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# LAKE LANIER DAM IS NOW FINISHED

## Lemick Makes Statement Concerning Controversy On Tryon's Water Supply

### Wishes To Correct Impression That He Wished To Sell Vaughn Creek

#### Believes Motives Are Misconstrued

Editor
Polk County News,
Tryon, N. C.

Mr. Editor:

Mayor [illegible]'s statements in [illegible] issue of the News with a great [illegible] interest. Especially interesting is the statement that another and a [illegible] pipe line would [illegible] the amount of water from [illegible] water shed. Why, when there [illegible] enough water in the shed [illegible] the small pipe line, would a [illegible] pipe line and another intake [illegible]

[illegible] to correct the impression [illegible] that we were trying [illegible] to buy the Vaughn's [illegible] creek sheds. The [illegible] of the town of [illegible] had asked me for options [illegible] sheds and I had [illegible] these options [illegible] before the [illegible] after they turned it [illegible] for the same [illegible] Tryon the [illegible] or rather 400 [illegible] to give an option [illegible] creek shed and [illegible] for a pipe [illegible] Vaughn's creek land [illegible] that, if Tryon [illegible] Jameson creek, [illegible] without any [illegible]

[illegible] that Jameson [illegible] as it was [illegible] have Spoon, [illegible] on it showing [illegible] flowage. As [illegible] unimportant to [illegible] creek had al[illegible] not see how [illegible] give such ac[illegible] drainage areas [illegible] required. My es[illegible] pipe required [illegible] needed and [illegible] ridges that [illegible]

[illegible] of drainage [illegible] ft. level in [illegible], and 627 [illegible] above this [illegible], or around [illegible]

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[illegible] owns the [illegible] than the land [illegible] Our company [illegible] Falls creek [illegible] and I do not [illegible] water rights. [illegible] that last [illegible] Tryon water [illegible] or ten cases [illegible] death from [illegible]

[illegible] to Mayor [illegible] follows: "But [illegible] surely have [illegible] allowed some [illegible] sell the town [illegible] commission[illegible] land to Tryon [illegible] the offer had [illegible] not have the [illegible] and high wa[illegible] have any meet[illegible] subscriptions to lots [illegible] we started [illegible], nor did the

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## Maj. Sharp Speaks At The Lanier Club

### HOLDEN READING ROOM IS TO OPEN

### Next Meeting Of Lanier Club To Be New Year Reception

An audience of generous proportions greeted Major Bernard Sharp last Thursday evening at the Lanier Club where he gave a talk on "National Defense: Does It Mean War?" Major Sharp is far from being a militarist. His hope is for continued peace, but he is deeply and consciently opposed to unwarranted disarmament.

He explained the system by which the government holds the key to unpreparedness by means of the officers' reserve corps, quoted figures showing that the army was now practically reduced to the minimum and made plain the eggregious folly of the nation placing itself at a further disadvantage.

His talk was most instructive, unaffected and convincing, and was thoroughly appreciated by the audience. Upon invitation General Carson spoke confirming Major Sharp's point of view.

The next meeting of the Lanier Club will be the usual new year reception from 4 to 6 p. m. All friends of the club are invited and all visitors will be made welcome. The new Holden reading room will be open and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Holden will receive in it.

This reading room, which is the finest addition that has been made to the Lanier library, is the gift of Mr. James Holden of Detroit, in honor of his father and mother, the beloved citizens of Tryon, and is a fitting tribute to their worth to the community.

It is in the form of a semi-circle on the west side of the building, beautifully lighted with many windows, under which runs an inclined shelf for magazines. Below this are fifteen cabinets. A generous fireplace in addition to the furnace will heat the room. Appropriate furniture is provided, with lamps at the table for the readers. Besides the doors from the general room the reading room has its own separate entrance.

Here is a beautiful and quiet room where books and magazines may be read without disturbance from what goes in the library proper.

It is hoped that this generous gift of Mr. Holden's will be made full use of by the users of the library.

### SENATOR WHITMIRE FAVORS ONE COURT FOR COUNTIES

HENDERSONVILLE, Dec. 20.—Declaring that he will introduce a bill calling for the abolition of the general county court of Henderson county, recently established by the county commissioners, and for the repeal of the law under which it was created, State Senator R. Lee Whitmire has issued a statement in which he enumerates the objections to the court as now organized, and states that he favors the establishment of a court for the six counties in the eighteenth judicial district, the cost to be borne by the six counties proportionately.

CLYDE L. WEST

Belated recognition has been accorded by congress to Clyde L. West, former buck private in the army, who risked his life to advance the cause of science during the Spanish-American war. West, now a watchman in Washington, has been awarded a pension of $100 a month. In 1900 West, in Cuba, allowed himself to be bitten by infected mosquitoes and submitted to inoculation from yellow fever patients so that Maj. Walter Reed might experiment with a preventative for the dreaded fever.

