

Robbers Blow Safe At A. & Y. Depot

Got Away With \$1800, Mostly in Checks—No Clue Left With Which to Work on.

A band of safe crackers visited this city Monday night as evidenced by the scene that greeted Agent Fendleton when he opened the A. & Y. Depot Tuesday morning, for there before him lay the safe door, entirely blown from its hinges and the money drawer broken up, with all its contents missing.

Sometimes during the night the "crackers" had gotten in their work and made their escape without molesting any one in the neighborhood. No noise is reported to have been heard that excited the suspicion that the safe was being worked upon. The night policeman who was on duty reported hearing a pistol shot about 2 o'clock but never gave it any thought.

Some of the officers think it was a chisel job and that no explosives were used, while others give it as their opinion that high explosives were used. A clean job of tearing the door off its hinges was evident, and the front plate of the door was torn off by the robbers which enabled them to get to the locks in the back of the door. They never left a tool, or any kind of instrument that would give any clue as to their method of operation or a clue to their identity. If the money that is missing was about \$1,800 in checks and \$200 in currency.

Boy Dies From Drinking Whiskey.

News coming to this city from the top of Lowgap mountain tell of the death last Sunday night of the 10-year old boy of Carl Chote from poison caused by drinking whiskey. The boy's father had some whiskey in the house and for some unknown reason the boy is said to have drank nearly a pint. Shortly after drinking it he was taken ill and died in about eight hours. A doctor from Galax was called but the poisonous effect of the whiskey had gotten in its deadly work and all the doctor did could not stay the progress of the poison, the boy dying in agony from its effect. Chote lives in the edge of this county adjoining Alleghany and has the reputation of keeping whiskey on his premises which accounts for the boy being able to get possession of it.

Off To Tampa Sunday.

Surry County will be well represented at the 37th Annual Reunion of Confederate Veterans to be held in Tampa, Fla., April 5 to 8. The party leaving Sunday morning is composed of the following veterans: Z. T. Smith, C. W. Bunker, G. Y. Nichols, J. F. Miller, J. H. Freeman and John and George Burrus; Mrs. P. S. Rothrock, State Representative on the staff of Commander-in-Chief Gen. M. D. Vance, Mrs. A. Goldsmith, sponsor, on the same staff and Miss Isabel Smith sponsor for Surry County.

Aged Lady Gets Bad Fall.

Mrs. Louise Randleman, aged aunt of Mail Carrier W. R. Kiger, with whose family she resides, got a bad fall Monday morning, when unknown to the family she went to the coal and wood house for fuel. She fell face downward, in the coal with a coal hod under her and is suffering with her side and arm and several cuts about her face.

Mrs. Randleman is eighty-three years old and keeps the family constantly on the watch to prevent her from attempting to do work about the home that should be left to younger hands. The pathetic thing about helpless old age is the reluctance with which old people accept the restrictions that their age and feebleness place on them after leading active and useful lives during their prime.

E. H. Dixon Returns For Summer.

After spending the winter months at Henderson buying tobacco, E. H. Dixon is now back in Mount Airy and will make his home here during the summer vacation. In the meantime he will handle the full line of typewriters made by the Remington Co. This will include the portable, the notebook and the low electric machine that has recently been put on the market.

And They Were Traveling Sooner.

Coasting down the Lowgap mountain at a rate variously estimated from 45 to 60 miles an hour, Carl Tremble and Corbett Bottomly, two youths of Galax, last Friday night collided with a motor near the foot of the mountain. The "shooter" and its driver escaped without any damage, but the momentum that the fast car was making, sent it down the mountain side with its two occupants, whirling and tumbling over several times in the darkness.

When the wreckage was cleaned away Tremble was pulled from the debris with a fractured skull and Bottomly had a broken shoulder, and many other bruises. Bottomly says that they thought the lights on the "shooter" was some person smoking a cigarette and never dreamed they were dashing headlong into a car. The rescuers of the two boys stated they were drinking and it is said the citizens of Lowgap expect to issue papers for the boys and see that they refrain from such reckless driving in that section in the future.

They are now in the hospital at Galax, where their wounds were dressed. Grave doubts are entertained for the recovery of the Tremble boy, with the fractured skull.

Reduced Rates For Airplane Rides.

An airplane jitney visited this city Saturday and Sunday and was kept busy during the two days taking our folks up. The machine was one operated solely for hire and could take two passengers up at a time, the price charged being \$3.75 for each person. Four years ago a commercial machine passed through here and took up a few passengers but his rates were ten dollars a ride and that was too much to interest our folks, but the reduction last Saturday brought the riders and the pilot had a busy stay here.

