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OUR WATER SUPPLY

If there is any one subject that is interesting to every one it is the water we drink. Men will walk long distances to get to a cool free-flowing spring rather than drink from fountains that are not so inviting. Nothing appeals to a thirsty man like a drink of clear sparkling water. Knowing all this the kind of water that is being delivered to the homes of this town is badly disappointing to all of us. There is nothing secret about it. There is nothing to be covered up. The men who are responsible for the water supplied to us are ready to answer questions or take suggestions or do anything they can to aid in rendering a satisfactory service. It will be interesting to the citizens here to know the facts in the case.

If you have never been over to the pumping station right near the entrance to the fair grounds, and many have not, a visit to the station will show that at much cost a large amount of space is enclosed by cement walls, built in the ground, and filled with water. Some of the tanks are of great capacity and are used for storage of water after it has been treated and filtered. Other tanks are used to hold water while it is being filtered and made ready for use. In addition to these tanks, a mile or more west of the station, is a lake covering quite a space and large enough to hold a large amount of water. Into this lake or reservoir, flows a strong mountain stream that has its source in the big woods west of the city.

Water that flows into this lake up in the woods is supposed to have time to settle and leave most of the mud, if it happens to be muddy at any time after a rain, before it reaches the tanks down at the pumping station through pipes that deliver it by gravity. Now all this was worked out by competent engineers and approved by the state health authorities as a competent and capable system for delivering to our city a supply of water that would be good and satisfying. The interesting thing about all this is that there is a failure somewhere along the line. The system is not working as it was supposed to work. The water is pure and not injurious to health, according to all tests made, but it is not free from mud. When it rains the water is badly clouded with earth.

Now they tell us that the system of filtering that we have is supposed to filter out all mud and to deliver us clear water, even if water was muddy before it went to the filtering tank. It is now contended that the nature of the red clay on the water shed is such that it is hard to filter the water. This red clay is of such a nature that much of it goes through the filter and remains in the water. Just why this is true is an unsolved problem. Other cities are able to filter muddy water, but we are not.

The solution to the problem seems to be to build additional filters at a cost of several thousand dollars and thus have sufficient capacity to be able to close down the filtering process for several hours after a heavy rain stirs up the mud. All this would require additional storage tanks to meet the needs of the town while the filtering plant was shut down. All this would cost much money, but one thing is certain, this town is able to build a filtering plant that will deliver us wholesome water. We can not afford to neglect so vital a part of our living conditions as our water supply, even if it does cost to make it what it should be.

Mount Airy Now on Federal Highway.

G. C. Lovill, one of the Highway Commissioners of this county, has received a letter from State Commissioner Hanes, of Winston-Salem, stating that he had been successful in getting the road from Mount Airy to Lexington placed on the Federal Highway Map. At Lexington the road connects with the Federal Highway that starts at New River beyond Sparta and goes to Staeville, thence over to Lexington and then back to Charlotte. This bypassing of that route from New River through North Carolina has never ceased to be a joke with the folks who know the situation that brought it about.

Now that Mr. Hanes has gotten the North Carolina section of the Lakes-to-Florida Highway on the map it is up to those interested to use their influence in having the Virginia part also placed on the map; that is that section from this city to Wytheville, Virginia.

OUR SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE.

The latest effort of the publishers of The News to render a better service to the people of this community by securing a larger circulation among the people through a "Salesmanship Drive" is meeting with great encouragement. However, as we had a right to expect, there are those who ask us if these subscription campaigns are ever held straight and square. In so many instances there is a great element of fraud in them and this fact has rightly made the public cautious about every such move. These drives for additional subscriptions are usually conducted by men who are experienced in the work and know the methods by which to make them a success. The publishers of The News are confident that they have secured two of the most reliable men that could be had in Mr. W. W. Latta and Mr. Frank Patterson. They are natives of this state, know our people and have held drives for papers in the leading cities of the Carolinas. Just prior to coming to Mount Airy they closed a campaign in Chesterfield, S. C., and this week a letter came in The News mail to Mr. Latta, unsolicited on his part, from the Chesterfield publisher which should dispel any doubt in the minds of any person as to the fairness of the campaign they are putting on for The News. The letter now on file in The News office reads as follows:

"The Chesterfield Advertiser
Paul H. Hearn, Editor,
Chesterfield, S. C.,
June 29, 1926.

Mr. W. W. Latta,
Greensboro, N. C.
My dear Mr. Latta:

I have been thinking for some time of writing you concerning your recent campaign for The Advertiser.

