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## Ground Hog Tricks All Old Timers

### Who Ever Saw Such Weather?—Farmers Planning Big Crops—Good Seasons Greatly Encouraging.

The older residents of this section, who for years, have placed their faith in the ground hog as a prophet for February and March weather, have a just cause of grievance against the little fellow, for he is known, according to all former methods of forecasting the forty days beginning the second of February, we should now be in the throes of ice and snow and windstorms and most violent weather paroxysms. But who ever saw such beautiful spring days for the past three weeks. More than a third of the allotted forty days of predicted bad weather have already passed and spring peeps marching on. In fact so mild have been the days that the fruit people are beginning to feel a little uneasiness about the fruit buds, for it is not best for them to bud out too early in the spring for fear of damage from late freezes that may come in March after the buds have swelled. Many kinds of wood have already begun to show green buds, especially maples and lilac bushes.

The weather has enabled the farmers to get well along with their spring plowing and they have not missed a day. The past year saw good yields for them, their tobacco brought them better prices than for some years, and they are in better spirits and working harder and with greater encouragement than for several seasons. Reports state that if seasons are favorable we will have the biggest crop of tobacco that we have had for years. And right there lies a danger, for an overproduction would necessarily lessen the price. Those who work to the production of bright tobaccos can feel safe in getting a good price for this grade will continue to be in great demand so long as the cigarette trade grows like it has at the present, but the demand for darker grades is growing less every day as the people give up the habit of chewing, and go into the smoking habit instead.

Along with the production of tobacco the farmers of this section are taking on to the idea of diversifying their crops and not putting their all in tobacco. The poultry business is assuming large proportions in this section and the dairy herds are increasing on the farms, all of which means a steady flow of money into the pockets of the farmers from these various products, outside of the tobacco crop.

## New Officers for Cottage Canning Company.

During the past week there have been some change in the officers and ownership of the Cottage Canning Co. of this city, and the concern is now owned by A. G. Webb, J. B. Haynes and J. G. Wood. O. B. Webb who was with the company last year has sold his interest and has for some time been employed with the revenue department and located at Winston-Salem.

The new organization has as its officers A. G. Webb as president, J. G. Wood, vice-pres., and J. B. Haynes, sec. & treas., with Mr. Wood and Mr. Haynes devoting their entire time to the business. This company did a large business here last year and was the means of furnishing a market for thousands of dollars worth of farm products for the farmers of this section. The owners expect to do a still larger volume of business this year which will mean a market for a large amount of our perishable products that are grown on the farms of this section.

The present owners are men of recognized ability in the business world and the success they have made in the past assures the continued and increasing success of the canning business they have undertaken.

## Buying for Spring and Summer

Miss Lelia Butner returned Monday from New York where she purchased a new line of spring and summer goods for the ready-to-wear department of Jackson Bros. store, she having charge of that department. R. B. Jackson, buying for the same firm, remained on the market a few days longer to complete purchases and will return the last of the week. As soon as the goods begin arriving announcements will be made through the advertising columns of The News.

## Milk Grades Made Public.

Under the provision of the new city milk ordinance which requires the monthly grading of all milk that is sold in the city the first report of inspection in this week made public by the city health officer, Dr. Sumner. Monthly inspection of milk and the conditions under which it is produced and marketed will be made and the report of grade given the dairies published. At the same time all places serving milk to the public must display a placard in view of all stating the grade of milk that is being handled.

The grade that is now given each of the dairies that serve this city is as follows:

- Beach Falls Dairy, Ed Davis, grade A.
- Maedownview Dairy, C. W. Taylor, grade A.
- Golden Gurnsey Dairy, E. L. Sykes, grade A.
- Maple Grove Dairy, G. D. Sykes, grade A.
- Jersey Dairy, Will Beamer, grade D.
- Shelton's Dairy, G. L. Shelton, grade D.

## Well Known Resident Dies.

Friends of the family here have received word of the death of the widow of the late Morgan Booker, which occurred at her home at Ashburn, Va., on Feb. 7th. For a number of years Mrs. Booker was a resident of this city when her husband was engaged in the grocery business, later living at the old Bunker home place at the head of Mitchell's River. She had a large circle of friends who will learn with sadness of her passing.

Before her marriage she was Miss Sarah Creed, of Wilkes County. She is survived by three children, Miss Agnes, Spurgeon and Dixon who were with her at the time of her death. At her request she was buried at Ashburn.

## Mercantile Concern Incorporates.

The mercantile store operated by Mr. Wayne Boyles at the Haymore old stand has been incorporated with an authorized capital stock of \$50,000. The incorporators are Geo. K. Snow, C. W. Absher, Wayne Boyles and R. Glenn Boyles.

