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## COUNTY TO HAVE FIRST ROAD FUNDS

### PROJECT WILL BE FIRST

#### Kistler Promises Tryon Early Aid From the Road Appropriations

TRYON, Sept. 23—Now that the contract for the Henderson county project, known as 191, and which calls for the hard-surfacing of the road to the county line, which leads on into Tryon and Saluda has been let, it will be of interest to the sponsors of this project, and those who expect to travel the road on its completion, to know that the Tryon Chamber of Commerce has been promised that the Polk county side of this road project will be done with the first appropriations the state highway commission makes of the money directly raised by it, and which does not constitute a loan from some county, to be expended on roads within the confines of that county.

The Tryon Chamber of Commerce under the direction of R. W. Mehaffey, secretary, has interested itself in roads and in other local development projects. The result of the road activities is that Mr. Mehaffey has received the following communication from Morganton, by District Commissioner A. M. Kistler:

"Mr. R. W. Mehaffey, Secretary, 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 regrading, surfacing and oiling No. 19, between Columbus and Rutherfordton at some letting between now and January 1st. I assure you that no road in any county in this district will have any contract awarded ahead of the above, excepting those counties that have loaned the State Highway Commission funds for special work. As you know McDowell, Rutherfordton and Henderson counties have all loaned State Highway projects and of course these projects will be let soon as possible but no project requiring a head-of-money (EAONNNNNN) only State funds will be let ahead of No. 19 between Columbus and Rutherfordton.

"Regarding No. 191, between Tryon and Henderson County line, you know a new survey But I am frank to admit until we have another bond issue, I cannot even give this consideration but assure you should we have another bond issue, this particular project in your county will receive first consideration and be given first preference. I cannot tell you just at this time what type of road this will be, until I know what the figures or the different types of roads are, and how much will be available therefor.

"With kindest personal regards and assuring you that I am extremely sorry not to be able to give you more definite reply, I remain,

"Yours truly,

A. M. KISTLER."

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### SOUTHERN TO ADD PHONES ON TWO IMPORTANT LINES

#### Line To Run Between Asheville And Spartanburg

WASHINGTON, September 23—The use of the telephone for dispatching trains, displacing the telegraph, will be extended by the Southern Railway System over two of its important lines—Meridian, Miss., to New Orleans, La., 202.2 miles; and Asheville, N. C., to Spartanburg S. C., 69.4 miles—giving the Southern a telephone system covering 2,363 miles of road, according to an official announcement.

Authority has been given for the construction of the necessary circuits and the installation of telephone equipment. Material has been ordered and construction will be begun as soon as it is received and forces can be organized.

Construction of the circuits between Asheville and Spartanburg will give the Southern telephone service three ways out of Asheville, lines between Asheville and Salisbury and between Asheville and Knoxville having been completed in 1924. The line between Meridian and

New Orleans will give the Southern continuous telephone connection between Cincinnati and New Orleans and between Washington and New Orleans, via Atlanta and Birmingham.

The telephone has a number of advantages over the telegraph for dispatching trains. It is faster and more accurate and affords opportunity in times of emergency for dispatchers to talk directly to train conductors. Its use on the Southern has been found so satisfactory that it has been extended over nearly all lines handling heavy traffic.

#### POSTAL TELEGRAPH SERVICE RENEWED IN MIAMI

The Polk County News was advised Wednesday that the telegraphic service to Miami and other Florida points has been resumed, and also to Havana and Miami and Cables.

This idea will facilitate better and more accurate service on the Asheville and Spartanburg division, its a great step forward in a perfect railroad service.

### TYRON STARTS FUND

Several funds for the Florida sufferers has been started in Tryon, and it is hoped that in a few days a substantial sum will be in readiness to forward to the stricken area. Tryon will be in line with other North Carolina towns who are helping this great cause in the storm center.

