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MOUNT AIRY, NORTH CAROLINA MAY 26, 1927.

\$1.50 PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

R. K. Simmons Will Enlarge Warehouse

Added Floor Space Will Enable Local Warehouse to Handle Double Amount of Tobacco.

An addition to Simmons Warehouse, on Moore Street, this city, will enable this tobacco warehouse to sell double the amount of tobacco it was able to handle last season, and give it a capacity of 100,000 pounds on a single sale. The new addition will be 40 feet wide and 174 feet long—the length of the old building. Beneath the auction floor will be a large basement where 50,000 pounds of tobacco can be stored. The roof to the new part will be self-supporting, and the only supports will be between the old and new sections where a line of pillars will support the middle of the roof. Liberal arrangement of skylights will give ample lighting facilities for the proper showing up of tobacco.

This warehouse was run last year by R. K. Simmons and R. A. George under the old name of Piedmont Warehouse. Mr. Simmons has owned this property for a number of years, during which time he has conducted a large fertilizer business in it, and since the people have been accustomed to speak of the place as Simmons Warehouse, the members of the firm will give that its name.

Mr. Simmons and Mr. George enjoyed a liberal patronage last year, and found that they were at a great disadvantage on account of the size of their warehouse, but with the new addition they will be able to take care of large breaks with ease.

This will give Mount Airy three large tobacco warehouses, all operated by progressive and experienced tobacco men. Tom Haynes and Ernest Brown will be on the job over at Planters Warehouse, and Jim Lovill will have everything in ship shape out at Lovill's Warehouse, and with Rufe Simmons and Rossie George preparing to handle tobacco in large quantities—all this will make Mount Airy one of the most attractive tobacco markets in this belt.

Safe Robbers Make Good Haul

Robbers worked the combination on the safe of Joe W. Fulk, groceryman on South Street, sometime Monday night and went away with \$625 in good cold green back. Mr. Fulk made a deposit of his checks Monday morning but failed to put in the cash, leaving it over until the next day.

Whoever turned the trick evidently knew something of the surroundings and it looks like a local job. Mr. Fulk is not certain that he turned the combination off when he closed the safe door, but the party who opened it either knew the combination or knew that it was not locked. After the big door was opened it was necessary to chisel open the little door to the money drawer which was an easy matter. Entrance to the store was made through the feed room door and by breaking the latch on the door that connected the main store to the feed room.

Mr. Fulk is unable to recall any suspicious character about his premises the evening before and the officers have not a single clue to the guilty ones.

State Privilege License Now Due.

Sheriff Haynes advises the public that on May 31st all special privilege licenses, both county and state will expire. The county license will be secured from him while the state license must be had from Raleigh. Among the class of professions and trades which must secure a state or county license are the following: Dealers in cigarettes and soft drinks, autos for hire, doctors, lawyers, dentists, druggists, barbers, gas dealers and boot blacks.

To Push Frigidaire Sales.

Beginning this week Holcomb & Midkiff, local agents for Frigidaire products, will have in their employ a whole-time demonstrator of this article. They have secured Mr. Sig Hutzler, of Greensboro, who has been with the Frigidaire Corporation for a number of years and is thoroughly familiar with the line. The Mount Airy concern also is distributor for Elkin and Pilot Mountain and they expect to cover the field thoroughly in their present campaign on this electric refrigerator.

They May Bring Back a Silk Mill

Geo. K. Snow and Edw. M. Linville left this city Wednesday afternoon for New York City, where they will confer with some textile men who are interested in establishing a silk mill in some of the towns of this section. Mr. Snow, as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, received a letter from these people some days ago and later had a wire from them that they would like to confer with some of our representative citizens. As they were interested in this section the Chamber of Commerce at once sent Mr. Snow and Mr. Linville to see them personally.

It is needless to state that they carried with them a store of information relating to the advantages of this section for any textile enterprise.

Stole Ford and Dismantled It.

Harry Bowman and Lonnie Nichols, two well known characters of this city, are in jail and Bowman has confessed to the theft of a Ford roadster from the streets of this city more than a month ago. The car was found by officer Jess Monday stored away in a barn west of this city a few days ago. They had dismantled the car and had taken the body and frame up in the loft of the barn where they piled hay on it. The engine and wheels they concealed in a basement, they being too heavy to store in the barn. Nichols denies the crime but Bowman implicates him also. The stolen Ford belonged to Mr. Cox, clerk at Parks-Belk, and had a 100-pound sack of flour in it at the time. This is the third time these young men have been arrested on charge of stealing cars. Several months ago they were trailed to West Virginia where they had taken a car, and as soon as they had served a term for that offense they once more took up their old practice of stealing cars.

