

Mr. Shirley Writes of New River Bridge

Says Construction Will Most Likely Begin in 90 Days

A letter was received this week by J. E. Ayers of this city from his father, J. D. Ayers of Max Meadows, Wytke County, Va., in which the elder Mr. Ayers enclosed a communication he had received from State Highway Chairman H. C. Shirley in regard to the bridge at Jackson Ferry. This letter gives further assurance that the construction of this bridge on New River will be started at an early date. When the highway commission held a hearing at Wytkeville several weeks ago an effort was made by some parties to forestall the work on the bridge and use the money on the road leading toward Sparta but it now is certain that the Jackson Ferry bridge will be built during the summer.

The letter Mr. Shirley has written Mr. Ayers at Max Meadows is as follows:

Commonwealth of Virginia
Department of Highways

Richmond, Va., Feb. 11, 1929.

Mr. J. D. Ayers,

Max Meadows, Va.

My dear Mr. Ayers:

I am glad to know you are of the opinion that the people of Wytke county approve the allocation made to the Jackson Ferry bridge.

This allocation has been confirmed and very likely we will start in the next ninety days on the construction of this bridge.

Glad to know your people approve. Very sincerely yours,

H. C. SHIRLEY,
Commissioner.

Mount Airy Fair Opens Sept. 17th.

The definite opening date of the Mount Airy Fair was this week announced by J. H. Midkiff, Secretary and Treasurer of the new fair association recently organized here. The fair will open on Tuesday, Sept. 17th and continue through Saturday, Sept. 21st. All bookings for the midway, free acts and other attractions have been completed and work will soon be started on the publication of the premium list.

The new association has taken over all the property and equipment of the old Carolina-Virginia fair which has been dissolved. The new company has elected the following officers: J. E. Sparger, president; W. H. Holcomb, vice-president and J. H. Midkiff, secretary and treasurer.

White Plains Boy Will Broadcast Sunday

Glenn Robertson, student director of the Glee club of Guilford College, will broadcast Sunday afternoon March 3rd at four o'clock from Raleigh. He will sing two solos, "Diana" by McGill, "Slave Song" by Deibelgo. The male quartet will sing many favorite songs, among them will be "Annie Laurie" and "Hear Dem Bells". The Glee club will also entertain with several popular selections.

The Guilford College Glee club is widely known over the state as it gave Duke University a close race for state championship last fall in the state contest at Durham.

Chief Patterson Needs His Overcoat

On the night of the recent fire Chief M. F. Patterson took off his overcoat and left it on the fire truck, some one came along and picked it up to keep himself warm and forgot to return it. Chief Patterson says he did not need the coat while fighting fire but does need it now, and if the party who borrowed it will return it he is perfectly welcome to the use of it during and since the fire.

New Furniture Business Open Here

B. C. Snyder and B. O. Disher of Winston-Salem owners of the B. & O. Furniture Co., of that city, have opened a branch store in the old Welch block, the formal opening to take place Friday, March 1st, from 3 to 10 P. M. These young men have been engaged in the furniture, piano and upholstery business in Winston-Salem for a number of years. They have planned an entertaining program for their opening hour in this city Friday afternoon and evening when music will be furnished by the Warren Orchestra. Special values in furniture on easy payment plan are advertised in this newspaper for the coming week.

The new store will also have as one of its salesmen Otis P. Moore, well known young man of this city, who has had experience with local stores in the past.

Pied Piper Is In This City

To Lead Campaign Against Rats and Mice

H. E. Richter, of the Associated Terminators of America, with headquarters in Cincinnati, Ohio, arrived Tuesday to spend the remainder of the week here in the interest of the campaign which is being waged for the extermination of rodents.

Mr. Richter has testimonials from North Wilkesboro and other points where war on rats and mice has been declared and the merchants testify to satisfactory results of his work. He claims to be able to rid any place of rats and mice, and will advise any who seek his advice while in this city.

While expert help is available is an opportune time to rid your premises of the rodents.

Mr. Richter will on Wednesday evening give a 10 minute lecture on rat extermination at the Grand theatre and a film will be shown then and possibly each other evening during the campaign. This is a problem of interest to the general public and all should see the picture and learn how to exterminate the rodents.

It is well to keep in mind that if you would get best results from your poison bait you should cover all foods and garbage so that the rats cannot satisfy their hunger without eating your poison bait.

The Woman's Club store has been moved from the building adjoining Poore's store on South Main to the building on North Main next to the G. C. Lovill Co.

