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MODERN MOUNT AIRY

This splendid town has just now reached that point of development where we can justly lay claim to being a modern city. We have our own electric power plant and water system, we have splendid hotels and an efficient hospital, we have our streets and sidewalks in condition to reflect credit on any city of our size. We are pushing forward as rapidly as could be expected. We have schools and moral conditions in keeping with the spirit of the times. We have homes that show the enterprise of our people and are as comfortable and elegant as can be found anywhere.

As much can be said in our favor as a growing young town as needs to be said, and as little could be said to our disparagement as could be said about any people.

All this is by way of introductory to saying that we need to loosen up, if that is the word, and take more thought of the stranger within our gates. This city is now becoming the attractive center of this part of the country around, and many strangers find their way here to spend a few hours or a few days. We need to give these strangers more thought. We need to treat a stranger within our gates for a few hours in a way that he will not feel that he has been in a town that is a good place to get away from.

We pride ourselves on being comfortable livers and on having the best that the land produces. We are justly proud of all this and should be. We cut our melons on the Sunday afternoon and enjoy them with our friends. We open up the ice cream freezer and get much comfort from its contents. If there is a dash of Italian or French blood in our veins we cut the cake and get out a bottle of wine and enjoy it. We get out the flivver and ride about the country or visit friends and think we have spent the time well and we have, for there is no more helpful custom than mingling with each other. But when we come to deal with the stranger in our midst we are as cold as a wedge. We say to him, you may be thirsty and hot and tired, you may not know the places about the back streets where cold drinks can be had and where your comfort would be looked after, you are a stranger here and you must make out to get along without the cold drink and the refreshing dish of cream, for we are a peculiar people and our stores must not be open on the Sabbath. We reserve the right to enjoy all these comforts in our homes but you a stranger in our midst must grin and bear it. Nothing for you.

Now, we would not be harsh, but it is not righteousness that makes us refuse to sell a dish of ice cream or a cold drink on Sunday to a thirsty and tired stranger. It is a disposition to cater to the opinions of a few folks about us who hold to the idea that you can develop piety by punishing the body. If we cared to argue the question we would say that fasting never made a saint and furnishing a cold refreshing drink never worsened the seller or the buyer. Most of the towns of the land now furnish such necessities and comforts as traveling people need, and we are not able to see where in this progressive city could lose morally or in any other way if it should fall in with the spirit of progress.

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City May Stop Use of Wooden Shingles

Following the action of many of the larger towns of the state the city Board of Commissioners at their meeting last week took under advisement the passage of a city ordinance banning the use of the old wooden shingle for covering houses. The types of roofing that it is proposed to require instead of the shingle is tile, slate, composition, tin and other non-inflammable materials.

The proposed ordinance has these further provisions: If a wood shingle room is damaged by fire more than 20 per cent it is to be removed and the approved material used. No shingle room is to be repaired more than 10 per cent in any one year. All buildings in the city covered with wooden shingles are to be recovered with the approved materials within 15 years from the passage of the proposed ordinance.

The board has this ordinance under advisement and will take it up at its next regular meeting. It is stated that its passage would cause a reduction of 10 per cent in the insurance rates of the city.

CO-OP CASES MOVED TO ALLEGHANY

Judge Allows Motion of Association to Move All Surry Cases to Sparta for Trial.

The twenty-odd Cooperative cases on the civil docket of this county were last week ordered by Judge McElroy removed to Sparta, Alleghany county, for trial. This decision came as a result of the development in the W. L. Chilton case when the jury refused to return a verdict against Mr. Chilton after being instructed to do so by the court. The jury was held for 24 hours in the hope they would reach a decision according to the instruction of the court but without success. The issue at stake was whether or not Mr. Chilton should be released from his contract and it developed that one member of the jury, Montgomery Hayes, of the western part of the county, held out to the last that he should be released notwithstanding the instruction from the court. When this information was given the Judge he ordered Mr. Hayes released from jury duty and also instructed that his name be taken out of the jury box and that he be denied the privilege of ever serving as a juror in the county again.

