

## Republican Officials Of Surry Approve New School Building

### B. F. Folger Gets Auditor Appointment—Sheriff Smith Names 19 Deputy Sheriffs.

Twenty-four new Republican officials and one Democrat official took the oath to perform their respective duties at Dobson Monday. And this tells the tale of the result of the November election. The lone official to resume his duties was county auditor B. F. Folger. His time expired on Monday, but there was no request as to this office and Mr. Folger had a new commission from Gov. McLean in his hands last Saturday night ready to present to the Republican Board of County Commissioners when they met in their first session Monday.

Sheriff A. M. Smith had 19 deputy sheriffs on hand to qualify as officers of the county and to assist him in the duties connected with the Sheriff's office. T. M. Marsh became the new register of deeds, succeeding W. F. Lawrence, and has in the office as his assistant, Miss Lillian Harkrader.

The County Commissioners selected W. E. Lindsay, of this city, as their chairman, and one of the first acts of the new administration was to approve the request of the county board of education for a state loan of \$14,000 to build a new consolidated school at Westfield. This item has been in the county school budget for four years, but each year the Democratic board of commissioners has stricken it out, but now that strong Republican section of the county, largely inhabited and with many children to educate, will get its new building at the hands of the new Republican administration.

The Commissioners have as their attorney, W. M. Jackson of Dobson, while the firm of Tilley and Hiatt of this city will be attorneys for the new sheriff, A. M. Smith.

### Hospital Notes

Lewis Whitman, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Whitman has had an operation for acute appendicitis.

Dr. H. B. Smith, of Westfield, is improving after being sick for some days.

Mrs. John K. Williams, of Mountain Park is a patient for treatment.

Carl Taylor of White Plains, is recovering from an operation for acute appendicitis performed Thanksgiving Day.

Mrs. R. F. Bowman, of Foster Falls, is doing fine after an operation for appendicitis Friday.

Mrs. Bettie Partridge is at home again after being a hospital patient for several weeks.

Mrs. Charles Smith, of Chicago, who was an operative patient, has sufficiently recovered to be able to return to the home of Mr. Smith's parents Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Smith on Rockford street.

Parker Hatcher spent several weeks in the hospital and had a fractured bone in his leg re-set following an accident which occurred in Florida and the bone failed to knit. The operation performed here seems to be successful and he is out on crutches until the leg is strong enough to be placed in use again.

Mrs. Earl Hines is able to sit up in bed her friends will be glad to know.

Mrs. John Davis is doing nicely following a thyroid operation.

### J. E. Monday Now With Holcomb & Midkiff

By a change in the sales force of Holcomb & Midkiff made this week former deputy sheriff J. E. Monday is added to the force of this hardware concern. J. B. Midkiff and Bear Jenkins, two old clerks, are no longer connected with the store, but have purchased the filling station business of Baxter Snow, and will conduct the business at the same location, Honnis Motor Co., North Main street.

### Miss Margaret Leitch Bride of J. D. Lewis

Miss Margaret Helen Leitch became the bride of Mr. John Dalmor Lewis, of Pilot Mountain, in a very quiet ceremony performed Sunday afternoon, Dec. 2 in the home of Rev. T. W. Wooten, of White Plains. The pretty bride was attractively attired in an afternoon costume of brown with accessories in tan, the marriage was very quiet owing to the death of the bride's father a few weeks ago.

Mrs. Lewis is the daughter of the late Mr. John Leitch and Mrs. John Leitch of route two and after graduating from the Mount Airy High school she took two years training in a business school in Huntington, W. Va., and until the illness of her father was with the Surry Sales Co. of this city.

They will make their home at Pilot Mountain where the groom is engaged in business.

### Bazaar at Teah School House

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Flat Rock Presbyterian Church will give a bazaar in the Teah school house, Friday evening Dec. 7th. The doors will open promptly at 7 p. m.

Fancy work, pies, cakes, candy, sandwiches and coffee will be for sale. This will be a good opportunity to buy your Christmas presents. Everybody is invited.

The Ladies' auxiliary of the Flat Rock Presbyterian Church will hold their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. John McKenzie Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 12th at 2:30 p. m. All members urged to be present.

### Martin-Brown Co. Quits

The Martin-Brown Co. who have operated a department store in Mount Airy for the past four years, astonished the community yesterday in announcing their decision to discontinue business.

