

Mount Airy News.

Mount Airy, N. C., Dec. 27th, 1917.

Schedule of Trains

LEAVING		ARRIVING	
No.	Time	No.	Time
1209	10 a.m.	1201	11:30 a.m.
1210	10:30 a.m.	1202	12:00 p.m.

SHORT NEWS ITEMS

Attorney and Mrs. E. H. Wrenn, Jr., of Reidsville, spent the holidays here.

Dr. Conrad Inman of Baltimore is in the city visiting his parents.

Mrs. Will Johnson has been quite ill for some days but is improving.

Mrs. W. M. Jordan and children are spending the holidays with relatives near Greensboro.

Miss Emma Johnson of the faculty of Cullowhee State Normal spent the holidays here with her parents.

Mr. D.T. Martin, traveling salesman for the Reynolds Tobacco Co., is here from Chicago to visit his sister, Mrs. P. S. Rothrock.

Rev. Tom P. Jimison of the Mount Airy Circuit announces that he has changed his schedule so that hereafter he will preach at Salem the first Sunday morning in each month instead of at Zion, and that he will preach at Zion the third Sunday morning in each month.

Mr. R. F. Paddison of Albany, Ga., and his brother Howard of Manila, and Dr. J. R. Paddison and wife from Kernersville and E. W. Paddison of Ga., came in Monday and are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Paddison, on Pine street.

American Bullets Pierce Armor of German Soldiers

With the American Army in France Dec. 19.—By the Associated Press.—The German soldiers' armor will not withstand the hard hitting American bullet, it has been shown. A heavy breastplate removed from a German prisoner for a test was literally chewed to pieces by machine gun fire after a rifle bullet fired at a good range had torn a hole in the armor as big as a silver dollar.

Even the bullets from an automatic pistol did the work it was expected they should in this respect.

Only Bona Fide Officers of the State are Exempt

Danville, Va., Dec. 19.—A special from Richmond today says that the governor has received a ruling from Provost Marshal General Crowder which is to the effect that only bona fide officers of the state are exempt from the draft. Hitherto many magistrates police officers, constables trustees, notaries and similarly commissioned men have held that they were officers of the state in a sense, and as such not liable for service. A new ruling makes 10,000 more men in Virginia available.

CARD OF THANKS.

To each and all of the many kind friends who were so helpful and sympathetic during the illness and at the death of our sister, Miss Neal Bodenheimer we extend our sincere thanks. They will always be held in grateful remembrance.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Newton.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

The regular annual meeting of the shareholders of the Stry County Loan and Trust Company will be held at the office of the Company, Wednesday afternoon, January 15, 1918, at 4 o'clock.

Geo. D. Fawcett, Sec.-Treas.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

The regular annual meeting of the shareholders of The First National Bank of Mount Airy will be held in the Banking House Tuesday afternoon January 8th, 1918, at 4 o'clock.

T. G. Fawcett, Cashier.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of The Bank of Mount Airy is hereby called to meet in the office of said Bank on Thursday January 24th, 1918 at ten o'clock, A. M.

W. J. BYERLY, Pres.

CHRISTMAS AT MOUNT AIRY.

The holidays have been pleasant in this part of the country judging from the large numbers of people who have been here either on business or pleasure bent. Many have been here to visit friends and they came in large numbers to do the usual trading before the holidays.

A dozen or more of the soldier boys came home to visit friends and the universal comment has been about the fine appearance they make. Most of them have taken on weight until they are often twenty-five pounds heavier than when they went away a few months ago. And they appear to be enthusiastic about the army. They seem to be anxious to get into the thick of the fight and want to get into France as soon as possible. At least that is the impression they make by their talk. Their appearance for the better leads one to the inevitable conclusion that they are getting good treatment and are liking the work.

The churches in the city and about the country had the usual holiday entertainments. The weather has been cold enough to keep most people hosed up as much as they well could be, and these entertainments have no doubt been less attended than they would have been only for the severe weather.