The attorneys for Mr. Chilton asked for an appeal to the Supreme Court from the verdict of the Judge which gave the Association judgment for \$117.50 for damage and \$200 as attorney fees. The Association was suing for \$300 for their attorneys but the court thought the \$200 was sufficient. Following this judgment the court informed the attorneys for the Association that it would entertain a motion supported by affidavits to move the cases to some other county for trial. The motion was made and a dozen or more affidavits were furnished the court stating that it would be impossible for the Association to get a fair trial in Surry county; some of the affidavits recited alleged cases of lobbying by anti-co-ops around the court house during the court days, which lobbying was done for the purpose of influencing prospective jurors. A term of Alleghany court meets Sept. 22 but these cases will have to go over until next spring. There is a probability that a special term will be called to dispose of the co-op cases at one time.

In the contempt cases before Judge McElroy the defendants were each fined \$25 and the cost. They were W. L. Chilton, R. W. Simpson and J. B. Atkins.

Who Says Advertisements in The News Do Not Bring Results

The publishers of The News pride themselves in the completeness of the files of all papers that are printed. A copy of every paper is carefully laid away each week and at the end of the year all these are bound into book form which makes it handy for future reference. For twenty years that the present owners have been at the helm this practice has been strictly carried out. Prior to that time the owner, Mr. T. J. Lowry, also did this until we have a copy of practically all the papers that have been printed in the past forty years.

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Dr. R. W. Reese III

The many friends of Dr. R. W. Reese in this county will be pained to learn that he recently suffered a stroke of paralysis and is now confined to his bed. He is able to talk and suffers no pain but he is required to remain in bed. His strong will and cheerful disposition will do much toward his recovery, which is hoped to be early by his host of friends.

CITY SCHOOLS OVERFLOWING WITH PUPILS

Inflow of Students Bring to Mind the Necessity of Preparing for More Room at Early Date.

Mount Airy's public schools opened Monday morning for the beginning of the school season with an enrollment that will go above the 1500 mark when all the children have been classified and counted. Every room in the three large buildings is full of children, notwithstanding the additions that were made to two of the buildings during the summer.

To the High School building has been added nine class rooms, a larger study hall, library, rest room and additional toilets, this building now having a total of 16 large class rooms as well as rooms for other purposes. Here are housed four classes of the 7th grade, three classes of the 8th, two each of the 9th and 10th and one of the 11th.

An inspection of the high school since the addition has been completed leads one to believe that it is one of the best constructed and arranged school buildings in the state. The study hall is on the second floor and lighted from large skylights. The matter of ventilation has been carefully planned and cool breezes can be felt circulating through the building at all times. In its construction every known method was used for the protection of the children in case of fire; the stairways are all fire and smoke-proof and there is a three inch water hose in each hall of the building for use in case of fire.

An entire new heating and lighting system was installed by O. B. Webb, plumber, which alone cost the school more than \$12,000 and is one of the best outfits to be bought. The boilers are equipped with pumps driven by electric motors which pump the air out of the pipes and radiators thereby getting quicker and better circulation of steam through them.

The Rockford building was also enlarged during the summer, six class rooms being added. This building this year will care for three classes of the 6th grade, three of the 5th, three of the 4th, two of the 3rd, four of the 2nd and three of the 1st.

Up at the North Main building no classes above the fifth are being cared for. Here there are two classes each of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades, and one of the 5th.

Perhaps some of our readers will be surprised that we have no surplus room after the building done during the summer, but Prof. Hurst has said all the time that the work being done would only care for the present needs. In talking to a reporter of The News Tuesday he said this city, if it continues to grow as it has in the past five years, needs to begin to plan for the building of a large high school within the next three years and use the present high school building for a junior high school. "This city needs to buy 8 or 10 acres of land," said Prof. Hurst, "and on it erect a modern high school like other cities our size are doing. The land will be needed for play grounds, base ball diamonds, etc. And if we do not at once begin to plan for the future the congestion will be worse in our schools than it has ever been. I not only say the city ought to do this but it will have to if it keeps its standing with other towns of the state and properly cares for its children."

Where is Semarang?

Yes; where is Semarang? This same question worried W. M. Woodruff's Son & Co., of Lowgap, for several days until by the aid of several geographers and a corps of teachers they were able to locate the place. This company has built up a large and extensive trade in the galax business and they receive orders from almost every corner of the globe. They recently patented a process for preserving the galax leaves which they have been putting on the market for several years and this process makes it possible to ship them to any part of the world.

Last week they received a handsome order from a party in Semarang, but where to ship the order was the question. Postmaster J. B. Sparger could give no light on the place and the Woodruff's were at a loss as to where to address the packages. After calling in several people learned in geography the question was settled.

