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## Devereux Emmet Noted Golf Expert Inspecting Hogback Course

# MAINE COLONY TO FORM HERE

## LINKS ON HOGBACK TO BE READY SOON

Only Golf Course In Country With Such High Elevation Commanding Views Unsurpassed Anywhere.

Will Be Finished and Seeded In April

Devereux Emmet, the noted golf expert, has been in Tryon looking over the courses on Hog Back Mountain designed by him. He left Tuesday for Nassau to inspect an eight-hole golf course for the Bahama Country Club controlled by the Municipal Steamship Company. On this trip he will also inspect the large course on Rose Island, nine miles from Nassau, one at Schenectady for the General Electric Company, also at St. Laurens University at Waton, N. Y. for Mr. Owen B. Young, president of the General Electric Company.

The course on top of Hog Back Mountain, according to Mr. Emmet, is entirely new in this country. The fact that it is 3,200 feet elevation, commanding the wonderful view in every direction for a hundred miles clear days; makes it a golf course a class by itself. The soil is excellent, and the contour very suitable for golf course construction. This course will be finished and seeded in April and play can commence in the summer.

The construction of another course of eighteen holes in a neighboring valley will commence in the spring. These golf courses, together with the sport afforded by a lake which is being constructed, and together with a superbly beautiful bridge path for horseback riding leading in every direction through valleys where there are great mountain brooks and masses of rhododendron, laurel, holly and dogwood makes this Hog Back Mountain Club tract a sportsmen's Paradise.

It is proposed to stock the streams with rainbow trout and the lake with small mouth bass, and to protect quail, turkeys and other game by preventing forest fires and indiscriminate slaughter out of season.

Mr. Emmet expresses himself as being thoroughly sold on this section after having travelled all over the world. He was amazed at the natural beauty found on the mountains and in the valleys. When the courses are completed, Mr. Emmet plans to bring a large party of America's prominent golfers to open the course for its first tournament.

## MR. BARNES WORK SHOWN

About a hundred ladies and gentlemen viewed an exhibition of the paintings of Mr. Ernest Barnes, shown at the residence of Mrs. R. B. Peattie, last Thursday afternoon. Mr. Barnes is one of the several artists who have their winter studios in Tryon, and many of his paintings are owned here and elsewhere. He has exhibited at the leading galleries of the country and taken many honors wherever his work was seen.

Some of the canvases shown last week are the results of his labors in Connecticut last summer, but the majority represent his work here last Winter and Spring. There is a quiet charm about Mr. Barnes' painting that has its own appeal, and it is not difficult to see wherein his success is achieved. He certainly gets the spirit of our mountains in some of their subtlest moods.

Mrs. E. G. Holden with Mrs. Peattie received the ladies, and tea was served by Mrs. C. P. Rogers and Miss Holden.



North-Bound

The North Pole is the goal of Major Thomas G. Lanphier, who leads airplane expedition into the land of the midnight sun. The Detroit Aviation Society is sponsoring the flight which will begin at Barrow.

### Tryon Girls Play Fasnifern.

One of the best played basketball games of the season was played on Saturday, February 14th, when the Tryon girls played the Fasnifern girls at Hendersonville.

The Tryon girls won the game by a close score of 10 to 9. No substitutes were added. An unusual spirit of co-operation was demonstrated throughout the whole game.

The game being over, the girls of Tryon were treated with cakes, sandwiches and tea. This was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by all.

We hope that the team of the girls and boys will play many more successful games in the future.

## BIG LUMBER PLANT AT LANDRUM

One of the most modern and best equipped lumber plants in this section of the country is that of the Landrum Builders Supply Company in the suburbs of Tryon at Landrum, S. C. From a standpoint of variety of building material carried, quantity and quality, service offered, this plant is only surpassed by those in cities.

The plant consists of one large warehouse, storing sash, doors, composition shingles, building paper, composition roofing, sheet rock, wall board, lime, cement, plaster, finishing lime, mortar color and various other commodities that go to make up a complete building material line. There are four lumber sheds, storing various grades of finished lumber and mouldings. There is also a wood-working shop fully equipped to handle practically any kind of mill-work.

This plant started operation a little over eighteen months ago, with five regular employees and one delivery truck; today they employ fifteen regular employees, and are operating five delivery trucks, thus assuring their patrons that they are amply able to take care of their needs in the building material line.

L. W. Moore, who is in charge, is vice president of the company, also holds the same position with the Inman Builders Supply Company, both companies being under the same management. Mr. Moore is an ardent supporter of any progressive step taken in this territory and believes that the future holds great things in store for this section of the country.

### Tryon Boys Beat Columbus.

After a hard fought game we are glad to hear that Tryon emerged the victors by a score of 20 to 12 in a game with Columbus School on Monday, the 15th.

## Winters In The Pine Tree State Extremely Severe

### Brevard Boy Winner of A Radio Prize

Hillard Booth, Brevard, N. C., literally "picked money out of the air" when he tuned in on WLS Wednesday, February 17, and heard himself announced as the winner of the \$300 cash prize offered by WLS, the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation station, and the Drama League of America in a nation wide radio drama contest.