It has been a sober Christmas, to say the least. The fellow who had his drink this time has been the exception, if one is to judge by the talk the boys have about the deplorable situation that has come about in these days. Some of the stories they tell are so strange as to be interesting. Think of three men pooling their worldly interests and forming a combine to get away with the goods, and after due and deliberate decision reach the conclusion that they will invest of their worldly goods to the amount of a dollar and a half in a half pint of whiskey—the kind they make back in the mountains where corn is scarce and concentrated lye cheap. After concluding the deal imagine these three citizens wending their way to some secluded spot and there in the most solemn way they proceed to take their christmas drink from the little half pint bottle. And to think that when that is divided out among the partners to the deal there is no more to be had either for love or for money.

One lone boot-legger had a monopoly of the whole business on Christmas eve and made the most of the situation. It was well known among many of the boys that this fellow had the goods and was disposing of it in lots of a pint. Very good liquor they said it was, but the hitch came when it was further learned that the fellow had the nerve to ask an even three dollars and a half for a pint. But even at three dollars and a half a pint he was able to do business and he gets credit for making some sales at these prices.

One story they tell on the streets is that one citizen was waiting patiently Christmas eve for his half gallon for which he was to pay an even six dollars. And after a wait of sufficient length the man came, and sure enough he had the half gallon. But some other more thirsty soul had gone and raised the bid and offered a ten spot for the liquor. The man who had it thought it his duty to make the most he could and showed a disposition to break away from the his former deal of six dollars and accept the higher figure. Finally after much talk the man who was willing to pay \$10 for a half gallon of liquor—got it and no doubt many a head ache along with it. One story that goes the rounds these holidays, for be it remembered that the boys have not yet forgotten the

days when the goose hung high and times were such that life was worth living in these parts. They yet remember the glorious days when every fellow had his drink in both plain and fancy form during these most pleasant occasions and they also remember how they could get the best of liquor for a price that would not bankrupt a Rothschild. But those days are gone, and yet they recall many a pleasant incident also some that are not so pleasant that are coming to light in these latter days. Think of this story. Down in a neighboring town, might as well say Greensboro, for that is the place.

Down in Greensboro a man gets away with it something like this: Once a week he makes a trip to Baltimore and brings back with him an even sixty pints. Then he makes his headquarters at a hotel where he sells his supply to the traveling public through the colored boys about the place. And he gets an even seven dollars and fifty cents a pint for the whole sixty pints, and then he hikes back to Baltimore for a new supply. And he pulls off this stunt just once each week.

During the holidays in this city there was one lone quart brought here by the express company and it took a batch of affidavits and doctors' prescriptions to get it into the hands of the man who had evidently ordered it because his physician had told him to. The rules are such that the fellow who just wants a drink no longer makes an effort to get it by way of the mail order house and express company. All of which points to the conclusion that the wise ones who used to say that Prohibition is all right, if it would prohibit, were somewhat hasty in their conclusions. It is evidently doing much to prohibit, and what is better, most people readily admit that conditions under the new order are decidedly an improvement over what they were when every man had his drink when he wanted it which, unfortunately, was sometimes too often.

Mr. Rawley Harmon, linotype operator in the News office, is spending the holidays with his parents at Elkin.

Former Citizen Dead in California.

Mrs. Jas. P. Tate died in California Dec. 15 after an illness of a few days with pneumonia. He was reared near this city and has many relatives in this section who will be pained to hear of his death. He was expecting to visit his people back in this state next spring. He went to California several years ago and was 34 years of age at the time of his death.

Aged Citizen Passes.

Mr. Ephriam Puckett died at his home a few miles north of this city Monday of last week after an illness of several months. He was 72 years of age at the time of his death. Mr. Puckett was well known in this section as one of the original men who made a living from the growing of fine fruit. He had a small orchard that was located in the face of the Blue Ridge and brought him large returns. He stored his apples and waited until the spring months to market many of them. He made it a rule to sell most of his fruit after other people had sold out and it was a common sight here to see him with his yoke of oxen on a bright spring day hauling a large load of the very finest apples, for which he always realized a rancy price. He made it a rule for many years to keep some of the old crop of apples until the new crop came in and it was with great pride that he would exhibit a June apple along with some that he had kept over from the past year.

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