

Cow Thieves Are Caught

Wilkes Policemen May Have Men Who Are Responsible for Bold Thievery.

On last Saturday in the city of North Wilkesboro two policemen of that place, G. L. Gentry and Charlie Danley, brought about the arrest of two men who are suspected of being the ones who have been stealing the farmers' cows in Surry and Wilkes Counties for the past two months. At the time the two men were arrested they had a cow loaded on a truck and were said to have been on their way to Salisbury to dispose of the animal.

Cruising around North Wilkesboro the officers discovered the truck and thinking it was a liquor outfit they stopped to investigate. Two men who were waiting near the truck ran when the officers began to make inquiries. Inside the tightly drawn side curtains of the truck body they found a milk cow as the whole load, which turned out to be the animal of N. W. Piere, a citizen of North Wilkesboro, which had been stolen from a pasture. Previously other citizens of Wilkes had lost cows and they at once became interested. Investigation of the tag numbers on the truck revealed that it belonged to L. D. A. Peeler and John Snapps of Salisbury. On this information they were arrested in Salisbury. It was then that several citizens of Wilkes went to Salisbury and there found five cows that they identified as having been stolen from them.

In addition to the Wilkes citizens several citizens of Surry have had animals stolen from them. Mr. Pete Beamer a few weeks ago lost two fine milk cows, so did Vander Cave of Dobson and Sheppard Draughn of White Plains.

Peeler at one time was in the mercantile business at High Rock, near Salisbury, being associated with a Lowgap man. At one time he carried a truck load of goods to Lowgap consisting mostly of overalls, and the price he asked for them was so cheap that the Lowgap stores became suspicious of the transaction and would not purchase the goods.

Interest in the capture of these men has spread throughout this entire part of the state as the theft of the farmers' cows had become a serious problem.

Bad Accident Beyond Galax

Galax, Va., Nov. 20.—Three persons were killed and several injured in a train wreck near Fries Junction, Va., last Friday. Miss Mayme Carpenter is in the hospital at Galax, Va., with fractured skull and crushed body and Capt. F. B. Hall, railroad conductor suffered fractured ribs and his lungs were punctured by the broken bones. Both are in a serious condition. Jack Isom whose injuries were next in point of seriousness is doing nicely and several others have been discharged from the hospital. The injuries resulted from a collision between a freight and a passenger train. Miss Carpenter is 13 years old.

Mt. Airy Loses To Winston-Salem

Mount Airy's high school football team was eliminated from the state championship contest by a defeat at the hands of Winston-Salem in that city last Saturday, but while they were losing the game the local boys furnished the Camel City folks the thrill of their life when they saw their boys so near lose the game. The first half the Mount Airy team had all the advantage and gained six points. But the second half was unlucky for them and what is known in sports as the "breaks" all went against them, and it was during the closing moments of the game that Winston-Salem gained its 13 points and won the game. The large number of Mount Airy people who witnessed the game came back home still claiming that the Mount Airy team was the strongest and lost the game through "bad luck." The boys covered themselves with honor and gained praise from the Winston-Salem fans as well as from their home folks.

William Barnard, student at V. P. L. Blackburg, Va., will spend the coming week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Barnard.

New Home For Baptist Minister

Rev. A. T. Jacobs and Family in New Parsonage

Rev. I. T. Jacobs and family moved this week into the new parsonage of the First Baptist Church, formerly the C. W. Fulton home on Rawley avenue. A deal was recently made between the parsonage committee and Mr. Fulton by which an exchange of property was made and Mr. Fulton becomes the owner of the parsonage property on the same street, formerly occupied by the Rev. E. Gibson Davis and family, and the church takes over the larger residence formerly the Fulton home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulton are now occupying the former parsonage and will make it their home. For several months during which a deal was pending for a new and larger parsonage the Rev. Mr. Jacobs and family have resided on Cherry street.

Jay Marion Dies of Wounds

Jay Marion, nineteen year old son of J. M. Marion, of Rockford, who was reported in our last issue as being in a critical condition in Martin Hospital as the result of a fractured skull, resulting from his car turning over on a road near his home on Tuesday of last week, died Friday afternoon never having regained consciousness after the accident. The funeral was conducted at 1 p. m. Saturday and the remains laid to rest at Copeland. Rev. Messrs Stanley, of Mount Airy and Cooley of Galax, Va., officiated and the funeral was attended by about a thousand people.

