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AFTER MORE READERS.

The publishers of The Mount Airy News are going to give away valuable premiums as a reward to those who will aid them in securing a larger number of new readers of the paper. It is no easy matter to increase the circulation of a paper. Those who read usually are supplied with papers of their own choice, and those who do not read are hard to induce to subscribe. It is the experience of newspaper men that one of the most effectual ways to increase the circulation of a paper is to give premiums as an inducement to others to go among their friends and solicit them to subscribe. This we are going to do. It is a fair proposition that we are making to our readers. There is nothing secret about it. We make an offer in detail at length in this issue of The News that tells all about the terms and conditions under which premiums will be given, and those who are solicited to join our list of subscribers have our assurance that we will live up to our offer in every way.

There are many people in this town and section who are not now subscribers to our paper and we are hoping to add many of them to our list of readers as the result of this subscription campaign.

The Mount Airy News has been published for twenty-two years by the present publishers, and never during that time has the paper missed an issue, and rarely has it been an hour late in reaching its subscribers. We think this record of service is enough to guarantee to our old and new subscribers a satisfactory service in the future. The business of publishing The Mount Airy News is an established business that has shown its ability to serve the people of this town and section in a way to merit a liberal part of their patronage. The publishers think that it is well to enlarge the field of usefulness that has been established, for if the paper is of value to all those who have long been subscribers it is but reasonable to conclude that it will be valuable to those who can be induced to join our family of readers.

We ask all friends of the paper to aid us in this drive for new subscribers. Speak a good word for us when you can. Assist the canvassers in any way you can in their hunt for new subscribers. With a larger list of readers the publishers will be able to give a better service and make the paper more valuable to all those who support it with their patronage.

Remember the Parking Rules.

Chief Lawrence again cautions the public about observing the parking rules on Main Street, especially during the evening hours. Every one realizes that it is hard to find parking room along Main Street after supper, and it is a great inconvenience to some times go a long distance from your car to make a small purchase of some article or get one's mail, but nevertheless the parking rules are necessary and double parking in the streets and "heading in" cannot be permitted no matter how convenient it may be. The police say the young people are careless to a degree about these rules and that if they are not observed they will be finding themselves "invited" to court some Monday morning to "tell it to the Judge."

Health Office to Open July 15th.

Word received from Dr. G. M. Sumner, newly elected county health officer, states that he will arrive in this county some time after July 1st and be able to start the health work in the county by the middle of the month. Dr. Sumner will have an office in the city hall in this city and will have as his secretary Miss Beate Mitchell who was connected with the work last year. The question of a county nurse will be decided upon by Dr. Sumner and the board of health after he has been here long enough to get the work organized.

New Office For Furniture Co.

The foundation work on the new offices of the Mount Airy Mantel & Table Co., this city, is about completed and the construction of a modern office building will be pushed to its completion. The structure will be modern and up-to-date in every detail and will furnish ample room for this growing enterprise. It will be brick veneer, two stories high, with six office rooms and two fire-proof vaults. Only face brick will be used making it one of the most attractive buildings in the city.

BOOMING A TOWN.

In these days of development in the South every town is making efforts to attract others and increase its population and wealth. Many and various are the methods used to attract desirable citizens and capital. Mount Airy, like every other town, is doing all it can to get information to the world about the opportunities that are here for all those who are looking for a new home.

Like all other efforts of man to better their conditions in life, no doubt many of our plans to develop Mount Airy will fail to accomplish all that is expected of them. We are reminded of the experience of Charleston, S. C., some years ago. The progressive citizens of that city wanted to see their town grow and employed a high priced man to lead in the movement. He had been a town booster in a western city and knew the job. As soon as he could he found out the lay of the land and told the citizens of Charleston that their greatest need, if they wanted their city to grow was to develop the farming country in the surrounding counties. He organized capital into companies to develop farming interests, trucking, dairying, etc. He told them that no city could make the growth they desired with an undeveloped farming section for a back ground.

