

Aged War Veteran Nears End

J. G. Burrus Very Ill in Hospital at High Point

John G. Burrus, of Rockford, is in High Point a patient at the hospital of his son, Dr. J. T. Burrus. His wife is with him.

For some months Mr. Burrus has had some form of skin affection on the side of his face and this has recently become serious and now appears to have assumed a state that is hopeless. A few weeks ago he decided that he would be more comfortable in his son's hospital where he could have the immediate attention of skilled help, and so has gone there for an indefinite time. He realizes the seriousness of his condition and cheerfully faces the end.

Mr. Burrus is possibly the best known citizen in this section of the state. For almost a quarter of a century he was annually moderator of the Baptist associations in this and Yadkin County. He served as county commissioner for many years and was long the chairman of this important body. He is now on the pension board of the county and even in his afflicted condition, keeps in active touch with the work of the pension board, taking an active interest in the old soldiers who served with him in the war between the states.

With a life of more than eighty years behind him, every one of which represents time well spent, he has no fears for the future. If you are disposed to add a bit of cheer to his last days a post card or a letter addressed to him at High Point in care of his son Dr. J. T. Burrus, will bring happy memories in these days of affliction.

Dr. Abernethy's Car Turned Over But Injuries Not Serious

State papers Sunday carried an account of serious injuries suffered by Rev. J. E. Abernethy, D. D., in an auto accident Saturday afternoon as he was en route to an appointment in Iredell County. A later dispatch from the Statesville hospital where his injuries were treated gives the information that his injuries are not serious which will be learned with pleasure by his friends in this section. The Rev. Mr. Abernethy was at one time pastor of the Central Methodist Church in this city and is well known here. He is now presiding elder of the Statesville District, M. E. Church, South, Western North Carolina Conference.

Culprits Lurking on Pilot Road

Various reports are reaching this city of depredations committed by unknown persons on the Pilot road. On Sunday night alone four cars had the glass broken in them by rocks thrown from the side of the road by parties standing on the bank. Dalmir Lewis, foreman at the Surry Sales Co., had the glass broken out of the front door of his car Sunday night, and when he reached Pilot Mountain he found that three others had the same experience within a short time. The fellows had stationed themselves where the road goes through a cut and would hurl rocks from the top of the cut down upon the car. A posse was formed at Pilot Mountain and returned to the scene but no one was to be found.

Chief R. E. Lawrence has sold his home on Broad street to J. A. Eads and he and Mrs. Lawrence and little son, Bobby, moved today to The Brown House.

That's News—Phone 141

If anyone
Died
Eloped
Left town
Married
Embezzled
Had a fire
Sold a farm
Had a baby
Had a party
Has been ill
Got divorced
Came to town
Had an accident
Had an operation
Has bought a home
Had an auto smash
Committed a murder
Fell from an airplane
Is sued for breach of promise.

THAT'S NEWS—PHONE 141—

The Town Was Not Afire—Its Our New White Way

When a Mount Airy citizen was approaching this city Wednesday night, before he reached the business section he was given a fright by the lighted appearance of the city and hurried into town to see what block of the city was burning up. But he learned it was Mount Airy's new white way that furnished the strong light. The new lights were installed the first of the week and the business section of the city now has a 400 candle power light on each electric pole, giving a flood of light from Hines Street to Cherry Street, and extending down Virginia, Franklin, Moore and Pine. In all a total of about 20 of these lights have been installed. The power company furnishes the equipment and the city pays for the electric current.

Instead of swinging over the center of the streets like the old ones the new lights are mounted on neat brackets extended from the poles. They are of the latest type construction, designed to give the most efficient flood of light for the current consumed.

Scarlet Fever Causes Second Death

Bruce M. Johnson, three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Johnson, of Flat Rock, died Sunday of scarlet fever. This is the second death of the same disease in this family, little Bethel Irene Johnson, nearly four having died a week earlier. The funeral was conducted from the home on Monday by the Rev. Mr. Harrison and the remains interred at the Flat Rock cemetery.

Notice to World War Veterans

Any mother in Surry County who had a son enlisted in the World War, either in the camps or overseas that would like to join the World War Mother's Association of America, please write to Mrs. R. E. Little, Wadesboro, N. C.

