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CONTRACTORS FOR PAVING ON SPARTANBURG-HENDERSONVILLE HIGHWAY WILL BE LET JAN. 11

The surfaced highway from Hendersonville to Spartanburg, with the length of eight or nine miles of highway in Polk county, which will be surfaced soon, is a fact when the county and state highway engineers meeting recently, agreed to work at once.

The highway project will be delayed for a short time while engineers are rerouting a part of the road.

Both highways will be hard-surfaced with concrete. When both projects are completed there will be eight or nine miles between Tryon and Saluda unpaved on the Spartanburg road and about 21 miles from Travelers Rest and the North Carolina line unpaved on the Greenville road.

It is also expected that the Polk county authorities will immediately work in conjunction with the state highway commission to formulate plans to pave the road from the Polk county line to Tryon, which would allow the motorist to have a hard-surface highway from Spartanburg to Hendersonville.

UPHOLD INDICTMENT AGAINST ALBERT FALL

Washington, Dec. 24.—The district court of appeals upheld the criminal indictment against the Doheny, father and son, and Albert B. Fall, which were quashed by a lower court.

The effect of the decision will make it possible for the government to prosecute the accused on the direct charge of giving and taking a bribe, specifically involving the \$100,000 in cash that Doheny, Jr., took to Fall in the famous little black satchel. The government claims this money was connected with the oil lease that Fall, as secretary of the Interior, assigned to an oil company controlled by Doheny, Sr.

If the district court of appeals had decided against the government, the indictments would have been outlawed by the statute of limitations.

Obituary Notice.

The sympathy of the community is extended to the family of Mr. William E. Foster of Tryon, who died last Thursday from a week's illness of pneumonia at the city hospital at Morganton, N. C.

Mr. Foster was a faithful husband and father to his wife and children, who mourn his loss. He was the son of Squire David Foster, one of Polk county's pioneers and a deacon of the Baptist Church in Tryon.

Mr. Foster was at the time of his death just 45 years old, comparatively in the prime of his life. He was a good Christian and a faithful member of the Baptist Church.

Funeral services at his home were conducted by Dr. T. L. Justice, pastor of Tryon Baptist Church, and burial at Oak Lawn cemetery in Tryon.

Lanier Club Reception.

The ladies of the Lanier Club of Tryon held their annual New Year's reception on New Year's day at Lanier Library, with many new and old club members and visitors in attendance. Music consisting of violin, piano and vocal solos and duets were rendered in their usual high class manner. After the musical program, delightful refreshments were served to all present. This program marked the thirty-first anniversary of the organization of the club.

LOOKING BACK AT 1925

By A. B. CHAPIN

YEAR 1925 A BANNER YEAR FOR TRYON REAL ESTATE DEALS LARGEST IN HISTORY

The year 1925 proved to be the most successful year Tryon has witnessed. Every line of business reports heavy increases, with prospects for 1926 expected to even reach a higher peak.

The success of the subdivisions in the realty field here has been wonderful. Sales have been reported unusually large, and while most of them were made to local people and nearby towns, numerous ones were made to purchasers in many different sections of the United States.

The local merchants here are happy over the fact that they had such substantial increases over 1924. The trend towards shopping at home seems to have taken a strong hold. Stocks as a rule here were much heavier than previous years, due to the fast increasing population of Tryon. More workmen have been employed here than in any of the years previous, and consequently the trade of the local stores has steadily increased.

Many improvements for 1926 are contemplated by the city's government. Details of these projects are unavailable at this time, but it is learned from authoritative sources that improvements on a large scale are in store for Tryon, if conditions of municipal funds will warrant it. Trade street is already being widened to take care of the ever-increasing traffic in Tryon, which will still

be far greater in the coming spring. Banks Report Increase in Deposits, Many New Accounts, and Clearings Larger Than in Years.

Tryon banks report a wonderful gain over 1924, both in clearings and deposits. Numbers of new accounts have been opened, and all of the officials are even more enthusiastic over the prospect for a larger business during the coming year. With much county construction work in sight, thousands of dollars worth of building planned throughout the entire county, Tryon and Polk County will enjoy a prosperity wave never before witnessed in this whole mountain region. Rumors of the big things that are taking form will amaze this community. By the coming spring, predictions are that more building will be going on here than in several years of previous construction. So many requests from out-of-town investors continue to pour in to the local realtors for both business and residential property, and numerous inquiries for homes to rent. Another increase of important mention is the gains reported by the local postoffice department, which is a sure sign of real prosperity.

