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Mount Airy Water Works Plant Completed and Accepted by Officials

Mount Airy Now Has Plant Capable of Supplying Water to 20,000 Inhabitants. Equipment Modern and Efficient in Every Way.

Last Friday the city officials of Mount Airy formally accepted the new city water works plant as constructed by a force of workmen under direction of Tucker & Laxton, the contractors. And the last piece of work to be done by the contractors was completed Monday night when a final test was made on the new pipe line going up Lovill's Creek.

The new plant is modern and up to date in every respect and the city officials are highly pleased with the work of the contractors and the manner in which their superintendent, Mr. J. B. Rawls, carried on the work. In speaking of the eight months that he spent here at the job Mr. Rawls said he never worked with a more agreeable set of people. One thing he did comment on and that was the lack of interest our people had shown in the work. He recounted that at some places large numbers of citizens visited the plants and watched with interest the work that was going on. But he said outside the city officials very few people were seen to visit the local plant. And Mr. Rawls jokingly rebuked a News reporter for speaking of our plant as the "town well."

"Sure enough there once was a town well down yonder under the hill," he said, "but you see that's all been filled up and will be grassed as a lawn. You have no town well. You have a modern water works plant and it should be known by the citizens of Mount Airy as the "city water works." The main source of water supply will be through a pipe line three miles long extending up Lovill's Creek where it will take water from the creek above the mills and where the least amount of pollution is to be found. This is conveyed to the settling basin and then filtered in the three filters as needed. The filters and pumps can supply a town of 20,000 inhabitants with ease. All the equipment is housed in a new brick and granite trimmed building, with basement where two electric pumps and one gasoline pump have a total pumping output of 3,200 gallons per minute. The ground floor of the building is equipped with the control valves, laboratory room and chemical distributors.

The cost of the new plant is approximately \$150,000, paid for out of bonds issued and sold by the board of town commissioners. Supt. Absher will be glad to show the citizens of the town over the new plant at any time, and the Kiwanis club will hold its meeting Friday night in the new building when Mr. Absher will show the members over the entire plant.

Well Known Citizen Dies

Mr. Hugh Tilley, aged 75 years, and a highly respected citizen of this city died last Thursday morning at his home on Orchard Street following a period of several months of ill health. Mr. Tilley was a native of Ashe County and moved to this city about 20 years ago and since then has made this his home. He was a Christian gentleman, a kind neighbor and left a large family of children, and many friends who are grieved at his passing. In the affairs of the day he kept well posted and was always found to be lined up on the right side of any moral question. The funeral services were held at the home Friday afternoon, by Rev. E. G. Davis, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of which the deceased was a member. Rev. D. Vance Price assisted. Burial took place at Oakdale cemetery.

Surviving the deceased are his widow and several children, among whom are Judge A. E. Tilley, C. B. Tilley, and Mrs. Knight of this city, and Garfield, Glenn and another son located at points away from here.

Tuition in Schools Reduced

Last week this paper published a school notice which gave the cost of tuition to out of town pupils who attend the city schools. Again this week we publish another notice that tells of the error in the former notice and shows a substantial reduction in the cost of tuition. The revised figures place the cost of a High School pupil at \$18.10 less than it was first figured, or a total cost of \$41.10 for the entire term.

Local Happenings

The wife of the editor is spending a week in the city of Charlotte where she has gone to see a new grandson, the son of Mrs. Kate Pittman, whose home is in that city.

Mrs. Morgan Simmons, of Martinsville, Va., daughter of Mayor W. G. Sydnor, of this city, was operated on for appendicitis at the Martinsville hospital Tuesday night.

W. E. Woodruff and family, and Mrs. Ella Holcomb and Miss Arlene Armfield and Faye Woodruff of Lawgap left Tuesday to spend a few days at Wrightsville Beach. Mr. Woodruff will attend the florist convention at Wrightsville.

Rev. W. A. Newell and daughter Miss Olive left the first of the week for Asheville and other points in the state where Mr. Newell was called on business for the church. They will motor to Bristol, Tenn., to meet Mrs. Newell who will accompany them home.

Some friends here will remember Mrs. W. H. Campbell who before her recent marriage was Mrs. Perdita Woodard. She is a niece of Mrs. Ella Holcomb and has relatives in this section. Her husband died last Tuesday in the city of Raleigh where they lived, after a very short illness. The remains were carried to his former home in the state of Kansas.

I. J. Melton of the country west of Dobson was a visitor in the city this week. He has just returned from Fruitland Institute where he went to place his son Paul in school for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Haynes and Mr. and Mrs. Forester Booker, motored to Chiloche, Va. Saturday, to visit Mr. P. H. Booker and wife. They returned Sunday evening, much pleased with the country and the hospitality which they received on their visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Corbett and Corbett, have returned to their home in Atkinson after spending ten days here for the benefit of the White Sulphur Springs water. They are enthusiastic advocates of the medicinal value of the water and have been patrons of the Springs for a number of years.

