

Effort Made to Cut Mount Airy Train Service in Half

The citizens of this city this week sought to a full realization of the fight they must put up to keep the train service from being curtailed when they learned that formal request had been made of the Corporation Commission on behalf of the receivers to discontinue the noon train to Mount Airy.

As soon as this information was received Mayor Sydnor called a meeting of the citizens and plans are now being perfected by a committee to resist the move that is being undertaken. J. H. Folger has been retained by the citizens to represent the city's interests in the case and to present evidence opposing the move.

Other towns along the line between this city and Sanford will be enlisted and data will be secured from them to present to the Commission to show the great damage that would follow in the wake of the discontinuance of this train service. Several of the other points have already filed vigorous protests of the proposed action of the receivers and there is no denying the fact that the fight is on. This city cannot afford to give up its twice a day mail and train service without first making a full investigation of the facts and claims of the railroad officials. The whole question will be sifted to the bottom before it is finally settled and those of our citizens who are familiar with railroad operations are confident the city can make it clear that the service should remain in force.

The receivers in their petition to the Commission make a bare statement of the receipts and disbursements of the noon train for the month of May, 1927, and claim that in that period of one month the train was operated at a loss of about \$3,000. The fact that the month of May, and one month only, was taken by the officials as a reason for showing a loss has caused much speculation as to what the receipts are during the fall months, for our business men claim that the express and mail service would necessarily be dull in May, while in the fall the amounts would jump way up. All these questions will be fully gone into by the city's representatives. And while the investigation is on it is the purpose of the citizens to investigate the net earnings of the road as a whole, for it may be shown that this section is furnishing a heavy revenue to the railroad in freight shipments, and the fact that such is the case would be some reason why the road should be willing to render this section a suitable mail and express service in return for the business that they were getting out of the city and surrounding country.

The effort to remove the noon train from the service has aroused our business people as nothing else has in many years and they expect to make a hard fight before the Commission against such a move.

One Way To Get A New Battery

Here is one way to get a brand new battery for a Ford car, at least one citizen got him one this way, and unless he returns it to the same lot without further notice he will be duly arrested and made to answer to the law for his conduct. On last Friday night, if we recall the exact date, Mr. R. F. Lawrence of White Plains and local contractor, bought himself a brand new Ford sedan. He drove the new machine in his back yard and slept the sleep of the just during the night hours. When he went out next morning and had occasion to start the machine he discovered an unthinking or unprincipled citizen had been there and deliberately swiped his battery. Just what Mr. Lawrence thinks of such is not to be printed, but it is permissible to say that he thinks about it just about like any other citizen would think.

There is a whole lot of good work that is waiting for just such folks as swiped that battery.

Child Dies of Appendicitis.

Marion Slate, the four year old son of Mr. Ed Slate, of Asbury, died at Martin Hospital at 10 P. M., Tuesday night following an operation Sunday for ruptured appendix.

The funeral was conducted from the home at 2:30 P. M. Wednesday and the remains laid to rest in the Slate family cemetery.

Mr. T. N. Brock Suffers Slight Stroke.

Mr. T. N. Brock suffered a slight stroke of paralysis Tuesday night, the right side of his face and throat being affected. His physicians have ordered absolute quiet and his friends are hopeful that his condition will yield readily to treatment.

Former Resident Returning For Visit

G. L. Simmons, this week received a letter from his brother, Rev. W. A. Simmons, of Waverly, Iowa, stating that he would leave that place for a visit to this section, expecting to reach here about August 1st. He has spent practically all his adult life in the west and has been in the Baptist ministry for over 50 years.

New Barber Equipment Installed

H. E. Money's barber shop is now again open for business after being closed for ten days undergoing extensive repairs and additions. Mr. Money has spared no money in his endeavor to give Mount Airy an equipment of the best class. All fixtures are new and modern, including seven new barber chairs, with mirrors and lavatories for each chair. And for the comfort of his patrons he put in wicker seats that take the place of chairs which were formerly used.

Dr. Lancaster Moves To Rural Hall

The family of Dr. R. M. Lancaster is this week moving to Rural Hall, where Dr. Lancaster has been induced to go by the citizens of that community to practice his profession. For some time he has been taking care of the practice in the Westfield section, his family remaining here, but they are moving to Rural Hall, where the doctor will be permanently located.

Baseball Game Schedule

The following is a list of ball games that will be played by the local ball team:

- June 22—Boonville—here.
- June 25—Kernersville—here.
- June 29—Erlanger—there.
- July 2—Pilot Mountain—there.
- July 4—Winston-Salem—here.
- July 9—Erlanger—here.

