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IN THE THROES OF TYPHOID.

This city finds itself with what almost amounts to an epidemic of typhoid fever on its hands, and the state inspectors who have been hurriedly summoned here expressed no surprise after they found the filthy condition that exists in many places in this town.

And what is the cause of the epidemic? When the state made an inspection of this city three years ago there were places that were a menace to the health of the city. The last thing said when they left here back then was to request the city to clean up those places, but when Mr. J. A. McCloud, state inspector, visited these same places this week he was surprised to see the same terrible conditions existing.

Mr. McCloud said his department would make a thorough inspection of the city and all the territory within a radius of two miles of it at once. His men know what is needed here and they can recommend what to do but if we stop as soon as they leave like we have done in the past then their work will be of little avail.

The opinion has been expressed that the present epidemic was brought by a typhoid subject and flies playing about the open toilets about this town since the development of other cases and have spread it wherever they could find a victim.

Our officials are thoroughly awake to the situation that has developed and are determined to see that the sanitary laws are enforced for the time being at least.

Are The Lights On Your Street Burning?

Since the sale of the local power plant to the Southern Power Co. the city has to pay for all electric current the same as the individual including street lighting. The city has a flat rate for lighting the streets, so much per month for each lamp.

OVERLOOKING SOME THINGS.

What is being said these days about the hardening of Route 66 or what is known as the Stone trail, leading up through Yadon and Wilkes counties and on to the Tennessee line. Maps are referred to and columns are written about the wonderful trade territory this would open up.

The opening up of Route 66 will place at the disposal of this part of North Carolina all the mountain country that lies beyond the Blue Ridge and in our sister state. Already great caravans of wagons and trucks make their way over it to this city and on to Winston-Salem, High Point, Salisbury and other southern points laden with products grown in the mountain counties north of here.

And North Carolina's part in the completion of such a system calls for the construction of only 12 miles of road on Route 66, between Pilot Mountain and Rural Hall. Truly our highway officials and citizens of our neighboring towns below here realize the great boon that would result from the expenditure of such a small effort on the part of our state.

KIWANIANS ENTERTAIN WILKESBORO CLUB.

One of the most enjoyable social events that have occurred in this city for some time was held by the local Kiwanis Club last Friday evening having as their guests about 35 members of the North Wilkesboro Club.

Dr. Edward Ashby, president, introduced E. C. Bivens who gave the visitors a hearty welcome on the part of every citizen of the city. This response was answered by that lovable gentleman of Wilkes, Judge T. B. Finley, and the originality of his short address was pleasing to his hearers.

The program was put in charge of the visitors and they brought along some able talent for the occasion. Miss Eileen Hubbard delighted the club by the recitation of two selections and Neal Fenley also brought forth much applause following two solos he sang.

During the evening the visitors sang songs with Russell Hodges as song leader and Miss Lois Scroggs at the piano.

One of the features of the evening was a toast to the local members prepared and read by Hon. Henry Reynolds. This contained many amusing jokes on the members and we are publishing it in another part of The News this week.

P. Ward Eshelman, president of the visiting club, introduced the visitors, after which he turned the program over to their chairman, Genie Cardwell.

Geo. Slaughter Building New Home.

Geo. N. Slaughter, the Pepsi-Cola man, has recently sold his home out beyond Oak Grove and is building a modern brick bungalow on the knoll across the creek just outside the city limits on the Winston-Salem road.

His old home has been purchased by Dr. R. J. Banks, who will establish on the premises a veterinary hospital and build kennels where he can prepare to treat dogs and other animals. There are a large number of fine blooded dogs about this city and Dr. Banks expects to equip a place where he can give them treatment when called upon.

More About The Old Mill.

Our issue of August 22 carried a story of the passing of the old mill on the Fancy Gap road, known as the Strickland mill which has been ruthlessly torn from its place by the roadside after years and years of service to make way for the march of progress which places more value on a given grade for the new Hillsville to Mount Airy road than all the sentiment attached to this old landmark which has stood for a century or more and is treasured about with tender memories of thousands of people who have visited the picturesque spot in years past.

Numbers of people have commented on the story and each tells some little anecdote connected in his or her memory with this old landmark, which only loss of memory can efface.

The Rev. J. A. Cook, of Asheville, Methodist preacher and former resident of this section said when he read the story in his home in the western part of the state it carried him back in memory to his boyhood days when his father Anderson Cook was miller in charge of this mill. Mr. Anderson Cook was a Quaker and when the war of the rebellion broke out he escaped going to war by operating this old mill, all millers were exempt from service and Mr. Cook, being a strong Quaker did not believe in war, and was very glad that his service as miller was considered essential to the welfare of the people, so he was not required to go.

Mr. Cook has vivid recollections of an interview with his mother which he as a small boy postponed by hiding in one of the deep holes in the mill branch. He had killed one of his mother's hens, just a boyish prank, he said, and he knew that his punishment would be less severe if he could keep out of sight until his mother's first anger had cooled, he was able to accomplish this by hiding in the water.

Among the things brought out by Mr. Cook in his reminiscences was the difference in the modes of travel 64 years ago and now, then they had no good roads, no automobiles, no rapid transit in these peaceful hills, and mules were used for transportation, each mule wearing a bell. Now all is changed and a great broad highway is licking up even the old landmarks which bound the new civilization with the old.

"Pat" Gets Him A Truck.

