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Court House Plans Under Consideration Commissioners Look Into Remodeling

Question Has Many Angles and No
Definite Action Yet—Pat Speed
Cop On Full Road Duty.

Our board of county commissioners had an interesting session Monday. The chief question before it was to solve the question of getting a new court house in way to meet the demands it fails to meet under present conditions.

It is a question of many angles, and the board is actuated by a controlling desire to do the thing the people of Stanly want most to have done.

An architect has made a survey of the situation. It is probable that plans for preserving the present property by making additions, and remodeling it to a point of modern requirements and efficiency will be fully entered into before the proposition of building an entirely new structure will be considered.

As to the would entailed an expenditure of \$50,000, the plans would have to meet with broad approval if accepted, since the sum would go far towards applying on a new job.

A new court house would probably cost \$25,000. Interest at rate of 6 per cent on that sum would amount in four years to \$9,000. This sum would more than take care of the cost of remodeling the old court house building, and it is alleged the old building can be put in fine, up-to-date shape to last 12 or 15 years.

No definite action has been taken, and the board will be governed by what seems to be the prevailing best opinion of those capable of judging, regardless of partisan politics.

Speed Cop.
Our very efficient speed cop is also a good deputy. He is active in both capacities. But the board feels just now that Mr. Lowder, during the season of great dust and the tendency of speed fiends to usurp the highways, should give his day-time attention to the highways, and this has been ordered.

County Audit.
The auditing of county books has been completed, and Mr. E. C. Carpenter has been paid \$475.25 for his services in this connection.

Jurors Drawn.
The following will serve as jurors for the civil term of court which meets in October:

P. M. Cody, J. J. Wilhelm, Thomas J. Ebel, S. Beverly Harwood, B. H. Hunsyett, John T. Allen, R. L. Austin, Rufus A. Hatley, C. M. Rogers, J. F. Hunsyett, I. W. Lipe, W. D. Sasser, Robert C. Dry, Robert M. Hatley, M. A. Cumble, M. W. Mabry, H. L. Lowder, W. G. Hayes, Rich S. Lowder, J. R. Moss, T. P. Davis, R. W. Simpson, J. Luther Little, J. Allen Furr.

Ice Storage Plant Now Well Under Way

Local Ice Company Is Making Great
Improvement At Plant.

The Albemarle Coal and Ice company is having a cold storage annex erected on the west wing of its present building.

The annex is to be of brick, the interior to have a large refrigerating area of upwards of 45 feet in depth. The building is to be 60 feet high, equivalent to a five-story structure. The object of this annex is storage of ice which is manufactured through the winter months, and to keep the supply ahead of demands.

The local company has been hard pressed at times to meet all demands, and it is wholly pleasing to Mr. George N. Cooke, manager of the plant, that he shall be able to face another season with a certainty of being able to meet the growing demands upon his company.

PUBLIC WARNED AGAINST CANADIAN FORD SHARES

Raleigh, Sept. 8.—A warning against the purchase of what are known as bankers shares of the Ford Motor company, of Canada, Ltd., was issued today by Blue Sky Commissioner I. M. Bailey, who announced that he would consult with the postal authorities to see what action could be taken against distributors of stock literature.

"The public can not be too often warned against the purchase of stocks offered through methods similar to that adopted by certain distributors in connection with the campaign to sell Ford Motor company, of Canada, Ltd., stocks," Mr. Bailey said. "The purchaser does not obtain a share of even after payment of \$1,000, until he converts his certificate into stock. After he has paid \$1,000 for the certificates necessary to represent a share of stock, he finds he can purchase a share of stock in this company for around \$490 per share on the curb market."

MR. WILLIAM IVEY LINGERS UNDER A SERIOUS ILLNESS

Mr. W. M. Ivey, of New London, is in a very serious condition, and indications are that death may claim him at any moment. An enlarged heart, added to other complications, renders his condition hopeless. He is father of our townsmen, Messrs. Paul W. and Wallace Ivey, and he has many friends in Albemarle to whom his news brings much sadness.