Hit by Broom Handle—Boy Loses Eye.

A broom handle thrown by a ten year old girl hit an eleven year old boy his right eye Tuesday afternoon.

The boy was Bruce, the son of Mr. John King and the girl, Josephine McKnight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. McKnight and the accident occurred while they were at play, the girl tossing the broom from the porch of her home to the boy in the yard, in an effort to catch it the end of the handle struck his eye.

The boy's eye was removed by Dr. Conduff and Worrell Wednesday morning.

Judd-Council

Raleigh, June 19.—Miss Werna Jamie Judd and Mr. Albert Barbee Council were quietly married Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. O. A. Judd, on East Lane Street. The impressive ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Charles L. Greaves, pastor of the bride, in the presence of only a few friends and relatives.

The bride was attired in a becoming two-piece model of navy blue crepe Elizabeth with tan accessories and wore a corsage of pink rosebuds and lilies of the valley.

Mrs. Council is well known to a large circle of friends both in the social and business world, having held a responsible position in the advertising department of the News and Observer for a number of years. Mr. Council is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Council, of Mount Airy, and is a graduate of North Carolina State College. He is now prominently connected with the Mount Airy Mantel and Table Company.

Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for an extended bridal trip to northern points, after which they will be at home in Mount Airy.

DEATH REMOVES PROMINENT SURRY CITIZEN.

W. W. Lovill Dies After Brief Illness At His Home—Buried At Antioch Monday.

Perhaps no man in this section of the county was better known than W. W. Lovill, known by the people as "Watt" Lovill, who was claimed by death last Saturday afternoon after a short illness with acute indigestion. For some months it was known that he had to use care about the food he ate, yet he was active, visited his sons in this city, and only a few weeks ago made a trip to east Tennessee with his son, G. C. Lovill, where he spent several days with relatives in that section.

His sudden death brought sadness to this community, where he was so well known and where his children have grown to manhood and become an integral part of this community life and business interests. On the day of his death he complained of not feeling well soon after breakfast and soon after dinner a doctor was sent for, but he passed away at four o'clock before medical aid could be secured.

As soon as news of his death reached the city large numbers of people journeyed to the Lovill home to pay their respects to the family and all day Sunday large numbers of people from all over the county visited the home.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon at Antioch Baptist Church by Revs. E. G. Davis and Ira A. Ferguson and the remains laid to rest in the church cemetery near that of his son, Joe, who died several years ago.

Perhaps no man in this entire section ever took more interest in public matters than Mr. Lovill. He was enthusiastic in every work he entered and his witty disposition made him an entertaining personage. His home was a mecca for the young people who greatly enjoyed visiting him and making camp in the majestic forests that abounded in his neighborhood, and many of our people can recall the happy evenings about the campfires as they were visited by him and were accorded that hospitality so typical of a true Southern gentleman.

He was a son of James Lovill, who lived at the foot of the Pilot Mountain. With the outbreak of the war between the states his father volunteered for service and died from measles and pneumonia brought on by exposure when he took part in the battle of Manassas. Not very long thereafter his mother died and he grew to manhood in the home of his uncle, Wiley Franklin, a nephew of

New Hotel Project Almost Assured

During the past few days stock has been offered locally in the new hotel project about to be launched by Mr. S. C. Stewart of this city and as usual public spirited citizens have rallied to the opportunity to promote the interests of the town and have subscribed stock until the project is within several thousand dollars of the quota set by Mr. Stewart as the necessary amount of backing to put the deal over.

Mr. Stewart is a successful business man as well as an experienced and successful hotel man. His patronage has outgrown his present hotel and it is on the site of the present hotel that the new and up-to-date hotel will be erected if sufficient backing is offered to put the project over.

If the necessary quota of local stock is not subscribed this opportunity for a new and modern hotel in Mount Airy will be lost as the promoters feel they must be assured the cooperation of local people before they enter upon this undertaking.

Bell-Martin.

The following announcement made recently in Salisbury, N. C., will be of interest to friends in Mount Airy.

"Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bell announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Margaret Irene to Walter C. Martin, June 29, 1927.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin will be at home at 113 N. 5th Ave. Coatsville, Pa. after July 4th."

Mr. Martin is a son of Mr. W. S. Martin of Mount Airy

Ice Cream and Sandwich Supper

The public is cordially invited to attend a cream and sandwich supper at Grace Moravian Church Saturday evening, June 23, at 7:30 o'clock. There will be music and a good time. Come out and help a worthy cause.

Governor Franklin.

