

Mount Airy News.

Mt. Airy, N. C., Feb. 21, 1918.

SHORT NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. G. P. Hardison of Winston-Salem is the guest of her sister, Mrs. D. C. Absher in this city.

Mr. J. W. Lovill left a few days ago for the state of Texas where he will spend a few weeks for his health.

Miss Mildred Rector has returned from a visit to her brother in Charlotte.

Mrs. Della Banner and daughter, Miss Sarah are visiting relatives in Greensboro.

Mrs. H. R. Hege and Miss June Jenkins spent Thursday in Greensboro shopping.

Misses Lucy and Jamie Hadley spent the week end in Greensboro shopping, returned Sunday evening.

The Mission Study class of Central M. E. Church will meet this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock with Mrs. H. C. Sprinkle, on Main Street.

Sergeant Lewis S. Burton left Sunday for Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., after spending a furlough with his parents in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Roell of Jackson, Miss., have arrived in this city and will make their future home at the Brown House.

Miss May Sharpe leaves tomorrow for her home in Greensboro after visiting her sister, Mrs. Jordan at the Blue Ridge Inn, she will visit relatives in Walnut Cove enroute.

Dr. and Mrs. John Paddison of Kernersville are visiting in this city called by the illness of Dr. Paddison's mother who is confined to her bed as the result of a fall Saturday.

Mr. Raymond Sargent left this morning for Fort Caswell after spending a few days with his father, Mr. J. D. Sargent who has been quite ill at his home on Rawley street.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Paddison and baby who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Paddison left Tuesday for Seattle, Washington, they will visit relatives in Tennessee and Missouri enroute.

Mrs. J. R. Paddison had the misfortune to fall and hurt herself last Saturday, she was standing on the lower section of her china closet to reach the top shelf, and as she was about to step down she hung her foot and fell to the floor, no bones are broken but her injuries are exceedingly painful and their exact nature has not yet been determined.

At the regular eleven o'clock hour of worship next Sunday morning special services will be held at the Presbyterian church, during which a service flag bearing fourteen stars will be displayed. The public is cordially invited to be present and the relatives of the boys who have gone out from this church to serve their country, are especially urged to be present.

Rev. J. H. Haynes who has lived for some years at State Road in the western part of this county, has recently bought a farm on Pipers Gap road six miles west of this city and moved his family there a few days ago. Mr. Haynes is pastor of a number of Baptist churches in this part of the county, and his new home is much more convenient to his field of labor.

The special meetings which were to have been held at Antioch Friday and Saturday before the First Sunday in March, in which Rev. C. H. Durham was to take a part, will be postponed on account of the fact that Mrs. Durham has recently undergone a serious operation at the Winston hospital. However, the regular meeting will be held Saturday at eleven o'clock and Sunday afternoon at two o'clock.

A nice pony and a dog the property of Mr. W. B. Haymore of this city were killed this week as suspects of hydrophobia. The pony was having fits and it is suspected that it was bitten some weeks ago by a dog that was supposed to have hydrophobia. Mrs. Haymore and her son will both take the pasteur treatment as a precaution, for each had handled the dog, it being a pet in the family.

Labor Troubles at The Quarry.

Just at this time there is a labor trouble among the men who work at the Quarries in this city. It is serious for the fact that it means a stop-up of business in that line until it is adjusted. Last Friday all the stone cutters quit work pending the adjustment of the difference between the men who give them employment. It seems that something like 250 men are idle and have been for a week and just what the difference will be adjusted no one can say, but usually these troubles are settled by agreement after a short time.

The advance in the price of living and the conditions brought about since the war is the cause of the trouble. It is a long story and much could be said on either side, that of the workmen and that of the men who give employment, but the public is not supposed to be able to assist in the adjustment and possibly the least said is the best policy. It is a business disagreement as to costs and prices, and the problem will have to be worked out by those who are most interested.

How to Get Explosives

Mr. Daniel A. McDonald, Explosive Inspector for this State, was in the city this week looking after some matters in connection with his work. Since the war began the government requires all purchasers and dealers in dynamite and powder to secure license for this purpose in order to keep track of the sales of explosives. A dealer is not allowed to sell any kind of explosives without a permit. Mr. J. A. Jackson, Clerk of the Court and Policeman J. E. Monday, of this city, have been appointed to grant permits for this county, and no dealer is supposed to sell any one powder, dynamite or explosive of any kind without a permit secured from either Mr. Jackson or Mr. Monday.

Miss Sisk Dies Suddenly.

The remains of Miss Lela Sisk, who dropped dead in St. Augustine, Fla., last Saturday, reached this city Monday night and were carried to the home of her mother at White Plains.

Miss Sisk was a graduate nurse, having trained in the George Washington University hospital in Washington, D. C., for the past three years she has spent her winters in Florida for the practice of her profession, and had been enjoying her usual health, she was stricken while out shopping with some friends Saturday.

The remains were accompanied to this city by two friends of the deceased who were also nurses, and by a young man from Asheville to whom Miss Sisk was soon to have been married.

