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## SURREY A GREAT COUNTY

Say what you may, Surry is a great county. And it is great in many respects. It is great because life and property is safe here. It is great because the morals of the people are on a high level. It is great because there is a demand for honesty in business. It is great because of the high esteem in which our people hold their churches and all public worship.

All this is made prominent when one attends the sessions of our county courts. Let a man disturb public worship and he is certain to answer to our courts for his conduct. Let a man use slack talk about his neighbor's wife or his daughter, and he will either get a sore head or a slander suit on his hands. Let a man set up immoral relations in any neighborhood and the neighbors will rise in arms and see that he is prosecuted to the limits of the law. Let a man commit a crime in our county and he is almost as certain to answer for it as time rolls by.

All this is so evident that no man can fail to agree with us. And there is a reason. Our people in the years past have been a liberty loving people. They have been awake to the importance of good government. They have taken an interest in public matters.

Because a people are great it does not follow that they can retain their greatness without eternal vigilance. It is as easy for a people to get slack in morals and government as it is for an individual to get careless about his conduct or his morals. So long as our people hold to high ideals, and back up these sentiments by keeping men of high character in offices of trust, will our civilization be safe.

The worst feature of our present county government is that the party is not careful enough to place men of ability in office. Surry has gone forward by leaps and bounds in the past few years, and for the reason that the progressive elements of all parties have united on these progressive moves. So long as the progressive men in all parties are in control there is progress. The trouble is that the party in power here numbers so many non-progressives in its following that when they meet in convention, with party lines drawn, men of non-progressive ideas can win in the conventions. The result is that in recent years we have had men in office who were not qualified to fill the positions with a degree of credit to themselves or to their party. Confusion has been the result.

The democratic party sees all this and this year has been careful to place before the people of the county a ticket composed of men who are able to measure up to the high standards of service that our people are entitled to have. If the progressive elements of our county will unite and place men in office who are able to render a satisfactory service, then our county will be certain to continue in the line of progress.

## FRANK LEWELLYN

It was a severe trial when in the years of 1917 and 1918 our citizens saw their sons leave home and go away to camp to prepare for service in the world war. No more trying experience comes to a man in life, except death.

Back then when the subject was in the minds of all our people we heard frequently that the man who made sacrifice in war would be rewarded in the years to come. And this will be true. Our people are a grateful people and they will not neglect their duty if they are reminded.

Frank Lewellyn, candidate for Clerk of the Superior Court of Surry county, was one among the many who saw his fine young son go away to camp and later to France. And he was one among the few of our citizens who one day received the government's notice that his son had paid the supreme sacrifice while in the service of his country. The other boys came home and received a hearty welcome. But young Lewellyn slept the last sleep under the soil of France until many months rolled by, and then one day Frank Lewellyn received another government notice that the remains of his son would arrive from France on a certain day. Today that young man rests in a cemetery in the hills of the country west of Dobson, and a grateful people will not forget his father in this election.

## TOBACCO AND THE SABBATH

Up in Danville, Virginia, farmers are not allowed to bring tobacco to the warehouses on Sunday. A town law makes it a violation of the Sabbath and they are enforcing the law. Just recently two farmers managed to slip into a warehouse on Sunday night with a load of tobacco, and both answered to the city court for the act.

We admire the spirit of a young man who is bending every effort to get ahead in life, but there are those, here and there, who allow their energy to get ahead of their judgment, and to their injury. Here in Surry county we have as energetic farmers as can be found anywhere, and many of them have formed the bad habit of packing a load of tobacco on a wagon or truck on Sunday and starting for market in time to get to town by night. Thus they are ready for the first sale on Monday when no great amount of tobacco is present. These men who are getting ahead, as they think, in this manner, would not be guilty of cutting and hauling fire wood on Sunday. They would not drill wheat or turn land or go to mill. They are as law-abiding as other people and respect the law, as they think it applies to them. They have not, possibly, realized that in marketing tobacco on Sunday they are as directly violating a state law as if they engaged in any other class of manual labor.

A people can fall into a bad habit and hardly realize that it is a bad habit until some one calls attention to it. This habit of getting ahead of the other fellow by being there on Monday is not the rule with a great many good citizens. There are plenty of good and substantial farmers who would not even think of going to market on Sunday. There may be some show of reason in curing tobacco on Sunday, and yet there are many farmers who cut their tobacco early in the week so that they can complete the curing process before Sunday.

It all comes down to this: there is but one way to get the most out of life, and that is by conforming to all laws, and being willing to live up to the highest concepts of the best minds of our age. All good people admit that the Sabbath should be kept holy and as free from all work as possible, and to violate this accepted standard is a poor way to undertake to better one's condition in life.

