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**OUR NEW COURT HOUSE.**

The editor of The News had the occasion to see something of the new courthouse this week. He spent several hours in the offices looking up cost in cases where legal notices have been published, and not only had a look at the building but at the records and files of papers, etc.

In the first place the records are in a hand writing that can be read. In the Clerk's office, evidently for years, the men who have done the work are good scribes. The writing is plain and easily read, and the books are neatly kept and appear to be accurate and in the hands of men who know their business.

The new building is so complete and satisfactory that it is beyond us to give the public anything like a right impression of its real worth to the county. In the first place it is fireproof. The walls are heavy, built of granite and stone. The floors are of concrete and steel with tile surface. The furniture of all kinds, except a few a tables and some chairs, is of steel. It appears that it would be practically impossible to burn the building or its contents.

The building is not so large as to impress one with the great size, and yet it is a large building. It has many rooms for the various court officials, Jurors, witnesses, grand jury, women, etc. The modern conveniences are all in it—water, electric lights and sewer and steam heat. And the building is handsome. It has all the marks of modern architecture and would be a credit to any city.

Once the people of the county know something of this new building they will be proud of it.

Dobson has a citizen who writes for the newspapers and he gives out information that might lead one to think that he is not pleased for some cause with this magnificent structure. He recently suggested in one of his letters to the press that a nice awning be placed over the court house to protect it from the weather—the sunshine and the rain. He talks about the desirability of having it insured—knowing that it is of stone and concrete. He pays his respects to the politicians who wasted so much money in a futile effort to thus patch up their shabby political fences.

We suggest to this public spirited scribe that in some of his letters tell the outside world about the hearty way in which the people of his progressive town have responded so nobly in improving the property about the square, and how nicely they have painted up the adjoining buildings and made them in keeping with the new county home. He might use his influence in seeing that the few loafers about the county capital—every town has a few loafers—see that these loafers are allowed free and unlimited access to the lobbies of the new building. They will not be one bit in the way of the public who must be there on business. These loafers will be most comfortable in the nicely heated rooms, and the chairs about the offices are both free and easy. And the wood furniture—what little there is, can be used for whittling timber. And then it is no trouble to clean after these loafers, for the janitor is on the job anyway. But what is the use. Any citizen who can belittle and make light of the splendid building that we now have for our public records and for our temple of justice will want to erase his criticism and make due apologies if the fates should decree in later years that he grace the bench and preside over a court of justice in this same building.

The new court house is a credit to both the people and to the men who are responsible for its erection at this time.

**THRIFT TALK.**

Surry's war saving campaign is in full swing. Let's get busy and make old Surry outdo herself.

—W. S. S.—

At least two of Mount Airy's leading citizens have bought all the stamps the law will allow them to have. Dr. Moir S. Martin and Mr. W. W. Burke each own \$1000.00 worth of war stamps.

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That is not only patriotism but shows that this doctor and merchant are long headed enough to know a good thing when it crosses their path.

—W. S. S.—

It is just as patriotic to own a twenty-five cent thrift stamp as it is to go the limit, provided the two bits is all you can afford to lend to your country.

—W. S. S.—

Let's save the quarters and stick war stamps on the certificate. Every stamp you stick on is a blow to the Kaiser and helps secure peace.

—W. S. S.—

The negroes of Mount Airy are falling into line. A great and enthusiastic rally was planned and carried out by them at the Methodist church on Needmore street Monday night. Rev. Tom P. Jimison and Chairman A. V. West spoke.

—W. S. S.—

Mr. J. M. Edwards of Asheville, who has two sons in France, invested \$17,000.00 in Liberty Bonds, and then when the government issued the War Savings Stamps, he was one of the first to purchase a thousand dollars worth which is the maximum for a single individual. That is patriotism of the purest ray serene.

—W. S. S.—

The following gentlemen have been appointed to enlist the aid of their respective organizations in the campaign: E. M. Linville, Juniors; W. I. Monday, W. O. W.; Herbert M. Foy, Masons; Dr. Hege, Boy Scouts; R. B. Honeyford, Modern Woodman; Rev. J. O. Belton, Granite Cutters; Jim Barker, Red Men; M. F. Patterson, Juniors; M. R. Baily Masons at Elkin; C. G. Armfield, W. O. W. at Elkin; Oscar Ray, Juniors at Elkin. These men will bring things to pass or break a trace.

—W. S. S.—

**A True Fish Story.**

Here is a fish story that we can vouch for. On last Sunday two small boys James Mathews and Claud Banner son of Mr. Joe Banner of Route 5, were strolling along the banks of Ararat River near the Sulphur Springs. Claud had the luck to see a big fish down in the water, and such a fish he had never looked upon before. It appeared to be as large as a dog and lay perfectly still on the bottom of the river where the water was something like two feet deep. To say that the boys were excited is mildly expressing it. Quickly a war council was held and a plan of campaign decided upon. James was to stand guard while Claud hastened home after the gig. It took a whole century for Claud to make the trip home and back—something like half a mile, and he going at the rate of thirty miles an hour. But as luck would have it that fish never moved while he was gone after the gig.

Then after getting a long breath and taking sure aim Claud landed the gig in the right place and had his fish pinned to the bottom of the river. Flounder as he could he could not get away, and securely the boys held him down. But they were afraid to not hold him down. And so after another council of war they decided that a pitchfork in Mr. Banner's feed barn might help some to win the fight. Again Claud broke the speed limit after the pitchfork while James held the fish against the bottom with the gig. Once the fork was in action and landed in the fish they risked bringing him to land. By actual measurement he was 28 inches long and weighed 13 pounds. Some fish for this section and some experience for two small boys.

