

Error in Notice Causes Week Delay in School Election

Owing to an error in the call for bond and tax election that was published in The News last week it has been necessary to move the date of the election and also the time of opening the registration books one week, so that the election will be held June 28th, and the books open next Monday. The matter of holding an election for the sale of bonds or the levy of a tax is a very particular one and there are certain legal requirements that must be followed in order to make the bonds salable. One of these requirements is that the call for the election shall state what the election is held for, and that the books shall be open for registration a certain length of time as stated in the notice.

When bonds are offered for sale experts are employed to look into the regularity of all the proceedings and should there be anything wrong with the election or the handling of the books these experts refuse to approve the bonds which seriously affects their sale. For this reason it is exceedingly important that all details be exactly as required by law.

E. H. Dixon has been named as registrar in Ward No. 1 in place of D. C. Bowman who could not serve for business reasons. Mr. Dixon will have the books at the city hall beginning next Monday morning. Cecil Carter is registrar for Ward No. 2 and his book will be kept at the Granite City Motor Co.

The school board and board of town commissioners held a joint meeting in the high school Tuesday night at which the tax situation was discussed and it is reported that the school board will soon issue a statement that they will guarantee the people that not more than a tax levy of 10 cents additional will be asked for the operation of the schools—the present levy being 35 cents, the additional 10 cents making 45 cents for schools. The law that the voters are being asked to approve gives the town a right to levy a total of 60 cents. Mayor Snyder wanted to hold the maximum rate down to 50 cents in the voting, while it is understood that some wanted to make it as high as 70 cents, the wide difference resulting in a compromise on 60 cents. And now it will be news to the public to hear that the school board is willing to guarantee to operate the schools on 45 cents, if such report proves to be correct.

The advocates for the election are busy and will leave no stone unturned in their effort to see the election carried. The school authorities say it is imperative that the election be carried; that the best interests of the schools are at stake. At the meeting of the Woman's Club in this city last Friday afternoon J. H. Folger was present and explained the situation to them, urging them to support the measure. He went into the question of higher taxation for our town, and wanted as much as any one to keep it at the very lowest level possible, but he held that the welfare of the schools made it necessary for the success of the coming election.

All who take part in the election will have to register. No previous registration will have anything to do with this one. And once you have registered it will be necessary to go to the polls and vote on election day if you want to be counted favoring the measure, for to fail to vote is equivalent to voting against the bonds and taxes. The law requires that a majority of the registered voters shall vote in favor of the measure, and to fail to vote counts against it. There is no new law under which this election is being held as the same regulations apply to this one as have applied to those in the past, that is the bond elections, and there is no disposition on the part of any one to cover up anything about it or to take any advantage of either side of the question. There are certain regulations that have to be conformed to in holding the election and these are being carried out strictly to the letter.

Dobson Highs Present Play at Lowgap

The senior class of the Dobson High School will give a play "Go Slow, Mary," a farce comedy in three acts, Saturday night, May 21st at 7:30 P. M., at Lowgap in the theatre building. Proceeds will go to the agricultural department of the Dobson High School. The play will be conducted by Prof. B. J. Beeson and Prof. W. B. White.

Radcliffe Chautauqu Opened Wednesday

For three days beginning Wednesday afternoon Radcliffe Chautauqu will give two performances daily in the Broadway Theatre. This line of high class entertainment has been made possible by the guarantee of 20 Mount Airy citizens.

Wednesday afternoon the feature was free to all school children. Wednesday night the Alexander Novelty Four gave their concert followed by a lecture by Dr. A. S. Beshore on "The Blind Goddess."

Season tickets have been on sale at \$2.00 for the six performances, with a charge of 50 cents for single admissions.

The series of entertainments will come to a close Friday evening.

