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For years he turned a deaf ear to

offers which might have resulted in

the erection of a new Mimosa.

'There can never be another Mimo-

County News Begins Thirty-first Year as Weekly Newspaper With The Current Issue

ter of Main Minds Have Piloted it Through T e Stormy Seas thersity During the Long Period of Publication. Paper Has Giown Continuously Since the Very Beginning

> us in this issue begins its thirty-first consecuof Polk County, and according to historians of thered no ve storms during that period than any It days of sailing ships. Under many captains arted by-ways going forth to the out of way coruntry carry ing its message of hope in the future.

> > ist—and it undoubtedly has played a large part in the development of Polk County and its resources.

> > > Since its beginning 30 years ago,

it has been under the direction and

management of many men, some able

and efficient, others lacking that

mething which makes for success

as a small town publisher, and the

roll call of editors reads as follows:

Charles Fowles, founder and first ed-

itor, James McDowell, Geo. F. Pope,

Walter Vandiver, Will K. Jones, T.

C. Crowther, C. H. Williams, John

Carnegie, W. C. Corcoran, John H.

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Hogan, John Bierbaum, John L. Smith, George B. Cobb, Frank Little, discovered B. F. Copeland, Clarence Bush, the nose Hume Fraser, and Howard A. Shannauticai

Many of the editors are now dead, others have tired of the attempt to make two ends meet and sought fairer and more fertile fields, but the Polk County News continues as a pubis deepest ail pipe from lication, growing steadily in size, prestige and circulation if not in material things

> Many times when thoroughly disouraged over the financial muddle in which we found its affairs involved and which we have as yet been

THE END OF THE JOY RIDE By A. B. CHAPIN

Threaters!

Stearns High School Has Many Thousands Spent in Improtements

Two Big Brick Vings, New Auditorium and Additional Staff of Qualified Ins-

Uncle Bill Stearns Happy As Saws **Buzz and Hammers Clang and New Mimosa Assumes Definite Shape**

Genial and Popular Hotel Proprietor Watches Workmen Erecting New Mimosa While He Talks of Glories of Early Days In Tryon

Back in the days when Polk County was pretty much of a wilderness. Wm. H. Stearns, ran Mimosa Hotel, and ran it so well that he became one of the best known and the best liked hotel proprietors in all of Western North Carolina. The old Mimosa was known thoroughout America, as a place famous for the genial hospitality of its host-and its guest list was always filled.

Then along came a fire; Mimosa in old Mimosa with its historic trawent up in smoke. Uncle Bill appar- ditions, its subtle associations and its ently lost heart. He was wrapped up intimate appeal to those whom Uncle Bill had learned to call "friends".



ers Demands Service From Every Employee of the NEWS and We Don't Pay Salaries to Entertain Visitors

which flambovant sign

the door leading to the printing de-Today a new Mimosa is rising from partment of The NEWS. For a time the ashes of the old. The casino "KEEP which adjoined the old hotel is being a modest, but imperative OUT" in black letters on a white raised, remodeled and thoroughly but its modernized. Every room will have square adorned the space, very modesty was the cause of its its private bath. A large lobby, atbeing ignored. Hence the flame-col- tractive sun porches, and well arored back ground with circus red ranged dining room will offer induceposter letters-and even that has ments to winter visitors. failed. will add to their creature

It has been an enlightening study when the tinge of frost is in the air. "Uncle Bill" is building a peach of of human nature to us to see men Population of N. C who would scorn to step behind a kitchen. He has always prided counter where the drygoods clerk was himself on his ability to satisfy the giving him the best service possible, cravings of particular palates, and Roadside Markets. Coupled W.th Easy and dictate how the piece of goods he is personally supervising the erec-Communication with Turns and violages should be folded, or wrapped, rush tion of the chef's retreat. In order to eliminate obnoxious odors, he is back into the print shop ignoring the stop signal, and dictate to our print- building a special addition to house ers. Men who would never dream of the food factory. It will have a cold following a prescription druggist be- storage plant, and every modern conhind his counter and explain how to venience for the kind of food that compound a prescription of which made Old Mimosa famous. they were really ignorant, have over-Driveways are being graded, shrubstepped the same line of etiquette in bery trimmed, and the beautiful this shop. Just WHY a person who srounds made presentable. Uncle would think ten times before step- Bill expects to open by - December ping behind the wicket of a bank and first, and old friends are already give orders to the cashier would feel booking winter reservations.