Wayne and Glenn Boyles will have active charge of the business and already have one of the nicest stores in the city, carrying a full line of dry goods, shoes and notions. The name under which the firm has been incorporated is Boyles Brothers.

## Main Street Property Goes At Auction.

In this issue The Land Co. is advertising the sale of some valuable Main Street property which will be offered to the public at auction sale on next Tuesday afternoon. Already some would think that business property here has reached its limits, but we thought the same ten years ago, and yet every time it changes hands there is a neat little fortune made for those who make the investment. It is hard to put a monetary value on centrally located property in a city as the location controls the success of a business and any price within a reasonable figure is most sure to be a safe investment.

## White Plains Continues to Win.

White Plains, Feb. 13.—The smooth running quint of the White Plains High School had no trouble defeating the boys from King last night. It was a game without thrills except two or three long shots by the King boys. These shots were in vain however for the home team found the basket too often to be threatened, their pace was too fast for the visitors. The first half ended with the score 19 to 4. The passing and fast floor work was largely responsible for the scoring. L. Jackson and Southern did most of the scoring while the others formed a defense that was hard to get through.

This is the tenth win for the White Plains team while they have lost only one game. They were defeated by the strong Mountain Park Institute by the close score of 19 to 18. Later they turned the tables on Mountain Park by scoring a 45 to 24 victory over them. A...

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| White Plains (31) | Kign (11)          |
| Marshall (2)      | R. F. C. Slate (2) |
| L. Jackson (15)   | L. F. Moser (2)    |
| Southern (12)     | C. Meadows (6)     |
| Nichols (2)       | R. G. F. Slate     |
| T. Jackson        | L. G. Gentry (1)   |

## Happenings Twenty-one Years Ago

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

Ed Wall of Westfield and Sam Lewis of Brim were both in the city last Saturday and bought buggies from the Mount Airy Buggy Co.

John Folger, Esq., of Dobson, has been here this week looking around with a view to locating here for the practice of his profession. He is one of the brightest young lawyers in the county and we would like to see him just his lot with this city.

For some time the business men on Main Street have seen the need of a night watchman and this week the Chamber of Commerce took up the subject and the Town Commissioners agreed to pay \$10 per month and raised \$25 by private subscription and a watchman will be employed whose duties will be to go from place to place in the center of town and keep a lookout for fires and any other damage to property.

Mr. J. A. Hadley of this city met with a painful accident on last Friday. He was walking on a gang plank in a new building on Franklin Street and in some way slipped and fell three or four feet, striking his side against a rock, breaking a rib.

Ausley Hatcher of McLaurin was here Saturday and bought a nice buggy from the buggy shop.

Mr. G. L. Atkins who teaches the school at Copeland was here last week and gave a glowing account of the interest the people down there were taking in the school. He says sufficient money has been raised by private subscription to continue the school for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Moore were out driving on the road west of town Tuesday evening when the horse became frightened and ran. Mr. Moore had him checked and nearly under control when the buggy struck some object and threw him out. The horse then ran as fast as he could and threw Mrs. Moore from the buggy. Mr. Moore was hurt right badly but is able to be out while his wife was knocked unconscious and remained so for some time, and will be confined to her room for several days.

Mr. E. H. Wrenn is closing out his retail business and will take stock in the Granite Mercantile Co. after the first of March.

Mr. Silas Taylor whose home is near this city met with a serious accident last Thursday that caused him the loss of a foot. He was hauling wood to town and the wagon striking some object in the road he was thrown from the seat and fell between the wheels and both feet were run over by the wagon. The left leg was so badly crushed that it was necessary to amputate the limb below the knee. Drs. Taylor and Ed Hollingsworth performed the operation.

Honor roll for Jan. 1906—1st grade Sigfred Schafer, Mandy Hall, Wm. Long, Roy Boyles, Carl Jones, Mattie Bridgman, Ida Thore, Vivian Edwards, Emma Jones, Bessie Martin, Tom Needham, Nettie Jones, Nellie Smith, Annie Ashburn, Kyle Sydnor, Sanford Ashburn, Thomas Ashburn, Mary Thacker, Seldon Hatcher, Thos. Saunders, John Welborn, Elsavon Welborn, Lymond Welborn, Jasper Snow, Lella Norman, Gladys Hunter.

2nd grade—Heath Jenkins, Oscar Abernethy, Foster Lineback, John Lowry, Ollie Pressnell, Geo. Key, Bryn-ner Rierson, Benton Moody, Mary Spough, Mary Hannah, Rush Taylor, Margie Cook, Lula Johnson, Eva Banner, Maud Witt, May Robinson, Sadie Ashby, Mamie Tatum.

