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CUSSION OF TAX EQUALIZATION THE MAJOR FEATURE OF MILL SPRING MEETING OF POLK COUNTY CLUB

threen Reads Resolution Requesting Reassessment and Reval-Polk County Property Which Has Endorsement of Next Meeting at Iso-Thermal Hotel In Rutherfordton Tuesday August 18

able the black hung on the mountain tops and the long able the dozens of automobiles scurried along the road Mail Spring Tuesday even ing, the occupants intent on being - monthly meeting of the Polk County Club, held in t at the fi state School under the au spices of the Masonic Lodge of that

Columbus, Saluda, Green's Creek and Cooper People SPO mill Spring representation. million in the

Rate Too High

That the property valuation of the

county is entirely too small and that

the assessment is too high was as-

communities was asserted.

Mayor Green referring the inquiry

of High Rates

Upon the suggestion of Charles J.

any and well re-pared supper fore. It recommended that the law More M. Voorheis as written be strictly enforced, while s of the vicincondemning that section of the law auditorium af- which imposes taxes on mortgages, served itt me server the post T. L. Jus-notes and bank deposits as double taxation Property Valuation Too Small, Tax

gethe addretate enjoyed fried silad petatees, corn, bisof other delicacies not usually a the bill-of-lare of a hotel, wi Fred W Blanton opened

R L Samps an of Mill Spring istalk of hospitality wel with members to his town. state Electon and Miss Car atter relident several vocal mes a excellent voice, accomin Ms. June Voorheis.

WW S Green, of Tryon, a de Committee on Tax si (ounty Government, read mon drawn up by that comal addressed to the Board ma commissioners recom adical changes in and assessing and maxes in Polk County.



IT IS PLANNED TO CUT OFF LIQUOR SUPPLY AT SOURCE AND MACHINERY **ENFORCEMENT FACES GIGANTIC TASK**

Brig. General Andrews In Complete Charge, Eliminates State Lines By Creating Twenty-Two Federal Zones. Has Support of President and Press Who Are Actively Interested in the Suppression of Illegal Traffic

Enforcement of the prohibition law isnow squarely before the American people and in complete charge of the Federal authorities.

The plan of enforcement, effective August 1, has been carefully thought out, the machinery has been provided, and the man to whom the country looks for action is definitely in the saddle. Today there are just two questions in the public mind, the first, whether Brigadier-General L. C. Andrews will prove capable of enforcing the law-, if not, then is it possible to enforce thelaw under any circumstances?

Unquestionably Gen. Andrews has |a stupendous task ahead of him, but sisting that the law should be en he is not lacking moral support any forced as long as it is the law. more than he lacks complete control. President Coolidge unques- twenty-two Federal zones which tionably is determined to have the wipe out state lines, is expected in law enforced if it be possible to enforce it. Secretary Mellon is no successful enforcement. In other less determined to put an end to quarters the plan is regarded with the liquor traffic, and the press gen- alarm as giving evidence of further erally throughout the country stands enroachment on the rights of states strongly in favor of law enforcement. Even those newspapers with wet tendencies stand as a unit in in-



General Andrews' plan of creating some quarters to be the keynote of and the liberities of the people

"Thus far have we gone in the de termined plan to create a new autocracy in the hitherto land of the free." says the Columbia, S. C., Record. "All that has preceded this gigantic extension of police powers of the federal government has been the merest child's play. But what is happening is just as the Record, five years ago, predicted would happen. The end is not yet." What States Will Not Do. Government Must

Quite a different view is expressed by the Philadelphia Inquirer which approves the abolition of the state directors.

means an increase in federal power at the expense of the states" says the Injuirer, "but, as the President pointed out recently, what the states will not do the federal government must do. The enforcement of a ceral law is clearly within its provence, more particularly if this law is so unpopular in some communities that local offcials are a sector by local feeling," The Washington Star says the slowness and lentency of the courts is responsible for the failur of prohibition to date. "Enforcement is possible," says the Star. "It is upon that principle that the Treasury Department's new organization has been planned. Integrity on the part of enforcement officers of all degrees is an essential I has never been believed to be impossible to organize an honest, loyal force. Hypocracy and infidelity are not dominant characteristics of the American people." Whatever may be the result of the Andrews plan at least the country is Lake, has tendered the use of his promised to compel obedience to the law of the land and bring an end to ment for the outing of girl scouts and the mockery that exists particularly camp fire girls from Rutherford in the big cities. Political considerations, we are told are now elimiboss be able to march to court and obtain leniency or immunity for friendly violators of his constitution. Plus the elimination of politics a rapid and determined drive is to be made to stop the sources of supply, importation and diversion of legally manufactured and stored alcohol.

d all personal and real county based on its in fixed by a salest and not by the proper-E is has been done here-to-

loos and Pennants ithiuted By Eisles to late Lanier Supporters of Tryon who stated that he believed

in and Pleasing Novelties Dis- munity for while investors could get ing by Management of Tryon's Armier Resort Development