Mr. Lovill lived to see his children become among the best and most influential citizens and business men and women of the county, they being G. C. Lovill, wholesale groceryman; W. F. Lovill, treasurer of the Mount Airy Granite Co.; J. W. Lovill, proprietor of Lovill Warehouse; Dr. E. J. Lovill, physician; Will Lovill, farmer; Miss Elizabeth Lovill, of Lovill-Rowe Ins. Co., and Mrs. O. J. Deering, of Dayton, Ohio.

Capitalist Visits Moravian Work in Mountain Section

Last Sunday Rev. Chas. D. Crouch had with him a distinguished business man and citizen, of Winston-Salem, in the person of Mr. R. C. Haberkern, who has become interested in the religious development of the mountain section where Mr. Crouch preaches. Mr. Haberkern came up early Sunday morning and attended services at Mount Bethel and Crooked Oak. Crooked Oak church is a station far back up in the mountain where it can be reached only by walking a distance of a mile or more. It is in what would be called the face of the mountain and is surrounded by a large number of homes where the people live in the most simple way, many of the homes having not more than one or two rooms. The mountain cove land is productive and much of the farming is done with the hoe, the land being too steep for the use of the plow.

In this section there has been a woeful neglect of schools and churches. When Rev. Mr. Crouch was sent into this section by his church he at once saw the need here for a station and at once began to hold services in the woods. The people appreciated his visits and services to them and soon an organization was formed. Now they have just completed a new house of worship that will meet the present needs and last Sunday it was more than filled with people who came to attend. Mr. Haberkern assisted in the building of this house to the amount of a thousand dollars and last Sunday noticed that no bell had been bought and readily gave the price of a new bell to be placed before the next service. Mr. Haberkern is general purchasing agent for the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company and a man of wealth. He is greatly interested in work of orphanages and his heart is in any effort to aid in the uplift of mankind. He heard Rev. Mr. Crouch tell an audience in Winston-Salem about the work being done here in the mountains and at once became interested. Now he makes visits here to see with his own eyes the needs of the field and is going to aid financially in carrying out any plans that Mr. Crouch will make for meeting the needs of the people in this section. Last Sunday he took great pride in making a moving picture of an audience that attended a baptismal service in a small mountain stream near Crooked Oak. Baptism as practiced by the Moravians is much as it is administered in the Methodist Church, but so firmly are the mountain people attached to the immersion way that they prefer to hunt a place where there is an abundance of water and be immersed.

Recently a revival service has been held at Crooked Oak and a number of additions to the church was the result. Eight of the new members preferred to be immersed, and so they hunted a place in a little mountain stream two miles from the church and built a dam that impounded sufficient water to make it possible to have the rite of baptism by immersion.

It was at this service Sunday, where Mr. Haberkern made a moving picture of the scene for his own pleasure. He went back home greatly encouraged with the progress of the work in the mountains and will make other visits to that section.

Registration Books Closed; Bond Election Next Tuesday

Capturing a Burglar in Japan

Uwajima, Japan, May 25, 1927.

Editor The News:

By printing the attached personal letter from our son Grady you can give your readers a burglar story from Japan. He is a member of Mt. Airy Central Methodist Church; and the Sunday school of that church assumed his support seven years ago as a part of our salary. He was 17 years old April 13. As has already been stated in your paper, he graduated in the high school department of Canadian Academy, Kobe, in 1926. During the past year he has been taking some special studies in the same school, and teaching in Kobe and Osaka at night and on Saturday.

His room mate referred to in the letter is Charles Holmes, son of a missionary of the United Church of Canada. Ralph referred to is the son of Rev. A. T. Wilkinson, also of the U. C. Church. He is about the same age as my son. The Mr. Rutherford referred to is a Canadian and a member of the faculty of Canadian Academy. Farmers' fields are full of ridges and furrows.

Burglars in Japan often go prepared to kill as well as to despoil. Some years ago Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, young missionary couple of the same mission as Messrs. Holmes and Wilkinson, were brutally murdered in their bedroom by a burglar. People are advised to lie still and feign sleep while a burglar is in the room. But burglary is rare where I have lived, and I have had no experience.

Yours truly,
J. W. FRANK.

LETTER.

Canadian Academy, Kobe,

May 22, 1927.

