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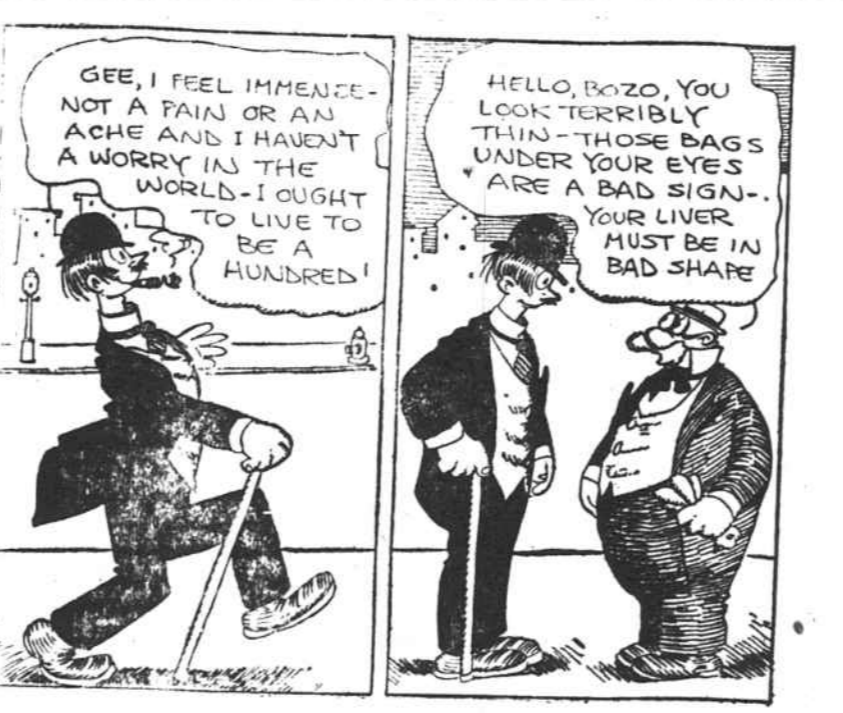
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TRYON BUSINESS MEN IN A CAMPAIGN TO FINANCE NEW AND MODERN TRYON-SHELTON

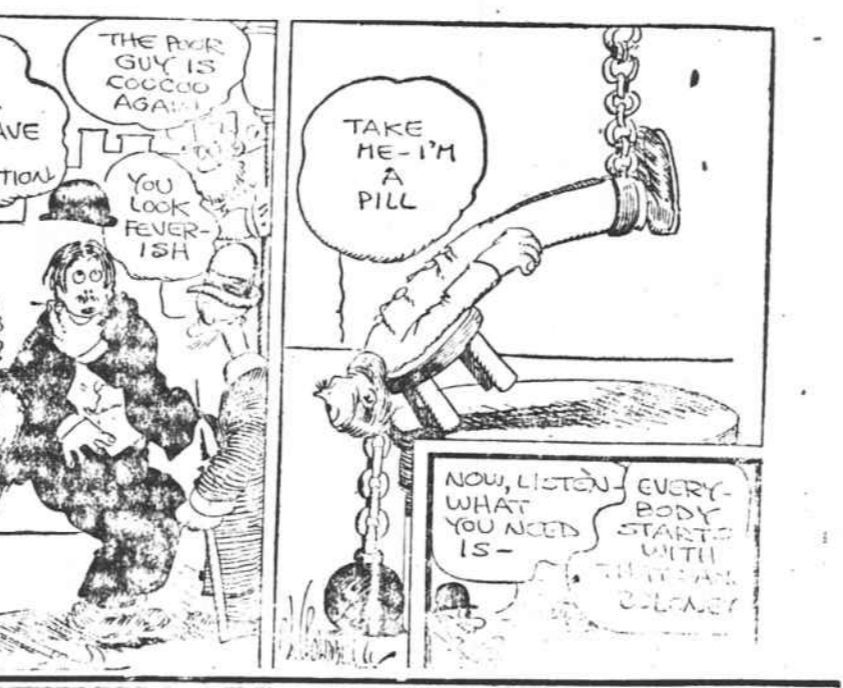
Important Committees Formed of Leaders in City Life Now At Work--Commendatory Letters From Messrs. G. H. Holmes and J. B. Hester, Bankers.