And now where do you say Semarang is? Its a city of 100,000 population on the island of Java, away out in the Pacific. To get a letter from that place requires six weeks and the same time for an answer. This means that this Semarang florist will be twelve weeks getting his shipment of galax from the time he mailed his order. But then why should he worry—he knows Woodruff's prepared galax is well preserved and will stand long shipments and come through just like it was the day the mountaineers picked it off the face of the Blue Ridge.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET TO BE NOMINATED SATURDAY

Mass Convention Meets in Dobson at 1 P. M.—Many Names Being Suggested as Candidates

The Democrats of the county will meet in mass convention at Dobson Saturday of this week at 1 P. M. to nominate a county ticket to be voted upon this fall and also discuss plans for the fall campaign. Chairman A. B. Folger was in the city Tuesday and said that from reports reaching him this convention would record the largest attendance ever. There is much interest among the people of the county over the selection of a ticket and many are being suggested for some of the offices.

For sheriff it is a settled matter that the present incumbent, C. H. Haynes, will be nominated. F. F. Riggs of Dobson has formally announced himself as a candidate for treasurer to oppose the Republican nominee, W. B. Marion.

Perhaps the most sought for office will be that of register of deeds. As least many names are being brought forward as probable nominees. Down at Pilot Mountain the name of Chas. E. Hiatt is being pushed to the front for this office. The friends of C. F. Carson, of Lowgap are fostering him, and many of the Pine Ridge section are advocating Sam Cook for this office. And in the White Plains section and also in this city the names of Will Hemmings and Willis Lawrence are being prominently mentioned. These are all good men, well qualified for the office, and either of them would make a strong opponent for the republican nominee, Miss Lillian Harkrader.

It falls to Surry's lot this year to name the candidate for State Senate but so far no one has been suggested for this office. The voters of both Stokes and Surry elect the State Senator.

For Representative several members of the county bar are being suggested among them being W. L. Reese, of Dobson, Earl James, of Elkin, and E. C. Bivens of this city. While this is true yet there is a strong sentiment among the people of the county to want to see some business man or farmer sent to the legislature, but they have not been able to put their finger on a person that would accept the office.

An effort on any one's part to forecast who are to be the nominees for Commissioners would prove an uncertain proposition. Both Mr. Byerly and Mr. Chatham, the present ones, have declared several times that they are not wanting to serve another term and whether they can be induced to run again is to be seen. As to who the third member would be we have heard no definite suggestion. In case of the final refusal of Mr. Byerly to accept an effort will no doubt be made to induce W. E. Merritt of this city to accept the place.

In the election two years ago a large number of people voted the straight Democratic ticket who had not been doing so before. This is evidenced by the vote cast. And it is now the purpose of the Democrats of the county to name a candidate that will have the implicit confidence of the people and thus be able to again secure the vote that was given the party last election. If these voters can be shown that the Democrats can give the county a better government then the entire ticket can be elected this fall.


Kiwanis Club to Entertain Winston-Salem Visitors

A delegation of business men of Winston-Salem will visit this city Thursday in the interest of the highway from this city to Winston-Salem. Already the road from here to Pilot Mountain is under contract for hard-surfacing and now a movement is on foot to complete it to Winston-Salem. Thursday evening the visitors will be the guests of the Kiwanis Club at a banquet given at the Blue Ridge Hotel when Sanford Martin, of Winston-Salem will address the club on the importance of a highway between the two cities.

Trying to Elect a Governor

Many of our readers will be interested to learn that A. E. Tilley of this city has been chosen campaign manager for I. M. Meekins, Republican candidate for Governor. Mr. Tilley left this city last week for Raleigh where he will remain until the election. He has opened up headquarters in that city and for the next few weeks he and his staff will busy themselves in an effort to elect their chief. While very few are predicting any signal victory for them yet it is an honor to be selected to manage the campaign of a gubernatorial candidate in the state of North Carolina.

Shave With Safety



For the man who shaves himself, we offer for his greater comfort and safety a full line of Shaving needs.

There is everything included in this display that you could imagine, some perhaps that you are not now using, but would if you knew them. Better drop in and look them over.

W. S. Wolfe Drug Co.
Agent Van Lindley Florist

Life Sentence For Chicago Murderers

Just as The News goes to press Wednesday afternoon telegrams to this city say that Judge J. R. Cavery sentenced the two Chicago millionaire murderers to life imprisonment. Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb, the two who murdered a 16-year old boy just for the excitement, plead guilty to the charge and their attorneys argued before the Judge that they were suffering from a form of insanity.

