

New Survey Dobson-Elkin Road is Now Posted at Court House Door

County Auditor Frank Folger Slicing Demands of Road Commission and School Board—Strenuous Effort Being Made to Keep Tax Levy at Lowest Mark.

CIVIL COURT CLEARING CALENDAR

While there was not such a large crowd at Dobson Tuesday yet much business of interest to the citizens of the county was being transacted by the three governing bodies in their regular monthly session. Monday being a national holiday court adjourned for the day and all the meetings were postponed until Tuesday.

In the lobby of the court house is posted a map of the new road between Dobson and Elkin as surveyed by Capt. Currie, the state engineer. This is in compliance with the new state law, that all changes in roads must be posted at the court house so the county officials or any citizen can know of the proposed changes, if any, and voice a protest whenever such arises. The state intends to spend \$150,000 in rebuilding and oiling the road between Dobson and Elkin and the new survey is supposed to put it on the best grade possible. Three important changes have been made in the new route in order to avoid bad curves and grades. About two miles from Dobson the new survey leaves the old road at the Beavers store place and goes in almost a straight direction and to the left of the old road, passing through the John Snow farm and coming back in to the old road at the Bob Snow mail box. This route avoids the two long river hills on the old road. At Fairview the road turns to the right just before reaching that point and will cross the cross roads there by a half mile or more thus getting rid of the long hill going up to Fairview. Little success was accomplished in getting rid of the bad curves on the road to the river for those Mitchell's river hills were found hard to negotiate. One considerable change was made on the route, however, for at Friendship Church the new road continues in a straight direction across the country to the right of the old road, and comes back into the old road at the Sloop place. This leaves the Greenwood and Hurt places off the new road and eliminates the bad curves that exist on that part of the old road.

Those who are pushing the claims for a state highway from Pilot Mountain to Dobson and on to State Road are not letting any grass grow under their feet. At a previous meeting of the County Highway Commission that body was found to be equally divided in its membership over the Pilot-Dobson road and the Lowgap road. At that time G. C. Lovill, Dr. J. T. Smith and D. E. Nelson were advocates of the Lowgap road, and R. M. Chatham, J. S. Patterson and W. B. Williams favored the Pilot road, thus creating a tie on the road body, but in the meeting Mr. Lovill, chairman of the body, exercising his rights as chairman, broke the tie that existed by voting in favor of the Lowgap route. Of course none of the county officials have any power in the construction of either road, the actions being taken merely to bring pressure to bear on the state highway commission to adopt the routes that are being advocated by both sides. Tuesday A. D. Folger appeared before the county commissioners and presented a resolution for their consideration which recommended the adoption of the Pilot-Dobson route. Mr. Folger explained that while the county commissioners had no power that they can exercise in the matter, he argued, it would have its weight with the state highway commission for the commissioners to also make known their wishes. Mr. Yokley did not see any occasion for the commissioners to be taking a hand in a matter in which they had no power or authority, but Mr. Chatham and Mr. Swanson were willing to lend their influence to the Pilot-Dobson route and voted favorably on Mr. Folger's resolution and Mr. Yokley voting against it. As the proposition will stand the county commissioners have recommended the Pilot-Dobson route, and the road commission the Lowgap route.

Those in the Dobson and Pilot Mountain sections are active in their efforts to get this road. They point out the route would offer a

more direct connection between Winston-Salem and Roaring Gap, as well as giving the county a through state highway from east to west, while there are already three such highways going north and south. It has been figured out that summer tourists and resort seekers going from Winston-Salem to Roaring Gap and Sparta will save ten miles by traveling a road that can be built across the county from Pilot Mountain through Dobson and connecting with the Sparta road at State Road.

Mr. Folger believes that eventually the county will be able to secure both the Lowgap and the Pilot-Dobson routes, and says that this county now has coming to it sufficient funds to care for both routes. The work of slicing down the demands of the Highway Commission and the School Board is in the hands of Frank Folger, county auditor. Both parties are asking more funds to carry on their program and the commissioners, hearing the cry against high taxes, are endeavoring to keep the rate lower than in the past. Already Mr. Folger has sliced \$30,000 off the budget of the school board, and there is a possibility that the school tax will be cut to 45 cents, the present rate being 65 cents.

The Board of Education completed its organization by electing W. R. Badgett as its permanent chairman, succeeding J. D. Thompson, resigned. J. E. Cockerham was awarded the heating jobs on the Ararat and Beulah schools at a total of \$5,690. The board of health accepted the resignation of Dr. Sumner as county health doctor, but deferred the selection of his successor until the August meeting. Three applicants from other parts of the state have applied for the position. Dr. Sumner goes back to his home county, Randolph, to take charge of their health work.

