

Mount Airy News.

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THE RED CROSS DRIVE.

In this city a dozen earnest workers are making a canvass of the people for the Red Cross. They tell us that nearly every man approached contributes in a liberal way. A few give more than they are expected and a few give less than they should, but as a whole the responses are liberal.

To Enlarge Power Plant.

It has now been definitely decided to enlarge the power plant owned by this city by building an additional plant two miles below the present power house on Ararat river.

This has been the plan of the water and light commissions for years. It has been known all along that it was only a question of time until the demands here would be greater than the supply of electricity the present plant can furnish.

For some time the present plant has been taxed to its full capacity to meet the demand, and much more power could be sold if it could be developed.

This is true at all times, but when a drouth comes and the water gets low in the streams the power developed is not sufficient to light the residence and business houses and the streets at the same time. The result is that for some time it has often been the case that the streets have not been lighted for months at a time, as they should be.

A year or more ago the water and light commission took options on land along the river where the new dam would injure the land. Practically all of the land that could be damaged has been bought up, thus avoiding damage suits that would follow the erection of the new plant.

Engineers have been here during the past weeks and made plans and estimates of the proposed new plant. It was decided that a combination wood and cement dam would be the best to erect, and that the whole including all machinery, ready to operate, would be something like a fifty thousand dollar proposition, if erected at this time.

Let the country churches and Sunday Schools make the above announcements; and let the people see to it that their neighbors know that no business will be done in Mount Airy May 30.

THURSDAY MAY 30, DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

By Rev. T. H. King, Pres. pastors conference.

In response to a resolution by Congress stating that it is a duty peculiarly in time of war humbly and devoutly to acknowledge our dependence on Almighty God and implore His aid and protection, President Wilson has proclaimed Thursday, May the 30th, a day of public humiliation prayer and fasting and has called on the people of the United States to assemble in their several places of worship and pray Almighty God that He may forgive our sins and shortcomings as a people and purify our hearts to see and love the truth, to accept and defend all things that are just and right, beseeching Him that He will give victory to our armies as they fight for freedom, wisdom to those who take counsel on our behalf in these days of dark struggle and perplexity, and steadfastness to our people to make sacrifice to the utmost in support of what is just and true, bringing us at last the peace in which men's hearts can be at rest, because it is founded upon justice, mercy and good will.

The people of Mount Airy will comply with the President's proclamation. All places of business will be closed for the day, including dry goods stores, grocery stores, hardware stores, guano houses, bottling works, etc. The drug stores will be closed at the hours of service. Drug stores and restaurants are earnestly requested to sell nothing except necessary drugs and meals during the day. All garages will be closed and there will be no gasoline sold or repairs made during the day.

There will be public worship at The Presbyterian Church at 10 a. m.; at The First Baptist Church at 3:30 p. m.; and at the Methodist Church at 8 p. m. These are all union services and are so arranged that people of all denominations, even the aged and infirm, can attend service in their own community and most people can attend all the services.

Hearty thanks are hereby returned to the business men of Mount Airy for their willingness to close their places of business and thus to cooperate in carrying out the President's proclamation. Not one of them refused.

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T. H. KING, President Pastor's Conference

A Proclamation.

Whereas the President of our United States has proclaimed Thursday, May 30, 1918 as a day of fasting and prayer and in full sympathy in its purpose and faith in its results:

Now, therefore, I, E. C. Bivens, Mayor of Mount Airy, do hereby proclaim such day one of fasting and prayer for our people and call upon all good citizens of our town to cease from their usual occupations and spend this day in supplication to Our God for blessings upon our cause of righteousness and humanity; that He may lead us in the paths of truth; guide us in this world chaos; keep our nation at the feet of our Savior and send a speedy victory to our cause.

Mount Airy, N. C., May 21st, 1918. E. C. BIVENS, Mayor of Mount Airy.

Chas. Fulton Sells Interest in Warehouse.

Mr. Charles Fulton of this city recently sold his interest in the Planters Warehouse to his partners in the business, Messrs. Tom Haynes and his son and Mr. Ernest Brown. The firm name will now be Haynes, Brown and Haynes as it was in the years before Mr. Fulton bought an interest in the business.

