

NEW WAREHOUSE FIRM IS ORGANIZED HERE

W. T. Haynes Retires From Business and Planters Warehouse Will Be Operated by W. A. York, of Round Peak, and E. L. Brown of This City.

Of interest to the farmers of a large section surrounding Mount Airy is the retirement from the warehouse business of W. T. Haynes, veteran warehouseman of this city, and for more than a quarter of a century operator of Planters Warehouse, with E. L. Brown as a partner. The first of the year the warehouse property on Oak and Virginia streets was purchased from Haynes & Brown by W. E. Merritt Co., following which Mr. Haynes announced his intention of retiring from the business.

The warehouse business, however, will be conducted in the future by a new firm organized this week composed of Wesley A. York, of Round Peak, and E. L. Brown, of this city. These gentlemen will continue the business at the same place operating under the same warehouse name, Planters Warehouse. Both are well known to the farmers of a wide section of the country and are experienced warehousemen. For several years Mr. York has been devoting his time to his farm eight miles west of this city. He has filled several important positions of public trust, being register of deeds of the county for two terms and county commissioner for two terms, and in the early days of the tobacco business of this city was associated with a warehouse here. Mr. Brown is equally as well known to our people as a business man and warehouse manager. He has followed sales on this market for 25 years or more and no man is better qualified as a warehouseman than he.

Winston-Salem Methodists To Have Million Dollar Edifice

Final plans for the new Methodist Church in Winston-Salem have been approved by the building committee of the two churches Centenary and West End which congregations will unite in the new project.

The lot was given by Mr. and Mrs. Bowman Gray and cost a quarter of a million dollars.

The building which will be strictly Gothic in its architectural lines will cost a million or more. It is hoped that the cost will not exceed a million but that will not be certain until all the bids are in. Sample building walls will be erected from which the members will choose the stone to be used for the building.

The plans call for an auditorium seating 1500 without extra seats and an auxiliary auditorium seating 700. The building will be three stories one of which will not be in evidence from the Fifth street entrance. The project will hardly be completed before July 1930.

New Funeral Home Open For Service

J. H. Peninger, Formerly of Lexington, Organizes New Business Here.

The Peninger Funeral Home, Inc., is the style of a new undertaking business recently organized in this city with its place of business in the W. A. Jackson home on Pine street. J. H. Peninger, of Lexington, is vice-president and manager of the new funeral home, and will be assisted by R. V. Deyerle, who is secretary and treasurer. Rev. C. D. Crouch is president of the concern, which is incorporated with a capital stock of \$50,000.

Mr. Peninger comes to Mount Airy with 15 years experience as an undertaker and licensed embalmer, having been a member of the firm of Kirkman & Peninger in Lexington prior to moving to Mount Airy. He is married, has four children, and will occupy the short residence on North Main street. The Jackson residence has been remodeled and properly equipped for the funeral home. The front of the first floor has been converted into a chapel where services can be conducted and adjoining is a private sitting room for the use of the family during the funeral service. The stock room is in the rear of the first floor, and here also has been fitted up a preparation and embalming room with every modern device for the work. A combination ambulance and limousine horse of the latest design, constructed by Henry Motor Co., will be used and another one added as the business justifies. The firm is now ready to serve the public and at an early date will have its formal opening which the public will be invited to attend.

W. I. Monday is attending a meeting of the W. O. W. at Charlotte this week, going as a delegate from the local chapter.

Democrats Make Change in Board of Education

Legislature Names County Members at Suggestion of Party Leaders.

The legislature just adjourned named the board of education for Surry county during the last day of its session. The new board contains two of the old members, W. R. Budgett and Dr. Ira S. Gambell, named with them are three new members, Vestal Taylor, N. J. Martin and W. I. Monday. Mr. Taylor takes the place of T. M. Marsh now register of deeds; Mr. Martin succeeds J. J. Richards, and Mr. Monday was named in the place of W. E. Woodruff, of this city. The appointments are made on recommendation of the political parties of the county. At their convention last summer the Republicans voted on Mr. Taylor and Dr. Gambell as their choice for the place. The Democrats in their convention made no choice and the selection of the Democrat members of the board naturally fell to the Democratic county chairman, A. D. Folger. Mr. Monday, who was selected to fill the place of Mr. Woodruff, is now a member of the city school board and it will be necessary for him to resign that position before he can serve on the county board, the law forbidding a person to hold office on two school boards.

Deaths.

Nella Sue Leitch the one year old daughter of Joseph and Iona Beamer Leitch died March 18. The funeral was conducted March 17 by the Rev. E. L. Berry and interment made at Antioch.

