

Mount Airy News.

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DOBSON COURT.

The recent term of Surry Court closed last Friday after two weeks during which time but little business was disposed of outside the criminal docket. Five men have gone to the roads as the result of the term and two or three others would have gone only for the fact that they appealed and got out on bond, thus giving them a chance to make a crop. The case of John Law, of the Pine Ridge section, is rather a peculiar one. As reported in The News in former issues John was tried for not supporting his wife and several children. A jury convicted him and he told the Judge that he never intended to live with his wife again. Then the Judge told John that it was either go and support that family or go to the roads for two years. Then John reconsidered and agreed to go back home. Court adjourned and John was left in jail until he could arrange for the cost of the action. Then John again changed his mind and now says that he is not going to live with his wife and will take the road sentence. He is willing to support the children and can give bond for the payment of his wages toward their support, but lives with that woman—never, so says John. The strange thing about this case is that the neighbors all, or many of them, give John a good character and say that he is an honest man and a hard worker. It would appear that his trouble all comes from a combination of circumstances which he is not able to control. He works hard and puts in good time, but is not able to get much for his services. His family gets credit for him, being as saving as they might be, and thus they are not able to get along well on what he can provide. And so John is in jail yet. Friends will try to get the Judge to let change the sentence and allow him to continue to the support of his family without living with his wife. He can do this and can give bond for the faithful performance of his duties. A case that attracted some attention was that of a damage suit against the town of Mount Airy. Some years ago you know it takes some years to get a case tried in this county—a young girl was killed here by a fallen electric wire. A thunder storm came up and the wire for some cause burned in two and dropped in the street. The wire was heavily charged with electricity and when through curiosity as is supposed, the child took hold of the wire she was instantly killed. Suit was brought on the grounds that the town was in some way responsible for the accident. An effort was made to show to the jury that the electric light system is not provided with the safety arrangements that should be here. Expert witnesses for the town and against were there to tell what they know about the system we have. After much time spent in examining witnesses the case was compromised by the Town paying the plaintiff \$300.00. The case against Mr. J. J. Wallace of Rusk, in which he was charged with secret assault, was one of unusual interest. Mr. Wallace has lived in the county many years and is well known to the people who have more than once honored him with public office. Some weeks ago a young man named Shaw came to the county as foreman for a bridge company of Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Shaw was boarding at Burch station and while there he and Mr. Wallace had a conversation that turned to a discussion of war, buying bonds etc. Mr. Wallace claims that Mr. Shaw made remarks about the duty of citizens to buy bonds that were offensive to him. For this reason he claimed he struck Mr. Shaw over the head with a chair, making a bad wound on the scalp. After hearing the evidence in the case a verdict of guilty of assault with deadly weapon was agreed on and the

Judge made a most unusual sentence. He first required that Mr. Wallace resign as county commissioner. Second he was required to contribute \$100.00 to the Red Cross fund and \$100.00 to the work being done by the Young Mens Christian Association. Third he was to buy a Liberty Bond to the amount of \$1,000.00 and deposit this bond with the clerk for a term of three years as a bond for good behaviour during the three years, the bond to be sold and the proceeds to go to the school fund in case of failure of the defendant to comply with the terms of the sentence.

The Judge required that the resignation as county commissioner be made while court was in session, and that this might be done, he ordered that the other commissioners meet in special session at Dobson Friday and accept the resignation. This was done and Mr. F. T. Snow was named as temporary chairman. On Monday of this week the Clerk of the Court appointed Mr. Theo. Fawcett of this city to fill the vacancy thus created.

Sentenced to Die June 21.

Napoleon Spencer who was convicted at Dobson court at the recent term for the murder of Mrs. Harvey Heater was sentenced last week by Judge Shaw to die June 21st. Sheriff Bolton carried him to Raleigh where he will be confined in the state penitentiary until the day of his execution. Naturally the Governor will be asked to review the case and it may thus be delayed and the execution may be many months ahead. On his way to Raleigh the prisoner declined to talk about his trouble, and if he has ever been disposed to give away his secrets we have not heard of it. He assumed a stubborn attitude, and while respectful in his answers to questions, he is not the least disposed to enter into conversation with those about him.