Service to Our Advertisers and Custom-

and Uncle Bill had many opportun-Primarily, it means SERVICE, that ities to sell the property to others. decorates but always held on.

sa," said Uncle Bill with a shake of his head-"Mimosa is gone." Bit as the years passed Uncle Bill missed the gay gathering which had made Mimosa famous. Friends urged him to rebuild. The site is one of the finest in the "Land of the Sky"

unable to unravel inty more no- because we felt there was a need for our efforts, and that the effort to particular seauplands have boost and build would be appreciatghost. We ed-and because we couldn't bear to ginning to preceeded us altogether wasted. saw corn fields. They like over other newspaper, facilities the remodeling of the acres that man worthy of the name, gave to the Stearns High School stands out as a propitious Polk County News the best that was shining example. redit to more along and not in them. Some gave little, others modern much-because all men are not alike, buildings in the western part of the fresh with all men have not had the same train-

evi- ing, all have not the same ability. \$25,000 on extensions and improve-The mules |But little or much they gave the best ments. Two brick wings 42X90 are gamboled in they had?

be. You have been familiar with the system is being installed. NEWS for thirty years, perhaps. It grasses the labor which goes into it. Yet, additional class rooms. The old auevealf those who wouldn't you?

Polk County is growing. Every the home economics class, and lithat town in it is growing. Development has is just beginning in a big way. Ten ucation years from now you'll wonder why bus will have the largest school you didn't see the big boom coming. building in the county and one of the which tanding. Today I talked to a man who sold a best equipped in the state. piece of property come years ago for long the nt remindmany in \$65,000. Last year the land where building operations being incomplete,

weness and worth approximately \$50 an acre. mbine to Today a lot 50X150 feet brings ap-County proximately \$1000.

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of possibly 100.000. Today it has

North Carolina is forging ahead.

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The Blue Ridge section will eventu-

ground for America. Polk County

paper published in the county has a

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of further expansion. o old, and th r with rowth and

lated Schools al Season Monday September Seventh

Tryon Grad-. morning accord-Schilletter. students

has a BIG opportunity. Every town in the county can help the forward n Graded movement. Every individual can in is as help and the NEWS being the only

d. Science h Latin

tructors Increase Efficiency of Columbus School

As an indication of the educationfarms, see the pioneer work of those who al advancement of Polk County and the increased efficiency of its school

> Originally one of the finest school state, the county is spending some being added, both two story in height

Familiarity breeds contempt, may- and a modern plumbing and heating

One of these wings will house the comes to you as a matter of course. auditorium with a seating capacity of You read it and give no thought to 600 and the other will be used as candidly, you'd hate to go without it ditorium in the main building is being divided into rooms to accommodate

> brary. When the work is finished Colum-

School in Columbus is scheduled to \$3500. Only yesterday it brought begin September 8, but owing to Lake Lanier development stands was there will probably be a delay of a week or ten days.

Prof. E. W. S. Cobb, states that the faculty for Columbus will consist

Trade Street frontage in Tryon to- of N. L. Wessineger, an A. M. from day is worth about \$200 per front South Carolina University, as princifoot. Some years ago you could pal, Mrs. N. L. Wessineger, English Cities Threaten Secession have bought a pretty big chunk of and History, Miss Katherine Richardthe town for that. And yet we son Latin and French, Miss Katherine have people in the community who McChesney, 7th grade, Miss Nellie can't and won't see any possibilities Jackson, 5th and 6th grades, Mrs. J. A. Feagan, 3rd and 4th Grades, Miss

Twenty years ago we were solemn- Eula Russell 2nd grade, Mrs. J. W. ly warned that the bottom had fal- Jack 1st grade, Miss Winifred Bodie, len out of the Southern California Music, Miss Helen Maywood, Home boom. Los Angeles was then a city Economics.