Old Homestead Burns.

The Pink Rawley homeplace on the Fancy Gap road was burned Tuesday afternoon about five o'clock. The owner of the place, Arthur Jones, operates a filling station nearby, and seeing the flames rushed to the house and was able to save most of his goods, with the exception of a quantity of corn which was stored in a vacant room.

The house was one of the oldest in this part of the country, was two-story and built of logs, later being boarded up giving it the appearance of being a frame house. Mr. Rawley sold the place several years ago when he became feeble from age and moved to Winston-Salem, where his children were living.

In the Recorder's Court.

Being crippled and unable to serve a term on the roads for encouraging young boys to steal caused Judge Lewellyn to pass a sentence on Bynum Key, of this city, in his court Monday that will rid this section of him for the next two years. Last fall R. E. Hines closed down his brick yard operations for the winter and when he started up last week he found that all the brass to the amount of \$125 had been stolen off his engines and boilers. It didn't take the officers long to trace the theft to Harvey Barnes, a half-witted youth, who admitted the theft and said Key paid him 60 cents for the brass. Another young boy testified that Key had offered to pay him \$1.50 to steal six brass boxings off the "Dinkle" railroad cars. Judge Lewellyn gave Key a suspended sentence on condition that he stay out of Mt. Airy township for two years.

Joe Taylor paid \$50 and the cost for operating a car under the influence of liquor.

Will Freeman for speeding paid \$10 and cost.

Clarence Tatum was fined \$50 for carrying a pistol, and Forest Heath paid \$50 for violating the prohibition laws.

The case against M. T. McKnight and his daughter growing out of the serious injury to the Lovry girl in this city some weeks ago will come up for trial next Monday. Mr. McKnight's daughter was driving the car when it struck the girl, and she being under age is charged with violating the law that prohibits the driving of a car by a minor while Mr. McKnight is indicted for allowing a person to drive his car knowing them to be under the lawful age, 16 years.

OFFICERS DESTROY 1000 POUNDS OF SUGAR

Blockaders Fare Hard—Complete Outfit Reveals Intended Operation on Big Scale.

Deputies of Sheriff Haynes have been very active in the past few days, destroying stills over the county and reports are that further activity on their part is looked for if the blockaders persist in their stilling operations.

Up in Bryan township a few days ago Deputies Frank Thompson and W. C. Lewis found a complete outfit located in the face of the Blue Ridge not far from Roaring Gap hotel. All appearances indicated that the plant was being managed by men of ability and financial means, for they had provided themselves with all the necessary equipment for an extended business. The outfit was steam equipped and ample provisions had been stored away for the convenience of the men who were to carry on the operations. The plant was located in an out-of-way ravine, two miles from any accessible roadway, yet large quantities of supplies had been packed on men's backs to the location, up the steep cliffs of the mountain side.

When discovered the still was being operated by two men but they made their escape in the undergrowth. The officers found 1200 gallons of beer, canned goods of every variety—beans, sausage, peaches, corn—several loaves of light bread, two pounds of coffee, frying pans, pots and kettles, and 1000 pounds of granulated sugar in 100-pound bags stored away. The officers could see no profitable way in which to remove the large amount of sugar to the road down at the foot of the mountain, so they just dumped the 10 sacks of sugar, all 100-pound sacks, out on the ground, raked dirt all through it and then to further complete their task of destruction they poured the 1200 gallons of beer over on it, the whole mixture trickling its way down the mountain side through the brush and crags. When officer Thompson told Sheriff Haynes of destroying the sugar in such a heartless manner his listeners could not understand why Frank could not have salvaged the sugar at least, but Frank said it would have taken him a week to pack that sugar down the mountain, and at the same time furnishing a healthy target for the Winchesters of the blockaders who could easily have ambushed him from the mountain crags.

Deputy Jess Monday last Friday destroyed a steam outfit near Round Peak. The men had finished their run and carried off the liquor but the fire was still burning under the furnace. And Saturday night he and Deputy Walter Jones made a little round down on the Ararat river and tore up another crowd's steam outfit, with a small amount of beer on hand.

Flat Rock High School Commencement.

The closing exercises of Flat Rock High school will take place during the week of May 30th to June 3rd. There will be two programs given. The first will be given by the grades on Tuesday evening, May 31st, consisting of short plays, recitations, etc. Admission to this program will be free.

The second program will be given on Friday evening, June 3rd, by the students of the high school. This program will consist of short plays, monologues, etc. A small admission charge will be made. This exercise will bring the session to a close. Music will be furnished at these programs by Prof. Joseph Warren's orchestra.