Mr. Booth's play, entitled "Back Stage," was awarded second place out of more than five hundred entries, the choice being made by George Arliss, now playing "Old English" in Chicago, James O'Donnell, Bennett of the Chicago Tribune, for many years a dramatic critic, and Stuart Walker of New York, eminent actor and playwright. The play will be "staged" over WLS within the next few weeks.

The first prize of \$500 and the Hoover Trophy cup was awarded to Levi Chambers Ballou of Buffalo, N. Y., and the winning play, "The Night Herd," was produced in the WLS studio, Hotel Sherman, Chicago, and broadcast over WLS Wednesday evening, February 17, immediately following the announcement of the winners and presentation of the prizes. The third prize of \$100 was awarded to J. Frank Davis, San Antonio, Texas, for his "Midnight."

More than five hundred plays were entertained in the contest from amateur and professional play writers in every state in the Union, Canada and North Wales.

"Besides these three winners, we have ten more plays which are worthy of production," said Harry Dean Sandler, director of dramatic production for WLS. These will be produced during the next few months and the authors will be paid the usual royalty.

The purpose of the contest was to

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### Filing Income Tax Returns.

C. R. Hamrick, deputy commissioner of revenue, will be at the Bank of Saluda, Saluda, N. C., on Thursday, February 25th, and at the Bank of Tryon, Tryon, N. C., on Friday, February 26th, for the purpose of helping those desiring help in filing state income tax returns.

All single persons making over \$1,000, and all married persons making over \$2,000, all partnerships and corporations regardless of income, must make returns on or before March 15th.

## Parent Teachers Meeting

The regular meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association held Monday afternoon was well attended. The main speaker of the occasion was Mr. Swanman of Columbus, the County Welfare Agent. At this meeting the twenty-ninth anniversary of Founders' Day of Mothers' Congress and Parent-Teachers' Association was celebrated.

The program and social committee arranged a beautiful cake with 29 candles, which was brought in at the close of the program.

With the \$150 realized at the Valentine dinner given by the association, the ladies decided to finish paying for the playground slide and to purchase the supplementary readers which they are to have in the school.

### Men of Affairs

Mr. W. T. Overstreet of Lakeland, Fla., owner and developer of Skyuka, is in the city looking after his interests here. Mr. Overstreet was interviewed by a correspondent of the Polk County News and expressed keen delight in the possibilities of a "Greater Tryon." Mr. Overstreet expressed this notion as the "Land of the Gods." He was a visitor in Tryon last summer, and was so greatly impressed with this locality that he immediately made a purchase of a huge tract of land known as Skyuka, which is now in rapid process of development. He is leaving this week for Florida and expects to return in about ten days to take up some important matters pertaining to his magnificent project.

### BIG RUMAGE SALE

On Saturday, February 20th, the parent-Teachers' Association of the Tryon School will have a big rummage sale in the room under the Tryon Pharmacy. The proceeds of this sale will go to buy a victrola for the school.

The Parent-Teachers' Association has done a wonderful work for the school this year. There are two things that they are striving to put across before school ends in May. First, to supply each room in the school with three sets of supplementary readers of twenty copies each; second, to buy a victrola for the upper elementary school.

They lack at the present time just a small amount of money to accomplish their desires. They hope to reach their goal when the rummage sale is over.

## ANNOUNCING FARM WORK

Pruning demonstrations will be given on February 25th and 26th in the orchards of the following named farmers:

C. A. Jolly, Landrum, Route 4, Thursday, February 25th, 10 a. m.

J. J. Gentry, Landrum, Route 2, Thursday, February 25th, 2 p. m.

Fred Arledge, Saluda, Friday, February 26th, 10 a. m.

Mr. H. R. Niswonger of Asheville, horticulture specialist in the Mountain District, and the county farm agent will give the demonstrations. All farmers are invited to attend the meetings, especially those who are interested in fruit growing, and if you cannot go to all we hope you will go to the one nearest your home. Bring one or more of your neighbors along, too. It will be time well invested, besides, your presence is needed for the success of the demonstration.

JOHN W. ARTZ, County Agent.

### Valhalla Bus To Make Two Daily Trips

The big school bus which carries the pupils from the Pacolet Valley to Tryon used to make but one trip a day each way. The population has so increased of late that Mr. Black, who has been on the job of driving this bus for the past three years, and who by the way is a great lover of children and greatly beloved by them, is now compelled to make two trips, carrying about twenty to a load, or a little over forty each way.

## STORY IN LEWISTON PAPER ATTRACTS MANY TOURISTS

Resident of Dixfield Maine Writes Interesting Story of Tryon and Polk County

Mrs. Eusebia Gammon of Dixfield, Me., writes an interesting story about Tryon and Polk County, a land with perfect climate. Mrs. Gammon is a regular visitor here and her article attracted widespread interest throughout the entire state of Maine. Over sixty letters were received at the News office this week asking for copies of the Polk County News. Many of these letters asked for detailed information regarding Tryon and Polk County, and several of them made inquiries about property, and if there were openings here for their particular line of business.