Officers Capture Ford With Liquor

Wednesday morning just before noon Sheriff C. H. Haynes received a report that a load of liquor was headed for Monkey Bottom. Being in a hurry to beat the blockaders to their nest the Sheriff jumped in his car with his son Charlie and went in pursuit. He found the car by the side of the road with a flat tire, just across the bridge going toward the quarry. On his approach the occupants took fright and fled. The Sheriff and his son followed them for some distance, until Mr. Haynes gave up the chase, but Charlie continued on until they were all out of sight of the Sheriff. Minutes passed and the Sheriff was beginning to wonder what had become of his boy. After waiting for some time Charlie appeared over the hill without his prisoners. Charlie had chased them down all right but when he came up to them one of the party drew a big pistol and forced Charlie to retreat—and right then Charlie wished mighty bad for some weapon but he had none and was obliged to give up the chase. On search of the car it was found to contain an empty five-gallon jug and a fruit jar of liquor. The jug had only recently been emptied of its contents. Sheriff Haynes seized the car, a Ford touring, and is on the watch for its owners.

Another Co-op Payment Next Monday

Announcement is made from the headquarters of the Cooperative Association that another payment on the 1923 crop will be made to the members of this belt on next Monday. The amount to be paid will equal that paid last month and officials say this brings the payment on the 1923 delivery to 75 per cent of the valuation. Joe Dobson, manager of the Mount Airy house, says the association is fast disposing of the 1922 and 1923 crop at present and that a final settlement will likely be had with the members on these two years at the same time and at an early date.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that W. W. Christian and D. C. Rector have sold the fire insurance agency heretofore operated by the firm name of Christian and Rector Insurance to Geo. D. Poore and that the said Geo. D. Poore succeeds to the business and will write fire and life insurance under the same name. All accounts now due the firm of Christian & Rector should be paid to W. W. Christian and D. C. Rector and all indebtedness incurred up to the present time by the firm of Christian & Rector will be paid by the said W. W. Christian and D. C. Rector. The said W. W. Christian and D. C. Rector will continue to write life insurance for the Prudential Insurance Co. This Sept. 1st, 1924. 2-19c
W. W. Christian, D. C. Rector.

Smith-Pickett Marriage

Brim, Route 2, Sept. 9.—A large crowd attended communion meeting at Hollingsworth's Stand Sunday. S. A. Jessup and family returned to their home in Charlottesville, Va., Tuesday after spending a few days with relatives here. Mrs. Claude Tilley and children of West Virginia are visiting her father C. J. Ring. Miss Leahy Smith and Mrs. Jeff Pickett were married Friday Sept. 5, Rev. Walter Johnson officiating.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Mr. B. F. White will address the farmers of Surry County at the following places. Oak Grove, Sept. 15th, 8 P. M. Westfield, Sept. 16th, 8 P. M. Hatcher's School House, Sept. 17th 8 P. M. The public is cordially invited to attend these meetings which will be highly instructive as well as entertaining. Ladies especially invited. Joe Dobson.

Not Enough Money in Peaches For England

Rockingham, Aug. 30.—The Post-Dispatch is in receipt of a letter this week from Roger A. Derby a big peach grower of Richmond county in which he stated that his shipment of a car-load of peaches recently to England was not a financial success. The crates that were bringing \$2.50 on the New York market, brought only \$3.96 on the London market—not nearly enough difference to pay for transporting and icing them across the water. He states that "the prospect of finding an outlet for the over-production of southern peaches in Europe is not bright."

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Hannah Atkins deceased, late of Surry County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at his office on or before the 7th day of August, 1925, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 7th day of August, 1924. W. W. CARTER, Administrator, Hannah Atkins.

Notice of Dissolution of Partnership

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Hugh L. Hennis and Glenn E. Tilley, under the firm name of Hennis & Tilley, has been, by mutual consent, dissolved, Glenn E. Tilley assuming, and will pay upon notice, all the indebtedness of the firm and all accounts due said firm are due the said Glenn E. Tilley. This 6th day of August 1924. G. E. Tilley, H. L. Hennis.

Notice of Dissolution of Partnership

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between R. E. Hines and J. Luther Brown, trading under the name of R. E. Hines & Company has been, by mutual consent, dissolved, R. E. Hines succeeding to the entire business and J. Luther Brown withdrawing from the firm, all the indebtedness of the firm will be paid, and is assumed by R. E. Hines. This January 1st, 1924. R-22c

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