

## Local Political Situation Quiets Down When Lawyer Woltz Withdraws

H. O. Woltz Announced His Candidacy For Mayor on Last Thursday, But Hands in His Withdrawal to Executive Committee at a Meeting Tuesday—Primary is Called and Candidates Will Be Selected on April 29th.

For the past five days the selection of a Democratic ticket for the city election has been very much discussed on the streets and the short but most active campaign for the mayor's race on the part of Attorney H. O. Woltz made the situation more interesting. For several weeks it was known that Mr. Woltz had aspirations to become the city's mayor and stated, that while he was not a candidate, yet he would not refuse the office if forced by his friends to take it. And on last Thursday afternoon he definitely became a candidate for the office, opposing the present incumbent, Mayor W. G. Sydnor. Following his announced intention to become a candidate at the hands of the Democratic party, much activity among his friends and also the supporters of Mayor Sydnor was at once manifested.

The town executive committee, with E. C. Bivens as chairman, met Tuesday afternoon and named a call for the Democratic primary, to be held Friday afternoon, April 29th, between the hours of 1 and 9 o'clock. Mr. Woltz appeared before the committee in person and presented a signed statement in which he announced his withdrawal from the race. There was no action for the committee to take on Mr. Woltz's statement, and a primary was called in order to give the Democratic voters of the city an opportunity to express their choice for the various offices.

All who wish to be voted upon in the primary must file their names with the committee chairman by next Wednesday at noon, and tickets will be prepared for the voting on Friday afternoon, April 29th. No names will be voted upon in the primary except those which file with the chairman as candidates. Mayor Sydnor has already filed and he has asked that the entire board which has served with him for the past two years also file for renomination, which no doubt will be done.

The general election will be held on Monday, May 2nd, but selection at the hands of the Democratic primary is equivalent to election.

### Dairy Inspection Report.

Dr. R. D. Bushong of the State Board of Health was here last week and made the regular inspection of dairies serving the people of Mount Airy, in company with Dr. G. M. Sumner, Surry Health Officer, under whose work the regular inspection comes. They make the following report: Beech Falls Dairy, grade A; Meadow View Dairy, grade A; Maple Grove Dairy, grade A; Golden Guernsey Dairy, grade A; Jersey Dairy, grade A; Shelton Dairy, grade D.

It will be noted that the Jersey Dairy operated by Mr. Will Beamer has climbed out of the D grade up to the A grade since we published a similar report some weeks ago.

Many things enter into consideration in grading dairies: The health of the cows, cleanliness of cow barns and yard, drainage and disposal of manure to prevent fly breeding; construction, screening and cleanliness of milk houses, water supply, its quality, quantity and accessibility, the facilities for sterilizing bottles and utensils, washing and disinfecting cows' udders and teats and the milkers' hands, the clothing and health of those handling milk, its cooling bottling and capping.

The inspectors are especially anxious that all milk supplies shall be in first class condition before hot weather when the dangerous bacteria multiply most rapidly.

### Mr. W. A. Norman At Rest

Mr. W. A. Norman died at his home on route 3 at 10:30 P. M. Sunday aged 65 years. He was a native of Yadkin County and engaged in wagon making in this city. He is survived by his wife and seven children, all grown.

The funeral was conducted from the home Tuesday, Rev. J. O. Erwin officiating, and the remains laid to rest in the Baptist cemetery at White Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude J. J. and his daughter Mary Jo, spent Easter with relatives in Taylorsville.

### Alleged Bootleggers Get Road Sentences.

Howard Clements, Will Petty and Hodge received road sentences before Judge Lewellyn Tuesday morning for dealing in liquor. Clements was convicted on two separate offenses and was given eight months on one and 12 on another, taking an appeal to Dobson. The officers caught Petty, who is a negro, bringing two gallons to the city and his car was ordered sold and Petty sent to roads for six months. An appeal was noted. A negro woman, Mary Waugh, who was with him, received the same sentence. Hodge was given four months and is now serving his sentence, taking no appeal.

The court tried its hand at reforming Everett Odell, young man who was up for gambling and various offenses against the prohibition laws. He is resting under a 12 months road sentence, which will be held up if he works regular and attends Sunday school and church for the next two years, and otherwise conducts himself properly.

I. G. Teague, of Winston-Salem, felt the teeth that are now in the new check law when W. S. Harris had him arrested for giving him a worthless check to the amount of \$272.51. Teague was in the city and bought a truck load of hams from Harris. The hams were fine and proved O. K. but Harris was not satisfied when the check proved no good. Besides requiring Teague to make the check good the court also imposed a fine of \$50 for the effort to defraud.

