

More Consolidated Schools to be Erected In Surry County

Board of Education to Carry on Building Program in the County.

The board of education of Surry County met in Dobson Monday with a full body present and after organization promptly re-elected Prof. E. S. Hendren as the county superintendent. The board as it is now composed, the present members being appointed by the last legislature, consists of John D. Thompson, of Mount Airy, J. J. Richards, of Dobson, W. R. Badgett, of Pilot Mountain, J. F. Carter of Elkin, and T. M. Marsh of Ararat. Messrs. Badgett and Marsh are new members. Mr. Thompson was re-elected as chairman of the board.

The election of Prof. Hendren is at the same salary as in the past, \$3,000 per year, with a traveling allowance of \$400, and he to furnish his own car.

A committee of citizens from Lowgap appealed before the board and asked for the erection of a consolidated school at that place. The board told them it was heartily in favor of granting their request, and would take the matter up as soon as the money could be secured from the building fund that is set aside by the state for that purpose. However, it was stated that it might be 12 months before the funds will be available, but it is now an assured fact that the Lowgap people will get a consolidated school.

Bids were called for on the erection of a consolidated building at Beulah, near the farm of W. J. York, on the Lowgap road. The contract is scheduled to be let first Monday in May. The building will be similar to the ones that have been built the past summer in other parts of the county.

The board signified its willingness to pay one-half the cost of a 4-room school building at Combetown for the colored people. The balance of the money can be secured by private subscription among the colored people and from the Rosenwald fund. The Rosenwald fund is a means set up by a northern man by that name

for the furtherance of education among the colored people of the South, and from this fund the county will get \$1,000 for the Combetown building. There are 60 colored children in the school.

At the auction sale of the Rock school building and lot last Saturday a total of \$2,710 was the highest bid. The board did not consider this sufficient and declined to let the property go, but it is still for sale should any one make a reasonable offer for it.

Much Property Sold For Taxes By Sheriff.

For three hours Sheriff Haynes auctioned off Surry County lands in front of the court house at Dobson Monday for taxes due the county as was advertised in The News for the past four weeks. About half the property tax was settled before the day of sale, and on Monday morning five clerks were kept busy in the Sheriff's office tearing out receipts at the rush that came in during the closing hours before the start of the sale.

Originally there were 440 tax tickets advertised, but about half were paid before the sale. The sale was for taxes due for the year 1925, and included only those who owned real estate. Practically all the land was bid off by J. M. Fulton, of Mount Airy. The owners of the land have 12 months within which to redeem it but to do so they have to pay the purchaser 20 per cent interest on the amount paid for the land, which at this sale rarely amounted to more than the tax and cost.

Sheriff Haynes has been as lenient as the county would allow him in the foreclosing of property for taxes due his office, but the time is coming when he will not be able to indulge the people as much as he would like. It has been said that the county finance act passed by the last legislature has some very stringent regulations about the collection of tax, which will make it imperative that the sheriffs all over the state insist that all back taxes be paid soon after their due date.

500 ATTEND ROAD MEETING AT DOBSON

Large Gathering Presents Two Different Road Projects to County Highway Commission.

Monday witnessed the largest crowd at Dobson in many years, the occasion being the question of where to ask the state to locate the additional mileage in the county that it is entitled to under the new road law.

There were two routes suggested as being desired to have placed on the state. A large number of people were on hand from Mount Airy, Round Peak and Lowgap asking that the Lowgap road be taken over by the state. This road would be an extension of route 89, which begins at Walkertown, traverses Stokes County, comes by Westfield and stops in Mt. Airy. It was pointed out to the county highway commission that the state should take over the Lowgap road and make it an extension of 89 and thus connect up with the Virginia system, as that state is now building a rock road from Galax to the top of the mountain at Lowgap. G. C. Wolts, Geo. K. Snow, T. N. Woodruff and W. A. York spoke in the interest of the Lowgap road.

