

Dynamited Walls Do Much Damage

Wrecking of Theatre Building Does \$500.00 Damage to Bottling Plant.

All this week throngs of people have watched with interest the work of the old men in raising the walls of the old National Theatre. The process has been slow, tedious and attended with uncertain dangers, but the last big towering wall of the rear of the theatre was thrown to the ground Wednesday afternoon and the major part of the risky work was accomplished without injury to anyone. The workmen had a particular task in throwing the 50-foot walls to the ground without doing injury to the Coca-Cola building which is located just 16 feet from the burned structure. They began by pulling over the far walls first, pulling them down the hill and away from the Coca-Cola building. All went well until the last small section of the wall next to the bottling plant was thrown. But for some reason this wall as it was brought over with dynamite and tactics buckled in the middle and shot back through the windows of the bottling plant. Four large steel mesh were demolished, but the walls to the building were not damaged. Inside was a large stock of bottles against the windows and hundreds of these were broken by the flying brick.

The damage to the building and contents of the Coca-Cola plant will amount to \$500.00. The salvage company at once notified the insurance agents that the insurance companies would be held responsible for the damage, but the companies denied any liability for damage from the throwing of the wall. In the meantime the bottling company has one side of their building torn out with a dispute up as to who is to pay for the damage.

Old Surry Landmark Destroyed By Fire

Fire last Sunday afternoon destroyed one of the old landmarks of Surry County—the Jonathan Roberts home place on Stewart's Creek, three miles west of this city. For several years the property has been owned by H. Schafer and at the time of the fire the house was occupied by a tenant.

Old residents of the city say the house was fully 180 years old and about it was woven many interesting events of the early history of the people of this section. For more than a generation it was the home of the late Billie Haymore. The building was of log construction the cracks filled with a mixture of mud and straw, then boarded and oiled. On the inside one marveled at the width of the ceiling, some of it being 24 inches wide and none of the lumber measuring less than 18 inches in width.

Lining the walk leading to the front porch were rows of English box bushes planted there by one of the early owners. These were partly destroyed by fire and would have sold for more than \$200 at the present market price.

Miss Lillian Johnson Has Acute Appendicitis

Miss Lillian Johnson, student of Meredith College Raleigh was stricken with acute appendicitis Saturday and at 9 p. m. the physicians called her parents over long distance telephone for permission to operate. At eleven p. m. she was reported as having stood the operation nicely, which report was confirmed by a visit of her mother, Mrs. J. E. Johnson and brother P. L. Johnson who spent Sunday and Monday at her bedside taking with them Mrs. Hal Dobson trained nurse who will remain as long as needed. The authorities at Rex hospital seemed to be experiencing a shortage of nurses and requested a nurse from here for Miss Johnson.

Rev. B. J. Willis Resigns Pastorate

Rev. B. J. Willis has tendered his resignation as pastor of the Haymore Memorial Baptist Church to take effect early in February. The membership of the church deeply regrets the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Willis who has proved himself a very efficient pastor and minister during the past year. He has caused many to see the error of their way and influenced them to join the Army of Christ. The lives of the young people of the church have been greatly helped and inspired by the influence of the Rev. and Mrs. Willis. It is understood that in giving up the pastorate the Rev. Mr. Willis will devote himself again to the evangelistic work for which he seems especially gifted and the interest of the church will follow him in that field of endeavor to which he seems especially called. The Rev. Mr. Willis will hold his last service with the Haymore Memorial congregation on the first Sunday in February.

Eight Months For Restaurant Keeper

Geo. Roberson Appeals From Recorder's Court on Serious Charge

One morning last week when Jimmie Kokotas, Greek cafe operator, unlocked his place of business he found the large front plate glass cut across the bottom and up one side as neatly as any expert glass cutter could do. The same glass had been replaced about two weeks before that when it is claimed it was broken out from some unknown cause. But when the glass was found to be cut this second time an investigation resulted in the arrest of Geo. Roberson, proprietor of the Snappy Lunch, and a nearby competitor to the Greek. The owner of the building, Mr. Marsh of High Point started a prosecution against Mr. Roberson for the damage to the building and the case came up before the Recorder's Court Monday morning.