The machine first landed near the quarry but Sunday it established its flying field west of this city where the ground was better suited. The machine was one built by a concern in Denver, Col., and was supposed to be sold for private and sport use. We were told that it could be bought for \$2,100 and on easy terms. Who knows but that in a very short time their efficiency and safety will be perfected to the point where the slogan will be "an airplane for every home."

Telephone Company Starts Work on New System.

Workmen have this week been engaged in placing a sectional culvert under the pavement across Main Street with which to carry the cables from the poles to the central office. These cables have formerly gone into the building from over head but the new system calls for their passage beneath the street.

Carpenters are now remodeling the interior of the telephone building and parts of the new switchboard are here. The work will be pushed to completion as soon as the remainder of the equipment is received. The system being installed is similar to that used in the larger cities of the country, and has in addition all the newest inventions that make for better and quicker service.

"Miss Nobody" Coming.

A First National picture entitled "Miss Nobody" will be given in the National Theatre next Monday afternoon and evening as a benefit picture for the Mount Airy Woman's Club, starring Miss Anna Q. Nilsson. This is said to be one of Miss Nilsson's most unusual roles when this popular artist rides the cars a hobo, and becomes Miss Nobody, a daring companion of other hobos and desperate characters. Don't fail to see this thrilling picture. Tickets will be on sale on the streets by members of the finance committee of the Woman's Club.

Banquet For A. & Y. Officials

Several local employees of the Atlantic & Yadkin attended a banquet in Greensboro last Friday evening it being held in commemoration of the third anniversary of the road under the present receivership. About 50 were present including many of the higher railroad officials. P. F. Blevins, of this city, chief auditor for the receivers, was on the program and besides being one of the speakers of the evening rendered several addresses on the rate.

Duke Company to Advertise the Piedmont Area of State

Assets of This Region To Be Acclaimed To the World—Labor and Climate Ideal For Developing the Section.

A campaign of considerable magnitude, to advertise the opportunities for industry in the piedmont Carolina, has been planned by the Duke Power company, owners of the Southern Power company and the Southern Public Utilities company, the first advertisement being scheduled to appear in publications selected on April 1 or the first issue after that date, according to information given at the Charlotte office of the Duke interests last week.

The campaign as planned will probably be by large adds the most ambitious effort of its kind ever undertaken in the Carolina. Nearly a score of nationally circulated publications will be used, including magazines of general circulation, textile and other trade papers, and business and financial journals.

Among the most outstanding of the publications selected are Literary Digest, World's Work, Nation's Business, Textile World, American Wool and Cotton Reporter, Manufacturer's Record, Chicago Journal, Industrial of Commerce, Boston News Bureau, Wall Street Journal, Industrial Management, Factory, Manufacturing Industries, Brick and Clay Record.

One of the advantages to be emphasized in the advertising of the Duke interests is the quality and abundance of labor in the Piedmont that is available for new industry.

It is further believed that the climate of the Piedmont, with its absence of extremes of both heat and cold, is an asset that has not been fully capitalized heretofore.

The resources of the Carolina, including agricultural products, such as cotton for instance, timber, minerals, including stone and shale, of course hydro-electric power will likewise be emphasized.

The importance of the markets already existing in the Carolina for various manufactured products will be stressed. It is known that the Carolina are today importing considerably in excess of \$335,000,000 worth of food and feed stuffs but no one has ventured to estimate the importations of manufactured articles.

Officials of the power and utilities companies express the belief that the inauguration of this advertising campaign constitutes one of the most important steps taken in the life of these organizations for the economic development of the region and communities which they serve. They are not anticipating anything so spectacular as an overnight rush of new industries, but they do have confidence that the cumulative effects of the campaign just starting will be marked acceleration of the industrial and commercial expansion of the communities and the states which they serve.

New Concern to Handle Hup Cars.

As announced in a large advertisement in this paper this week a new concern, the Sydnor Motor Co., has been organized here to handle the Hup line of cars. The company will be managed by W. L. Sydnor and J. W. Prather. They now have three new cars for sale, all six cylinder sedans, which retail for \$1588, delivered and fully equipped. For the present the new company will have storage room at the old Massey garage on North Main street.

Revival Begins at First Baptist Church Sunday.

A series of evangelistic services will begin next Sunday at the First Baptist Church. The meetings will continue for two weeks. The pastor will do the preaching and the song services will be in charge of Rev. E. I. Olive, of Chapel Hill, N. C., formerly pastor of the church.

It goes without saying that the music will be a fine feature of every service. Mr. Olive will be assisted in the music by his wife, who is a fine musician. In fact Mr. Olive says she is superior to himself.

A large men's chorus will materially aid the regular choir, as Mr. Wray has been working with a number of men in learning choruses and hopes to be able to turn over to Mr. Olive these men as added feature of the fine music that one always hears at our church.

A communication from Mr. Olive states that he and his wife will arrive Monday afternoon in ample time for the evening service.

