

Surry Democrats To Name Their Choice For President This Saturday

Mass Convention Meets at Dobson at 1 P. M. Saturday—Hull Forces Will Demand Instructed Delegates According to Vote of Convention.

The final struggle in this county between the Smith and Hull forces will take place at Dobson Saturday afternoon in the mass convention called to meet there by County Chairman A. D. Folger. There is already evidence of maneuvering for advantageous positions by both sides and so acute is the situation that it is expected that Chairman Folger will remain in charge and preside over the convention. In the past it has been his custom to call upon some Democratic spokesman of the county to preside over the conventions but he is hardly expected to pursue that course Saturday, for it would be hard for him to select a presiding officer that would meet the approval of both contending factions.

Attorney E. C. James of Elkin was in the city last Saturday for a few hours conferring with local Hull supporters. Mr. James is taking the lead against the Smith campaign in his part of the county and came over to confer about the situation around Mount Airy. And then the first of the week saw Attorney John C. Wallace of Winston-Salem making a trip through the county urging the anti-Smiths to be sure and attend the convention at Dobson and not run any chance of the Smith forces gaining the delegates to Raleigh. Mr. Wallace has been a strong supporter of Hull from the beginning and sees in him the outstanding Democrat of the nation that is available for the presidential nomination.

City May Do More Paving

People and Business Men to Get Satisfaction—Petition Filed for Paving

Citizens living on East Poplar and Elmwood streets have petitioned the city to pave these streets during the summer. This was brought to the attention of the town commissioners Tuesday night and they set June 8th as the time to pass upon the petition. A majority of the property holders on each of these streets has signed the necessary petition and it is likely that the work will be authorized.

The city adopted its regular license list for the year beginning July 1st. The list remains practically as last year with a few increases. The legislature has set the license figure according to the population of the towns and in the case of Mount Airy the list has been figured on the old census rate of about 5,000 people. But now the special D. S. census of 1923 will be used which gives the city an official population of 5,914, thus permitting an increase in the special tax rate in some cases.

Attorney J. H. Folger was instructed by the board to bring to the attention of the A. & Y. railway officials the condition of the dry bridge. Some weeks ago workmen repaired the bridge, but the job has proven anything but satisfactory and is not in keeping with the city's needs. Mayor Snyder and Mr. Folger are to confer with the railroad people and get the objection to the present condition corrected.

Promoting Better School Grounds

Cash Prize to be Awarded Country Schools for Best Progress

The county board of education Monday was asked to award a cash prize of \$25.00 to the country school which makes the most progress in the improvement of its grounds during the next 12 months. This prize is being furnished by the Teacher Training Class of the Dobson High school. All over the county there are to be seen new school buildings, modern and a credit to any community, but there has been no provision made by the county authorities to improve the grounds. The county has felt that all it could do was to build and equip the buildings and the matter of improving the grounds has been left to the parents at each school. If these parents could set some day and gather at the school in a body with their teams and shovels and scrapes they could soon place their grounds in a good condition and not place a hardship on any one. To encourage such progress the members of the training class are offering the prize mentioned above.

Legalized Primary Gets Little Attention in Surry County

Boonville Takes Hard Fought Game

Playing six-fifths ball the Boonville team took the second game of a three series schedule in this city Wednesday by a score of three and nothing. Errors in the early part of the game allowed Boonville her three runs and the remainder of the game was a pitcher's duel between Money and Stone. Boonville's infield was working fast and the local boys when they did connect with Stone's fast curves, found it hard to get on base. Money's serving of a variety of curves to the visiting batsmen was a feature of the game. A fast one would come by—too fast for the batsmen to swing at—then would follow a slow one, to the batsmen looking good for a homer, but as he struck it would drop in the plate before him.

This is the second contest between these teams. The first one was won by Mount Airy. And the third and final game between them will be played Saturday at 2:00 in this city. With Mount Airy and Boonville vying for each of the past games the contest Saturday promises to be one of the closest of the season.

Who's Riding Clarke's Bicycle?