The following were before the court for being drunk and disorderly: D. P. Phillips, \$5; Robert Lawson, the cost; Will Tucker, \$10; Farley Kemp, \$10; R. W. Oain, \$35; E. C. Thomas \$50 and not to drive a car for two years; Alf Thomas \$50 and not to drive a car for six months.

Andy Martin was before the court for non-support of his wife and sentence of 12 months in jail was pronounced and is to go into effect if he fails to pay his wife \$5 every week for her support. His wife is a hopeless invalid and is being cared for by a relative.

### Youthful Ball Player Breaks Arm.

While making a slide for second base Monday morning at the fair ground Bob Foy, son of H. M. Foy, broke both bones in his left arm about two inches above the wrist. Bob was safely perched on first base after driving out a clean hit, and wanted to advance around toward home when he attempted to steal second on the catcher. And Bob was there all right, but in the mixup as he dove for the bag he doubled his hand up under him in some way making a clean break of both bones in the arm. The game was being played between the Boy Scouts of which Bob is a member and a team from Cross Roads.

### Mount Airy's School Team Playing Good Games.

Since last Thursday the high school baseball team of this city has added two victories to its winning list from two of the strongest teams they will be called upon to play. Thursday in this city they won a hard clean game from Winston-Salem by 2 to 3. Their luck was not so good on Monday afternoon when Greensboro played here and took the game by a decided margin, but the Mount Airy boys came back again and defeated the Elkin team at Elkin on Tuesday afternoon by 6 and 2. Coach Sides is handicapped by the lack of seasoned players to hold his team together in pinches, but the boys are fast getting into perfect trim and can now put up a crummy game with the best teams in the state.

### Court at Dobson.

Next week court meets at Dobson for two weeks to try criminal and civil cases. There are no cases of any importance on the docket and with the farmers busy in their preparations for a crop there is expected to be very little interest in the court outside of those who attend on account of business.

### BUD EDWARDS WINS IN CARROLL PRIMARY

Former Sheriff Ousts Present Incumbent in Bitter Primary Contest.

Carroll County's Republican primary held Tuesday resulted in defeat for the organization's candidates for sheriff, B. M. Jett, and former sheriff Bud Edwards was nominated by his party by a substantial majority over his two opponents, Eli Beasom and B. M. Jett, who is now serving as sheriff.

Swanson Smith defeated E. W. Ogle for Clerk of the Court. Mr. Smith is a young man and represented his county in the legislature last year. The present treasurer, Mr. Blainship, was nominated again as was Glenn Edwards for Commonwealth Attorney. Opposing Mr. Edwards was B. P. Good, son of Dexter Good, and one of the leading politicians of the county.

The selection of Edwards for sheriff means the return to power of that faction of the Republican party in Carroll which has opposed Sheriff Jett and his administration.

### New Fire Truck Breaks Down

In answering a fire alarm last Saturday morning about 2 o'clock the new fire truck broke down and a mechanic from the factory is now here putting it back in shape. Some small part of the engine got into the timing gears and put it out of commission before it reached the fire. The timing gears and shaft were replaced and the truck will be in use again in a few days. The fire destroyed the home of Frank Brown, colored, on Rockford street, and burned the roof off another cottage nearby.

For 15 years Mount Airy has owned a single fire truck and fortune has smiled on her, for never once has the old La France engine failed to perform its duty. Yet all the time there was some uneasiness about risking our all on the work of a single fire engine, for metal is not infallible and a heavy machine doing heavy duty is liable to give down at any time. The accident to the new truck was no fault of anyone but just goes to show that the city was wise in adding another fire engine to its equipment to protect itself against such an emergency.

### Winning Posters on Display

Space has been given in the window of the Southern Public Utilities Co. for the display of the winning posters in the Clean-Up Week Poster Contest put on in the local schools for which prizes were awarded as follows: First prize, primary, Mrs. John Foy's 2nd grade, Rockford Street School; 2nd prize, primary, Miss Daniels' 1st grade, North Main School; honorable mention, primary, Miss Roper's 1st grade, North Main School.

First prize in advanced grades, Mrs. Smith's 7th grade; 2nd prize, Mrs. Edwin Carter's 6th grade; honorable mention, Miss Baitey's 4th grade.

The posters represent team work the children assisting each other in assembling suitable materials for the posters and the two first prizes of \$2.50 each were presented through the courtesy of the Mount Airy Merchants Association and two second prizes of \$1.00 each were given by the Woman's Club of Mount Airy.

### PRESBYTERIANS MEET HERE

Many Delegates Attend Presbyterian

The meeting of the Winston-Salem Presbyterian opened in the Presbyterian Church here Tuesday morning with an executive session at 11 A. M. followed by a luncheon in the home of Mrs. D. R. Hoffman. The business session opened at 2 P. M. and another session with visiting speakers was held at night, many visitors being present.

