

BAD FIRE IN EASTERN STOKES

Andy Martin Lost Stable, Cows, Mules, Truck, Etc.—Mr. Martin Ill With Pneumonia At Time Of Fire.

On Sunday morning about 1 o'clock fire destroyed the feed barn of Andy Martin, of Snow Creek township, Stokes county. In the fire Mr. Martin also lost two mules, one horse, 1 cow, a truck and his farm machinery and tools, making the loss heavy on him. It could not be learned whether he carried any insurance on the property or not but it is not thought here that he did.

Mr. Martin is now confined to his bed with pneumonia, and his people were up with him at the time the fire was discovered. He has the sympathy of this many friends in misfortune.

SEIZED STILL AT PINE HALL

Officers Flinchum and Ashburn Catch Man and Pour Out 500 Gallons Beer—Students Of High School Do Well.

Pine Hall, Feb. 23.—Revenue Officer Flinchum and Deputy Sheriff Ashburn last week seized a big copper still running in full blast they caught one of the men and gave the other one a chase for several hundred yards. At the preliminary hearing the one defendant was held for federal court.

W. H. Ashburn, deputy sheriff, poured out 200 gallons of beer near Walnut Cove and 300 gallons near Dodge Town, in Stokes, a few days ago.

The students of the high school this year are making a fine record. There are four to graduate, as follows: Miss Kate Alcon, Miss Myrtle Rothrock, Garland Blackwell, and Isaac Ayers.

Hattie Lou Myers.

Hattie Myers was born November 4, 1890, died February 15, 1926, making her stay on earth, 35 years, 3 months and 11 days. She was married to Jesse F. Joyce, Dec. 27, 1908. To this union was born eight children, five boys and three girls. She is survived by her husband and eight children and father, also step-mother and seven brothers and four sisters. Three brothers and one sister dead.

She joined the Mayodan Missionary Baptist church at the age of 14 years. She was a good Christian wife and mother. During her sickness and suffering, she often spoke of dying and said she had suffered, but nothing like Jesus had. A few days before she died, she looked upward, smiled and clapped her hands and said "It is so sweet to trust in Jesus."

During a testimonial meeting at Oak Grove, she said all that worried her was that Jesus had done so much for her and she had done so little for him.

She was a kind and loving neighbor, and loved by all who knew her. A precious one from us has gone. Never to return, though we can live a Christian life and meet her on the other shore.

A FRIEND.

Washington Birthday Entertainment Here

A George Washington entertainment was given at the new school building here Monday night.

The play was under the direction of Mrs. A. J. Fagg and proved a success in every way, being greatly enjoyed by the large number present.

This was the first time the auditorium in the new school building had been used and patrons of the school were loud in their praise of its convenience and beauty.

Quite a nice sum was realized from the admission fees and from lunch boxes which were sold at auction at the close of the play.

It is learned that Mrs. Fagg contemplates "putting on" another and a more elaborate play at an early date, which is being looked forward to with pleasant anticipation.

BIRTHDAY DINNER FOR C. G. SMITH

D. J. Hooker Carried To Hospital For Treatment—New Hardware Store For King—B. L. Love Arrested.

King, Feb. 22.—D. J. Hooker, who has been in failing health for some time, was carried to the state sanatorium last week for treatment.

The Pell-Mitchell Hardware Co., of Pilot Mtn., have purchased from J. W. Tuttle a lot on Main street, on which they will erect a new hardware store. Work will be commenced at once on the new structure which will be built of brick and modern in every way. This store will be operated as a branch store of the Pilot Mtn. store.

Evangelist Thomas F. Pardue, (Thunderbolt Tom), of Winston-Salem, formerly of King, has bought from the Virginia-Carolina Land Co. a lot in Pilot View, the new development.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Pulliam and Mrs. A. L. Hall spent the week end with relatives at Rocky Mount.

Rev. Joseph Hall, of Westfield, preached a very interesting sermon at the Baptist church here yesterday. Banks Turner has sold his residence in Woodland Heights to his brother, A. L. Turner. Consideration thirty-eight hundred dollars.

Rev. Paul H. Newsom filled his regular appointment at Mount Airy Sunday.

E. P. Edwards has purchased one-third interest in the hardware business of Neal and Tuttle on east Main street and will be actively engaged in the business.

W. T. Newsom, of High Point, spent Sunday with his parents in Walnut Hills.

B. L. Love was arrested here yesterday, charged with being under influence of whiskey. He was placed under bond for his appearance in Judge Caudle's court next Tuesday.

Newel Vest, of Charlotte, is spending a few days with relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Newsom, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with Mr. Newsom's parents, on Pulliam street.