Yes, C. P. Clarke, up at the Mount Airy Drug Co., wants to know who is riding his bicycle. The same bicycle was two on hand for the delivery of packages and while one of the clerks was parked on the street Tuesday night some one deliberately rode it off—and with people passing to and fro—for it was missed between nine and ten. Mr. Clarke will pay a reward of \$10 for information sufficient to convict the guilty party and the return of the bicycle.

Aged Citizen Passes

Oliver Haymore, aged seventy-nine and a half years passed away at 6 a. m. Thursday following a lingering illness. The funeral will be conducted from the home of his son J. C. Haymore at 10 a. m. Friday and the remains laid to rest at Indian Grove cemetery. Mr. Haymore is survived by three children Mrs. John Caudy of Henderson, J. C. Haymore of this city and Mrs. Haymore of Danville, Va. Another daughter Mrs. Emmett Sawyers died some years ago.

Retiring Club President Gives Officers Luncheon

Mrs. C. C. Hale was hostess to the officers of the Mount Airy Woman's Club Wednesday at noon when a lovely four course luncheon was served. Covers were laid for six and the tempting menu was served by Mrs. Hale's youthful house guests Misses Ellen and Virginia Griffin of Wilson.

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Funeral Will Be Conducted at Home on Pine Street Saturday Morning

The funeral will be conducted at the home on Pine Street Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock by Rev. E. H. Daugherty and Rev. D. Vance Price and the burial at Oakdale cemetery where the Masonic order will conduct the services.

"John T." as he was popularly known, was a man who proved faithful to his trust, was true to his friends, always standing loyally by them, and was a great lover of his home and family. His passing brings sorrow and grief into the hearts of a host of friends in the city and surrounding country, and the family has the deepest sympathy of this large host.

Funeral of Guy M. Thompson Held Monday

The remains of Guy M. Thompson who died in the government hospital Oteen, near Asheville, Friday were brought here for interment and the funeral held in the First Baptist Church Monday morning with Rev. B. J. Willis, pastor of the Haymore Memorial Baptist Church officiating. Mr. Thompson was a native of this place and a son of Tommy J. Thompson. He volunteered for service and spent fourteen months in government camps during the World War and it is thought that he contracted tuberculosis during that time. His health has failed rapidly during the past year and five weeks ago he left for Oteen hoping against hope to build up and become strong again. Through his entire illness he maintained such a cheerful spirit that his death was quite a shock to his family though they realized that he was in a serious condition.

He united with the Baptist Church when sixteen years of age and remained a faithful member to the end. Surviving are his father, step-mother, and the following brothers and sisters Mrs. Bud Allred, Westfield; Mrs. Charles Esie, Manchester, N. H.; Mrs. R. L. Reeves, route one; Miss Willie Thompson, High Point; Mrs. Simpson, Miss Klein, Woodrow and Max Thompson of this city.

The remains were carried to Lowap for burial.

Dodge Dealers Banquet at Blue Ridge Hotel

Dodge automobile dealers enjoyed a banquet at the Blue Ridge Hotel this city Tuesday evening. Three representatives of the head office in Winston-Salem were present together with a representative from each of the following towns, North Wilkesboro, Elkin, Boonville, Thomasville, Madison, Walnut Cove and West Jefferson and Messrs. D. S. Hodge and Spurgeon Belton of this city. Covers were laid for twelve and five courses were served.

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Happenings Twenty-one Years Ago

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

The marriage of Mr. Charles Taylor and Miss Elizabeth Jones took place at the home of the bride's parents in this city Tuesday evening at nine o'clock in the presence of a few relatives and friends. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. O. Key of Pilot Mountain, an uncle of the bride. The couple left Wednesday morning for an extended trip to Jamestown and other points.

It is with pleasure that we note the rise of Dr. G. W. Mosier to prominence in the medical world. He was born and reared in the hills of Surry down on Mitchell's river. First he clerked in a store in Winston and then taught school while he prepared himself for entering a medical college. When his education was completed he became a general practitioner in this county and was located at Kappa Hill and later at Elkin. For the past four years he has devoted much study to the diseases of the stomach and intestines. He has just moved to Greensboro and in the future will specialize on diseases of digestion.