The funeral was conducted at White Plains at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Wesley Wooten officiating, and the remains laid to rest in the Friends cemetery. She is survived by her mother, three brothers, and two sisters.

Roberts-Banner.

The following announcement was received in this city Tuesday: Mr. John Banner and Miss Johnnie May Roberts announce their marriage, September fifteenth, nineteen hundred seventeen, Wytheville, Virginia.

The announcement created a bit of surprise in social circles, for although there had been occasional rumors of a secret marriage they had guarded their secret so carefully that the rumors did not find much credence.

The bride who is a beautiful and accomplished young woman, lived with her grandparents several miles west of this city, the groom is a prominent business man, being a large property owner besides being actively engaged in the warehouse business as a partner in the Banner and Lovill warehouse, and has recently purchased large interests in the Bailey stone-cutting sheds.

They will make their home at Mr. Banner's residence on South Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hill of Timmonsville, S. C. are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hill in this city.

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Rev. Tom P. Jimison has been confined to his home several days this week as the result of vaccination. Rev. Joe Snow filled his appointments last Sunday.

Mr. J. L. Burke has accepted a position with the wholesale dry goods house of J. W. Scott and Co., Greensboro. He assumed his new duties last week.

Mr. W. V. Stone, of the state of Ind. was a visitor in the city this week. He is related to Supt. I. W. Barber and to Mr. A. E. Hannah and made them a short visit while in the state. Mr. Stone was reared in the section about Pinnacle and has kept in touch with his county all the years he has lived in the west where he is a large farmer and stock grower. While here he remarked that he had been a subscriber to The Mount Airy News for thirty-five years and paid his subscription to Jan. 1920. To a news paper publisher a man of that type is both a gentleman and a scholar, to say nothing of his other excellent qualities.

Revival at Oak Grove.

Rev. Tom P. Jimison, pastor of Mount Airy circuit, will begin a series of evangelistic meetings at Oak Grove Sunday night. The meeting was scheduled to begin last Sunday night, but had to be postponed on account of the preacher being ill. It is understood that there will be two services a day, morning and night and the meeting will go on for an indefinite time.

Good Breeds of Fowls Wanted

Mr. E. J. Matthews of this city has made arrangements with a citizen at Goldsboro, N. C. to furnish him with pure bred chickens during the next few weeks for breeding purposes. Mr. Matthews will pay as much as \$1.50 each for nice pure bred stock. The government encourages this kind of business, for these fowls will be distributed out among farmers who have no chickens. Plymouth Rocks, Leghorns, White Wyandotts, Rhode Island Reds, Anconas, and any other standard breed will be bought by Mr. Matthews.

Valentine Party.

On Thursday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock at her home on Pine street, Sarah Graves delightfully entertained fourteen of her little friends at a Valentine party. The house was tastily decorated in pot plants and hearts were in evidence every where, the dining room was a scene of beauty being darkened and lighted from fourteen candles the color scheme being red and white. In the parlor a huge heart of red with a miniature white heart in the center was placed upon the wall each guest was blind-folded and given a tiny arrow to pin thereon. At the conclusion of the game Jane Clark was awarded the prize, a big heart shaped valentine. Another amusing feature was a "heart hunt" after this came "fishing for valentines" from a fish pond, which was arranged in the corner of the hall. Refreshments consisting of pink gelatine whipped cream and cake were served by Miss Bell and Belle Graves in the dining room. Those invited were Mae and Eula Vaughn, Hallie Moore, Leslie Rothrock, Doris Stewart, Willie Burke, Nina Hoffman, Laura Neil Leonard, Mary Louise and Jane Clark, Mary, Dorabelle, and Calvin Graves.

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There is now a crisis in school work in North Carolina, and matters will go from bad to worse unless a larger fund can be provided. At a recent conference in Raleigh between the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the county and city superintendents it was brought out that all over the State competent and ambitious teachers are turning away from school work because of the small salaries paid. Unless the school fund for the coming year can be materially increased, there will be a dearth of experienced efficient teachers in the schools.

In Mount Airy the teachers are receiving just the same salaries now that were paid three years ago. During this time the cost of living has advanced 40 to 50 per cent, but the teachers are getting only the same pay for their work that they received then. As a consequence the schools have lost each year some of the best teachers. This year some of the teachers are, taking civil service examinations for government positions, and others are preparing to take up other lines of work. Unless means can be found whereby the salaries of the teachers can be increased for the coming year, there will be few competent experienced teachers in the schools next year.

This is a plain matter-of-fact statement of the conditions that exist in the schools. It is needless to say that the success or failure of the school work depends almost entirely upon the kind of teachers employed. If the people of Mount Airy want their children trained and guided by competent and experienced teachers, they must take the steps necessary to provide funds to pay teachers a fair salary for their work.

Chas M. Staley.

Mr. Winston Fulton and sister Miss Mannie Fulton went down to Charlotte the first of the week to visit their sister Mrs. Ralph Norwood.

Miss Lola Woltz, who teaches music at Matthews, spent the past week end with her parents in this city.

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