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Ever Before, Great
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THE STATE AT A GLANCE

RUTHERFORDTON, N. C.—M. B. Wingo age about 60 years was killed instantly at the Lake Lure dam at Chimney-Rock, N. C. on last Friday morning. He was a native of Greer, S. C. and employed by a construction company there.

MOUNT AIRY, N. C.—Mrs. C. L. Bray of Liberty met a tragic death when she fell from an automobile in which she was riding. The door of the car came open and she fell to the pavement which resulted in death.

GOLDSBORO, N. C.—Mrs. C. L. Price, age 18, was sentenced today to eight years in the state prison by Judge E. H. Cramer, in Wayne superior court, for the slaying of Zenos Howard, young white man, of the Seven Springs section recently.

BLACK MOUNTAIN, N. C.—David Porter of Charlotte, N. C. was instantly killed last Saturday at Black Mountain while trying to board a freight train for a ride to Ridgecrest, N. C.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—The Elephant fund being raised by the kiddies of Asheville for the purchase of the animal to be placed in the Asheville Zoo is getting into large figures as the campaign moves forward.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—The market for cotton yarn in this section shows a steady advance, according to a summary of trade conditions made public recently in that city.

RALEIGH, N. C.—The recent failure of the Miller Bond house did not affect North Carolina investors. None of their bonds have been sold in this state since the enactment of the present capital issue laws and its administration by the Corporation Commission.

STATESVILLE, N. C.—The will of the late Mrs. Mary C. Irwin of Statesville, N. C., provides for \$1,000 in cash to be given to the board of regents of Barium Springs Orphanage.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—Col. Robt. Bingham of this city celebrated his eightieth birthday at a dinner given to a party of friends at his home here.

BUILDING IN TRYON CONTINUES VERY ACTIVE

Building operations in Tryon continue to be very active, the work on the Lake Lanier Dam is moving forward fast and reports are that the structure will be about completed some time in October. A great amount of dwellings are now in the course of erection and plans for many more are in the making. Mr. Ellsworth the Vice-President states that as soon as the dam is completed at the Lake that many new homes will be started in Lake section. The Landrum Builders Supply Company of Landrum, S. C. say that a great portion of their business is coming from this section and that things for the fall building season look very good indeed.

The friends of Mr. F. P. Bacon will be glad to know he is recovering rapidly after an operation in the Mission Hospital of Asheville, N. C.

TRYON SCHOOL OPENED MON.

Big Crowd On Hand For Opening Event And Great Program For Guests

MUSIC FEATURE PROGRAM

The Tryon Schools opened Monday with much enthusiasm and a large crowd was present for the opening exercises. Never before in history of this section has more interest been displayed at a school opening. The opening attendance was large totaling 402 for the first day and 75 enrolled in the High School. The enrollment was as follows: Primary Department 166, Elementary Dept. 181, and High School 75 making a grand total of 402.

Interesting Opening Program is Enjoyed

The opening exercises were exceedingly interesting with several addresses and wonderful music being furnished for the audience and pupils. Prayer by Dr. Justice, Scripture Reading by Rev. Burnett. Address by W. F. Little. Piano Solo by Miss Sayre. Address by Rev. O. Neil. Violin Solo by Allan Jervey. Address by Miss Seidel and Prayer by S. W. Dendy.

Schilleter Well Pleased With Opening Showing

Mr. Schilleter was well pleased with the interest manifested on the opening day and stated that he expected a great year for the school, and was certain of some good work being accomplished for the pupils this season. Mr. Schilleter was the honor guest at a banquet given him last week at the Mimosa in appreciation for the good work he had done for the Tryon schools last year. This affair was attended by about forty five of the citizens in this locality. The Tryon schools under his supervision have attained great success and the entire community is well pleased with the work he has done for them.

PROPERTY VALUES INCREASE RAPIDLY

Irrespective of the large building program which has been effective during the past season there is still going to be a shortage of rentable property in Tryon for the coming winter season even now it is indicated that many people who prefer to spend a part of the winter season at this location will be compelled to journey elsewhere on account of the foregoing conditions.

We understand that all the apartments in the new Spanish Court are engaged at this writing for the coming season and it is almost impossible to find a desirable place for occupancy even now.

Very ordinary cottages bring rentals ranging from \$50 to \$75 per month and based upon the cost of construction, such houses undoubtedly bring a handsome source of income.

Inquiry is being received daily by the real estate agents in the city and the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce regarding places and if anyone who appreciates an investment in real estate would select Tryon as the location for the building of ten or fifteen houses, there is little or no doubt but that they would find it a very profitable undertaking and the rentals therefrom would in a very short time reimburse them on the principal.