In the future Mr. Fulton will give his time to his large automobile business here and the warehouse will be operated by the three men who are now the sole owners.

Married at the Pace House in this city, by S. G. Pace Esq., on Sunday May 19th, Mr. Claud Stockner of Fancy Gap, Va., to Miss Marie Payne of Drenn, Va.

This young couple is very popular among a large circle of friends in the community in which they live.

NEW REGISTRATION.

All the young men who have become twenty-one years of age since the 5th of June 1917 will be required to register for Military Service, under the existing Draft law, sometime about June 5th 1918. The exact date will be announced later.

M. F. Butner has been designed as Chief Registrar, and A. D. Folger and Sam Bledsoe will be at Dobson and A. E. Tilley and E. M. Linville, at Mount Airy. There will be only the two registration places in the county.

The law in regard to this registration is the same as for the one a year ago, and those who fail to register, will subject themselves to the same punishment that was provided for slackers under that registration.

Surry Man in Trouble.

One day recently somebody whispered into the ear of a policeman of this city a story that runs like this:

The officer was told that report was going the rounds that a young man named Elbert E. Williams, of the Westfield section, registered in Elbert, West Virginia, and left that country soon after, returning here. The officer was also informed that a report had reached the officials in West Virginia in some way that Williams was dead. This story naturally interested the officer and when he approached Mr. Williams he failed to have his card that showed his standing in the draft. He had a card that showed he registered, but had no card showing his classification.

Every young man who is not in the army now is supposed to have a card showing his standing and classification as to military service. The man who fails to have this card is subject to arrest and detention until he can show his standing. In the light of this fact it is the duty of every young man to carefully keep his card showing his standing.

School For Nurses.

The Martin Hospital in this city will begin a school for the training of Nurses. Recently Miss Margerie Snell, of Greensboro, has been secured a head Nurse at this hospital and she will be in charge of the school for Nurses. Miss Snell is a graduate of Peace Institute and also of St. Leos Hospital where she received here education as a Nurse. For some time she was assistant to Dr. J. W. Long. Girls who can take this course of training must be not less than 18 years of age and must have a high school education.

Notice Democrats.

To the members of the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party. You will please be at Dobson the first Monday in June, to elect a chairman.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to thank the friends and neighbors who ministered to our mother, and who aided us in any way during her recent illness and death.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

At Mt. Airy, in the state of North Carolina, at the close of business, May 10, 1918.

Table with 2 columns: Resource and Amount. Includes Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, U. S. bonds, Liberty Loan Bonds, Stocks, Fed. Reserve bank, Banking house, Cash in vault, national banks, Due from banks and bankers, Checks on banks in same city, Outside Checks and other cash items, Redemption fund with U. S. Treas. and due from same.

Table with 2 columns: Liability and Amount. Includes Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, Circulating notes, Due to banks and bankers, Individual deposits, Certified checks, Cashiers checks outstanding, Certificates of deposit, Postal savings deposits, War loan deposit account, Rediscounts.

Total \$770,710.32. State of North Carolina, Surry Co., as: I, T. G. Fawcett, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. T. G. Fawcett, Cash. Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 16 1918. W. P. Callaway, Notary Public. Correct—Attest: Geo. D. Fawcett, Thos. Fawcett, M. L. F. Armfield, Directors.

Robert D. Young Dead.

Robert D. Young died at Camp Lee Friday 10. After an illness of several weeks.

Mr. Young lived at Friends Mission, Va., until called to Military service. He was a citizen who stood high among those who knew him. He was a man of quiet disposition and devoted most of his time to home and friends.

He was a member of the Methodist church. His remains were accompanied here by one of the soldiers and laid to rest at Hunters Chapel church Sunday afternoon.

He leaves a wife, father and mother, four sisters and three brothers to mourn their loss. A friend. Ararat, Va., May 15.

Mt. Airy, R. F. D. No. 1 News.