Prof. Cobb states that every teachover a million population and its still er employed in Columbus have probooming. We heard the same thing fessional certificates, and high ratabout Florida ten years ago. Last ings as competent instructors, and $y \in a_r$ SEVEN MILLION lots were of that he feels sure the coming year fered for sale, and most of them will be one of the best in the history of the school.

Greens Creek School will open on September 14, Saluda School, Sept. 14, and Mill Spring, Sept. 31, while the Tryon School session begins on September 7th.

Boarding Houses Expand

Two splendid new family boarding ting up separate commonwealths houses, commodious in appointment will soon be ready for the fall season.

Thirty years from now, the loaders out a transformed by handsome threatens to call out a militia to burg, Miss Merle Rogers of Greer, S a manufacturing plant, and it must lawyer of Rutherfordton, a writer and of the NEWS, will look back at our will present a decided'y handsome threatens to call out a militia to burg, Miss Merle Rogers of Greer, S a manufacturing plant, and it must lawyer of Rutherfordton, a writer and of the NEWS, will look back at our will present a decided of ability, with that wonder-files-good as we think they are- appearance, as will the one being re- stop crime that appears to him to C., Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Howington operate on an efficiency basis or go speaker of ability, with that wonderand wonder how Polk County manag- modeled by Mrs. Elizabeth Pue Wil- have become too big a problem for and Mr. Wisegarber, Mrs. J. W. Johned to get along with so little adver- liams, also on Melrose Avenue. Mrs. for the city. We are proud of our son and Miss Eloise Wall who spent

Prosp_rous Farmars

Where a Market Exists make

Prosperity to Rural

Road System Spells

North Carolina farmers and tourists now enjoy 235 miles more of Federal-aid highways than they did a year ago, according to reports from the Highway Commission. This mileage, completed in the year ending June 30, cost a total of \$8,446,717, of which the federal government furnished \$3.069,696. Highway construction under this plan now under way in the state totals 217 miles, while the total mileage completed previous to last year was 884 miles.

This additional mileage, while a convenience to the tourist in the state, is a godsend to the farmer. as it is estimated that each and every farmer in this section of the country averages 19 tons of farm products hauled to market and 8 tons of feed, fuel fertilizer; machinery, supplies, etc., from town. When good roads make trucks feasible this is not very burdensome, but it represents a good many hours' lobor where horses and poor roads must be used And so while the tourist finds inter-city roads mighty comfortable to the farmer a good serviceable road from his

The expansion of hard road systems both in this and other states in recent years has given the farmer an added inducement for going into business for himself. That he has not been slow to take advantage or the opportunity is testified in the increasing number of roadside markets on the more frequented highways. Figures show that each of these markets takes in fifteen to thirty dollars up to several hundred dohars a day, varying with the locality, the preponderance of buyers being tourists driving through the vicinity. Some of these are nothing more than stands of simple board construction while the more pretentious are housed in buildings which may be locked after the day's or the season's business. The most successful of the markets are so placed as to have convenient parking facilities where prospective buyers may

Week E.d Visitors at Battlaship,

The Battleship Inn had as guests last week end, Mr. and Mrs. Robert just because the city politician do Smith and family, Miss Jaunita Bailnot agree, or because a governor ey, Miss Inez Humphries of Spartan-

that he was committing no breach by And Uncle Bill sits at his desk doing virtually the same thing here, smoking a thick black cigar, watching is something that has puzzled our en- the busy carpenters, plumbers, and painters with a smile of satisfaction