Miss Ethel Brim Bride of William Spencer

Miss Ethel Brim became the bride of Mr. William Spencer, of near Cheraw, S. C., in a pretty ceremony performed in the home of her sister Mrs. James T. Grant in Chesterfield, S. C. with whom she made her home, Wednesday evening of last week. Following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Spencer motored to Charlotte where they spent the night, visiting relatives and friends here the latter part of the week and also visiting Galax, Va. and other points in this section. Mrs. Grant has many relatives and friends in this section who wish for her a long and happy married life. She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Brim, of this city and grew up here.

Oscar Atkins Sheriff of McDowell County

Oscar Atkins, brother of Cleve and Harvey Atkins of this city is fast making a name for himself in McDowell County where he went as a young man eighteen years ago. In the recent election he ran for sheriff on the democratic ticket and won by a majority of 546. While just a lad in this city young Atkins was a member of George W. Lee's Band of Covenanters, and after he went to another county he carried the fine principles which he had had instilled into him into his every day life and won the confidence and esteem of those with whom he came in contact as was demonstrated by his good majority in the recent election.

Thanksgiving Dinner Made Easy

The Nannie M. Bower circle of the Woman's Missionary society of the First Baptist Church will hold a Thanksgiving sale of food at Whitman's Music store next Wednesday Nov. 28 beginning at 10 a. m. They will sell dressed chickens, home-made cakes and pies, cranberry jelly, cheese straws, potato salad and candy. Patronize the ladies and by so doing you will find the work of preparing your Thanksgiving dinner much easier and you will assist them in meeting the obligations to which they are pledged.

"Wedding" at Westfield

You are cordially invited to attend the "Manless Wedding" of Mr. U. S. America and Miss Petite France which will be solemnized at the Westfield High school on Saturday evening Nov. 24th at 7:30 o'clock. Dr. Cure All will also be present on this occasion, so bring all your aches and pains along. This is sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Westfield Baptist Church, Admission 35 and 25c.

Public Sentiment Too Strong For Blockaders

Mountaineers Make Ready For Big Run and Secret Gets To Officers Who Destroy Their Still

Lost—a steam distillery all heated up and working, along with enough beer and other materials to make fifty or more gallons of as mean liquor as was ever served to a silly people. Deputy sheriff J. C. Ward of the county about 10 miles west of this city can tell the owners of the above property all about the loss if they will bother to ask him.

The genial deputy is a man of convictions and an officer who knows his duty as an officer and is not afraid to perform it. He was kind enough to furnish us the facts about this story thinking it would be news and a warning to others to keep out of trouble.

It is interesting to watch the criminal in his efforts to do his work and cover up his tracks. It is a fact that but few men of the criminal type are smart enough to cover up their tracks. So true is this in almost every case that it has become a saying that murder "will out." Which is a short way of saying that the murderer is never able to entirely cover his tracks and sooner or later he is caught. In the case reported by deputy Ward preparations had been going on for several days by three young men of the neighborhood. So quietly and so secretly did they do their work of preparation that they evidently thought they were keeping every thing to themselves. It would be news to them to know that long before they set up their still it was almost neighborhood news they were getting ready for a run. And yet no one knew any definite facts that had been told to him. But the young men in their preparation for business had to get together their materials, their steam outfit—it was a steam distillery, mind you, and their meal and sugar and containers. Now to any man of just ordinary sense it would be clear that all this would attract attention of those about the neighborhood, but it was a closed secret to the three young men as they thought. Knowing all this Deputy Ward had a pretty good idea what was going on, and knowing the lay of the land he thought he could give a good guess as to the location of a distillery if there really was one in operation. So alone he started out to explore the section of the neighborhood where he suspected the still to be. The first attempt to locate it was a failure, but not finding it the first time he made search in another direction and in a short time was rewarded for his pains. He walked right up

on a brand new outfit all ready for operation.

Knowing the ways of the wily blockader, he decided that a bit of patience would bring its reward, and so he secreted himself in a few yards of the distillery and waited. In a short time three young men of the neighborhood all well known to him, approached the distillery, discussed their plans in his hearing, doffed their coats, rolled up their sleeves and went to work. The fire was to start, the beer to put in the still and the many little things to do that no one understands but the seasoned blockader. In a little while the fire was going and nothing was left to do but wait until steam was up and the contraption of a still hot enough to turn out the desired fluid. So the young men rested and talked and waited for the liquor to begin to run. They discussed the probabilities of a raid, what they would do if an officer should dash up, how much they would be able to make out of the beer on hand and the chances for quick sale.

