

Mount Airy Township Leads in Big Porker Contest Now On Among Farmers

Daniel Jefferson Kills Hog That Tipped the Beam at 790 Pounds—Joe Wright of Dobson Fills Smoke House With 2240 Pounds of Pork.

So far in the contest being held by The News for the largest hogs that are killed the prize remains in Mount Airy township for on Monday of this week Daniel Jefferson, living a mile above the White Sulphur Springs, killed a three-year-old boar that weighed 790 pounds. For miles around the people had visited Mr. Jefferson's farm and wondered at the size of his mammoth hog. Many guessed its weight at more than a thousand pounds. For weeks it was fat and heavy that it breathed with difficulty and some weeks ago it crushed to death a large hog that was in the pen with it. It is supposed that some time during the night the bigger one fell on its mate and smothered it to death. Mr. Jefferson had no means of weighing such a large animal and when he had it dressed Monday he loaded it on his wagon and hauled it to Booker's coal yard in this city where the scales registered 790 pounds. This is a record porker so far for this section.

Joe Wright of Dobson township last week killed six hogs that weigh him a total of 2240 pounds of pork. This is also a record for the largest amount of hog meat killed by any one person. The six hogs weighed from 366 pounds to 538 pounds each. Mr. Wright runs a mill on Fish river and every year fattens a large number of hogs from the custom he gets from the grinding of his neighbor's grain. When asked what he expected to do with so much meat, Mr. Wright said he had it packed away in his smoke house, and might sell it along as he needed some spare change next spring when times begin to tighten up for the farmers.

Any hog that reaches near the 400 pound mark is a big porker and The News has received reports of a number who have gone above that figure. Near Dobson Avery White killed a 14 months old hog that weighed 621 pounds, producing all his feed on his farm. Harvey Brindle, also of Dobson reported one that weighed 511 pounds.

Round Peak has been heard from, two making reports from that section. Britton Riggs has killed two weighing 268 and 270 pounds. And Dave Snow's hog pulled the scales around to 450 pounds.

There are several sections of the county yet to make reports of their mammoth hog killing and The News will publish the reports as they are sent in. Report what you have done, giving the age of the hog and its weight and how you managed to increase its weight.

Cantata and Hallelujah Choruses Called Off

Due to sickness among the singers who were to take part in the Woman's Club musical program to be given in the First Baptist Church Sunday night December 16th the program has had to be abandoned.

Miss Ruth Dobson as leader has done faithful work and the singers in the various choirs have very generously given of their time and effort in order to present a program which would be a credit to the occasion to be celebrated and to those taking part and many of them have attended practice when really not able to do so but colds and influenza have invaded the ranks until early in the week it was decided to abandon the effort as there was no prospect of some of the singers being able to appear on the program at all.

Business and Professional Women Have Christmas Party

The December meeting of the Business and Professional Women's club of Mount Airy will take the form of a Christmas party and will be held in the home of Miss Lucy Bowman on Rockford street Tuesday evening December 18 beginning at 7:30 o'clock. At this time a list of names of poor children will be given out and the club members will see that Santa Claus does not neglect these little ones.

Dr. and Mrs. Roy C. Mitchell are spending this week in Charlotte where Dr. Mitchell is attending an X-ray clinic.

Tobacco Markets Close

The local tobacco market closes for the holidays Friday December 14th and opens for business Wednesday January 2.

Keep a Watch on The White Way

This city is now beautifully decorated with colored electric lights, laurel roping and trees placed along the sidewalks. It has been called to the attention of this newspaper that already there has been taken from the sockets on the trees nearly a hundred of the bulbs, and the officials of the city ask that every citizen keep on the look-out and report anyone seen removing the bulbs. The citizens are paying for this decoration and their cooperation is needed to make it most effective.

Band Concert Postponed

The concert scheduled to be given at the Rockford Street school building Tuesday night of this week by the Municipal band of this city assisted by members of the Odd Fellows band of Winston-Salem for the benefit of the band treasury has been postponed on account of sickness among the band men. A new date will be announced later when conditions appear more favorable for the concert.

Party and Shower for Miss Monday

Honoring Miss Helen Monday, mid-winter bride-elect, Miss Leslie Smith entertained with five tables of bridge in the home of Mrs. A. P. Turnmire Tuesday evening. Receiving with the hostess and her honoree were Mrs. Phil Haskins recent bride and Mrs. Rice Allen of Winston-Salem, formerly Miss Anna Rector of this city. Christmas decorations were used and a pretty vanity was presented to Mrs. Bailey Glenn Holder of high score. Old Santa Claus bearing a sack on his back presented a handkerchief shower to the bride-elect and gifts were presented to Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Haskins.