Officers M. F. Patterson and Rex Tilley captured a Ford truck last Sunday afternoon on the old Fancy Gap road and seized it on the charge of transporting liquor. At the same time they arrested four young men charged with being drunk and having liquor in their possession, they being Austin Greenwood, Alvin Easter, and W. H. and J. F. Richardson. The fellows made a desperate effort to escape with the truck. On being hailed to stop they did so but when they learned the officers were after them they put the truck in gear and sped away. Then was when "Pat" went into action, for he jumped on the running board and swung to the truck. And for a few hundred yards the fellows tried their best to drag "Pat" loose by driving the truck along the bank of the road and scraping him against the bushes and small trees, and once or twice "Pat" almost lost his hold as they drove the truck against the undergrowth. Pat soon crawled in on them and brought the race to an end. The truck is now under seizure for transporting liquor.

Bill Eason Dead.

Bill Eason, one of the most widely known persons of the western part of the county, is dead. Eason was a resident of the Lowgap section and during his years of life had been in court several times for thefts of his neighbors' property. He died while working on the roads of the state, serving a term for the theft of various articles in the Lowgap section. It is said that death was caused by getting too hot while at work. He was about 50 years old.

Some Big Hams.

W. S. Harris, local produce dealer, last week purchased two hams that weighed 72 pounds each, and also two sides that weighed 101 pounds each. The four pieces all came out of one hog and weighed a total of 347 pounds, the hog weighing 750 pounds. The meat sold to Mr. Harris brought the owner, Eli Branscomb, \$98.90.

Moravians To Hold Love Feast.

On next Sunday at 3 P. M. the Moravians of this city will hold a love feast in Grace Moravian Church. An interesting program has been arranged with Bishop Edward Rondthaler making the address of the occasion. The local church band of some 20 pieces will render a special musical program. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and enjoy the social hour with the members.

County Schools Open.

The County Board of Education has met Monday, October 22, on the day on which our six months schools should open. There are 12,282 children of school age in Surry county and 8,182 of these belong to the rural schools. Last year the enrollment in the rural schools was 7,711 or a little more than 64% while the cities enrolled 57%. This seems to indicate that city people are more alive to the value of education than country people.

In rating the school system of the various counties the State Department of Education for the year 1923-24 placed Surry county at the bottom of the list. In the recent rating for the year 1924-25 Surry was placed third from the bottom. The report for the year 1925-26 will likely make an even better showing for the county. Still it seems a lamentable shame that we should have such a low rating when compared with our sister counties. In determining the above rating the following factors were considered:

Academic Factors: Percentage of enrollment daily attendance. Five counties were poorer than we on this factor. Average length of term: One county was poorer than we on this factor. Scholarship of teachers: Five counties were poorer than we on this factor.

Percentage of total enrollment in high schools: Eighteen counties were poorer than we on this factor. Percentage of enrollment normal and under age for grade: Five counties were poorer than we on this factor.

Financial factors: Average annual salary of teachers: Ten counties were poorer than we on this factor. Per capita cost of instruction: One county was poorer than we on this factor.

Total current expense per teacher: Twelve counties were poorer than we on this factor. Valuation of school property per child enrolled: One county was poorer than we on this factor.

While we are not at the bottom on any individual score we were only saved from that position by one county in consideration of three of the factors. Caswell has a shorter average term than we do, Cherokee spends less per child for instruction, and Cherokee has less money invested in school property per child enrolled than we do.

In order to build an efficient school system, we must have the cooperation of the people. Enroll your children in school at the very beginning of the term and keep them there. Encourage your children to make the most of the opportunity they have and help improve our standing as to retarded children in the grades. Cooperate with the teachers in every way to make your school a success.

All rural teachers of the county are asked to meet at the court house for our first general teachers' meeting on Saturday, October 2nd, at ten A. M. Several speakers will be present to give us renewed inspiration and to help us organize for our winter's work.

E. S. Hendren, Supt.

A. E. Tilley Gets Special Appointment.

The Federal Court has appointed A. E. Tilley of this city as one of the attorneys to the receivers of the Central Carolina Warehousing Corporation. This concern was a subsidiary to the tobacco association and was placed in receivership at the time the co-ops went under. Three attorneys have been named by the court to handle the legal matters connected with the warehouse corporation, to-wit: A. E. Tilley, of this city, Geo. E. Butler, of Clinton and W. T. Joyner, of Raleigh.

DANBURY-MT. AIRY ROAD BEING OILED

State Forces Now At Work Between Westfield and Mt. Airy—Great Benefit To Stokes People.

The State highway from Danbury to Mount Airy is to be made an oil road and already the State forces are at work on that section of the road between Westfield and Mount Airy.

This news is received in Stokes with a great deal of satisfaction since the Mount Airy road is being used more and more by the people of this county, especially of the western half of Stokes.

Mount Airy is rapidly growing into a city and affords these citizens an excellent market and trading point, and with the completion of the oil road, which is almost equal to hard-surface, traffic going toward the Granite City will be largely increased. Merchants and business men there are bidding for the Stokes trade and will no doubt get their share of it this fall.

Advertisement for W. S. Wolfe Drug Company. Features a cartoon character holding a bottle and the text 'PRESCRIPTIONS CALLED FOR AND DELIVERED'. The company name and phone number are also listed.

Advertisement for an Auction Sale. Announces a public auction on Saturday, Sept. 25th, at 2 P. M., featuring a Buick six cylinder touring car and farm machinery. Admrs of E. F. Wall, dec.

Advertisement for The Clarine Beauty Shoppe. Announces the opening of the shoppe on Wednesday, Sept. 22nd. Located in the Fulton Building on Franklin Street.

Advertisement for Motorists. Promotes a new boring machine and piston rings, highlighting the benefits for older motors. T. J. Smithwick is the contact.