I feel that I owe it to you to say that in spite of some unforeseen and rather unusual obstacles, you and your able assistant, Mr. Patterson, put the campaign over successfully.

The manner in which the work was handled from start to finish is above reproach.

The local citizens who acted as judges agreed unanimously that your system of counting and checking the votes could not be improved upon. After nearly two weeks there has been no complaint from any one of the losing candidates.

It gives me pleasure to say that I regard your system and your management as entirely satisfactory and trustworthy.

We believe no better evidence of the good faith and fairness that will prevail during our salesmanship drive for subscribers could be desired. The managers of the campaign will be glad to consult with any interested one at any time and explain to them in full detail all the conditions and rules that will prevail during the drive.

The publishers of The News are going to a large expense to increase the list of subscribers but they feel that they will be rendering a greater service to the country they serve by having a larger number of readers.

FIGHTING THE BEAN BEETLE

Some folks about this town are making a fight on the bean beetle. A dish of snap beans is too inviting to see the peaky little fuzzy worm destroy it without some protest. The protest is made in the form of spraying the vines with a preparation of arsenic. There seems to be two forms of the poison on the market. In this town a form of it is sold at sixty cents a pound, and directions say to mix it in a proportion of about one heaping table spoon full to a gallon of water and spray with a spray that throws the mixture up and deposits it on the under side of the leaf. We happen to know of citizens who have rid their vines of the beetle with this process. They tell us that there is another form of the poison that is prepared to be used as a dusting powder and is sold at thirty cents a pound. Just what results are being had from its use we have not heard, but it is safe to conclude that any preparation sold will give relief if used according to directions and properly applied. The beetle is the worst pest that has hit this section, for it is hard to fight and gets in its work in a rapid way, destroying the vines before one hardly finds that it is present. The bean is the most satisfying food we have here both winter and summer and to have to give it up is unthinkable. We simply must fight the beetle.

Sheriff Must Collect The Tax.

In a statement to a reporter of The News this week Sheriff Haynes said that if the people did not pay their back tax at once that he would be compelled to carry out the orders of the County Commissioners and proceed to force collection according to law. All branches of the county government are making calls upon the Sheriff and the only way he can meet these calls is for the people to pay their tax. To wait until property is advertised is to incur more expense and annoyance. And if the tax payers do not pay Sheriff Haynes has no other alternative than to carry out the instructions of the Commissioners and sell property.

FARMER LEGISLATION FAILED

Congress has adjourned without passing any law that brings relief to the farmer. For weeks before the adjournment the livest question before the national body was to formulate some law that would meet the demands of farmers for national relief. The effort took the form of price-fixing for corn and wheat. The demand for this was mainly from the corn and wheat states of the west. The nation produces more corn and wheat than the people use and thus a surplus is here to be shipped to outside countries that can use it. One plan to aid the farmers was to appropriate money enough, several hundred million dollars, and buy up the surplus corn and wheat and then fix a price on the remainder to be used by our own people. The price to be fixed was supposed to be about fifty cents on the bushel more than is now its value.

When a law like this came up for discussion it was found that many sections of our country fail to produce enough grain for bread, and in these sections the farmers are buyers of corn and wheat. This is true of all the cotton and tobacco sections. The dairy sections buy grain and contend that to put up the price would injure the dairy business. The cotton and tobacco farmers is opposed to any price-fixing of food unless he can get some similar relief.

And so, a war raged among the very folks who were expecting relief. The result was that every effort to aid the farmer failed.

All agree that goods sold to the farmer are priced high as a result of a protective tariff. All agree that the things that the farmer sells are sold on the basis of a world market. The big problem is how to aid the farmer and at the same time enrich the nation at his expense. It can not be done.

All agree that the farmer is not in a position to organize. He produces with no attempt to regulate the amount of corn or wheat or meat that he is going to place on the market. He is not able to control his output. Bad seasons or storms and conditions over which he has no control affect the production of crops. The result is that there is no way to know how much is going to be produced by the farmer. When he produces well the price is low, and when he produces but little the price mounts up. Some kind of organization might help, but how to organize is another big problem. It is well known that in many sections organization has been effected and that it has helped.

After all is said, the fact remains that the farmer is left to work out his own financial salvation. The farmers of the wheat and corn states are going to continue to try to get relief through national legislation. They tried this year and failed. The farmers here in our own section tried to get aid by cooperation, and they, too, failed. It is interesting to speculate about the future, for the success of the farmer means the success of all other classes of business. There will be continued efforts to find a way to make the farmer prosperous. It is so necessary that he be prosperous that it becomes a live question to every man who is interested in the welfare of himself and his fellow men.