Fire Engine to Blame.

The esteemed Times-Lender seems to not be able to understand why fire insurance rates have been increased in this good town where a modern fire fighting machine is owned for the protection of property. It is truly a problem. In other towns where a whole lot of fire fighting machines are owned and manned the rate of insurance is up just as it is here in our town, ten per cent. By the way it seems that many folks seem never to get it in their heads that a fire fighting apparatus is made to protect property, rather than to make money for the people. That machine is here primarily that we may keep what we have saved and invested in property.

Army Officer Here

Captain Hiram Stanley of Camp Sevier is in the city spending a few days with his family before going to one of the northern camps to which point he has been ordered. Captain Stanley talks interestingly of army life. He has now been in the service since the first soldiers went to camp and has played an important part in training the new army. He saw much service before the present war. He says that the spirit of the boys is fine, judging from the anxiety to go over to France. He gives it as his opinion that practically every man is satisfied with the place he is filling in the army, and that 1 out of 100 would not come home and quit the service if they were offered an honorable discharge. They almost without exception want to see service in France and are in a hurry to get into the real fight.

Captain Stanley says the people back at home would be surprised to see the way the army is saving food. He says that often an officer will stand at the door as the boys finish a meal and have each soldier to place on a pair of scale ever bit of food left on his plate after finishing a meal. The amount of waste that is thus secured is so small that it is surprising. He says it is a fact that the scraps from the plates of 250 soldiers in a day will not weigh as much as the waste from many ordinary families.

After remaining here a short time Captain Stanley will go on North and expects to be in France at no distant day.

THE YOUNG MEN MUST WAIT.

The young men of the Republican party may have to wait until the older men of the office seekers drop out. Just at this time there are a number of young men in the party who would be greatly aided by a nomination to either the Senate or to the House. But they must not forget that these older politicians must be entertained in some way, and that they have been so very valuable to the party that it would be an outrage if they were not given a vacation in the way of going down to Raleigh next winter. These older heads will have great influence with a set of Democrats in control down there and they will enjoy the outing. So the young men may make up their minds to wait for future years to heap honors upon their heads. They must remember that Surry is blessed with a number of men who are so loyal to the party that they propose to stay in the ring as long as there is an office to award. And then you know every voter in the county is anxious for these tried old souls to be retained.

Mr. Fawcett Resigns.

Mr. Thomas Fawcett has resigned as a member of the Mount Airy Township Highway Commission and is no longer a member of that Board. This was made necessary because his friends were so insistent that he become a member of the County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Fawcett is known as a man who gives his attention to any business that interests him, and his sound judgment on any business problem makes him a valuable member of any Board. The following card which he addressed to Mr. J. B. Sparger, chairman explains itself:

Dear Sir:—Having been appointed a member of the board of County Commissioners, I beg to resign from the board of Highway commissioners for Mount Airy township. I shall always remember the uniform kindness and consideration received from yourself and each member of the board during the many years we have been associated in this work. May 6, 1918. Theo. Fawcett.

Plenty of Fruit.

Reports are beginning to come in that indicate that there will be much fruit this year. The severe weather some weeks ago indicated that peaches were all killed. Mr. J. B. Sparger says that the Sparger Orchard Company has a full crop and that they should be able to ship as many as ten thousand crates. Mr. Johnathan Parker of the White Plains section has an orchard on Little Mountain and says that he has a full crop. Mr. Parker thinks that orchards on low land are killed, but that trees on all high land will bear some fruit.

Blood Hounds.