During the early session Wednesday the enrollment of delegates reached 89 and covers were laid for 100, in the home of Mrs. Hoffman, for lunch at 1 o'clock P. M. allowing for those who would arrive before that hour. A drive to the quarry and other places of interest gave diversion during the afternoon and prepared the visitors for the evening program. The session closes during the morning hours Thursday.

The Winston-Salem Presbytery covers territory in the counties of Forsyth, Wilkes, Surry, Stokes, Ashe, Alleghany and Davidson.

### Poultry Club Meeting At Siloam.

Siloam, April 16.—The meeting of the boys' and girls' poultry club was held at Siloam school house Wednesday, April 13, at 2:30 P. M. All members were present except six.

The president, vice-president, secretary and reporter were elected as follows: Edith Newman, pres.; Jerry R. Maries, v.-pres.; Aubrey P. Snow, sec. and reporter.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 27, at 2:30 P. M. The subject will be candling eggs with some others as follows:

Selecting eggs for hatching by Jerry Marion. Some reasons why chicks die in the shell by Emory Hardy. Care of the chicks by Glen Snow. Hatching eggs with the incubator— explanation of the incubator by Woodrow Matthews. Starting the incubator by Annie Logan. Brooding chicks by George Snow. Sufficient food by Caleb Ends. All club members will be expected to be present.

### Aged Veteran Passes

Capt. Tom Blackburn, aged Confederate Veteran who claimed the distinction of being the oldest citizen of this place passed away at his home on Mill Street Easter Monday, aged 86 years. He was twice married and the second wife Jane Blackburn survives him though she has been an invalid for years. Mr. Blackburn had been in failing health for a long time but never tired of living over the days of the war and the reconstruction period. He was an educator in his active days and claimed the honor of teaching many men who later arose to positions of prominence. His funeral was conducted at 10 A. M. Tuesday by Rev. C. C. Haymore.

### Trinity Episcopal Church

Rev. Arthur E. 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.

## New Building May Be Erected On Pine Street For Post Office Quarters

Dobson Vocational Students Have Field Trip and Picnic

Sixteen agricultural students accompanied by Mr. H. E. White, county agent, and Mr. B. J. Beason, instructor in vocational agriculture at Dobson high school spent a full day last Thursday visiting some of the leading farms in Surry County and some of the county agent's demonstration plots.

They first visited two experimental plots on soil improvement, financed by Surry County Loan & Trust Co. These plots seemed to be serving their purpose and the farmers of that section will be very fortunate in having these experiments in their locality.

From the experimental plots they went to the farm of Mr. Paul Burch. Mr. Burch is what we would call a live at home farmer. He has some real nice Jersey cows, O. I. C. hogs, and good live stock, but the pretty part is that he produces all the feed that his livestock consumes and sells his crops as animal products and by products.

From Mr. Burch's they went to Mr. Gilley's hatchery. Mr. Gilley is specializing in poultry and especially in the hatching side. He has a giant incubator with a capacity of 2,400 eggs. He showed the boys a pen of pure bred Buff Orpington poultry and the operation of the incubator.

They went from the hatchery to the farm owned by Mr. Alex Chatham, of Elkin. His foreman showed the boys around over the farm and here was where the boys saw some of the best crimson clover, alfalfa vetch, and barley of the county.

It was on Mr. Chatham's farm where the junior class entertained the senior class by cooking and serving the kind of lunch that boys enjoy after making a tour like this.

After lunch Mr. White showed the boys over the Klondike farm, which is near Elkin. This is mainly a livestock farm. The boys observed some very fine Berkshire hogs, and in a pasture of Italian rye grass were some of the best Guernsey cows of the state; also at the barn was one of the best Guernsey bulls to be found any where in the county.

The last farm visited was the Brook Falls Dairy farm. Here the boys observed an extra good field of alfalfa, good Berkshire hogs and a fine Holstein-Friesian bull.

Now the farm observation work for the day being over, the boys led by Mr. Brodus Jarvis, one of the seniors, came back to Mountain Park Institute to a base ball game between Mountain Park and Dobson. The Dobson boys did some real good rooting for their home team, and the effects won the game with a score of 8 to 0.

The boys returned to Dobson about dark, in good spirits with a day gone as time, but the observations and experience of the day will be long remembered by them.

### Revival Meetings Close at First Baptist Church.

Last Sunday brought to a close the revival meetings which had been in progress at the First Baptist Church for two weeks. The services Sunday evening was a fitting conclusion to the meeting which had been one of true revival and inspiration. Twenty-six persons, who had made a profession of their belief in Christ and had accepted Him as their personal Saviour, were buried in the baptismal waters, thus signifying their obedience to His commands and risk to walk in newness of life.