It is very well known that the farmers in this part of the country are not enthusiastic about their work. They are, many of them, discouraged. They would, many of them, sell out and leave the farm if they had any way to accomplish this.

The business interests of this town would do well to take a lesson from Charleston's experience and help in every way possible to encourage the farmers in their work. It would be a fruitful subject for the local Kiwanis club to discuss the ways they can encourage the development of agriculture about this town. Why not invite a few of the leading farmers to meet with the club and discuss their business. The eyes of most people who desire the town to grow is turned in the direction of factories. Factories make a town grow, but factories prosper best where they are located in the midst of a fine agricultural section. We have the soil and the climate and some day this will be a fine agricultural section. It may be that we can hasten that day by a little effort.

A NATION OF MECHANICS.

Not so very long ago the wheelbarrow was about the most complicated machine used on a farm. The age of invention that we now have with us has changed all this. In many sections of the country every farm is well stocked with machinery, much of which is of a highly complicated nature. Here in our own section our people are rapidly developing into mechanics capable of caring for and operating any kind of machinery. A trip out through the country districts shows that almost every home has its automobile. Along the highways one sees farmer boys taking off automobile tires and mending them, tinkering with complicated engines as though they were the best of mechanics. And the interesting thing about it is that they are able to make repairs that would do credit to the best mechanic. Many farmers a few years ago knew nothing about machinery are now able to take a Ford all to pieces, adjust the bearings, make changes and adjustments and have it ready for the Sunday outing at almost no expense.

All this means that in the course of a few years our people are going to be familiar enough with machinery to be willing to invest in farm machines that are not in use now. The knowledge that is coming as the result of the automobile will soon be used to develop farm lands that are now idle. Where the horse is almost universally used to plow land in a few years these farmer boys will be riding high priced tractors plowing the land deep enough to make crops even if the rains are not all that could be desired. When our people get ready for farm machinery they will cultivate only such land as can be cultivated with machinery. To those who have eyes all this looks to be a trend in the right direction, and a trend that can only mean better conditions for those who live in this section of the country.

Sidna Allen Decides To Go In to Business At Leaksville.

Danville, Va., June 25.—Sidna Allen decided to go into business in Leaksville, N. C. He is forming a small company which is to finance the operation of a small cedar chest factory and he left here tonight for the Carolina town where he will be joined by his family from Carroll in the near future. He has been attending an exposition here during the past week, having a booth at which he had on display a pedestal table which consumed two years of his time in Richmond and which is said to contain 75,000 pieces of inlaid wood.

Grading Mountain Road Down Fancy Gap.

A sign on the corner of Lebanon and Main Streets in this city detours all traffic across the Blue Ridge into Virginia over the Orchard Gap road that previously went over the Fancy Gap. This detour is made necessary on account of the grading that is now being done by the Virginia State Highway force that is at work in the mountain. For the past 12 months a large convict force has been at work grading from Hillsville to the top of the mountain. This work is now completed and the road has also been graded about a mile down the mountain. Three miles of the road from Hillsville has been rock and there is enough rock piled on the side of the road to complete the surfacing to the top of the mountain. A large crushing outfit is now engaged in rocking this section of the road.

The grading crew is now blasting out large quantities of rock and dirt in the sides of the mountain. What is known as the Little Sugar Loaf is being torn away to make way for the road, and the large amount of dirt and rock that has been loosened up has blocked the traffic. The road is open once or twice a day for short intervals but these times are so uncertain that traffic is advised to use the Orchard Gap road until further notified. It has been estimated that it will require another year to complete the grading and to rock this road.

On the North Carolina side a small force is at work placing rock on our section of this interstate highway. The grading of the road near Lovill's Creek has been stopped pending some decision as to what to do about the bridge across that stream. Four years ago this road was put on the state system and the Highway Commissioner for this district at that time Mr. R. A. Doughion, promised to see that the road was hardsurfaced, the work to begin that spring, but for some reason there continues to be various technical questions on this little four mile stretch that cannot be solved by the officials and the deliberations over it have continued for these four years.

Low Water Puts Town in Darkness.

