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Tryon Chamber of Commerce Reviews First Month's Activity

NEW APARTMENTS FOR TRYON

MINUTES OF MEETING READ IMPORTANT MATTERS UP

Membership Increases And Plans For This Year Mentioned, Several New Committees.

The regular monthly meeting of the Tryon Chamber of Commerce was held on Friday night at Missildine's Hall. The meeting was well attended, many members taken in, and a general review of the past month's activities were reported to the members. Quite a number of matters of importance were brought up at this meeting and the following report by President Brown was read before the meeting: During the past month we have received and answered 238 letters, these letters were from fifteen different states, the District of Columbia and Canada. The fifteen states were North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Maryland, Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Maine, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and California. The letters from Maine were all written because of an interview given by Mrs. Eusebia Gammon to the Lewiston paper, which was reprinted in the Polk County News last week. This proved such excellent publicity that I immediately secured an interview from Mr. Devereux Emmet, the noted golf course builder, and had it published, and already over fifty copies of the issue containing his interview have been mailed out. We have secured the names of guests at the various hotels and lodges and have had them published. By request of visitors, we have written the Southern Railway officials requesting better Pullman service from Detroit and points north. The Horse Show to be held in Tryon April 8th is well under way.

The committee has received the silver prizes to be awarded, and will arrange to have them put on display shortly. The government climatological report for the month of January has just been received, and in comparison with other cities in the state of North Carolina, Tryon stands out in a class by itself when it comes to winter climate. Motions made and seconded were: Motion by F. P. Bacon that business men meet at Missildine's Hall, Thursday March 4, for the purpose of soliciting memberships at 10 o'clock a. m. Motion by B. L. Ballenger provided to forward postcard to Asheville Chamber of Commerce and others for distribution—1,000 in number. By-laws as presented pertaining to conduct of Chamber unanimously passed. That Carolina mountains be requested. (Continued on last page.)

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR HERE

We have with us today Mr. John Marsellus of Syracuse, N. Y. Mr. Marsellus has been a visitor to Western North Carolina for eleven consecutive years, and is now at the New Mimosa Hotel. He is eighty years old, and takes the part of a man in the fifties. Mr. Marsellus is president of the John Marsellus Casket Company. He organized the City Bank Trust Company of Syracuse, which now has over seventy thousand accounts. He is an ex-president of the Syracuse Chamber of Commerce, secretary of the Citizens' Club, and treasurer of the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Marsellus and his wife were in the old Mimosa Hotel fire here several years ago. He expressed great delight in Tryon and has been a regular visitor here for many years. An interesting piece of poetry, "How One Can Feel at Eighty," written on his eightieth birthday by himself, will be published in the Polk County News of March 11th.

MAKE DEAL THIS WEEK

Blanton & Green, real estate dealers in Columbia, give out the following transactions made during the past week: Sold—W. Y. Wilkins' farm, near Columbus, to Mrs. A. O. Jackson of Landrum; Mrs. A. O. Jackson's property near Hendersonville to C. L. Case of Hendersonville; lot in Denton Springs Park to W. A. Whitesides; 22 acres in Valhalla valley for Forest Hilton to J. B. Hester of Tryon.

CHORAL SOCIETY LAST FRIDAY

Interesting Program

The first of the series of entertainments under the auspices of the Junior Choral Society, given last Friday evening in the Lanier Library, was well attended and verified the prediction that these talks on popular subjects will prove highly interesting. The feature of the evening was the talk on violins and violin making, in which Mr. Rollo Dyer told a fascinating story of the progress of that "king of musical instruments" from the military bow of the African savage, with its taut string and musical twang, through its various stages of development to its present perfection. Mrs. W. Woodbridge Dickenson followed with a selection of song classics with Mrs. Grace Clemons at the piano. Their rendition was so heartily applauded that Mrs. Dickenson responded to the encore with some negro spiritual melodies in which the audience joined with much fervor and with delightful effect. Mrs. Pat Hebert brought a most enjoyable evening to a close with a reading of a Kipling favorite, followed by two recitations that excited her audience to alternate tears and laughter. Friday evening, March 5th, the second entertainment will be given with Mr. A. L. Berry's feature talk on "The Side Lights of Paris Life," and a musical and recitative program of equal interest. An admission fee of 25 cents is charged, the proceeds going to the fund which serves to support the work of the Junior Choral.

Noted Writer Stopping At The Mimosa

Among Tryon's visitors this week is Miss Winifred Kirkland, the noted writer. Miss Kirkland came to Tryon for a week's recreation and to enjoy the beauty of the mountains and surrounding country. She spends much of her time in the mountains and makes Asheville her center. Miss Kirkland has written two volumes of collected essays on humorous observation that appeared in magazines and have now been put into book form. The names of these books are "Joys of Being a Woman" and "View Vertical." She writes for the Atlantic, Scribner's, Ladies' Home Magazine, Century and many other magazines. During the war she wrote "The New Death." This appeared in the Atlantic and was later enlarged and published in book form. She has written sketches on the mountains in North Carolina that appeared in the Outlook.