It is important that sufficient bait be put out at one time for every rat in the neighborhood to get its share, it is better to prepare too much bait than too little. All that is not eaten should be taken up the following morning. If some rats should be left it is well to wait two weeks before putting out another lot of bait. Almost any food suitable for human beings appeals to the appetite of the rat.

Memory Gift Shower for Mrs. Carter

Mrs. Fred Folger entertained last Thursday afternoon with three tables of bridge in compliment to Mrs. W. W. Carter who leaves Friday to make her future home in Texas. Members of their two table bridge club and a few other friends of the honoree were present and showered Mrs. Carter with memory gifts. Mrs. William Sydnor received the club high score prize and Mrs. Marshall, house guest of Mrs. McFall, the visitor's prize. Creamed chicken, Philadelphia cream cheese, sandwiches, wafers, angels food cake, coffee with whipped cream were served.

Mrs. Sarah Armfield At Point of Death

For several weeks the condition of Mrs. Sarah Armfield, of this city, has been very critical and for the past week or more her death has been expected at any time. She is totally paralyzed and has reached a point where she is unable to take nourishment, and remains in an unconscious condition. For many years she resided at Lowgap but is now being cared for in the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Jackson, of this city.

Dr. Newell D. Hillis, Noted Preacher Dies

New York, Feb. 25.—The Reverend Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, pastor Emeritus of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, died today at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Robert S. Kellogg, in Bronxville. He was 71 years old.

Assuming the pastorate of the Plymouth Congregational Church, Brooklyn, before he was 40 years old, the Rev. Dr. Hillis devoted his life much the same as did his two predecessors, Dr. Henry Ward Beecher and Dr. Lyman Abbott, dividing his time between his church duties and literature.

Dr. Hillis took an active interest in patriotic work especially after America entered the world war. When the late President Theodore Roosevelt was endeavoring to get permission to take a division to France he selected Dr. Hillis to go with him as divisional chaplain, a commission that Dr. Hillis greatly desired to accept. The clergyman delivered many sermons and addresses in which he scathingly denounced the Germans for their alleged atrocities and brutality.

In order to get first hand information he went to France in September 1917 and made a trip over the ground that the German armies had evacuated. Upon his return to the United States he preached a series of sermons on German atrocities, the marks of many of which he had seen.

Dr. Hillis later published the sermons in a volume entitled "German Atrocities" and in the same year, 1918, put out another war volume, "The Plot on the Kaiser's Beaches." In 1919 he published his first war book, "Studies of the Great War."

Acorn Managers Meet in This City

Holding District Meeting This Week With Local Stores

Store managers from this state and East Tennessee of the Acorn Stores, gathered in this city Wednesday for the regular monthly meeting of this district of which Mount Airy has been the headquarters since the opening of the store here.

R. S. McGee is resident manager of the Mount Airy store as well as the district manager. The meeting of the managers this week is a monthly event which is rotated among the different stores of the district. While in the city Mr. McGee carried his guests out for sight-seeing trips over the mountain and to points of interest around Mount Airy.

Attending the meeting here were the following: S. C. Byrd, Lexington; A. S. Harris, North Wilkesboro; G. C. Heston, Gastonia; F. L. Brooks, High Point; F. W. Smith, Salisbury; W. D. Allen, Shelby; R. H. Westbrook, Kingsport, Tenn.; Mr. Tucker, Erwin, Tenn.; Mr. Jones, Bristol, Tenn.; and M. L. Horn, regional manager, of New York city.

Court at Dobson Begins March 18th

A term of civil court will be convened at Dobson on Monday, March 18th for two weeks with Judge J. H. Harwood presiding the first week and Judge N. A. Townsend the second week.

The jurors for this court were drawn last week by the County Commissioners at a special meeting. Those being summoned for service are as follows:

First Week: R. G. Holyfield, R. P. Edison, J. H. Midkiff, J. H. Hardy, R. W. Mosley, J. W. Gillespie, Worth McHone, C. A. McNeil, Walter A. Taylor, J. W. Lovill, J. W. Beamer, Willis McKinney, G. B. Gardner, J. R. Smith, H. W. Miller, G. R. Bailey, Gaither C. Lundy, Dallas M. Owens, Geo. S. Nichols, Geo. Slaydon, J. W. Jenkins, J. N. Jones, C. E. Coe, J. C. Vogler.

