is already planned and ready to be staked out as fast as engineers can place the stakes. This unit or section lies on the West shore of the Lake upon which no work has been done as yet. A complete preliminary plan showing the extent and design of the completed development embracing some 2500 home sites, with 30 or more large residential estates and hotel sites, numerous parks civic center and bathing beaches have been prepared.

Through Package Car To Havana Accommodates Shippers

Spencer, N. C. May 20. —Manufacturers and other shippers of Virginia and North Carolina now have the advantage of direct all-rail freight service to Cuba for less than carload shipments, a package car line from Spencer Transfer to Havana having been established by the Southern Railway in connection with the Florida East Coast Railway and the Key West car ferry.

THE ART CRITICS



Appalachian Highway Good Route South Says Report

The report of the South Carolina Highway Commission on that section of the road connecting the Palmetto State with North Carolina via Tryon reads as follows:

Route 19, Appalachian Highway Newberry, Whitmire, Union, Glenn Springs, Spartanburg, Landrum and to Saluda, Hendersonville and Asheville in North Carolina. Newberry to Union good. Union to Spartanburg partly under construction detour via routes Nos. 11 and 92 fair to good. Spartanburg to North Carolina line good. The section between Inman and Campobello is now open to traffic but will be closed in about one week. The detour will be fair and well marked.

May-Day Kiss



Mrs. Coolidge is never happier than when tiny tots call on her at the White House—this one getting a real love kiss during his May-Day call.

Regular preaching service at the Columbus Presbyterian church next Sunday night at 8 o'clock. The public of both cities cordially invited.

Jackson-Swindler Wedding In June

Landrum, S. C., May 22, 1925

Mrs. Eugenia E. Swindler announces the engagement of her daughter Maggie Lee to Mr. Frank Jackson of Mill Spring, N. C.

The wedding to take place the latter part of June.

Fingerville Tossers Lose To Landrum Aggregation

The Landrum ball-tossers traveled to Fingerville Saturday and locked horns with the peppy aggregation representing that thriving village. By bunching hits at the critical moment and playing the "old army game" the Landrum boys nosed out their opponents by a score of 4.3 in an exciting finish.

Fingerville: Goings, 2b; Prince, 3b; Guthrie, p; Porter, c; Burns, cf; Prince 1b Ross, ss; Gossss; Cothran lf; Ridings, rf. Substitutes: Morrow and Smith.

Landrum: Foster, 2b; Fox, 1b W. Capps, 3b; Rorrester, c; R. Capps, rf; Sheehan, ss; Culbreth, cf; Edwards, lf; and Lawter, p.

Golfers Big Tournament Soon

Tryon golfers are trying out new clubs and getting in shape to attend the twenty-third annual tournament of the Southern Golf Association which will be held in Asheville and it is authentically stated that over 200 Dixie club-swingers will come to Biltmore Forest in June to strive for the championship now held by Jack Wenzler, of Memphis. Perry Adair of Atlanta, three times winner of the event, will also be here.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS DETERMINED DRIVE ON MOUNTAINEERS STILLS

Spurred to Activity Internal Revenue Bureau Goes into Action on Land and Sea in Effort to Halt Liquor Traffic, Raids in Polk County Begin

Wins \$2,000 Prize



Robert Sessions, 16, of Birmingham, Ala., the youngest and smallest of seven in the Washington finals, won first prize and \$2,000 in the National Oratorical Contest. Coolidge was an interested spectator.

The Couzens' committee investigating the Internal Revenue Department as forced that bureau into active effort to check the liquor traffic on land and sea.

In connection with the effort to cork up the entrance from the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf ports, the department has ordered an infantry advance on the southern mountain sector where, it is alleged many millions of corn whiskey is being made annually.

Enforcement officers are under sealed orders and raids are to be systematically conducted. Secluded in the rough mountains at the head of some lonely creek, or in a mountain cave these stills are protected by the surrounding hills and the utter isolation of the section in which they are located.

Cornered by revenue agents the mountain moonshiner often fights. Of the forty-two prohibition agents killed since prohibition went into effect the larger percent of casualties may be laid to the unerring aim of the mountaineer who counts the "revenooers" as natural enemies.

As a part of the drive in the south Major Hutcherson of Columbus reports the largest illicit still ever found in Polk County, discovered in the Green Creek section on Monday last.

A copper still of 125 gallons capacity which is said to be one of the largest ever captured in this section in years, was discovered by prohibition officers in its place of concealment 10 miles east of Columbus in the Greens Creek lowlands. This find also included 4000 gallons of beer, or mash, from which the "moonshine" is made.

The raid which was made by Major Hutcherson and C. A. Hudgens, resulted in the arrest of three alleged violators of the Volstead law. A full equipment for a permanent camp including tents, further helped in decorating the scenery, which was confiscated as well as the more material evidence.