Free Dental Work for School Children

Dr. J. S. Moore of the state department of health is in the city and working out a schedule of rounds in the county for the next three months during which time he will do free dental work for all school children between the ages of six and 13. He will work in cooperation with the county health department and will gladly receive any suggestions from particular communities about appointments. This work is entirely free and the people are urged to get in touch with him and let him know when and where they would like to have some appointments.

Dr. Sumner will soon start the annual campaign against typhoid fever and is now making up his list of appointments in the county where free vaccine will be given.

S. P. U. Gives Banquet

Monday evening the Southern Public Utilities Co. was host at a banquet at the Blue Ridge Hotel to the heads of the various departments of the local organization. Supt. Whitlock was toastmaster and during the evening distributed appropriate and amusing gifts to the various guests. Miss Mobly, cooking demonstrator for the company, of Charlotte, was present, also Mr. Leo Herndon, of the Hot Point Electric Co.

Mr. Whitlock told his assistants that he was highly pleased with the progress the electric range campaign was making as they had already sold 70 per cent of their allotment and would soon be over the top. The company employs 35 people here and the foremen and heads of the various departments represented them at the banquet Monday evening.

Men Have Narrow Escape

The force of workmen putting up the steel frame work to C. W. Fulton's new garage on Dixie Street had a narrow escape from serious injury last Thursday afternoon when the derrick and a span of the steel work fell while they were putting it in place. The strong wind that was blowing from the west unbalanced the derrick and when it tumbled backward it also brought the steel work with it. Fate Jones was on top of the derrick and came to the earth with it, sustaining several bad bruises. Contractor D. H. Cooke was on one end of the steel beam and came down as it did, falling about 15 feet, and receiving a bad gash in his thigh. Several other workmen were right in the path of the falling steel but were fortunate enough to be missed as it came down.

Bus Line Across Mountain

A nice closed car this week began a regular schedule between this city and Radford, Va. The car leaves here at 12:25, reaching there in time to make connection with a through train to New York, also affording connection with trains to St. Louis and Chicago and other western points. This bus will also enable one to leave here at 12:25 and reach Roanoke in time for supper, going by Hillsville, Pulaski and Radford.

Poppy Sale May 23

The annual street sale of poppies will be put on here the last Saturday in May under the direction of the American Legion and the Legion auxiliary. Do your bit by buying and wearing a crimson poppy.

Voting In Contest Was Lively Affair

Pretty Baby Contest Class—Fred Folger, Jr., First Prize Winner

Thirty-two babies were entered in the "Pretty Baby Contest" and every one was pretty and charming in its own individual way, but the judges were not left to their own whims to decide this contest, it was decided for them by the number of votes cast in the babies' favor, it was a popularity contest and the friends and relatives of the babies had the privilege of voting as often as they liked so that no one could feel hurt if their favorite failed to be among the prize winners.

Each baby's friends had the privilege of placing their favorite at the head of the list. Anyway it was lots of fun to watch the list grow from day to day and it was certain that with thirty-two babies in the race some must lead and others fall behind, as only six could be prize winners.

Fred Folger, Jr., led the list with 47,000 votes which entitled him to a silver loving cup, a half dozen photographs donated by the Warren studio, one enlarged picture in colors, donated by the Eckenrod studio, and one pair of baby shoes donated by the Hawks-Boyles Co.

Second prize was won by Katherine Martin who received a pretty white gold ring with a diamond setting, donated by Leonard the jeweler.

Third prize winner was Sara Ann Walker and she received two gold pieces amounting to five dollars, this prize was donated by The Bank of Mount Airy.

Fourth prize was won by Marjorie Ellen Brannock who received a five piece breakfast set donated by the Mount Airy Drug Company.

Fifth prize was won by Marijo Leitch, who received a toilet set donated by the Hollingsworth Drug Company.

Sixth prize was won by Elizabeth Fawcett who received an ivory powder jar, ivory soap box and powder puff donated by the W. S. Wolfe Drug Company and the Turnmyre and Lamm Drug Company.