The pastor preaches next Sunday morning and evening on the following themes, "A Recipe for a Revival," and "No Vision." There will be no service Monday morning, but services every morning thereafter at 10 o'clock. Throughout the week the pastor will bring a series of morning messages on the First Psalm—God's Blessed Man.

The following are a list of sermon subjects through the evening of next week:

Monday: "The Purging Fire of Jehovah."

Tuesday: "The Master is Come."

Wednesday: "Face to Face With God."

Thursday: "Thou Art the Man."

Friday: "Three Hardest Words in the Language."

The evening service will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock. You and your friends are given a cordial welcome to any and all of the services.

Haywood Merritt Buys "Granite Hill".

Mr. Haywood Merritt is just back from the winter's stay in Florida and will devote the next few months to the development of considerable property just purchased through The Land Co., of this city. Mr. Merritt now owns what is known as "Granite Hill," just beyond the quarry. This tract of land was formerly owned by J. M. Fulton, portions of it already having been placed on the market by Guy D. Grimes of High Point, who purchased it from Mr. Fulton.

Mr. Merritt expects to work out a plan of development whereby a working man can purchase a home and pay for it in easy installments out of his monthly earnings.

Face-Warren.

Mrs. Laura B. Pace became the bride of Mr. Joseph Warren in a ceremony performed in the parsonage of the Methodist Church in Greenville, S. C., at 7 P. M. Tuesday, March 22, the Rev. C. E. Peck, pastor of the church officiating.

Mrs. Pace and Mr. Warren left here early the morning of the 22nd by automobile and visited Atlanta, and Stone Mountain Ga., and other points en route before returning to this city, where they are at home at the residence of the bride on Franklin street.

Women Denied Part in This Wedding.

A wedding of much interest throughout this entire section will take place on Friday, April 1, at 8:30, at the National Theatre, when Miss Grondolynne, Graham Harrison Jackson-Smyth, the celebrated mezzo-soprano opera singer, will become the bride of Sir Sidney Blevins Woodruff-Lindsay.

The bride, dainty and flower like in her youth and beauty, will look exquisite in her wedding gown of duchess satin embroidered in crystals and pearls, her only ornament being a rope of pearls, the gift of the groom.

The maid of honor and bridesmaids will be lovely in their heavily beaded georgette evening gown and their new mode of hair dressing, the "French Bob" is most becoming.

Don't miss this wedding. The theatre will be elaborately decorated, there will be a beautiful musical program, then too since spring is here and all the ladies of the town are planning their spring and summer wardrobes you can't afford to miss the "Fashion Show." The cast of characters follows:

Bride, Graham Harrison; groom, F. F. Blevins; minister, Geo. E. Marshall; flower girls, Paul Hawks and Pat Barnes; pages, John L. Ashby, "Shorty" Collins; ring bearer, Carroll Hill; maid-of-honor, Joe Haynes; bridesmaids, D. E. Hoffman, J. W. Lovell, W. I. Monday, John Sobotta, E. M. Linville and L. P. Wrenn; best man, W. S. Wolfe; groomsmen, Dave Sunderland, A. P. Turnmyre, Bob Forrest, Claude Absher, Edward Winegard and Mr. Beam; father of bride, J. D. Smith; mother of bride, W. E. Jackson; father of groom, W. E. Lindsay; mother of groom, W. E. Woodruff; old maid aunt, H. O. Woltz; rejected suitor, Jim Hale; jilted sweetheart, Haywood Merritt; friend of the family, D. H. Cooks. Singers Earl Wray, Jesse Simmons, E. C. Bivens, and Mr. Bray.

Old Time Fiddlers' Convention

There will be an old time fiddlers' convention at Richmond School auditorium Saturday night, April 2. Prizes will be awarded to the best players of violin, banjo, and guitar. Proceeds go to lodge and school. All musicians, as well as all other people, are urged to be present promptly at 7 P. M.

Teeth in State's Newest Auto Law Will Begin to Bite on April Fool's Day.

Raleigh, March 23.—It may or may not be an April fool's joke if a cop waved you down on the well known day of pranks. You may have violated a law that wasn't a law yesterday. Yes, the auto law has been revamped, revised, and re-enacted.

The new version goes into effect April 1.

The 1927 code is new virtually all the way through. Every car must carry a rear light; speed limit is increased to 45 miles an hour on highways, 20 miles in residential sections, 15 miles in business areas, 15 miles on curves and in school zones when pupils are about the buildings.

Driving while drunk merits 30 days' sentence to one year or \$100 to \$1,000 fine or both fine and imprisonment. Reckless driving merits five to 90 days in jail or \$25 to \$100 fine or both fine and imprisonment.