A delegation equally well represented by speakers wanted a road built through the county east and west, starting at Pilot Mountain, going to Dobson and on to State Road. It was argued that the section thus traversed is a part of the county which has never profited by the road work done either by the state or the county. A. D. Folger made an earnest plea for this route, and was also backed up by R. C. Freeman, B. J. Snow and O. E. Snow.

The county board took no action in the matter but it is understood that the six members are equally divided on the question, and that R. M. Chatham, J. S. Patterson and W. C. Williams are for the Pilot route, while Dr. J. T. Smith, G. C. Lovill and D. E. Nelson stand for the Lowgap route. The commission has no power in the matter but they are supposed to submit a recommendation to the state highway commission as to what they prefer to be done, and with the body divided as it seems to be at present it is hard to forecast what the result will be.

Hold Woman on Liquor Charge

Mrs. Bob Childress, aged 35 years, who lives on the Pipers Gap road, is being held in the city jail on a liquor charge. She was caught in this city Tuesday morning, while performing the duty of a walking blind tiger. The officers had suspected that she was passing out the fluid and Tuesday M. F. Patterson was detailed to shadow her, and while she was making her way down Worth Street she was arrested by the officer. When brought to the police station she was found to be hiding two pint bottles of whiskey under her skirt. It was safely pocketed in an apron that had a capacity of six pint bottles. The apron was made of good strong material and was about 10 inches long and had six pockets stitched in it with a strong belt sewed to the top so it could be securely fastened around the waist and worn under a heavy winter coat. In this way she has been able to retail the stuff at will without the least suspicion from outward appearance. She is being held in default of bond and will be given a hearing before Judge Lowell next Monday.

Knights Templar To Give Banquet

Next Tuesday evening the Knights Templar of this city will give a banquet at the Blue Ridge Hotel, their wives and lady friends being the guest of the Knights. The temple here has a membership of nearly 75 and a large attendance is expected at the banquet, which will begin at 7 o'clock. After the program is over at the hotel the Knights will meet in their hall and confer the Templar degree upon two candidates.

Telephone Officials Visit City.

Ex-Sheriff J. H. Johnson, president of the Horton Telephone Co., and Henry Reynolds, Sec. & Treas., both of North Wilkesboro, were in the city Tuesday looking over the system here. They are very anxious that Mount Airy should have one of the most up-to-date telephone systems to be had and are sparing no expense in putting in the best equipment. They say the material will soon be on hand and the new system is expected to be in operation by the middle of the summer.

C. W. FULTON TO BUILD NEW GARAGE

Will Erect Large Building on Dixie Street—Work Now in Progress.

C. W. Fulton, proprietor of Granite City Motor Co., and Ford agent of this city, last week began work preparatory to the erection of a large garage on Dixie Street. Workmen are now excavating for the building and carpenters are moving the old two-story house that is now on the lot. Mr. Fulton will use the old building to erect two cottages on some property near the quarry.

The new garage will be one story, with concrete floor, and have a frontage on Dixie Street of 75 feet, and extending back 150 feet, joining the new garage Mr. Fulton built last year. The new building will be in front of the garages that are now located in the rear of the Main Street garage. When completed Mr. Fulton will have for storage and show room purposes and for his repair department four large buildings, as the two that are now used for storage and repair work are 60x120 feet each.

About 2,000 yards of dirt will have to be moved to bring the floor level of the new building down to the sidewalk on Dixie Street, dirt to the depth of about nine feet having to be removed from the rear of the lot.

The new building will be modernly furnished with offices and show rooms for the Ford agency and the front will be of some artistic design in keeping with the building that is now used on Main Street. Contractor D. H. Cooke has charge of the erection of the building.

Carroll County to Build More Feeder Roads.

At a meeting of the supervisors of Carroll County held some days ago steps were taken to build a road from Galax leading toward the top of mountain near Pipers Gap and then extending out to the top of the mountain at Fancy Gap. About \$35,000 was appropriated with which to do the work. It is the purpose of the county to start a crew at once building from Galax and grade the road for a distance of eight miles, and also begin at the Fancy Gap end and grade for four miles toward Galax, leaving a gap between the two sections of about four miles. The state forces are now putting on the finishing coat of asphalt on the road from Hillville to Jackson's Ferry and also from Hillville to Woodlawn.