It is determining how its immediate growth... Having decided to modern hotel, and having one of the great hotel opportunities to take the mantle on terms that are most advantageous... Mr. J. B. Hester, cashier of the Bank of Tryon, who for nearly a quarter of a century has been a Tryon optimist, has sent to many of his business friends a personal letter in which he expresses complete confidence in the financial success of the proposed hotel--a success from every viewpoint. Mr. Hester's letter reads: Tryon, N. C., Nov. 20, 1925. The need of a first-class hotel in Tryon is very great. The present movement for a true "Shelton Hotel" operated by the Continental Hotels Company, of New York, which is being fostered by the business men of this community, will meet the need. The tentative plans call for the construction of a hundred-room unit, modern in every detail and very attractive in appearance. The fulfillment of this plan, which means so much to Tryon, depends on the co-operation given by Tryon citizens. As a prospective investor, I have gone into this project thoroughly. The Tryon-Shelton Hotel Company is being incorporated under the laws of South Carolina, which exempts the securities from state taxes. Cumulative 7 per cent preferred stock, par value \$100, and common stock, par value \$100, will be issued in equal amounts. Stock will be offered in units of two shares of preferred and one share of common, the three for \$200. One-half of the common stock will be held in trust by the Continental Hotels Company during the life of its lease. Under the leasing agreement the Continental Company must meet all fixed charges, including interest on bonded indebtedness and dividends on preferred stock before it can share in the profits. After the fixed charges are paid the net profits are divided equally among the holders of the common stock, which should make this security pay handsome dividends. I expect to invest heavily in these securities, and I do not hesitate to recommend them as safe and conservative. Very truly yours, J. B. HESTER. Here are the records of a few community-built hotels showing the interest paid on common stock: The Onondaga, Syracuse, N. Y., 13 years, average 18 per cent. The Ten Eyck, Albany, N. Y., 12 years, average 22 per cent. The Portage, Akron, Ohio, 8 years, average 31 per cent. The Bancroft, Worcester, Mass., 5 years, average 9 1/2 per cent. The Robert Treat, Newark, N. J., 6 years, average 20 per cent. The Seneca, Rochester, N. Y., 4 years, average 10 1/2 per cent. The King Edward, Toronto, Ont., 4 years, 8 1/2 per cent. The Penn Harris, Harrisburg, Pa., 5 years, average 30 per cent. The Utica, Utica, N. Y., 4 years, average 12 1/2 per cent. The King Edward Annex, Toronto, Ont., 2 years, average 10 per cent. The Royal Connaught, Hamilton, Ont., 1 year, average 15 per cent. The Lawrence, Erie, Pa., 1 year, average 10 per cent. When dividends are paid on common stock it means the interest has been paid on preferred. In Tryon the preferred will bear 7 per cent interest. MAYOR GREEN, EN TOUR. Addresses Lenoir, N. C., Chamber of Commerce, Featuring Tryon. Mayor Green has returned from Lenoir, N. C., where he delivered an address before the Chamber of Commerce last Monday night. He told them of the wonderful growth of Tryon and the surrounding country, and of the remarkable real estate activity here. The meeting was attended by about fifty of the most prominent business men of Tryon. The mayor was given a hearty welcome and had the pleasure of making a general inspection of the city, being shown through most of the large manufacturing plants. He says that the people are intensely interested in Tryon and the phenomenal growth here. Trade Street Being Widened. Blasting, digging and grading in the work of widening Trade street, the main business thoroughfare of the city, is rapidly progressing. This improvement has been needed for some time to meet the conditions caused by heavier traffic which has been noted in Tryon for a long while. This marks a great step forward, and will be taking care of a long-felt need. Not only will it be of great service to traffic, but it will add considerable to the appearance of our city which is growing by leaps and bounds. Whose Country Club is it? It's the town's. Mr. Frank Fanning of Asheville, N. C., was in Tryon Tuesday. Invest in Tryon's new hotel.

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P. T. A. BIRTHDAY PARTY. The birthday party, given as a benefit affair by the Parent-Teacher Association on Tuesday evening, was a delightful success. The organization has been five years in existence. A large number of the patrons of the school and others were in attendance. The offering at the door amounted to about fifty dollars. A beautifully decorated birthday cake, prepared by the chairman of the social committee, was placed on a table and surrounded with pink candles numbering the age of the association. A program was read by some of the school children. Miss Rachel Jackson gave a sweet vocal selection and received well-deserved applause. Then some of the third-grade children charmed the audience with a graceful minute, accompanied by Mrs. Jones at the piano. Following the dance, Miss Betty Doubleday rendered a humorous reading which brought forth peals of laughter from her audience. At the conclusion of the program Professor Shilleter announced that refreshments would be served by the ladies in charge, and this social hour was greatly enjoyed.