Cars must stop only at crossings designated by the state highway commission. Maximum car weight must not exceed nine tons, width 83 inches maximum. Certificate of test of lights must be carried. The highway commission does the testing. Lights must not show a glare above 42 inches at 75 feet.

Drivers must not coast downgrade by throwing gears into neutral. Drivers involved in accidents must stop.

Signs, posters, stickers are prohibited on front windshields, side wings, rear or side windows.

On and after July 1, the automobile license plates will remain with the car for a year instead of being transferred in event of sale.

License fees on all automobiles of 25 horsepower or less will be \$12.50 instead of \$20. On June 30 plates will be issued for six months, with extra fee of 25 cents to cover the special issue.

Effective July 1, the registration card must be kept in a container placed on car or instrument board and under the law the department is given authority to charge 50 cents for the container.

Kiwansians Hear Dr. Rankin in Address

Director of Duke Hospital Fund Explains Service Available For the Sick.

Dr. W. S. Rankin, of Charlotte, addressed the Kiwanis Club of this city last Friday evening and the information he brought to the members on the needs of a community along health lines was full of interest through his entire address.

The speaker prefaced his remarks by explaining the reason why Mr. Duke had set aside one-half of his 80 million dollar fortune to provide relief for sick. Mr. Duke was able to see the great work that was being carried forward to provide relief for the spiritual body in the work of the churches, and he saw the great work being carried on by the state and counties in providing for the needs of the mind in our school system. But he saw a great lack of proper facilities and proper funds for the care of the sick and the afflicted. And among this class he saw the greatest need for his state and its people. And with this idea foremost in his mind he placed 40 million dollars in the hands of a foundation to be used in cooperating with the cities and counties in providing medical and hospital treatment for those who were unable to meet the expense.

Dr. Rankin's figures were startling to many of his hearers who had never stopped to consider the cost of sickness to a county. He stated that taking the average that has been ascertained, here in Surry we have 875 people who are daily incapacitated for work on account of illness and further that one-third of these are charity patients—people who are unable to pay for medical treatment.

The Duke Foundation, he stated, would always stand ready to cooperate with any city or county in establishing and maintaining a public hospital, and the foundation pays one-third the cost of the charity patients, the other cost being paid by the city or county, together with funds collected through the churches and civic organizations.

Dr. Rankin left a deep impression upon his hearers and he proved himself to be an orator as well as one of the most learned medical men of the country.

Specials Can Now Be Had At Our Drug Stores.

With the advent of spring, and all its new styles and fashions, the call for toilet goods has also come and our local drug stores have amply met the call. But it remained for The News to "ball up" our good friends, the Mount Airy Drug Co., by advertising in last week's issue a special offer they were putting on when it should have gone in this week. As it was the ad was inserted a week too early and last Saturday the folks swamped Clarke and Macon with their coupons clipped from the ad, as the goods were not scheduled to arrive until this week. All the toilet preparations are now in and those who clip coupons from The News this week or had them last week can now get their allotment of this preparation.

Meeting the demand of the public, Turnmyre & Lamm and W. S. Wolfe Drug Co., also have special offers advertised this week enabling the ladies to secure toilet preparations at a considerable saving.

Jim Hale and Pete Hollingsworth, up at Hollinsworth Drug Co., are appealing to the masculine of the race by making a special offer on that well known product, the Gillett safety razor.

Mr. Burke Sells Out.

Mr. W. W. Burke last Friday sold his stock of goods to Rev. E. G. Key, who will continue the business in the same building. In selling the business it is understood that Mr. Burke became the owner of some valuable city property on Main and Virginia Streets which was a part of the Dr. Ragner estate.

Mr. Burke, who has been in the mercantile business in this city for 35 years, will devote his time to his real estate interests. He is owner of a large boundary of valuable residential property in northern part of the city and it is his desire to further develop this property and get it on the market. In addition to this he also owns considerable other real estate to which he will give his personal attention.

Happenings Twenty-one Years Ago

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

G. T. Jones, of Rockford, R. F. D., sold his last load of tobacco here this week getting as much as 20c for some of it. He raised 10 barns and sold it all on this market.

Mr. J. W. Johnson better known as "Joe Bill," has been on the sick list for several weeks. He has had several of his teeth extracted, thinking maybe that was the cause of his illness.

R. V. Deyrie, of Rome, has purchased the steam laundry in this city and will take charge at once. He is an experienced business man and will

put in a lot of new machinery and make this one of the best laundries in the country.

Mr. Z. T. Smith stopped us on the street this week and with a big smile on his face informed us of the fact that a son was born to his daughter, Mrs. R. J. Reynolds, on Wednesday.

Mr. S. A. White has returned from a trip north, where he purchased another engine to be used on the Mount Airy & Eastern. The increase in business on this road has been so great that one engine cannot move all the cars.