Refreshments were served in two courses fruit cocktail being followed by a chicken salad course with stuffed dates and Russian tea.

Works on Famous Structure

To those who read of the Singing Tower being erected by Edward Bok on his estate near Lake Wales, Fla., it may be interesting to know that E. C. Seewald, formerly of this city is one of the sculptors engaged in the decorative work on the tower. He has been there for several months and at present is carving an eagle 15 feet high which decorates the very tip of the tower. Mr. Seewald did lettering and fine stone work while here but has studied sculpturing and progressed rapidly in the years he has been away and has fitted himself to be entrusted with this and other important jobs.

Farmer Kills White Quail

Hunters in this section have been very much interested in a white quail which was shot by Mr. Pete Bianco last Thursday afternoon. Mr. Bianco and some friends were hunting and flushed a covey of quail in the Valentine bottoms near this city, as the birds took the air the one white bird attracted the attention of the hunter and Mr. Bianco fixed his attention on it and brought it down.

The bird was pure white with the exception of faint markings on the breast feathers and a bunch of natural colored quail feathers from the beak to the top of the head, the feet were bluish grey. The bird was plump and well developed, a fine healthy specimen.

Mr. Bianco took the white quail to Game Warden Bennett who immediately decided that it should be preserved and turned over to the Department of Conservation and Development at Raleigh.

Six Prisoners Get Parole

Frank Hicks, of Mount Airy, Serving 15 Years, One of Fortunate Number.

Raleigh, Dec. 12.—Six paroles were issued prisoners today by Governor McLean as follows:

Frank Hicks, convicted, October 1923, Surry Superior court and sentenced to serve 15 to 20 years for manslaughter.

E. D. Morrow, convicted January, 1928, Guilford Superior court of bigamous co-habitation and sentenced to serve three to five years in state prison.

Will Youngblood, Johnson county, convicted August, 1926, for interfering with officers while in the discharge of their duties and sentenced to serve 12 months on the county roads.

Gus Gerukos, Mecklenburg convicted December, 1926, for horse breaking and sentenced to serve six to 10 years in state prison.

George Gasperson, convicted 1928 term Buncombe Superior court and sentenced to serve four years on county roads for receiving stolen goods.

Red Cross Goes Over The Top

The Red Cross Roll Call has gone over the top in Surry County according to report made last Thursday by Mr. Frank Graves county chairman. The quota for the county is \$250 while the amount received to date is \$286 with possibly \$20 or \$25 yet to be brought in.

The report follows: Mount Airy \$210.00 Pilot Mountain \$22.00, Copeland \$5.00, Elkin \$149.00. The Dobson report has not yet been received and those in charge of the canvass confidently expect the total to reach \$400. Just how much of this money will be kept in the county is not definitely known until all the cards are gone over. All contributions of \$1.00 will be divided 50-50. The bulk of the larger contributions remains in the county treasury for instance a \$5.00 membership means 50c for state and national work and \$4.50 for local relief.

Alex Dodd, well known colored man died at his home on the McCollum farm Wednesday night.

Kiwanis Election Monday Night

Annual Election of Officers and Directors—Committee Has Made Nominations.

The Kiwanis Club will meet Friday night in the Blue Ridge hotel at 6:30 at a regular meeting, the chief business coming before the members being that of the election of officers and directors for the coming year.

President Kuchitichy some time ago named a nominating committee which has submitted to the club a list of members for the various offices, two for each office being nominated and from this list the club will select its choice.

The following nominations have been made and will be voted upon at the Friday night meeting:

President—D. E. Hoffman and S. M. Sale.

First Vice-Pres.—O. K. Merritt and E. C. Bivens.

Second Vice-Pres.—T. G. Fawcett and O. H. Yorkley.

District Trustee—G. C. Lovell and Edw. M. Linville.

Directors (select nine)—J. B. Sparger, R. W. Sparger, J. D. Thompson, C. M. Whitlock, L. P. Wrenn, J. L. Ashby, J. S. Bray, W. W. Christian, C. A. Flippin, Fred Folger, C. H. Haynes, W. H. Holcomb, G. E. Marshall and L. R. Pendergraph.

Martin Hospital News

Mrs. Sarah Smith of Lawsonville is a medical patient at the hospital.

E. A. Inman is a hospital patient suffering with influenza.

J. M. Cary is quite ill with pneumonia.

J. C. Boons, father of our townsman P. A. Boons, manager of the Grand theatre has returned home after being a hospital patient for a few days.

