

NEW FARM AGENT TO BEGIN WORK IN JULY

County Commissioners Employ V. C. Taylor to Fill H. E. White's Place—Comes From Republican Family

Republicans Keep Up Fight on Belton

The farm demonstration work in this county will get started again the first of July according to order of the County Commissioners made in session Monday, but this time it happens that the agent comes from an old-time rock-ribbed Republican family of the county. And while this fact may have been interesting and pleasing to the Republican politicians it does not mean that the new agent is not qualified and suited for the work. V. C. Taylor, a young man reared in the Ararat section, son of the late Austin Taylor, has been employed to carry on the farm agent work in the county and will take up his new duties July 1st. At present he is located in Cleveland County, one of the most highly developed farming sections in the state, and comes to Surry well recommended. He served with the American forces in France where he was gassed, and returned to this country and took up vocational training, selecting as his course the farm agent work. He is a graduate of State college and has spent four years in Cleveland where he is now teaching in the farm life school and doing project work among the farmers of the county. He is married, has two children, and plans to make his home at Dobson. He is known among his associates as Vestal Taylor and is not to be confused with Vestal Taylor, of White Plains, who is a distant relative however.

E. S. Millaps, district farm agent, and who has charge of the cooperation that is given the work by the state and federal government, was in Dobson Monday and stated that he would cooperate in every possible way in the work that will be taken up by Mr. Taylor in July. He was pleased to learn that the county had employed a man to carry on the farm agent work and said Mr. Taylor had some high recommendations as to his qualifications.

During their session Monday the commissioners were again faced with the question of making a change in the road superintendent. And this time the request came from the very staunch and regular Republican stronghold of the county—Franklin township. Postmaster Eugene Schuyler presented the argument to the commissioners and backing him was Mr. Will Gentry, one of the hardest working vote-getters to be found in the ranks of the Republican party. And with them was a room full of supporters who were pleased to hear them request the Commissioners remove Mr. Belton and fill the office with a "true and loyal Republican."

The Commissioners listened to the ruling of County Attorney W. M. Jackson whose opinion was that the County Commissioners had nothing to do with the employment of road superintendent or the work of the highway commission. He had several law books on hand to read to the protestants and when he had finished Mr. Schuyler brought forth the minute book and pointed to the record where the Commissioners had previously discharged Mr. Kirkman and later the same authorities had employed Mr. Belton. "If they can turn off Mr. Kirkman and hire Mr. Belton you can take the same course," said Mr. Schuyler. But the Commissioners wanted to obey the law they had sworn in their oath to obey the law, and since Mr. Jackson had read them the law they were obeying it and letting Mr. Belton stay in office.

There is some doubt among the minds of the lawyers of the county as to the construction to be put upon the four or five laws about the highway commission and the County Commissioners appear to be satisfied by the decision of Mr. Jackson and not to take the matter in their hands and fire Mr. Belton as some of the Republicans are demanding.

Its Not As Cold As It Looks

A good example of the powers of suggestion is the window of the S. P. U. Co. that greeted the down town folks Wednesday morning. There it was with all the appearance of an arctic region. To look at it made shivers crawl all over you. The effect is produced by enclosing the large display window with white paper, papering the floor white and in the center installing a Kelvinator freezing unit which soon covered itself with frost and completed the suggestion that one was right in the midst of the regions now the home of Commander Byrd. The scene was planned and erected by Price Dean, Kelvinator service man of the S. P. U. Co., and is attracting much attention.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Reese, of Asheville, and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Haynes, of this city spent Easter in Winston-Salem at the Robert E. Lee and attended the sunrise Moravian service.

Death Claims Beloved Citizen

In the passing of Mrs. Mary Virginia Banner Taylor wife of Dr. W. S. Taylor which occurred at their home in this city Sunday about 1:30 o'clock p. m. Mount Airy loses an old and beloved citizen.

Mrs. Taylor was born here 71 years ago and has made her home here practically all her life. While in the teen age she was wedded to Dr. W. S. Taylor and took her place as the wife of a rising young doctor who became one of the leading physicians and surgeons of this section of the state. To them were born five children two of whom passed to the spirit world about thirty years ago. The others Charles W. Taylor and Mrs. W. W. Burke, of this city, and Mrs. H. O. Howard, of Greensboro, with the husband, who retired some years ago on account of failing eye sight, survive together with three brothers and one sister: W. M. Banner, El Paso, Texas, Dr. Charles Banner, Greensboro and Mr. John Banner of this city and Mrs. Huphrey of El Paso, Texas, another sister Mrs. Parker formerly of this city and Greensboro, died several years ago.