3rd grade—Inez Belton, Ida Burge, Carmen Carter, Susan Gentry, Harvey Johnson, Jesse Jones, Emily Jones, Millie Thacker, Victoria Wolfe.

4th grade—Hurley Belton, Benton Norman, Taylor Poore, Randall Sparger, Willie Wolfe, Margaret Ashby, Louise Brockwell, Ina Lee Cassell, Myrtle Cox, Maggie Young, Clarence Arehibald, Edgar Earp, Howard Hanks, Haywood Haughton, Lacie Jones, Adrian Robinson, Raymond Smith, Willie Witt.

5th grade—Gay Callaway, Nannie Critz, Annie Hadley, Mary Hollingsworth, Myrtle Tilley, James Booker, James Banner, James Critz, Ira Friar, Oscar Merritt, Ed Smith, Howard Satterfield, Robert Thacker, Curtis Worrell.

6th grade—Stella James, Mary Graves, Lucy Hadley, Kathleen Banner, Margie Sparger, Gertie Cody, Irene Thompson.

7th grade—Blair Hines, Will Johnson, Hairston Williamson, Sallie Hadley.

8th grade—Minnie Rierson, Lena Hatcher, Lizzie McCargo, Ora Parker, Ernest Jones, Olin Hanks, Bishop Nichols.

## A. D. Folger Leaves Hospital.

A. D. Folger has sufficiently recovered from his illness to leave the Martin Memorial hospital and return to his home in Dobson. He has been a patient at the hospital almost continuously since October but now hopes to soon resume his law work.

## Mount Airy Stores Now Stocked With Complete Line Newest Materials

Never before in the history of our city have the stores taken on such a resplendent appearance. They are now receiving their shipments of spring goods and their windows and display counters are laden with the season's latest creations, shoes, slippers, dress materials, ready-to-wear and millinery. There are words of dainty designs in materials, especially in this true in the dress patterns and ladies' shoes. And men also come in this time for their share of the fastidious, or we might say fashionable articles for there are many striped hose, variegated hat bands, and

many new weaves in clothing. And our merchants are not forgetting to tell the world either, for they are availing themselves of the advertising columns of The News to bring to the attention of the buying public their new lines. Besides the descriptions and prices they offer through The News their windows also are tastefully decorated and lighted to show the public the styles latest creations. The local stores are carrying a high grade line of merchandise and no city in the state can boast of having a more up-to-date set of merchants than are to be found here in Mount Airy.

## J. G. POWELL PASSES AFTER LONG ILLNESS.

Was Popular Citizen of Mount Airy and Will Be Greatly Missed.

Jesse G. Powell died at his home in this city last Thursday morning following an illness of several months. Funeral services were held at the home on Rockford Street Friday morning and a large number of his friends and neighbors, together with members of the Masonic order and many railroad men, accompanied the remains to Reidsville where they were laid to rest with full Masonic honors. Mr. Powell was an active member of the Masonic bodies, being a Shriner, and the Mount Airy lodge was assisted by the Reidsville lodge in conferring the last sad rites on their departed member.

The remains were met a Reidsville by a large number of his former associates in his railroad career, they coming by special car from Greensboro and other points.

Mr. Powell was born in Mecklenburg County, Va., and was 62 years of age. He moved to Reidsville when a young man and entered the employe of the old Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad in 1887, became an engineer in 1895, and for the past 25 years had been an engineer on the road from here to Sanford, making this city his home. In 1901 he was married to Miss Minnie Douthit, of Mocksville, and is survived by his wife and three daughters, Misses Lavinia, teacher in Mount Airy high schools, Mary Leslie, student at N. C. C. W., and Elizabeth. Also three sisters of Reidsville and three brothers survive.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and the funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. C. Grier, assisted by Rev. D. Vance Price and Rev. Zeb V. Roberson, of Roanoke, a former pastor to the deceased, who came to take part in the last sad rites of his beloved friend. He was the oldest Shriner in the city and was a member of DeMolay Commandry, and the other Masonic bodies.

## Miss Dorothy Gilbert Bride of Mr. Warren Granger

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lindsay on North Main Street was the scene of a very beautiful home wedding Sunday afternoon, when their niece, Miss Dorothy Loftin Gilbert, became the bride of Warren Granger. A profusion of ferns interspersed with white tapers burning in silver candlesticks furnished the decorations and improvised altar before which the bridal couple plighted their troth. Preceding the ceremony a musical program was rendered by Miss Clara Lindsay, cousin of the bride.

