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Survey Is Being Made Of Resources Of This Section

State Geologist Now at Work to Determine Value of Our Natural Resources—Merchants Association Back of Movement.

A work that may prove of far reaching beneficial effect to this entire section is now under way in the country around Mount Airy. We refer to the survey that is being made by the State authorities that will determine the value of the mineral, soil and clay deposits of this locality. For some months the Merchants Association has had under consideration a proposition to investigate this line of resources that are here, and recently they secured a geologist from the State to make a survey.

Mr. H. J. Bryson, of Raleigh, arrived here Monday and at once began the survey which will require several weeks to complete, when he will make his report to the Merchants Association and the value of the deposits that he finds will be made public for the benefit of any concern who wishes to avail itself of the information.

For some time it has been thought that this section has valuable deposits of clay that is suitable for a high grade of pottery and this fact caused the Merchants Association to go into the matter on a definite plan with something authentic to work from. Most of the pottery plants are located in the northern states, but it is said that the finest deposits of clay have been discovered in the south and it is highly probable that this section contains a deposit of the highest type. If this is found to be true by the survey that is now under way then efforts will be put forth to develop this line of business in this section.

Jim Griffith Takes Own Life.

Jim Griffith, well known furniture workman of this city, was found dead by the side of the railroad track near this city last Wednesday afternoon, having swallowed a portion of poison which is thought to have caused his death in a short time afterward. He was found about three hours after he is supposed to have died. He had evidently planned to take his life for he had written a letter to his wife giving her instructions about caring for their five children. Also there were found several small scraps of paper near him which he had tried to destroy. When these were pieced together they further revealed his purpose to take his life, which said, "please don't cut me open to see what is the matter for I took some poison medicine, if I die somewhere other just take me home. Be sure to look at all the papers if you please."

His children range in age from three months to nine years and he asked that they be placed in an orphanage for rearing.

A. W. George Out on Temporary Parole.

There has been speculation as to the cause of the parole of A. W. George, convicted Elkin banker, who has been spending several weeks at his home in Elkin. It was learned at Dobson during court that he is out on a temporary parole aiding some of the banking officials in the prosecution of a suit against the bonding company of the defunct bank. A new audit is being made of the bank's books and in this work the help of Mr. George is very much needed which caused the Governor to issue a parole during the time he was used in preparing the action to be started in court.

Ararat Man Patents Labor Saver.

Mr. Jasper Chilton, of Ararat, secured a patent for a manure distributor in May, 1926, which he says will make it possible for a man with a mule to do the work of 15 or 20 men. The distributor has a capacity of about 15 bushels and has three wheels and is horse or mule drawn. It will place manure in exactly the right quantity in the furrow. Mr. Chilton expects to place his invention on the market the coming year. He is having it manufactured by the Carolina Iron Co., of Winston-Salem, and they were to have his first model ready for delivery the first of this week.

MOUNT AIRY BOY HAS BAD ACCIDENT

Phillip Galloway Runs Over Kills Boy Near Baltimore—Held For Trial.

Mayor W. G. Snyder and W. W. Carter returned last Friday from Baltimore, where they went to arrange bond for Phillip Galloway, 24-year old son of E. J. Galloway, of this city. Young Galloway was being held as a result of running over and killing a nine-year old boy Tuesday night. On a road out from Philadelphia a short time after dark he ran over a woman and her son who were walking along the road, killing the boy instantly and perhaps permanently injuring the woman.

Immediately after the accident officers arrested Galloway and held him for a preliminary hearing Thursday night, when he was held on a manslaughter charge and bound over to the county court, being required to give bond of \$5,000. It was for the purpose of arranging his bond that Mr. Snyder and Mr. Carter made the trip to Baltimore. Able counsel has been employed by the defense when the case comes to final trial some time in May. Galloway was driving alone and there are said to be no witnesses to the accident, further than the woman who was injured and the driver of the car.

Young Galloway has been working near Baltimore for several months, being employed with the Bethlehem Steel Works, and located at Sparrows Point, just outside of Baltimore. He has many friends here who sympathize with him and his parents in the accident that occurred.

ELKIN LIMITS TO BE EXTENDED

Ex-Representative Wins Scrap Against Democrats And Republicans.

Raleigh, Feb. 4.—A lone Democrat battled successfully yesterday against five other Democrats and one Republican in the liveliest verbal scrap that has been staged thus far before the Senate committee on counties, cities and towns.

The fight occurred over a bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Maguire, of Surry, who wanted a bill enacted by the 1925 General Assembly amended. It had to do with the extension of the limits of the town of Elkin, Surry county.