The funeral was conducted from Central Methodist Church at 2:30 p. m. Monday with Rev. A. C. Gibbs, pastor of the deceased, being assisted by Rev. D. Vance Price and by Rev. J. W. McFall, pastor of the Presbyterian Church. Interment followed in Oakdale cemetery.

Among those from out-of-town attending the funeral were Mrs. W. O. Howard and daughters Misses Katherine and Paige Howard, Dr. Charles Banner and son Charles, Mrs. Allen Banner, Mrs. G. S. Boren, Mrs. C. M. Edwards, Mrs. Charles Gold, Mrs. Jack Lindsay, Misses Kate and Ora Parker, Mrs. P. L. Hawks, all of Greensboro, Mr. Charles Dickey and son of Wytheville, Va.

Aged Woman Taking Rabid Treatment

Mrs. Lummie Gaudy, 65, Very Sick From Medicine

Two weeks ago Mrs. Lummie Gaudy, 65, of this city was bitten by a vicious dog, her left arm being badly bruised by the teeth of the dog. Examination revealed that the dog was mad and a week later the woman began taking the rabid treatment, the medicine being administered by the county health officer, Dr. Gorham. This week it was feared that she was becoming a victim of hydrophobia when she began to have spasms and rapidly grew worse during the day. Physicians called in could not at first give a certain diagnosis of the case and could only wait for developments. Mrs. Gaudy however appears to have gotten better and it is now thought that she was suffering from the effects of the rabid treatment and not from infection of the mad dog. They say that some times the pasteur treatment causes a person to have nervous spasms and that Mrs. Gaudy was possibly suffering from such effect. She has been taking the treatment for about 10 days and is thought to be out of danger of hydrophobia.

Sheriff Haynes Makes Final Tax Settlement

Gets Clear Receipt From Auditors For Tax Books

Sheriff C. H. Haynes no longer is connected with the tax affairs of the county, having made a full and complete settlement with the county last Monday through the county's auditors, Northrup & Love. The audit showed the Sheriff to be due the county the sum of \$3600, which Sheriff Haynes immediately paid over to the county treasurer and was given a full and clear receipt for all tax money collected, and released from his bond.

Sheriff Haynes has collected taxes for the county for six years and in making the audit of the books there never was the least bit of misunderstanding or confusion with the auditors. His books were found to be in accurate condition and the auditors found it a simple task to reach the amount that the sheriff should pay the county to make the complete settlement.

The new ex-sheriff has made no statement as to what he will do, but he expects to engage in some business at an early date.

Westfield Farmer Dies in Hospital From Injuries

Car Overtures on Siloam Highway and Claims Life of Dan Mills—Lived 12 Hours After Injury.

Dan Mills, young farmer of the Westfield section, died in Martin hospital Tuesday night from injuries received in an automobile wreck about 3 P. M. Tuesday on the Siloam highway near Union church. Mills was riding in his car in company with Sam Shinsult and on a straight level stretch of the road lost control of the fast traveling car, bounced off the road across a ditch, overturning the car and being pinned beneath it. His companion was thrown clear of the car and escaped with minor injuries. It required help to remove Mills from under the car and he was brought to this city in an unconscious condition.

Examination at the hospital showed that his hip was crushed and he was beyond medical or surgical help, so badly was he crushed by the car. At times he was conscious but lived only 12 hours, succumbing to the internal injuries received.

The deceased was 23 year old and has been married only about a month. He lived on a farm near his father, John Mills, near Hollow Springs.

City School Teachers Are Elected For Year

High School.
J. Samuel Brown, Principal
Miss Elizabeth Fisher and Miss Isabel Wenzhold, English.
J. Herman Johnson and Saylor C. Cabbage, Science.
H. M. Finch and Miss Winona Williams, Mathematics.
Miss Jennie Wolfe, Modern Language.
Miss Ada Haymore, Latin
Miss Virginia Ernst, Commercial.
G. D. Underwood, Physical Education.
Miss Mary Leslie Powell, Mathematics.

North Main Street School.
Miss Eugenia Koper, 1st grade and assistant principal.
Miss Elizabeth Daniel, 1st grade.
Miss Leslie Smith and Mrs. Joseph Fowler, 2nd grade.
Mrs. A. P. Turnmyre and Miss Alma Webb, 3rd grade.
Mrs. Regina Quinsberry, 4th grade.
Miss Lucile Meredith, 4th and 5th grades.
Miss Lucile Hamrick, 5th grade.