Ca. Road Bonds Sell At Good Premium

R. S. Dix & Co., of Gastonia, bought the \$100,000 issue of county road bonds, paying a premium of \$3,530, the issue bearing 5 per cent interest. The bids were opened yesterday, several bonding firms being represented.

Stanly Fiddlers Won Loving Cup

Coolermans Meet Resulted In Fire Out
of Six First Prizes Won By
Local Men.

NEXT MEET IN ALBEMARLE

The Press told in its last issue of 25 fiddlers and banjo pickers going to Coolermans Saturday for the State-wide Fiddlers' convention and contest.

Four musicians had practiced very thoroughly beforehand, and so earnestly worked to make a creditable showing, that the announcement of their success is but a fulfillment of the long expected.

The State Loving Cup will be held by our musicians—the first award yet given to the county which furnishes the most and best music at the annual convention. Stanly men gave selections from violin, banjo, and other instruments, as well as several group and quartette renditions. While other counties made fine showings, the Stanly artists were easy winners.

Those entering into this contest were: Fisher Hendley, Greaver Thompson, Worth Allen, Hoyle Lowder, P. L. Mayberry, H. A. Barrier, Prince Furr and his four sons, Earl Hatley, John and Jozan Page, R. C. Simpson, T. F. and John Crowell, DeWitt Henderson, and T. M. Whitley.

Fisher Hendley won first prize on banjo; P. L. Mayberry, first prize on guitar; B. A. Barrier, first prize on buck wing dancing; Belvis Furr, first prize violin for boys; Earl Hatley, second prize violin.

It is of interest to note that Albemarle will probably secure the next meeting. Mr. Fisher Hendley was elected secretary and treasurer, and he is working to have Albemarle chosen as the next meeting place.

Mr. J. C. Sell, of Coolermans, is manager, and Mr. Frank Williams, of Mooresville, assistant manager.

The gathering at Coolermans called forth several artists, and the winning of these prizes by our local musicians came only after a closely-waged contest. The meeting was a successful one, and was largely attended.

Albemarle naturally feels pride in the honor that has come to us through this group of musicians. Their music has been popular at home, and their reputation is extending through these state-wide contests.

Why Not Enjoy the Hinson Reunion?

There will be a reunion at the William M. Hinson old home place, now owned by Mr. B. D. Hinson, September 13. All Hinsons before or after marriage, whether any relation to this generation or not, and all friends and neighbors are invited to come and bring well-filled baskets and enjoy the day with us.

DR. C. M. LENTZ IN SERIOUS CONDITION

News of disquieting nature was received from the bedside of Dr. C. M. Lentz, in the hospital at Charlotte.

He underwent operation on Wednesday of last week for appendicitis, after the appendix had burst. Every effort to remove the poison from his body has been made, and until Tuesday morning indications were favorable.

On Tuesday evening his temperature began to rise, and grave indications set up. Yesterday afternoon slight improvement was noted; but Dr. Lentz is a very sick man, and his many friends join with the family in a deep concern which is felt so keenly in this pending crisis.

PENNEY COMPANY'S OPENING.

The J. C. Penney company is now one of our city's industrial factors. The opening of this store for Albemarle came off Friday and Saturday in accordance with published schedule.

Manager Strate was highly gratified at the attendance upon the opening dates, and at the sales over the counter. The windows had been artistically decorated, showing many of the season's choicest fabrics, and giving an index to the goods on display.

The store and its management are to be congratulated upon the very favorable impression that has been created upon the minds of our people.

Albemarle's New High School Building

It was with peculiar pride the high school department of our city schools began its work on Monday in the elegant building just completed, which gives to the 300 students, more or less, the sort of equipment needed for highest expression in work and study.

Albemarle's new high school building is one of the prettiest structures in the town and is modern in every detail. It is three stories high and is built of the very best material. C. C. Hook, of Charlotte, was its architect, and E. C. Derby, of Fayetteville, the contractor. The board of school commissioners who conceived, planned and financed the proposition is composed of R. L. Smith, A. P. Harris, A. L. Patterson, M. A. Boger, H. L. Horton and W. L. Mann. There are 10 class rooms, an auditorium, with a seating capacity of 750, a science laboratory splendidly equipped and science lecture room, a gymnasium which includes a basketball court, a library, a manual training room, domestic arts and domestic

Lowder Family Held Its Annual Reunion

Large Attendance Upon This Popular
Annual Festival—High Class
Speeches.