With the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March Miss Anna Mae Perry, of Greensboro, wearing a gown of rose crepe and chiffon with corsage of roses, entered as maid-of-honor, followed by little Miss Katherine Lee Gilbert, sister of the bride, as ring bearer, wearing a frock of pink crepe-de-chine and carrying the ring concealed in the heart of a nosegay of freesias and roses.

The bride entered with her uncle, W. E. Lindsay, who gave her in marriage. She was lovely in a rose-mauve traveling costume with accessories in the new blonde shade. Her flowers were a corsage of Bride's roses and valley lilies. The bride and her uncle were met at the altar by the groom with his best man, D. J. Tribble, of Greensboro, and the vows were spoken before the Rev. D. Vance Price.

Mrs. Granger as Miss Dorothy Gilbert was one of Mount Airy's most popular and charming young women. She was educated at the Mount Airy high school, completing her education at Coker College and North Carolina College for Women.

Mr. Granger, the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Granger, of Atlanta, Ga., was educated at the Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta, Ga., and is a well known business man of Greensboro. After the wedding trip to points south, Mr. and Mrs. Granger will make Greensboro their home.

Prior to the wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay entertained the bridal party with a four-course dinner.

## Friends Church.

B. H. MILLIKAN, Pastor.

Sabbath school, 9:45 A. M.  
Morning worship, 11:30 A. M.  
Evening worship, 7:30 P. M.  
Prayer meeting, Wed., 7:30 P. M.

## Infant Deserted On Sparta Road

Left Near Main Road—Nursing Bottle and Clothing Provided.

A fine girl, three or four weeks old, held the center of the stage, so to speak, Tuesday at Elkin when hundreds of people visited the Elkin hospital for a glimpse of the tiny stranger who was deserted on the Sparta road about three and one half miles from Elkin.

About 8:30 Tuesday morning a message reached the officers at Elkin informing them that a baby was seen by school children lying on a bank not far from Elkin.

Policeman Church and Deputy Sheriff Lewis accompanied by Welfare Officer, Fred Armfield, who happened to be in Elkin at the time, hastened to the scene and found the child, a well formed white baby girl, snugly wrapped in blankets deposited at the foot of a tree with a suitcase containing more than fifty pieces of clothing, a nursing bottle, talcum powder and other necessities by its side. The baby was cold and hungry and its cries had attracted the attention of a girl on her way to school, other children quickly gathered and it was hard for the officers to say that any footprints or other marks that would serve as clues to the identity of the party or parties who placed the baby there were to be found, though it was evident that two automobiles had turned at the spot where the child was found; neither were any clues found about the clothing or suitcase which was a very cheap one.

The officers hastily carried the baby to a nearby house where it was warmed and fed after which it promptly fell asleep and they carried it to Elkin where it was placed in the Elkin hospital. Doctors Garvey and Salmonds said the child was a fine specimen, apparently in perfect condition and among those who called to see the baby during the day were several who offered to adopt it, no disposition will be made of it for a few days as it was thought better to keep it in the hospital to see if it developed cold or pneumonia as a result of the exposure to which it was subjected by who ever deserted it. It was not determined how long the baby lay by the roadside but she was placed there early enough for the blankets to become damp with dew. It was evident that mother love or at least a human compassion moved the party, who deserted the baby, to place it where someone was sure to see it; it was placed on a bank just in line with the vision of anyone passing in an automobile, at the same time a long chance was taken that exposure might cause the child's death before anyone happened to pass who would have compassion on it.

## Central Methodist Church.

REV. W. A. NEWELL, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 A. M.  
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.  
Evening Worship 7:30 P. M.  
Prayer Service Wed. 7:30 P. M.  
Junior League 6:45 P. M.  
Intermediate 6:45 P. M.  
Senior League 6:45 P. M.

The Mission Study Class will meet with Mrs. A. B. Macon this, Thursday afternoon at 3:00 P. M.

Miss Amy Hackney superintendent of young people's work, Western North Carolina conference will hold a district meeting in Central church next Thursday at 7:30 P. M. All young people of the church and district are invited to be present.

The spelling bee and social meeting held Tuesday evening provided entertainment and relaxation for old and young and the silver offering amounting to \$27.00 will probably put circle 4 of the Woman's Missionary society in the lead financially. Fiddle, guitar, banjo and harmonica provided music in keeping with the old spelling-match days.

The Rev. W. A. Jenkins, D. D., preached a great sermon Sunday morning and so presented the needs of Davenport College that the collection amounted to about \$115.00.

## Trinity Episcopal Church

Rev. Arthur H. Marshall, Minister.

Morning prayer and sermon the second, fourth and fifth Sundays of each month at 11 a. m.

Sunday school at 10 a. m.

Evening prayer and sermon the first and third Sundays at 7:30 p. m.

Holy Communion the second Sunday