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MERCHANTS CLOSE EARLY

These nights one notices that most stores here are closed soon after dark. When one comes to think of it there are a few people in the world who are responsible for a great portion of the confusion and hardship of many. Now take the custom of ladies shopping after supper in a town the size of this. While every one knows that the night time is no time to select goods, to say nothing of the clerks being tired and impatient, yet some few people persist in doing their trading after night. These few unwise shoppers make the life of the poor young salesman almost unbearable. A young man comes to town with ambition to be a salesman and later a business man. He has many things to learn in addition to what he learns behind the counter. He has the right, or should have, to some time to read and mingle in a social way with the people of the town. But these night shoppers would turn him into an industrial slave in order to serve them.

Every thoughtful woman in town should discourage this habit of trading after night. The Merchants Association is trying to bring about a change in this way of doing business, but the Association must have the hearty cooperation of the general public in order to accomplish the desired result.

Town Affairs.

The newly elected officials of this city met this week and at two sessions got in hand most of the business of the town. The police force was reelected at the same salaries. There was some disposition to reduce the force in number, but how to do this and yet properly police the town no one was able to say.

Dr. H. B. Rowe was reelected health officer at a salary of \$100.00 per year, thus increasing his salary \$50.00. This increase was due in part to the fact that the health officer also becomes inspector of meats and has the oversight of the meat business when his services are needed.

Mr. Bob Dean was elected to have charge of the butchering of all beef sold on this market. He gives his time to the business, furnishes his own place of business and gets a salary of \$50.00 per month, the town receiving the fees for his services to the different beef men. It is supposed that the fees will about pay the salary. This office has been filled in a most satisfactory way for the past year by Mr. J. C. Couneil.

Mr. S. M. Hale was elected by the Board to the office of Mayor Pro Tem. Mr. F. M. Poore was elected Clerk to the Board and secretary and treasurer of the town.

Mr. A. G. Webb was reelected fire inspector and chief of the fire department. His salary was increased from \$150.00 to \$250.00, this because of the amount of time that the present state laws require of the fire inspector. The salary asked was considered by the Board as a fair price for the service rendered.

J. L. Banner was reelected tax collector and J. H. Folger town attorney. Mr. Joe Haynes was employed to make out the new tax books receiving for his services \$100.00.

Mad Dogs at Large.

There is a great mad dog scare in this part of the country. Down in the Brim section two supposed mad dogs are at large and already three cows and one mule have been killed as the result of the dogs. Here in this city the scare is such that the Town will enforce an ordinance to keep all dogs off the streets until further notice. The town is to protect the people, and those who have had experience with a mad dog will no doubt give their hearty cooperation to this effort to protect the public from them.

SURRY BOY BACK FROM ENGLAND.

Mr. M. M. Ward Tells Thrilling Story of Submarine War and Food Problem as He Saw it in England.

Some months ago Mr. M. M. Ward, son of Mr. W. T. Ward who lives a few miles out from this city, concluded he would see something of the world and went up to Norfolk to get employment. After some weeks he secured a position with the sea going people, and later was carried to England on a British stock boat, serving in the capacity of cook. Now that he is back in the home land he will remain here for the summer, his father's health being bad.

Monday we had the pleasure of talking with young Mr. Ward and the story he tells gives a vivid picture of the conditions he found, once he was out of this country. Something like this is the way he told of his experiences.

On the 28 of March, last, he sailed on the British Stock Boat, the Tarsian, bound for Bristol England with a cargo of 1300 mules and many other items of commerce. The boat sailed from Newport News, Va. Once they were out at sea the officers repeatedly drilled all on board as to how to use the life boats. Each man was supplied with a life belt and required to keep it where he could use it at a moments notice. Each one was made to know his place in the life boats in case of danger.

As the war zone was approached, and this is about three days out from England, due to the fact that a boat does not keep straight ahead, but zig zags about, in fence worm style. Thus a boat is supposed to give the submarine less opportunity to get in its deadly work.

As they plowed along through the waters in the war zone the officers stayed awake day and night and every nerve was on high key. Each man was on the lookout for the snout of the little submarine that is now the terror of the seas. To add a thrill to the already nervous tension when about 500 miles out from England they passed three life boats loaded with men. Each boat had up a little sail doing its best to get nearer shore and home. Each boat had also a yellow flag hoisted which was a war signal to passing boats to keep away because of the presence of submarines. The story the yellow flag told was that their ship had been sunk by a submarine and that they were in the zone of the supposed under sea enemy, and that it would not be safe to stop and pick them up. And so all the passing ship could do was to send a wireless message to shore notifying a war vessel of the longitude and latitude of the three life boats. This was done and in a short time the little, frail crafts with their burden of hungry, human souls were left behind and out of sight. No one knows yet whether or not the war vessels were able to find the drifting men.