Mount Airy Citizens Summoned to Raleigh

For several days there has been in session an investigating committee in Raleigh sifting out the charges of graft that have been preferred against the state sanitary officials. It has been charged that in many cases there existed a conspiracy between the sanitary inspectors and the contractors which brought about the investigation. One of its results was the call for several of our citizens to come to Raleigh for the meeting Monday. Those from here who were required to attend and give evidence as to anything they knew were J. D. Smith, J. C. Hollingsworth, J. F. Fuller, H. Schafer, Reuben King, J. R. Hines and A. G. Bowman.

Winds Do Damages to Power Line

During Sunday and Monday severe winds prevailed in this section blowing down trees and telephone and light poles at places. Sunday afternoon a severe gust blew a tree across the power line between the two power plants on Ararat river, dragging with it eight poles in succession and putting the local power plant out of commission. The storm had no effect on the continuous flow of electricity as it continued to come over the lines from Winston-Salem. Without connection with Southern power we would have been in the dark for several hours.

Attend Road Meeting at Pulaski, Va.

The state highway commission of Virginia held a public meeting at Pulaski, Va., Monday to hear reports and suggestions on the needs of roads in that section. Delegations from Galax, Hillsville and this city attended. The Carroll people asked the commission to be sure and put a surface on the Fancy Gap road before another winter. A. V. West, of this city, also made a short address before the commission explaining the need of the Fancy Gap road in order to afford a market for a large section of the Virginia people. Going with Mr. West from here were B. M. Hale, J. B. Sparger and J. W. Lovill.

Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday

Marks Beginning Commencement Exercises of High School Here.

Twenty-eight girls and boys compose the 1926-27 graduating class of the Mount Airy High School and commencement exercises began with the baccalaureate sermon at the First Baptist Church Sunday night which was preached by the church's pastor, Rev. E. G. Davis.

The class play entitled "The Charm School" will be given in three acts in the National Theatre Thursday night for which an admission fee of 50c will be charged.

At 2:00 P. M. Friday in the High School auditorium the class exercises will be held, with the presentation of awards and diplomas, the valedictory and other exercises by the graduates.

At 7:45 P. M. Friday Dr. E. C. Brooks, president of State College will make the commencement address which will be the crowning event of the entire program.

The following girls and boys will receive their diplomas Friday afternoon:

Hiram Herbert Allred, Willie Clifton Baughn, Capitola Mae Belton, W. Max Brannock, Ruby Ethel Cook, Annie Fawcett, Katherine Louise Fawcett, John Fitzhugh Gilbert, Ethel Mae Goad, Marie Gwyn, Leslie Wallace Jackson, Lillian Johnson, Wade Hampton Johnson, Daisy T. Jones, William Henry Kingsbury, Katherine Alice Long, Annie Lillian Mabe, Virginia Grace Martin, Annie Myrtle Massey, Winston Reeves McKinney, Alice Lee Norman, Wallace Augustus Shelton, Andrew Giles Smith, Charles Monroe Sprinkle, Arnette Nesbette Taylor, Carrie Elizabeth Taylor, Katherine Rebecca Tilley, Verona Allred West.

STOP!

The police have started a crusade of "safety first" for autoists and have painted the word "stop" in large white letters at the principal streets that come in to Main. It is not a law that requires one to come to a stop at these points but the police have painted these places as a warning to the public that these crossings are dangerous ones and those who want to play safe would do well to heed the warning.

No Trout Fishing Without License Says County Warden Thompson

County Fish Warden, W. F. Thompson, of Devotion, was in this office Tuesday and stated that we were misinformed in stating that people could fish with poles cut from the river bank and use only one line and hook at a time without license. It is unlawful to fish in any stream which contains trout without a license unless you are on your own premises. A man may take fish from streams on his own premises during the open season without license. It is unlawful to take fish other than by hook and line even if you have license. Fifty dollars reward will be paid to the party who furnishes evidence to convict any one of using dynamite in any stream at any time, as a means of taking fish.