Letters were received from the following towns in Maine: Lewiston, Fairfield, Auburn, Dryden, Freeport, Farmington, Portland, East Sumner, Lisbon Falls, Danville, Mount Vernon and Mechanic Falls.

These letters have been turned over to Mr. Chas. J. Lynch, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and after receiving copies of the Polk County News they will also receive a letter from the Chamber of Commerce and literature explaining the advantages of living in Tryon, and copies of the News for several weeks.

The following is a copy of the news story written to the Editor of the Lewiston daily paper:

A Land With Perfect Climate.

To the Editor:

I have been both interested and amused in reading the descriptions in your paper that the two northern men have given of Maine and Florida. If you will allow me a little space in your paper, I would like to tell what I know of the South as I see it. We don't all see things from the same viewpoint.

There are good and bad places in every state. It is very evident that Mr. Titcomb struck a hard town and that Mr. Hardy struck a good one.

Some people prefer a climate that is frigid in winter and half frigid in summer. Others prefer a climate that is warm in winter and so warm in summer that you can fry eggs on the

door rock. For my part I prefer an all the year round climate where one month is equally as pleasant as another, and that is the climate one will find in Tryon, Polk County, Western North Carolina, which is located half way between Asheville, North Carolina, and Spartanburg, South Carolina, a distance of 45 miles each way. It is 1,500 feet above the sea level, and 200 miles from the salt water, which makes it a high, dry altitude, where fog is unknown and where rheumatic and catarrhal troubles can't exist; also tuberculosis, if not too far advanced, will soon disappear with breathing of the pure pine forest air, and of drinking the crystal pure spring water.

The views are indescribably beautiful. I was there from the first of

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A rare photograph of Senator George R. Williams, Missouri camera shy representative of Washington, D.C. A visit with President Coolidge put him in a generous mood and he consented to "watch the birdie" for the photographers. Take a good look - he may not let it happen again.

## THE SWAN CLEVERLY PRESENTED BY DRAMA FORTNIGHTLY CLUB

A delightful reading of "The Swan" by the Drama Fortnighly on last Wednesday evening at the Parish House served to introduce to Tryon several readers new to these performances. For instance, Miss Margaret Law gave an extraordinary fine interpretation of Alexandra, the young princess who is being bartered away after the manner of European royal families. When Miss Law's youth is considered, her reading of the princess's impassioned scenes with the man who loves her was remarkable. By her charm and the naturalness of her poise and manner, she challenged the work of one of our maturer years.

Another newcomer was Miss Beth Clarke, who as the whimsically humorous sister of the match-making mother, kept the audience convulsed

with her reports of the crown prince's movements. Mrs. Washburne, who appeared in the third act, only received a deserved ovation for her splendid performance as Princess Marie Dominica, and the audience was delighted to accord the same reception to Mr. Burnett in his first appearance in a dramatic character.

The difficult and rather thankless part of the crown princess was brought to the front and given added importance by the intelligent acting of Mr. Carroll Rogers, who emphasized the inherent generosity and meekness which underlay the flippant words of the prince.

What can be done with infinitesimal parts by persons who really take

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## THE POLK COUNTY CLUB STAGES GOOD MEETING

Many Speakers on Program

The meeting of the Polk County Club held Tuesday evening in Columbus was a decided success both in point of attendance and enthusiasm. Mr. W. S. Gentry and Miss Maywood and their assistants deserve great credit for making us so comfortable under such adverse circumstances. We sincerely hope the court room will be in readiness by next meeting.

Misses Barry, Russell, Cobb and Lynch spoke on the subject of "How to Advertise Polk County." Among other things Mr. Barry suggested as a slogan for Columbus was "Come to Columbus, for Columbus Put America on the Map." Mr. Russell advocated an increased membership so that we might be able to get out literature which could be circulated in Florida and other places where it would come to the attention of investors. Mr. Cobb after making his point with two stories advised us to "put our house in order" so that when these people should be attracted to Polk county by the advertising they would find good

roads, good schools, good farms, good homes and good people, and would want not only to invest but live here.

Mr. Lynch suggested that everyone present join the club and pledge themselves to come to the next meeting with one new member. He also told that as a result of a letter written by a former Tryon visitor in a paper in northern Maine, the Tryon Chamber of Commerce had had twenty-four inquiries about the neighborhood, and he urged all visitors to write articles for the local paper which would be sent to their home town papers with the request that these papers reprint, for this he considers the best sort of advertising.

Mr. J. H. Gibbs, after showing how real estate concerns develop a country, introduced the following resolution as one of the best ways for our County Commissioners to develop this county:

"Resolved, That the Polk County Club, at its regular meeting in Columbus, at its regular meeting in Columbus,

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