Once safe in England, after a voyage of thirteen days, the ship was unloaded and required to stay in port two weeks waiting for repairs. During this two weeks wait Mr. Ward had the opportunity to see something of conditions in that country. Bristol is a large city on the west coast of England and has about 400,000 people.

These are some of the noticeable things that Mr. Ward saw. The street car conductors are women, the men have gone to the front. The policemen are not of the policeman type of men. The regular force of policemen has gone to the war and citizens have taken their places. The war is the talk of every body. The general opinion is that Germany is whipped, but that she will yet fight on for a time in a spirit of desperation. Every one knows that the food shortage in England is a matter of seriousness. No one denies it. The bread is now all made by mixing wheat, barley and rye and this mixture of grain is ground whole, like our graham bread, and makes a very dark heavy kind of bread when it is ready to use. This is the only kind of bread that can be had in that

country. In all public eating places the bread is cut as the law directs, and this is in one ounce slices. No one is served with more than four ounces at a time, and to some people this makes a small allowance for a meal. One gets in addition to the four one-ounce slices of black bread a little piece of meat that is accurately weighed out and tips the beam at exactly two ounces. This and no more is what is served as the law directs. In addition to the meat and bread one gets a few potatoes fried brown. By a few Mr. Ward meant a few more than one would take out of a dish with a table spoon at one effort. The quantity of potatoes is so small that one thinks it is a very little to place before a hungry man.

Mr. Ward said that he saw people who said that the supply of potatoes is so small that many people are not able to buy at any price, and that they had not been able to get any in several weeks. The price there is about \$3.00 per bushel, but the trouble is that they are not to be found on the market at any price. The ship that carried Mr. Ward had in store more potatoes than was necessary to last the crew back to the home land, and so they gave away all they could spare to people who would plant them. The cry everywhere was for seed potatoes to plant.

Once the repairs to the boat were completed they left Bristol on April 24th and arrived back in Norfolk May 6th. Now Mr. Ward is back with his home people and will spend the summer here.

Honor Roll for Eighth Month.

Mattie Lee Branson, Lillian Johnson Isabel Hardie, Alma Steele, Ruby Briggs, Sanford Gillespie, Harley Parker, Garnett Warren, Loyall Thore, Luther Branson, Mary Franklin Carpenter, Mary Graves, Myrtle Thomas, Eula Vaughn, Freda Webb, Fred Johnson, Howard Quessenberry, Charles Sprinkle, William Belton, Glenn Hatcher, Claude Monday, Oliver Patterson, Howard Jackson, Theodore Clement, Russell Hunt, Seldon Lineback, Walter Jackson, E. C. Belton, Verdie Griffith, Ruth Jarrell, Rhodie Bowman, Clarice Bowman, Billie Burke Durnin, Margaret Riddle, Margaret Shelton, Gertrude Wagener, Vera Owens, Wilhelmina Chapman, Kathleen Herman, Viola Cook Thomas Edmunds.

Second grade—Myrtle Adams, Virginia Burke, Christopher Binder, Helen Calloway, Calvin Graves, Lonie Joyce, Elanor Jordan, Burtrice Lloyd, Helen Monday, Wyatt Montgomery, May Moser, Alice Partridge, Kathleen Short, Pearl Wright, Beulah Ashburn, Capitola Belton, Josephine Faulk, Kathleen King, Elizabeth Lundy, Roland Carpenter, Lucien Needham, Thomas Perkins.

Third grade—Wallace Calloway, Dick Martin, Bertha Byrd, Franc Chapman, Kathryn Ellis, Nellie Norman, Frances Shelton, Bobbie Worth, Neeta Webb, Maria Baird, Howard Burcham, Hugh Merritt, Troy Needham, Stewart Lowry, Virginia Saunders, Annie Seal, Georgia Stewart, Mary Edwards, Verona Hennis, Katherine Long, Rachel Marshall, Ruth Norman, Ercell Smith, May Vaughn, Ed Davis, Harry Johnson, John Marshall, Elbert Partridge.

Fourth grade—Lyle Burcham, Ida Susena, Belle Graves, Kathleen Jackson, Byron Baldridge, Archie Carter, Charles Staley, Oscar Caudle, Arthur Shropshire, Mary Binder, Lucy Bowman, Virginia Coltrane, Juanita Dunman, Andrew Durnin, James Felts, Fannie Fulk, Solomon Houser, Lorenzo Jackson, Thelma Jones, Eldridge Kingsbury, Tressie Mays, Ruth Minick Arlice Marshall, P. D. Muse, Agnes Norman, Waymouth Overby, Lea Primus, Mary Sprinkle, Amos Wyrick, Ella York.