### LITTLE PAPER PLEASES

#### Favorable Comment Received

The little Lake Lanier News is still receiving letters complimenting its effort to keep the property owners informed of the progress at Lake Lanier.

Over fifteen hundred copies were mailed of the last issue and at least one copy reached every state in the union. The cost of publishing together with the mailing expense is considered justified by the officers of the Tryon Development Company and as long as it obtains commendation this effort to give purchasers information regarding their property will be continued.

It is your paper and if from time to time you can contribute material to make it more interesting, all such cooperation will be gratefully received.

The "News" features the Lake and Tryon as they are inseparable and what adds to either is an asset to both.

### Noted Educator Joins High School Staff

Dr. B. C. Von Kahlden, who for several years has been conducting a private school for boys, specializing in Classical courses preparatory to college. This instructor in the languages, who is a graduate of the University of Berlin and for many years taught a Latin class in the high school Ft. Wayne, Ind., is going to teach Latin in the Tryon High School this season.

During the past few years he has conducted a very exclusive school near Tryon and has scholars attending from many different cities in the north. The tuition was priced at \$1-350.00 for an eight months school period and in addition to the languages which were a major part of the curriculum, many provisions were provided in the way of horseback riding and other exercises to guard the health and provide for the physical well-being of the students.

This very interesting gentleman has contributed much to the local atmosphere and educational interest at Tryon. He came here seeking a place to establish a mountain retreat where he could specialize in the growing of small fruits and horticulture.

He lives about two miles from the centre of the city in one of the protected areas which is often termed the Thermal Belt, and it was here he cleared a number of acres for the cultivation and production of a great variety of grapes peaches, apples and other fruits. He is making a serious study of the climatic conditions to determine which product is best adapted to the local situation. The reporter for the News, while visiting the vineyard recently learned that there were 25 different varieties of grapes included therein and the expert in charge informed him that the protection afforded by the mountains towering above the location, as well as the air water drainage provided by the sloping mountain side was largely responsible for the wonderful flavor found in these products, which are becoming famed throughout the country for their superior quality; in fact he stated that the products raised in that particular location and one similar to it along the side of the mountain proved far more delicious than would be obtained from the cultivation of the same vine either on top of the mountain or at a lower elevation.

Dr. Von Kahlden will doubtless conduct his private school again in the future, but for the season of 1927 will be identified with the local school body.

### COMMERCE BODY NEEDS MONEY

Announcement was made today that unless the people make satisfactory efforts to help raise more funds to help support the local Chamber of Commerce, that it will have to cease operation. While the cost of maintaining this great organization is comparatively small, yet more funds will have to be raised if it is to continue to function. It is hoped that something will be done to keep this body together as it has done worlds of good for the community, and is absolutely essential to the welfare and progress of this section of the country.

#### ATTORNEY LOCATES IN COLUMBUS WELL KNOWN

Mr. J. Lee Lavendar, of Marion, N. C., has moved to Columbus, N. C., to engage in the practice of law in that town. Mr. Lavendar was located in Marion, N. C., for the past two years practicing in all of the various courts, his new offices are located over the Polk County Bank and Trust Company, where he will be glad to meet the people of this section. He stated that he was well pleased with Columbus, and knew he had made no mistake in selecting this location for his profession.

### FAMOUS ETCHER LIVES IN TRYON

#### His Pastels of Children Famous

George Aid, one of the world's foremost etchers, has lived in Tryon for several years. He was in Italy when the great war came on. He had a studio in Paris and in Switzerland, and his etchings may be seen in the World's most renowned art galleries.

Tiring momentarily of his art, Mr. Aid came to Tryon and cultivated a vineyard selecting one of the most beautiful mountain spots for this work. He was instrumental in organizing the grape growers of Polk Co. into a marketing association, enabling them to better meet changed conditions due to Volstead law and other encroachments upon this ancient horticultural product. Now, Mr. Aid and his fellow grape growers enjoy immense profits from their labor.