The third annual reunion of the Lowder family was held at the old "Jim Lowder homeplace" about eight miles west of Albemarle Saturday. Although rival attractions divided crowds for the day, the attendance was up to the standard, and possibly exceeded former occasions.

The Lowder family is one of the oldest and has perhaps the largest connection of any in the county. Mr. James D. Lowder, of Albemarle, is the moving spirit in these reunions, and for days before the event Mr. Lowder virtually sleeps in his clothes.

Addresses were delivered by O. J. Sikes, Esq., and W. L. Mann, Esq., of Albemarle, and by Rev. R. O. Elder, of Spencer, former pastor of Salem church, and Rev. H. L. Powell, the present pastor. The speeches were of a very high order, and were listened to attentively by the large assembly.

The ladies and society gathered in 3132 of shelleys from 5 and 10 cents drinks and ice creams. Thirty gallons of ice cream were fed to the crowd, and as many crates of drinks.

The reunion brought many prominent Lowders from distant places, and the gathering Saturday gave evidence of a growing interest in the work of keeping family history straight. The original ancestors came to Stanly long before the Revolutionary war, and no name has figured more largely in the development of this section than has that of Lowder.

Mr. J. D. Lowder feels grateful in his heart for the fine co-operation that has been extended him in the work, and he wants us to tell the folks that he appreciates everything that has been done to make it a success. Mr. Lowder hopes to make the one next year the biggest yet, and he is beginning the work already of bringing it to pass.

The Shenandoah Wrecked Thurs.

Fourteen Lives Paid the Penalty of
Alleged Official Negligence.

Fourteen of the crew of the Shenandoah, giant dirigible, are dead and two others were seriously injured early Thursday when the pride of the United States navy cracked during a severe storm on its western cruise from its Lakehurst, N. J., airport.

Among the dead is Lieutenant Commander Zachary Landowne, captain of the ship. After battling the elements for several hours, the huge aircraft suddenly shot upward to an altitude of approximately 7,500 feet from a 3,000 foot level, where the dirigible buckled amidship.

The pressure and twisting was so great that it broke the ship in three sections.

Navy officials are undergoing considerable scrutiny from those who believe that the accident was due to negligence and incompetency on part of those in command of the air service.

Col. William Mitchell, referred to as the "Stormy Petrel" of Army Air Service, located at San Antonio, Tex., says:

"These accidents are the direct result of incompetency, criminal negligence and almost treasonable administration by the war and navy departments."

His scathing words will perhaps call forth investigation and probable court martial. But Mitchell thinks that if he can get the public to understand and make pressure upon the weak spots of the air service, wrecks like the one described will not occur again.

Proclamation Given for "Fire Prevention Week"

Governor Makes Reference In Mes-
sage to What He Terms Great
National Bonfire.

Raleigh, Sept. 8.—In a proclamation today officially setting aside the week of October 4 through 10 as "Fire Prevention Week," Governor McLean urges a state-wide observance, asking that fire drills be held in the schools, factories and stores; that schools, theaters, churches, public and private hospitals and institutions, factories, stores and hotels be inspected to see that every safeguard against fire is provided, and that local authorities examine their fire ordinances and make them sufficient if they are lacking in any particular.

"The fire loss in the United States last year was more than five hundred and fifty million dollars, with more than seventeen thousand persons killed and a vastly larger number crippled and maimed for life," the proclamation declared. "North Carolina's share in this loss was more than five million three hundred and twenty dollars, with 343 lives and hundreds of our people maimed. It is well known that carelessness and ignorance of fire hazards go hand in hand as the chief causes of our great national bonfire."

