

Republicans Select New Chairman

W. M. Jackson Will Try To Oust Democrats—Plans to Wage Warm Campaign.

The Republicans of this county completed their county organization at Dobson last Saturday by the selection of their county executive committee and a county chairman. Three men were in the minds of the delegates as chairman for the coming campaign—Vestal Taylor, Dr. H. Bernard and W. M. Jackson. Dr. Bernard's friends pushed his candidacy, and Mr. Taylor was a receptive candidate but the task of piloting the G. O. P. ship this fall was finally delegated to W. M. Jackson, attorney of Dobson.

Mr. Jackson has already started a campaign of "whooping-up" the Republican voters of the county and declares that he and his assistants expect to make the contest warm for the Democrats in the coming election.

The executive committee from the 14 townships of the county consists of the following citizens: A. R. Mayes, W. W. Hampton, W. S. Hall, J. F. Carter, W. A. Gentry, J. H. Samuels, M. G. Sneed, Vestal Taylor, W. E. Eckenrod, W. M. Hiatt, R. L. Isman, D. E. Nelson, W. M. Matthews, J. M. Marion, J. R. Key, Arthur Becker, J. E. Inman and T. M. Chilton.

The convention also elected the delegates to the state and congressional conventions a list of them being published in the Dobson items elsewhere in this paper.

Former Citizen of Surry Passes Away

Joseph W. Chilton, formerly of Surry County, but recently of Guilford County departed this life Mar. 29, aged 57 years. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Mr. Haynes, formerly of Surry County at Vicks Chapel, March 31st at 2:30 p. m.

Interment took place in the church cemetery. Mr. Chilton taught several years in Surry's public schools.

Jurors For April Court At Dobson

The regular April term of Surry Superior Court will convene at Dobson on April 23rd for a two weeks term, for the trial of both criminal and civil cases. Criminal cases will be heard the first week. Judge Thomas J. Shaw of Greensboro will preside. The following jurors were drawn by the county commissioners Monday.

First week: J. A. Bondurant, W. O. Snow, G. P. Dockery, C. R. Boyles, W. H. Harrison, J. C. Gilliam, K. E. Beamer, J. M. Nichols, C. F. Melton, H. E. Taylor, B. L. Dunbar, M. S. Nichols, W. H. Jenkins, C. V. Winfrey, T. H. Mosser, E. L. Byrd, J. F. Fields, R. W. Davis, M. L. Gordon, S. F. Campbell, D. S. Hodge, C. H. Mooney, J. E. Davis, J. B. Transon, R. F. Dawson, J. A. Jackson, H. L. Gardner, Bausley Beasley, C. C. Hutchens, W. S. Lovell, Tilden Ramsey, W. Fulton W. W. Anthony, W. W. Thomas, C. L. Smith, Elbert Ends.

Second week: J. D. Minick, W. F. Nixon, W. L. Hanes, A. S. Lawson, Robt. Wilmoth, C. France, W. B. Stone, Y. W. Simmons, H. K. Swanson, J. M. York, Cleve Robertson, C. B. Wall, Henry Wolfe, S. M. Stone, W. H. Moore, M. L. Dockery, Joe M. Hiatt, S. R. Reeves.

Mount Airy Girl Wins School Honors

Miss Annie Deatherage, of Rock High school, won out in the county contest for the honor of representing Surry County in the International Oratorical Contest being sponsored by the Raleigh News and Observer. Miss Deatherage will go to Winston-Salem on April 20th to enter a contest with representatives of the counties of the Northwest District with the hope of winning the honor of representing the district in a similar contest at Raleigh on May 11 for state wide honors. The winner of first place at Raleigh will receive \$100.00 in cash and the honor of entering the national contest at Washington, D. C., on May 25th. The international contest will be held in Washington on October 13th. All the winners in the eight national contests will be given a trip to Europe and the Olympic Games at Amsterdam in 1928.

Junior Order To Raise Flag Over High School Building

Impressive Ceremony Will Take Place Easter Monday At 3 P. M.

Mount Airy's high school building on South Main street will be the scene of most fitting exercises Easter Monday afternoon, beginning at 3 P. M. when the local Junior Order will formally raise the United States flag above the building and present the school authorities with a copy of the Holy Word. It has always been the custom and practice of the Junior Order all over the country to hold such an exercise upon the completion of any new building of education when asked to do so, and this ceremony will be held Monday afternoon at the request of the citizens and school authorities of our city.