Ed Marion, seventeen year old son of Jerry Marion died March 18 after an illness of a few days, the boy became sick while working in the field and grew rapidly worse until the end came. The funeral was conducted March 17 with Rev. Messrs. Draughn, Burrus and Christman officiating and the interment made at Copeland.

PUBLIC LIBRARY ONE OF MOUNT AIRY'S NEEDS

All Recognize Value and Need of Public Library. Who Will Provide Funds For A Nucleus Around Which to Build A Library.

In the last issue of The Mount Airy News it was announced that the Parent-Teacher association of the Rockford Street school would provide a reading room for the pupils of that school during the coming summer.

This is a fine resolution and the members of the organization are to be congratulated on this forward step. To put good literature before the children of this, the largest school in Mount Airy, for even one summer may fix the habit of selecting and reading worthwhile books with hundreds of boys and girls that it may mould their lives in the right way.

What These Need Others Need But what the Rockford Street school children need all other children in town need—True this small group of parents and teachers cannot provide a public library, but Mount Airy needs a public library and Mount Airy can have a public library if all her citizens awake to their need as have the parents and teachers of the Rockford Street school.

A Community With Soul Asleep It has been said "a community without a library is a community whose soul is asleep." Shall we sleep while the children of Mount Airy grow up without the advantages of a public library and citizens who would like to read worthwhile books read trashy literature, go to the movies, play cards or fritter their time away because nothing better is within their reach?

These other things are not necessarily bad within themselves, and doubtless have their valuable place in the development of the race, but good literature builds strong character and is a bulwark on which to build true citizenship, social life, civic pride and everything that goes to the betterment of mankind.

Public Library Best Investment A public library is the best investment a community can make. It is the greatest monument wealth can build to honor its beloved dead. It is an aggressive missionary work, the kind that

No New Clues In Ben Rigney Murder

Some New Held to Opinion That He Was Robbed—Officers Continue Their Search For Clues.

Three weeks have passed since the death of Ben Rigney, young furniture workman of this city, and the mystery surrounding the circumstances leading to the foul play that he met remains unsolved. The coroner and his jury of six men heard all the evidence that could be brought up by a diligent search conducted by the officers and to date this has failed to reveal any guilty parties. An exhumation of the body of the young man after his burial in the family grave yard in Carroll County, showed a fractured skull and made it certain that he met his death in or near his home at Highland Park, suburban section near this city. Further than the fractured skull the investigation failed to uncover anything leading to a solution of the mystery.

At first it was thought the victim had been given a dose of deadly poison following the blow given him on the head, but this part of the investigation was abandoned by the coroner when the County Commissioners declined to bear the expense of an analysis of the viscera of the body for traces of the poison. Had the officials known the nature of the poison administered, if such was done, it would have offered them a possible clue in a search to determine if such poison was purchased in any of the stores in this section.

Young Rigney was known to have been an industrious worker, saved his money and had purchased a house near this city for rental purposes. It is now reported about the city that possibly the motive leading to his death was robbery and it is being circulated that he had been making some trades and had \$500 in money on his person the Saturday night before his death. Those who knew him say it was not at all improbable that he possessed such a sum, and predict that the officers will soon be able to unravel the mystery and bring the guilty party or parties to trial.

W. E. Lindsey and Geo. K. Hale spent last week in Philadelphia, where they attended a meeting of the directors of the Geo. K. Hale Mfg. Co., who operate a button factory near this city. This firm is now employing about 75 hands and this will be increased from time to time as new machinery can be added and the help trained in the production of the buttons.

All-Night Work of Officers is Rewarded

Concealment in Ivy Thicket Enables Them To Capture Their Man After Long Wait.

An all-night vigil on the part of Constable C. P. Creed and Deputy Sheriff Tom Golding has again brought Rupert Hawks, resident of Stewart's Creek township, into the courts on a charge of violating the prohibition laws. Some months ago young Hawks was arrested by officer Creed on a liquor charge and by a clever ruse enticed the officer over on the Virginia side of the state line near where he was arrested and then made his escape, the officer being out of his territory and not allowed to use force to hold his prisoner. Later Hawks surrendered and at the court in February paid a fine and was placed under a 12 months suspended sentence.

The clever scheme used on the officer failed to dampen the officer's persistent look-out for violations of the liquor laws and last Saturday when Mr. Creed received information that he could find some liquor hid in the woods near the home of Hawks, 300 yards this side of the line on the Piper Gap road, he solicited the aid of Sheriff Golding and they set about to get their quarry.

