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## Virginia Takes Over Road Leading From Stuart to State Line

### New Road Come Through The Hollow Section and Down Toward Friends Mission.

In compliance with its plan adopted a few months ago the Virginia State Highway Commission has taken over the remainder of the road mileage allotted to Patrick County, making a total of 18.6 miles leading from Joyce's filling station on route 28, six miles this side of Stuart, and coming to The Hollow, 10 miles north-east of Mount Airy.

A light construction force and necessary equipment is now at work on the road, widening it in places and putting it in shape for maintenance. The first six miles of the road had some work done on it last summer and it is now the purpose of the state to make a good road of the entire mileage. This new state road was adopted by the state after a hard fight among the contending parties in Patrick county. Some wanted the road to come straight through from Stuart, meeting the North Carolina road which goes out by Sparger orchard, but those who fought for the route around by The Hollow won out. This new road runs within a short distance of the Sparger orchard road and the Patrick authorities hope to get the state to build a connection link throwing the Sparger road and the new Stuart road together.

## Mr. W. J. Evans Dies Suddenly

W. J. Evans a prominent farmer who lived near Copeland dropped dead at 11:30 o'clock Wednesday morning about 11:30 o'clock where he was supervising the unloading of a car of fertilizer. Mr. Evans was about 62 years old and his wife and several children survive him. The funeral will be conducted by Rev. Messrs. Christian and McCarter from the home Friday at 2 p. m. and he will be buried with Masonic honors at Corinth.

## COUNTY FINDS IT HARD PROBLEM TO SELECT BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Former Board Continues In Office—New Ruling Requires Preference Be Given Local Teachers By District Committees.

The remnant of the county board of education met in Dobson for a call meeting last Monday and elected J. H. Richards to succeed himself to represent the Dobson section; J. F. Carper of Elkin to represent that part of the county and W. E. Woodruff to succeed himself and to represent Mount Airy and vicinity. At least that was the action of the board and so went on record, but not however without needing a word of explanation.

The facts are that upon the failure of Mr. Martin of Dobson to qualify for a position on the board and in the absence of anyone who would become an active candidate Mr. Richards, who has served in that capacity for six years, was prevailed upon to accept the position again and became the unanimous choice of the board. Both Mount Airy and Elkin's appointees for positions on the board also failed to qualify. At the call meeting Elkin failed to present candidates for the position, although many men from both places were mentioned favorably by their friends.

It was the opinion of the old members of the Board that Elkin could have no better man to represent them than Mr. Carper, who has served a number of years in that capacity, so a vote of confidence was given him in the hope that Elkin might prevail upon him to accept the position again. It is understood that in the event he can not be prevailed upon to accede to the wishes of the Board that some other candidate who will be acceptable to Elkin will be put forward at the meeting of the Board of Education on the first Monday in May.

The board was rather embarrassed by the multiplicity of candidates presented from Mount Airy and vicinity. The friends of E. L. Patterson of the Franklin district put his name in nomination, backing up their candidate with a petition having quite a long list of signatures. A casual survey of the petition disclosed the names of many of the business and professional men of the city. Friends of G. C. Hauser, of Banner town urged the board to consider his name, although assuring the board that Mr. Hauser was in no way an active candidate and was unwilling to have them circulate petitions in his behalf. Among the names mentioned as possible candidates in Mount Airy proper

## Fruit Crop Escapes By Narrow Margin

Those interested in the fruit crop of this section had the scare of their lives this week when it appeared that the crop would be lost by the sudden cold spell that has passed over the state during the past few days. And there yet remains some danger but when Wednesday night passed by with only a light frost in low places the orchard folks relaxed back in their seats and took a long sigh of relief.

The apple bloom is now in its critical stage for damage from frost. The bloom is heavy, the trees are all in good healthy, growing condition and if the fruit can escape a frost prospects are bright for a bumper fruit crop for this section.

