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MOORE'S SPRINGS HOTEL BURNS

Several Houses Also Destroyed By Flames Late Wednesday Night—Loss Of \$60,000.

Fire believed to have started from an electric wire, destroyed the Moore's Springs hotel, the postoffice and store and several cottages owned by the hotel company last night. (Wednesday night.) The total loss was estimated at \$60,000, including furnishings and stock of the store. The entire group of buildings were destroyed and were only partly covered by insurance.

The blaze started in the hotel about 11 o'clock and spread to the other buildings in a short time. There were only three people at the hotel at this time and they formed a bucket brigade but did not accomplish much towards extinguishing the blaze.

Mr. Bradshaw, manager of the hotel and owner of the grocery store situated next door to the hotel was the only one at the scene when the flames started.

The hotel is owned by a stock company composed of business men of Winston-Salem and Greensboro.

LOCAL TOBACCO MARKET PASSES 42 MILLION MARK

Light Sales During the Week and Offerings Were of Poor Quality—Market To Close Friday, March 12.

Winston-Salem, March 6.—Tobacco sales this week of only 328,266 pounds is indicative of the fact that almost the entire crop has been marketed. Ninety per cent of the offerings were of the very low non-descript type which pulled the general average of the season from \$16.75 of last week down to \$14.69.

A few fancy baskets of tobacco was sold each day during the week and these sold at the usual high prices, that is from \$40 to \$70. As indicated in last week's market report the warehousemen are heartily urging the farmers of this belt to bend all their efforts towards the raising of bright tobaccos and if they do this next season Winston-Salem's average will be high. Year after year the demand seems to be less and less for the dark grades as the whole world is turning to smoking.

This week's sales brings the season's sales to date up to 42,039,733 pounds. The first part of the season—in fact clear up to Thanksgiving almost anybody could have secured a bet at ten to one that the market would not sell during the season forty million pounds. But the Winston market is a great market for everything that it takes to do business in the tobacco line, this market has—and then some.

During the coming week only "double sales" will be run and as stated, the market will close down for the season, positively, on Friday, March 12.

N. C. Road Markings Yellow and Black

It is announced that road markings on the state's highways will eventually be changed in accordance with recommendations of the joint interstate board of the American state highway officials and approved by the United States bureau of public roads. These markings are black on a deep yellow base, and are made of metal. Various shapes have been adopted for the varied meaning of the signs, round for railroad signs, square for school and hospitals, curves and narrow bridge diamond shape; stop, octagonal, and the like. "It will be a matter of time before we will eventually have all new signs erected on our state system," W. E. Hawkins, maintenance engineer, stated "as we have quite a number of years use remaining in some of the signs now erected. Uniform signs, the committee felt, would be of a great advantage to interstate travel, and especially since this is growing so rapidly in volume.

HIGHWAY BOARD MAKE NEW RULES

Will Meet Again on Second Monday in April, and Thereafter On Second Mondays of Each Month—To Elect Superintendent and Assistant; Secretary and Treasurer—Doors Open for Business At One O'clock P. M.

The Stokes County Highway Commission will meet on Monday, April 12, which is the second Monday in April. Thereafter, also the board will be in session on the second Mondays of the months. At this meeting a Superintendent of roads will be elected, an assistant superintendent or mechanic, a secretary and a treasurer. Other business of importance, including the payment of claims, will be transacted at the meeting.

Hereafter the board will be open to the public for the dispatch of business at one o'clock P. M., and not in the forenoon. The session from 10 o'clock a. m. till dinner will be behind closed doors in order that the board may have time to get its affairs in shape for the business-like transaction of matters before the crowd comes in. Those who have business with the commissioners will be appointed a definite time for their hearing, and a half dozen grievances will not be considered at one time.

The board is to be congratulated on their new rules and methods, which will be appreciated by the public and will tend to a better facilitation of business.

The board was in session here Monday, all the members being present.

Personal Items From Francisco

Francisco, March 10.—Farmers in this section are very busy having wood chippings and preparing for another large crop of tobacco.

The flu is reported to be in several families in this section at present. Mrs. V. Flippin is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Lula Wright, of Richmond county, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shelton.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Durand are the proud recipients of a fine baby girl.

Mrs. Bettie Owen is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Robt. Nunn.

Marshall Nelson, who resides near here, lost his home by fire recently. Rev. John D. Smith will fill his regular appointment at Dan River church next Sunday.