Her recent work, "The Easter People," and "Where the Star Still Shines," were both written at Winston-Salem. These deal with the customs of the Moravian people at this place, and were published in the Ladies' Home Journal. They have now been put in booklet form. "The Easter People" tells of the Easter celebration of the Moravians and the services are attended by over twenty thousand people from over the United States. "Where the Star Still Shines" gives the Christmas celebration. Small Forest Fire at Valhalla. There was a miniature forest fire at Valhalla Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Smith, Mr. Howes, Mr. Hester and others assisted in extinguishing the flames, which were seen at some distance.

Oak Hall Adds New Cottages To Property

Quite an addition is now being added to the Oak Hall property. Three new cottages are being built, one of which is nearly completed. In building these cottages, Mr. Brownlee is putting into effect an idea which is being used by other high class hotels. These cottages are being built at a great expense and are modern in every detail. They have six rooms to each cottage, four bed rooms, four baths, living room, dining room and kitchen. These cottages are connected with the main hotel building by concrete walkways and command the same panoramic view as seen from the large hotel. This hotelery is growing more popular each season, and bookings continue to come in for guests who expect to arrive here during this month and April. Many improvements are being made to the hotel, including private baths being installed and other anticipated improvements to take effect shortly. All of this new work is under the personal supervision of W. W. Cressman of Tryon, and the work is being rushed to an early completion. Oak Hall is known to tourists throughout the entire United States. It is ideally located and presents a magnificent view of the mountains, situated in the heart of the town, yet quiet and restful and covers quite a large area of ground.

Wears Tilden Crown



This isn't the French tennis ace who put our own Big Bill Tilden out of the National Indoor championship play—but he did defeat his fellow countryman, Borotra, who beat Big Bill, thereby winning the title. He is Rene Lacoste, new champion.

SPANISH DESIGN BLDG.

Contract Given To Spartanburg Concern

Grandall, Inc., have just closed a contract with Fiske Carter Construction Company of Spartanburg, S. C., for the construction of a five apartment building to be erected on Melrose avenue. This apartment building was designed by J. Foster Searles, architect, Tryon, N. C., and will be known as "Spanish Court." It will be built of hollow tile, the outside to be of roughly finished stucco, severely plain in mass, with interesting wrought iron details, and made to conform with "The Shelter," Mr. Crandall's residence on the grounds adjoining. Each apartment will have a large living room, two good sized bedrooms, bath, breakfast room and kitchen, and will be equipped with all the modern conveniences. Heating will be by the Vapor system, generated by an oil heated boiler. Frigid-aire generation and electric ranges are supplied in all kitchens. Built-in porcelain tubs will be in the tiled bath rooms. The "Kernerator" will incinerate all garbage, etc. Work will begin immediately and permit occupancy by this fall. The apartments will be rented either furnished or unfurnished. A number of inquiries for apartments in "Spanish Court" have been received by Mr. Harold Crandall, vice president and manager of Crandall, Inc., and one apartment has been definitely engaged. This building will be made as nearly sound and fireproof as possible, and will add materially to Tryon's facilities for caring for the tourists.

JOINT MEETING HELD FRIDAY NOON

Western Carolina Chamber of Commerce

A joint meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of Western North Carolina was held Friday, February 26th, at Asheville, and Tryon's delegates were Chas. J. Lynch, Eugene Brownlee, G. H. Holmes and A. L. Berry. There were thirty-four bodies represented at this meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to unite in a permanent organization the different Chambers of Commerce so that there would be closer co-operation in the matter of advertising and making known the advantages of Western North Carolina. The name chosen for the permanent organization was Western North Carolina Federated Chamber of Commerce. The following officers were elected: Carroll P. Rogers, Flat Rock, president; P. H. Coffey, Lenoir, vice president; Roger Miller of Asheville, secretary and treasurer. The executive committee is composed of H. T. Henry of Spruce Pine, Frank A. Carr, N. Wilkesboro, E. L. Wethers of Waynesville, and Dr. D. R. Bryson of Bryson City. The meetings of the association will be held quarterly and will rotate throughout the district as far as practical. The next meeting will be held in Asheville in April, the date to be set by the executive committee. The organization adopted the following resolution presented by the Tryon delegation: "That loop scenic routes be provided with information as to distance between each city with the points of interest and places where luncheon might be had, properly set out, and that these routes be advertised in the most advantageous manner. And that a committee be appointed to provide ways and means of advertising Western North Carolina as a whole."

FAMOUS GLOBE TRUTTER IN TRYON

Samuel Pogurman of Winnipeg, Conn., World's Famous Globe Trotter, was in Tryon Saturday and spent a few hours. Pogurman is a World War Veteran and has walked 23,000 miles. He stated that he expected to near the end of his journey in a short time, and that nowhere during his tour had he been better treated by people along the wayside than in North Carolina. He stated to a correspondent that each day he seemed to be covering more ground and his speed in time was on the increase, that he felt fine from the trip and had experienced no difficulty.