Surveyors are now finishing their work on the Wards Gap road and during the summer it will be graded and made a first class county road from the state line to the foot of the mountain.

Local Citizen Has Car Stolen Second Time.

C. G. Akers, salesman for the West-Hill Co., had the second experience of having his car stolen last Wednesday. He parked his Chevrolet on the streets of the city and when he went back to get it, it was not there, and standing near by was a Dodge sedan with a Martinsville, Va., tag. Investigation proved that 15-year old boy had been seen driving the Dodge about town during the day, and now it is supposed that the youth had stolen the car at Martinsville, drove it here and then abandoned it and took Mr. Akers' car and went on his journey. So far no information has been secured as to where he went with the car. Some months ago Mr. Akers had his car stolen but it was found in a few days.

Our Citizens Settle Stokes Court Case.

Attorney H. O. Wolts attended Stokes County court at Danbury Monday in behalf of two Mount Airy citizens, Andrew Spann and Howard Paul. These two young men were arrested in Stokes County some months ago for possessing liquor and their case was disposed of Monday by their being fined \$50 each and the cost. They were apprehended by officers of that county while traveling through one day last summer, and at that particular moment happened to have on more liquor than is allowed.

Tuberculosis Takes Toll.

Mrs. Mary Gibbons wife of James Gibbons died at her home on Mill Street March 31 of tuberculosis. Her remains were laid to rest in Union Cemetery following a service at Union Church, April 1.

Plans Being Drawn For War Memorial in Mount Airy

MT. AIRY GAS DEALER TO HAVE AN AIRPLANE

The Call is Too Great For E. A. Mickey and He Buys Machine for Pleasure and Commercial Use—To Be Delivered Some Time During Spring

The visit of the Eagle Rock airplane to this city two Sundays ago during which the pilot collected \$350 from our young blood for airplane rides also resulted in the sale of one of the machines to one of Mount Airy's citizens and business men, E. A. Mickey, distributor for Gulf gasoline and oil.

Mr. Mickey says he has always had a desire to own an airplane and has only waited for them to become perfected to that point where they were safer than several years ago. He saw service in France and while over there was in the field artillery which brought him in contact with the aviation service, and this connection left in him the longing for a plane. The machine he has purchased is manufactured by a Denver, Col. concern and is said to be the most suited for pleasure and commercial purposes of any machine that is now on the market. It will cost Mr. Mickey \$2475 at the factory and a pilot will bring it here and stay 30 days giving instruction as to its operation. The company's output is always sold far ahead and it will be sometime in the early summer before it will be shipped.

When asked what he was going to do with it Mr. Mickey stated he just wanted it like many other people wanted an automobile, besides he will use it as an advertising feature for Gulf gasoline. And it may be that he will commercialize it by making business trips for people when they want to make a hurry trip to Charlotte, Raleigh, Winston-Salem and even Bismarck and Cincinnati.

The public has become familiar with specifications that are listed as to automobiles and they will soon begin to study those of airplanes although the terms used in their descriptions are very different. Some of the specifications of the machine that Mr. Mickey has bought are:

Upper wing span, 36 ft. Lower wing span, 38 ft. This is just like knowing the wheel base of an automobile. Length, 24 feet 11 1/2 inches. Height, 9 feet, 11 inches. Weight, empty 1,300 lbs. With oil and water, 1,350 lbs. Load, pilot, 2 passengers and 42 gallons gasoline, 760 pounds. Safety factor 6 1/2 plus. The meaning of this term is not clearly known, but Millard Patterson says it means that for every 100 trips you make in the machine you run 6 1/2 chances of being killed. Fuel capacity, 46 gallons. Landing speed 30 miles per hour. High speed, 97 miles. Will climb 600 feet a minute with full load and 900 feet with only the pilot. Has a ceiling of 13,000 feet, that is it can climb over the Blue Ridge and still go 2,000 feet higher if necessary. Gliding angle, 11 to 1, meaning that should a spark plug get to missing you can glide 110 feet for every 10 feet high you may be. 8-cylinder Curtis engine, 90 h. p. Fuel consumption, 10 miles per gallon. Cruising range, 450 miles, with a cruising time in the air of 5.3 hours. Cash price \$2475, on Denver fields, dual control \$50 extra. Now you should know whether or not the above machine is the particular one you want, but Mr. Mickey is satisfied from the study he has made of the various makes that it is one of the best on the market.