## Contract Is Let For Rutherford Roads

RALEIGH, Dec. 22.—Low bids for ten projects totalled $871,157.05. The low bids had been selected from 127 different bids. The low figures were below the commission's estimate of $1,200,000.

The largest project was for eight miles of hard surfacing on route 203 Scotland county to the Noll Construction company for $133,218.80. The stretch runs from route 20 to the South Carolina line.

The only other hard surface project was 1.44 miles on route 27 in Mecklinsburg county, which went to the Caldwell Construction company, for $43,960.50

Another project, 649, calling for 13.75 miles of soil surface in Mecklenburg county on route 26, went to J. K. Cecil, $44,192.20, and structures to J. S. Bowers, $44,118.70.

The other projects were in Craven and Rutherford counties.

## Water Is Rapidly Rising

### MANY VISITORS PRESENT

### Dam Is Massive Structure Of Imposing Architectural Style

The last lot of concrete has been poured on the great dam at Lake Lanier, and the job is now completed. Many hundreds of visitors have been visiting the property during the construction program, and many have expressed themselves as being favorably impressed with the appearance of the great structure. Thousands of dollars have been expended in the construction of this magnificent piece of building. Eminent engineers were consulted before the work was actually begun so there would be no mistake as to the safety of the new project.

#### Mees & Mees Were Engineers

Messrs, Mees & Mees, of Charlotte, N. C. were the engineers for the job. They were selected because of their great reputation for the handling of jobs of this kind, many months work has made possible the completion of this massive structure. the payroll alone for this work has been a great help to the merchants of this section, and now that the work has been completed, it is expected that many owners of property at the lake will be in Tryon to see this magnificient structure finished and ready to back the waters into the several basins.

#### Much Water Already Impounded

A great amount of water is already in the lake as steps were taken at the beginning of work to hold as much water in the lake as possible, so when finished little time would be consumed in having the basins fill to the high marks. Numbers of homes have been built in this development and many more contemplated in the future. A great building program is in sight for the coming spring.

#### Next Step Will Be Improving Roadways

It is reported that the next step in this great development will be the hardsurfacing of many of the lovely drives throughout this large residential section, improvements of many kinds from time to time will be in evidence at this great lake resort.

## Nation's Plan Of Defense Permits No Assurance Of Preparedness Or Safety

### Country Is At Present Time In No Position To Protect Rights Or Self

JOSEPH SCHWARTZ

Joseph Schwartz, the "Mahogany King" of San Domingo, has willed his entire fortune to Maj. Gen. Clarence E. Edwards, and in so doing has sold his entire tract of 37,000 acres to a Boston syndicate. Mr. Schwartz was in the Phillippine revolution, and Gen. Edwards, then a captain in the army, befriended him. For that reason Mr. Schwartz decided to make him his heir.

## Polk County Club Meeting Is Enjoyed

The Polk county club held one of the most important meetings Tuesday night of the club's career. The meeting was held at the Mimosa hotel, where a delicious supper was served to the members. One of the chief attractions of the events was the address of Mr. W. F. Little, the newly elected member of the house of representatives. Mr. Little spoke interestingly on the subject of taxation, and his remarks were well received by his hearers.

#### New Officers Elected

Te new officers for next year were elected at the meeting Tuesday night as follows: president, E. W. Cobb; vice president, May Irene Flynte; sergt at arms, W. T. Hammett; treasurer, Miss Arledge. The directors named were as follows: J. H. Gibbs, C. J. Lynch and John W. Artz. About forty were present for the meeting including members from all parts of the county. The Mimosa was decorated in great Christmas style and one of the most enjoyable affairs of the season was witnessed by those who attended the interesting event.

## Rev. Henry J. Davis Gives Strong Talk

### CALLED HERE FROM ANDERSON, S.C.

### Speaks Sunday, January 2 On Life Of John The Baptist

At the regular morning hour, Sunday, the Rev. Henry J. Davis, recently called to the pulpit of the Tryon Baptist church and formerly assistant pastor of the First Baptist church of Anderson, S. C., preached his first sermon as pastor of the local institution. Mr. Davis chose for his text a very appropriate selection found in Ex. 33:13, 15 which reads as follows: "Show me now Thy way ... And he said, My presence shall go with thee...If Thy presence go not with us, carry us not up hence."

The service was well attended and the sermon in part is as follows:

"We have chosen for our text this morning from the 33rd chapter of the book of Exodus, using parts of the 13th and 15th verses.

"'Show me now Thy way'. We find here that Moses, the great leader of the children of Isarel, is making of Jehovah a rash and impossible request. Moses, no doubt, desired at this time to know the future which God had planned for him and the people of God. It is very evident that the masterful law-giver would have the Great God to open before his eyes the 'Book of the Future' and thereby 'show Thy way' to all the host encamped about the old patriarch. God had withdrawn His presence from the people of Israel because of their sins and I can imagine the feeling of this great leader as he stood with his long-flowing beard and in the dress of his day—looking anxiously upon the host of people without the presence of the Most High God. My, what a feeling of anxiety it must be for a man to be placed in high position, as Moses was, and have knowledge of the fact that God had withdrawn his presence and guidance.