The state had as its witness Roland Carpenter, who is employed at the Broadway Theatre. He testified at the hearing that he was waiting at the picture show for the arrival of some pictures by the night picture delivery truck, and about five o'clock he saw Mr. Roberson stop in front of the Greek cafe, and scrape against the plate glass with something. Later he saw him make another cut on the same glass and he stated that after Mr. Roberson had left he investigated to see what he was doing and found the cut places on the glass. The glass was insured against breakage and claim was made to the insurance company for the loss, which was about \$25.

The defense offered no testimony and made no plea before the Recorder. The warrant charged malicious injury to real property and carried with it, under the statute, a maximum penalty of two years on the roads. Judge Llewellyn sentenced the defendant to eight months on the roads from which he appealed to the Superior Court at Dobson.

Colored School Teacher Loses Son

James Jones, col., nineteen year old son of J. J. Jones principal of the colored graded school of this city died at the home of his parents last Thursday after a long illness. The funeral was conducted at 1 p. m. Sunday afternoon by W. R. Zeigler, of Guilford College, and interment made in the Colored Odd Fellows cemetery at Winston-Salem.

Skull Fractured By Kick of Pony

Herbert Spencer aged 12 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Spencer of Reno street suffered a fractured skull Saturday about noon when he was kicked in the head by a pony owned and ridden by Campbell Baird the son of Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Baird on Cherry street. The boy was carried to the hospital and an operation performed to remove the pressure from his brain. All the boys of the neighborhood have fooled with the pony and made it a plaything. The boy's condition is favorable.

Harrison Home Scene of Pretty Affair

Meodames J. G. Harrison and W. Fulton were hostesses Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Harrison to the members of the Wednesday Afternoon Book club and a few other friends.

Nandina berries introduced a bright touch of color in the decorations throughout the lower floor which was thrown open to the guests.

Rook was played and for high score among club members Mrs. H. R. Hege received an address book, among visitors Mrs. Albert Council received a rosebud satchel. The consolation first-dive matches in miniature golf bag was presented to Mrs. Marshall guest of Mrs. McFall.

A chicken salad course with coffee was served followed by crystallized ginger.

Snow & Harris To Operate Hatchery

The Mount Airy Hatchery, located on East Oak street, is now being operated by Walter Snow and W. S. Harris, they having taken over the interest of C. L. Hennis, former owner of the business. Mr. Snow will be in active charge of the business and is now running the huge incubators at full capacity. He has had 16 years experience in the business and is simply qualified for the work. Their incubators have a capacity of 35,000 eggs which assures prompt service in filling orders. They will do custom hatching as well as sell day old chicks and are in the market for a large quantity of hatching eggs.

MOUNT AIRY'S FAIR WILL BE CONTINUED

John H. Midkiff Buys Property At Auction Sale and Organizes New Company

After all Mount Airy and Surry County will continue to have a fair. The lands and holdings of the old Carolina-Virginia Fair Association were sold at public auction last Friday afternoon and bid off by John H. Midkiff for the sum of \$16,100.00. A small group of interested spectators attended the sale at the fair grounds, more curious to see what would become of the fair than for any other reason, but there were several bids placed on the property before the bidding ceased. Among those who bid on the property other than Mr. Midkiff were W. H. Merritt, A. L. Bunker and D. S. Hodge. The old association was organized 14 years ago and at that time bought the fair ground property from Dr. W. S. Taylor for the sum of \$4,000. The association was capitalized at \$10,000 and now has outstanding debts to the amount of \$12,400.

Immediately after the sale Mr. Midkiff stated that he bought the property for the purpose of organizing a new association and continuing the fair. He at once started steps to perfect the organization and the company has been incorporated under the title of Mount Airy Fair, Inc., with J. B. Sparger as president, W. H. Holcomb, vice-president and J. H. Midkiff, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Midkiff this week made a trip to New York and signed up contracts with the E. M. Stone shows to provide the midway attractions for the fair next fall. He also made contracts for other features of the fair and is now getting material in shape for the issuance of the annual catalog of premiums and displays, which will be issued in the early spring.

The dates for the fair have not been definitely determined but they will be either Sept. 17 or the 24th. In any event the fair days will extend thru Saturday.