Arkansas Boy Wins 1st Prize in National Drawing Contest



Dan Glass, age 15, of Harrison, Ark., is the winner of first prize in the nation-wide drawing contest of "Old Pop" in McCullough's "Folks in Our Town" comic strip which this paper conducted, with other newspapers. 3,120 drawings were entered by boys, 8 to 16, in all parts of the country. For the other 24 winners see McCullough's comic strip in this edition.

MISSILINE FORCE GIVEN BANQUET AT MIMOSA

Dr. E. H. Missidine, proprietor of Missidine's Pharmacy, entertained his force and office force and some of their friends with a banquet at the Mimosa on New Year's eve. After a bountiful dinner the guests were delightfully entertained until the arrival of the New Year. Mimosa's splendid staff accommodating hosts, Messrs. Stearns and Graham, added much to the enjoyment of the party. The guests were congratulated on having the perfect resort hotel once more a drawing card for this community.

Price's New Store to be Ready by March 1st

Will Be Model Furniture Store of This Section More Floor Space Than Any Furniture Store in the County.

Work is being rushed forward on the new building on Trade street owned by W. Y. Wilkins. The building will be occupied by C. T. Price's furniture store. Mr. Price plans to have the new store ready for the public by March 1st. A complete line of up-to-date furniture, carpets and drapes in fact, everything usually found in a real city store. It is

planned to have an opening when the new store is opened. Details of these plans will be announced at a later date. Mr. Price recently opened a new furniture store here, but the business expanded at such a rapid rate that new quarters had to be secured in order to carry larger stocks and the increasing business.

YOUNG BOB LAFOLLETTE DEFIES POLITICAL BOSSES

Washington, Dec. 24. — "Young Bob" LaFollette, senator from Wisconsin, defied standpatism and machine politicians at a dinner in his honor given by Labor, official newspaper of the sixteen railroad trade unions and brotherhoods.

Senator LaFollette left no doubt as to where he stands on the issues being urged by the progressive elements in the political parties of this country. He gave notice that threats, propaganda and loss of federal patronage will not change his course.

"I will not yield an inch in the fight for the principles of my father," he said. "We are enlisted for life in the struggle to bring government back to the people. We will not quit and we will not compromise. Our task is great, but our cause is greater."

Senator LaFollette had previously made public a letter he forwarded to Senator Watson, chairman of the senate committee on committees, in which the Wisconsin senator gave notice that if he is appointed on any committee as a republican it must be with the understanding that he will not change his announced policy or abandon any principle urged by his father.

The dinner was attended by members of congress and trade unionists. Edward Keating, editor of Labor, and former congressman from Colorado, was toastmaster. The speakers, in the order named, were: James P. Noonan, president Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; Senator Shipstead; Frank Morrison, secretary A. F. of L.; Edward P. Costigan, member United States tariff commission; Thomas F. Flaherty, secretary-treasurer National Federation of Postoffice Clerks; Senator McKellar, Senator Norris, Congressman Cooper, dean of the house, and Mrs. Burton K. Wheeler, wife of the senator from Montana.

Other members of congress present were: Senators Wheeler, Walsh, Dill and Howell; Congressmen Frear, Barkley, Schaefer, Schneider, Howard, La Guardia, Huddleston, Wefald, Beck, Lambert and Kvale.

Regrets were read from William Green, president of the A. F. of L. and several executives of international unions who were unable to be present. All extended their well

wishes to the guest of the evening for a long and honorable career.

A Hard Worker



Opal Code, from Fort Worth, Texas, has plowed her Bell County farm for four years, making a living for six members of her family. Now that her young brothers and sisters are provided for she is working her way thru Baylor College, serving as waitress.

THE EDGEWOOD INN OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The new Edgewood Inn, formerly known as Hotel Livingston, is now under new management and open for both tourist and commercial guests. The hostelry has been thoroughly renovated. Mrs. Roberta A. Dodenhoff of Charlotte, N. C., is the new lessee. An up-to-date dining service will be maintained, with special attention to tourists.

A large, new dining room, six new rooms, all with private baths, will be added immediately, and many other new improvements which will make it a modern hotel.

PARDON RECORD PROVES NOT VERY ENCOURAGING

Paucity of Examples of Intervention in McLean's Record Has Dampening Effect.