Judge N. E. Townsend is cleaning up the civil docket in quick order. Non-suits were taken in a case that promised to furnish considerable interest, the slander action started by Brady Beamer against ex-sheriff W. L. Alberty. This case grew out of alleged charges of Mr. Alberty that Mr. Beamer had taken funds that did not belong to him while he was a deputy in the office of Mr. Alberty. The Harkrader-Lawrence election contest was sent back to J. Hayden Burke as referee for the second time. Neither side could reach an agreement as to dates for trial or procedure and the arguments resulted in the court placing the question before the referee at the request of the Harkrader counsel.

Meets Instant Death in Auto Accident.

Jesse Sowers, 28 years old, met instant death near Laurel Fork, Va., last Saturday morning when he was run into by a Ford roadster occupied by three young men of the western part of the county. Mr. Sowers and his wife and some friends were en route to an association at Laurel Fork, driving a truck. He had been using chains but stopped to take them off and while he was working around the back of the truck the Ford roadster ran into him, driving him up against the springs of the truck, crushing his head, and also terribly bruising his body. Death was instantaneous. His wife was present and the shock was so great to her that she had to be carried immediately to a doctor for medical aid.

The occupants of the car were arrested and are being held in Hillsville jail pending an investigation of the accident. The deceased was a highly esteemed young man of Carroll county, and was popular in his section. A large gathering attended the funeral services which were held at Gladesboro church Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mary Katherine Booker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Booker and Miss Frances Booker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forester Booker are visiting relatives and friends in Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Md., and other points in that section.

Depend more upon yourself and less upon others.

LIFE OF PROMISING YOUTH ENDS SUDDENLY

Frank Lewis Drowns in Ararat River While Bathing.

Not in the history of this city has there been more expressions of sorrow and sympathy than those voiced over the sudden passing of young Frank Lewis, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Lewis, of this city. Our people have been thrown in close contact with him during his school life and in business activities, for when school hours were over he was always found at some employment. His industrious and ambitious spirit and his Christian character marked him as one of the promising young men of the city.

But his life was cut short Friday afternoon when he was drowned while bathing in Ararat river. He and several friends left here about 6 o'clock and at eight a car came rushing to town calling for volunteers to go to his rescue. He had stepped into a hole 10 to 12 feet deep while walking down the stream, and frantic efforts were made to bring his body to the surface. Hundreds of people were soon on the scene but it was two and a half hours before the score of divers who had gathered could locate and bring the body to the surface. In the party at the time he went under were no expert swimmers and the place he sank was deep and treacherous requiring the work of seasoned swimmers to bring his body out.

The people of the town and large numbers from his old home in the Brim section attended the funeral rites at Central Methodist Church Sunday afternoon they being conducted by Rev. W. A. Newell and Rev. J. H. Hall. The remains were laid to rest at Oakdale under a mound of flowers placed there by loving hands.

The young man was a most devoted son and his sudden passing proved a great shock to his mother and father as well as other relatives, and his many friends. Truly no more promising life could have been taken, no young man in our midst could have been more ready for the call, for Frank lived a clean and upright life and endeared himself in the hearts of all who knew him.

Local Talent To Stage Big Play

On Tuesday, June 19th Mount Airy and surrounding communities will have the pleasure of seeing one of the latest plays "Cupid Up-To-Date." There will be around thirty local people to take part in this play. Quite elaborate and entirely new and different costumes will give the people of this vicinity something to talk about for weeks.

Miss Hathorn who has had considerable experience in staging plays of this type will arrive from Atlanta within the next few days to do the directing.

The play will be given under the auspices of Boy Scout Troup number one which is sponsored by the First Baptist Church.

Young Girls Go Camping

A number of Baptist girls, chaperoned by Mrs. James Bray, are camping at Mountain View in Wilkes County this week. Those in the party are Sue Mae Hendren, Rachel Bray, Pauline Barber, Mary Taylor and guest Evelyn Pardoe, of Wallburg, Eva Kirkman, Bernice Harris, Freeda Webb, Valeris Jackson and Louise Witt.

Prof. E. S. Hendren and Mr. F. F. Hovins and Mrs. Bray accompanied them. Mrs. Bray remaining.

Abandoned Infant Dies

The infant which was found on the porch of the Marsh home on the Fancy Gap road a month ago died last week at the Marsh home where it was being cared by kind friends. The child was never strong and did not seem to be fully developed. Authorities of the county never succeeded in uncovering the parents of the infant. It was buried at Epworth—an infant with parentage unknown.

Juniors to Hold District Meeting Here

A district meeting of the Jr. G. U. A. M. will be held in the lodge room of Blue Ridge Council No. 73 July 15 at 7:30 P. M. After the regular business of the district there will be a class initiation put on by the degree team from the North Wilkesboro lodge. This degree team is reported to be one of the best in the state and all Juniors are urged to make plans to be present.