Even so, Mr. Aid, who is a native of St. Louis and who married a South Carolina girl, has not forsaken his art altogether, for many homes in Tryon and in nearby cities may be seen valuable Aid etchings. Mr. Aid is greatly interested in children, and his pastels of children's profiles have earned for him valuable recognition.

### GASOLINE CONTEST HERE

#### Many Local Cars Are Expected to Enter and Big Prizes Offered

One of the most interesting contests that has ever been held in this section of the country, is the Gasoline Contest that will be staged soon by the local Ford dealer, J. H. Stackhouse. The Ford dealers in the following towns have agreed to enter the great contest, Tryon, Union, Greer, Shelby, Enoree, Gafney, Chesnee, Laurens, Spartanburg, Blacksburg, Fountain Inn, and Inman and other dealers are expected to participate in the contest that will attract widespread attention.

#### First Announcement to be Made This Sunday

The first announcement of the great contest will be made this Sunday in the Spartanburg Herald. A prize amount to \$300.00 will be given away in the final contest which will be run in Spartanburg, at noon on Friday, October 8th. Great preparations are being made by the local agency for this contest, and further announcement will appear in this paper next week, watch for these important announcements as they will be of importance to every Ford owner in this entire section of the country.

To those desiring any information regarding this affair, you are urged to call on the Ford dealer here and he will be glad to explain the points of this gasoline contest.

### OAK HALL PLANS FOR BUSY SEASON

The famous Oak Hall Hotel which is located in the very heart of Tryon has recently been redecorated and plans for a very busy winter season. In fact the summer season just closing was better than usual, and the hotel entertained many guests during that period. It has been repainted and presents a very sightly appearance on top of the beautiful park, and provision is being made now for a capacity run during the winter, many new cottages with all modern conveniences for the comfort of guests have been added to the property, to take care of the over-flow from the hotel proper. Mr. Brownlee the genial host is very capably assisted by Miss Cavanaugh, who excels in catering to the comfort and convenience of the guest.

For many years, this hospitality has proved very popular and the same visitors return from time to time until they become identified with it as a fixture. Everything indicates that Tryon and its many fine hotels are going to enjoy a busy and prosperous winter season.

Be a good citizen and subscriber to your home paper.

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### T. P. A. HOLD MEETING AT THOUSAND PINES

The Parent Teachers Association of Tryon, will on Friday at 4 p. m. hold a reception at Thousand Pines in honor of the local teachers. The affair promises to be an enjoyable one and a good attendance is expected. Many important topics will be discussed.

The "News" only cost you \$2.00 per year, order to-day.

### A Lovely Mountain Home



ELLA VISTA, THE VON KAHLDEN HOME

Big things can be expected from the Athletic bunch this season, go to it boys; the sport column of this paper is at your service.

Why not a monthly school paper? You have the material for such a publication, and it would make a real hit with the Tryonites.

If some of the teachers could cancel a date occasionally, we could make this column much longer with their aid by furnishing us with a few notes each week.

Many plays are planned by students this season, they were quite a success last year.

#### THE STATE AT A GLANCE

#### BETWEEN WORK START AT ONCE

WILMINGTON, N. C.—The city will begin on the new bridge at Henderson this week. This was announced yesterday in a Henderson item.

#### WANT FOR FLORIDA FERSERS MOUNTS HIGH

MIAMI, N. C.—Funds for the purchase of the new bridge at Henderson have amounted to \$100,000 as of Wednesday of this week.

#### UNIVERSITY AT RYHAM OPENS WITH HIGH ENROLLMENT

RYHAM, N. C.—Duke University opened this week with an enrollment of 1,500 students. The opening was attended by many notable persons.

#### EVERY COLLEGE HAS WITH BIG SSES FOR YEAR

WILMINGTON, N. C.—The University of North Carolina opened its 51th year with a large attendance. All of the expenses were enrolled.

#### ACCIDENTS HIGH IN DURHAM

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