The new association will have a paid in capital stock of \$30,000.

Kiwanis Officials Installed For Year

D. E. Hoffman is President For 1929—Committees Announced.

At the regular meeting of the Kiwanis Club last Friday evening Dan E. Hoffman was installed as the club's president for the year. Edw. M. Linville, past president, presided over the meeting and administered the oath of office to the new president and introduced the other officers and directors.

The following officers will assist the new president: O. K. Merritt and O. H. Yokley, vice-presidents; Edw. M. Linville, district trustee; Geo. K. Snow, secretary and treasurer. Directors: W. W. Christian, C. M. Whitlock, Geo. E. Marshall, L. P. Wrenn, Fred Folger, J. L. Ashby and J. D. Thompson.

President Hoffman at once started off the year's work by naming the following committees:

Attendance
O. K. Merritt, C. W. Andrew, R. V. Deyrie, John L. Ashby, John D. Thompson, J. Bruce Yokley, Grover C. Lovill.

Music
F. P. Blevins, E. C. Bivens.

Classification and Grievances
R. C. Brown, D. H. Cooke, J. W. Lovill, John Sobotta.

House
C. M. Whitlock, J. E. Cockerham, A. C. Gibbs, C. W. Fulton, H. R. Hege, W. C. Moody, J. A. Tesh.

Finance
W. W. Christian, O. K. Merritt, F. P. Blevins, T. O. Fawcett.

Laws and Regulations
W. W. Carter, E. W. Post, J. W. McFall, Geo. E. Marshall.

Program Committee
O. H. Yokley, Edw. M. Linville, W. H. Holcomb, F. P. Blevins, R. C. Boyles.

Under-Privileged Child
L. B. Fendergraph, H. H. Llewellyn, C. D. Crouch, E. C. Ashby, R. J. Lovill.

Education
Edw. M. Linville, E. H. Kochitzky, E. C. Ashby, Geo. K. Snow.

Public Affairs
C. W. Andrew, J. B. Sparger, S. M. Hale, W. G. Snyder, D. O. Lewis, W. J. Byerly, J. H. Folger.

Inter-City Relations
Moir S. Martin, S. P. Graves, C. H. Haynes, John Folger, Roy C. Mitchell.

Agriculture
A. Green Webb, G. C. Lovill, S. M. Hale, J. S. Bray, I. W. Barber, R. A. George.

Reception
J. F. Prather, S. A. Conduff, O. W. Pippin, W. S. Wolfe, J. D. Sargent, I. T. Jacobs, H. R. Hege.

Business Methods
L. P. Wrenn, C. Binder, W. E. Lindsay, E. S. Hendren, R. W. Sparger.

Publicity
Judson F. Ashby, W. M. Johnson, D. E. Nelson, B. E. Herman.

Athletic Committee
J. F. Yokley, Fred Folger, M. S. Martin, C. M. Whitlock.

County Selects New Health Officer

Dr. Gorham, of Winston-Salem To Take Up Work February 1st

The county board of health Monday elected Dr. Gorham, of Winston-Salem as the health officer for Surry County, and he will arrive in Mount Airy in time to take charge of the county health work Feb. 1st. Dr. Gorham is a young man, out of the medical school about three years and has been doing health work for the city of Winston-Salem for the past year. He will have to assist him in the work here two nurses and he has been instructed to select and employ them.

Bankruptcy Closes Boyles Bros. Store

Papers were filed with the Federal Court in Greensboro last week placing Boyles Bros., merchants of this city in bankruptcy. The records show assets of the firm listed as \$6,600.00 with liabilities amounting to \$7,900.00. Wayne R. Boyles, manager of the store since is organization three years ago, left Saturday for Kinston where he has accepted a position with the J. C. Penny Stores at that place.

Business and Professional Women Hold Meeting

The January meeting of the Business and Professional Woman's Club was held in the home of Miss Mary Hollingsworth Tuesday evening with fourteen members present and four new names added to the roll. Following an interesting business session in which announcement was made of the activities of the club in relieving distress among the poor at Christmas, three families being generously provided for by the club, an interesting health talk was made by Miss Parsons of the Surry Health department. A social hour followed the program and the hostess served refreshments. The February meeting will be held in the dining room of the Blue Ridge hotel and will be a get-together supper with an elaborate program planned by Mrs. Cluade Clark and Mrs. Grever Utt.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. T. B. Ashby is a patient at the hospital for treatment. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Lowry Wednesday about 6 p. m.