The Dokie Ceremonial.

Between three and five hundred Pythians from over the state will attend the annual state ceremonial of Dakies to be held in this city Thursday, July 15th. This is one of the large occasions among the fraternal orders of the state and Mount Airy is delighted to have them come into our midst.

And while among us our citizens should do all in their power to make their visit a most pleasant one. During the day those in charge of the program will need private cars to convey the visitors to points of interest. This is in charge of H. M. Foy and C. W. Andrew and the citizens are asked to notify them of their willingness to furnish a car during the afternoon of July 15th. If you want to lend your service in this way don't fail to notify either Mr. Foy or Mr. Andrew that you are at their service.

Mrs. Smithwick Hostess.

Mrs. F. J. Smithwick was hostess to a large number of friends last Thursday morning in the home of Mrs. E. C. Bivens.

Quantities of cut flowers including roses and sweet peas lent fragrance and beauty to the attractive home and bridge was played at eight tables and rook at three.

No prizes were given and a delicious fruit salad course with iced tea and mints followed the games.

Among the out-of-town guests were Mrs. Lester Hawks, Greensboro, Mrs. E. Scott Hale, Bluefield, W. Va., Mrs. Harry Nelms, Kingsport, Tenn.; and Miss Penn, Roanoke, Va.

Mrs. R. E. Pittman and infant daughter and Joe W. Johnson, of Charlotte, spent the week end with their parents, Mr. Pittman and Mrs. J. E. Johnson.

Republicans to Hold Convention.

Chairman Vestal Taylor, of White Plains, has issued a call for the Republicans of the county to meet in convention at Dobson on Saturday, July 10th, at 10 A. M. to nominate candidates for the various county offices. The township conventions will be held on Saturday, July 17, at 1 P. M., in their respective townships, to elect delegates to the county convention.

A. H. Wolfe is conceded to be the nominee for Clerk of the Court to oppose the present incumbent, F. T. Lowelin. Four years ago Mr. Wolfe was a candidate for the nomination but was defeated by A. E. Tilley, Mr. Tilley in turn being defeated at the polls by Mr. Lowelin. Since Mr. Wolfe is likely to be nominated as clerk the Republicans are also talking of taking care of Mr. Tilley by nominating him as their candidate for the legislature. There seems to be no certainty about who will be the choice of the party for sheriff, but A. M. Smith, of this city, is prominently mentioned, as well as Will Matthews, of Pilot Mountain.

Miss Lillian Harkrader will perhaps receive the nomination for Register of Deeds, as she ran far enough ahead of her party ticket two years ago to give her a strong position in the party.

Marketing Wilkes Products.

Enterprising citizens are finding a market for Wilkes products and two citizens are to answer for their spirit of enterprise. These two are known here as Rufus and Paul Wood. The story that comes to us is of this nature. It seems that word got to the police of this burg that at various times in the not distant past, citizens from over in Wilkes have been coming to these parts and bringing along with them a liberal supply of such liquor as is produced in the woods of Wilkes in these degenerate days. The supply was supposed to be without limit and was being marketed here, according to reports, as fast as practical and with but little fear of disturbance. And so, on last Saturday word came that the two Messrs. Wood were at their game over on the ridge west of the city. Officers went and found the reports to be correct to the extent that they located the men and a Ford and two gallons of Wilkes liquor. The two Wilkes-citizens had enlisted the aid, as it appeared, of one Lester Towe of this city, who was supposed to be aiding them in finding a market for their product. The three young men were lodged safely in the city boarding house for such offenders and on Monday they were given their liberty by relatives furnishing the required bond. Now they must answer for all this in the local court to be held in this city next Monday.