News From Westfield

Westfield, Aug. 22.—Westfield has a destructive hail storm starting near Rockhouse church and extending west within two miles of our post office over an area 144 miles totally ruining about 25 farmer's crops and badly damaging about 50. Only two of the whole number had any insurance. However, about one-third of the crop had been primed.

The crop of both corn and tobacco in all this section has rarely ever been better.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Christian and son Beverly went to Roanoke Friday on a visit to Mrs. Oliver, sister of Mrs. Christian.

Mrs. R. K. Marshall went to Greensboro Saturday on business.

The Baptist Missionary society met Saturday with Mrs. R. K. Simmons. It was a full meeting and much enthusiasm prevailed.

Mrs. J. D. Smith of Mount Airy, Miss Gertrude and Cameron Smith called on Mrs. R. T. Joyce Sunday.

We have no golf course, but the biggest horseshoe games in the county Saturday afternoon next a match game between Westfield and Francisco will be pitched.

Squire Lowe had one case today, driving car while drunk, continued until next Saturday.

Elisha Wilson was here today and reports 11 barns tobacco cured and about 15 yet on the hill and unusually fine corn. Mr. Wilson is one of our best all-around citizens, and is a wonderful farmer.

Miss Bilyeau Passes In Greensboro

Friends all over the state will mourn the death of Miss Sadie Bilyeau which occurred in Greensboro Monday. Miss Bilyeau has for twenty-five years traveled over the state in the interest of the Children's Home Society, of Greensboro, and has visited this city twice a year. Few women in the state are better known or more dearly loved and her passing removes a woman who spent her life in service to others.

MISSIONARY TO JAPAN ARRIVED IN CITY

Rev. J. W. Frank Will Spend Year Vacation in State

Rev. J. W. Frank, wife and son, returned missionary from Japan, are in the city for a few days visiting relatives and friends. As is well known it is now the custom to give missionaries to foreign countries a vacation of one year each seven years. Twenty-eight years ago Mr. Frank and his wife first went out to Japan to help carry the gospel to that country. Seven years ago he spent his vacation in this part of the state, making his headquarters here at Mount Airy where he has two brothers-in-law, F. L. Smith and J. B. Sparger. This time he will make his headquarters at Durham, N. C. for the reason that he intends to do some work in the Duke University school—a missionary work—the kind of keeping up with the times of thought in the agricultural world.

For years Mr. Frank was supported on the foreign field by Central Methodist church, of this city, and it was for this reason that he occasionally wrote letters back to the town paper, The Mount Airy News, that he might better keep in touch with the home folk. We are delighted to know that Mr. Frank is going to continue to send his letters occasionally to the paper, and that he places a high value on this way of keeping in touch with the home land and what is going on here.

It will be a treat to those of our people who are fortunate in being able to meet Mr. Frank and his excellent wife and spend some time with them while they are in our midst. Mr. Frank talks most interestingly of his experience in the earthquake that played havoc with the lives and property of the people of Japan some time ago. He was in the section where the earthquake did the most damage, but was not in a city at the time. It was the fire that followed the quake that did the most damage. Literally hundreds of thousands of lives were snuffed out and property destroyed beyond any ones ability to estimate its value. The missionaries will be here for a few days before going to their headquarters in Durham.

At Last They Have Made An Automatic Electric Iron

Four or five years ago when this city had two or three near-accidents from burning homes caused by overheated electric irons the question was asked, "Why don't they make one that will cut itself off?" But no, said the electricians, that would be impossible to do. There never will be a way to keep an iron from getting red hot if left alone they said. However all this talk is now of the past and it remained for the Westinghouse people to make an iron that would cut off when left alone and the current on.

Such an iron is now on the market and is being put on in a special sale held by the Southern Public Utilities Co. for a limited time the company will sell these irons on \$1.00 per month payments and allow \$1.10 on the price of the iron for any old iron that is brought to them. The regular price of the Automatic Westinghouse is \$7.50. The advertisement of the S. P. U. Co. in this issue gives you more of the details of this new iron and the easy purchase plan they offer the public.

Killed Mother and Eight Young

Charlie McGraw visited "The News Office" Tuesday to tell us about his experience a few days ago on the Imogene road between Pipers Gap and Lowgap when he killed a mother copperhead snake and her eight babies.

The mother and her brood were sunning themselves in the big road when Mr. McGraw sighted them, the mother at rest and the youngsters sporting around her; instead of saving herself the mother took time to swallow her young or let them enter the pouch through her mouth in which mother snakes are said to carry their young, and he ran the car over her which caused the babies to come out again and he killed the whole lot with a stick. He said the mother was about three feet long and the babies about eight inches.