Those who are moving to have Governor McLean extend executive clemency to the 20 convicted members of the mob that stormed the county jail at Asheville last September will find little encouragement in the published record of the governor's pardoning for the past year.

Although there has been a great deal of talk about pardons, the records show that only eight have actually been granted by the governor, and when it is considered that there were 1,275 appeals for pardons made it does not look any too bright for the Asheville men. Governor McLean has signified on more than one occasion that he believes in letting the work of the courts stand unless it can be shown that there was an error committed through lack of information or otherwise.

However, those who are behind the effort are still very active and apparently are letting nothing stand in their way in bringing every possible pressure to bear for the release of these men.

The petitions asking that the men be pardoned are still being circulated and are known to bear thousands of names of citizens of the community. There is no doubt but there is considerable sentiment in favor of releasing these men, largely because they represent merely a pitiful handful from the hundreds who were at the jail on the night of the trouble.

There are others who stand in such horror of violence, however, that they apparently are willing for the court action to stand without tampering, and they have refused to sign the petitions. They, it must be added, are very much in the minority. The palpable injustice of making 20 men pay for the work of several hundred does not sit well with the average citizen, apparently.

Spartanburg Men Buy.

A 50-acre tract of land was purchased a few days ago here by Dr. Harry Heintz, Jr., and Mr. Howard McCrady. The tract is located about three miles from Mill Springs on the road to Lake Lure. The purchase was made purely for investment purposes. An old school building is located on

COLUMBUS COTTON MILLS NEARING COMPLETION

Work on the cotton mills at Columbus is moving forward rapidly. When in operation, this new industry will have a large pay roll which will mean much to not only Columbus, but the entire county. Large forces of workmen have been busily engaged to rush this work so as to be ready for business as soon as possible.

Real Estate Boom.

The prospect of a real estate boom in western North Carolina is receiving some attention by business men. The activity in Florida real estate is expected to slow down next spring, if it lasts that long, and it is possible that it will be followed by a boom in this state.

The splendid progress in North Carolina during the past decade, the construction of good highways, and the increased business and industrial activity undoubtedly furnish a substantial basis for increased real estate activity.

OVERNIGHT FEATURES

Grand jury at Oklahoma City summons 140 witnesses to testify in regard to murders of nearly 20 wealthy Osage Indians four years ago.

Flood situation becomes serious in England; Belgium and Holland suffer great damage; 1,000 perish in Transylvania.

United Palestine Appeal refuses 59 to 9 to accept resignation of Rabbi Wise as chairman, after criticism of his sermon praising Jesus.

Prince Carol at Milan denounces "damnable lies" and gives dinner for Mme. Lupezo, which is reported to have thrown bouquets and love letters into his automobile just before they became acquainted.

Mexican government executes six former American officers on charging of conspiring with former President Adolfo de la Huerta to revolt.

"Kid Mayor"



Washburn, Wis., has the youngest Mayor of any municipality in America. Paul Ungrodt was elected to reform the town when hardly more than a boy. Now, at the age of 23, he has made a great success of his administration, handling the city's affairs with rare judgment for one of so limited experience.

GEORGIA WILL PROBE TORTURE CHARGES

Atlanta, Dec. 24.—A special legislative committee will investigate alleged inhuman punishment of prisoners in certain Georgia convict camps. The majority of these camps are located in the northern part of the state. They have been severely criticized the past several months. A subcommittee of the house and senate has investigated the camps and reported that stocks, sweatboxes and other "extreme devices" are used. The camps will be investigated again.

FIRE BREAKS OUT IN CASH'S STORE

Fire of an unknown origin was discovered Christmas morning in Cash's Department Store. The stock was severely damaged, also the building. There was insurance on both stock and building. Quick work on the part of the local fire department saved the contents and structure from a total loss.

Freeze In Tryon Does Heavy Damage

Colest Weather In Years Recorded Here During Christmas Week.

The recent cold spell did severe damage in Tryon—frozen pipes, twisted boilers and many other damages being reported.

Plumbers state that it will be weeks yet before the damage can be repaired to its former state. Forces have had to work night and day in order that homes and business houses

could be returned to normal conditions.

Many outside workmen had to be called in to help repair the damage suffered by the recent freeze. Many of the older residents state that it was the fiercest cold snap that they had ever witnessed during all of their stay in Tryon.