LOCAL WATER SITUATION RELIEVED

Part of New Plant in Operation—People Asked to Continue to Save Water.

The water situation that has been so acute in this city for the past few weeks has been relieved to a great extent by placing in operation a part of the new filter plant. Much work yet remains to be done before the new plant is ready to put out its full capacity, but the contractors rushed the work along and have a part of it going. The following statement by Supt. Absher advises the public of the true situation in which he asks that water be conserved as much as possible for a week or so.

Supt. Absher says: "A portion of the new filter plant has been placed in operation and to a moderate extent the public may resume its normal consumption of water. That is, water may be used for lawns, gardens and automobile washing within reason, the it is requested that the public continue to co-operate with the water department for a week or ten days until the new filter plant is entirely completed, after which time there will be ample water for all purposes."

"This report is made to correct an erroneous report published in some of the daily papers to the effect that the Filter Plant was now complete and in full operation, while the true facts or a visit to the plant will show that it will take probably two weeks yet to place the whole plant in operation. We have plenty of raw or untreated water but it would be an unsatisfactory substitute for filtered water if it had to be used for drinking purposes."

The Fish Ate Up His Bait Too Fast.

Mr. Haywood Merritt is back home after spending a month on the road visiting many points in this country and the Dominion of Canada. He left here by automobile with a view to seeing the far north and took time to see the important cities and manufacturing centers along the way both going and coming. He spent much time in Canada, going through three provinces, states as we call them in this country. He also took time to do some fishing for trout while in Canada, and the only trouble he had with the fishing was that they would bite so fast that he caught the limit too soon. He had the same trouble while fishing in the state of Maine. There he fished for trout and caught the limit, twenty-five, in two hours time. On the return trip he came by Boston, where his sister, Miss Anna Merritt, has been living and brought her home with him for a few weeks visit. In all Mr. Merritt drove his car 4000 miles while away and had a most pleasant time the whole journey.

Dies At Age of 100 Years

Siloam, July 4.—Mrs. Malinda Stone, widow of W. C. Stone died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Smith, Siloam, Surry County, last Thursday morning at the age of 100 years. Funeral is expected to be conducted from the home at 2 o'clock this afternoon and interment will follow in the Stone Graveyard, near Pilot Mountain.

Mrs. Stone, who was born October 2, 1826, at Old Town, Forsyth County, married W. C. Stone, of Surry County, in 1844 and to this union were born fourteen children. Eight of these children have preceded her to the grave and five of them are buried in the Stone Graveyard. Her husband, who died in 1875, is also interred there. She was the grandmother of E. B. Stone.

The deceased took an active part in church and religion work until she fell at the age of 97 and broke her hip. Since that time she has been confined to her bed at the home of a daughter, Mrs. J. E. Smith. Her entire life was spent in Surry and adjoining counties and she had become known to hundreds of residents in that section.

Surviving are two daughters, Miss Rebecca Stone, of High Point, and Mrs. J. E. Smith, of Siloam; three sons, G. T. Stone, of High Point, T. W. Stone, of Landis and W. V. Stone, of Plainfield, Ind., dozens of grandchildren and a number of great grandchildren.

Mrs. A. Goldsmith has returned from an extended visit to Atlanta, Ga., where she was detained by the illness of her mother.

City Faced With Question of Supplying Water to Outsiders—Lovill Resigns

Shall the City Sell Water to Those Who Live Outside City Limits and Have to Pay No Tax?

Local Happenings

Mrs. Oscar Merritt and children left Saturday to spend the summer at Sealing Gap.

Miss Ruth Reese is visiting friends in Asheville this week.

Miss Mary Evelyn Slaughter is spending this week in Charlotte visiting her cousin, Mrs. John Allen.

Mr. W. S. Moore and daughter, Mary Catherine, of Greensboro, spent the week end with Mrs. W. B. Overby.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Pace spent the week end in Greensboro visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Nichols, of Morganton, spent the week end here with Mr. and Mrs. Grady Nichols.

Miss Nannie Hansel Satterfield spent the week end with friends in Pilot Mountain.

Mrs. Hugh Holcomb and children are visiting relatives in Winston-Salem this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Creveling returned Saturday from a three weeks' visit to relatives in points in Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Forrest and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Badgett and family, spent the Fourth at Moravian Falls and Lithia Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Satterfield left Friday to join Mr. and Mrs. Tom Edwards, of Winston-Salem, in a trip to Lunenburg, Va.

F. H. Bobbitt, of Inverness, Fla., is a guest at the Brown House. Mr. Bobbitt is the uncle of Mrs. Joe Haynes and Misses Ruth and Anna Reese.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Carter and daughter, of Bluefield, W. Va., spent the week end here. Mrs. Carter and little daughter will remain here and visit Mrs. Wade Moody.