Mr. McGraw is a brother of Miss Callie McGraw who in July brought down, with her gun, a large wild crane which measured six feet from tip to tip of wing.

SURRY'S TAX RATE REDUCED

Tickets For This Year Will Show Reduction Of Six Cents—New Rate \$1.15.

The new tax rate for Surry County as decided upon by the County Commissioners will be \$1.15, a reduction of six cents over last year. The saving was made possible by the increased amount of money the county school fund will secure from the state, thus permitting a reduction in the tax for school purposes.

The rate for the county for the several items is as follows:

County fund,	13 cents
School fund,	57 cents
Road fund,	15 cents
Bridges,	2 cents
Interest fund,	25 cents

Total,

The valuation of property in the county increased \$750,000, and of this increase \$600,000 was secured in the city of Mount Airy and Mount Airy township, the remainder of increased valuation being distributed about over the county. The total value of the county is close to thirty million dollars.

Fire Destroys A. J. Bondurant Home

An early morning fire destroyed the large two-story residence on the A. J. Bondurant farm Wednesday, the building and its contents being a total loss, with \$5,500 insurance on the building and some on the furniture. The property was recently purchased by the Mount Airy Country Club, but was still being used by Mr. Bondurant until he could secure a home in this city.

Mr. Bondurant built a fire in his cook stove and went out to the barn to feed. When he came back and started into the kitchen he was met by stifling smoke and flames that in some way had caught from the stove. Mr. Bondurant has 10 children and by the time he got them out of bed and away from the building it was in flames all over.

The Country Club will get the insurance on the building as it is the loser. The plan of the club was to remodel the house into a club house but these plans will now be altered and an entirely new club house will be built. The fire will cause no let up in the plans to build the golf links and more than 50 men are now employed preparing the ground for grass on the greens, tees and fairways.

Stocking Our Streams

The work of stocking our streams with fish is now the problem for our people, and the protection of the fish is the most important part of the program. Just this week a government agent came here from a fish hatchery in Tennessee with 400 black bass from two to three inches long and put them in streams about this city. These fish were secured on the application of game warden W. L. Steels and Mr. Phillip Warsaw.

While here the government agent from the Tennessee hatchery gave our folks some pointers as to how to get fish for our streams. He told them that it is the policy of the government now to supply as many as fifty fish to any citizen who place them in a stream where they will get the protection that is required by the government. Acting on this information it is now the purpose of our citizens to get busy and see that application is made for the fish. Mr. Warsaw has written for blank applications and will see that a large number of our people sign them. He thinks that we should be able to get as many as a car load of fish in this way. If a number of citizens apply at the same time then the government will ship all the fish at the same time and send men along with the car to see that the stocking is properly carried out.

Buick Now In New Home

Swanson Motor Co., Buick agents of this city, are now in their new quarters on Moore Street opposite The News office. The display room is being put in condition and on Friday six of the latest Buick models will arrive for perhaps the largest showing of high priced cars ever held in Mount Airy.

In connection with the sales department the concern will conduct a first class repair department. Carl Massey, a former Mount Airy citizen, has been added to the force of mechanics and will assume his new duties Monday.

Cars Run Over and Injure Two Small Boys in City

Fancy Gap Has Its Laces For Speed

If you don't believe a car will coast down the Fancy Gap just ask D. W. Fulk, of Hazard, Ky., who passed through this city last Thursday enroute to visit in Pilot Mountain. While here he found it necessary to trade in a badly wrecked and brand new Chevrolet sedan for another that had not experienced the lightning-like drift one will attain in coasting down the Fancy Gap. While coming down the mountain last Thursday Mr. Fulk let it glide along, and never gave it much thought, as he admired the panoramic view that unfolded before him as he made the wide and sweeping curves that brought him down the mountain. And little did he know that his car was being controlled until it lurched off down the mountain side, turning over four times and making a complete wreck of it. However he and his wife and child escaped without any injury at all, attributing their good luck to the all-steel body of the car which afforded them protection in the tumble they took.

On To School

The County Board of Education has set Monday October 3rd as the date on which our six months term schools should open. Most of the longer term rural schools will open on September 12th.

Therefore with summer vacation drawing to a close, pupils of our schools and their parents should turn their minds to the important business of continuing youth's education.

The recent flight of Lindbergh is an inspiring example of seeing the task through. Just as Lindy turned his plane East and set out for Paris, so must the student turn his thoughts toward our educational institutions with the determination: "On to School."