Second week: S. P. Johns, J. A. Smith, Walter Kirkman, F. A. Owens, E. C. Foy, Jr., F. E. Layne, L. E. Hutchens, E. P. Apperson, Geo. W. Redman, R. D. Dodson, E. V. Thompson, J. R. Denny, D. L. McOee, J. C. Trulove, W. M. Hamby, J. O. Ayers, J. B. Weaver, Earl R. Tate.

August Wedding is Announced

The marriage of Miss Katie Lee Jackson to Mr. Howard Hooker which took place in Bristol, Tenn., Aug. 12 1928 was announced at a pretty party given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Armfield at Bannertown, Friday evening with Miss Irene Armfield as hostess.

No hint of the announcement was given in the invitations which Miss Armfield issued to a George Washington's Birthday party and patriotic colors featured the decorations but the announcement came during the refreshment hour which followed progressive rock.

Little Miss Sarah Jackson as Martha Washington and Master Joe Armfield as George Washington dressed in Colonial costumes served refreshments in two courses sandwiches, pickles and olives and fruit being followed by ice cream and cake. At this juncture small boxes in patriotic colors were presented the guests and the wedding cake brought in on a small table. Each box contained rice and a tiny card bearing the initials "K. L. J. to J. H. H. Aug. 12, 1928, Bristol, Tenn."

The couple was showered with rice and in cutting the cake Chester Stewart cut the penny for luck, Glenn Armfield secured both the dime for wealth, and the button for bachelorhood, Miss Allos Perkins cut the ring which predicts for her the next marriage.

Stewart Lowry received a box of Norris candy for high score and Miss Allos Perkins a similar box for consolation as the result of the rock game.

The young couple who kept their marriage secret for business reasons will reside with the parents of the groom Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hooker on Wilson street. Mrs. Hooker who is the daughter of Mrs. T. C. Jackson has completed a year's contract as stenographer for the Bank of Mount Airy and Mr. Hooker is employed with the First National Bank. They were accompanied to Bristol by Miss Eleanor Williams of Norfolk, Va., who was Miss Jackson's guest and Eugene Sparger, of this city.

Sarah Yokley Has Spend-the-Day Party

Little Miss Sarah Yokley celebrated her fifth birthday Monday by entertaining a few friends with a spend-the-day party. Those enjoying this delightful party were Mary Louise Merritt, Sarah Merritt, Patty Holcomb, Helen Gibbs, Rachel Merritt and Anne Yokley.

Wrenn & Webb To Operate Cash Store

Will Conduct Retail Business At Boyles Brothers Location.

At an early date L. P. Wrenn and A. O. Webb will open a retail dry goods business in the store room formerly occupied by Boyles Bros. The new store will be known as the W. & W. Cash store and will carry a complete line of general merchandise, shoes, dry goods and notions. The stock first offered to the public will be at special reduction in price made possible by the purchase of several stocks from concerns that have recently gone out of business. They have purchased the Bernard stock, the Fowler stock and this week bid off the stock of Boyles Bros. at the auction sale held by the referee and this will perhaps be confirmed this week.

As soon as these stocks can be arranged and properly assorted the new store will open for business. J. E. Barker will have charge of the active management of the store and Oscar Hunter, of Westfield, will assist him.

Pilot Mountain Sells Plant to S. P. U. Co.

The sale of the power plant and transmission lines of the Town of Pilot Mountain to the Southern Public Utilities Co. was approved at an election of the voters of the town held Tuesday, not a single person casting a dissenting vote.

By the terms of the sale the power company pays the town \$75,000 for its power plant on the Ararat river and the transmission system in the town with a franchise to do business within the corporate limits. The price paid for the property was the amount that had been asked by the town for some time and the trade has met with the hearty approval of all its citizens.

First Presbyterian Church Radio Service Sunday Night

Mr. McFall will preach Sunday morning using as his subject "Your Manner of Life"

The hour of evening worship has been changed from seven thirty to 8 o'clock in order that we might have a radio service. The Synod of North Carolina has secured three speakers who will be "on the air" in the interests of the Stewardship Committee.

The speakers and their stations are as follows: Dr. Ben Lacy, Raleigh, 8 to 7 p. m.; Dr. D. Clay Lilly, Greensboro, 8 to 7 p. m.; Dr. Oilmour, Charlotte, 8:30 to 7 p. m.

A radio will be installed in the church and we will tune in on one of the above stations and secure a regular church service. An invitation is given to others to worship with us at any or all of our services.