Sunday May 19, quite a large number of the relatives and friends of Mr. Powell Mabe gathered at his 50th anniversary.

The occasion was a surprise to Mr. Mabe he having no hint whatever of the much planned for occasion until nearly noon when the guests began to appear in vast numbers with their well laden baskets etc.

There was a large crowd present and everyone ate to their satisfy and still there was quite a lot of the good things left on the table. Everyone greatly enjoyed the day from beginning to end, and all wish Mr. Mabe many more such happy occasions.

Misses Lula and Ollie Mabe of Roanoke, Va., were at home Saturday and Sunday returning on Tuesday of this week to take up positions in Roanoke or some other near by town they having just completed their course in short-hand and Typewriting, at that place.

Quiet a number of our boys have to leave next Monday for Camp we are sorry to note, but hope it is all for the better.

Mrs. A. D. Moss is now in Martin Memorial Hospital at Mount Airy. We hope she will soon be able to return home well again.

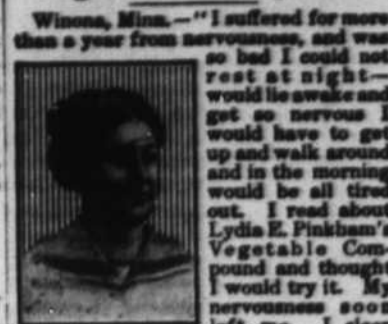
Mrs. R. L. Reeves spent last week with relatives in Mount Airy.

There is quite a lot of tobacco being planted out in this section this week indications now are that there will be a much larger crop set this year than last. A. Reader.

If you are troubled with chronic or muscular rheumatism give Chamberlain's Liniment a trial. The relief from pain which it affords is alone worth many times its cost. Obtainable everywhere.

WOMAN'S NERVES MADE STRONG

By Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.



Winona, Minn.—"I suffered for more than a year from nervousness, and was so bad I could not rest at night—would lie awake and get so nervous I would have to get up and walk around and in the morning would be all tired out. I read about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and thought I would try it. My nervousness soon left me. I sleep well and feel fine in the morning and able to do my work. I gladly recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to make weak nerves strong."—Mrs. ALBERT SULTZ, 608 Olmstead St., Winona, Minn.

How often do we hear the expression among women, "I am so nervous, I cannot sleep," or "it seems as though I should fly." Such women should profit by Mrs. Sultz's experience and give this famous root and herb remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, a trial.

For forty years it has been overcoming such serious conditions as displacements, inflammation, ulceration, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, dizziness, and nervous prostration of women, and is now considered the standard remedy for such ailments.

DON'T OVERLOOK THIS.

A Careful Perusal Will Prove Its Value to Every Mount Airy Reader.

The average man is a doubter; and there is little wonder that this is so. Misrepresentations make people skeptics. Now-a-days the public asks for better evidence than the testimony of strangers. Here is proof which should convince every Mt. Airy reader.

A. W. Dean, Mt. Airy, says: "I suffered from rheumatic pains. My kidneys were irregular in action and the kidney secretions contained sediment. I had backaches almost all the time. Doan's Kidney Pills strengthened my kidneys and did me a great deal of good in every way."

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A house poorly painted is at the mercy of the weather. The gales of Spring and Fall drive the beating rain into bare or flaked surfaces, soaking the wood and leading to unsightly warp and decay.

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We are showing some beauties in Brown and Grey oxfords Ties you will find a size and style to meet every demand in this lot. And too they are moderately priced.

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We have surpassed every thing we have ever shown before in dress goods. White materials for almost every purpose. New Novelty plaid silk, gingham, pretty vailles, skirting in new plaids and stripes. The latest styles, ideas and fabrics are embroidered at the lowest prices made possible only by our tremendous buying. Prices are continuing to increase rapidly. Our stock was never more complete than at present and with the real summer season at your door you could not possibly find a better time to buy. Certainly you will the range for selection better now than later

Gents Furnishings

New lot of fancy colored shirts, soft silk collars and Summer Underwear. Buy your supply of Summer underwear and shirts now before the present stock is exhausted for the prices will be much higher later.

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