## THE KAISER EXPLAINS

The ex-emperor of Germany is getting his autobiography published in papers of this country. One paper that is carrying the stuff reaches us and from time to time we have read enough of what the man says to get the drift of his mind. The number of times that the pronoun I is in the story is to be noticed. He tells about "my army," "my officers," "my navy" and one would conclude that the old man was an absolute monarch with power to have everything his own way.

In a recent article he said he was going to answer the charge of atrocities committed by his army. And then at some length he told how he had captured a French castle and how he had with his own hand issued orders to protect the fine paintings in the castle, and how he saw to it that they were not abused. And then he went on to tell how the owner who was a woman and had fled the country never even thanked him for preserving the pictures in her homes. And there he left the subject and went on to the discussion of something else, just as if he had thoroughly answered the charge of cruelty against his army.

Every one knows that the Germans filled wells with refuse matter, cut down orchards and vineyards, burned property they could not use, did violence to old and feeble people and committed a hundred other acts that no civilized army would be guilty of, but when the Kaiser told about saving the pictures he thought he had covered the whole story. We take it that his explanation of the atrocities is a sample of the manner of his disposition of other phases of the subject he is trying to write about.

If any of the voters are in a quandary as to how they shall vote on the congressional ticket, it may help them to make up their minds if they will recall some of the facts that have been given out for Mrs. Patterson's benefit. Part of the information furnished the voters is that her grandfather's cousin Betsy married some kind of a foreign nobleman. And then it has also been given out that her father was an Egyptologist. All this should help the voter to make up his mind as to his choice for Congress.

Mr. Voter: Remember that you do not have to pay any poll tax to vote next week. Only requirement is that you are properly registered.

## Mount Airy On The Screen

Our people went a long way toward getting Mount Airy on the map in larger letters when they entertained the Governors of North Carolina and Virginia at a good roads meeting here. This time our city is being put on the screen. Last week photographers representing the Fox News Service spent several days in our city making pictures to be used in the weekly service the Fox company supplies to moving picture shows. While here they made extensive pictures of the quarry using several hundred feet of film. During the picture making the quarry management staged a "lift" for the picture by firing a shot of dynamite and powder consisting of 500 pounds of explosives. These pictures will be put on the Fox service and will be making the rounds of this nation showing Mount Airy's quarry within the next few weeks. These pictures together with those made while the Governors were here will give our city valuable advertising all over this nation.

## Former Surry Citizen To Return

W. E. Woodruff, son of W. M. Woodruff, of Low Gap, who has been living in the state of Arizona for several years, is now closing up his business in that state and will return with his family in time to spend the holidays with relatives in this county. Mr. Woodruff was living in the state of Minnesota some years ago when his health failed and he went to Arizona where he recovered and has since lived. He has prospered and owns real estate there which he will retain. He has a daughter he desires to have in school here and plans to live in this state if his health will permit.

## L. P. Wrenn Wins \$250 Prize

The Beech-Nut Packing Company of Canajoharie, N. Y. some weeks ago offered prizes for the best articles written by salesmen in the United States, Mexico or Canada on the subject "Bring Home the Beech-Nut." Last Thursday Mr. L. P. Wrenn of the Granite Mercantile Company received a check for \$250.00 first prize and a letter of congratulations from the president of the company complimenting him on the article which he says "was considered by the judges to embody in a high degree the spirit of initiative and resourcefulness which results in bringing home the Beech-Nut."

Mr. Wrenn feels gratified not alone in the value of the check but in the honor of winning over so many other contestants.

Mount Airy is proud of the honor conferred on Mr. Wrenn, and proud of his ability to win over contestants from practically all over the North American continent, but then we'd risk Mount Airy citizens against the whole world if occasion offered and we would not lose our bet either.

## Good Springs Items

The public school at Good Springs is now in session. R. M. Luffman of State Road is the teacher. We are glad to have him with us as he is an experienced teacher of merit. The school has a splendid debating society organized that meets every Wednesday night. The young people and all who will are cordially invited to attend.

Sunday, October 22 Nancy Phipps of Devotion was celebrated by the exhibit of a long table of luxurious diet enjoyed by friends and a long line of connection.

Elder W. H. Atkinson and son of Round Peak were visitors at W. H. Sikes' Sunday.

Mrs. Pattie Shores of Devotion has sold out and will go to Greensboro the 28th where she will make her home.

Mack Moore of Devotion has moved to W. H. Moore's where he will continue the mercantile business. Rhonson Mays has gone to Winston-Salem where he will spend the winter.

A number of the young people visited the baptizing at White Rock Sunday.

The regular meeting will be held at Mitchell river 28 and 29, Saturday and Sunday, Rev. W. R. Welborn presiding.

Malen Lowe has just returned from Winston-Salem where he made arrangements to move his family to make it their home. Miss Bettie Shores was a pleasant visitor at W. H. Sikes Saturday night, October 21.