The officer had by this time waited quite awhile and tired of this part of the game. So he decided to let his presence be known and alone he approached. A pond had been made near the still from which to secure plenty of water and in their hurry to get away, two of the young distillers ran right into the pond, falling into the water and escaping on the far side from the officer. The third man made for the brush and in the excitement all three were able to get away. When deputy Ward saw that the birds had flown he returned and destroyed the distillery and all material on hand. Now he will have warrants issued and the young men will be made to answer to court for the part they played in this effort to beat the law.

Knowing the young men as he does the deputy is not surprised that they are thus tangled up with the law, for this is not their first experience in this line. To any one who knows the country and the people all this is not to be wondered at. Here and there about in all neighborhoods are a few men who are the kind to defy the law and annoy by making pests of themselves as the three young men in this story have done. There is no way out of such unfortunate situations but to rigidly enforce the law. Deputy Ward is one man who can be counted on to do his part as a citizen. And there are many more of his type. Thus the country is safe.

Street Decorations Attracted Notice Surry Loses Aged Citizen

That the street decorations carried out by this city for the past two Christmas seasons are well worth while is proven by the fact that this year the citizens of the town of Wytheville will follow the plan of Mount Airy and decorate their streets in a like manner. Last week a delegation of citizens from the Virginia town, headed by J. P. Long, Jr., visited Mount Airy and conferred with our business people, getting ideas and plans for putting on the same kind of decoration for Wytheville.

While here they purchased a sufficient quantity of evergreen decorations from the Blue Ridge Evergreen Co., to carry out the scheme. They said that the pleasing effect of the decorations of Mount Airy last year and the many favorable comments they had heard caused them to investigate and follow in Mount Airy's steps.

Plans are already going forward for the decoration of the streets here again this Christmas season.

Homestead Destroyed by Fire

Fire of an unknown origin destroyed the old Brower home place at Hamburg Tuesday afternoon. The place was owned by H. H. Llewellyn and had been vacant for some time. A few years ago it was purchased by the late E. B. McCargo, who remodeled the house and improved the property considerably. The house was insured for \$2,500.00.

Mrs. Sarah Soyars Alred, widow of H. V. Alred who departed this life about fifteen years ago, died at the home of her son Ves Alred near Antioch Monday aged 96 years 10 months and four days.

She was married in January 1851 and became the mother of eleven children six of whom with 26 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren survive her. She is also survived by the sister Mrs. G. P. Smith, of Austin, Texas.

The funeral was conducted from the Antioch Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon with Rev. J. W. Simmons a former pastor of the church officiating. Mr. Simmons was a warm personal friend of the family and of the deceased and conducted the funeral of Mr. Alred fifteen years ago. As age advanced and the old lady lost her hearing and her sight he was one of the few visitors who found a way to keep in touch with her. He learned to place a bible in her hand and trace his name with her finger so that she could call him by name and realize who he was. She was a member of the Methodist Church since early girlhood but years ago made the request that the Rev. Mr. Simmons conduct her funeral as he had that of her husband.

The T. E. L. class of the First Baptist Church will meet Tuesday evening at 7:30 with Mrs. Will Shelton, on Popular street.

Hog And Hominy Time In Surry

A Preacher Makes First Report on Big Hog Killing

With the coming of cold weather thoughts of hog and hominy have entered the minds of our readers in city and country alike. This means the bristling of whopping big porkers in the rural sections and every year neighbors entered friendly and spirited contests in who raises the largest hog. The first report to come into The News office comes from Rev. M. B. Phillips, of Cross Roads, who killed a hog this week which weighed 480 pounds dressed. It was a big boss Poland China and was about 12 months old. We await reports from any of our readers on other big porkers and want to know who will be the first one to beat preacher Phillips' record.

Martin Hospital News

Mrs. A. S. Towe is a hospital patient for treatment preparatory to an operation.

Mrs. J. C. Dillon is doing nicely following an operation Wednesday.

Katherine Smith, 4 1-2 month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith is a patient for treatment for empyema.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Gibbons, of South street is a patient for treatment.

Lee Badgett, of White Plains auto victim has both legs fractured.

Mrs. S. R. Gibson of Pine Hall, is receiving treatment preparatory to an operation.

J. D. McCollum is recovering from his attack of last week and is now at his home.

Glenn Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Smith, of Francisco, had an operation for hernia Monday and is doing fine. The boy is three years old. Mrs. Earl Hines is improving after an operation last Friday.

Flat Rock School News

The Flat Rock Basketeers, surprised Dobson in a fast game last Friday, and came home with the long end of a 25 to 11 score. Although the game was played on Dobson's court and Dobson's center easily got the tip-off, Flat Rocks swift passing kept the opposing team on the defensive throughout the game. The whole Flat Rock team played a consistent game. Collins, as center, starred for Dobson.

