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**EXCUSES.**

We folk who are too busy to be good citizens would like to find some good and lawful excuse for our conduct. The other fellow may find time to go to church and always be in his seat. He gets the praise for being a valued churchman and when he comes to pass in his checks the preacher will tell about what a good citizen he was and how he lived a life worth to be patterned after. But the fellow who is too busy, for various reasons to give much time to the church, if he could hear the sermon preached over his lifeless form would hear mighty little said about himself.

We are not disposed to pick an argument with the churchman. But there is some excuse for the busy man not being always in his seat at the church, whether you admit it or not. This world is here to be beautified by man. It is his duty to make it blossom like the rose and turn the desert places into fertile gardens if possible. Man is the tenant. The Creator is the landlord, to use a common illustration.

The landlord puts his property into the hands of the husbandmen and tells them to look after his interests. Such is the illustration used to represent the relations that exist between man and the Creator. Now the facts in the case are that the man who makes the most reports back to headquarters is often the very fellow who is doing the least. The man who gets so busy that he neglects to make daily or even weekly reports about his work is usually doing something worth while. And when the landlord comes to make the final account with his tenants no doubt he will find many of his servants who have done him excellent service who have said very little about it. Possibly the best work found to be done will be that of men who have been so busy they have rarely written home.

It once was the idea of some people that the only way to serve the Creator was to get busy in the church. Now many are holding that every man who makes better conditions on the earth is a co-worker with God. The man who makes two blades of grass grow where only one grew before; the man who gives to the world a remedy for some disease and thus relieves suffering; the man who takes the undeveloped virgin soil and makes it rich and productive; the woman who because of her superior mental and spiritual training gives to the world sons and daughters who become valued and useful citizens—all these are co-working with the Creator to make this old earth a better place for man.

And all this is not said with any intention of discrediting the work of the churchman, but rather to do justice, as we see it, to the man who is so busy answering the calls of humanity that he is not able to meet the demands of those who see life from a different standpoint. We are made to wonder if Saint Peter will turn a deaf ear to any who has helped to make this old earth a better place during his stay even if he passed in his checks without having met the demands of the churchman.

The closing exercises of the Graded School in this city attracted large audiences. The address of Hon. T. W. Bickett was much appreciated by our people and the exercises throughout were of a high order.

Prof. Turlington has been re-elected to the position of Superintendent for another year and the general impression seems to be that he is making the school a credit to our people.

To say the very least about it Wednesday was a fine day.

The Concord boys got all they were looking for Wednesday.

**New Warehouse for Mt. Airy.**

This progressive city is to have a new warehouse for the sale of leaf tobacco. The deal for the lot and all plans were perfected this week. Messrs John Banner and J. W. Lovill compose the new firm and will operate under the firm name of Banner and Lovill. The new Warehouse will be on Main Street nearly opposite the intersection of Pine and Main streets. The house will be 105 feet front and extend back 180 feet. The walls will be of stone, when completed it will be a handsome building and will cost as much as twelve or fifteen thousand dollars. Mr. J. W. Bondurant has the charge of superintending the erection of the house and the work will be pushed so that it can be opened for business by the first of September.

The proprietors are too well known in this section to need any word of introduction from us. They were for several years the owners of Central Warehouse until this was sold to the Farmers Union. They conducted the business in a way to attract a large patronage and were able to hold it from year to year. Because of their courteous treatment and fair deal with the people they prospered, and their success with the new venture is almost a certainty.

**Important Real Estate Deal.**

A deal of more than ordinary importance in real estate was recently made in this city. Because of the fact that Mr. G. G. Galloway has decided to move to Charlotte sometime during the summer he has traded his beautiful home on North Main Street to Mr. J. W. Byerly. In the deal Mr. Galloway took Mr. Byerly's home on Pine street also his lot on Renfro Hill. It is understood that Mr. Byerly paid in cash and the property traded to Mr. Galloway as much as fifteen thousand dollars for the handsome residence. Mr. Byerly will continue to occupy his present home until Mr. Galloway gets his business wound up and is ready to leave.

**Change in Town Officials.**

At a meeting of the town officials this week several changes of importance were made. Mr. Thos. Woodruffe resigned as commissioner because of a pressure of business. Mr. J. A. Yokley was elected to take his place and he was also appointed by the Mayor to the position of Mayor protem. Mr. G. G. Galloway resigned from the Water and Light Commission because of his change of residence from this city to Charlotte in the near future. Mr. J. A. Jackson was elected to the place made vacant. Mr. G. C. Welch being a member of the new board of Commissioners was not a candidate for reelection, his time having expired. Mr. C. F. Mitchell was elected to fill the position. Mr. J. D. Minick was re-elected to the position of member of the School Board.

As it now stands the Boards are composed of the following gentlemen:

Water and Light Commission, J. A. Hadley, A. V. West, and J. A. Jackson.

Town Commissioners, G. C. Welch, A. G. Webb, J. A. Yokley, Mal Davis, P. D. Muse.

School Board, W. F. Carter, C. F. Mitchell, J. M. Hill, J. A. Hadley, J. D. Minick.

**Dr. Rings New Store.**

Dr. J. W. Ring, of Elkin, has recently completed one of the prettiest store rooms in the country. It will be remembered that his store was burned last December in the big fire that did so much damage in Elkin. He went to work at once and has completed the new building on the foundations of the old. The building is two stories high with sufficient length to cut off offices and storage rooms in the rear and yet have a large drug display room in the front. The Drug store proper is a beauty. It is finished in quartered oak manufactured in Elkin by the Elkin Furniture Co. and has steel ceiling of a fancy pattern and tile flooring. All the work was done by high class workmen and it makes a room that would be a credit to any city.