The Baptist people of this city will lay the corner stone to their new house of worship on North Main street on July 4th with appropriate exercises. The work of laying the heavy foundation is now almost complete. The rock and sand is now on the ground and the walls will soon begin to rise. Prof. W. L. Potat, president of Wake Forest College will take part in the program. Dr. H. A. Brown will make the address. At night Prof. Potat will deliver a popular address in the opera house.

Messrs. Oscar Yokley, and Jerry and John Reeves returned to this city Friday from the University of North Carolina where they were students during the past term.

The people of Dobson have secured an order for another election for \$25,000 stock in the Statesville Air Line. The election will be held July 10th.

The new street sprinkler has arrived and was tested the first of the week. With new sidewalks and improved streets secured, and this handsome sprinkler to keep down the dust our people may feel that we are taking a stride toward progress.

Dog Not Rabid

Friends of the family of R. E. Inman will learn with great pleasure that the state laboratory at Raleigh has made a favorable report on the dog's head sent there for examination stating that little Ed, Jr., would not have to take the Pasteur treatment.

While playing with other children near his home Saturday about noon the little 6-1-2 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Inman was bitten in the calf of the leg by a dog owned by a ~~George family living nearby~~. The dog was killed and its head sent to Raleigh for examination.

New Golf Course Is Now Open

Club House Completed and Professional in Charge of Property

The golf course of the Mount Airy Country Club was this week formally opened for playing and all members who have paid their stock payments to date are privileged to use the course at any time. The rules of the club do not permit playing by any except those persons who own stock in the association and are in good standing. A green fee will be charged all visitors living outside a radius of 10 miles of the city.

The directors of the club have secured the services of L. F. Davis, formerly associate pro of the Charlotte Country Club, and he will have charge of the up-keep of the grounds. He and Mrs. Davis arrived last week and will occupy quarters prepared for them in the club house. Several hands are now employed in putting the finishing touches on the greens and it is the plan of the officials to hold a public tournament about July 1st, and an all-day reception in the club house. At that time the public will be invited to attend and look over the property and follow the various four-comes that will take part in the tournament.

The club house has all the modern conveniences and is located on a knoll commanding a beautiful view of the surrounding country and overlooking Lovell's Creek and the spreading bottoms that continue on down the stream to the Fancy Gap road. An electric power line has been extended to the property and the house is equipped with all the modern electrical appliances. A large reception hall is provided for the conveniences of the members and their visiting friends, several doors opening from it to the porches that surround the building. One feature of the reception room is the handsome mantel that is constructed of Mount Airy granite. This particular piece of work was supervised by Mr. J. D. Sargent, president of the North Carolina Granite Corporation, and was a gift of his to the club. It gives the room a distinctive appearance and the members are grateful beyond words of expression for the mantel.

The Mount Airy Country Club was organized less than a year ago and today has an active list of 85 stockholders. More than 100 acres of land comprise the golf course, and professionals who have gone over the links pronounce it one of the sportiest in the state. The land is rolling in places and the river hills afford all the hazards and traps that are necessary to make a course interesting and snappy.

Young Men Hosts to Prospective Brides and Grooms

Young men friends of Rice Allen and Bally Glenn and their fiancées Misses Anna Bector and Nelle Folger were dinner hosts Monday at the Blue Ridge Hotel when covers were laid for eighteen. A tennis party followed the dinner.

MT. AIRY MAN BELIEVES BARGAINS WANTED

Local Merchant Stages Big Event

Believing that people know bargains when they see them, J. G. Harrison of Harrison's Department store, this city, has announced a great selling event, starting Friday morning and continuing until June 14.

Mr. Sullivan, sales expert representing Sullivan Sales Corporation of Charlotte is here to conduct this merchandise even. He stated that although they have held similar campaigns in practically every county in Western North Carolina, this is their first in "The Granite City", where they expect to make many friends among the buying public.

Mr. Harrison said today that he has endeavored to satisfy the demand of the public for bargains by placing values on his merchandise that will cause the people to supply their own needs now.

Forty packages of fine merchandise are to be thrown into the crowd behind the doors open Friday at 2 o'clock. Many other features are scheduled for Friday, Saturday and next week.