The Drama Fortnightly. The next play to be read by the Drama Fortnightly will be "The Romantic Age," by A. A. Milne. This will be in charge of Dr. Marion Palmer. The date of the production will be Thursday, December 10th, at the Parish House. The reading of "The Passing of the Third Floor Back" was a marked artistic success and developed some hitherto untried talent. A number of persons renewed their membership, thus cementing their relation with this popular organization. Everyone is expected to listen to these readings, and the membership for the whole season (of ten) is only one dollar per person. Mrs. Geo. A. Smith Passes Away. Mrs. Geo. A. Smith, wife of the late Geo. A. Smith, died about two weeks ago in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Smith came to Tryon in 1882 and was one of the most beloved residents of this section. Funeral services were held in Washington and interment in Tryon. Surviving Mrs. Smith are three daughters--Mrs. Annie Smith, Mrs. Whitwell Beatson, and Miss Mable Smith of Washington, D. C.--Mrs. O. W. Nettles and Miss Sible Smith of Denver, Col.

A Real Treat for All. The pupils of Pine Crest school and Mrs. Hebert's dancing school are to give a famous Fair play December 19 at 4 o'clock in the Parish House. The proceeds from the play are to go toward the care of a mountain child supported by the children of Pine Crest school. The play to be presented was written by W. Graham Robinson. For two years Sir Hubert Tue presented this play at His Majesty's theatre in London. Mrs. Hebert played the part of Pinky during the play's run in England and on the continent. Tryon people are to have the pleasure of seeing Mrs. Hebert in the part of Pinky. About fifty children will appear in the play. Rutherfordton Real Estate Sales. Rutherfordton is enjoying a real estate boom as well as our village. Last week several pieces of property in that city sold for very high prices. One store property, 42x127, selling for \$50,000, while several smaller and less desirable pieces sold as high as \$9,000. Lake Lure has been greatly responsible for these real estate transfers. No Water Shortage. An erroneous report of a water shortage has been circulated about the city. The water was cut off only for a short while, in order to make some necessary repairs to the mains. The water supply of Tryon is in fine shape and amply adequate to take care of our requirements. Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Victor have returned from their wedding trip and are at Lake Lanier for the winter in the White cottage. Mr. and Mrs. Victor are from Kentucky. He is sales director of the Lake Lanier property here. Mr. Frank H. Anderson of New York City, president of the Continental Hotels Company, is here on business. Mr. Anderson will be in the city for a few days, and expects to have his family here January 1st to spend the winter months. Dr. Harry Heintsch, sr., and Dr. Harry Heintsch, jr., of Spartanburg were in Tryon Sunday on the golf links. They are regular visitors here, and have always displayed keen interest in Tryon. Miss Louise Porcher of Charleston, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Holmes, is spending the winter with Mrs. Brewer on Melrose avenue. Mrs. Elizabeth H. Clark of Newbern, N. C., spent the ray at Lake Lanier on Tuesday. Tryon is a tourist town. Why? Because we have the Country Club.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES. Items Interesting to Both Parents and Pupils.