Mrs. Little is 2nd vice president general of the World War Mother's Association and is organizer for North Carolina. If she can get ten mothers who are interested, she will come to Mount Airy at her own expense and organize a chapter.

This is a very interesting patriotic organization and presents a great field for service. A postal card or letter to Mrs. R. E. Little, Wadesboro, N. C. will be appreciated.

Central Methodist Church

REV. R. H. DAUGHERTY, Pastor.

Sunday School9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship11:00 A. M.
Evening Worship7:30 P. M.
Prayer Service Wed.7:30 P. M.

Several friends of the pastor from Charlotte and from Winston-Salem were among those attending divine worship Sunday morning. The Sunday School Workers Council had with them last Thursday night for supper the members of the Baraca and Philathen classes and the members of L. B. Kent's class. The latter class won over all others in the matter of attendance. A very elaborate and appetizing menu was served under the direction of J. R. Hines to about one hundred people.

Miss Alma Webb Wins Prize in National Contest

Miss Alma Webb student of Meredith College Raleigh and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Webb, of this city by her skill in dress designing becomes one of sixteen prize winners in a national contest put on by the manufacturers of the CO-ED dresses, last fall. The contest was advertised in this paper by Harrison's dealer in the CO-ED dresses for this section and two contests were open for students of high schools and colleges, one in costume designing the other in newspaper advertising, sixteen prizes being offered in each division.

Miss Webb designed an evening dress which design was sent in by Mr. Harrison and her reward will be a CO-ED dress, she being one of nine winning third place.

When it is taken into consideration that the contest was open to students all over the United States including those from schools of design and that those who have had special training in costume designing were among the contestants it is indeed creditable to Miss Webb to be among the winners.

Welch Property Goes on Market

Trust Department of Bank of Mount Airy Announces Date For Sale of Real Estate.

All real estate of the late G. C. Welch will be offered the public at an auction sale to be held on Thursday, Feb. 2nd, the sale being conducted by the executors of the will—the Trust Department of the Bank of Mount Airy. The bank is carrying out the wish of the deceased as expressed in the will which provided that his property should be converted into money as soon as practical and divided among his heirs.

The sale will start at 1:30 P. M. and the first property offered will be the Bowman and Wagoner building on Main Street in the heart of the business section of the city. At the same time and place 10 shares of stock in the Bank of Mount Airy and two shares in the G. C. Welch Co., will be sold.

At 2 P. M. the Welch block on South Main Street will be sold, and from there the auctioneer will go to the home place on Church Street where it will be sold together with several vacant lots in the rear.

Nine cottage houses in Highland Park and Marshall Heights will be sold at 3 P. M.

The news that the Welch property has been placed on the market is creating much interest among real estate circles of the city as this is one of the largest sales of real estate held here and the results will be watched with interest.

Farmers of Westfield Section Have Important Call

Westfield, Jan. 16.—Rufus Farmer was buried here today in the Baptist cemetery. He left this place about eight years ago and lived four miles from Kernersville. Was found dead by some one of his family in his tobacco basement late Saturday evening, supposed to have died of heart failure. His wife died about four years ago, leaves three children all grown. Services were conducted by Elder Pruitt. Mr. Farmer had many friends in this neighborhood and a large gathering was present at the funeral.

John Christian and Eugene Pepper will address the Westfield farmers Friday evening Jan 20th in the school auditorium at 7 o'clock. Be sure to come, matters of vital importance to the farmers will be discussed, something besides talk has to be done if we continue to raise tobacco in this country. Manufacturers are getting rich and farmers getting poorer.

Curtis Bynum, of Asheville, spent this afternoon looking over this country accompanied by R. T. Joyce.

Miss Hattie Lowe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lowe, married Mr. Roy Inman during the holidays. They are at home with the bride's parents.

L. L. Lowe has opened a nice little store and filling station on East Broadway.

John Hunter is going to start a big closing out sale Wednesday at his store here.

Miss Vera Soyars, our fine mail carrier, has commenced a nice home on West Broadway.

T. J. Hatcher has returned from a trip to South Carolina where he purchased 200 sheep. Mr. Hatcher has the sheep on a farm near this city but will probably place them across the mountain later on.

Happenings Twenty-one Years Ago

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

The work at the Baptist Mission is progressing rapidly, the walls are up, the roof is being put on and it is hoped to hold services in the building in two weeks.