The Junior Order of Mount Airy is the strongest fraternal organization in the city, having a membership of more than 500, and has always taken a keen interest in the educational affairs of the city. The members will

assemble in their hall at 2 P. M. and march to the school building in a body where they will meet the citizens of the city there gathered and the exercises will be carried out according to a well arranged and interesting program.

A large new Bible will be presented to the school on behalf of the Junior Order by Rev. E. H. Daugherty, pastor of Central Methodist Church, and Supt. L. E. Pendergraph will accept it for the school. Following this the flag of the United States will be unfurled and hoisted on the flag pole by members of the Junior Order. The presentation address on unfurling of the flag will be delivered Hon. J. H. Folger. The exercises will be interspersed with the singing of national airs by the members of the Junior Order and the audience.

The public is cordially invited to attend this exercise and those who have the matter in hand will greatly appreciate the cooperation of the citizens of the city on this occasion.

New Concern Takes Over Bark Business

The Mount Airy Lumber & Tie Co. of this city is a new concern recently organized for the purpose of buying and shipping tan bark, acid wood and railroad ties from this point. They will have their place of business and yards at the old lumber sheds, having secured this property from the International Lumber Co. I. L. Lyons, who has been buying ties and bark in this city for two years, will manage the new company and has advertised for the purchase of bark and wood with delivery beginning April 16th. The International people will no longer buy bark and wood at this place they having entered into a contract to buy the stocks of the new concern.

Hospital News

Miss Lula B. West, superintendent of Martin Memorial hospital will attend a meeting of the State Board of Nurse Examiners in Raleigh, Monday.

Miss Nell Wright is visiting her sister M. Mary Wright at the University of Richmond, Richmond, Va. J. D. McCollum, who was stricken with a sudden illness and fell at his place of business Monday morning is improving.

Sam Owen, Jr., six years old, suffered a broken arm by a fall at his home Wednesday. The injured lad was brought to the hospital where the injury was treated.

Mrs. W. T. Lester is recovering from an operation performed several days ago. Mr. Lester is with the A. & Y. offices and they reside here.

B. F. Ledford is doing nicely after submitting to an operation on Wednesday.

Royal Arch Members Enjoy Buffet Lunch

The meeting of the chapter of Royal Arch Masons held Tuesday night was featured by serving of a buffet lunch which had been prepared under the direction of High Priest M. A. Pendleton. So well did the members enjoy the occasion that it was voted to serve a lunch at each meeting of the chapter. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred and the next meeting will be to confer the Royal Arch.

Happenings Twenty-one Years Ago

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

Cana News—Lee Jenkins was in this section last week trying to get men to go to work on the N. & W. railroad near Norfolk, Va. He offered them \$1.40 per day.

Quite a number of young people went up to Kibler to spend the day on Monday, notwithstanding the winds blew keen and cold from the snow covered mountains. Others drove out to Sulphur Springs and other places.

B. M. McGee and J. B. Sparger have been appointed to assess the property in this township.

The children of the graded school in this city gave an entertainment Friday evening that brought forth

Something New — Martin's Fish Fry

The auction sale of the building lots near the Granite City Orchard Co., north of Mount Airy on Easter Monday will be featured by a fish fry, the first of that particular affair to ever be held in this city. The Land Co., with Edw. M. Linville, D. S. Hodge and Martin Bennett as managers, will have charge of the sale of the lots, as advertised in this issue elsewhere, but Martin's two partners have left the fish fry business up to him. Ed and Duce say that they are going to sell the lots and that Martin will have to look after the fry. These lots are located on a new road that has recently been built through the orchard property and connects the Springs road with the Wards Gap.

Knights Templars To Attend Easter Service

The Knights Templar will meet in a body to attend service at Trinity Episcopal Church Easter Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. All Sir Knights are asked to come to the lodge room in full uniform in time to march to the church for this service. Every Sir Knight is urged to attend as this is the third anniversary of our prelate, the Rev. Arthur E. Marshall, the minister of Trinity Episcopal Church.

S. P. U. Men Take Service Course

G. S. Hawkins and T. J. Brinley, service men for the Southern Public Utilities Co., of this city, have returned from taking a week's course of instruction in the care and servicing of Kelvinator electric refrigerators. The school was conducted in Greensboro and attended by many service men of the S. P. U. system. The two local men made splendid records in their work and Supt. Whitlock now has two fully trained mechanical experts for rendering service on any kind of electrical machine.

Easter services will be held at Mount Bethel Moravian Church graveyard next Sunday at 10.30 a. m. and at Willow Hill Moravian Church at 2.30 p. m.