"And now," went on Mr. Davis, "we come to the last sentence of our text and Moses answers the Lord with those striking words: 'If Thy presence go not with us, carry us not up hence.' In other words, Moses evidently felt that he would rather die and end it all than to go on without the presence of Jehovah.

"And now my dear friends," said Mr. Davis in closing, "I would not remain here in Tryon as the pastor of this church another single moment had I the absolute knowledge that God was not with us. I believe that God has brought us as pastor and people together for a purpose and that God's presence is with us. Experience has taught us that we were weak when we thought ourselves strong, often most foolish when we deemed ourselves specially wise, most erring when we claimed infallibility, most disappointed where our calculations were most confident, and that we only acted wisely and well when we took hold of God's hand and in trustful prayer let Him lead us. May this be our prayer from the bottom of our hearts and minds as we say: 'If Thy presence go not with us, carry us not up hence.'"

Give the young man a chance; this is the country of the young.

## Immediate Action On Matter Urged

(By Maj. Bernard Sharp)

At present we see no danger of war, nothing seems definitely to disturb our prospect of continued peace; indeed, many are of the opinion that war has now become so completely an anachronism that its possibility need never be considered again. However, there are still reasons for believing that the general subject of our national defense is worthy of careful consideration by the calm and responsible elements of the community.

After the world war the great army of 4,000,000 men was disbanded and congress took under advisement the matter of making provision against the recurrence of some of the difficulties that encumbered our efforts in that conflict. For some time the idea of universal military training was seriously entertained but after long discussion it was laid aside and the plan enacted into law.

Under this plan, the so-called "national defense act", the army of the United States is divided into three component parts, the regular army, the national guard and the organized reserves. In the basic law a regular army of 280,000 was provided but the subsequent appropriation act made available funds for only 125,000 and this number has since been reduced to 117,000, with a further cut of 5,000 in prospect. Of this army about one-half is in the United States, the remainder being in Poto Rico, Panama, Hawaii, Alaska, China and the Phillippines. The national guard, now about 175,000 strong, remains as provided by the constitution, under control of the states, though the regular army provides certain instructors and to insure a higher degree of training the government bears a portion of the expense of maintenance. The national government cannot call upon these troops for any service outside their own states, except in case of national emergency, and, also, the troops of the regular establishment of national emergency, and, also, the troops of the regular establishment cannot be used for internal purposes in any state except upon request of the state authorities.

In general, the regular army and the national guard remain much as before, the only distinct advance being in the establishment of the organized reserves. The whole country is divided into areas, in each of which certain organizations are to be raised, and the organized reserves consist of the officers of these organizations. Of these there are now enrolled about 90,000, each of whom is assigned a definite station and definite duties upon the appearance of national danger. Meantime they remain citizens of the communities in which they live and go about their usual vocations. They are required to undertake certain courses of instruction, for which purpose officers of the regular army are detailed, and they are also encouraged to attend occasional camps of instruction for periods of fifteen days each. Last year about 10 per cent attended these camps. They receive no pay, except when in camp, and provide their own uniforms, etc.

The enlisted men required to complete these organizations must be supplied by draft or such other means as congress may direct, at pres-

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## 'Drama Fortnightly' Present Play To Appreciative House

A finer, more cultured audience could not be found in any city that I know of, than that which gathered on Wednesday evening in the parish house to witness the Drama Fortnightly performance of the play "Minnick", made from a story by Edna Ferber. Too intelligent to be critical, they followed with close attention a play which like Mrs. Browning's "Pomegranate", "Cut deep down the middle, shows a heart, deep-veined with love's humanity".

The old, old problem, sometimes heart-breaking problem, of age versus youth; youth hampered by helpless, hungry age as youth is never hampered by helpless, hungry infancy. This play would have been intolerable had not, as Mrs. Peattie said in her prologue; "an old man's home yawned for Minnick as for other vain weak old men." Sympathy with the old man, sympathy with the young "gang", would be too poignant.

As to the manner in which the play was given, frankly reading the parts instead of attempting to memorize them, though with costumes and scenery, it might have seemed a discovery—a Tryon evolution—but for the fact that it has long been done in Persia, and that many communities are finding out how much better it is to trust to the printed page than to untrained memories.

When all is said and done, the cleverest and most difficult thing is the casting of the characters. Whoever picked out Mr. Peattie for the old man, Mrs. Clark for the woman's clubber, Dr. Peary for the negro servant, Mr. Paul Smith who, though a member of the "gang," had real affection for his vain old parents, the restless young women flitting from the card-table to philanthropy, each seemed born for his particular part.

No-one can foretell what may come of the movies but at present the movie needs the voice more than the Drama Fortnightly needs the memory.