A drawing attraction for the folks was a pack of four blood hounds on the streets of this city last Saturday night. The dogs had been used to locate the man who is supposed to have burned a house on the property of Mrs. D. Boyd in the country ten miles north of this city Friday night. The house was an out building filled with feed and farming tools. The loss is \$8500.00 and it is believed that some enemy burned it. The dogs were brought from Pulaski and, so far as we can learn, they rendered no aid in locating the guilty party. They got on the track of a man and followed it to a nearby home, but the report is that he can prove by good witnesses that he was not about the house at the time it was burned.

Rector-Fulton.

A marriage of two popular members of Mount Airy's society set took place in Charlotte Monday evening at 9 o'clock the contracting parties being Miss Mildred Rector and Mr. Winston Fulton, the marriage took place at the home of a brother of the bride and was witnessed only by relatives of the contracting parties. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom took the train for Washington and Baltimore after ten days they will be at home at their new residence on Rawley street.

Cash Sales of W. S. S. up to May 1, 1918.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Amount. Includes entries for Mount Airy (\$22,263.16), Pilot Mountain (8,798.05), Elkin (4,989.82), etc.

German Agents Must Serve Prison Terms.

Richmond, Va., May 7.—German agents convicted of conspiracy in the sinking of the steamer Liebenfels in Charleston harbor January 31, 1917, must serve prison terms, according to the decision of the United States court of appeals here this afternoon. The defendants are Johann Kistner, formerly captain of the Liebenfels, who was ill in a hospital at the time his vessel was sunk, and Paul Wierse, associated editor of The Charleston American. Kistner was fined and sentenced to serve six months in federal prison, while the editor was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to two years in prison. Consul Mueller, who was also indicated in the case, fled to Ecuador and has not been apprehended.

Brown & Dyer Shows Coming.

Contracts were closed Monday with Harry L. Wall, the Southern Representative to bring their company in its entirety to the Surry County Fair September 24, 25, 26, and 27.

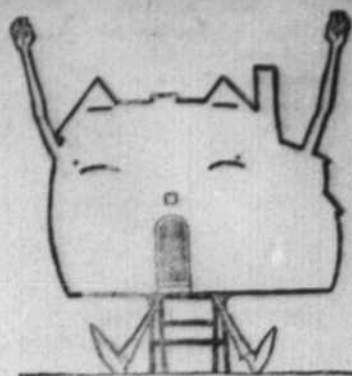
It is said that the Brown & Dyer shows requires the services of over two hundred and fifty of the world's foremost performers and entertainers. Among the notable features will be found The Georgia Minstrels, Wonderland, Dixon's Circus side show, Midnight Follies, The West that was, Cheyenne Charlie's Wild West, and Circus, The city of Damascus, Since the Monkey man, Rose the Child of the Wilds, \$10,000.00 Merry go-round and Mammoth Ferris wheel.

The famous Georgia Cake Walkers and the great Jazz Band will give a free exhibition daily in front of Grand stand. While the Military band of 15 solo musicians will furnish the music.

Mr. Small stated Monday that the discipline maintained by the Management is very strict and no member of the show company whether it be man or woman is permitted to conduct themselves in a disorderly manner either on the ground. The grounds will be well lighted and policed to accommodate the large crowds. Mr. Small was quite confident that his company will meet with the approval of those who appreciate clean amusements operated under the keynote of "decency first."

Good Citizen Passes.

Mr. H. J. Hull died at his home near this city Tuesday night of this week at the age of 66 years after an illness of several weeks. The remains were laid to rest at Old Hollow Primitive Baptist church Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Hull had been a member of this church for many years. He leaves a wife and five children. He had lived here practically all his life and was a citizen who stood high among those who knew him. A quiet man of modest manner and disposition he moved along life's way without attracting attention and passed on in full assurance that a better life awaits him.



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Oil valve springs every 500 miles.
Dope cup on distributor every 500 miles.
Heavy oil in transmission every 500 miles.
Heavy oil steering gear cover every 500 miles.
Oil clutch collar once a week (under floor board.)
Dope cup on brake rod every 200 miles.
Dope rear axle every 500 miles.
Dope 2 cups on rear axle every 200 miles.
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