Rockford Street School
Miss Sarah E. Merritt, principal.
Miss Willie E. Allen, Miss Cornelia Carroll and Miss Thelma Kennedy, 1st grade.
Miss Hattie Alken, 2nd grade and assistant principal.
Mrs. Mabel A. Foy and Miss Ruth Haines, 2nd grade.
Miss Elsie Sparger and Miss Myrtle Clarke, 3rd grade.
Miss Vesta Council and Miss Mary R. Rice, 4th grade.
Miss Alma Walker, 5th grade.
Miss Margaret Moffitt, Miss Thelma Firey and Mrs. E. S. Hendren, 6th grade.
Miss India Edmunds, Miss Mae Smith, Miss Nonie Gordon and Miss Margaret Dent, 7th grade.

Colored School.
J. J. Jones, principal, Mrs. J. J. Jones and Miss Malester Taylor.

Jurors Are Drawn For April Court

Two Weeks' Term Will Convene April 22, With Judge Moore Presiding.

The county commissioners at Dobson first Monday drew the jury list from the box for service during the two weeks' term of Surry Superior Court which convenes at Dobson, April 22nd. It will be a mixed term but with a large criminal docket very few civil cases are expected to be disposed of. Judge Moore is scheduled to preside at the term.

The jurors drawn for service are:

First Week:
John H. Gwyn, Dewey Simpson, Romey C. Burrus, F. A. Bates, Victor Morris, Otis T. Moore, J. Ford Cockerham, W. W. Christian, J. Frank Martin, E. A. Hull, R. C. Hawks, J. W. Pulk, John Nixon, B. C. Michaels, S. E. Boyles, Geo. A. Key, W. H. Denny, W. H. McCoy, Tilden Ramey, J. L. Gould, C. W. Key, J. W. Gilman, J. R. Bullentine, E. L. Brown, R. L. Arrington, E. A. George, F. D. Culler, R. S. Filppin, W. S. Morris, J. C. Ward, F. C. Onsel, D. M. Melton.

Second Week:
S. T. Childers, J. S. Pulk, N. A. Lowe, R. M. Lytes, A. Q. Hunter, H. G. Holyfield, J. B. Hudson, G. T. Jones, G. W. Midkiff, H. L. Fowler, M. C. Goodson, Gorrell Saunders, B. S. Nixon, E. B. Stone, P. G. Walker, C. T. Hall, J. W. Cockerham, F. A. Anthony.

Manufacturing Rye Whiskey May Be Lost Art

Officer Finds Fellows Trying But Few Remain Who Know How.

Growing tired of a long watch he had kept over a steam still equipment Deputy Sheriff Wm. Webb Monday night destroyed the outfit under watch which consisted of a lot of beer and about 12 bushels of rye grain that was being soaked in vats.

Several days ago Mr. Webb discovered the still on the Slate mountains east of this city. Everything was in readiness, the still was in place and the beer seemed to be working in the vats properly. But the officer was not satisfied with just finding the still but had visions of bringing into court its operators. He spent several nights in hiding near the still hoping that the fellows would come to it. He could hear the beer working in the vats and he expected every minute for the operators to arrive and start up the still. Since they did not come after several nights of watching the officer feared that he had been discovered and so proceeded to destroy the outfit before it might be removed in his absence.

The part that mystified him was what the operators were expecting to do with the rye grain—not ground in to flour, but whole grains soaking away in kegs, about 12 bushels of it. Mixed with it was some sugar. Some of the old time distillers say the fellows evidently were trying to make some rye whiskey but further say they did not know how from the way they were preparing it. It is said that there are only two or three of the old school in this county who know the art of making genuine, wholesome, tasteful, rye whiskey, and the party who volunteered this information would not reveal their names. To do so, he said, would cause a rush of business for these particular persons and they had long ago ceased to meddle with the liquor business.

Sparger's Orchard Prepares For Frost

Burning Wood Piles Will Drive Away The Killing Frost If Experiment Is Successful.

The next two weeks is a period which is watched with very much uneasiness by many people in this section on account of their connection and interest in the orchard business, now that the peach and apple bloom is opening and the frost period still remaining a menace. After the middle of April the danger from frost is usually over but a cool spell some night may bring a frost that spells ruin and loss to the orchards of this section. As an experiment the Sparger Orchards have prepared to protect their trees from a frost should the temperature drop to the danger point. Their trees are planted on sloping land and at the foot of the slopes they have piled great heaps of wood and rubbish gathered from the fields and forests nearby. Should they see that frost is imminent they will set fire to these piles of wood and thus set about a circulation of air that they think will be sufficient to drive the frost away from the trees. It is said that the least amount of air circulation will protect a tree from the frost and the heat from the wood piles at the foot of the hills is supposed to follow up the slopes of the orchard and create the air circulation necessary to drive away the frost. This experiment has never been tried here before but in other parts of the country orchardists have tried burning pots of oil in the orchards with some degree of success. The bloom this year is all that the fruit people could wish. The buds were held back in the winter and have suffered no injury from the cold to this date.