The Tryon high school has a very enthusiastic senior class this year. They are willing and ready at all times to co-operate with the school authorities and offer many suggestions for improvements in the school. Senior Class Roll--William Burnett, Julia Averill, Elizabeth Doubleday, president; Edward Hardy, Caroline Jervey, vice president; Mary Lockhart, Harry Morgan, Dan Rion, Mary Swann, Priscilla Scriver, secretary, treasurer. Miss Doubleday, who is a charming member of the senior class, was unanimously elected president of the class. Miss Doubleday is certainly doing her part to lead the class to a higher and better plane. The senior class received their rings last week and they certainly look fine. This ring will probably be adopted as the school ring in the future. Athletics: The Tryon boys and girls are just getting warmed up good in athletics this year. The school gives fifteen minutes each day for supervised play. This time is devoted to playing games of various kinds. We have the following teams organized at present: Boys' basketball, Girls' basketball, Two indoor baseball teams for boys, Two indoor baseball teams for girls. Our basketball teams have played several other schools during the season. So far most games have ended in a victory for the other side. However, we have played in each game. With the spirit displayed we will certainly come out on top before the season is over. Report of last game, played at Landrum: Landrum, 21; Tryon, 17. Hall, 3; R. F. Morgan, 12. Christopher, 6; L. F. Nessmith, 3. Lee, 8; C. Jackson, 1. Bishop, 4; R. G. Fuldner, 1. Shields, --; L. G. Newman, 1. Panther substituted for Newman during second half. Referee--Lambright. Betty Doubleday was elected captain of the girls' basketball team. Caga Jackson is captain of the boys' team, and Harry Morgan manager. November information for patrons: Teacher's Name. Mrs. C. W. Kittrell, 1 49 41.7 Mrs. Gladis Gibbs, Adv. 1 30 25.3 Mrs. Richard Watson, 2 37 35.7 Mrs. Allen Jervey, 3 46 45.1 Miss Thelma Mills 3 and 4 31 28.6 Miss Pearl Kernan, 4 37 36.0 Miss Lucy Jackson, 5 33 30.8 Miss Lea Monday, 6 24 23.1 Mrs. Lois Preston, 7 27 25.8 Miss Olivia Adams, 8 28 25.9 Miss Lida Sprott, 9 14 13.9 Miss Lida Sprott, 10 10 9.8 Pres. Senior Class, 11 10 9.4

TRYON BEAUTIFICATION A "Hoosier" Artist Expounds Ideas of Appealing Nature to All of Civic Pride

By Chas. T. Cobb. A very interesting lecture was given at the Lanier Library on Monday night by Mr. Lawrence V. Sheridan, landscape architect of Indianapolis, Ind., who has charge of the beautification of the Rixhaven estate on Tryon mountain. Mr. Sheridan is a graduate of Purdue and Harvard colleges, and has won international recognition in landscape architectural work. He is noted as one of the best engineers of his profession, and his work takes him to all parts of the country. He spoke Monday night briefly on city planning and park development in Florida, Indiana, Illinois and North Carolina. The lecture was very interesting to those so fortunate as to be present to hear him as to the future beautification of our little city in the heart of an "unspoiled paradise," as Tryon is today. But the Tryon of the future will be even greater, with her wondrous scenic highways, parks, lakes and other attractions such as Hog Back mountain, Rixhaven, Lake Lanier, Gillette estates and Blue Ridge Country Club developments--all under way and nearing completion. Mr. Sheridan stressed, among other things, a wide thoroughfare or boulevard through Tryon in the immediate future--needed to take care of the congested traffic of tourists who are coming every year in ever increasing numbers to Tryon. He advocated several parks for public use--located in different parts of town, wider roads, and in the business district of more modern buildings of the English type, so as to present a more pleasing note and exclusive style instead of the old stereotyped sameness of the present. Mr. Sheridan is very enthusiastic over Tryon on the occasion of his third trip here. We hope he will come to winter with us every year, and become active in landscape gardening in Tryon and the surrounding territory, as the field here is a large one and just such a man as Mr. Sheridan is needed at the helm to assist our resident engineer, Mr. A. A. Merrick, in his landscape beautification of Tryon estates. These two able and far-sighted men, co-operating, can put Tryon where she belongs--in the front rank of the world of landscape architectural beauty, so that Tryon visitors would take away with them the impression of the grandeur of our environment, never to be forgotten, and create the desire to come and live here year round in our "unspoiled paradise"--Tryon. Rapidly Growing Columbus. Sireyevors and workmen will immediately start work on the 40-acre subdivision that Blanton & Greene have charge of. This work will be pushed as rapidly as possible so as to accommodate outsiders wanting to move to this fast-growing mountain city homes. Last week's sales by Blanton & Greene were as follows: Two desirable business lots to an Asheville investor for the erection of two business houses at an early date; one of the most desirable business lots in Columbus to Mr. Gaines of Tryon. A modern drug store building will be begun at once; one desirable business lot to Mr. A. M. Lander, on which to erect an electrical supply house. Work to begin at once. The new cotton mill is progressing rapidly and it seems that real estate is on a boom in this section. Tryonites Have Narrow Escape. Waverly Hester, B. L. Ballenger, and W. F. Little had an exceedingly narrow escape from a serious accident last Thursday evening. They were returning from a day spent with friends in South Carolina, when they struck an unexpectedly slippery piece of road below Greenville. The automobile, which Mr. Hester was driving skidded, and before he could regain control it had left the road, gone over the side of the hill and rolled about fifty feet. Fortunately the car was brought to a stop just before it came to the brink of a drop of fully thirty feet. No one in the party was hurt and the car, dragged back on the road next morning, was found to be without damage beyond a few scratches. Tryon Literary Society. The Tryon Literary Society meets every other Friday from 2:15 to 3:00 p. m. Only good programs are given at these meetings, and the public is always cordially invited to attend. The following officers have charge at arm work: Elizabeth Doubleday, president; Dan Rion, secretary and treasurer; John Fuldner, vice president; Julia Averill, senior critic; Ruth Eva, junior critic. Gifted Minister Here Sunday Next. Rev. T. M. Lounsbury, D. D., of Memphis, Tenn., will preach in the Columbus Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock next Sunday morning at the Methodist church, Tryon, at 7:30 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all our citizens to hear this gifted minister. The ladies of the Auxiliary of the Tryon Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. A. L. Berry on Friday, December 11th, for the purpose of organizing a Bible study class. Mrs. Berry, who is an experienced Bible teacher, will conduct the class. All are cordially invited to attend. The friends of Mrs. Godshaw will be grieved to hear that she broke her ankle on Thanksgiving Day.