The play "Aunt Jerushy on the War Path" given at Flat Rock by the High school prove to be a great success. The attendance was good and the speakers had to wait time after time for the audience to cease laughing.

Flat Rock won another game of basketball Wednesday when she took the long end of a 22 to 6 score in a game with Pilot Mountain. The game was a real thrill for the Flat Rock pupils as it was the first game that had been played on the home court in the last two weeks.

Flat Rock expects to play Dobson on Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

Flat Rock school had its second community meeting Monday night. The attendance was much better than at the first one. Prof. E. S. Hendren made an interesting talk on the value of an education and the duty and responsibility of the parent for the child. Miss Ruth Dobson sang beautifully in a little dramatic song called "My Daddy's Sweetheart." The male quartette from Flat Rock Baptist Church rendered a number. The fourth grade gave a motion song, the third grade gave "The Pilgrim Fathers", the second grade gave "The Elves and the Shoemakers" and the fifth grade gave Reuben and Rachel. Misses Hazel and Irene Sutphin sang "Juanita" as a duet. The devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Hooks, pastor of the Baptist Church.

Watch for the date of the next community meeting and come.

Revival Continues at Flat Rock

Evangelist B. H. Vestal, who has been conducting a revival at the Gospel Tabernacle, a new church at Flat Rock, was called home Wednesday and the revival will be continued by the pastor, Rev. C. H. Matthews. Prof. Nudd Newsum will act as pianist and Grady Brewer will assist in directing the choir.

There will be services every night beginning at seven o'clock. Three services next Sunday, at 11, 3 and 7.

Will Dedicate Lake Stedman

Interesting Program Planned for Occasion and Large Crowds Expected to Attend Event Near Danbury.

According to announcements made by the promoters of the state game preserve in the Sandhills mountains of Stokes county the beautiful Stedman Lake, near Danbury, will be officially dedicated with appropriate ceremonies on Saturday, Nov. 24th. A large number of people are expected to attend the ceremonies, going from this city, Winston-Salem, Greensboro and High Point.

Game officials of Surry and Stokes Counties, working in cooperation with the Isaak Walton League of Winston-Salem, are very enthusiastic over the coming event.

The location of Lake Stedman is ideal for the propagation of fish and will be used by the state for the raising of game fish, such as trout and bass, and will also furnish fine fishing grounds. The dam is now complete and the lake is slowly filling up and with winter rains coming on the body of water will increase until it flows over the dam.

Religious Pageant Highly Praised

The religious pageant given in the First Baptist Church of this city last Sunday evening at the usual hour of worship celebrating the Ruby anniversary or fortieth birthday of Southern Baptist Missions was a success in every respect.

While the purpose of the pageant was to inform the public and the general church membership what the women of the missionary societies have done and hope to do in advancing the Master's kingdom and was not an effort to make money yet a free-will offering was taken which amounted to between forty-five and fifty dollars and this collection will be used for mission work.

As was announced in our issue of last week the pageant was presented in five episodes with Miss Elizabeth Lovill as reader and Mrs. R. R. Jackson, director and was featured by singing and the various individuals and groups taking part used costumes and make-up to make realistic the parts they assumed.

Both the management and those taking part are to be congratulated over the splendid program so beautifully rendered. It has been the occasion of generous praise from those who attended.

Mount Airy Welcomes New Residents

Mr. and Mrs. George K. Hale and two sons one of whom is married and accompanied by his wife have arrived here from Philadelphia, Pa. to make this city their home. Mr. Hale and his sons will have active interest in the George K. Hale Mfg. Co., of this city, and will occupy one of Mrs. George Fawcett's residences on Willow street. These new people will be warmly welcomed in this community.

Legs Broke In Auto Wreck

Lee Badgett, young man of White Plains, is in Martin Memorial hospital with both legs broken in an automobile wreck this side of Rural Hall which occurred last Sunday night. He was driving an open Buick touring car, coming down the long hill this side of Rural Hall, and approaching the small bridge at the foot of the hill, when he lost control of the car and ran into the guard fence, tearing it down and dashing into the end of the concrete side of the bridge. His car was totally demolished and Badgett was pinned in it by the twisted frame work of the car. Flying and bent pieces of the car broke both legs and painfully bruised him all over. He was driving alone, but others coming up in a few minutes removed him from the wreckage and brought him to the hospital in this city.

The place at which he lost control of the car is a very dangerous curve and has been the cause of several bad wrecks and the death of two people.