Mrs. E. H. Kochtitzky and little daughter have returned from a visit to relatives in Greensboro.

Miss Mary Fulton entertained a number of her friends on Friday evening. A literary contest was the feature of the evening. Miss Effie Ashby won the prize, a dainty volume of poems.

S. A. Hennis has awarded the contract for the erection of a handsome stone residence on North Main to Lee Jones.

Clem Wrenn Began Sentence Tuesday

Former Wilkesboro Banker Assigned to Chair Factory at Prison.

Raleigh, Jan. 18.—Clem Wrenn, former North Wilkesboro banker, is today learning to weave chair bottoms in the chair factory of the State Prison here, as his first day of hard labor in serving the sentence of from nine to twelve years imposed upon him by the court. Wrenn was found guilty on a number of charges in connection with the failure of the bank with which he was connected in North Wilkesboro.

Wrenn arrived at the State Prison just before supper time last night, accompanied by his two brothers and a deputy sheriff. His face was pale and drawn, and though quite nervous, he went through the routine of being photographed, for the prison records, of being finger printed and assigned his prison clothing and cell without breaking down. He had nothing to say. His prison number is 21148.

Because Wrenn is said to be in poor health, he will be kept here at Central Prison for several weeks, perhaps two or three months, where a careful check-up can be made of his physical condition, according to Dr. J. H. Norman, warden of the prison. If his health improves and it is found that he is capable of heavier labor than that in the chair factory it is likely that he will be sent to Caledonia Prison Farm.

Since it is the policy of the present administration not to grant paroles to those convicted of breaking the State banking laws, except under the most extenuating circumstances, it would appear that Wrenn was due to remain in prison for quite an interrupted period.

It is understood that Wrenn's defalcations in the North Wilkesboro bank, and the revelations that followed as a result of his trial, will cause the State Banking Department and its examiners to spend weeks in unravelling all the various ramifications. It has been reported that other prosecutions might result.

Car Overturns With Fatal Result

Arthur Kemp, young white man of Pilot Mountain, died in Martin Memorial hospital Sunday night after suffering for 24 hours from injuries received when a car turned over an embankment between Pilot Mountain and Westfield on Saturday night. He and two other young men were approaching a bridge, the road leading down grade and in some way the car left the road and plunged down a steep embankment, pinning the Kemp man beneath it. His body was badly crushed and nothing could be done to relieve his injuries.

Lebanon Street Property Sold

The Mrs. Frank Taylor home place on Lebanon Street was sold at auction Wednesday afternoon and was purchased by A. J. Bondurant for \$3800.00. The lot is 80 feet by 300 and has a large two-story house on it. The property is being closed out to make a settlement with the heirs of the late Mrs. Taylor. The sale of Mrs. Bondurant remains open for 20 days for additional bids and if there are none at the end of that time it is expected that the sale will be confirmed.

Three Stores Being Remodeled

The Carter-Walker furniture company is improving the appearance of their store by lowering the floor of their show window making it level with the main floor and refinishing it inside with a very attractive new finish.

J. G. Harrison is preparing for the spring trade in ready-to-wear and millinery by increasing the space devoted to these departments, his improvements include two triple mirrors one on either side of the store, a glass case for perishable dresses, such as delicate colored evening dresses and light spring shades, and new racks for ready-to-wear and additional space for millinery. The fitting rooms have also been enlarged.

Work is progressing nicely on the remodeling of the ready-to-wear floor at the Hawks-Boyles store. During the remodeling the trade is being cared for in the basement where racks have been provided for the dresses and coats and shelf space for other goods. Miss Martha Saunders has gone north to join Mrs. W. E. Jackson and together they will select new stock for the spring trade. Miss Jeffries and others are ready to serve their patrons during the absence of the buyers.

Young Men of Friends Church Give Banquet For Ladies

About ninety young ladies and young men of the Friends Church enjoyed a banquet in the class rooms of the church Thursday evening the young men being hosts to the young ladies. The banquet was the result of a contest put on in the early fall and running through the remainder of the year in which the ladies won in attendance and increased membership by about 85 points.

The losers paid well for their failure by providing a sumptuous menu of roast chicken and all that goes with it and cake and ice cream for dessert. The affair proved to be a very delightful one and was greatly enjoyed by both the winners and the losers.