Happenings Twenty-one Years Ago

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

Quite a number of people went on the Pilot Mountain Sunday. They report more snakes and lizards than flowers. Guess the flowers will bloom later.

The annual report of F. M. Poore, Sec. & Treas. of the Town of Mount Airy, shows that the schools of Mount Airy cost the tax payers for the year 1905 the sum of \$3,627.40.

W. A. Douglas, of Pilot Mountain, has the contract to lay the brick on the new building of the F. L. Smith Hardware Co. The work of building

WEAR A CRIMSON POPPY FOR FLANDERS DEAD

Sale of Poppies Here Saturday—Proceeds for Veterans Relief Fund—Also for Veterans Monument Here.

The annual poppy sale will take place here Saturday instead of Monday, May 30, which is really Memorial Day and everybody is asked to wear a crimson poppy on this day in memory of the boys who sleep in Flanders field.

No limit is placed on your generosity in buying poppies. As you know disabled soldiers, who can do nothing else, work all the year making these little flowers to be sold on Memorial Day. Each man doing his bit, and trusting you and others to buy his poppies once each year and wear them in memory of the dead. The money derived from the sale will be used to provide comforts for the sick and disabled veterans, some of whom have no government compensation, and their families; and this year a new interest is injected into the sale, as it has been announced that a per cent of the local sales will be turned into the monument fund to honor our own Surry veterans, who sleep in Flanders or have been moved back to the old home to rest beneath a grassy mound on Surry's sun-kissed hills.

This fact alone should encourage generous response to the poppy sale, when we remember that it is an opportunity to honor both living and dead heroes, and among them our very own. The sale will be under the direction of the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary.

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

By John McCrae.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard among the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from falling hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high;
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Rest ye in peace, ye Flanders dead,
The light that ye so bravely led
We've taken up. And we will keep
True faith with you who lie asleep
Each with a cross to mark his bed
And poppies blowing overhead
Where once his own life-blood ran red.
So let your rest be sweet and deep
In Flanders fields.

Fear not that ye have died for naught,
The torch ye threw to us we caught,
Ten million hands will hold it high;
And Freedom's light will never die;
We've learned the lesson that you taught
In Flanders fields.

AMERICA'S REPLY
By R. W. Lillard.

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Honorable Mention Awarded Poster.

Alma Harrison of the seventh grade, Rockford Street school, received first place in those given honorable mention when the Clean-Up-Week posters were graded by the Extension Division of the University of North Carolina.

This is the first time posters from the Mount Airy schools have been entered and posters were judged in competition with Durham, Charlotte and other larger places. Following the prize winners Alma Harrison's poster was next in points of excellence.

Four books were presented by Rev. W. A. Newell for the local W. C. T. U. to the four pupils who had submitted the four best essays on some phase of the temperance question, and the two Gruen prize watches gifts of the Leonard jewelry store were also presented.

"The Charm School" a play in three acts given Thursday evening in the National Theatre by the high school graduates was witnessed by a full house and much favorable comment was heard on every side regarding the players. The class was assisted by the athletic coach, Mr. R. L. Sides, who played a leading part.

On Friday evening Dr. E. C. Brooks delivered a fine and inspiring address to the graduates and again the theatre was filled with an appreciative audience.

Dr. Brooks' message rang true to the highest standard of christian ideals and was a fitting message for the graduates as they go out to face the world as wage earners, students or leaders of thought for coming generations.

Mrs. G. R. Blount, of New York city, will arrive this week to spend the summer here. Mrs. Blount is better known here by her maiden name, Elizabeth Rothrock.

Water Situation Serious.

For the next few weeks the water situation of this city will be serious. There is plenty of raw water, but the filters are unable to care for the demand that is being made. Supt. Absher says that it will be necessary for the people to use water economically in every way if we are to get through the present crisis. And if there is not the proper amount of conservation of water the authorities may find it necessary to pass regulations prohibiting the use of water except for domestic use.

As soon as the new filter plant can be put in operation there will then be no cause for a water famine here, but it will be two months until the new plant is ready and in the meantime the old filters cannot supply the full demand. Use water sparingly and you will be saved the inconvenience of having to comply with new regulations.

Get New Auto Tags Here.

The Surry Sales Co., Chevrolet dealers of this city, will again handle the state auto tags this year. The license expire on June 30th, and will be sold for a half year this time, with the same annual charge as before. The charge for the light cars, Fords, Chevrolets, Overlands, etc., will be \$6.50. Those receiving cards from the department at Raleigh can get license here by presenting the card. Or they can get them by presenting their title, if the same is clear. The same rule about checks applies—that is no checks will be accepted, this is positive and no exception will be made. The new tags will go on sale the first of June.