Merchants' Ass'n

There will be a mass meeting of the merchants, wholesale and retail and manufacturers to organize an up-to-date Merchants' association at the courthouse sometime next week. The date will be given in next week's papers. A prominent speaker is to be present and address the people.

This organization is for mutual benefit to the merchants and to the public in general. One of the principal purposes is to show up the resources of the town and induce manufacturers to locate here.

Watch for the date and come out.

CAR LEAPS FROM BRIDGE, BUT DRIVER IS LIVING

Concord, Sept. 8.—L. O. Winecoff, of Kannapolis, had a narrow escape from death Monday afternoon when his Ford touring car, he was driving, plunged 25 feet from Depot street to the tracks of the Southern railway at the overhead bridge, near the passenger station here. The Ford was completely wrecked, but Mr. Winecoff escaped with two broken ribs and painful injuries to his head.

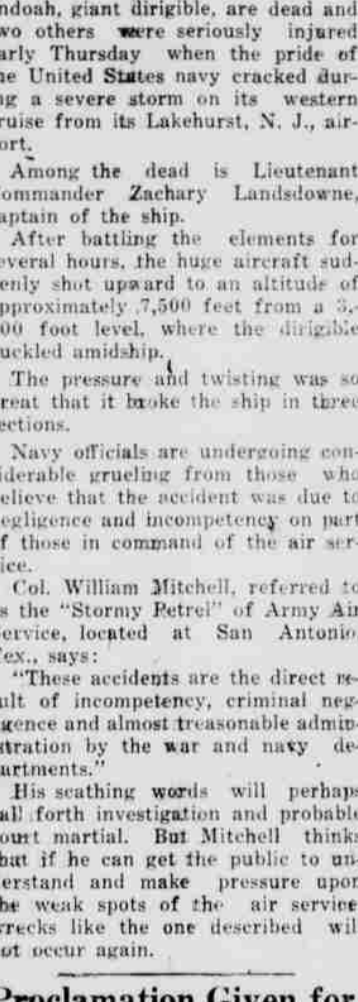
The accident occurred just after the rain here and Mr. Winecoff says it was caused by the wet street. He was driving south on Depot street and as he neared the bridge he pulled to the right to miss a car which was approaching north over the bridge. The street was just wet enough, Mr. Winecoff said, to make his car skid, although he was not making more than 12 or 15 miles an hour.

The car missed the entrance to the bridge, smashed through a guide-wide on a telephone pole and crashed its way to the railroad tracks 25 feet below the street level. Mr. Winecoff managed to stay in the car and was able to crawl from under it without aid.

Elder J. R. Willison will preach at the following places: Howard's Chapel on Monday afternoon, the fourth Sunday in September; Mt. Creek, Tuesday at 2 o'clock; Bear Creek, Wednesday; Running Creek, Thursday; Clark's Grove, Friday.

Stanly's Monument to Confederate Soldiers

Persons seen in foreground: Miss Mary Mabry, under umbrella; Mrs. Sidney Austin, Master John Horton, and little Miss Bertie Snuggs Patterson, who did the unveiling.



—Photo by Fink's Studio.

UNVEILING MONUMENT SATURDAY DREW LARGE CROWD ALBEMARLE

Event Was Impressive—Good Speeches Featured
Program—Major T. A. Hathcock, of Nor-
wood, Master of Ceremonies.

The realization of the fondest hopes of the Albemarle chapter U. D. C. culminated in the unveiling of a beautiful confederate monument on Saturday morning, September 5. The exercises, prior to the unveiling, were held in the court house at 10:30 with Dr. T. A. Hathcock, of Norwood, as master of ceremonies. Professor Ludwig and his well-trained band gave a stirring rendition of "America," which was followed by an earnest prayer by Rev. C. M. Pickens.

In a few well chosen words, Mrs. J. E. Ewing, president of the chapter, extended greetings and presented Major Hathcock, who took charge of the exercises.