Engenerat of Tryon Devel-E Chipaly, ambitious to make Elast a familiar household original and Minimum op-made which will badly needs at times and delaying the long room or "den" of building of all kinds in the towns. the handsomest home. These He questioned the chairman regardthis with cut out designs of ing the evasion of such taxes. billain, and lake in soft colors scenery to Erwin W. Thompson of Saluda, Pen- That gentleman stated that such taxes were being evaded every yearwith artistic embeen issued. but that with a salaried assessor on site as the job evasion would cease. Right the year ago-a or wrong it was the law to tax such and a hillside paper, and until the law was repealed illessly marver it should be collected from every reswrought in a few ident holding such securities. Louis Another year, when J. B. Hester, Cashier of the Bank and cozy bungalows of Tryon, questioned the taxing of a centie slopes overlooking bank deposits, stating that such deposits would be removed to other can more states during the period of assessment Distante what vision, faith, to can do for a to evade taxation it the law was engeneration was forged. Mr. Thompson asserted that such deposits could be taxed is shallowr, it only slogan NAL Unspecied Faradise." state.

For Crippled Children In Saluda On August Eighth

alignet Eighth there is to be a t (rippled Children at Sathe present tax rate was confiscatory br. O. L. Miller from when actual valuation was returned citing his own case where his home partic Hospital will returned at a valuation of \$5000 is xamine the taxed at the rate of \$15 per month, hite and colwhile another piece of property in years of the same vicinity held at a higher The deprice is taxed on a valuation of only of importance \$1000. Mr. Peattie said unless reits par,lief was given he would sell his Ministers, we to cooperate Tryon holdings. Luouncing it The information sanced at all-day Entherings. lodge folk assem-

Lynch, the resolution. was tabled for further discussion at the Green Creek meeting in September. Miss Esther Gibbs gave a selected unfortunate

serted. Equalization must come be fore Polk County can take its rightful place in the ranks of progressive The resolution while under discus sion drew the fire of B. L. Ballenger tist Church, Columbus.

Representing the North Carolina the taxation on mortgages and notes Sunday School Association in the was hurting the growth of the com-Convention will be Mr. D. W. Sims, of Raleigh, and Miss Freda Bose, of eight percent interest in South Caroli-New Orleans, La. These speakers na and Florida they were limited to are well known in the Sunday School six percent by law in this State, and world, having had years of practical if they paid an additional two perexperience in the work with Sunday schools both large and small. There cent tax they would naturally enough prefer putting their money into govwill also be on the program a number ernment bonds thus robbing the farof prominent pastors, superintendent mer of the financial support he so and other Sunday School workers in the county.

> Plans and program for the convention are being worked out by R. N. Hunter President, and Esther Gibbs Secretary of the County Sunday School Association. These officers have announced that again this year a pennant will be presented to the Sunday School in the county having present in the convention the largest number of representatives sixteen years of age and over, according to the number of miles traveled. Any Sunday School in the county is eleigible to compete for the pennant exthe Sunday School with which the convention is held and others within one mile of the convention church. It is expected that there will be much friendly competition among the Sunday Schools for the pennant.

wherever found, in or * out of the Gibbs of Mill Spring, is an accom-Fred W. Blanton, Cashier of the plished musician which she demon-Polk County Bank and Trust Com- strated by playing several selections pany, also attacked the fairness of which immensely pleased the authe tax on bank deposits as double dience

R B Peattie of Tryon Complains Irish Rose" to his own accompani-R. B. Peattie of Tryon stated that

applauded. J. R. Sams, explained the present who feel a deep concern for the rapsituation in the county from a farm- idly vanishing forests of our mouning angle, and urged those present tains. Mr. Weavers claim is that he to do what they could to help and has the greatest variety of the bigencourage those farmers who have gest trees covering the smallest area suffered from the long continued of any man in this section. In this drought.

County fair had been opened to Polk County residents who were urged to an unusually large and rare collec-

A resolution fixing the next meet- Creek. These relics are valuable

Mrs. Johanna Gregg, member of Chicago School Board, thinks the second city needs a municipal housekeeper to "clean-up." She has the party support and is out for the Republican nomination as mayor. A rapid fire campaign is Tlanned

Greens Creek Farmer **Issues String of Very Unique Challenges**

John Weaver, Well Know Polk County Fiddler Claims Biggest Trees, Best Collection of Indian Relics, aud Issues Defiance to Fiddiers

Our old friend, John Weaver of Greens Creek township, made this office a pleasant call Saturday morning, gringing with him a boquet of beautiful flowers for which Mrs. Weaver is noted, and which seemed like a nosegay from the Garden of Eden when our own growing things are dried up and pulverized into dust John has issued a challenge-three of them to be exact-and the columns of the NEWS will be open to all comers to take up his banters. In the first place, Mr. Weaver is known to be one of the best fiddlers in the

singing was resumed, Mr. Ledbetter state, and his rendition of "Arkansas being assisted by Mr. A. A. Ed-Traveler" with monologue is a rare wards of Columbus. A splendid treat to those who have been fortuquartette consisting of Mr. W. H. nate enough to hear him. He chal-Ledbetter, Mr. O. D. Early, Mr. W. lenges any fiddler to a contest in G. Egerton of Mill Spring, and Mrs. this particular number, fiddler to live G. W. Whiteside, of Lavonia, Ga., east of Bird Mountain, and excludes who is visiting relatives, sang a blind or left handed fiddlers. lovely hymn. In another number

The second challenge is one that Mrs. W. H. Ledbetter sang. Their voices were good and itive nature, particularly to those pleasing harmony. ing that the day had been well spent indeed, and will carry with them for another year pleasant mem-

ories of the Homecoming Sunday at particular woods on the Weaver farm Rock Spring in 1925.