**Meeting at Baptist Church.**

The series of revival services at the Baptist church in this city closed Monday. To those who were able to attend it was a good meeting. The church was greatly strengthened and a number of people were added to the church roll.

**Our Washington Trip.**

It was a great time and not one of the party of 31 loyal teachers of Surry county who accompanied our energetic Superintendent to Washington on the 26th day of May will ever forget the occasion but will always remember it as being filled with beauty and educational value far beyond any of our expectations.

Arriving at Washington we entered the 18 million dollar station erected by the co-operation of the people on both sides of Mason and Dixon's line and were motored around on Pennsylvania Avenue to the National Hotel. Its historic value was explained to us at once as containing the room of Henry Clay while a member of Congress. The vast concourse of people that thronged the streets was indeed a surging mass of humanity.

Everyone was up and ready at 7:30 the following morning when we began our sight seeing tour. It would be impossible to give a minute description of everything; suffice it to say that we were conducted through all the Public Buildings, parks, and offices, the names of which everyone is familiar. The Museum, Zoological Park, and Capitol were especially interesting and the cordial meetings with the President, Messrs. Bryan and Daniels, were very pleasant. The trip to Mt. Vernon and out to Arlington, the home of General Lee, will always be remembered. Upon entering we stopped and saw children placing flags on the graves of hundreds and hundreds of Confederate and Union men; in fact the following day was Decoration Day and as we rode along through the cemetery where 23 thousand soldiers are sleeping, one could not refrain from exclaiming "Truly the Blue and Gray have entered their virtues in the hearts of their countrymen, and in this place of rest free America knows no North, no South, no war, no nothing, some roses for the Blue, roses for the Gray." After reverently standing before the tomb of Washington and his wife and surveying the scenery from Mt. Vernon as far as the eye could reach, we took the steambot on the Potomac for our return to Washington. In going through the mansion which was perfected with artistic value rendered by the services of kind hearts and loving hands, we indeed thought that our country's greatness did not consist of armaments of gold nor battlements of silver but that its greatness consists in the traits and principles which the "Father of his country" so zealously exemplified.

To add to the pleasantness of the occasion, we were perfectly at home in the company of a former Surry boy, Mr. Wade B. Mampton, whose hospitality could not be excelled. Mr. Hampton is a practicing attorney in Washington and judging from the many kindnesses he had arranged to make our stay delightful, one could not doubt that he has acquired great prestige in the city and is recognized as a gentleman of no little ability in his profession. It was through him that we were enabled to meet the President and Secretary Daniels.

Every teacher in Surry county should have been with us and never could we appreciate enough the kindness of Superintendent Cundiff who so patiently guided and directed us throughout the whole trip, occasionally drawing on his vast store of information to make things more real to our minds and lead us into higher realms of knowledge, one and all we sincerely thank him for the trip.

- Those present were:
- Mr. W. M. Cundiff.
  - Miss Bessie Greenwood.
  - Miss Maude Greenwood.
  - Mrs. R. B. Lewis.
  - Mr. James Geunwood.
  - Miss Ohna Poindexter.
  - Miss Amelia Poindexter.
  - Mr. W. M. Wall.
  - Miss Carrie Redman.
  - Miss Cassie Lewellyn.
  - Mr. George Blue.
  - Miss Martha Hill.
  - Mr. Eugene Draught.
  - Miss Jennie Apperson.
  - Miss Mamie Snow.
  - Miss Ethel Snow.
  - Mrs. S. T. Flippin.
  - Miss Nora Atkins.
  - Miss Lirrie Richards.
  - Miss Kate Swansen.
  - Masters Frank and Paul Swanson.
  - Mr. C. B. Woltz.
  - Mr. R. H. Riggs.
  - Miss Jennie Reed.
  - Miss Anna Reed.
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  - Miss Ruby Stevens.
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  - Mr. H. E. Taylor.

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**To Spend Summer Here.**

Mr. Edgar Turlington, student at Oxford, England, will soon return to this country and spend the vacation with his parents, Prof. and Mrs. Iru T. Turlington, in this city. He is a graduate of the University of this state and won the Rhodes scholarship at Oxford, England which entitles him to a three year's course at that University with all expenses paid. He has completed two years of the course and after spending the summer here will return in the fall to complete the work. He is taking a course in law and expects to spend all the time necessary to prepare himself for the profession before he begins his life as a practitioner.

**To Property Owners.**

All who have not listed their property and polls will hurt me up and list same, or I will have to return them, and the penalties imposed by law for failure to list will be imposed, which means much trouble. I hope all will attend to this matter at once.

J. R. Patterson, List Taker.  
 For Ward No. 1 Mt. Airy.

**Notice to the Lodges.**

All the Masonic Lodges in Surry County are invited to meet at Ivey Green church, Round Peak, N. C. on the 4th day of July 1913 to lay a corner-stone. The Odd Fellows, Juniors and all Locals of the Farmers Union are cordially invited to assist in the ceremonies. There will be a prominent speaker to address the people. All refreshment stands, watermelons, etc. will be conducted under the supervision of the trustees, and the proceeds applied to the benefit of the church.

The public cordially invited.

R. A. Snow,  
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 C. P. Stewart,  
 D. B. Barker,  
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