Mrs. Coy Yates, of the Meadows of Dan, Va., is in the hospital for treatment.

Mr. Raymond Venable of Ararat is confined with a fractured leg.

Mrs. Mary Armfield is slowly recovering from a recent illness.

Lewis Whitman, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Whitman is recuperating from an operation performed last week.

Mr. George Armfield has returned here after an absence of eighteen years to visit his brother Mr. Lote Armfield and other relatives. Mr. Armfield has been living in Ohio.

First Night School Commencement Held in This City Last Monday

Work in Surry Outstanding in Entire State—Sixty-two Certificates Issued.

At a special meeting of the new board of County Commissioners at Dobson last Monday the Commissioners made two other moves in their work of completing the organization of the county affairs along the lines of their party platform. Two Democratic office holders were removed Monday, that of keeper of the county home and junior for the court house. Grady Emmeron of Round Peak will have charge of the county home and Will Harrison of Dobson becomes the janitor. These offices pay \$85 a month. The county home keeper also gets free board and lodging in addition to his monthly salary.

Junior Club Perfects Organization

The Junior department of the Mount Airy Woman's Club met in the Community Building Tuesday evening with Miss Alma Webb the chairman presiding. Organization was completed and dues paid and the chairman appointed committees and committee chairmen.

The organization is going to work at once and Miss Marjorie Worrell, chairman of the health department, will cooperate with Mrs. C. B. Shelton in the sale of Christmas Seals and will have charge of the booth at the post office with all the members assisting her in the sale of seals.

The welfare department will visit the County Home and Jail and carry Christmas gifts to the inmates. The girls are very enthusiastic and the older club is expecting to find their enthusiasm and assistance very valuable.

Quarterly Conference at Salem

Quarterly conference will be held at Salem Methodist Church next Thursday Dec. 20 beginning at 2 P. M. A full attendance is desired.

Regular preaching service Sunday Dec. 16, at Zion at 11 A. M., Imogene 2:30 P. M. and Salem at night by the pastor Rev. H. M. Wellman.

Christmas Seal Sale Now Under Way

Mount Airy and Surry county are joining with the state and nation in their effort to stamp out tuberculosis and under the able direction of Mrs. C. B. Shelton the county of Surry is putting on the sale of Christmas seals. Seals will be on sale at the local drug stores and a house to house canvass will be made in town while in the rural districts the seals will be handled through the schools.

In the schools it is hoped to make the sale 100 per cent, that is that every child shall purchase at least one Christmas seal or that the sales in every room shall amount to the total enrollment. This is a fine thing for its educational value to the individual child and in the end really counts in dollars and cents for the seal fund as one cent from each of the school children of Surry county makes a worthwhile amount.

Business men are asked to purchase through the local sales people as money sent to headquarters by individuals does not help Surry county while 75c out of every dollar spent for seals remains to fight tuberculosis in Surry County if the seals are bought from the local representatives.

With the money retained in the local treasury milk will be bought for under-nourished school children, to put them in condition to ward off disease, children or adults who have already contracted tuberculosis will be assisted back to health either by being sent to sanatoriums or being cared for at home.

The tuberculosis fight is a winning fight, and you can be on the winning side by assisting in this great work. As a business investment few things offer larger returns, 75 per cent of every dollar remains to make your own county and community a better and safer place in which to live; the remainder goes to further the cause in state and nation, to pay for health literature, for health lectures, health slides, health plays, health posters and to pay for administration and for the printing of the little seals which carry Christmas cheer to all your friends.

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One Man Completes Study of Arithmetic—Excellent Work Done in All Lines.

A new milestone was reached in the history of Surry County when a night school commencement was held in the Rockford Street school building Monday night for the two night schools which have been in progress since late summer at the Rockford Street and Flat Rock schools.

The commencement was attended by the pupils and their families and school and town officials and leading citizens and club women and all felt a thrill of pride over the work that has been accomplished in the two schools. Miss Maud Worley who organized the schools here and taught during the first period and is now engaged in similar work in Elkin and Little Richmond schools was present with her assistant Miss Clara Bell, of Elkin, and a group of their pupils.