Mimosa Hotel Uses Native Products

Famous Hostelry Almost Entirely Furnished from Local Manufacture

When the beautiful new Mimosa Hotel, which just recently closed its first successful season was finished and the owners were considering the furnishing of it, it was found that the local mills in this vicinity were in a position to supply a large portion of the draperies which were used therein.

Today when visitors come to Tryon they are taken through the various mills where these beautiful draperies are manufactured and then shown through the Mimosa Hotel, where they have been arranged according to a very clever scheme to harmonize with the other furnishings of the various rooms and in addition to the many things which the management of the hotel has reason to be proud of in connection with its many pleasant features they are particularly enthusiastic over the fact that local industry provided the beautiful hangings which are used in the dining room and other sections of this attractive hostelry.

The Mimosa Hotel derived its name from the great number of Mimosa trees which are to be found surrounding it and their colorful blossoms and delightful fragrance is in great evidence from the broad wide lawns in the neighborhood. It is stated that these trees are an importation from Japan, but are well established now in this section of the new world and have some peculiar characteristics in addition to the fragrance of their blossoms.

Years ago when this famous hostelry was attracting notables from all parts of the South it numbered among its guests the famous Southern character, John C. Calhoun and it was in the old tavern that George Broadhurst wrote his noted play, the "Man of the Hour" and the first reading of "Whispering Smith," a popular novel of the last decade was given before the guests assembled about the fireplace many years ago.

In addition to the foregoing contributions of the literary world, made from Tryon it was in Tryon that the noted actor-playwright, composed two of his popular plays, in which he acted on the American stage, entitled "Secret Service" and "Too Much Johnson."

THIS WEEK

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BANQUET TENDERED HIGH SCHOOL PROFESSOR HERE

A banquet was given in honor of Professor Schilleter of the Tryon High School. Covers were laid for about forty five guests at the Hotel Mimosa and a most enjoyable affair was witnessed. Several talks were made and Mr. Schilleter spoke very charmingly of his appreciation of the honor conferred upon him. The banquet was given him in appreciation of his great efforts in bringing the Tryon Schools up to a great standard and for the splendid accomplishments that have been achieved under his administration as head of the local schools.

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TAIL-END ELECTRIC SIGNS FOR THE CRESCENT LMTD.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 9—Handsome electrically illuminated signs will be carried on the observation platforms of the "Crescent Limited," the famous deluxe train operated between New York, Washington, Atlanta and New Orleans by the Pennsylvania Railroad, Southern Railway System, West Point Route and Louisville and Nashville Railroad, beginning Sunday, September 26.

The signs will be rectangular in shape with dark blue background, showing a gold crescent and a field of stars and the name, "Crescent Limited", in white the color scheme being the same as that adopted for use in printed matter concerning the train which has been given wide distinction.

Similar signs are carried on other high class trains operated by the Southern, a distinctive color scheme being selected for each train. Up to this time they have not been carried on the "Crescent Limited," due to restrictive regulations governing the New York terminal which have now been removed.

BLANTON AND STEARNS REPORT MANY SALES

Blanton and Stearns, real estate dealers of Columbus, report a number of sales during the past week. They state that property in this section of the country is again creating very much interest and that things in general are looking good for a prosperous fall and winter season. They are having numbers of inquiries from various sections and expect great things for this part of the country. They report the following sales consummated last week; one store room, one cottage and six acres of land in the Pacolet Valley for W. Y. Wilkins, two lots in Pacolet Gardens, 122 acres and home for W. M. Chitwood, one business lot in Columbus in front of the Court House, to Lawyer Dockery, of the firm of Quinn, Hamett and Harris of Rutherfordton, N. C.

Contract On Highway 19 Let Soon

Kistler Replies to the Letter of Recent Date WILL BE BIG HELP

The Tryon Chamber of Commerce some time ago wrote to Mr. Kistler road commissioner of the ninth district regarding the grading and surfacing the highway between Rutherfordton and Columbus, and the following reply has been received from Mr. Kistler:

Morganton, N. C.
Sept. 6, 1926
Mr. W. R. Mehaffey, Sec'y.
Tryon, N. C.