Miss Anna Merritt Ill With Pneumonia

A telegram was received here this morning by W. E. Merritt from the naval hospital at Puget Sound, state of Washington, conveying the information that Mr. Merritt's sister, Miss Anna Merritt, was ill with pneumonia. The message gave no information as to the progress or seriousness of the illness, only stated that he would be kept informed as to Miss Merritt's condition.

Miss Merritt is a trained nurse in the naval hospital unit of the nation and for some months has been stationed at Boston, but about a month ago she took up work in the hospital at Puget Sound. She has many relatives and friends in this section who earnestly hope for her speedy recovery.

Mr. Joe Hill Johnson, one of Surry's most prominent farmers was in town Wednesday after being confined to his home for some months. His friends will be glad to learn that he is enjoying better health.

EDUCATION BOARD NOW HAS THREE VACANCIES

Two Democrats and One Republican Nominee Fail to Qualify—Prof. Hendren Re-elected With No Opposition.

Hospital News

Mrs. Jesse Booker of Church street is a hospital patient for treatment.

Mrs. W. O. Butler, of White Plains is receiving treatment preparatory to an operation.

A son, Robert Turnbull, was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Whitlock, March 28.

J. D. Eades, of Siloam, is a patient for treatment for pleurisy.

Mrs. Cooney Coe, of Ararat, is a patient for medical treatment.

Cameron Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Smith, who has been critically ill with pneumonia at their home has been moved to the hospital for x-ray and treatment for emphysema. We are glad to report that he is improving.

J. W. Wall of Crutchfield, had a carbuncle on his neck and is improving.

Among the local men who are improving are W. J. Byerly, president of the Bank of Mount Airy, C. W. Andrew proprietor of the Blue Ridge Hotel and T. W. Haynes former warehouseman. Mr. Byerly has been suffering from nervousness and after effects of flu. Mr. Andrew had emphysema following pneumonia and Mr. Haynes is recovering from an operation.

Mrs. Geo. Hutchison Passes Suddenly

In the midst of her daily duties in the home the summons came Wednesday evening about five o'clock to call Mrs. George Hutchison to the spirit world, and quietly as she had lived, she breathed her last in the arms of her husband as she dropped from her chair on the back porch of their home on South Main street.

Mr. Hutchison was at work in the garden and Mrs. Hutchison had been busy all day with her household duties and work among her loved flowers and was deeply interested in her husband's gardening, her last act being that of cutting potatoes for him to plant. She had been talking with him from the porch a moment before the summons came and suddenly she called him to "come quick." He reached her in time to keep her from falling and medical aid was summoned but the noble spirit had fled.

Mrs. Hutchison was before her marriage thirty-six years ago Miss Lenora Lucile Harris and was about fifty-eight years old, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Harris of this city and is survived by two sisters and one brother, Mrs. Richard Banner, Mrs. R. C. Worth and Jason Harris. She was an active worker in church and Sunday school and a faithful attendant on the services of the church when her health permitted. Mrs. Hutchison took a special part in the Sunday school lesson last Sunday and on Tuesday made an interesting talk in the meeting of her circle of the Missionary society. She was active in W. C. T. U. work and served as treasurer of the local union serving so efficiently in this capacity as to make the local union the banner auxiliary in the state for promptness in paying dues.

The funeral will be conducted from Central Methodist Church Friday morning at 10 a. m. by her pastor Rev. A. C. Gibbs assisted by the presiding Elder E. W. Fox and interment made at Oakdale cemetery.

Among those from out of town attending the funeral are Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Hutchison, Walnut Cove, Mrs. J. M. Shelton, Madison, Mrs. W. R. Shelton, Winston-Salem, brother and sisters of Mr. Hutchison, Mr. and Mrs. Will Watson, Mrs. Sallie North, Greensboro, and other relatives from Walnut Cove, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, and Lexington.

Attended Sutton-Michael Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Hoffman and daughters Misses Nena Glenn and Mary Ingle Hoffman and Misses Edith Claire Leske and Sara Graves attended the Sutton-Michael wedding in Christ's Episcopal Church Winston-Salem Tuesday afternoon when Miss Sara Sutton of Winston-Salem became the bride of Mr. Glenn Eugene Michael of High Point. They were also present for pre-nuptial events Monday. Miss Nena Glenn Hoffman was one of Miss Sutton's bridesmaids.