Representative Harry Barker, who represented Surry in the 1925 House and who was the first Democrat to represent that county in the lower House in 39 years, got the measure through two years ago. Opposition developed back in his home town of Elkin and its opponents, unable to defeat it two years ago, were successful in fixing the law so as to make it go into effect on June 1, 1927.

Yesterday, Mayor J. W. Ring, Town Commissioners J. F. Carter and R. N. Chatham and City Attorney J. F. Hendron, Elkin Democrats came down to Raleigh to help Senator Maguire to get through the measure, which would, had it passed, allowed the people affected by the proposed change to go to the polls to register themselves on the plan to extend.

Heated Speeches.
Heated speeches by Mr. Barker and Mr. Hendron marked the hearing. The others took a hand in it, too. Petitions were flashed by the proponents of the bill, and the lone opponent, Mr. Barker, was also armed with a petition.

It was pointed out by Mr. Hendron that Elkin's present bonded indebtedness approximates \$625,000 and that were the proposed extension to go into effect the town's bonded indebtedness would be increased by some \$300,000. He and the other proponents of the bill were desirous of giving the people a chance to see whether or not they wanted to extend.

J. H. Folger Attends Court.

Attorney J. H. Folger, who has been representing Surry in the legislature during the present session, returned to this city Tuesday night to attend to some court matters at Dobson. Mr. Folger has been very busy in Raleigh and this is the first opportunity he has had to look after any of his interests back home.

Dobson Court Docket Mostly Liquor Cases

John C. Key Pays 12 Months For Auto Tube—Judge Lyon Remarks on Crime of Youths.

Dobson Court is in session this week for a week's term to dispose of a docket of minor cases, most of which deal with liquor violations. After hearing case after case of such a nature one finally came up where liquor was not involved which led His Honor to remark, "Well I'm glad we've struck something else besides a liquor case."

One of the largest crowds seen lately attended the first day's session. His Honor charged the grand jury very briefly and it was hearing witnesses before 11 o'clock. The grand jury is composed of J. C. Booker, T. E. Stanley, R. F. Johnson, W. A. Key, F. A. Bates, J. B. Boyles, E. J. Candler, C. A. Lawson, N. B. White, E. W. Walters, C. B. Snow, W. A. Critt, T. S. Ashburn, M. F. Jones, John F. Fuller, Mat Inman, R. J. Barker and W. J. Evans, foreman.

Judge C. C. Lyon is holding court. Solicitor Graves had charge of the docket Monday, but had to attend a session of Federal court in Greensboro on Tuesday and the docket was prosecuted by his son, William Graves, of Winston-Salem.

John C. Key, of Little Richmond, is to pay 12 months work on the roads for the theft of an automobile tube from John Thompson. Key put up a hard fight but when he went on the witness stand he showed to be such a bad character that the court had no mercy on him. He has been on the roads before for beating up his wife and other offenses.

Arthur Needham and Elmer Hiatt, of Pilot Mountain, two youths, got hold of some liquor and while out driving tore up a farmer's wagon on the highway. They had no defense for their action and plead guilty. After a lecture from the court they were fined a total of \$150.00 for their offense.

Vernie Phillips, another young fellow, also tanked up and tried to drive his car over the roads when the officers caught him. Since his experience he had married and sold his car and stated that he had entirely reformed, which caused the court to let him off with the minimum fine of \$50 for driving a car while intoxicated.

Gurney Atkins, of Ararat, who received four months before Judge Lewellyn for possessing liquor, made a poor impression on the court at Dobson and the Judge there thought he ought to have 12 months and so ordered. Officers Tilley and Jones caught him with a half gallon. He had no defense and must pay for his liquor dealings by working it out on the roads.

The general run of the cases have to do with the possession of liquor and where a fellow has any kind of reputation with the officers for being a bootlegger he has very little chance of escaping from the roads.

Cherry Street Lots Change Hands

J. B. Beach has sold two lots on Cherry Street to T. Daber, draftman at the quarry, who will soon begin the erection of a modern residence on the location. They are situated below the residence of Dr. E. C. Ashby, and have a frontage of 120 feet, the price paid being \$4,000. Mr. Beach owns two other lots below Mr. Daber's and sidewalks will at once be extended down Cherry Street and in front of the Daber and Beach lots.

Business Section Well Lighted With Signs

Illuminated Signs Add Much To Appearance Of The City.

Within the past few months, or rather since the coming of Southern Power, this city has put on a new appearance in regard to illuminated signs for there are now more than 15 of these connected with the sign circuit of the power company. They throw out a mid-way effect on Main Street and keep before the public in the evening hours the name of the concerns which have gone to the expense of erecting and maintaining the operation of the signs. And later on when the power company puts in the white way which has been contracted for by the city Main Street will be one of the most beautiful sections of any town in the state, for it is the purpose of the city and the power company to have all steel poles on the white way section with as little wiring strung as is possible to do without, and the telephone company is cooperating to make their cable lines conform to the general scheme of improving the appearance in the business section.