The Sparger orchard had everything in readiness Wednesday night when it was feared that the temperature would drop to the frosting point, which is about 34 degrees. Mr. Sparger had a plan of burning oil and brush piles in his orchard for protection against the cold, but only a light frost was seen in the lowlands and the fruit has so far escaped. Weather reports promise an increasing rise in temperature and each day brings us farther away from the danger.

## Hospital News

Mrs. W. D. Wall, of Pinnacle, is a patient for treatment.

Mr. Nelson Thompson, of Lowgap and Mr. Martin Tolbert of route 4 were each operated upon Tuesday for acute appendicitis.

Mrs. Adam Jessup, of Pilot Mountain, is recovering from a slight operation.

Mrs. Wesley Scott, of Rusk, is a patient for treatment.

Mrs. E. B. Short of this city is a patient for rest and corrective treatment.

Conrad Haynes aged 4 of route 6 is an emphysema patient.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph I. Heist April 12.

Mrs. Joel Marshall, of Meadows of Dan, is a medical patient.

Mrs. M. B. Phillips is now at her home west of this city recovering from a recent operation.

H. Bray, A. G. Webb, W. B. Partridge, John A. Martin and John Banner.

In view of this array of good men from whom to select a member, the board evidently thought it best to defer the selection of a man until the first Monday in May. But inasmuch as failure to elect someone at the present meeting would, according to the law, allow the whole matter to pass from the board's hands into the power of the State Superintendent of Education, it was thought best to make another tentative selection. So Mr. Woodruff was prevailed upon to, as he expressed it, "hold the bear by the tail a little longer." Members of the board expressed the hope that by the first Monday in May a permanent member could be selected to fill the place.

In addition to making the selections of members, the board considered many other matters pertaining to the schools. A resolution was passed recommending that local school committees in the consideration and selection of their new teachers give preference, everything being equal, to those teachers who are residents of Surry county. County Superintendent Hendren was instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the chairman of every school board in the county. It was the unanimous opinion of the board that some measure must be taken to assure our local teachers of employment in the county, if they wish it. Last year 16 teachers of the Dobson training school found positions in county schools but some of them failed to get located until very late in the fall term. This year this same school will have a class of 24 teachers available.

Many counties in the state have placed a hard and fast restriction upon the employment of outside teachers until resident teachers have secured schools. It was pointed out that this procedure is unwise and too drastic and the board was unwilling to go that far. However, it was hinted that unless some of the school boards in the county, who seem to have a particular fancy to the employment of teachers from other counties and other states, desist willingly from such practice, that stern measures will be put into effect by the Board.

The Literature department of the Mount Airy Women's club will meet at 2 p. m. Friday with Mrs. Calvin Graves. The subject for discussion is American drama.

## SHERIFF SMITH TO SELL LANDS AND PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR TAXES

### Copy of New Laws Received From Raleigh Show No Change in Time For Making Settlements; Sheriff is Required to Hold Land Sale June 3rd.

Contrary to the belief and information of many of our people and also to a news story appearing in The News last week the sheriff of this county will have to make a forced collection of all taxes remaining unpaid on the first Monday in May and to make a sale of the lands and personal property the first Monday in June. Two years ago the legislature set up a new plan of tax collections, requiring the sheriffs to collect in everything by May, sell in June and settle up with the county immediately thereafter.

There was considerable talk about getting some relief from this early sale and many of our people had been informed that Representative Bernard had passed a bill to that effect. He did get a tax relief measure through,

but its caption did not tell much about the bill and helped to get our people confused. What Dr. Bernard did was to extend the time for the foreclosure of the sales made of the 1928 taxes, but no mention is made of the 1927 and 1928 taxes and Sheriff Smith has no discretion other than to go ahead and hold a sale in June.

The tax payers are this week being sent a notice of the tax they owe the county and are given fair warning that the Sheriff will have to make his sale in June as has been done for the past two years. There is a large amount of money on the tax books and the forced collection should bring a lot of it in and enable the county to meet the large number of school vouchers that are now held by the teachers of the county.