Low water in the streams of this section has greatly reduced the output of the power plants on Ararat river which supply Mount Airy with electric current and the power is being cut off several hours during the day and night. At the same time the plant of the Mount Airy Furniture Co. is being used as an auxiliary supply and if it were not for this the city would be seriously handicapped. The lights go off during the early hours of the morning and the city water station is using the big emergency engine to pump the water.

All the above conditions will be remedied within the next few weeks upon the arrival of the power supplied by the Southern Power Co. This company took charge of the local system today. They have the lines built from here to Winston-Salem, and everything is about in readiness on this end to connect with the local system. The work on the mountain end is delayed however on account of the arrival of some necessary materials but officials of the company state that they hope to have juice coming into this city not later than July 5th.

Auto Accident Victims.

Joe Gwyn, a young colored man of this city, sustained injuries in an automobile accident Saturday near Fairview from which he died a few hours afterward. He in company with three other friends were on their way to a ball game over near Elkin when the car they were in left the road and turned over going down a high embankment. The other occupants escaped with minor injuries but Gwyn was caught under the side of the car as it turned over and fatally hurt. Both arms were broken and he was injured internally. They were driving a car owned by the U-Drive-It station in this city which was badly demolished. It is said that in their haste to get to the game on time they were traveling too fast and lost control of the car as it was going down a long hill.

T. R. Haymore, of Laurel Bluff, was painfully injured Sunday morning when he was run into by a car driven by Sam Venable on the Dobson road. Mr. Haymore was in his buggy when he was struck by the car. An investigation was made by Sheriff Haynes and it was found to be an accident that was unavoidable.

First Presbyterian Church.

Rev. J. C. Glover, Pastor.
 Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
 Morning worship, 11 a. m.
 Evening worship, 8 p. m.
 Junior C. E. 7 p. m.
 Senior C. E. 7:15 p. m.
 Prayer service Wed. 8 p. m.

Knife Wielder Pays \$100 Fine.

In the Recorder's Court this week Frank Nash plead guilty to an assault with a deadly weapon upon Frederick Smith and was fined \$100 and the cost and judgment prayed. Young Smith was the only witness introduced by the state. He testified that while attending a dance in the club rooms of this city Nash became intoxicated and unmanageable and when several of those in attendance attempted to remove him from the hall he resisted and later brought his knife into use with telling effect. Several boys who helped to take him in charge received knife gashes before he could be brought under control. Nash offered no evidence in his defense and accepted the sentence of the court. The court room was packed, there being hardly standing room, expecting to see a hard fought case but they were disappointed when the defense announced no evidence and the case was brought to a quick end with the sentence of Judge Lowelyn.

Large Steam Distillery Captured.

Deputy Sheriff J. E. Monday on last Thursday afternoon destroyed a large steam distillery in Elders township, discovering it while in full operation and being tended by five attendants, all of whom made their escape. The still was in full blast and its owners had run out about eight gallons when the officers found them. They had rigged up some steel drums and had a steam outfit capable of turning out the stuff in quick time. In searching for the still Mr. Monday passed some women nearby washing at a spring house and as soon as he left them they began calling for help, which was a signal to the blockaders that they were in danger. Just as Mr. Monday broke through the brush he saw the men scattering in all directions, leaving him alone to destroy the still and its outfit.

Chief Lawrence and Sheriff Haynes levied on a truck Wednesday morning for \$150.00 of license tax. The truck was loaded with floor coverings and carpets and was peddling the goods over the city and county. Until the tax is paid the officers will hold the car and its contents.

Friends of Heath Jenkins will be interested to know that he is now in Paris, France, playing with the 400 Club. Heath and his band sailed from New York, June 10 and furnished music on the ship going over. They will spend the summer in Paris.



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C. C. Gray at Wheel of "Miss Lexington"

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Four Dare-Devil Drivers
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 C. C. Gray will drive his nationally known car, "Miss Lexington." With this car he made a record run from Lexington, N. C., to Jacksonville, Fla., without a stop.

Races Begin at 2 p. m.