Dear Mother and Father:

Excitement—We had it at 2:10 A. M. today. I'll give you three guesses. No, it was not an earthquake, but a robber. I had the honor of seeing him first. After hearing some noises in my dreams I woke up to see the head and shoulders of a man outlined against my window (second floor.) Charles was out for the week end, and I was alone. I started up and said "Kora!" ("Hey there!") in as brave a voice as I could muster, whereupon he jumped down to the ground. I listened in my bed for a few minutes, and heard some one moving outside near the girls' dormitory. I looked out the window, and saw him moving around; and then he disappeared, and a few minutes later I saw a flashlight flicker in the girls' dormitory. Then I went and woke up Ralph and Mr. Rutherford, and we three went out, armed with baseball bats, to reconnoiter. We saw the flashlight flicker again on the third floor, and while we were looking in one of the windows downstairs from the outside a little later, we saw the flashlight right there, and got a good view of him. Then we stationed ourselves around the building, and rang the front door bell. Right after that the fellow hopped out of a window about ten yards from me, and made a rush for open ground. I raised a yell for the others, and started after him. We went into the farmers' fields and floundered around falling all over. I got close enough to swat him on the back with my bat once, but fell down twice. He got way ahead of me, but Ralph cut across and after one nasty fall got the fellow. He immediately began to plead for mercy, but we three dragged him down to the police station and got him locked up. To-day we gave the police an account of what happened. That was excitement enough for one Sunday all right. The rest of the day I've been too sleepy for anything much.

Good-bys,
Grady.

Masons Eject Officers.

The Masons of this city held their annual election of officers Tuesday night resulting in the selection of the following:

W. S. Wolfe, Master; J. C. Hill, Senior Warden; W. Fulton, Junior Warden; C. Binder, Sec.; John Leitch, Treas.

These will be installed at a special meeting Friday night, this week, together with the appointive officers who have not yet been named. At the same time the Past Master's medal will be presented to the retiring master, J. W. Parker.

The registration books for the school election closed last Saturday with approximately 1400 people qualified to vote and everything is in readiness for the election to be held next Tuesday.

The books will open at sunrise and close at sundown. Voters of Ward No. 1 will vote at the city hall and those of Ward No. 2 at Granite City Motor Co.

Three tickets will be on the table, to-wit: For Schools and Against Schools, For Refunding Debt and Against Refunding Debt, For School Improvements and Against School Improvements. The proposals to be voted upon being more clearly defined are: For or against the levy of a special school tax not to exceed 90 cents on the \$100 valuation and \$1.80 on the poll; for or against the levying of a special tax of six cents to be applied to pay off a deficit of \$35,000 created in running the schools during the past seven or eight years; for or against the issuance of \$50,000 worth of bonds to be used for school improvements, but no statement has been made in the board's appeals to the voters as to what improvements they expect to make, what, if any buildings they expect to erect, or when the improvements are to be undertaken.

The school authorities contend that they cannot operate the schools on the same plane as in the past without an increase in revenue which they can get only by a vote of the people; they contend that without this increase there is danger of having to reduce the length of the school term, and without the bond issue children will have to go to school for a half day only in many of the grades. On the other hand those who oppose the election claim that the above contentions are not well founded. They claim that the suggested shortening of the school term is merely a form of threat, that the teachers are hired under the state schedule, that the board must follow this schedule and that the teachers are paid 12 months in the year, therefore a shortening of the term could not reduce the expense to any appreciable degree. The opposition points to the fact that no light has been given as to how the bond money is to be spent; that some of the city officials have declared it was not intended to build any this year, and that the statement of the board that without this money some of the children would have to go half the time, next year is not well founded and is calculated to confuse the voters. The question of voting a tax to repay the \$35,000 deficit is perhaps looked upon with more favor among the opposition than any of the other proposals, for it is known that the city is now paying 6 per cent interest on this borrowed money and to vote the tax just transfers the account into another fund. All the above points are being daily argued by those of both sides of the question, and as is the case in all arguments both sides refuse to be convinced.

Unless there is a radical change in the sentiment within the next few days it is admitted that the election will be defeated. And if it is defeated the proponents of the issue will lay the blame at the feet of the people, while those who oppose it will contend that the responsibility reverts back to the school board for maintaining a school management that was so unsatisfactory as to bring about defeat.

Officer's Car Stolen.

Deputy Sheriff J. E. Monday is truly working for himself these days, putting in his efforts to run down the parties who stole his Chevrolet touring car Monday night. Mr. Monday parked it in front of his home on Willow Street about 10 o'clock and when he had occasion to look for it four hours later it was gone. The country in all directions has been scoured by him and others joining in the search without uncovering the least bit of evidence leading to the guilty ones or to the car. The car was insured against theft up to June 10th when the policy expired and Mr. Monday had neglected to have it renewed.

Capt. Lindbergh asked for letters of introduction to Paris people because "nobody knows him over there." Twenty-four hours later he was known in every village in the world. Paris is something money can't buy.