Statement of Condition of FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

at Mount Airy, in the state of North Carolina, at the close of business on June 30, 1926.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts,	\$922,378.55
Oyerdrafts, unsecured,	17.39
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation,	50,000.00
All other U. S. securities,	81,050.00
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.,	4,500.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures,	25,926.55
Real estate owned other than bank house,	6,103.74
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank,	69,359.98
Cash in vault and amount due from national banks,	71,627.84
Due from State banks, bankers and trust companies,	161,580.51
Checks and drafts on banks outside of city of reporting bank,	\$1,009.17
Miscellaneous cash items,	\$5,748.49
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer,	2,500.00
Total,	\$1,401,802.22

LIABILITIES

Capital stock,	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus fund,	50,000.00
Undivided profits,	\$18,544.54
Reserve for int. due,	23,450.68
Time Deposits,	4,906.14
Reserved for taxes, interest, etc., accrued,	2,978.06
Circulation notes outstanding,	48,900.00
Amount due state banks,	4,272.51
Certified checks outstanding,	545.17
Cashier's checks outstanding,	6,222.99
Individual deposits, subject to check,	\$95,370.19
Dividends unpaid,	6,000.00
Certificates of deposit,	\$18,165.50
Other time deposits,	157,180.28
Liabilities other than those above stated,	10,717.34
Total,	\$1,401,802.22

State of North Carolina, County of Surry, ss:

I, E. G. Smith, Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. G. SMITH, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of July, 1926.

Correct Attest: T. G. Fawcett, W. W. Burke, N. W. Dobbins, Directors.

Hollingsworth Drug Co
Prescription Druggists
Phone 31
The Rexall Store

Ten Dollars Reward Paid

Last week three peddlers were caught in the town of Mount Airy for violating the peddling laws of the town, county and state. Several weeks ago, the Merchants Association advertised that they would pay ten dollars to any person that would give sufficient information to the Merchants Association, to convict any person or persons for violating the peddling laws.

We are glad to announce that Mr. Rex Tilley received the ten dollars for giving information on these peddlers. Report any peddler to the Merchants Association, and let him be convicted and receive ten dollars.

We hope the citizens of Mount Airy and Surry County will cooperate with the merchants in this move to protect the people of this county and town against such means of selling products. The peddlers only bring to you merchandise that the average member of the Merchants Association would not handle, due to its being inferior. When you buy from a peddler you pay more for the goods than you would pay if you bought it from a local merchant.

"We are for you, you be for us."

Mt. Airy Merchants Association

YOU SHOULD NAME THE SURRY COUNTY LOAN & TRUST CO. AS YOUR EXECUTOR FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

The Trust Company will see that your will is drawn correctly and when named as Executor, makes no charges for properly drawing up the will or keeping it under seal in its vault.

Directors:
W. W. Burke, A. G. Bowman, W. F. Carter, E. H. Wrenn, W. A. York, F. S. Eldridge, W. W. Hampton, W. G. Sydnor, J. D. Smith.

Officers:
W. F. CARTER, President. W. W. BURKE, Vice-Pres.
W. G. SYDNOR, Sec. & Treas.

Pure Water
Drink McKnight's Pure Cool Water
BUY IT BY THE BOTTLE—USE IT DAILY
10 cents Gallon delivered in Mount Airy.
5 Cents Gallon at Spring
Hundreds of People Declare it To Be
Healthful and Palatable
McKNIGHT'S
Just Across the Lovill's Creek from the Depot.

Jurors for Surry Superior Court.
First Week, July 26.
E. J. Jarrell, John Whitaker, Caley Fowler, M. M. Hamby, I. W. Barber, C. C. Coon, J. B. Jefferies, J. F. Yokley, Thos. Scott, W. R. Snow, S. C. Carson, W. C. Hall, Frank Hall, E. S. Snow, Earl Tate, H. J. Click, J. A. Reynolds, C. H. Childress, W. S. Schumaker, F. B. Holder, J. W. Allen, B. E. Herman, W. H. McCormick, Casper Stewart.

Second Week, August 2nd.
C. C. Cavelling, O. L. Norefield, E. F. Stone, A. W. Jessup, J. H. Brown, F. W. Steele, W. S. Pace, W. C. Shinn, J. M. Vaughn, L. A. Norman; R. L. White, John Raymore, I. W. Reese, J. W. Harbour, E. C. Grant, T. G. Smith, Curtis Nixon, J. H. Dobson.

Sunday School Picnic Hollow Springs.
Mount Airy, Route 1, July 1.—The Sunday School picnic at Hollow Springs Sunday was a decided success. A splendid little program was rendered by the children before noon and dinner was served on the ground in abundance which all present seemed to enjoy wonderfully, in the afternoon Prof. A. H. Wolfe made a splendid speech, his subject being "Contentment and Happiness."
Mr. Eugene Cook who holds a responsible position with the Southern Bearings Fast Co., Winston-Salem, is spending his vacation with home folks.

A bottle of GREEN RIVER contains as much FOOD VALUE as a half pound of cabbage.