Miss Alice Christian, who is at the Lawrence hospital for treatment, is improving.

Reid and Jesse Owen killed two fine porkers last week.

W. F. Carter Named Emergency Judge

Mount Airy, March 6.—Governor McLean has commissioned W. F. Carter of this place, an emergency judge to hold a two weeks civil term of court for Johnson beginning March 29.

Judge Carter is one of the leading lawyers of this section of the state and his friends are much gratified to learn that the Governor has honored him by this appointment.

It is now assured that a glass factory will be erected in Mount Airy. Local business men have formed a company and the contract for the building will be let within the next few days. It is understood that the new concern will manufacture mirrors and all kinds of glass used in the manufacture of furniture and for other purposes.

Work will begin within the next few days upon an addition to the plant of the National Furniture Co. of this place. This is already one of the largest furniture manufacturing concerns of the country and the steadily increasing volume of business coming to them make it necessary that they greatly enlarge their factory space.

AUTO JOY RIDERS GET INTO TROUBLE

George Cardwell, of Madison, Charged With Operating Car While Intoxicated—Crashed Into a Buggy.

Madison, March 9.—Yesterday Mayor Meador sent George Cardwell, a young white man, on to court under a \$250 bond for operating a car while under the influence of whiskey. Cardwell and two friends had been driving around town Sunday afternoon and evening. In the meantime, Oscar Bullin, who lives a few miles from town, had parked his buggy, to which a mule was attached, while he went to Ralph Webster's to secure some ice for his family, ten of whom are sick. Cabell Gibson was in the buggy when Cardwell and his companions came up behind. The car Cardwell was driving hit the buggy in the rear, throwing Gibson out and cutting him up to some extent. The buggy landed on the mule, that is, what was left of it, and the animal was so badly lacerated that it was necessary to secure a Winston-Salem veterinarian to render the necessary surgical aid. The buggy was demolished. Chief George T. Martin took the three joy riders under his protecting wing and they spent the remainder of the night in the town jail.

Influenza is still raging in this section, and probably never before has there been so much sickness. There are also several cases of pneumonia. A series of meetings began at the Presbyterian church last night, with Dr. McLeas, of Chatham, Va., doing the preaching. His initial sermon made a profound impression on those who heard him. There will be two services each day.

Nobody wants the fly for a pet. It is a nuisance always. Almost every one has learned that it is a really dangerous associate. So no one is proud of having flies around.

Yet the fly is really much more a domestic animal than the dog, or the cat, or the sheep. The fly cannot live outside of the special and peculiar surroundings, we humans and our dirtiness, and the dirtiness of our barnyards and our domestic animals provide. The fly is almost unknown in the uninhabited forests and wilderness, but where man is, there is the fly. To paraphrase a Bible verse, "A man's flies are those of his own household."

Cotton.

Cotton is found in many parts of the world, and is ranked among one of the most useful products.

Since it is a vegetable production, its growth is dependent upon climate, and is found only in warm parts of the world. In our own country it is raised only in the southern states.

The cotton of the gulf states, considered the finest in the world, and is one of our chief sources of wealth and industry.

Much of our cotton is shipped abroad, while a large portion of it is manufactured in the extensive mills of our own country.

As bread is said to be the "staff of life," so cotton may be styled the "staff of clothing," for nearly every article of our apparel can be made of it. It is also made into many other things, which answer a variety of purposes.

The world's annual production of cotton is 22,000,000 bales, and the world annually imports about 14,000,000 bales, of which Great Britain takes about one-third, and France and Japan each about one-ninth.

Before the world war Germany imported about half as much as Great Britain.

The average annual cotton production of the United States is 14,260,000 bales.

MILDRED HANES, Seventh Grade, Pine Hall School, Mrs. C. R. Wall, teacher.

Surveyors At Work On Road to N. C. Line

Winston-Salem, March 6. Editor M. E. Thompson, of the Stuart (Va.) Enterprise, who was in the city Friday, reported that surveyors began work this week mapping out the best route for the proposed hard surface highway to be built to the North Carolina line, connecting Stuart with Mount Airy and Winston-Salem. The survey is being made by authority of the Virginia Highway Commission, which also plans to construct a hard surface road from Stuart via Christiansburg, Va., to the West Virginia line.

The Stuart editor stated that the sand clay road from his town to Mount Airy was in fine condition. He motored to Winston-Salem with a friend, the trip to this city being made in one hour and fifty minutes.

