

Weaver, Polk County Fiddler, Invited to Appear Before Recording Instruments of Phonograph Company

Laboratory to Be Maintained in Asheville by Okeh From Aug. 1st. Mountain Musicians Requested to Appear for Test Company Discovered and Exploited Fiddling John Carson Contestants Should File Notice Now

The Greens Creek fiddler, has been requested to appear before recording instruments for Okeh records when they set up a laboratory in Asheville. Fiddling John Carson, Henry Whiter, Ernest Carson have started their careers through tests made in Asheville. This is the first time a traveling recording outfit has been in the county is in Asheville. The charge made for the recording is \$50. The Okeh management will present each participant a sample record of his or her rendition without charge. After hearing the applicant perform the recording director will decide whether two or four tests shall be made.

The Okeh Director says: "These tests will be actual master recordings, and, if in the opinion of our Sales Department, any of the records have commercial value, we reserve the right to offer records for sale. This will be the final trial of your work, and if the sales results prove satisfactory, we will offer to the successful parties regular artists contracts to make Okeh records."

Usually, to make a test record it is necessary to go all the way to New York and pay a recording laboratory fee. But these tests will be free and the laboratory will be set up in Asheville in answer to many requests from likely artists who cannot afford the expense of a trip to New York.

Any person wishing to participate in the tests may do so by notifying the General Phonograph Corporation in Asheville stating what instrument they will play and whether vocal selections will be included so that arrangements may be made to give the tests during the period between August 18 and 28th.

Y. P. C. U. Holds Eleventh Annual Convention at Hillcrest Institute

Seventy-five Delegates Entertained by Polk County People During Convention Period.

The eleventh annual convention of the Young Peoples Christian Union of North Carolina met at Hillcrest Institute August 1 and 13. There were seventy-five delegates and visitors who were entertained at the institute and in the hospitable homes of the people of the community.

The meeting was called to order Wednesday at 7:45 P. M. by the president Miss Anna Lou Barkley of Gastonia who also had charge of the devotional.

Miss Mattie Abrams of Hillcrest cordially greeted the Union in behalf of the local Union and community at the response was made by Miss Grace Griffith of Charlotte.

Dr. G. G. Parkinson, from the Theological Seminary at Due West, S. C. had charge of the Bible Study at each service and used as his theme, "Missionary Message of the Psalms." His addresses were forceful and inspiring.

The theme of the convention was, "Thy Kingdom Come." Dr. Ransom, Missionary to India (now on furlough) delighted the audience with the following phrase and theme, "In the following phrase and theme, 'In India—Why not today?' His address was illustrated by stereopticon views relative to his work in India, which greatly intensified our interest in the Mission field.

After the devotional, on Thursday A. M. greetings were brought to the convention from the South Carolina Union by her president, Mr. Frank Plaxco. The Georgia Union sent greetings by wire.

BREAKING INTO THE BIG LEAGUE



Bryan's God-Daughter Offers Thousand Dollars For Memorial Design Which Will Fitly Represent "Bryan And Faith"

School Children's Dimes Will Be Used to Build Imposing Memorial to Great Commoner Which Will Be Located in Florida to Avoid Controversy Over Site. National Committee Organized to Raise Necessary Funds

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A nation wide movement for the erection of an extraordinary memorial to William Jennings Bryan, at Clewiston, Florida, was announced in New York this week by Miss Dionessa Bryan Evans, goddaughter of the late Commoner. Miss Evans, whose home is at 3638 Carfield Avenue, Minneapolis, arrived at the Hotel Roosevelt, New York, to establish a permanent organization for the project.

There is to be a committee composed of conspicuous leaders of thought, industry and finance from all sections of the country. This incorporated committee will have general charge of the enterprise.

There is to be a contest for the most appropriate design for the memorial, and already Miss Evans has secured a donation of \$1,000 from B. G. Dahlberg of Chicago, to be awarded for this purpose. The funds for the erection of the monument are to be supplied by the children of the public and Sunday schools of the country in dime contributions. Charles F. Daly, President of the Liberty National Bank in New York, has promised the services of that institution as custodian of these funds.