Mrs. Jesse Shelton of route 3 is a patient on account of complications following influenza.

Herbert Spencer continues to improve following operation made necessary on his head following kick by a pony.

B. H. Mayes, of Stuart, Va., is a patient for diagnosis and treatment.

Miss Rose Stevens has returned to her home in Pilot Mountain after being treated for an infected wound.

Alton Webb is improving nicely.

Valentine Utt is improving daily.

Frank Chappel victim of an auto accident is doing as well as could be expected.

Literature Department Meeting Postponed

The meeting of the Literature Department of the Woman's Club of Mount Airy will not be held Friday evening to the illness of the chairman and several of the members. A new date for this meeting will be announced later.

Aim Was Good But Powder Was Weak

Young Man Attempts Suicide—in Rushing to Hospital Another Gets Fractured Skull.

Because Valentine Utt's gun was not powerful enough to drive a bullet through his ribs and on into his heart he is spared his life, but his effort at self-destruction may cause the death of Frank Chappel, young married man living on the Fancy Gap road. The combined circumstance took place about seven o'clock Saturday night. Utt, who is employed by Smith Bros. wholesale house and recently married, came home after the close of the week's work and during the preparation of supper became enraged at his wife and at once declared his intention to take his life. It is said his wife made light of his threat and this urged him on to the act. As soon as he fired the gun examination showed that he was aiming for his heart for there on his breast could be seen the bullet hole in the flesh right over his heart. But he continued to breathe and a hurry call was sent for Dr. S. A. Conduff. When the doctor arrived Utt was placed in the doctor's car and started for the hospital.

The shooting occurred at the home of Utt on East Poplar Street and while bringing him to the hospital the car driven by Dr. Conduff collided with one driven by Frank Chappel at the intersection of Lebanon and Main. In the collision Chappel was thrown against a telephone pole and his skull fractured. His condition was at once realized and he too was carried to the hospital. At first little hope was held out for him. He had a badly fractured skull, part of it crushed in, and an operation was performed to remove part of the bone that was pressing on the brain. Since then he has remained conscious and hope is now entertained for his recovery.

It took the hospital attaches only a short time to learn that Utt's injury was of a minor nature. The bullet had started on its way to his heart, but struck a rib and glanced from its course and followed the rib around his side and passed on out through his back, inflicting only a painful wound and a badly fractured rib which stopped the bullet's course.

Mr. Jeffries Accepts New Position

Mr. Herbert Jeffries, manager of the shoe department at Jackson Bros. Department store for several years has accepted a position with the Spainhower-Brydner Co. of North Wilkesboro, Elkin and Boone and will put in a line of shoes in each of the three stores operated by the Spainhower-Brydner Co. and be general manager of the shoe stock at each point.

Mr. Jeffries is an experienced shoe man and his many customers will follow his career with interest.

Mr. Clarence Mock formerly with the Hawks-Boyles Co. of this city has taken Mr. Jeffries place with Jackson Bros. store.

Announcement of Interest to Club Women

Mrs. John F. Stippel, president of the General Federal of Woman's clubs will speak over radio Thursday evening on the subject, "Woman's New Importance as an Investor in Money, Time and Leisure." The address will be broadcast by WEAF New York and 26 stations associated with the National Broadcasting Company including WPI Philadelphia, WCAE Pittsburgh, WBT Charlotte. The address will be given at 10 p. m. eastern standard time and will be listened to by probably the largest group of club women who ever listened to any program. The Mount Airy club women are cordially invited to tune in.

New Professional At Country Club

The golf course and club house of the Mount Airy Country Club is now under the management of Jimmie Creighton, of Pennsylvania. The new pro arrived in the city Tuesday and at once assumed his duties connected with his office. Mr. Creighton is a native Scotchman, and while he is a very young man, he comes of a nationally known family of golf players, his brother, Marshall Creighton, being in charge of the Hope Valley Club, Durham.