Fifth grade—Clay Saunders, Howard Cain, Louise Rothrock, Mary Council, Florrie Stronach, Irene Armfield, Carrie Parker, Mary Leslie Powell, Dorothy Creveling, Myrtle Davis, William Sprinkle, Norris Hatcher, Troy Lawrence, Frank Wells, Mary Seal, Clara Thacker, Margaret Johnson.

Sixth grade—Virginia Galloway, Ethel Dix, Alice Herman, Hazel McHone, Louise Kochitzky, Pearl Brannock, Leone McDaniell, Myrtle Valentine, Annie Lee Gentry, Frances Foy Annie Bundy, Elizabeth Ashby, Annie Belton, Fred Kirkman, Theodore Reece, William Thomas.

Seventh grade—Parker Hatcher, Willie Green King, Viola Lineback, John Minick, Mozelle Owens, Jesse Simmons, Elfra Smith, Eloise Sparger Edith Sprinkle, Rosa York, Ralph Patterson.

Eighth grade—Nell Folger, Ethel Haynes, May Ola McDaniell, Katherine Merritt, Inez Paisley, John Prather, May Parker, Lula Tilley.

Ninth grade—Maude Bundy, Raymond Donovan, Elza Felts, Marion Prather, Lillian Sparger, Beatrice Felts, Alice Haynes, Lavinia Powell, Jettie Moody.

Tenth grade—Fred Folger, Collier Sparger, Jessie Belton, Mary Herring Alice Jones, Margie Johnson, Kate Mitchell, Lessie Smith.

Eleventh grade—Claude Absher, Walter Carter, Guy Hill, Ruth Chapman, Alice Allred, Theima Dobie, Mary Spaug.

The local W. C. T. U. held a literary and social meeting Tuesday at the home of Mrs. T. B. McCargo near this city.

SPRING IS HERE AT LAST

The beautiful spring time has come at last.

The bright balmy days will make the ladies think about warm weather fabrics.

We are pleased to say that despite the scarcity of goods of all kinds we have a splendid line of all kinds Spring and Summer Dress Goods from the cheapest to the best.

Big line of plain and fancy Voiles, Organdies, Lawns, Batiste and in fact everything shown this season in wash fabrics, and while the prices are very high on some things we have some rare values to offer the public in this line. In fact we are in position to sell you most anything you want with the exception of staple cotton goods as low as you ever bought them, and in fact some Big Bargains in some things.

Now don't put off buying your goods until your friends and neighbors get all the pretty patterns. Remember first come is first served and our stock is larger now than it will be any more this season.

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Be sure to come in and examine our line before buying—will guarantee to please you and save you money.

Yours very truly,

J. L. HARRISON

The esteemed Times-Leader says:

"We have read and reread our little squib in last weeks paper giving the result of the recent town election and for the life of us we are unable to decide what it contained that was offensive to the editor of The News." No offense whatever, just a little comparison of popularity as attested by votes cast.

Mrs. J. A. Adams Dead.

Mrs. J. A. Adams wife of Ex-Sheriff J. A. Adams died at her home in Dobson Monday morning after a prolonged illness. Mrs. Adams was seventy years old and has had two serious operations within the last one and one half years.

Before her marriage she was Miss Eliza Ellen McGuffin. She is survived by her husband and one daughter. Mrs. Adams was a good woman and will be greatly missed in her community. The funeral was conducted on Tuesday afternoon by Rev. T. H. King assisted by Revs. C. C. Haymore and T. V. Crouse.

Among those of our people attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Pace, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sparger, Mr. and Mrs. Will Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. John Folger, Mesdames Sallie Summers, J. G. Powell, S. N. Allred, J. T. Moore, C. H. Haynes and Ella Bunker and Messrs W. F. Carter and Tobe Taylor.

Important Notice.

The law requires that all property and polls must be given in to us during May, and provides further that after May 31, all failing to do so shall go before the board of county commissioners and list and pay the register of deeds 25 cents, and there will then be added to his taxes a penalty of 5 per cent. So bear in mind that our books will close to you on May 31 1917.

We are at Banner Warehouse and will be there during the month of May to take your list.

Yours truly,

J. R. Jatterson, A. L. Sparger, List takers for Mt. Airy Township, Wards 1 and 2.

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