## Gas Masks Tried Out In Real Fire

### Firemen Pleased With Comfort Experienced In Breathing Through New Safety Device.

A small blaze Sunday night in the roof of an empty cottage belonging to W. L. Sydnor on Oak street gave the city firemen their first opportunity to test out the new fire masks recently purchased for them. The blaze was soon under control but left the rooms full of a dense smoke. While part of the force was playing a water hose on the fire Jess Monday and Benton Moody donned the gas masks and tried them out in the smoke. Going into a small room where the smoke appeared to be the densest they were able to breathe with ease and no discomfort although the smoke was so dense they could hardly be seen from the outside. They spent about five minutes in the room and came out free of any discomfort from the smoke, highly pleased with the result obtained from the mask.

The company had a second call Tuesday night when a small house on Junction street burned, the property of J. C. Hollingsworth.

## Deaths

Mrs. Bettie E. Briggs wife of H. M. Briggs died at their home in High Point and the funeral was conducted from the Haymore Memorial Baptist Church in this city at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon with interment at Old Hollow cemetery.

J. L. Hixt, Sr. of route 1 died Wednesday of pneumonia aged 78 years. The funeral and interment took place at Shelton town Thursday afternoon with Rev. Messrs. Shelton and Bryant officiating. His wife and several children survive.

Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas widow of the late J. T. Thomas died at the home of her son H. B. Thomas in this city Wednesday. The funeral was conducted from the home Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Etta Childress, wife of W. O. Childress aged 39 died of pernicious anemia at Martin hospital Monday. The remains were laid to rest near Friends Mission, Va.

## BASE BALL SATURDAY

The high school base ball team will play Winston-Salem at the local grounds, this city, Saturday afternoon at 3:30. Mount Airy won the first game played with Winston Salem on their grounds in the start of the season and they are counting on a second victory from the Camel City team.

## Effort Started to Get New Lowgap Road

Information reaches the News office that a petition will be presented to the county highway commission and possibly the Board of Commissioners next first Monday asking them to approve and recommend to the State Highway Commission that the road from Dobson via Salem Fork and thence up the river by Lowgap and to the Virginia line be taken over by the state and made an improved state highway.

## Evangelistic Services Come to Close

### Sixty-Nine New Members Received Sunday—Result of Revival Services at Central Methodist Church, Pastor Preaching.

Evangelistic services which were in progress in Central Methodist church for one week ending Sunday night came to a close with sixty-nine names added to the church roll.

The morning service in which fifty children, members of the Sunday school were dedicated to God and in which the parents and Sunday school teachers stood to accept responsibility for the training of these young minds and hearts to fit them for their duties as Christians was a sight long to be remembered. Perhaps most of the little ones did not realize fully the vows they assumed but the ritual of the church provides that the parents and Sunday school teachers shall stand for the children and no more beautiful religious pageant has ever been witnessed here than this large group of children around the altar assuming the obligations of the church supported in the rear by a large group of parents and teachers pledging themselves to train them for their duties.

In the evening nine adults were received by profession of faith and baptism. Ten were received by letter making a total for the day of sixty-nine who came into the church during the closing services of the revival meeting.

Two services were held daily with the Rev. A. C. Gibbs doing the preaching. The Rev. Mr. Gibbs has received eighty six new members into the church since he came here less than six months ago. His messages throughout the meeting have been delivered in an earnest and quiet way and the results show conclusively that it is not necessary to have clap-trap and emotional methods in order to get people into the church.

The Rev. Mr. Gibbs was ably assisted by Mr. J. Dale Stantz, of Gastonia, as choir leader and soloist, and his singing and leadership have renewed afresh the warm feeling of appreciation which he aroused in the hearts of Mount Airy people when he assisted the Rev. Thurston B. Price in evangelistic services as singer here eight years ago. Misses Dorothy Creveling and Frances Folger were pipe-organists and Mesdames H. O. Wolfe and T. J. Payne pianists.

Attendance was excellent throughout the series of services and the church auditorium was packed both Sunday morning and Sunday night.