The meetings were characterized throughout with gospel preaching so plain and so abundant with truth as to leave no doubt in the mind of any who heard. Every sermon was one of inspiration, strengthening the faith and belief of the christian and offering pardon and salvation to the un saved.

The music was enjoyable and inspirational. It has been truly said that music inspires the soul. During the two weeks there was not a service that failed in inspiration through lack of music. Every song carried a gospel truth that was accord only to the preached word.

Our community is deeply indebted to Rev. E. G. Davis, the pastor, who presided and to Rev. E. I. Olive, who had charge of the music, for their untiring and unselfish service during this meeting.

### John Banner Secures Contract From Government With Privilege to Locate Post Office on Pine Street.

After several months of negotiating with local citizens and property holders the post office department at Washington has signed a contract with John Banner for him to furnish the government with post office quarters. The conditions of the agreement permit him to continue to use the old quarters with some needed improvements, or he is given the option of erecting a new building on Pine Street for the use of the post office.

Mr. Banner has not definitely decided just what he will do, but is strongly inclined to erect the new building and use the present location for store room purposes. He is offering for sale the old Beard house located on the lot on Pine street to make room for the new building should he decide to erect it. The government would require a building 25 feet wide and 100 feet long, with basement for coal and heating plant. H. O. Woltz and associates had in a bid for the contract and contemplated putting up a building on Market Street for the post office.

Some of our people express a little disappointment that the post office may be moved further from the business center of the city, but Mr. Banner says that if he builds new quarters for the post office it will be modern in every respect and the architecture will be in keeping with the progressive spirit of the city.

### Aged Surry Citizen Dies.

Jack Simpson, 81, prominent farmer and one of the best known men in Surry County, died at his home near White Plains early Sunday morning. Death was caused by heart trouble with which Mr. Simpson had been suffering for some time. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the Union Primitive Baptist Church in the presence of the largest gathering of people that ever assembled at the church for a funeral service. The services were conducted by Rev. G. O. Key and Rev. C. W. Stone.

The deceased had made his home in Surry County since birth and his long residence in the county offered him opportunity to meet many persons and most of his acquaintances he counted as friends and he commanded always their respect and esteem. He was a large land owner, owning possibly twelve hundred acres of land, and his farm became known as one of the best farming properties in Surry County. He was a strong man physically and mentally, and possessed a wonderful memory. While he was unable to read and write he could compute interest and solve mathematical problems that were difficult for educated people to solve. He operated a store in connection with his farming activities and it is said he kept his store accounts in his mind instead of placing them in a ledger.

He was married twice. His first marriage was to Miss Lucy Soyars, and to this union 8 children were born. His second marriage was to Miss Ellie Atkins, and to this union 8 children were born. All of his children survive him with the exception of one son who preceded him in death several years ago. He is also survived by his wife, and 74 grand children, 75 great grand children and one great, great grandchild. He was a member of the Copeland Lodge of Masons, A. F. & A. M., who had charge of the funeral.

### First Presbyterian Church. Rev. J. C. Grier, Pastor

Evangelistic Services at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday we will have services at the usual hours.

Rev. Gen. W. Lee, of Winston-Salem, will preach Sunday evening at 7:30 and also Monday at 7:30 p. m. On Tuesday, the 27th, at 7:30 p. m. Dr. I. S. McIlroy will take charge of the services and be with us through May 6. The public is cordially invited to hear his messages.

No morning service will Wednesday. Beginning Wednesday, services at 10 a. m., as well as 7:30 p. m. through the meeting.

## Happenings Twenty-one Years Ago

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

Nearly half of San Francisco was laid to waste by a destructive earthquake followed by fire, taking a toll of 1,000 lives and destroying property valued at one hundred million dollars. Four men caught looting were at once executed by a firing squad of soldiers.

The graded school declamation contest has been postponed on account of the revival at the Methodist Church.

Mr. J. B. Sparger met with what might have been a serious accident last Tuesday. He was crossing the Ararat river at a bad ford north of town and was out of the buggy trying to lead the horse over the almost impassable part of the road. The horse became frightened and knocked Mr. Sparger in the river and in the scuffle ran over him and for a few

moments it was hard to tell whether he would be drowned or trampled to death.

Joe son of W. F. Carter, Esq., spent Easter here with his parents. He has definitely decided to study for the ministry and will place himself under the guidance of the Presbytery at the present session of that body.

When Deputy Sheriff U. G. Bolton and officer Starnols attempted to arrest a negro at a ball game west of town Monday afternoon a riot was brought about for a time resulting in one negro being killed by the officers. In the scuffle that followed the officers lost their guns and had to make their escape back to town. Excitement ran high for several hours as there was much drinking among many of the negroes who engaged in the fight.