FLAT ROCK KICKS ON TUXEDO-SALUDA CUT-OFF ON HIGHWAY

More Threaten Life of Prosperous Town According to Its Inhabitants Who Protest Proposed Change in Route of Appalachian Highway

The opening of the Saluda-Tuxedo cut-off of the Appalachian Highway may result in the cutting off of East Flat Rock from that main artery of tourist travel and the inhabitants of that town are yelling long and loud about the arrangement.

The Hendersonville News in a recent issue says:

"Persistent rumors that East Flat Rock is to be taken off the Asheville Spartanburg highway, No. 29, and that for the road in that section is to be substituted a link which will run from Tuxedo to Saluda have gained such currency that a number of letters have been written to the Chamber of Commerce protesting any such action on the part of the powers that be, in road activities.

It is understood that considerable feeling has been aroused among the East Flat Rock people since the building of the present Asheville to Spartanburg road through that section has done as much or more than any one factor to induce people to invest their money there.

There seems as yet to be no definite intimation come to light to give the residents of that section any ideas as to what is going to happen. Mentime the people of the East Flat Rock section are asking if there is any expediency in taking them off a main traveled road when this road tire and thriving community.

has resulted in the growth of an en- And Carol Rogers living in East Flat Rock will, we imagine, have a lot to say before that change goes into effect. Messrs. Page and Kistler can take warning right now that they are in for a red hot session.

BLUE RIDGE COMPANY LETS CONTRACT FOR SALUDA POWER DAM

Largest Hydro-Electric Plant in Western North Carolina To Be Built On Green River in Polk County By Spartanburg Corporation

Polk County will soon have another four-million dollar hydro-electric development as bids are now being submitted for the erection of the big plant of the Blue Ridge Power Company near Saluda on Green River.

Mr. John Law, President of the Corporation, stated that this is the largest of the organization's four developments, the power plant embracing a fall of 687 feet, which will generate 60,000 to 70,000 horse power; a dam 175 feet high; a 16-foot tunnel 2 and one half miles long with a power house at Green River coce.

Other power developments of the company are: The plant at Tuxedo, which is four years old; one at Turner Shoals, completed this year and another at Foster, which is still to be built.

Many Submit Bids.

HEARD ABOUT TOWN

The 16th annual meeting of the Congregational Conference of the Carolinas which held its session in Charleston, S. C. from Wednesday, June 10 to Saturday, inclusive, had as Tryon representatives Rev. and Mrs. Will B. O'Neill and son Hugh, Mrs. John Orr, and Mrs. McKay. The Conference was held in the famous old Circular Congregational Church, and the guests were royally entertained with interesting trips over the quaint city. Rev. O'Neill was re-elected Registrar and Treasurer, and was also appointed delegate to the National Council which convenes every two years in Washington, D. C., of which body President Coolidge is Honorary Moderator.

Special service at the Tryon Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, to which the public is cordially invited. Presbyterians continue to worship in the Methodist Church, South, until the erection of their new church.

Miss Mary Beach and the Misses Vance have given to the Tryon Presbyterians one-half acre of the beautiful property at the corner of Howard street and Grady avenue. The site formerly occupied by the old town school building. This site will be used for the building of the new church and the site on Trade St. the R. M. McCown property, for the erection of a new manse. This is a generous gift and one that is most highly appreciated by the Presbyterians of Tryon.

The congregation of the Erskine Memorial Church, at a meeting Sunday, appointed a building committee to act in the matter of the Community Center house, which will occupy the present site of the Manse, and have rooms connecting with the Church. The committee, composed of Mr. W. B. Weigle, Chm., Nelson Jackson, Jr., W. F. Little, John Orr, W. C. White and Rev. Will B. O'Neill, engaged the services of Roland Green, well known architect of Asheville, who also designed the Tryon High School Building. Work on the building is expected to begin in the early fall, the plans calling

To correct an error of last week, Mr. Ernest Barnes will remain in Tryon until June when he leaves for Mystic, Conn. Mr. Barnes stated he was going "in June." We understood him to say, "soon." There will be a last week's Polk County News awaiting his arrival at Mystic.

J. L. Charles, J. W. Wilson, Walt, Er Jackson, of Route 1, Landrum, and Miss Docia McKinney of Route

4 are new subscribers to the Polk County News, which they have found keeps them posted on topics of the day and farm news as well as local items.

Miss Mary Camp of Sandy Plains came to Tryon Tuesday to take a temporary position as stenographer for the Tryon Development Company. Miss Camp is an expert in her profession, having taught commercial subjects besides being a proficient operator. Miss Camp will make a valuable assistant to the developers of Lake Lanier.

G. E. Dombhart, Manager of the Accounting Service Company, of Charlotte who supervised the audit of the official records of Polk County has been called to Columbus to consult with the present County Commissioners on certain phases of his report to that body. Mr. Dombhart who has many friends here is a guest at Oak Hall and expects to be a visitor here for the entire week.

R. W. Early contributed a small spotted pup to the personnel of the NEWS office this week and Bobbie has christened it "Prodigal Pup." With a mixed pedigree and an upturned nose it has developed a strong liking for the odor of printers' ink and will doubtless become a fixture as a mascot for the force.