C. C. Creveling spent Tuesday in Winston-Salem, on business.

Miss Emma Johnson Bride of H. C. Foster

The marriage of Miss Emma Johnson, second daughter of J. E. Johnson, editor of this paper, and Mrs. Johnson, to Mr. Harry C. Foster which took place in Cincinnati, Ohio, Wednesday of last week was made known to the family by a long distance message to Mrs. Johnson the day of the ceremony, however it was not announced until this week at the request of the bride who preferred to wait until she and Mr. Foster arrived here to spend the Easter season with her parents.

Mrs. Foster has spent several weeks in the state of Ohio and that section of the country traveling ahead of the U. S. Army band for which she recently toured several of the larger cities of this state as booking agent and later as advance agent making final plans for their band concert. Mrs. Foster took up this work recently following a number of years spent in Chautauque work having at different times been connected with the Continental Lyceum Bureau, the Radcliffe and the Redpath Chautauque companies. She was director of the latter company at the time she undertook booking engagements for the band last fall.

She was educated in the Mount Airy High school and specialized in voice and piano in Atlanta, Ga., and later in New York in preparation for her Chautauque work.

Mr. Foster is a prosperous business man of St. Louis and they will make that city their home after a visit to the home of her parents in this city.

Mr. Woodruff Will Address Woman's Club

The regular meeting of the Mount Airy Woman's Club will be held in the Community Building Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. W. E. Woodruff, of Mount Airy and Lowgap, will be the speaker of the afternoon and the members are assured an interesting and helpful half hour as Mr. Woodruff's reputation as a speaker is well known. The usual business will be dispensed with and new officers will be elected. The entire membership of the club is urged to be present.

Winston-Salem Concern Buys Welch Property

Jos. A. Eads, real estate and insurance agent of this city, this week closed a deal whereby the Winston Trading Co., of Winston-Salem, became the owners of the Welch block on South Main Street. This property was sold at auction some weeks ago by the executors of the Welch estate but the sale was never confirmed. Since then Mr. Eads purchased the property and this week sold it to the above Winston-Salem concern. The new owners have made no statement as to what use they will make of the property.

Schools Have Easter Holidays

The local schools will dismiss their pupils Thursday afternoon and reassemble for work Tuesday morning thus enjoying four days holiday.

The out-of-town teachers will for the most part visit their homes or friends in other cities during this vacation.

Spring Festival

Students of Franklin school, under the direction of Miss Pearl Hatcher, are preparing an excellent program to be rendered in the school auditorium Friday evening.

No admission will be charged and the patrons and friends of the school are invited.

Doss-Loftis Marriage Announced

The marriage of Miss Ethel Doss to Robert Loftis, which took place in Hillsville, Va., March 7 was made known the first of the month when the bride resigned her position with the Parks-Balk Co. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Doss, of route 2 and is an attractive young lady. The groom is employed with the granite corporation and they will occupy an apartment in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Worth McKenna, on route 2.

There will be no services at the First Baptist Church Sunday at 11 a. m. but at 7.30 p. m. the choir will give a program of Easter music to which the public is invited.

Training Class Visiting Schools

By Henry C. Hampton

Dobson, April 2.—The Surry County Teacher Training Class is visiting in the various schools of the county this week. These young people are all graduates of standard high schools and during the past term have been taking the Teacher Training Course offered by the State Department of Education, located at Dobson. They have studied the theory of teaching using some of the best references the country affords. They have observed others teach and have done their practice teaching in the Dobson school under the supervision of the instructor sent out by the State Department of Education. During the next two weeks they will observe and teach in the following schools. At Copeland school with Prof. Arthur Graham as principal, Lillie Whittington will do second grade work, Thelma Baker fourth grade work, Beulah Marion fifth grade work and Spencer Norman seventh grade work.

At Flat Rock school, with Prof. Morgan Stanley as principal, Pauline Martin will do second grade work, Alice Norman third grade.

At Franklin school with Prof. McLeod as principal, Mrs. Leota Poore will do second grade work, Almarie Inman third grade, Capitola Belmont fourth grade and Mrs. Alene Moore fifth grade.

At Salem school with Prof. Belem as principal, Marie Gwyn will do third grade work.

At Beulah school with Prof. Saunders as principal Stella Ramsey will do fifth grade work.

At Elkin school with Prof. J. H. Allred as principal, Lee Thompson will do sixth grade work, and Frank Freeman will do seventh grade work.

At Pilot Mountain school with Prof. Carro as principal Myrtle Needham will do second grade work.