Quick Action of Boys Saves Three

Winston-Salem, Jan. 17.—Several boys saved the lives of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Williams and child of Wauhtown Street Extension, Monday by flagging a freight train near Ogburn station on the N. and W. Railway when the Williams car turned over an embankment falling on the railroad track with the family pinned under the car. The boys who were out walking saw their plight and flagged the train which was stopped about thirty feet from the overturned car. H. Daugherty, of Waltons road camp, was arrested charged with being responsible for the car leaving the road as he is said to have run around the Williams car forcing it off the road. He was also charged with driving while intoxicated and reckless driving. No serious injury was sustained by the Williams family.

Rules and Prizes For History Contest

Purpose
This contest is being held for the purpose of stimulating interest in Surry County History, and especially for the purpose of getting together some of our most interesting historical facts in manuscript form that these may be preserved in a more accessible form than they now are and before many of them which have never been recorded at all are lost altogether.

Who May Enter
This contest shall be open to any and all high school pupils of Surry County.

Prizes
There will be a first prize of \$5.00 and a second prize of \$2.50.

Subject Matter
The above prizes will be awarded to the high school pupil who prepares the best and the second best paper on Surry County History, or some incident or phase of Surry County History. Papers should not be more than 2,000 words long and will be judged mainly from the following points:

1. Value of Historical Matter related.
 2. Style of composition and originality of execution.
 3. General neatness of the paper.
- New Award Will Be Made
Contestants will work under the di-

Mt. Airy Overalls Growing Popular

Local Manufacturing Concerns Enjoying Growing Patronage — "American Ace" Brand Proving Popular.

A. V. West, president of the Mount Airy Overall Co., of this city, recently return from a business visit to several points in this state and South Carolina in the interest of his concern. He returned with many promises of future orders and his company is preparing for increasing business during the coming months. Production of overalls by this enterprise was gotten under way the first of August when the first shipment was made and since that time the have been added to the company's customers more than 250 concerns located in eight states.

The product is manufactured on an absolute guarantee of satisfaction or a new garment in return for any defective one, and Mr. West states that in the large number they have shipped only one has slipped by their inspectors as being defective, which was immediately replaced. One of the most promising signs Mr. West finds is the number of repeat orders that are coming in, many of their customers having made three and four orders.

The first line of Overalls to be put on the market was known as the "Winesap," but two other lines have been added. The "American Ace" will be the leader and Mr. West declares it to be the best overall, without any exception, that is made from 2.50 denim. The trade name has been copyrighted and the label that has been designed is proving to be a popular feature as it shows an airplane of the Lindbergh type "zooming" down out of the heavens, and by the side of it is the brand "American Ace." At a time when all branches of business are rushing to the patent office with new trade names Mr. West considers it fortunate for his concern that they were able to be the first to secure the copyright on so popular a name as the leading name for their best overall line.

The "American Ace" line will be high class overall and is also made with coats to match, sizes for both boys and men. A medium priced line is also being put on the market with the copyrighted name of "King Cotton." It too will be a high quality garment however although at a lesser price.

Mr. West is pleased with the progress being made in the increased production by his force of hands and more will be added as the business increases.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Burke spent Sunday in Greensboro where they heard Gipsy Smith and visited relatives. They were accompanied by Mrs. W. S. Taylor who remained there for a visit.

rection of their History teacher in each school. All papers must be numbered and the teachers should prepare a key to the papers according to number so that the author of each paper may be easily identified. The names of contestants should not appear on papers. The teachers in each school will decide which paper is best in her class and will indicate her decision by marking paper "Best". Then she will forward all papers and the key to their authorship to the County Historian, Mrs. J. L. Wells, Mount Airy, N. C., who will have the best papers of all schools submitted to a committee of three who, will decide on the winners of the first and second prizes. No papers will be returned to the writers but will become the property of the County Historian and will be filed as a part of the County Historical property.

This committee of three reserves the right to look over all the papers of any school and to reverse the decision of any teacher as to the best paper of that school if in their judgment the teacher has made an error in making her selection.

Time Limit of Contest
All papers must be in the hands of the County Historian not later than the 15th of April, 1928. The award will be made at the County Commencement which will be held about the first of May.