We employ an expert linotype op- on his cheery face. "Glad to get back in the game?"erator who is paid for the work turned out, and not to entertain vis- Uncie Bill smiled at the question and itors who brave the dead line in op- waved a noncommital hand in the diposition to all rules of business eti- rection of the far away ridges of Old Hog Back, "Don't the mountains look

Our printers are paid to set up the p.etty from here?"

work that is given them, from shop Glad? Sure he's glad. And New orders turned in at the front office Mimosa we venture to say will prove and not to listen to the wrangle of just as popular as the famed resort some customer who thinks he can do notel that helped put Tryon and Polk a better job than a printer with county on the map as a tourist center.

The grounds where such well who supposedly stand for all that cul-1 inown characters as Wade Hampton, sidney Lanier, William Dean Howels, ohn Burroughs, William, Gillette, Richard H. Edmonds and other figres of national importance in the elds of art, literature, and science, oregathered in the old days, will nce more become the Mecca of pilrims from the far corners of the arth, and Mimosa will ring again with the happy laughter of bright yed girls and gallant youth.

> And in the midst of the gayety, Incle Bill will find happiness and ontentment, forgetting perhaps Old dimosa and its past glories in servng those new friends he is so sure to make.

listoric Romance of Polk and Rutherford By Judge D. F. Morrow

The News will next week run the nitial chapter of one of the most inique histories ever penhed, and visitors call and we will endeavor to which, by its local interest, should make them welcome-in the front be read by every man, woman and office. News items are appreciated, child in Polk County. Each succesbusiness is appreciated-but the cost sive chapter should be clipped, or of operating the NEWS plant is the paper filed away for future referapproximately seven dollars an hour ence.

and we can't afford to stop the This is the History of Polk and wheels to entertain any body at any Rutherford Counties compiled by time. That's business, too. We run Judge D. F. Morrow, well known

And so FOR BETTER SERVICE to characters and localities stand clear

Chicago is threatening to secede from Illinois and set up her own state government. Baltimore, too, it is said, feels herself growing out of sympathy with Maryland. New York City has long had a grievance

AUTOCASTER Enzabeth Ryan, of London, English champion threatens the national crown worn by our youthful Helen Wills. Miss Ryan, formerly lived in tarm to the nearest market is a

California. She defeated Miss Wills downright necessity in special play last week in straight sets-6-2; 6-0. Both are now worging

up toward the annual tourney.

From States - But Tail Can't Wag the Dog

Baltimore, Chicago and New York Wan to Establish Separate States but Congress can't See Their Play

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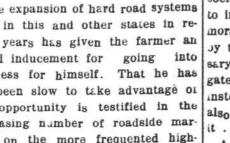
The talk of seccession is all nonsense, of course. We have so many states now that our national government is unwieldy, and it is childish to talk about witholding taxes and set-

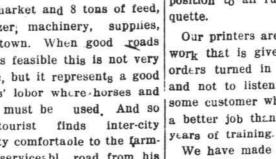
and other large centers are taking advantage of the present crime-wave agitation to explain their troubles.

should be of good quality yet moder-

ately priced and attractively display-

examine the articles of goods, which





We have made enemies of a few i ture and graceful manners mean in social life, because we were forced

tire force.

to insist that they refrain from demoralizing the entire printing force Jy their wilfally ignoring this necessary sign, deliberately passing th. gate, and making personal demands instead of consulting the editor who also has years of training to his cred As before stated, this sign stand.

or SERVICE. Service to the ma

jority of our friends who know that

by giving their order in at the office

it will be taken care of promptly a.

possible, and be much better in al-

pearance under the skilled fingers o.

our employees than if they themse.

We have tried patience-have tried

to be polite in this matter; but pa-

tience is long-suffering, and we will

have to answer crudeness with crude-

ness. True there are many printing

plants in this section, but we have

never yet seen one where such liber-

cies could be taken and "got by with."

We are always pleased to have

ves took a hand in the job.