Beginning on South Main Street as one comes into the city he is greeted with a large electric sign advertising the Willys-Knight cars, located at the B. & H. Service Station, then in succession come J. E. Cockerham, W. S. Wolfe Drug Co., Ford's sign, Turnmyre & Lamm, Southern Public Utilities Co., Jackson Bros., Mount Airy Drug Co., Hawks-Boyles Co., Blue Ridge Hotel, and the dark section of the town on Moore Street is snatched from the doom of night by illuminated signs of The News office and Rierston-Joyce, Inc., Dodge dealers. In addition to the above C. L. Whitman has purchased and will soon have in service a large sign advertising his music business.

First Baptist Church

E. GIBSON DAVIS, Pastor
Bible School, 9:45 A. M.
Morning worship, 11:00 A. M.
B. Y. F. U. 6:30 P. M.
Evening Service 7:30 P. M.
Prayer and Praise Service,
Wednesday, 7:30 P. M.

In the absence of the pastor who is in Wilmington in a meeting the pulpit will be supplied next Sunday morning and evening by Rev. William Carey Newton. Dr. Newton was formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church, Greensboro. For twenty-four years he has been preaching and teaching in China. Perhaps there is not a man in our state who knows more of the internal state of China than does Dr. Newton. Those who hear him next Sunday will gain a new insight of the Chinese and conditions as they exist there.

The Nannie Brower circle of the Woman's Missionary society met with Mrs. J. E. Ayers Monday afternoon with an interesting study of the mountain mission schools. The attendance was good and delicious refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. J. Cockerham.

A famous newspaperman once said, "If a dog bites a man it doesn't amount to much, but if a man bites a dog, that's news." A man in Asheville, North Carolina, recently qualified as 'news' by biting that city's dog-catcher.

Thomas Jefferson, while attending the Continental Congress, arose each morning at 5:30 o'clock.

Happenings Twenty-one Years Ago

Interesting Items Gleaned From the Files of The Mount Airy News 21 Years Ago This Week

Claude A. Swanson, inaugurated governor of Virginia, and J. Tyler Ellyson, former mayor of Richmond and a Confederate veteran, take the oath of lieutenant governor.

Miss Alice Roosevelt visits New York and purchases a gown at a cost of \$800 to be worn at her wedding. She also ordered 14 straw hats which indicated she expected to spend her honeymoon in the South.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Powell Sunday.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Rothrock Monday.

W. J. York asks us to say for the benefit of those interested that the game law expired Feb. 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Fawcett have returned from their bridal trip and are boarding at the Brown House.

W. J. York will start to the Indian Territory in a few days on a prospecting tour. If he finds a place he likes he intends moving his family in the near future.

We learn from a reliable source that Hon. John M. Brower will leave in the next few days for one of the western states—probably Oklahoma. He says he is not too old to grow up with the west yet.

The statements of our two banks shows them to have on deposit a total of \$230,000.

Dispute Over Surry County School Buildings Settled

Community Building Being Furnished.

Members of the Woman's Club attending the meeting in the Community Building Friday afternoon, expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the furnishings of the building thus far. Nothing ornate has been attempted, convenience, comfort and necessity having been the only consideration of the committee in charge up to the present. The committee was able to secure from the Mount Airy Chair Co., 150 close-out sample chairs, beautifully finished in French and American walnut, some with tapestry upholstery, at a very low cost. The retail prices of these chairs range from \$8.50 to \$15.00 each, but a very special wholesale price was made the club on condition that they buy the entire lot of odd samples. In addition to this good offer, a very generous donation was made by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Yokley and Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Yokley, and this amount was deducted from the total cost of chairs, leaving only \$235.00 to be paid for the 150 chairs, making each chair actually cost the club the nominal price of \$1.50.

At the meeting Friday afternoon 47 club members pledged \$1.50 each for a chair, and those who were not present will be given an opportunity to make the same pledge.

A beautiful library table has been donated to the building by Mrs. D. E. Hoffman; material for the curtains was given by Mr. J. A. Jackson, and the curtains made by Mrs. W. M. Hollingsworth, who is chairman of the house committee of the Woman's Club. The shades and curtain rods were contributed by Mrs. William Merritt, who is also a member of the house committee. The Russell Fork Coal Co. donated a ton of coal, and a piano will be moved in this week by Mr. C. L. Whitman for use until permanent arrangements for one can be made.

These arrangements are being attended to by a sub-committee of the War Memorial Committee, the sub-committee being composed of Mrs. John Sobotta, chairman; Mrs. E. H. Kochitzky, Mrs. J. D. Sargent, Mrs. W. J. Byerly and Miss Elizabeth Lovill. These women are certainly to be congratulated on the way in which they are furnishing the Community Building.