NEW STRAND THEATRE

Soon to Open--Will Feature Pictures, Vaudeville and Road Shows. The new and handsome Strand Theatre will be ready on or about January 1st. This amusement and entertainment resort will have a seating capacity of 350 people with four boxes and a stage nearly as large as the Montgomery Theatre in Spartanburg. It will be the first theatre in the state equipped with barrel-back seats made by the American Seating Company, and is the newest convenience in seating comfort. The new building will be modern in every detail, the new Powers projecting machines throwing a picture as steady as if it were painted on the screen, and the same high-class pictures will be shown as heretofore. The management also states that a number of high-class stage productions will appear here. One worthy of special mention in advance with a cast of 65 people--one of the season's biggest New York hits. If these plays are properly supported, more high-class attractions will be booked for next season. The new play house will be under the personal supervision of Mr. E. W. Early, which insures the theatre goes of only high-class productions. The famous Seeburg celesta pipe organ will furnish music for this new Strand. Ventilation will be of the latest type, insuring a steady supply of fresh air without objectionable drafts. It will truly be a play house that all of Tryon and Polk county will be proud of. Tryon Route No. 1. Mr. F. B. Edwards and little niece, Leola Robinson, spent a few pleasant days at the home of W. B. Edwards last week. Misses Clara, Essil Edwards and Messrs. Theo., Hugh and Walter Edwards motored to Weaverville Thanksgiving and spent the day with Annie Edwards, who is in college there. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hague and family, Essie Edwards, Nannie Sue Arledge and Ina Carpenter were the happy guest at W. B. Edwards' home Sunday afternoon. Mrs. N. B. Jackson and mother-in-law, better known as Grandma, has been very ill for the last month. Hope they will be well again soon. Mr. J. D. Carpenter is gone on a business trip to Tennessee this week. It's Time to Act. Tryon had its first accident last week when the little Averill girl while skating in the street down Godshaw Hill ran into Mrs. Denison who was driving her car up the hill. The presence of mind and careful driving were the only things which saved Miss Averill's life. Mrs. Denison applied the brakes and brought her car to a halt, but the child was coming so fast that she could not stop and smashed into the car. The child was taken to the hospital where X-rays were taken, but no bones were found broken, although she was badly scratched and bruised. It's time for the town to act. Do we need to kill a child before some action will be taken to stop this playing in the streets. Mr. Frost Will Speak. Mr. Frost, recently returned from interesting international councils in Europe, will address the Lanier club December 3rd at 3:30 p. m. on the new peace activities of the world. Mr. Frost pays the Lanier club the compliment of giving his first address in his home community to it. The men as well as the women are invited to be present on this significant occasion. Mrs. T. J. Kennedy spent Thursday in Spartanburg attending the annual convention of the South Carolina Daughters of the Confederacy in session there this week. Mrs. Ritchie has taken the Grady cottage and moved in on the first of the month.

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