Child Sustains Serious Injury From Fall.

The four-year old daughter of Mr. Vincent Kline sustained a serious injury Saturday afternoon in a fall from the car Mr. Kline was driving. He was coming into Main Street from Orchard and in making the turn the door of the sedan flew open and the child was thrown out before he could bring the car to a stop. In the fall to the pavement she was rendered unconscious, and was immediately carried to Martin Memorial Hospital, where examination revealed a fractured skull. While the injury is very serious there are hopes for its recovery. Mr. Kline has been a resident of this city for a number of months, having come here as manager of the miller plant, and he and Mrs. Kline have a number of friends who sympathize with them.

Local Post of American Legion Expect to Have Monument With Bronze Statue on N. Main Street, Corner Orchard and Main.

It became known this week that draftsmen at the J. D. Sargent Granite Co., were at work on plans and specifications for a granite monument to be erected as a memorial to Surry County world war veterans, the monument to be placed on the triangular plot at the intersection of Main and Orchard Streets in this city.

The Jesse B. Jones post of the American Legion of this city is behind the movement and as soon as the plans are perfected a campaign will be launched to secure funds for the undertaking. The post has a membership of 105 here and during the past has rendered much aid to worthy members. Funds for the memorial will be solicited by the members and other civic organizations working in cooperation with them. During the next few months the legion expects to put on several benefit attractions to add to the memorial fund and E. A. Mickey has offered the receipts from a day's flying from his airplane as soon as it arrives. It is now proposed to have the machine here by July 4th, and the legion will expect to collect around \$1,000 from excursion trips made by it, as a visiting machine two weeks ago took in \$350 here in one Sunday.

The veterans want the memorial to be of native granite, which is planned to be about 10 feet high with a bronze "dough-boy" with rifle and bayonet in hand mounted on top of the granite cap, and on one side of the base will be a bronze plate with the names of the 37 Surry County boys who made the supreme sacrifice for freedom's cause. The bronze statue that has been selected is one that is adopted as a standard for all memorials to world war veterans and will be eight feet high, and will alone cost \$1,400. The local post of the legion has been very active under the leadership of its commander, Capt. Frank Walker and Adjutant F. M. Terry, and we know they will have the hearty support of the citizens of the city and county in their effort to have this memorial erected. The total cost of the monument will be in the neighborhood of \$5,000.

Surry's New Justices of the Peace.

Clerk of the Court, F. T. Lowell, has received the officially prepared notice of the newly appointed and re-appointed justices of the peace for the state, which were appointed by the legislature just adjourned. According to this notice Surry County is supplied with the following justices of the peace:

- Bryan Township, B. J. Snow, Tyro Wall, W. H. Wall, P. D. Wood.
- Dobson Township, C. L. Jarvis, M. G. Whittington, P. B. Wolts, R. E. Tilley, R. S. Folger, W. W. Hampton.
- Eldora Township, Squire Jones.
- Elkin Township, C. W. Young, J. F. Jeffords, Robey M. Bates.
- Long Hill Township, D. B. Needham, Silas M. Stone.
- Marsh Township, Allen Stanley.
- Mount Airy Township, R. A. Jarvis.
- Pilot Township, Frank Swanson, O. T. Fowler.
- Siloam Township, C. C. Matthews, J. W. Harbour.
- Shoals Township, Wesley Scott, P. G. Scott, Thos. Barber, J. S. Deam.
- Stewarts Creek Township, N. E. Boyles, W. L. Lovill, Robt. L. Snow.
- Westfield Township, Reid Snoddy.