Miss Evans proposes that the memorial be built in Clewiston, Florida, on the southwest shore of Lake Okeechobee. Miss Evans explains years experiences among them convinced us that they are a people worth saving.

Rev. J. M. Bingham, Synodical Superintendent of Young Peoples Work gave a practical and helpful address on "A More Excellent Way". At the closing session Thursday P. M. the installation of officers for the coming year was an impressive service.

For Bryan Memorial



Dionessa Bryan Evans of Minnesota, god-daughter of the late Wm. Jennings Bryan, is in New York organizing a national committee for a memorial to "Bryan and Faith." It is to be erected in Florida. Already a cash prize of \$1,000 has been secured to be awarded for the best memorial design.

that she selected Clewiston as the place for the monument of her late god-father, first because it is in the Commoner's adopted state and second, because it is a beauty spot he favored.

"The proposal has met with such enthusiastic approval as almost to sweep me off my feet," Miss Evans said. "It is true that when I proposed Washington, D. C. as the place for the memorial, I found a number of objections. Critics suggested that any effort to secure a site at the national capital would produce a suggestion of political significance. The monument, so great and broad in its conception and in its meaning, that I thought it would be folly to assume any hazards of political controversy. Moreover, the fear of partisan objection brought forth the additional fear of sectarian discussion.

"It was logical, therefore, to remove the undertaking from all political, partisan, sectarian or other criticism. No one could possibly object to the selection of Florida, the state of the great Commoner's adoption, as the site for the first memorial to be erected to his memory; and thus Florida was chosen.

Briefly, besides the general committee which will handle the establishment of the Memorial, there will be a committee which will award the prize of a thousand dollars to the artist submitting the design which best incorporates the idea of Bryan, the Faith.

There will be a separate contest and a prize for the finest epitaph expressing that splendid faith by which Bryan lived, and there will be committees to promote the contributions of dimes by school children.

The announcement of the personnel of these committees will be made as soon as Miss Evans has applied for the incorporation of the general committee in New York.

The invitation for designs for the memorial will include the title "Bryan and Faith." Miss Evans' vision of granite structure includes a heroic effigy of Bryan, blue in hand, surrounded by a group of school children.

In continuance Miss Evans said: "It is my uppermost desire in this undertaking to exclude all controversy. A memorial linked to the story must always be associated with the memory of a controversial subject. 'A monument to him as a tribute to his supreme faith in religion and to his crusade for the inculcation of that faith in school children can never take on any different meaning. Moreover, there can never be any dispute about religious faith as a spiritual element commanding the veneration.

Cincinnati Entertains Southern Merchants at Fall Fashion Pageant in September

Local Retailers Invited to Attend Showing New Styles for Men and Woman on Living Models. Exhibitions of Piece Goods, Jewelry and Other Merchandise to Feature Revue Wallack Dancers, Canadian Troubadors, Cincinnati Summer Orchestra, Jose Mojica, and Other Stars on Program

Retail merchants of Polk County have received invitations to be guests of the manufacturers and wholesalers of Cincinnati at a Fall Fashion Pageant and Market Week to be held there August 30 to September 7. A delegation is expected to go from Tryon, Saluda and possibly Columbus to spend at least part of the nine-day period scheduled for the event in "the Queen City."

The Pageant is to be staged at the Cincinnati Zoological Gardens. That the invitation is backed by the entire community of Cincinnati is evidenced by the fact that those who joined in extending it include Mayor George P. Carrel, the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, the Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, Gyro Club, Optimists Club, Electric Club and Civitan Club. Not only retail merchants but the general public is invited to attend the Pageant.

Black Bear Trail from Quebec to Miami Boosted by Mac Rea

Branch Through Tryon to Hendersonville Wm. in connection at Ruthersfordton Over Route 19. Mac Rea Wants Route Federalized.