—W. S. S.—

**Blind Preacher Coming.**

Rev. R. G. McLees, of Chatham, Va. the blind evangelist, will assist Rev. T. C. Bales in a meeting in the First Presbyterian church beginning March 17th.

**PLANNING FOR NEXT SURRY COUNTY FAIR.**

September 24, 25, 26 and 27 Are Dates Fixed by The Local Fair Association.

A meeting of the Directors of the Surry County Fair Association was held last Friday night for the purpose of making preliminary arrangements for the event next fall.

The Directors have decided to make the next Fair even better than before, believing that it is more necessary now than in former years when the nation was at peace. In addition to giving the people of the county, as well as the city diversion from the seriousness of the war and war measures, it is the intention of the management to make it even more effective as an inspiration to the people to produce food products of all kinds and to develop all county resources to the limit in the interest of National welfare.

Especially will they encourage poultry, cattle and swine. The association will purchase some registered pigs for distribution among the winners in the boys corn and pig club. The Directors see in Surry county a great hog country and are going to instill "thoroughbreds" into the minds of the present generation of boys.

The dates for the local Fair have been fixed for September 24, 25, 26 and 27 which is one week ahead of Winston-Salem Fair. This means that our Fair will begin the Carolina Circuit. This assures us excellent attractions. The racing this year should not be better on any track in North Carolina.

Several changes and improvements will be made on the grounds during the summer. Mr. J. D. McCollum has been engaged to grade the hill to the rear of the Commercial Building. What was formerly the Agricultural shed will be turned into a ladies lounging room. Under the grandstand will be built a first class room for the agricultural products, giving ample light to make the exhibits attractive.

As in 1917 the premiums will be paid cash on the grounds beginning the second day of the Fair to all who call for same. The Surry County Fair was the first Fair in North Carolina to adopt that method.

The officers presiding over the Fair this year are almost the same as last W. G. Sydnor is president; Edw. M. Linville is Secretary; John Banner is treasurer and the following compose the board of directors: W. J. Byerly, Geo. D. Fawcett, J. K. Reynolds, S. M. Hale, J. D. Sargent, G. C. Lovill and R. C. Freeman.

The heads or superintendent of the various departments will be selected by Mr. Linville the secretary.

The slogan adopted by the association will be "The Favorite Week of The 52."

—W. S. S.—

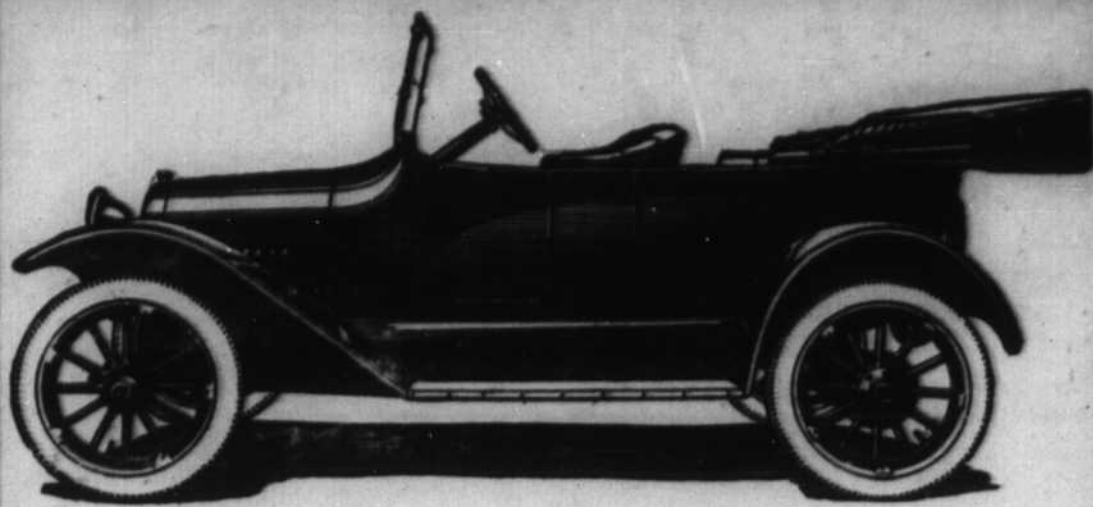
**Warehouses Close March 15.**

Because of the high price of tobacco this year the farmers are marketing their crops earlier than usual. Practically all the last year crop is now sold and the warehouses will close the 15th of March. In this connection it is noticeable that the farmers have not yet gathered in their corn. Never in this section before has one been able to see whole fields of corn standing at this time of the year. In many neighborhoods as much as a third of the corn is yet in the fields not pulled from the stalk. Naturally much of it, or some of it at least, would get down on the ground and decay. Evidently the rush to market and to sow grain crops has had something to do with the neglect of the corn.

—W. S. S.—

**Revival at Oak Grove.**

The evangelistic services being conducted at Oak Grove by the Rev. Tom P. Jimison, are growing in interest daily. Large crowds are attending the night services, and Mr. Jimison reports that the morning congregations are growing rapidly. Much interest is being manifested and the prospects for a great revival are good. This is one of the most important appointments on the Mount Airy circuit and is one of the strongest country churches in Surry county. Large numbers from town have been motoring over to the meetings almost every night.



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 Mount Airy, N. C.

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—Of—

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