The above appointees will hold office for six years and their term begins April 1st or as soon thereafter as they take their oath before the Clerk of the Court, or from the date at which their previous appointment expires. To be effective their appointment must be followed by qualification within 60 days before the Clerk.

The appointed magistrates are in addition to those that are regularly elected in each fall election every two years, for besides the appointed magistrates each township is also allowed a quota according to the number of voters, this quota giving Mount Airy township seven elected magistrates.

The Old World as Seen by Mrs. Holcomb

Mrs. F. D. Holcomb and Mrs. C. H. Haynes both of this city, have recently returned from a two months' stay in the Old World. A talk with Mrs. Holcomb this week gave us her idea of that part of the world as it impressed her. In an early issue of this paper we will give Mr. Shrdub... Mr. Shrdub... Mr. Shrdub... paper will give Mrs. Haynes space for her impressions.

Mrs. Holcomb's regret now is that the trip was so hurried that so little time could be spent at many points of interest. A week in Egypt, a week in Palestine, a day in Constantinople, two days in Rome, two in Paris and two in London, was the time allowed for these important places. One can readily see that one would like to spend more time if it were possible.

Now that she is back home, Mrs. Holcomb gives one the impression that she saw much and got a good grasp of what she saw, even if it were a hurried trip. She had time to visit many of the ruins of ancient Egypt, the pyramids, the great cities with their ruins of former ages. In Palestine the country was snowed under, during their stay, for the first time in seven years. The city of Jerusalem was covered with snow and it was cold and disagreeable weather. And yet they got out and took in the places of interest. The weather was again so bad at the time they visited the city of Constantinople that the time spent there was almost wasted. In Rome they had the opportunity to see as much of that great city as one could see in the short time allotted to them. Mrs. Holcomb left the main party of travelers with a select party and paid the extra cost of crossing France by land, thus taking in Paris and the battle fields near that city. Of all the places she saw Paris was the most beautiful. One day was spent going over some of the great battle fields and a visit was made to the field where many American soldiers sleep the last sleep. The cemetery is kept beautifully, like a well kept lawn, and the graves are all well marked and in charge of a keeper on the grounds at all times. England impressed her as a garden. The fields are all so well laid off and walled with stone walls,

the land under a high state of cultivation and everything looking prosperous and as if in hands of men of ability.

Mrs. Holcomb could not talk without now and then making reference to the poverty and want that one sees on every hand in the east. There the extremes are seen, the wealth is there, but poverty in all its ugly garb is also there. There are indications everywhere that there is plenty of wealth, but it is in the hands of a few. Mrs. Holcomb has seen life in all its phases in our own great cities, but she says that the homes of the poor in such cities as New York are not to be compared with the homes of the same class in any European city. The guides, she says, never failed to carry one to the slum districts of a city as well as to the district of the wealthy. And it was a sight that was astonishing to her to look on the scenes of poverty in all the cities.

Another part of the life of the east that impressed her much was the want of water and fuel. Everywhere one went the supply of water was limited and hard to get. The same was true of fuel. The hotels were cold and poorly heated in all the east. Five hundred persons left this country on the trip and many of them were old and some in poor health. Naturally all did not escape the misfortune of sickness. On the trip one died and six were left along the route sick in hospitals. One of these developed pneumonia, others had ill common to people.

The sight that most impressed Mrs. Holcomb was the lake of Gallilee. From a high point she had a view of the famous body of water and saw almost the entire lake, as she thinks, from this view point. It is the most beautiful body of water she has ever seen. The lake is high up among the hills of Palestine and the waters are surrounded by hills and valleys that give it a most beautiful setting.

Now that she is back home she fails to mention that some day, she does not yet know when, she hopes to go back and get a more deliberate view of the famous grounds that she has just been able in many instances to glimpse.