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11:00 p. m.
Evening worship, 8:00 p. m.

The Dust of the Earth At The Grand Theatre

"The Dust of the Earth" a highly dramatic and intensely interesting emotional drama will be presented at the Grand theatre here Tuesday Mar. 5 at 8 p. m. by the faculty of the White Plains school assisted by other talent of the community.

This play was given first at White Plains and was such a success that the cast was invited to give a performance at Copeland. The performance to be given here is the third and many of those who have seen it before express their intention to see it again.

Popular prices of 25c for children and 50c for adults will prevail. A show more than worth the money is the verdict of those who have seen it. You can't afford to miss it.

Little Folks Have Party

Patriotic decorations and games marked a birthday party given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Holcomb last Saturday afternoon when little Billy aged 3 and Pattie aged four celebrated their birthdays jointly. Among the exciting and interesting amusements were an animal hunt, pinning the tail on the donkey, a grand march featured with red, white and blue caps and canes. Little Misses Sarah Yokley and Sarah Merritt carried off the prizes in the contests. The birthday cake was a beautiful affair decorated with flowers and was served with other refreshments suitable to the little folks.

SHIPMENT OF MEXICAN QUAIL RECEIVED AT ELKIN

Elkin, Feb. 27.—A shipment of Mexican quail, received today from Texas by Alex Chatham for stocking the game reserve at the Klendike estate just north of town, attracted much interest. The Mexican quail are similar in appearance to the native Bob White, but are a shade lighter in color.

Rockford Young Man Axe Victim

Virgil Holyfield Receives Fatal Blow From Hands of Fred Dodson, Colored.

Virgil Holyfield, popular young man of the Rockford section was fatally wounded last Saturday afternoon near his home and died a few hours later from a wound received when a negro, Fred Dodson, is alleged to have struck him in the back of the head with the blade of an axe.

Fred Dodson and Toral Caesar, both colored youths, were returning from a wood chopping in the neighborhood and had stopped at a store where they met up with young Holyfield. Holyfield picked up the axe of Caesar and was chopping into a stump with it when the negro admonished him not to do that as he was likely to dull his axe against a nail. Words passed between them and they clinched in a scuffle. Then it was that Dodson is alleged to have picked up the axe and struck Holyfield in the back of the head while he was engaged in the affray with the Caesar negro. The accident was witnessed by the boy's sister, Miss Maury Holyfield, who rendered first aid to her injured brother as best she could.

The two negroes made their escape and efforts of the officers to find a clue of their place of refuge have been of no avail. One of them was about 18 and the other 20. It is the opinion of those who know them that they are hiding out some where in the neighborhood.

The slain youth was 23 years old, the son of T. B. Holyfield, of Rockford, and at times carried the mail from Rockford to Dobson.

The Death and Birth Rate In Mount Airy

Figures compiled by J. C. Hill, recorder of vital statistics, reveal some interesting data on the birth and death rate for the city of Mount Airy. The following facts applying to the inhabitants of the city for the year 1928 have been gathered together from his records:

Number of white births 196, colored 9; deaths for the year in the city, white 106, colored 11. Total births 205, total deaths 117, gain in births over the deaths, 88.

Miss Love Banner Weds J. M. Diffie, Jr

Miss Love Hilliard Banner became the bride of Mr. James Marsh Diffie, Jr., in a marriage ceremony solemnized in the home of the bride's mother Mrs. John L. Banner, on South Main street Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The vows were spoken before the Rev. A. C. Gibbs, pastor of Central Methodist Church, the impressive ring ceremony being used.

Only members of the immediate family of the bride and a few intimate friends were present for the ceremony which was characterized by simplicity.

The bride who is the youngest daughter of the late Mr. John L. Banner, and Mrs. John L. Banner of this city was educated at N. C. C. W. Greensboro. She is strikingly pretty and was never lovelier than when she pledged her truth at the nuptial altar. She wore a becoming beige ensemble with fox trimming and accessories of a darker shade of tan. She wore a corsage of pink roses showered with valley lilies.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Diffie of Cordele, Ga., and is an alumnus of Auburn Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala., where he was a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity. He is connected with the Tomlinson Chair Co., of High Point.

Immediately after the ceremony they left for a motor trip north going through the Valley of Virginia. After March 1 they will make their home in High Point where they will reside in the Hunter apartment, Parkway.