## Rag Rug Demonstration

What is the last word in rugs? Along with the return of Colonial houses and Colonial furniture comes the old-fashioned rag rug. A demonstration in the making of these rugs of gingham, wool, old socks etc, will be given Friday afternoon at 3 p. m. by one of Surry county's skilled craftsmen. The entire club membership is invited to meet with the Home Economics department for this demonstration in the Blue Ridge hotel parlors. —Press Reporter.

## The Race For Recorder

About the liveliest contest about here on election day is likely to develop around the question as to who shall be the next recorder of our local court. The office has developed into one of the most important in the county and large numbers of cases are heard and disposed of that many think really should not be settled outside a Superior court. But the act establishing the court gives it power almost equal to that of a Superior court judge, hence its importance.

A few days ago a few citizens met in a convention and nominated H. H. Lewellyn for candidate on the Democratic ticket for recorder. T. B. McCargo, Sr., at once announced that he would be an independent candidate for the office. He has held it now for two years.

For thirty years Mr. McCargo has been one of the best known and most useful citizens here, and during all these years he has figured prominently in the community life as a magistrate who was often called upon by his neighbors to hear matters of importance. He has stood as high as any man here and now that age has come on him he frankly says that he wants the office because he needs it. Naturally there is some criticism of the manner in which he conducts the business of his office, but so far as we have heard the criticism hinges around the fact that he has not collected some fines as other people think they should have been collected. Mr. McCargo challenges any man to show that he has not measured up to the highest standards of right and law in his conduct as court official.

H. H. Lewellyn, the democratic candidate, is a young man just beginning the practice of law here. He is a man of strong personal appearance and makes friends readily. He is well known in the county as the son of the late James Lewellyn, one of the best known lawyers of the county for many years before his death. Mr. Lewellyn has been prominent for some years as a ball player who attained to more than ordinary skill in the popular sport. Now he has married and commenced his life's work, the law. He will have a strong following in the coming election and the contest is certain to be a close one for this important office.

It is not often that the voters of this district have the opportunity of voting for the daughter of an Egyptologist for Congress.

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## Men's Bible Class Presbyterian Church

The Men's Bible Class of the First Presbyterian church has recently been organized with the following officers: President, John Sobotta, Secretary-Treasurer, Donald Rector, Teacher, Prof. J. H. Hurst.

New members are being added to

the membership of the class each Sunday. Every man in the church is being personally urged to join the class, and all other men in town who are not affiliated with some other church.

Miss Marion Frather leaves this week to visit relatives in Washington D. C.

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Mount Airy, N. C.

Program Changed Daily

## BROADWAY Theatre

Prices:

Adults,.... 22c.  
Children,.... 10c.

NOTE—For the month of November this theatre will offer to the theatre-going public of Mount Airy and vicinity the best productions that are to be obtained with popular stars and stories from some of the world's best writers. Cut out this announcement and preserve it for future reference.

The Management.

November 2nd.

"TRAILIN'" Starring TOM MIX and his horse TONY.

November 3rd

"SPANISH JADE" with DAVID POWELL and an excellent cast.

November 4th.

"THE DOUBLE ADVENTURE" CHARLES HUTCHINSON'S LATEST SERIAL also PATHE NEWS and MACK SENNETT'S latest comedy, "SHE SIGNED BY THE SEASIDE."

November 6th.

"NORMA TALMADGE" IN HER BEST PICTURE, "LOVES REDEMPTION."

November 8th.

"TOL'ABLE DAVID" with RICHARD BARTHELMESS. We know you have heard of this. IT IS THE TALK OF THE YEAR.

November 9th and 10th.

GLORIA SWANSON and RUDOLPH VALENTINO in "BEYOND THE ROCKS." You know the players and probably you've read the book.

November 11th.

"DOUBLE ADVENTURE" and BEN TURPIN in "LOVE and DOUGHNUTS."

November 13th.

"THE BEAUTIFUL LIAR" featuring KATHERINE MacDONALD.

November 15th.

"WONDERFUL THING" featuring NORMA TALMADGE.

November 16th.

"RIDING WITH DEATH" starring CHARLES (BUCK) JONES.

November 17th.

"WILLIAM S. HART" in his latest production "WHITE OAK."

November 18th.

BUSTER KEATON in "THE BOAT" also "THE DOUBLE ADVENTURE."

November 20th.

CONSTANCE TALMADGE in "POLLY OF THE FOLLIES."

November 22nd.

BETTY COMPTON in "THE GREEN TEMPTATION."

November 23rd.

THOMAS MEIGHAN in "THE BACHELOR DADDY."

November 25th.

BEN TURPIN in "HARD KNOCK" and LOVE TAPS" also "THE DOUBLE ADVENTURE"

On Tuesdays and Saturdays we will also present the latest issue of the Pathe News along with the best comedies and short subject features.