Inspirational talks were made by Misses Worley and Bell and by Prof. L. R. Pendergraph, Mayor Snyder, Dr. M. R. Martin, Mrs. George Marshall, president of the Mount Airy Woman's club which organization has sponsored the night schools from the beginning. Prof. E. S. Hendren, County Superintendent of Education, struck the high note of the evening when he announced that he believed that night school work in the future would be a part of the county system of education in Surry and an appropriation made for the work to be carried on in all the schools giving all who wished an opportunity for this education. Prof. Hendren has been in close touch with the work in both schools and has been a volunteer teacher the entire time. Prof. Stanley and Miss Goode of the Flat Rock school faculty, Mrs. J. H. Folger and others have also given freely of their time and service as volunteer teachers.

Mrs. E. S. Hendren, one of the teachers presided and led the pupils in singing one of their night school songs "Higher Ground" and this was followed by the recitation in concert by the pupils of Edgar Guest's poem "Someone Has Said That It Couldn't Be Done."

Members of the night school classes were given an opportunity to say what they think of night schools and many of them told frankly of the deep appreciation they felt for this opportunity to learn and make up for the chance they missed in childhood. They have proved beyond doubt that "one is never too old to learn." Their talks were full of inspiration and thrilled the audience with a new appreciation of night schools. Several of the Elkin pupils also expressed appreciation of night schools and one man is now able to dispense with a bookkeeper through his knowledge of arithmetic gained in the night schools. Prof. Hendren announced that one of the pupils here had mastered the entire course of arithmetic through square root. Quite a number of the pupils have mastered fractions, percentage and interest.

Certificates were presented to sixty-two pupils, presentation being made by Miss Worley who stated the requirements for each group, showing that the certificates are only presented when pupils do real practical and accurate work and it is a real credit to them to meet the requirements.

The certificates were divided into two groups, group one being the certificate for one session and group two being the certificate for more advanced work. The list of pupils follows: Flat Rock group one certificates—Mrs. Minnie Hicks, Mrs. Jane Young, Mrs. Tom Willard, Mrs. Lucy McHone, Mrs. Sarah Midkiff, Mrs. Alice Cohen, Mr. William Payne.

Group two certificates: Messrs. Walter Deatherage, Carl Shelton, Harry Campbell, John Lawson, M. G. Timmons, Murray DeHart, Henry Goad, Frank Simmons, Robert Simmons, Charlie Simmons, Mrs. Minnie Greenwood, Mrs. Joe Poore, Mrs. M. F. Pack, Mrs. M. G. Timmons.

Rockford Street school, group one certificates—Messrs. Robert Ashburn, Paul Byrd, Bernie Robinson, Aaron France, Garnett Byrd, J. Conway Hale, Henry Johnson, E. W. Branch, Grant Bowman, Nelson Goad, John Arrington, Fred Davis, Neekman.

The News Will Promote Holiday Lighting Contest

Prizes to Be Given for Most Beautifully Lighted Residence on Exterior—Countrywide Movement to Enhance Charm of City During Christmas Season.

The Mount Airy News is pleased to announce that arrangements have been completed whereby this paper will promote for the Christmas season this year a citywide outdoor Christmas decorative lighting contest for residences. The purpose behind it is for great beautification of the city at the holiday season. Heretofore most of the city's decoration of homes has been confined to interiors. It is hoped that this year, as a result of this contest, scores of homes will make their beauty and holiday appeal on the outside also.

To those who have a flair for decoration, this contest presents unusual opportunity for the exercise of their talents, and gives them a chance at the same time to "cash in" on their ability. While the local prizes this first year will not be large, arrangements have been made for a tie-up with state, district and national contests for all those who enter the The News citywide contest, whereby it will be possible for a contestant to take down in all over \$500 in prizes.

Fill Out Blank

All that it is necessary for you to do to enter the contest is to fill out the entry coupon to be found below and bring or send it to this office. There is no entrance fee requirement. The only cost will be whatever you choose to spend on the decoration you undertake. Judges, to be chosen later, will visit your home at the proper time and make their decision as to the winner. The contest will extend from

December 22 to January 2, and it will be necessary that your entry be filed at this office before the contest opens. The sooner you attend to it the better. Only those homes of which The News has record will be visited by the judges.

Outdoor Christmas decorative lighting contests similar to this have been proving very popular throughout the west and north and this year many southern cities are entering into the spirit of the thing in no uncertain manner. Mount Airy should stand a healthy chance to produce a national winner from this first contest. Get the family together and start working out the plans for decorating your home now. First send in your registration coupon and then get busy. Decorations may be completed as soon as you like but the official decision will be based on the period between December 22 and January 2. If you get started right away you will be able to recheck your decorations for weak points and can gradually add to it for better results. As a help to those who would like technical information about wiring, material available, etc., we have arranged with the Southern Public Utilities company for their experienced commercial lighting specialists to render you any aid that they can.

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