They found the liquor as they had been informed, three 5-gallon cans hid in the leaves about 50 yards from Hawks house. They arrived on the scene about 11 o'clock Saturday night and concealed themselves in an ivy thicket 10 yards from where the liquor was placed by its owner. Several times during the night they thought they were going to make their capture when they would see cars drive up to Hawks' house and blow their horns, but no one came out to answer them. Along about three o'clock the chill air began to tell on the officers and they considered giving up their wait and just destroying the liquor. But Sheriff Golding proposed that he would go to his home, get quilts and blankets and spend the night there in the thicket. He secured the bed clothing and the officers waited for their man.

The hours slowly passed by and the dawn of day came and yet no one had come near the liquor, but wrapped in their quilts and blankets they were resting with more comfort and they decided to continue in hiding. It was about eight o'clock Sunday morning when they saw a car drive up to Hawks' door and call him out. After exchanging a few words Hawks went back into his house and came out with a half gallon fruit can. And straight to the three cans of liquor hid in the leaves he came. The officers were as still as death 12 yards away. They saw him rake away the leaves, unscrew the cap from one of the cans and fill the fruit jar. They saw him put the large can back into its hiding place and cover it over again with the leaves. Then he picked up the half-gallon fruit can of liquor and started for the car waiting at his house. When he did this the officers sprang from their hiding place but Hawks was equally as alert, dropping the can of liquor and making for his house but soon stopped when he saw there was no chance for him to elude the officers.

Hawks was arrested, the liquor in the woods destroyed and the party came on to this city where Hawks was allowed bond for his appearance at Dobson court, when he must answer to this charge as well as the former suspended sentence of 12 months that now hangs over him.

Mrs. Cornelius Dies in Winston-Salem

Mrs. Carrie R. Cornelius died suddenly Wednesday at her home in Winston-Salem aged 77 years and the funeral will be conducted at 4 o'clock this afternoon with interment in Salem cemetery.

Mrs. Cornelius and family left this city more than twenty years ago and have resided in Winston-Salem since that time.

Miss Elizabeth R. Cornelius, one of the daughters, has renewed friendships here in recent years on several occasions when she, as home economics expert, judged the pantry department exhibits at our fair.

Will Vaccinate Children Free

During the pre-school clinics which will be held in the county beginning Wednesday of this week the health department will give immunity from smallpox in addition to making the examinations for defects among children who will be ready to enter school next fall.

Mr. J. Dillon Simpson was called to Williamson last week by the serious illness of his father who is eighty-six years old and has had pneumonia. We are glad to say that his condition is favorable.

GALAX SOON TO START MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Funds Are Provided For Its Erection At The Glades At Top of Lowgap; State of Virginia Will Complete Road to Line

Hospital Notes

Miss Sadye Wellington, a teacher of Pilot Mountain, is a patient here for treatment.

A daughter Carolyn Jane was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Redman, of Pilot Mountain Friday March 15.

Mrs. W. I. Monday is a patient in the hospital for treatment.

Ethel Dohy, daughter of Mrs. May Dohy of Lowgap, had an operation for acute appendicitis Tuesday night.

Mrs. W. O. Baden, of Franchico, is a patient in the hospital for treatment.

Miss Agnes White, of Bunk, had an operation for the removal of her tonsils Wednesday morning.

E. E. Marion of Finnacle submitted to a tonsil operation Monday.

Mrs. O. C. Shinsault, of Bloom, had a slight operation this week.

Mr. Bivens was returned to his home in Elkin after being a patient here.

Mrs. Frank Carter, Jr., leaves the hospital this week after a successful operation.

Mrs. Mary Armfield, who has been a patient here several months left last week for the home of her sister Mrs. Charles Banner in Greensboro.

Oak Ridge President Dead

Prof. T. E. Whitaker, president of Oak Ridge Institute, died at his home on the campus Wednesday night about 11:30 o'clock. He has been associated with that institution of learning for more than forty years coming first as a student. He had been ill with acute indigestion for several days or a week but death was unexpected. Funeral arrangements had not been announced at this writing.

Kiwanis Meets At Hotel Friday Night

The Kiwanis Club will hold its regular semi-monthly meeting at the Blue Ridge hotel Friday evening, March 22nd at 6:30. The program will be in charge of the classification committee with Robt. C. Browne as chairman.

Mr. Andrew Improving Slowly

We are glad to report that C. W. Andrew, proprietor of the Blue Ridge Hotel who has been seriously ill with pneumonia is improving though it is thought best to still retain the services of Mrs. Aldine Hutchens and Mrs. Harold Dobson two trained nurses who have watched over him by day and by night for several weeks. His recovery is very slow. Charles Jr. who was sick a few days with a mild case of influenza is now able to be up.