Major Hathcock paid a glowing tribute to the "boys" of '65, emphasizing our debt of gratitude to them, not only for their hardships on the battlefield but their valiant fight in reconstructing a desolate south. He then introduced Speaker R. L. Brown. Following this splendid address, (which we print in full on page 2 of this issue), the ladies' double quartette, composed of Mesdames C. J. Mauney, W. W. Talbert, J. A. Groves, Ode Parker, and Misses Mary Leona Talbert, Mary Brown, Ellen Hucklebee, and Mary Davis sang, "Tenting Tonight" most sympathetically.

Reminiscences of the struggle were then given by Mr. Wm. Sotherly, of New London, who apparently "lived again" some of those stirring days, and gave much credit of reconstruction to the "noble women" of '61-'65. Other prominent veterans—Mr. John A. Lisk, who was a pallbearer at the funeral services of Stonewall Jackson, and Mr. Arch Eudy, a member of a heroic company, which won fame

in the war—at the request of Major Hathcock arose and received applause from the audience. The band then played "Dixie," and the Mildred Lee chapter U. D. C., Albemarle chapter U. D. C. and veterans then marched in a body to the monument.

Many Witness the Unveiling.
Shortly after the noon hour, a large assemblage had gathered at the monument. The entire street, yards nearby, house-tops and windows were seething with humanity to witness the unveiling and to first behold the monument as it was unveiled to the public.

Mrs. Ewing, president, made a few appropriate remarks, introducing Miss Mary Mabry, who made the speech of presentation. Miss Mabry held manuscript, but in clear tones, earnest diction, and with true command of herself at all times, she made a beautiful oration, forgetting that she had notes to which she might refer. Her speech elicited praise from all, and the earnest way in which this faithful devotee of the cause of the Confederacy spoke her great message signalled the significance of the day and the event to the speaker's mind.

Miss Mabry's Speech of Presentation.
Mr. Chairman, Confederate Veterans, Daughters of the Confederacy, and Friends:
We are assembled here this morning to do honor to the men of '61-'65, by unveiling this monument, that future generations may not forget their own, and to honor ourselves as Daughters of the Confederacy—and to honor our county as always loyal to her duty.

Since the organization of the (Continued on page 4.)

Freeman Heirs May Come Into Wealth

Vast Hopkins Estate To Be Partit-
ioned Among Heirs—Many In
Stanly County.

High Point, Sept. 7.—Lee Freeman, of High Point, and 65 other heirs may inherit an estate in California worth millions of dollars, it became known today when Mr. Freeman returned from California, where he filed suit to have a decree of distribution set aside and a new decree entered.

The estate is that of Mark Hopkins, a North Carolinian, who went west during the gold rush and made a fortune overnight. Freeman is a great nephew of Hopkins, and he is acting as spokesman for the other 65 heirs to the property.

Hopkins and his brother, Moses Hopkins, were sons of Edward and Hannah C. Hopkins, of Randolph county. They left North Carolina in 1849. Mark Hopkins made money, invested it in railroad stock and California land. No estimate has been made as to the value of the estate, but it was learned authoritatively that it consists of thousands of acres of California's best land, and the estate likely will run into hundreds of millions of dollars.

Mark Hopkins, according to Freeman's information, died intestate. His brother, Moses, is said to have gone forward and represented himself as the only heir to the estate. Recently the heirs in North Carolina learned of the death of Hopkins. Mr. Freeman went to California, located the property, obtained evidence and through his attorney, James H. Lendgen, of San Francisco, filed suit on August 19.

Among the heirs who have joined Mr. Freeman in his suit are the following from North Carolina: Boston Hopkins, Sadie Russell Heathcock, Frederick Coggins, Charles Hopkins, Ray Coggins, Pattie Coggins Cobb, Claudia Russell, Mittie Coggins Cagle, Louise Harris Russell, James Russell, Stella Saunders Grissom, Crissie Hopkins Cranford, Dora Saunders Hardester, Sula Russell Koppelman, Norma Lee Freeman, Annie Blanche Freeman, Horace Lazelle Freeman, Pattie Corine Freeman Stedman, Marshall Jones Freeman, Patrick H. Cotton, Harris Russell, Jones M. Griffin, Victoria Griffin Stanley, Nellie Griffin Trotter, Hattie Griffin Roach, Burl Wood Griffin, Carl Griffin, Eddie Hopkins Russell, Sandy Y. Hopkins, Oscar Cranford, Ida Hopkins, Eugene Hill, Lizzie Cranford Vestal, Columbus Cranford, individually representing six minor heirs, Virginia Harris Hall, Elijah Allen Hardester, Van Harris Hall, Harvey Coggins, Edna Hardester Morris, Margaret Harris, Glenn Harris Mullenix, Nellie Mayle Brown, Ethel Moyle and Mary Moyle. Nearly all are from Randolph county.