License may be secured from the following deputy wardens: W. L. Steele, Mount Airy; P. G. Wall, Pilot Mountain; W. M. Gray, Elkin; also from County Warden W. F. Thompson, Devotion and Clerk of the Court Lewellin Dobson.

County license costs only \$1.10, license to fish anywhere in the state costs \$2.10 for North Carolinians. Non-resident fishermen must pay the sum of \$3.10 to fish in any of the streams of the state.

The following notice is copied from Mr. Thompson's files and is the last word regarding the new law governing fishing in the trout streams of the county:

"On petition of the County Commissioners of Mitchell, Surry, Jackson, Haywood, Yancey, Avery, Buncombe and Alleghany Counties, we hereby extend the provision of the State Wide Angler's Act to all methods of taking fish from the trout streams of said counties, as provided by section 13, of said act.

"The fishing public will, therefore, take notice that a license to take fish from any of the trout streams in said counties by any and all methods of hook and line, or rod and reel fishing will be required.

"By order of the Board of Conservation and Development, this May 2, 1927.

"J. E. DIXON,
Assistant Director."

County Agent Is Instructing Farmers About Bean Beetle

White Plains School Commencement—Class of Successful Year

Last Tuesday night marked the close of the commencement exercises of what in point of interest, attendance, and accomplishment has been the most successful year in the history of the White Plains High School. The commencement season began on Thursday night with an excellent program featured by an operetta "The Golden Whistle" rendered by the lower elementary grades. On Sunday night Rev. E. W. Fox, of Mount Airy preached the annual sermon to a large and appreciative audience. His discourse was of a high order and brought forth much favorable comment. On Monday night a cast of high school students delighted the large audience with the lively comedy "A Poor Married Man." Prof. Joe Warren with his orchestra added much to the enjoyment of this occasion in furnishing the very excellent music. The community owes Prof. Warren and his assistants a debt of gratitude for this kindness.

The seventh grade exercises took place on Tuesday morning. This program was well rendered and would do credit to a high school class. Immediately following this program County Superintendent, E. S. Henderson formally presented the beautiful new building to the community and introduced Dr. J. M. Haymore of Decatur, Georgia, who delivered the dedicatory address. Dr. Haymore spoke for only a short while but held his audience spellbound. His address was thoroughly enjoyed. Rev. C. C. Haymore of Mount Airy led the closing prayer. The final program was the graduation exercises for the high school on Tuesday night. Ivan Jackson, president of the class, welcomed the audience and other members took part as follows: history by Roy Brintle; poem by Lela Hutchens; grumbler by Mecie Simpson; will and testament by Lula Brintle; prophecy by Bessie Atkins; and valedictory by Martha Brintle. Dr. W. A. Newell of Mount Airy, delivered the address. It was a masterful and timely presentation of truth and was much enjoyed.

The faculty for the past year consisted of Miss Vera Stamey, of Newton; Miss Iva Scott, of Pinnacle; Miss Marie Woods, of White Plains; Mrs. W. E. Woodruff, of Mount Airy; Miss Maude Simpson, of White Plains; W. W. Harrington, of Taylorsville; and I. O. Hauser, of Shoals. It is expected that most of the faculty will return for another year.

Central Methodist Church Rev. W. A. NEWELL, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
Evening Worship 8:00 P. M.
Prayer service Wed. 8:00 P. M.
Junior League 6:45 P. M.
Intermediate 6:45 P. M.
Senior League 6:45 P. M.

Infant baptism will be a part of the morning service Sunday. If parents cannot bring their children for public baptism the rites will be administered at home by appointment with the pastor.

Rev. J. H. Fulghum, president of the Mountain Park School, will preach in the evening and his choir will render special music. The Rev. Mr. Fulghum is well known here and this announcement should insure a packed house.

Mrs. A. B. Macon will have charge of the Junior Epworth Missionary society at 7:15 P. M. Sunday.