Hugh Mac Rea of Wilmington, N. C. actively interested in the development of the Linville-Blowing Rock territory as a resort center, and a chief promoter of the Bear Trail, from Quebec to Miami is in Washington making a determined effort to have the new route federalized.

The Bear Trail follows the crest of the Blue Ridge and Alleghany Mountains. It enters North Carolina from Spartanburg, one branch going thru Tryon, Saluda and Hendersonville to Asheville, and through Burnsville, Spruce Pine, to Boone and the other through Rutherfordton, Winston, Blowing Rock to Boone, with Route 19 between Tryon and Columbus connecting the two. It proceeds from Boone into Virginia, up the celebrated Valley of Virginia by Winchester, Harper's Ferry then into Maryland by Frederickburg and into Pennsylvania by Gettysburg, then into New Jersey, by Morristown and Trenton, then up the Hudson, across to Lake Champlain by Fort Ticonderoga and other historic revolutionary battlefields, then on to Canada. One may go now from North Carolina to Quebec with every foot of travel over hard surface highways. The trail south of North Carolina to Miami is almost as complete, and within a very few months will be completely hard surfaced.

Death Rate in N. C. Shows Numerous Homicides Mostly Shootings

Typhoid Gives Way to Murder and Auto Crashes—Fire, Floods and Hurricanes Sull Flourish in T. M. State

North Carolina contributed more than its quota to the crime wave of the nation during the past year, according to reports from Raleigh. 299 deaths being designated as homicides in returns made on death certificates filed with the State Board of Health for 1924. Chicago, with a record of more than a murder per day for the year, may have led the country, but this State ranks well up in the forefront.

Popular Polk County Sisters Entertain at Birthday Party

Misses Maggie Sue and Gilreath Edwards Entertain Last of Friends at Joint Birthday Party

Misses Maggie Sue and Gilreath Edwards entertained last Saturday night at their home near Columbus, the party being in celebration of their birthdays, which occur on the 17th and 18th respectively. A large crowd of young men and women of the community gathered and the evening passed pleasantly with games and conversation until a late hour when refreshments, consisting of brick ice cream and dainty home made cake and Polk County watermelons were served. Their house guests, Miss Ruby Moore of Forest City, and Mrs. Tench C. Edwards, lately of Boston, Mass., were guests of honor. About midnight the party broke up, all wishing their hosts many more happy returns of the day. Those taking part in the pleasures of the evening were: Misses Anna Lynch, Pearl Mills, and her guest, Miss Ethel Hill of Rutherfordton, Blanche Feagan, Jeanette McFarland, Minnie Green, Pantha Edwards, Ruby Moore, the hostesses, and Mesdames H. A. Shannon and Tench C. Edwards, and Messrs. H. A. Shannon, Grover Thompson, Max Feagan, Hanford Thompson, Guy Hill, Sidney Smith, Robert McFarland, Julian Lynch, John Lyles Edwards, Frank Green, Bennet Burnett, Keither Thompson, Brodas Mills, Gurley Peattie, Rupert Arledge, Lewis Feagan.

FLORENCE MOORE ENTERTAINS FRIENDS ON 13th BIRTHDAY

In response to the beautiful decorated invitations, a group of little girls gathered last Thursday, August 13, at the home of Miss Florence Moore to assist in celebrating her birthday. After the lovely gifts had been presented, games were played from four to six o'clock, when lemonade and small cakes were attractively served, after which the birthday cake was cut and passed to each. It was a day long to be remembered and on departing all wished Miss Florence many happy returns.

Malcom, Iowa Father of Lake Lanier Promoters in Tryon

Malcom, Iowa, father of the lake promoters in Tryon, N. C., is the son of C. M. Eisele, sales director of the lake properties. Eisele is impressed with the beauty of the lake and is proud of the action of his sons, who have been working in development of the lake projects.