In order that the work of these two weeks might be most effective the Teacher Training Class invited the principals and teachers with whom they were to work, to visit them on last Friday afternoon. Here the work was discussed after which a social hour was enjoyed, sandwiches and tea were served, and candy favors representing candle sticks were presented to the guests with the wish that during the next two weeks they would be a guiding light to these student teachers.

Surry County Man Now Commander At Fort Bragg

Siloam, April 1.—It will be interesting to the people of this section to learn that Col. H. W. Butner a former citizen of this section has been placed in command at Fort Bragg succeeding General Bowley. Mr. Butner is the son of Frank Butner and was reared at Stony Point a few miles from this village. He graduated at West Point in 1897 and comes to his position as a well trained commander. The people of this community will rejoice when they hear that one of their Southern Surry County boys has been placed in command of Fort Bragg.

Prof. Arthur Graham, principal of Copeland High school made a business trip to Dobson today.

The Loyal Volunteer Band of the Hills Grove Church has again wakened up to their sense of duty. Claude Plinckham, president of the band, says that he will devote a large part of his time to this work and he wants to help Christianize Surry County. "We want to put old Surry on a more Christian standard than she now stands." They will visit different churches wherever they are invited and will do their utmost to promote Christianity. They make known the following announcements: New Home Yadin County Sunday afternoon, April 22, at 3.00 p. m. New Life Sunday afternoon April 29 at 3.00 p. m.

Rev. G. A. Tucker of this section preached at Sulphur Springs Sunday at 11.00 o'clock.

Notice To Teachers

The annual examination for applicants for teachers' certificates will be held in the Court House at Dobson Tuesday and Wednesday April 10th and 11th, beginning at 9 a. m. on Tuesday.

R. S. Hamilton, Supl.
Surry County Schools.

Superintendent Pendergraph On Mt. Airy's School Needs

Mount Airy Public Schools, Office of Superintendent, April 4th, 1928.

Fellow Citizens:

In my previous articles I have tried to place before you the school system of Mount Airy in comparison with other cities of our rank. You have a splendidly organized system with efficient teachers in charge. I have endeavored to show the urgent need for the provisions made possible by the pending election. Your schools are crowded; the debt has accumulated; the tax levy is not sufficient to maintain your schools in keeping with your city. We are operating your schools on much less per capita than the average city of our rank. You are getting value received for the money invested in the education of your children.

This week, as the registration books close next Saturday, April 7, I wish to appeal to the citizens to prepare to stand by their schools in the coming election in order that there may be no retrenchment in the education of your children.

I shall also discuss briefly the importance of education generally. Education for the children of all the people constitutes America's noblest contribution to civilization. No child or youth should be deprived of the benefits of the best schools suited to his age and degree of advancement. The welfare of this State and Nation depends upon the training and character of our citizenship. The education of our children should be nearer the hearts of the people than any other single public interest.

"Without vision the people perish." Without education there can be little vision. More than anything else, men and women need the capacity to see with a clear eye and to contemplate with open, unprejudiced mind the issues of these times.

Some people may become very much alarmed over the fact that our schools cost more now than they did some years ago. Of course they cost more. There are more children in

the city; more of them are attending school; the schools have become better in every way. The schools are costing more because the value of the dollar has depreciated. The cost of our schools has not increased in proportion to the cost of living. Is it fair to assume that when living costs increase, the cost of education must remain stationary? It must be remembered, however, by those who are becoming alarmed over the increased cost of our schools that the wealth of the city has been increasing more rapidly than has school cost.

Many a man in business fails because he does not put money enough into his business to make it pay. He starts out with poor equipment and employs incompetent help. There is so much waste that the man soon goes into bankruptcy. The same rule will apply in operating a school system. Our schools cannot be maintained at the present standard with poor equipment and incompetent teachers and supervisors.

If schools are to recognize the needs of all the classes of pupils, and give pupils a training that will insure their becoming successful and valuable citizens, they must give work that will not only make the pupils strong physically and morally and give them the right attitude towards the state and their neighbors, but that will as well give them enough control over their material environment to enable them to be economically independent.

Our many-sided life has given us so many problems that there is danger of losing touch with the fundamental things in our community and state. Therefore, I call upon the citizens of Mount Airy to dedicate themselves anew to the great task of improving their schools; to consider in a public way the big problems of education, and to join in appreciation of its achievements.

With best wishes for your happiness and success, I remain
Very truly yours,
L. B. Pendergraph,
Superintendent of Schools.