PREVENT THE FLY PLAGUE

Clean Up and Keep Clean So That There Will Be No Breeding Place For Flies—Kill the Early Spring Flies As Fast As They Come.

Raleigh, March 6.—These first warm spring days which begin to stir all nature awakening to new life after the winter sleep, bring more than the first tiny flowers and the hint of green in the trees.

There is heard again the buzz of the house fly, a little lazy and sleepy as yet, but still up and about its business of annoying human beings. Just a few scattered here and there, appear now, along with the robins, as harbingers of spring. Presently these few will have become millions. Just how many each home will possess during the summer depends upon the reception given the first.

In the beginning it is well to remember that the fly is not a dispensation of providence. It is the resurrection, the reincarnation of our own filth and carelessness. The fly is merely one of our own insanitary curses coming to rest.

The fly is strictly a domestic animal. It loves men and women, and little children, especially babies. It tries to show its affection by staying close around the home, and keeping on terms of intimacy with those who have made its life possible.

Yet the fly is really much more a domestic animal than the dog, or the cat, or the sheep. The fly cannot live outside of the special and peculiar surroundings, we humans and our dirtiness, and the dirtiness of our barnyards and our domestic animals provide. The fly is almost unknown in the uninhabited forests and wilderness, but where man is, there is the fly. To paraphrase a Bible verse, "A man's flies are those of his own household."

If every person would clean up and keep clean there would be no necessity to preach any gospel or conduct any campaign against the fly. Even these first arrivals of early spring would mean nothing, for there would then be no place for them to breed, and the life of the individual fly is of but a few days. But we won't do that. On the contrary a whole lot of folks will provide food and lodging for the fly, and ideal nurseries where its progeny may be reared.

It was once taught that flies performed the useful and necessary office of scavengers. This argument is no longer worthy of consideration. We know that while flies do consume filth and germs of all sorts, they almost invariably return to deposit these on our food as part of their dejection.

But, you ask, are flies utterly useless? Isn't there something in the Good Book about flies being useful? No. We are taught that flies were used to remind King Pharaoh of his wickedness and the uncleanness of his people. A plague of flies was sent upon the Egyptians that they and their king would recognize the superiority of their Creator and a race of clean people such as that great sanitarian, Moses, was leading. The cleanly living Hebrews, it is recorded, were free from the plague of flies.

Flies today serve the same purpose as they did in those olden days of the time of Pharaoh. Flies can not breed without filth and the more filth, the more flies. The great purpose they serve, therefore, is an index to the sanitary conditions of the town of the community, of the home in which they are found. The real purpose of the fly, therefore, is to serve as a tormenting, disgraceful reminder of our own uncleanness which, after all, is the heart and soul of sanitation. Cleanliness may be placed even before Godliness, for without cleanliness of person and surroundings, cleanliness of body and cleanliness of mind and soul, how can we have a full appreciation of the spiritual virtues?

To repeat for a moment, flies are

CAPTURED STILL NEAR THE COVE

Officer Finds 32 Pints of Whiskey in A Trunk At Filling Station At Madison.

Prohibition Agent Will Matthews, of Mt. Airy, made a raid on the filling station of Roy H. Sheppard, at Madison, last week. The officer found 32 pints of whiskey hidden in a trunk. Sheppard was arrested and given a preliminary hearing and bound over to federal court at Greensboro under a \$500 bond.

Officer Matthews, assisted by P. L. Fincham, also captured a large still near Walnut Cove Saturday and poured out about 300 gallons of beer. No one was seen near the still place and no arrests were made.

Walnut Cove News Items

Walnut Cove, March 9.—Miss Claudia Neal, of Guilford College, spent the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Neal.

Mr. Walter Boyles, who has been in the Twin-City hospital for some time is some better, we are glad to note.

Mrs. J. W. Hutcherson, who spent two days in the Lawrence hospital, having her tonsils removed, has returned home and is improving.

Joe Zimmerman has been ill with the flu for a few days.

Mrs. J. H. Fowler and daughter, Lillian, were shopping in Winston-Salem Friday.

Mrs. and Mrs. Blaine Fowler are spending the winter in Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. C. W. Floyd and children are visiting relatives in Jacksonville, Fla.

Miss Sarah Mitchell and Mr. Ralph Bloom were married Monday, March 1 in South Carolina.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church gave a birthday party in the school auditorium Friday night, Feb. 26. Refreshments were served and there was given a number of contests with prizes for the winners. Every one present spent an enjoyable evening.