We should employ as much determination, zeal and thoroughness in continuing this great adventure as Lindy did in his flight to France. The happy partnership of Lindy and his plane which he termed "we", finds parallel in our partnership with our schools. We should unite the spirit of youth with the spirit of education just as Lindy joined the spirit of America with the "Spirit of St. Louis."

Lindbergh did not make his trip primarily for gain but for accomplishment. However the former proved a valuable by-product. Let us follow his example, and, as he did, continue our flight in education for the good of the nation and the cause of progress, as well as for the returns to youth. Though the impulse is unselfish, its fruits are substantial, for out of such enterprise springs the inspiration that generates creative power. A hundred plans in aviation are maturing because of Lindy's signal achievement. A thousand advantages accrue from the achievements of education.

Pupil, no less than aviator, must follow through to attain success. Lindy did not stop with the acclaim of the world ringing in his ears. He had just begun his start on a constructive career. He had finished but one lap of the race. The same application can be made to commencement and promotion in our schools; these are but steps to a higher service.

Parents are reminded that Lindbergh's backers had no guarantee of any returns. Loyalty and admiration for the spirit of this youth and the cause he championed inspired them to make any necessary sacrifices. This should be the attitude of parents and tax-payers who appreciate that education is the foundation for life.

It is timely, then, right now, when school days are just ahead, to turn our eyes toward our schools, also toward our boys and girls called on for an important decision, and sound the slogan "On To School."

E. S. HENDREN, Supt.

Phillips-Stone

The wedding of Miss Hulda Phillips and Paul Stone was solemnized Saturday afternoon at the home of Rev. C. L. Harris on Franklin St.

Mrs. Phillips is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Phillips, and Mr. Stone is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Stone.

One Not Expected To Live—Other Has Broken Shoulder and Foot

Two small boys of this city are in Martin Memorial Hospital with injuries sustained this week by being run over by cars on the streets of Mount Airy. Paul Poore, 9-year-old son of Joe Poore, has a fractured skull and is not expected to live. He with some other children were playing in the lawn of Dr. Moir S. Martin Monday afternoon and when some one knocked a ball across the street the Poore child made a run for it and dashed in front of a car driven by the daughter of Mrs. T. B. Hedges, who is spending a few weeks visiting relatives here. The fender of the car seems to have struck the boy's head and knocked him clear of the car, and causing the fracture.

The second boy injured was the son of Wm. Branch. On Sunday afternoon several parents with their children were out walking and giving the little ones a good time. There were a dozen or more in the party and coming up Rockford street they heard a car coming and the party divided some stepping over on one side of the street and the others on the opposite side. Mr. Branch had his child by the hand and as the car went by it struck the child and knocked it loose from his father's grasp, breaking its shoulder and foot. The car was driven by Tom Samuels, a young man who lives near this city.

Drivers of both cars in the above accidents have been formally arrested pending investigation and a hearing as to the responsibility of the accidents. Mr. Hedges will arrive in the city Friday to be with his daughter and wife. Mrs. Hedges is now here. She will be remembered as the daughter of the late Fred G. Johnson who was for many years a police officer in this city.

Two Policemen Killed By Two Others

Williamson, Va., Aug. 19.—A political feud between two factions of the Williamson police forced flamed into action today over a question of authority and two officers fell dead before the pistol fire of two other policemen.

The victims of the gun fight were D. W. Deerfield and Garvey McGuire, members of the faction headed by Mayor W. F. Hatfield. After the smoke cleared away Julius Lawson and James Kirkpatrick, aligned with another faction, sponsored by the city council, surrendered to the county authorities and were placed in jail. Kirkpatrick suffered a flesh wound in the leg.

Despite the tense feeling that followed the shooting the remainder of the day passed quietly in Williamson. State police mobilized all available officers from company headquarters, and aided by county officers, kept constant watch to avert another outbreak.

An attempt by Deerfield and McGuire to tag a milk truck on a street ignited the spark of factional strife. Lawson and Kirkpatrick, happening along at the time, disputed the authority of the other two to enforce the traffic laws. Hot words were quickly replaced by pistol fire.

Will Annihilate Farm To Prevent Anthrax Spread

Asheville, Aug. 21.—Attired in gumboots, coat, gloves, mask and hat, Dr. William Moore, state veterinarian started this morning the task of annihilating a herd of 44 cows, more than 300 chickens, several cats, dogs and other animals, as a precautionary move to wipe out the anthrax with which the herd was infected and which caused the death of Dr. H. P. Flowe, assistant state veterinarian.

The ground will be burned over after being saturated with crude oil, the barns will be destroyed, the crops abandoned and everything inflammable on the farm will be burned. By these rigid precautions the health authorities expect to prevent any spread of the dread anthrax germ. This disease, while virtually unknown in North Carolina, is well known in western cattle raising sections.

Fewer college students have committed suicide since the June month were over.