Uncle Bill Stearns Vigorously Denies Military Appellation

In a recent issue we stated that Colonel William H. Stearns would rebuild Mimosa Casino into a modern small resort hotel.

voices filled the church with old

time songs that will never grow old.

In his sermon. Mr. Brown touched

on evolution, also on the early his-

dainty sandwiches of home

high class cooking for which

and whole hearted.

the

kernel in any man's army, although Henderson, ss; Lockman, c, Byrd, p,

Brig.-Gen. C. Andrews, Assistant-Sec'y of the Treasury, who August 1st puts into effect a new system of prohibition enforcement. Disregarding state lines, the nation will be divided into 22 districts and divisional heads given supreme authority to stop o'clock a goodly crowd had gathered drink "at the source."

in the church grounds, some coming Lynch's Lake Will from a distance bringing their families and well filled baskets to enjoy **Open As Girl's Camp** a well earned day of rest, to meet old friends and to hear the splendid During The Summer sermon delivered by their pastor. a start A song service was held before preaching, the choir being led by Mr. W. H. Ledbetter, and the splendid

Camp Fire Girls and Girl Scout Units from Rutherford County to Arrive on August 11th.

tory of his family who were true pio-Mr. C. J. Lynch, owner of Lynch's neers of Polk County and in early days owned a large acreage in Coopsplendid camp and bathing equiper Gap township. Aged and young alike seemed to enjoy the discourse. At the noon hour, baskets were opened, and benches in the shady yard county were spread with snowy linen, and

The first group of girls to come the abundance of delicious food ofwill be from Ellenboro, under the fered was a treat indeed. Fried chaperonage of Rev. and Mrs. O. C. chicken, flaky buttermilk biscuit, Huston, of the Ellenboro Presbytermade ian church, and will arrive for bread, home cured ham, jellies, pickweek's stay on August 11. les, pies and cakes all attested to the There wll be other groups and Mr. Lynch has demonstrated his interest women of Polk, County are noted, in Tryon by offering the use of his

and one felt the hospitality genuine splendid camping site and surrounding ideal outdoor environment. The meeting again called to order The Boy Scout camp at the head

of Lake Lanier is now populated by Scouts from Augusta, Ga., Macon, Gastonia, and Shelby. A troop of fine boys from Forest City arrived Monday.

There is no reason why girls organizations may not be attracted to the fine sight Mr. Lynch has to offer.

blended in **Boiling Springs Nine** At three o'clock those from a dis-**Defeats Greens Creek** tance departed for their homes, feel-In Sizzling Exhibition

Creek Saturday afternoon and administered a 7 to 1 defeat to the Tar Heels. Byrd the moundsman for fanning eighteen men and allowing but one hit. He was given jam up support by hig teammates.

The lineup was as follows: Boiling Springs: Cantrell, If; Ralph High "Uncle Bill" says he never was a 2b; Noion, rf; W. Ezell, cf, Bright,

Won't Waste Time On Small-Fish Bootleggers

It has been shown that sporadic assaults on the individual bootlegger, raids on small dispensers, and gunning after petty offenders is futile, serving only to make the law enforcing powers a laughing stock.

Control of the sources of supply will necessarily eliminate the little fellows from the scene of law violation without further action. They cannot sell the booze they cannot obtain.

"Uncle Sam means business," says the Cleveland Plaindealer, whose edtorial calls upon the states and local communities to carry their share of the burden of enforcement.

Boiling Springs played Greens George Alexander Simpson Decides To Reside in Tryon

Mr. Gerand A. Simpson, formerly of Pittsburg, but who has been spending the last few weeks in Saluda, has leased the Simmons residence, and with Mrs. Simpson will make Tryon their home. Mr. Simpson who was connected with the big steel interests in Pittsburg, is now associated with the Blue Ridga

Rev. T. L. Justice sang "My Wild

ment displaying good technique and training. The number was heartily should appeal to every lover of prim-

Miss Mae Irene Flentye stated are trees which have, in some way that the prize lists of the Rutherford escaped the woodsman's axe. The third challenge has to do with

display their products in our sister tion of Indian relics, gathered from the mounds and valleys of Greens city this fall.

ing for Rutherfordton at the Iso- from a collectors viewpoint, owing Thermal Hotel was made and passed to the splendid condition and variety