This announcement came as a real surprise to all as this fine store has been a rapidly growing institution since its advent into this city.

A complete closing out sale opens Friday morning and the entire stock is expected to be sold within a few days.

### An Opportunity For Co-operation

This is what a recent traveler through the section says about a new and interesting route:

"The splendid road just opened through Fancy Gap into Mount Airy and Winston-Salem gives the people of Wilkes, Watauga and Bristol, as well as all southwest Virginia, the finest sort of opportunity for co-operation. This route out of Piedmont North Carolina over the Blue Ridge through Wilkes and Watauga, up Cove Creek valley and through the Unaka National Forest into Bristol, thence through southwest Virginia and over the historic road of the Old Trail and then passing Fort Chiswell and the Old Shot Tower, thence over Fancy Gap into Mount Airy and Winston-Salem, will give a day's drive of wonderful interest and beauty. History and the beauties of nature combine to make this one of the most interesting circles for a day's drive in America."

Miss Clara Lindsay has returned to her studies at Davenport College, Lenoir after visiting her parents in this city.

## Cave-In Kills Preacher Loses Quarry Hand His Crown

### Another Seriously Injured When Walls of Ditch Tumble on Them.

A sudden cave-in of the walls of a deep ditch at the quarry just before noon today caused the instant death of Tom Harrell, and the painful injury of Jess Goins, two men who were caught as the dirt and stone tumbled into the ditch. A large force of men had been engaged in digging a drain ditch across a stretch of land and the ditch had reached a depth of 15 feet and was wide enough to use mules and scoops to remove the dirt and stone. A good part of the side-walls was disintegrated granite and no one considered that this substance would give way.

Harrell and Goins were caught under the load of falling dirt and stone with Goins underneath Harrell. Harrell was instantly killed, being badly crushed from the load, while it is thought that the fact that he was on top of Goins is what saved the life of Goins. However Goins has a broken pelvis bone but is expected to recover. Neither of the men were completely covered with the dirt and were in no danger of suffocation.

Harrell is a native of Carroll County and had been working around Mount Airy only a short time. He was about 35 years old and married.

### Fifteen Hunters Arrested in Stokes

Danbury, Dec. 4.—Fifteen hunters were arrested in Stokes for violating the State-wide game law on Thanksgiving Day. Forty-seven licenses were inspected and hunters searched for birds. This brings a total of thirty-seven hunters arrested and convicted in Stokes to date this season. Thanksgiving hunters were all fined not less than five dollars and the costs added. The court ordered all defendants to buy licenses, making a minimum cost to each hunter of \$9.60.

### The President's Son Is Formally Engaged

Hartford, Conn., Nov. 28.—Coinciding with the celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary, Governor and Mrs. John H. Trumbull tonight formally announced the engagement of their eldest daughter, Florence, to John Coolidge, son of President and Mrs. Calvin Coolidge.

The announcement was made at a supper party held following upon the silver wedding celebration at the Farmington Country club.

It was indicated that the marriage would not take place before the summer, thereby eliminating the possibility of a White House wedding. The wedding, in all probability, will take place at the Trumbull home in Plainville.

### Night School Commencement Monday

Plans are going forward for a fitting commencement celebration for the night schools which have been in progress here since the late summer when Miss Maude Worley of Canton and Asheville came into the county to start night school work and work was started at the same time by Miss Eva Edgerton in Stokes county the counties of Surry and Stokes having been selected as demonstration counties by the State Federation of Woman's Clubs and the work sponsored by the Federation, Colonial Dames, D. A. R. and other organizations.

So splendid were the results and so deep the interest when the allotted time expired for the two schools organized by Miss Worley at Rockford Street school in town and the Flat Rock east of town that funds were provided by Kiwanians, club women and other citizens to continue the schools another term of fifteen nights, two nights per week being allotted to each school and teachers of experience being secured to continue the work.

The schools are closing Monday night and club women and leading citizens are planning to do honor to the pupils many of whom are being awarded certificates which will remove their names from the literacy list.

One of the finest features of the program will be short talks by the pupils themselves in which they will tell what they think of night schools and what the schools have meant to them.

After the program, which will be held in the auditorium of the Rockford Street school beginning at eight o'clock Monday night light refreshments will be served the pupils and their families and teachers at the Community Building both schools participating. The program follows:

Music by Municipal band. Invocation by Rev. A. C. Gibbs. Three minute talks by Dr. M. S. Martin, Prof. L. B. Pendergraph, J. D. Sargent, E. H. Koehntzky and Mayor W. G. Sydnor.