Flack To Retire Soon From Hotel Business In N. C.

Prominent in Chimney Rock

Announcement that J. M. Flack, owner of Mountain View Hotel at Chimney Rock, intends to retire soon from the hotel business is of considerable interest here. Mr. Flack is a pioneer in the hotel business in Western North Carolina. He located at Chimney Rock 23 years ago, going there from his native town, Rutherfordton. Mr. Flack purchased a considerable tract of land at the foot of Chimney Rock mountain and erected what proved to be the first unit of what now is the large Mountain View Hotel. The hotel is spacious and well equipped. It is situated on State Highway No. 20, the mountains to seashore trail. Mr. Flack, it was learned, is still very active and, according to information here, he intends to remain active in connection with the corporations in which he is interested, should he retire from the hotel business. Among the companies in which he is interested are the Chimney Rock Trust Company, the Chimney Rock Realty Company, Inc., the Flat Rock Apartment Corporation and others.

DISTINGUISHED NATIONAL LECTURER TO SPEAK HERE

Seldom have Tryonites had the opportunity to hear on their native hearth so well known a speaker as will come here on March 16th to tell of the development of our great capital city. Mr. Charles Moore, chairman of the Commission of Fine Arts, director of the historical department of the Library of Congress, trustee of the American College at Rome, overseer of Harvard College and author of many books on history and biography will describe with illustrations shown on the screen what has been done in the last twenty-five years and what is to be done to make Washington the most beautiful capital city in the world. Even before the adoption of the Constitution, the Continental Congress had decided to create a capital under its own control and this determination found expression in the Constitution. President Washington was in charge of the negotiations to secure the land from the states of Virginia and Maryland. In 1790, as the result of a bargain arranged for the purpose by Thomas Jefferson, the seat of Congress was fixed for ten years at Philadelphia and after that permanently on the Potomac. In 1799 Major Pierre Charles L'Enfant, a young French engineer, known to Washington personally for his (Continued on last page.)

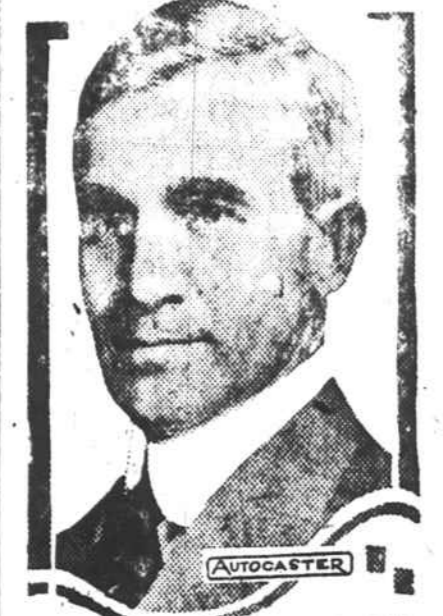
SOUTHERN WILL IMPROVE HEAVY TRAFFIC LINES

Washington, D. C., March 3.—Extensive improvements will be made by the Southern Railway System on six of its lines, aggregating approximately 1000 miles of road, at a total expenditure of about four million dollars, so as to increase traffic capacity and promote operating efficiency in handling the growing business of the South, the work to be started at once, according to an official announcement. Roadway and structures will be strengthened to permit the use of heavier and more powerful locomotives and passing track facilities will be provided to accommodate the longer trains that will be handled on the following lines: Chattanooga to Miami via Atlanta, Bristol to Chattanooga, Chattanooga to Memphis, Richmond to Danville, Winston-Salem to Charlotte, Selma to Suggsville, Ala.

THIS WEEK

FARM NEWS. COUNTY NEWS. SOCIETY NEWS. AUTOMOBILE PAGE. BRISBANE'S EDITORIALS. DR. GAINES' HEALTH HINTS. WEEKLY CARTOONS. FEATURE STORIES. WEEKLY COMICS. CHURCH NEWS.

9 Ships in 3 Hours



H. L. Ferguson, president of the Newport News Shipbuilding Co., cheered the ships of American merchant marine advocates in his announcement that 9 ships will be launched and 3 keels laid within 3 hours on March 20.

Missionary Society Meeting

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church met with Mrs. A. L. McMurry last Tuesday evening. After a short business meeting in which members decided to subscribe to Royal Service and follow programs in it, Mrs. McMurry in an interesting way conducted the lesson in "Wining to Christ." During the social hour which followed the hostess served sandwiches and coffee. Those present were: Mesdames Stroup, Mills, Lewis, McDowell, Walker, Ormond, Lawter, John Arledge and Misses Minnie Arledge, Pearl Tallant and Gertrude West. The next meeting will be with Mrs. James F. Ormond Tuesday evening, March 16th.

Who's Who POLK COUNTY NEWS



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