Witnessing the ceremony were the bride's mother Mrs. Banner, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bivens, Miss Beverly Bivens, Mrs. Annie Banner Mitchell of Greensboro, Mr. and Mrs. P. Lester Hawks, Greensboro, Miss Lucie Smith, Mrs. William Sydnor, Mrs. Bailey Glenn, Miss Marion Prather.

Day and Night Garage To Service Hudson-Essex

John H. Midkiff, local Hudson-Essex dealer, has announced that service on this popular line of cars will be rendered in the future by the Day and Night Garage, managed by Paul Allred. Following an extensive survey made by the Hudson-Essex dealer this garage was named as the authorized service station for the Hudson-Essex cars. Mr. Midkiff stated that the choice had been made on account of the ample storage facilities and the machinery and tool equipment of the Day and Night Garage. They are located in the old Ford garage building on Franklin street.

Minstrel Program Is Big Success

An Evening of Fun and Recreation to Become Annual Event—Promoters and Spectators Pleased

An interesting program ranging from ragtime to grand opera called "Minstrel Finales of 1929" given in the Grand theatre Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Mount Airy Lodge Knights of Pythias, and directed by Mr. Fred Rudall, of Charlotte, was quite a success both financially and from a standpoint of a satisfied audience. The Pythians have announced their intention to make the minstrel an annual event.

The first act which introduced Mr. Morgan Stanley as master of ceremonies and six young men as "burnt cork artists" was conducted in true minstrel style with the men seated in semi-circle and the twenty-five young ladies of the chorus in colorful evening dresses seated just to the rear and a little higher than the men. Clever jokes and puns many of which had a local tang and spared neither professional men, police or court officials were pulled off by the performers, and Hugh Holcomb and Earl Wray renewed their claim to laurels as dancers.

"Dusky Stevedore," "When Sweet Susie Goes Steppin' By," "Mindstrollin' Mind" and "Dixie Blackbottom" were mingled with such songs as "Jeannie" "Asleep in the Deep," "Sonny Boy" and the more sentimental ballads giving a varied program which was well received.

The second section of the play "In Radioland" introduced C. W. Andrew as master of ceremonies and the curtain rose on a group of young people seated around tables and enjoying refreshments at Mount Airy's newest night club while the program of singing and dancing was broadcast. In this act Mount Airy was a step ahead of the ordinary broadcasting station and not only broadcast the program but the hearers had the additional advantage of seeing the performance as well.

Miss Eva Joy Worrell sang "Get Out and Get Under the Moon" supported by the entire chorus cast wearing white duck trousers and white shirts and keeping step to the music as they joined in the chorus.

The duck suits were changed for evening gowns and in which the chorus girls supported Miss Mary V. Davis who sang "Without You Sweetheart."

During this act telegrams purporting to come from Florida, North Wilkesboro and other points expressing appreciation of the program were received and read.

The Mount Airy band played for the noon-time parade and for the outdoor concert which preceded the evening performance and the orchestra which supported the entire program was also a part of the band.

The members of the Pythian lodge are deeply grateful to the public for the generous patronage, and to the members of the band and the girls and men who gave so generously of their time and talents to make the affair a success and also to the advertisers who patronized their programs and any others who in any way, contributed to the success of the minstrel. They promise to endeavor to give even a bigger and better program next year.

Fire Fighters Receive Checks

The following letters enclosing checks amounting to \$50.00 were received by the Mount Airy Fire Department during the past week and explain themselves:

Mr. M. F. Patterson
Chief Mount Airy Fire Department
Mount Airy, N. C.

Dear Sir:
Enclosed you will find a check for \$25.00 made payable to the Mount Airy Fire Department which we are sending as small token of the appreciation which we feel towards your department for the fine service which they gave us during the recent fire. The same to be used in any way the department sees fit.
Yours very truly,
Granite Mercantile Co.

Mount Airy Fire Department
Mount Airy, N. C.

Gentlemen:
We wish to thank you most sincerely for the valiant service rendered us on the night of the 11th instant. Your company did such noble work and heroic service that we feel proud of you.

We are enclosing check for 25.00 to place to credit of the treasurer of your company. This in no way can pay you for the splendid service rendered, but is sent as a small token of our appreciation of the work done by the City Fire Department.

Yours very truly,
E. C. Kapp.

Thanks
In behalf of all the members of the Fire company I wish to extend thanks to these gentlemen for their kind words as well as for the contribution of money. Sincerely,
M. F. Patterson.