Solo, Mrs. Jas. Bray accompanied at piano by Miss Rachel Bray.

Awarding certificates, Miss Maude Worley.

Awarding prizes, Prof. E. S. Hendren.

Music

Short talks by Night School pupils.

Benediction—Rev. I. T. Jacobs.

Informal reception at Community Building for pupils and their families when they will be served ice cream and cake by members of the Woman's Club.

## Preacher Loses Cattle Thieves Operating In Surry And Wilkes Captured

### Not the Golden Crown, But For Raising Biggest Porker

Much interest is being manifested in our efforts to learn what the farmers are doing in the way of hog raising and we are liking those which have been reported to us since our last issue of The Mount Airy News.

Our old friend M. W. Noonkester from The Hollow, Va., reported two hogs killed last week weighing 518 and 407 pounds respectively. The pigs were purchased Nov. 15-27 at a cost of only \$5.00 each and were of Duroc and big-bone Poland China stock mixed.

J. S. Brown of route six reported two hogs one weighing 516 and the other 460 pounds. Some one else reported J. Sant Brown of Shorttown, a hog weighing 514 which might be a repetition of the same report.

W. L. Shaw, of route 6 killed a 15 months old hog which weighed 542 1-2 pounds.

Ed Chappell of route 4 beat his neighbor Rev. M. B. Phillips whose report of 480 pounds was the first published. Mr. Chappell said his hog was fed on scraps plus a bushel of corn and five bags of chop, he was not sure about the breed but the hog was a small eater and tipped the scales at 503 1-2 pounds when dressed, without the liver. It was possibly fifteen months old.

J. W. Peele of Factory street seems about to beat the farmers, his is a city-bred hog if you please, raised in the outskirts of town near the railroad where the hog ordinance does not reach. We did not learn what this hog had to eat, possibly the delicacies which fell from the tables of our restaurants or hotels—but this is our guess, Mr. Peele did not say so, at any rate the hog weighed 522 pounds, and but for Mr. Shaw of route 6 he would have made the farmers look to their laurels. It is a pity we did not learn more about Mr. Shaw's hog which is the heaviest reported up to Tuesday afternoon.

### Rockford Street School Parent-Teachers Will Meet Tuesday

The Parent-Teacher Association of Rockford Street school will hold its next meeting Tuesday evening, December 11th at 7:30 o'clock in the Rockford school auditorium. The association cordially invites the fathers to be present at this meeting which is given in their honor.

The last meeting of the association in November was very entertaining and instructive. The following program was conducted by Mrs. John Foy, chairman of the program committee for November: Song, America—audience; prayer—Mr. Pendergraph; vocal solo—Haywood Auburn; saw solo—Garnet Warren, accompanied by Miss Frances Folger at the piano; Parents' Association Patri—Miss Vesta Council; Aims of Parent-Teacher Association—Mr. Pendergraph; the business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Frank Sparger, president of the association.

### Mount Airy Will Put on Holiday Attire

Following the plan of Christmas decorating used here for the past few years the streets will be decorated with Christmas trees and rope evergreen festooning and colored lights. Plans are already under way and the committee in charge hopes to have everything complete by December 10.

### Patrick Citizen Dies From Accident

In the Recorder's Court this week G. A. Marion was held blameless in the accident which caused the death of J. P. Deatherage in front of Lovill's Wholesale house several days ago.

Mr. Deatherage, a farmer from Patrick County, was walking across the street when he was knocked to the pavement by the car driven by Mr. Marion. His skull was fractured causing his death in Martin hospital last Thursday morning.

Mr. Marion was arrested and gave a bond for his appearance at the hearing. At the time of the accident G. A. Bowman, of this city, was in the car with Mr. Marion and he testified that the deceased stepped from behind another car and in front of the Marion car before the accident could be avoided, and that Mr. Marion was driving at a moderate speed.

### Brinkley-Cook Wedding

Mount Airy, Route 1, Dec. 4.—Thomas E. Brinkley and Miss Annie Cook were married at the home of the bride's mother Mrs. S. L. Cook on Thanksgiving Day at noon. Rev. J. S. Cook of Jonesboro an uncle of the bride united them in marriage using the beautiful and impressive ring ceremony. Several relatives and friends were present for the occasion and all were ushered to the dining room immediately where an elegantly prepared dinner was awaiting them.