Clarke Brower and family, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hollingsworth, Macon Hollingsworth, Tom Fawcett and Miss Frances Fawcett spent the week end at New River on a fishing trip.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moore spent last week end in Greensboro with Mrs. S. E. Cross.

Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Lawrence, of Winston-Salem, visited Dr. Lawrence's mother near town Sunday and attended the funeral of Frank Lewis here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Badgett and baby left the first of the week to visit relatives at Pellham, they were accompanied to Reidsville by Miss Mae Lawson, who will also visit at Pellham before returning.

Miss Lucile Carter, of Bluefield, W. Va., spent the week end with Miss Pansy Jackson. She was accompanied back by Miss Jackson, who will visit in Bluefield and Princeton, W. Va.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Carroll had a reunion with their near relatives Sunday. All went to the White Sulphur Springs and spread a picnic dinner. Many relatives from High Point and other places attended the happy occasion.

Little Doris Cockerham spent last week end with her grandmother Mrs. T. N. Woodruff at Lowgap. She was accompanied by three of her little friends, Mary Engle Hoffman, Bessie Lee Bray and Margaret Graves.

Joe Jackson, who is with the Highland Lake Camp, near Hendersonville, has returned after a visit to his parents in this city, he was accompanied here by Sam Wilder, of Lewisburg, and Hugh Davis, of Tampa, Fla., also of the camp. Mrs. Dorothy Jackson returned with them to Hendersonville, where she will spend some time at Graceland Camp.

Engagement Announced

Sanford, July 2.—Mrs. Sarah Long Spough, of Sanford, announces the engagement of her daughter, Lois Long, to Adrian Jefferson Newton, of Lexington, the marriage to take place in August.

Sunday's state papers carried the above announcement. Miss Spough is a former Mount Airy girl and a sister of Mrs. E. Matthew Smith of this place and the many friends of the family in this section will learn of her engagement with interest.

MORE SCHOOL MONEY BORROWED

At their regular meeting Tuesday night the town commissioners were presented a proposition that demands serious thought and investigation in order to properly dispose of. It is just what should the city do toward furnishing water to the residents who live outside the city limits and pay no city tax? E. C. Bivens brought the discussion squarely before the board when he presented a contract on behalf of W. W. Burke asking the city to furnish water to all who might want it in his development, at the regular rate. Mr. Burke offers to build all pipe and sewer lines in the development but wants the town to reimburse him for the cost, plus six per cent, should the property ever be taken into the city limits. The board would not enter into such a contract for they had no way of determining when the residents of that section would come into the city limits, and at the same time these people would be getting the benefits of all city conveniences—water, sewerage and lights—without paying any city tax, or any tax to pay interest on the bonds that have been issued to build the water and sewer system. On the other hand it is argued that it may be necessary to supply the outlying sections with these conveniences before they can develop to the point of being profitable to take them into the city limits.

Following Mr. Burke's proposal, citizens who live on the Wards Gap road, from the city limits to Beamer's store, were before the board and stated that they would be willing to put down a hardsurface street extending from the corporate limits to Beamer's store, if the city would make some arrangements to lay water and sewer mains and supply them with water.

Both propositions have to deal with the proper development of the city and are such as to demand the serious thought of our officials.

July 1st marked the passing of the water and light commission and in the future all affairs of the water and sewer system will be administered by the town board. The committee that will have charge of this department will be known as the "Public Service Committee." Mayor Snyder appointed on the committee C. E. Cox, Dr. E. C. Ashby and D. H. Cooke.

The board ordered the removal of all obstructions on the streets and sidewalks on Oak and Virginia Streets. These consist of loading platforms for the fertilizer dealers, but complaints have been made that where these are used pedestrians have to use the streets.

J. W. Lovill tendered his resignation as a member of the school board, giving no written reason for his action, although it has been known for some time that he would take such action immediately following the school election. The school board will supply the vacancy.

Prof. Hurst appeared before the board and asked them to borrow \$5,500 with which to take up teachers vouchers that are in the banks and with no funds to apply on them. He stated the Bank of Mount Airy would loan the money to them. In the discussion of school expenses it was brought out that the winter's supply of coal had been purchased and paid for from the 1926 school fund account. It takes 275 tons to heat the three buildings. The coal was purchased at a cost of \$5.40 per ton delivered in the bins. Another item of expense brought out was the cost of operating the water fountain on South Main Street. Prof. Hurst said it cost approximately \$23 a month to run it. The board expressed itself as being in favor of saving that amount by cutting out the fountain since the school fund is now \$40,000 in debt. No mention was made of the recent school election and there was a sigh of relief on the part of those present when it was seen that the town still had some credit and was able to borrow money from its own banks.

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Warren spent the week end at Sealing Gap.