Al Jolson Picture At The Broadway

Appears in "The Jazz Singer" Here Next Week.

Now and then along comes a moving picture that is out of the ordinary and distinctly worth while. Such a picture is Al Jolson's "The Jazz Singer," at the Broadway Theatre Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 25, 26, and 27th.

This is the great musical comedy star's first appearance in the movies! And, it is his greatest hit! The effect of his presence is volcanic, emotional in the extreme, moving audiences to frantic applause and tears and laughter.

"The Jazz Singer" is the story of Jolson's own life, for he, too, like the Jack Robin of the play, ran away from an orthodox home when a boy to follow the lure of the stage, and, like Jack, won fame and fortune on Broadway.

When on the heights the boy's soul is torn between love for the stage and for the woman of the stage, who has made possible his success, and love for the humble parents whose hearts still long for his return.

The cast is worthy of the star which is saying a great deal. Dainty May McAvoy plays brilliantly the part of the too dancing lady who changed the course of his life. Warner Oland gives a magnificent portrayal of the father, for whose sake he returns to the Ghetto in the hour of his triumph.

Three aged citizens of this community lie critically ill at their homes and no hope is held for their recovery. They are T. J. Lovry, of this city, for years editor of the weekly paper published here, C. Y. Nichols and Nathan Hutchens both of White Plains.

At the regular meeting of the Galax city council held Tuesday night the last chapter in the matter of securing for Galax and southwest Virginia a great airport was written and the airport becomes an assured fact, the council voting 3 to 2 to donate one thousand dollars to the project and assume the maintenance of the field for a period of ten years. Thus Galax is assured of an airport at the Glades that state and federal authorities claim will equal if it does not surpass any port from Washington to Georgia.

The securing of this port has been fraught with many obstacles and with much work and sacrifice on the part of the chamber of commerce and its friends. State and federal authorities several months ago called local attention to the possibilities of a port at the Glades, southwest of Galax on the Lowgap road. It was pointed out that this flat basin was once the bed of an ancient lake and possessed every element for the making of a commercial airport of first magnitude, there being no interference of any kind in the landing of the largest planes and no obstructing hills to prevent the view of ground beacons from the air.

Galax showed a willingness to secure the port and the chamber of commerce secured subscriptions of enough money to obtain a lease on the land and to meet the preliminary expenses. Surveys were made by the state highway authorities. Federal men were sent to pass on the field. Both federal and state authorities became enthusiastic over the project and insisted that nothing short of the best and largest port possible be made of it. This necessitated additional funds, which the chamber of commerce, assisted by the ladies of the town, secured. Still they lacked a thousand dollars of having enough money to make the field of the first class. The city council was divided on the matter, not that they opposed the project but that they felt the town finances were at too low an ebb to justify the expenditure of the money and they feared the annual upkeep would become too much of a financial burden.

But the logic of a brilliant speech by Dr. J. K. Caldwell at the council meeting melted the opposition in the council and an offer on the part of Cammatt Higgins and Stell Berrier to maintain the field for ten years in exchange for the exclusive privilege of taking aloft local joy riders obliterated the bugaboo of maintenance. So the council voted to enter into the project and the matter is finally settled. Galax will expend around \$5,000 on the airport, most of the money having been secured from private subscriptions.

Already the state highway to the North Carolina line above Lowgap, which was rocked to within a half a mile of the line, is being put in fine condition. Signs have been put up along the way and this spring the hardsurfacing will be widened and completed to the line and an asphalt base poured so as to hold the fine rock particles from blowing away. Work on the airport will be under way within thirty days and a telephone line strung from the port to Galax. Two local air fans who are experienced pilots have each purchased planes and will receive delivery of them around April first.

Sad Death of Young Man

Charles E. Lawrence, popular young man of this city, died Wednesday night after a brief illness with pneumonia. His large number of friends were not aware of his condition and his death was a shock to them. For several years he served as yard foreman for the National Furniture Co., and was a capable and hard working young man. His wife, who was the daughter of the late C. J. Ring, of Brim, and four small children survive.

The remains will be buried at Flat Top Baptist Church Friday at 3 P. M., which is located 12 miles west of this city.

He is survived by a large number of relatives, in addition to his wife and children. He was a brother to Chief of Police E. F. Lawrence of this city and policeman Sam Lawrence of Pilot Mountain.

Mr. Robinson Now With Holcomb & Midkiff

Mr. Herman Robinson, formerly connected with the Mount Airy Mirror Co., has accepted a position with the hardware firm of Holcomb & Midkiff. Mr. Robinson is a competent accountant and glass expert and in the future his concern will be in position to do contract work on plate glass tanks and other work calling for the use of glass.