The happy couple left in the afternoon for a few days trip visiting Raleigh and several other places of interest.

They both have many friends who extend congratulations. They will be at home after a few days in Mount Airy where the groom holds a responsible position with the S. P. U. Co.

There will be a fiddler's convention at Long Hill school house Saturday night Dec. 15. Proceeds for benefit of school. Everybody is invited to attend.

Percy and Kate Cook spent the week end with Margaret and Frances Fulk, of Pilot Mountain.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Callaway a daughter Eva Imogene November 29.

M. L. Owens has flu and is very sick, also Mrs. Garland Callaway and several other less serious cases on this route at this time.

Margaret and Frances Fulk of Pilot Mountain spent Thanksgiving with Percy and Kate Cook.

Carter Samuel and Will Hooker, of Union, S. C., are spending a few days with relatives on this route.

### Band Concert Tuesday Night

The band concert next Tuesday night promises to be a great success and a milestone in the history of Mount Airy and the Municipal Band. The local boys will be assisted by members of the Odd Fellows Band of Winston-Salem and a splendid program is assured. In addition to the numbers by the band will be selections by a reader and vocal selections by a soloist. Tickets will be sold on the streets prior to the concert and at the door of the Rockford Street school auditorium where the concert will be given at 7:30 P. M. Tuesday night.

The proceeds from the concert will be used to defray expenses such as instruments and music and the hearty cooperation of the public is solicited in this effort of the band to make money. They have played and will continue to play for public gatherings and deserve your encouragement. If you cannot attend buy a ticket and show your interest in the band. Admission for adults 35c and children 25c.

### Rowan Men Spent Few Months Stealing Cows In Half Dozen Counties and Wind Up In Jail

In the old days the horse and cattle thief was not uncommon. In the far west when caught this kind of a thief was hung on the first limb that was found. In this country a few years ago the horse thief was developed in some sections. To steal a horse was considered one of the gravest crimes and always called for a long term in the penitentiary.

So far as we know the case of L. D. Feeler and John Snapps, citizens of Rowan county, is the first time that the automobile has been used to dispose of stolen cattle. These two men are now in jail at Wilkesboro and the evidence is such against them that they have confessed to all their crimes. Chief of Police Lawrence of this city was over there recently and tells us that the game is up with these two men, for all their evil deeds are now known and their career for the present is ended. Their confession confirms what was already known about their game of stealing cattle.

The career of the men seems to have started about four months ago when they secured a Ford truck and put on a body with a cover that completely concealed the load. The truck would carry three cows. They would drive to a pasture in the night time and back up to a bank and load on a cow or two cows or three. Daylight would find them a hundred miles away where they would immediately dispose of the cows by selling them to some farmer. Cattle dealers they called themselves. The information now in hand is that they stole as many as eighty cows during their period of activity. These cows were taken from farmers in half a dozen counties in this part of the state. Four were taken from Surry citizens and a larger number from Wilkes and Yadkin. Many of the cows were sold to farmers in Rowan county. Now that the game is up and search has been made for the stolen cattle many of them have been located and returned to the original owners. Mr. Peter Beamer of this section lost two and one has been returned. It appears that the other one has been killed and sold for beef and it is not now possible to identify this one. While some of the stolen animals were sold for beef most of them were fine milk cows and were found where the thieves sold them.

### Cow Rustlers Bound Over To Superior Court; In Jail

Wilkes Patriot.

The two men alleged to belong to the gang of cattle rustlers that has been stealing cows from Wilkes and Surry county dairymen for several months were given a hearing before Mayor W. A. Bullis last week and bound over to the Superior court under bond of \$2,000 each, which they could not fill. The men are L. D. A. Feeler and John Snapps, of Rowan county.

Papers have been received here from Surry county charging these men with stealing cows there, several of the cows that were recovered in Rowan county belonging to Surry citizens.

### Local Men Attend Bottlers' Convention

R. E. Harman and W. A. Jackson of the Mount Airy Bottling Co. and G. H. Deatherage of the Deatherage-Gibbs Co. of this city attended the convention of the North Carolina Bottlers' association in Greensboro Monday and Tuesday at the King Cotton Hotel.

The meeting was attended by about 250 bottlers and business supply men and a fine business program was arranged with their co-operation as well.