Dear Sir:
Yours of the 1st, addressed to the State Highway Commission of Raleigh, has been handed to me for reply, and in doing so, beg to state that I hope to be able to let the contract for re-grading, surfacing and culling No. 19, between Columbus and Rutherfordton, at some let-ting between now and January 1st. I assure you that no road in any County in this District will have any prospects awarded ahead of the above excepting those counties that
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WARD HANDS IN RESIGNATION

Resignation To Take Effect Upon The Return Of Mr. Ballenger SERVED OVER 3 YEARS

Mr. W. C. Ward one of the three city commissioners of the town of Tryon, handed in his resignation at the meeting of the council last night. Mr. Ward states that while he regrets to take this action, he has been forced to this step in order that he may give his attention to his business matters. Due to the absence of C. W. Ballenger, who is off on a hunting trip in Kentucky, the Mayor and Mr. Swann suggested that Mr. Ward still retain his position until the return of the third Commissioner, Mr. Ballenger.

Mr. Ward stated to a reporter of the News this morning that his resignation was not due to any friction whatsoever, but the growing business of the Mercantile Bank necessitated his full time and he was forced to drop outside duties. Mayor Green stated that it came as a great blow to him and that their relations had been extremely pleasant during the time he has served the city.

Population Increases 100 Percent

The population of the city of Tryon and this immediate vicinity adjacent to Lake Lanier has increased over 100 percent in the last twelve months and gives one an idea of the opportunity we possess for every type of business endeavor.

Investigation discloses that the bank resources have practically doubled during that time and that the receipts at the ticket office of the Southern Railway System have been in the same proportion.

The large payrolls of the mills in this vicinity, together with the development of Carolina Mountains Inc., and their great road building plans; the improvements going on at Lake Lanier and the building program in Gillette Estates have all added materially to this condition.

Tryon is perhaps the most rapidly growing city in western North Carolina and anyone seeking a place for any business endeavor, it is well to take into consideration the opportunities that would be provided by selecting a city where demand was greater than supply, and where the influx of new citizens is such that old established clientele are not a factor in the business situation.

In addition to its diversified industries and the great outlay which is now being used to improve various properties, the general background in the way of agriculture is also quite important.

The grape culture of his particular section is proving very successful and considerable income is received from the sale of this product. There is here at Tryon a certain climatic condition which is very favorable to the cultivation of grapes and other small fruits and when the market is weak in regard to the old staple crop of the south these newer products are bringing a splendid price.

NEW DAM WILL BE GREAT

Resident Engineer Pleased With Rapid Progress That Is Being Made At Lake

WILL BE COMPLETE SOON

The great dam at Lake Lanier is estimated in the neighborhood of 70 percent completed and the following approximate figures show that the work is progressing very rapidly:

Concrete poured 3500 cubic yards.
Concrete to be poured 1500 cubic yards.
Total concrete in dam and bridge 5000 cubic yards.

Percentage of completion of earth 70 percent.

Earth placed in earth dam, 30,000 cubic yards.
Earth yet to be placed, 25,000
Total earth in dam, 55,000 cubic yards.

Percentage of completion of earth dam 55 percent rock excavated for foundation, 1500 cubic yards greatest height from foundation to bridge floor, 60 feet number of men employed, 70.

The earth dam will be eight feet higher than the concrete spillway and will have a twenty-foot roadway on top of it whose center line will be twenty feet downstream from the chord of the existing arch dam. The space between the roadway and the arch dam will vary in width from zero at each end to forty-one feet in the center and will be used as a parking space since it will be the same elevation as the roadway.

The concrete spillway will have a total length of 128 feet and will be crossed by a five-span reinforced concrete highway bridge with a clear roadway of eighteen feet. This bridge will be of the deck girder type. The piers and abutments will be built as a part of the dam, giving in affect, one structure. The bridge floor will be 8 feet above the top of the spillway.

A 72 foot section of the spillway, including two piers and one abutment of the bridge is now completed and the remaining section of fifty-six feet should be completed by the first of October.

At right angles to the spillway and as a continuation of the abutment of the bridge there is a retaining wall built on a two-to-one slope from a height of fifty feet, to within six feet of the ground level.

The overflow valves in the existing dam were closed on June 15, since when the water has risen fifteen feet and it now has only fifteen feet to rise. The depth of the water in the pond when the valves were closed was approximately twenty feet.

Mr. G. S. Brown, Resident Engineer, representing Mees & Mees, Designing and Supervising Engineers of Charlotte, N. C. states that he is highly pleased with the Berry-For-tue Construction Company's efforts to finish the structure during the contract period.

Different conditions have prevailed entirely this year in comparison with last season and great credit must be accorded Mr. Brown and the construction company for their success in keeping ahead of the rapidly increasing water levels occasioned by the many heavy rains of the last few weeks.

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