The relatives and friends of Mr. R. G. Smith gave him a surprise birthday dinner yesterday. About five people were present. It was an enjoyable occasion for all who attended. This was Mr. Smith's sixty first mile-stone.

Mr. R. W. Inman, of Mt. Airy, is among the visitors here today.

W. E. Hendrix went to Winston-Salem on business today.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caudle, of Winston-Salem, spent the day Sunday with relatives here.

Enoch Johnson, of Walnut Cove, is a business visitor here today.

Sheriff J. Frank Dunlap, of Danbury, is here today attending to some legal matters.

J. M. Sharpe Will Run For Solicitor

Reidsville, Feb. 24.—J. M. Sharp, senator of the seventeenth district, and for many years a member of the Reidsville bar, definitely confirmed the rumor today that he would be a candidate for solicitor of the eleventh judicial district.

It will be recalled that Mr. Sharp entered the primary against Solicitor S. Porter Graves four years ago and made an aggressive campaign. He was defeated in that campaign, but polled a splendid vote.

Mr. Sharp is at present county attorney of Rockingham county. He is also president of the Reidsville Kiwanis club, and is closely identified with the civic life of the community and section. He is a well known fraternity man, having served the Junior Order of the state for many years, passing thru all the chairs, and is also a Royal Arch Mason.

It rumored here that Solicitor Graves of Mt. Airy, will not be a candidate for renomination, having filled the position twenty-four years. It is believed that this had much to do with Mr. Sharp's definite announcement that he will enter the race.

Wallace Webster, of Germanton, Route 1, was a business visitor here today.

MARKET WILL CLOSE MARCH 12

Winston-Salem Tobacco Warehouses Will Have No Buyers On Market After This Date—Sales Have Been Large.

Winston-Salem, Feb. 20.—At a meeting of the Board of Trade, held Tuesday morning it was unanimously decided to close the tobacco market for the season on Friday, March 12, and farmers are urged to get their tobacco to this market by that time as there will be no extension of the closing time for after that date practically all of the companies will be off the market so that no auction sales can be run this season at a latter date than March 12.

The average for the season '25 far has been \$16.92, making \$6,807,214.98 paid out by the warehousemen during the season for tobacco sold on their floors.

Warehousemen now estimate that the market will reach between forty-one and a half and forty-two million pounds, all of which can be easily sold if the farmers will bring it on to market.

HARD SURFACE TO VIRGINIA LINE

Commissioner Hanes Says the Road Will Be Finished From Twin City To Virginia Line This Year.

Winston-Salem, Feb. 20.—A delegation of Winston-Salem citizens attended a mass meeting in Martinsville on Thursday, and discussed with the Virginians, the construction of hard surfaced roads. The meeting was called by citizens of Martinsville, headed by T. G. Burch, president of the Kiwanis club, and groups were present from Rocky Mount, Ridgeway, Bassett, Fieldale and Winston-Salem. The Twin-City was represented by John L. Gilmer, Harry Froeber, Nat Curl, A. S. Hanes, Kent Sheppard, Fank Davis, G. W. Coan, Jr., and W. T. Ritter.

The meeting was greatly interested in a statement by Mr. Hanes, district highway commissioner, that the distance of approximately 35 miles from Winston-Salem to the Virginia line would be under construction and completed this year. He said that already a part of this distance had been let to contract, and much of the work is already finished. It was pointed out that with the completion of the North Carolina stretch, it will be possible to travel over hard surface from a point in South Carolina to the State of Maine, the only soil road in the entire distance to be the stretch between Rocky Mount, Virginia, and the North Carolina line.

At the meeting Thursday, a committee, headed by Mr. Burch, and to consist of men named by him, was authorized to immediately arrange with Chairman Shirley, of the Virginia state highway commission for a series of hearings by the full commission for the towns along this route. Mr. Burch and members of his committee will probably go to Richmond within the next few days to begin the work.

The local citizens who attended the meeting state that the Virginians are enthusiastic over the proposition of hardsurfacing the Virginia highways, and they are determined to do everything in their power to bring about a condition that will be in keeping with the road facilities of North Carolina, along this route.

Moravians To Build Three New Churches

Winston-Salem, Feb. 19.—At a conference of the provincial elders of the southern province held here today it was decided to build three new Moravian churches this year besides completing the one in course of construction at Mt. Airy. The three new ones will be at Rural Hall, High Point and Leaksville.

Dr. A. G. Jones and daughter, Miss Nannie Jones, visited Danbury a short while Monday.

Joseph Flippin, of Francisco, was here a short while today.