Not Observing Traffic Law, He Paid.

Siloam, Feb. 7.—Wesley Flincham, of this place, who is the manager of the Flincham Service Station at Pilot Mountain had a bad accident with his car while driving through Pilot early Saturday morning. He states that he was turning his car around near the Ford Motor Company's place and saw another car coming down the street, but he couldn't dodge it, as his car was cross-ways the street. The car ran into him. No one was hurt, but both cars were damaged. Flincham paid the bills, as he wasn't observing the driving law of the town.

Lela Flincham, student of the Draughton's Business college at Winston-Salem, accompanied by her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Butler, of that place visited Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Flincham here Sunday afternoon.

The farmers of this place are about done stripping and selling their tobacco and are preparing to sow their plant bed, as it is almost time.

Mr. Edgar Flincham and family, who reside at Mount Airy spent Thursday afternoon with relatives at this place.

Howard Butler, of Winston-Salem, spent some time Sunday afternoon the guest of the News correspondent here.

Death of Lowgap Citizen.

A. R. Kirby died at his home near Lowgap Tuesday, Feb. 1st, aged 58 years. Mr. Kirby ate a hearty supper and appeared in his usual health, but was taken suddenly ill and died in about two hours. Five years ago he had a stroke of paralysis and it is supposed that his death was caused by a recurrence of the former stroke.

The deceased was a prosperous farmer and good citizen of his part of the county and is survived by his wife and four children. The remains were buried in the family burying ground near his home Wednesday afternoon, the funeral being conducted by Rev. J. A. Mosley, of Galax, Va.

Matter Left To State Superintendent—Ararat Building Moved To Pilot Road—Beulah Remains About Same Location.

State Superintendent of Schools, A. T. Allen, this week made his report to the county board of education on the disputed location of the new school buildings that were to have been built at Beulah and Ararat. When the county board ordered the erection of these two buildings last spring opposition developed as to their location and the matter reached the courts in the way of injunction proceedings. Later on all parties to the disagreement signed a paper leaving the question with the state authorities. Prof. Allen in the meantime came to this county and made an investigation of the claims of all parties and later sent his assistant on two other occasions. And the investigations that were made and the recommendations that he offers to the board are now ready to be carried out.

As to the location of the Beulah site there is very little change in it. There were some who wanted this buildings located at Oak Grove, about a mile east of the site that was selected by the board. The building, according to the report of Prof. Allen, is properly located as to the community but he suggests another site. The site selected by the board placed it off the main Lowgap road, and away from the view of the traveling public. Prof. Allen suggests that it be moved down on the road. The place he selected is located just this side of W. A. York's home on a ridge between his home and the home of one of his tenants.

The findings he reached on the Ararat situation make it necessary to rearrange the entire school district of that section. Prof. Allen asks that two consolidated districts be organized in the Ararat section, one district being west of the river and including the schools of Dunnagan, Key and Ball Knob, and the high school pupils be sent to Copeland. The buildings he says should be located near Zion church, about a mile west of Ararat station.

The other district would comprise the territory east of Ararat river and take in the schools of Gordon, Long Hill, Taylor, Cook and Ridge, and send the high school pupils to Pilot Mountain. The building should be built in the forks of the Pilot and Ararat road near the Bettie Davis place. Prof. Allen decided that the district was too large for a building at Ararat station, as was first decided upon by the county board, and sees the need of two districts and two new buildings for that section of the county.

The county board will at once take the necessary steps to carry out the recommendations of Prof. Allen. The building at Beulah will be placed in the hands of contractors for erection at an early date, but the situation in the Ararat section will take longer to work out. It will be necessary to call a meeting of all the committeemen of the districts down there and effect a plan of consolidation and redistricting of that entire school locality. This the board intends to do at an early date in order to get the buildings under way and ready for use next fall.

A delegation of citizens from Lowgap appeared before the board Monday and asked for a consolidated building at that place. Postmaster E. L. Schuyler was spokesman for the delegation and stated that the citizens of Lowgap were willing to donate \$2,000 to the school fund in order to get the building erected. The question was not decided upon but taken under advisement by the board.

Veterans to Attend Reunion at Tampa, Fla.

Several Confederate veterans from this county will attend the annual reunion of their ranks in Tampa, Fla., in the spring. The county commissioners in session Monday appropriated funds to pay the expenses of the old soldiers in attending their gathering, which will amount to \$35 each. Those who have announced their intention of attending from this county are G. Y. Nichols, J. H. Freeman, C. W. Dunbar, Z. T. Smith, J. B. Burns, G. H. Burns and T. L. Gwyn.