Danbury has quite a number of cases of flu. Among those who have been confined to their homes this week are: Atty. J. W. Hall, R. R. King, E. P. Pepper, Mesdames R. H. Morefield, N. E. Pepper, W. G. Petree and little Misses Estelle Humphreys, Emorie and Julia Pepper, Hazel Petree and Nellie King.

Mesdames R. T. Joyce and S. P. Christian, of Westfield, were here yesterday a short while.

Mesdames Paul and Jacob Fulton, Fulton and Nannie Fulton, of Walnut Cove, were in town a short while yesterday.

first of all domestic creatures. Secondly, flies breed only in filth of one kind or another. Flies will lay their eggs on any kind of decaying, rotting, fermenting and disintegrating material. Flies, like the humans with whom they live, of course have preferences when it comes to choosing a place to live and breed. At laying time the first choice of the feminine fly as a suitable place for depositing her eggs would be upon a pile of horse manure. Her second choice would be that of human excreta. The latter, of course, is the more dangerous because of the presence in human excreta of the death dealing germs of typhoid fever, dysentery, and the diarrheal disease of infancy. In the absence of horse or human excreta, the fly will choose any kind of disintegrating filth that is most convenient. In most communities a third choice does not have to be made, because people have been kind enough to make one of the first two readily accessible.

Flies begin to breed early. The first warm days of spring set them off. They continue until late in the autumn.

To prevent a swarm of flies this summer there are two things to do: Clean up the home and premises right now. Keep them clean. Swat the early flies. Screen the house to keep out the flies which the neighbors may breed.

MAN STABBED NEAR KING

Walter Merritt Uses Knife on Clarence Kiger—Bank Receives Check—Other News Of King Section.

King, March 8.—The Bank of Stokes County here has received from the insurance company a check for ten thousand dollars, covering the loss sustained by the bank being robbed here on the night of Feb. 22. Neither the stockholders or depositors will lose anything on account of the robbery.

Clarence Kiger, who lives about three miles east of here, was stabbed in the leg by Walter Merritt yesterday afternoon near the home of Merritt. From the best information obtainable, it seems that Merritt had forbidden Kiger from going across his place. Kiger stated that he had started to see his mother and that the road across Merritt's place was the only way he had to reach the home of his mother and that this road had been used by the public for years. Kiger further stated that Merritt came up as he was going along this road and opened his knife and made for him and that he guarded his legs for some time, but finally he succeeded in stabbing him in the leg. He was brought to the King County's place where Dr. R. S. Holsbeck dressed his wound.

Merritt was arrested by officer Hall and placed under bond for his appearance before Judge James R. Caudle next Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Allen are the glad recipients of a fine baby boy.

The Pell-Mitchell Hardware Co.'s building which is being erected on east Main street, is something like half completed. Work on this new building is being hurried along at a rapid rate and will soon be completed.

A new baby girl was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Lane, W. M. Knott, of Winston-Salem, has purchased from the Virginia-Carolina Land Corporation, a resident lot in Pilot View.

The Pell-Mitchell Hardware Co. has purchased from The Blue Ridge Furniture Company another lot adjoining the lot on which they are having their new building erected. This gives them a frontage on both Depot and Main streets.

Mack Caudle, who holds a position with the Southern Railway Co., spent Sunday with his parents in Walnut Hills.

B. B. Delp, has purchased from W. O. Fowler a business lot on west Main street.

Harvey Pulliam, of High Point, spent Sunday with parents here.

Atty. D. C. Kirby, of Winston-Salem, was here Saturday looking after some legal matters.

Work on Earle Moser's new home in Walnut Hills is well underway and will be pushed through to completion at an early date.

Rev. E. A. Holton, of Winston-Salem, delivered a very interesting sermon at the Moravian church here Sunday.

The epidemic of flu in this section is subsiding. There has been quite a number of cases in this section recently, but no deaths up to this time.

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

Misses Lula Wright and Minnie Flora, and Dr. E. W. Owen were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bradshaw at Moore's Springs Thursday evening at a dinner party and dance.

The Westfield high school gave a negro minstrel here at the new school building Friday night. The crowd in attendance was large and the program was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Wm. T. Newman Died Monday

Wm. T. Newman, aged about 67 years, died at his home in northern Stokes Monday morning, following a few days illness with pneumonia. Mr. Newman was a hard-working farmer and will be greatly missed in his community.