Free Dental Work in Progress

More than sixty children received treatment during the dental clinic at Franklin school and the clinic opened at Lowgap Tuesday with seventeen receiving treatment the first day.

A clinic will be held at Westfield May 31 to June 3 and at Pilot Mountain June 7-10. Dr. Moore will be in Dr. Sumner's office in Mount Airy to fill teeth each Monday.

Mount Airy Schools Come to a Close.

Class Day exercises were held in the high school auditorium Friday afternoon when the salutatory was delivered by Fitzhugh Gilbert, the valedictorian by Miss Annie Fawcett and diplomas were presented to the graduates by Mr. E. C. Bivens. Seventh grade diplomas were presented by Miss Grace Foy.

Among the other awards were prizes for the music memory contest presented to Mary Bondurant, 5th grade student, Blanche Gwyn, 6th grade and Ruth Bowman, 7th grade student by Mrs. Will Hollingsworth. These prizes were \$5.00 gold pieces given by the Kiwanis Club, Pythian Lodge, and Mount Airy Merchants Association. The contest was sponsored by the Woman's Club and records for the contest were furnished by the club.

Miss Pauline Barber received a gold medal given by the local chapter U. D. C. for the best historical sketch about Gen. Robt. E. Lee, presentation was made by Mrs. P. S. Rothrock.

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All-Night Quarrel Is Fatal For Negro

Following an All-Night Quarrel and Season of Gambling Henry Galloway Uses Gun on Fred Vinson.

While the people of this town were assembled in their places of worship Sunday morning there was enacted a tragedy in a little home on Rockford Street that sent one man into eternity and may send another to the electric chair, certainly to a long term in prison. The parties to the tragedy are two negro men, just in the prime of life, strong and able to be useful members of society, one named Fred Vinson the other Henry Galloway. Vinson is the one who lost his life by way of the big forty-five pistol in the hands of Galloway, the shot hitting the heart and causing instant death.

Just how and why the men engaged in a deadly fight may never be known. Report says they had been playing dice for small stakes the night before. Report also says that Galloway short-changed Vinson failing to give him the full amount due him when he changed a ten-dollar bill, giving him a two-dollar bill that should have been a five. Report also has it that Galloway went to Vinson's home a week before the murder and Vinson had to leave home to avoid trouble at that time.

Out of all these reports one can form his own opinion as to why the men engaged in the deadly affray. Last Sunday morning about the hour for public worship Galloway went to Vinson's home and killed him. They say there was a struggle for possession of the gun before the fatal shot was fired. Four shots were fired and only one took effect. Immediately after the affair the murderer fled and hid out during the remainder of the day, but went to the home of his father when night came and he could move about without being seen. Policeman Patterson went to the home thinking that he might have returned there and sure enough he had and he was found secreted in a garret in what he thought a safe hiding place. The officer punched him in the ribs with his pistol and he surrendered without a show of resistance.

The dead body was brought to the colored undertaking establishment and prepared for burial. The dead man has a sister living in New York and the remains will be held for her return here before any disposition is made of them.

The dead man was known here as a good negro. He was reared in the state of Georgia and came here in the employ of R. A. George, who employed him eight years ago in Georgia while there engaged in the tobacco business. Mr. George found him to be a good and trusty hand and valued him highly as a laboring man. He had worked for Mr. George for eight years prior to his death. He married after coming to this city and leaves a wife and two children.

Henry Galloway has a police record and is known among the white folks who know him as a bad negro. He has lived here all his life and his people live here. He has a family of his own. He is a big burly negro with all the appearance of a man of passion and low disposition. Those who know most about the case think it has many of the earmarks of a first degree murder.

It is said that Galloway and Vinson, in company with several others, returned to Vinson's home early Sunday morning after a trip west of the city, where they are supposed to have been out all night. So far there has been only one witness to the shooting found and he can give very little of the affair only that the report of the pistol followed several minutes of scuffling between the men. The bullet went through Vinson's heart, causing instant death. When the officers arrived on the scene they found an empty bottle of whiskey on the dining room table and this leads to the belief that all parties were embarking in drink freely during the hours preceding the shooting. Galloway is being held without bond and will remain in Dobson jail until the next term of criminal court, which will be the last of October.

Barnes-Philanthropia Convention dates are June 2nd-5th, make your plans to hold those dates free from engagements that you may get all you can out of the convention and do all you can to make it a memorable occasion for the visitors.