The faithful service of Misses Kelly, Roper, Aiken and Smith of the school faculty as teachers in the Sunday School will be greatly missed during vacation.

Three Mount Airy Girls Graduate in Richmond

Invitations have been received here for the graduating exercises of the Nurse Training School, St. Luke's Hospital, Richmond, Va., the exercises to be held in the Commonwealth Club of that city Friday, May 20, 8:30 P. M.

Among the graduates are Misses Mary Elizabeth Long, Ethel Maude Haynes and Irene Elizabeth Dobbins, of this city.

Among those attending from here are Sheriff and Mrs. C. H. Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Dobbins and Capt. W. H. Long.

Dobson, May 14.—The meeting held here and at the Bryans schoolhouse by County Agent, H. E. White on soy beans and the Mexican Bean Beetle was very well attended by the farmers in the vicinity. Mr. White placed emphasis in controlling the beetle by using magnesium arsenate at the proper time. Last year farmers not using proper spray material did not have any beans on account of the Mexican Bean Beetle destroying the vines. Those using the material and spraying properly had plenty of beans. He laid emphasis on planting plenty of Laredo and Mammoth Yellow soy beans for hay and soil improvement. Some farmers are trebling their planting this year over last year.

W. J. Byerly, President of the Bank of Mount Airy and H. E. White, County Agent, held a joint meeting at the new Copeland school house. Mr. Byerly led the discussion on the relation of banking and the farmer. In a clear cut manner he sketched how the farmers were dependent on the banks for the marketing of tobacco and other crops and how the banks are dependent on the farmer for their success. Farmers were very much interested in the discussion by County Agent White and asked many questions about the control of the Mexican Bean Beetle and the growing of soy beans.

A large number of farmers were present at the Cyclone Theater, Lowgap, when County Agent, H. E. White held a meeting on Tuesday night on the control of the Mexican Bean Beetle and the growing of soy beans. The best farmers in the community were present and many took part in the discussion. Several said that they were going to plant some soy beans for the first time and others gave their experience in growing the beans of past years. Spraying for the bean beetle attracted a great deal of attention as the plants were destroyed last year except where proper methods were used in spraying.

During this week six fertilizer tests were started under the direction of County Agent H. E. White in cooperation with some of the most progressive farmers in the county. On Monday Mr. Livingston representing Swift & Co., H. L. Parker and County Agent White laid off 1-1-4 acres of good tobacco land on Mr. Parker's farm. Five plots of 1-4 acre each were laid off and definite amounts of different analysis will be applied. Careful results will be kept by Mr. Parker.

On Wednesday E. Y. Floyd, Specialist on Tobacco from State College with County Agent White distributed fertilizer on two different test plots. One of the demonstrations will be conducted by H. E. Taylor, R. 2, Pilot Mountain, and the other one by W. A. York, Round Peak. Mr. York ran a demonstration last year and secured some very valuable results. J. A. Long, Vander Cave and Jess Fulk have each fertilized 1-3 acre with a new synthetic German made fertilizer called Nitro-Phoska. This is a very high grade fertilizer and is being tried for the first time in Surry County.

It is to be hoped that the six demonstrations will be carried out successfully and that the farmers will be able to get better returns from the use of commercial fertilizers.

Child Not Struck by Nelson Car

We regret very much that we did Mrs. Arthur Ashburn the injustice to connect her name with the car accident in which little Richard Harris was run over in April in an article in our last issue. The child was run over by Mr. Reid Brown, of Danville, Va., and the Nelson car happened to pass before the child was removed to the hospital and in that way someone connected their names with the injury of the child in telling us of the accident.

It is always our purpose to give accurate reports but some times we are misinformed as in this case and we are glad to let our readers know that the Nelson car and Mrs. Ashburn were in no way responsible for the accident.

Dorothy Dix is the pseudonym used by Mrs. Elizabeth Meriwether Gilmer in her writings on subjects of interest to women in numerous newspapers.