THIEF ENTERS ROOM OF C. E. DAVIS

Clothing, Pistol and Watch Seized By Robber—A. Thos. Rothrock Ill—Colored Man Dies At Age of 105 Years.

Walnut Cove, Feb. 25.—An unknown party or parties entered the home of C. E. Davis here last night and went up stairs to the room where Mr. Davis was sleeping. The thief took Mr. Davis' watch, pistol, overcoat, trousers, etc., but secured only a very small amount of money, this being some small change in his pocket. Mr. Davis was not awakened by the intruder and knew nothing of his presence until the next morning. So far no clue has been found pointing to the guilty party.

A. T. Rothrock, merchant here, is suffering from an attack of influenza. Mrs. Rothrock has been confined to her home several days with an injured foot.

"Uncle" Sam Webster, a respected colored man who resided in the eastern section of Stokes near the Rockingham county line, died yesterday at the extreme old age of 105 years. He was one of the oldest slaves and was owned by Pleasant Webster before the civil war.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fulton are the happy recipients of a fine little daughter.

Misses Minnie and Willie Mae Cates, of Greensboro, were at home here for the week end.

Literary Society For Danbury School

February 5, 1926, the boys and girls of the Danbury school under the supervision of the teachers, organized a literary society, Cary Hole, Miss Myrtle Priddy and Carlo Flinchum were elected by an overwhelming majority as president, first vice-president and second vice-president, respectively. The secretary and the assistant secretary are Misses Virginia Forkner and Nancy Lee Dunlap. Their majority was not so impressive as was that of the executive officials. In this stage of the election the boys and girls seemed to realize to certain extent the importance of their ballot. After a hard race, Powell Flinchum was chosen to hold the society's "filthy lucre". Miss Flora, the successful intermediate teacher, was unanimously elected as critic. Then the society without regard to political belief or prejudices declared that the society should be named in honor of the late Governor of North Carolina Hon. T. W. Bickett. Accordingly the name of the society is "The T. W. Bickett Literary Society of the Danbury school."

The following program was successfully rendered on February 12:

1. The Lord's prayer, Society.
2. America, Society.
3. Reading, the 3rd Psalm, Alvester Flinchum.
4. Debate, Query Resolved That Country Life is More Desirable than City Life.

Affirmative: Myrtle Priddy and Clifford King.

Negative: Nancy Lee Dunlap and Walter King.

5. Recitation, Fred Pepper.
6. Reading Short Story, Elsie Mabe.
7. Laughing contest, Ola Campbell and Alex Flinchum.

In the debate the judges decided two to one in favor of the negative.

Program for Friday, Feb. 19, 1926.

1. Lord's prayer in concert, Society.
2. Reading, "The First Psalm", Miriam Hall.
3. Recitation, Carrie Hole.
4. Debate: Query, "Resolved That Moving Pictures do More Harm Than Good."

Affirmative: Bertha Lawson, Maude Ray and Mattie Hole.

Negative: Easley Joyce, Virginia Forkner and Della Southern.

5. Story, Edwin Taylor.
6. Vocal Solo, Miriam Hall.

The judges again rendered their decision in favor of the negative, but by unanimous vote.

Jack Duggins has been seriously ill with pneumonia at his home near Piedmont Springs for the past few days, but is slightly improved at this time.

KING BANK SAFE ROBBED MONDAY

About \$8,000 In Cash and Liberty Bonds Stolen—Work of Professionals—Loss Doubly Covered By Insurance.

Monday night or early Tuesday morning the outside safe of the Bank of Stokes County at King was burglarized, the robbers using an acetylene gas torch—the latest method of safe robbers—cutting thru the steel and removing its contents. About \$6,000 in cash, and several thousand dollars in registered Liberty bonds being taken, besides a number of commercial notes.

The loss was fully covered by insurance, so that no damage falls on the bank and no interference in business will result. Cashier H. H. Leak at once notified the insurance company, and the local agents from Greensboro were at once on the scene, making adjustments and settling for the loss, even buying new safe for the bank, which will arrive in a few days.

The commercial notes were listed and registered, and as payment was at once stopped on the originals, there will be no loss whatever resulting on these, duplicates being furnished.

The robbers left no trace whatever as to where they came from or where they went. It was the general opinion that the work was done by professionals, local criminals not having the skill or experience to put up such a neat job.

Since the Banks of Stokes County have been in existence—for more than 20 years, it has been known and realized that insurance was the safest protection for a country bank, and for this reason policies are carried in the National Surety Company and others of the strongest bonding companies in the United States guaranteeing protection against robbers. These policies not only cover loss of money and securities, but also damages to safes, vaults, buildings and furniture. The policies not only cover burglary and robbery by blowing open safes, entrance by gas torch or otherwise, but also hold-ups and daylight robberies. By this method country banking is just as safe for stockholders and depositors as city banking where there is ample police protection.