Quite a number of Mount Airy citizens are taking advantage of Greensboro's opera festival this week at the Greensboro auditorium sponsored by the North Carolina College for Women. Attending "Pauze" Wednesday night were Miss Isabel Smith, Mrs. Frederick Smith, F. F. Blevins, Miss Mary Ellen Carter and Ruth Dobson, Meodames T. E. Smith, M. M. Carter and D. O. Sunderland. "Mina. Sully" Thursday night will be attended by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lovill, Dr. and Mrs. B. J. Lovill and Miss Elizabeth Lovill.

Simmons and Merritt Tell of Their Cows

The Preacher Investigates Mr. Rufo Simmons' Story and He Gives More Figures

The story of Mr. Rufo Simmons' family cow that was carried in these columns last week has caused much comment among the people of the county and in one instance brought forth an investigation of the facts by one minister. The minister was slightly skeptical of the revelation that unfolded before him as he read how Mr. Simmons had coined \$750 from one cow in two years time and scored butter and milk for family purposes at the same time. After Mr. Simmons had gone all over the story again the minister than innocently asked, "Well, Mr. Simmons, could anybody else have a cow like that?" Then it was that Mr. Simmons had to go into further detail and tell more of the secret of his success.

First thing Mr. Simmons told him you must have good quarters for your cow. "All over this country," said Mr. Simmons, "I see the family cow tied out under an old shelter during the winter, and in some cases no shelter at all. You are wasting your money to keep a cow under those conditions." And then he said you must feed them well. This cow he has been telling about gets a water bucket full of feed at every milking, composed of two-thirds wheat bran and one-third high grade dairy feed. And in the meantime she gets all the rough feed she will eat. This particular cow is seven years old and was fresh the last time in Feb., 1927. Just last week this is what Mr. Simmons brought to his customers in Mount Airy and sold for the cash: 8 pounds of butter at 45 cents a pound and 7 gallons of buttermilk at 25 cents a gallon. Our arithmetic says this amounts to \$6.35, the return from this one cow for the week ending Jan. 15th.

Now comes Mr. Ed Merritt, another business man of Mount Airy, who has been interested in handling cows for a number of years, with as equally an interesting story. We just accidentally heard this story as he told it to a few customers gathered around the stove in his hardware store Wednesday afternoon. And little did he realize that a reporter was taking in all he was telling his former friends. "Fellow," said Mr. Merritt, as he cut a plug of tobacco in half, "I bought the biggest cow today I have ever seen in this country. She weighed 1343 pounds. I had one that weighed 1200 and I never thought there was one anywhere around that would weigh more." Then by questioning he told more about his dealing in beef cattle. This particular cow he bought from Ed Davis, the dairyman, for beef purposes. In fact he bought three, their total weight being 2600 pounds. Mr. Merritt owns a large farm east of this city on Ararat river and also several hundred acres of grazing land on the Wards Gap road in Carroll County. On his land he keeps around 100 head of beef cattle to secure manure with which to improve the land that is in cultivation. At the present time he has 91 head on hand and will begin shipping to the markets about Feb. 1st. He has already sold one carload and will get his stock down by April 1st, shipping to nearby cities in this state. While Mr. Merritt takes great pride in his farms yet he is a strict business man and so manages as to make his farming pay him a good return along with his other business interests.

War Memorial Committee Completes Draperies

An interesting meeting of the War Memorial committee of the Mount Airy Woman's Club was held Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. J. D. Sargent when a business meeting and sewing party were combined most effectively. The new draperies which this committee is giving to the Community Building were completed, the side rooms being provided for at this meeting the main auditorium having been dressed in attractive new draperies before the holidays by this same group of women. Arrangements were made for a committee to look after new guttering and proper drainage at the building, this was the most important part of the business discussion.

Mrs. Sargent served a congealed fruit salad with wafers and ginger ale after the needlework was done.

Turnmyre & Lamm Add New Service

Turnmyre & Lamm, druggists of this city, have added a cashier service to their business and in the future all purchases for articles, including fountain goods, will be made to a cashier centrally located in the drug store. Miss Fanny Jackson has been added to the staff of the store and will preside over the cash counter. She also has a telephone on her desk where phone orders can be promptly received and turned over to the druggists for their attention.