The play "Bean Town Choir" to be given in the Grand theatre Friday night, March 12, promises to be one of the most interesting home talent productions of many months. Preparations are going forward and a large attendance and interesting evening is assured.

District Committee-men Are Named

When the board of education met for the regular monthly meeting at Dobson Monday only two members appeared for service, W. R. Badgett and Vestal Taylor. The legislature named a full board in the closing days of the session but two of the Democrat nominees, W. I. Monday and N. J. Martin and a Republican nominee, Dr. I. S. Gambill, declined to qualify. Business reasons were given by them as their reason for not serving for the next two years. Mr. Monday is already a member of the Mount Airy school board, his partner in the G. C. Lovell Co., Mr. Lovell is on the highway board, being its chairman, and these two facts made it impossible for Mr. Monday to accept. Mr. Martin is a farmer and merchant and could not give the position the time it required. Dr. Gambill has a large practice over at Elkin, and while he has served for two years, he felt he could not further neglect his personal affairs for the office.

The business of the school board was transacted Monday when J. J. Richards, one of the old members, was called in to serve temporarily until the vacancies can be filled. The board will hold a special meeting April 15th with Mr. Richards sitting as a member to afford a quorum when three new members will be elected in place of those named by the legislature and falling to qualify.

The board completed naming the committeemen of the various school districts of the county and the entire list is published in another part of this newspaper for the information of the public.

Prof. E. S. Hendren was re-elected as the County Superintendent without opposition and with no one applying for the position which he has held for several years.

The board named the following committeemen for the schools of the county:

- School Committeemen**
- Bryan School—J. R. Norman, Avery Swift, L. A. Norman.
 - Bannerloona School—W. A. Jackson, G. C. Hauser, Penn Brannock.
 - Beamer School—Charlie Lee, E. L. McGee, G. L. Shelton.
 - Beslah School—W. A. York, P. H. Snow, J. M. Atkins.
 - Brim School—Walter Scott, Jesse Anderson, Reid Chilton.
 - Cooks School—Joel S. Cooks, John A. Tilley, W. D. Taylor.
 - Copeland School—Israel Davis, Sam Banner, Hardin Norman, J. G. Wood.
 - Dobson School—R. E. Tilley, R. H. Folger, Fred Hill, R. A. Freeman, W. M. Shore.
 - Elders School—R. L. Slaughter, C. A. Chilton, R. D. Johnson.
 - Franklin School—Boss Gardner, Grover Badgett, J. C. Dunbar, E. L. Patterson, I. V. Hutchens.
 - Grassy Knob School—W. H. Finchum, J. H. Frye, J. W. Denny.
 - Green Hill School—W. S. Allred, Arthur Jones, Chas. Seagraves.
 - Haynes School—Riley Marlon, W. E. Haymore, George Badgett.
 - Holly Springs School—R. D. Brinkley, J. M. Hunter, W. A. Terrell.
 - Hill and Love School—S. L. Love, Frank Thomas, Z. D. Wilson.
 - Ivey Green School—David Turney, L. W. Burcham, S. A. Holder.
 - Inogene School—R. C. Golden, D. C. Carson, C. F. Payne.
 - Judeville School—F. M. Gentry, S. T. Bryan, J. C. Steele.
 - Key School—C. L. Badgett, R. W. Moseley, S. H. Critz.
 - Long Hill School—J. F. Chilton, S. M. Stone, D. B. Needham.
 - Lowgap School—Dixie Lowe, J. B. Thompson, W. L. Jackson.
 - Little Richmond School—Irvin Burch, Grady Corder, J. W. Martin.
 - McMickle School—J. M. Isaacs, Everett Cockerham, Walter Blevins.
 - Mountain View School—D. D. Gordon, Millard Gordon, D. L. Vaughn.
 - Marion School—E. E. Marion, J. W. Caudle, H. D. Wall.
 - McBride School—Danke Jefferson, Ernest Cullers, James Slate.
 - North Elkin School—Cletus Wolfe, I. A. Eldridge, John Hudson.
 - Pine Ridge School—J. B. Vernon, Clifford Ward, Everett Hill.
 - Pilot View School—T. M. Chilton, J. L. Whitaker, J. A. Allen.
 - Rock Springs School—L. C. Park, Rufus Potts, R. D. Gentry.
 - Rock School—Sam Deathridge, Geo. Sulphin, J. A. Sparger, E. L. Davis, H. H. Sulphin.
 - Rockford School—C. G. Davis, G. A. Hunt, H. O. Holyfield.
 - Stanley School—Stanley Stanley, E. B. Drought, Cleve Dobbins.
 - Samel School—C. W. Telf, Albert