FATHER OF MR. NAT. AUTEN DIED SUNDAY N. WILKESBORO

Mr. and Mrs. Nat. Auten attended the funeral services over the remains of Mr. Auten's father. The Charlotte Observer gives the following brief reference to the services:

The funeral service of John Henry Auten, who died Sunday morning after a month's illness at his summer home at Mulberry Gap, was conducted yesterday afternoon at Williams Memorial Presbyterian church, of which he was for many years a deacon. Dr. A. R. Shaw, the pastor, was in charge. Burial followed at the churchyard.

Surviving Mr. Auten, a leading farmer of the Beatty's Ford road, are his widow, six sons, three daughters, six sisters and four brothers.

Penney's Manager Off to Atlanta, Ga.

Will Attend a Convention of the
Company and Buy Goods.

Manager M. K. Strate of the J. C. Penney company at Main street, will leave Thursday for Atlanta where on Friday and Saturday of this week he will attend a two-day convention at the Hotel Henry Grady of the managers of the institution from the states of Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Texas, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

The speakers will be E. C. Sams, president of the company; J. M. McDonald, merchandise manager; R. L. Whitman, advertising manager; W. M. Bushnell, employment manager; and George T. Mitchell of the personnel department.

For eight days following the convention, the managers will remain in Atlanta buying holiday and spring merchandise from members of the company's staff of forty New York buyers.

LIONS CLUB LUNCHEON.

Dining hall, Presbyterian church, Thursday evening, September 10, 6:45.

Toastmaster—M. J. Harris. Recognition of new members. Kraft talks.

C. W. Gaddy, production. W. E. Milton, buying. J. E. Ewing, selling. T. P. Bumgardner, financing an automobile.

School announcements—M. S. Beam.

GEORGE C. HARWARD'S FAMILY WILL SURVIVE SUNDAY ACCIDENT

As we go to press, news from the Tally-Brunson hospital indicates that Mr. George C. Harward, his wife, and their nine children are in good way to recover from effects of the Sunday accident in which their car tumbled over and was wrecked and each member of the family sustained injuries.

Miss Audie, 17, skull crushed and wounds about the head; Miss Oradell, 14, broken jawbone and loss of several teeth; Vera, 7, wounds about eyes, face and head. These were apparently the most seriously injured. Vera is just regaining her eyesight, but hopes are entertained that she will recover.

Mr. Harward received a heavy gash over the right eye; Mrs. Harward, back strain and bruises about body; Miss Flonnie, aged 19, bruises on head and body, while Benny, Sandy, Wilma, Flossie, and P. J., were all more or less seriously injured.

The accident occurred shortly after 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon as the family was returning from meetings

at Howard's chapel, on the highway eight miles southwest of Albemarle. Mr. Harward was driving his new Chevrolet touring car. He was in a hurry to reach Albemarle on his return, so that he could go to his duties as night watchman at the knitting mill. A car had passed him, but was not making quite the time desired, so Mr. Harward signalled the car that he wanted to pass. He was nearing the car with some speed, and before giving clearance way the car in front veered to wrong side of the road, forcing Mr. Harward to throw on brakes and stopping abruptly to avoid collision. This caused the Harward car to turn over, and the family of eleven members suffered serious consequences.

All were rushed to the hospital here for attention, and every resource of the hospital was placed into active relief of the patients. The fact that any of the number escaped death seems almost miraculous, and much relief is felt in the assurance that there is strong hope for the recovery of all.