DRY FORCE IS AGAIN CUT

February 1 It Was Reduced to 65 Men and Now Another 7 Must Be Dropped.

Charlotte, Feb. 21.—For the second time within 30 days, prohibition forces operating under Ben C. Sharpe, administrator in the eighth district, composed of North and South Carolina and Georgia will be reduced by order of General L. C. Andrews, according to word from Washington to Mr. Sharpe, it was learned here today.

The force of agents operating in this division, which effective February 1, was reduced to 65 men, must be reduced by seven more, the order said.

"I have received an order to drop seven agents and I will forward the names of the men to be dropped to Washington probably on Monday." Further than that statement Mr. Sharpe refused to be quoted.

The latest order directing a reduction in the federal enforcement staff in this section cuts the force half of what it was when General Andrews reorganized the enforcement machinery last year, the eighth division being allowed 106 men when Mr. Sharpe first opened division headquarters here.

Officials attached to headquarters here for some time have felt that sudden cutting off of prohibition agents has had a bad effect on the morals of the men left in the service none of these being certain of a job for any length of time.

Mrs. Jimmie T. Nelson is ill with pneumonia at her home near Piedmont Springs. Mrs. Nelson had been suffering from influenza for some days previous to the development of pneumonia. She is getting along as well as could be expected.

WALNUT COVE TO BE ON HIGHWAY

Shenandoah Valley Road Will Pass Through Stokes Town—News and Personal Items Of Interest.

Walnut Cove, Feb. 23.—The contractor who is grading that part of the Shenandoah Valley highway lying between Walnut Cove and Madison has about completed the grading between Madison and the river, and is now working between Walnut Cove and the river. The pouring of concrete on the Madison end of this road will begin within a short time. Work has been in progress on the \$81,000 concrete bridge across the Dan for some time now. With the completion of the bridge and road between Madison and Walnut Cove our town will be right on the Shenandoah-Winston-Salem highway, the traffic on which now goes by way of Rock Hill. At a meeting of North Carolina and Virginia good roads enthusiasts, held in Martinsville, Va., last week, Commissioner A. S. Hanes stated that this road would be paved all the way from Winston-Salem to the Virginia line this year. The Virginia delegation gave assurance that their part of the road from Rocky Mount to the North Carolina line would be hard surfaced as soon as possible.

Mrs. Jacob Fulton, Jr., entertained the past week at a most delightful Valentine party at her home here. The evening was spent in varied contests and stunts, prizes being awarded in each one. Mr. Harry Sanders carried off several honors of the evening, while Miss Alma Chilton, Mrs. P. W. Davis, Miss Kathryn Hutcherson, Messrs. George H. Fulton and Ralph Chilton each proved fortunate in others, the prizes ranging from a lollipop to a lovely box of candy. A delicious course of refreshments was served emphasizing the Valentine motif, consisting of ice cream topped with gay cupid, angel food cake effectively decorated with hearts, stuffed dates and salted nuts. Attractive baskets filled with candy hearts were given each guest as favors.

Attorney G. L. Jarvis has been on a pleasure trip to points in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Fulton, of Ogburn, spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. George Fulton.

Miss Janie Martin, who is teaching at Pine Hall, spent the week end here with Miss Annie Martin.

Rev. A. H. Marshall, of Mount Airy, filled his regular appointment here at the Episcopal church Sunday morning.

Mrs. J. H. Neely and Miss Mildred Neely, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday here with Miss Julia Hairston.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Matthews, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday here. Mrs. Viola Floyd and children left this week for an extended visit to relatives in Florida.

Mrs. John Hutcherson, Misses Kathryn and Margaret Hutcherson spent Tuesday in Winston-Salem.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY AT KING

Attorney Marshall L. Mott, of Winston-Salem, Will Deliver Address On "Respect For the Law."

There will be a Sunday School rally at King Baptist church next Sunday, Feb. 28th, at 2 o'clock. P. M.

A model Sunday school will be conducted, using the regular International lesson for this Sunday in all the classes. After the lesson Attorney Marshall L. Mott, Jr., of Winston-Salem, will deliver an address on respect for law. Mr. Mott is a brilliant young lawyer and a Christian man who will be well worth hearing. We hope to give him a good hearing and receive a message that will inspire us all to do greater work in the Sunday school field.

YADKIN TOWNSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

H. A. CARROLL, Chm.

A. S. FRANCIS, Sec'y.