The play "Beantown Otor" given by the T. E. L. class of the First Baptist Church last Friday night in the Grand theatre will be repeated at Pilot Mountain next Tuesday night in the school auditorium and sponsored by the Parent-Teacher association of that place.

It is understood that petitions to that effect have been circulated and it is believed that the same group of men are behind the move who were successful in having the Pilot Mountain-Dobson highway taken over by the state. Parties in touch with local road affairs have heard that such a movement would kill the Mount Airy-Lowgap road.

## Methodist Women Meet in Winston

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Women's Missionary societies of the Western North Carolina conference is in session this week in Ordinary Church Winston-Salem the three day session which began Tuesday evening comes to a close Friday morning.

Mrs. C. C. Weaver, of Winston-Salem is president of the organization and every possible step has been taken to make the gathering both pleasant and profitable.

The theme for the conference is, "Stewardship for all Life."

Among the special features of the conference are the noon devotionals conducted by Mrs. T. J. Copeland, of Baltimore, Md., a former officer in this conference, the presence of Miss Mabel Whitehead who has recently returned from Japan where she was a missionary and an address Wednesday evening by Miss D. Davis, of Atlanta, who recently returned from Cuba where she has been making a study of the work of the society.

Quite a large number of Mount Airy women plan to attend one or more days' sessions; Mrs. George Sparger, Jr., president of the Central church society and Mrs. T. J. Payne as leader of the young people's organization and Miss Annie Thomas from the young people's organization will represent Central church. Mrs. J. L. Wolfe as district secretary went down Tuesday morning in time for the officers luncheon and meeting of the district secretaries.

## Mrs. Victoria Cooper Passes.

Mrs. Victoria Cooper a highly respected resident of Dobson died at her home there last night.

She had been in the garden yesterday afternoon and became ill never speaking after she was stricken.

She was born in Grayson county, Va., and has been a resident of Dobson for many years. Surviving are two sons, Joe and Grady Cooper and one daughter Miss Lela Cooper who teaches at Goldsboro.

The funeral will be conducted from the home Friday at 3 P. M. and interment made in the Dobson Methodist cemetery.

## Weiman Child Has Narrow Escape

John Wilson Weiman, four year old son of Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Weiman of this city, had a narrow escape from death Sunday afternoon when he was struck by a car driver by Lovell Dean.

The child was playing behind a parked car on the opposite side of the street from his home and is said to have run out in front of the Dean car, he was dragged a short distance and his face bruised and skinned, but x-ray pictures made in Dr. Mitchell's office failed to reveal any fractures or serious injury.

## Tobacco Warehouse Receivers Paid Off

### Get \$24,500 Under Order Said to Have Been Signed by Webb, \$19,000 to Attorneys.

Raleigh, April 17.—Receivers for the Carolina Central Warehouse corporation have been paid \$24,500 and attorneys \$19,000, according to information received in Raleigh, Judge Webb making the allowance which receivers and barristers in the old Tri-State Tobacco Grocers' Co-operative association will regard very liberal.

The receivers are A. H. Powell, of Oxford, and B. E. Cottrane, of Greensboro, and the attorneys, Major George Butler of Clinton; A. E. Tilley, of Mount Airy and Major W. T. Joyner, of Raleigh. News was brought to Raleigh tonight that Judge Webb has signed the order, but it could not be verified.

This settlement of course, has no relationship to the greater litigation which took its beginning here and ended in the receivership of the huge tobacco business of North and South Carolina and Virginia cooperatives.

## Honor Visitors With Mountain Trip and Picnic

Dr. and Mrs. H. R. Hoge entertained their house guests Mrs. Walter G. Blizard and Miss Bettie Blizard, of Baltimore, Md., with a mountain trip and picnic lunch Sunday. They motored to Sparta and Roaring Gap accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Flippin and Miss Mrs. Maryjo Flippin. Mrs. Blizard and daughter are on route from their winter home at Daytona Beach, Fla., to Baltimore.

Mrs. C. F. Hill, of North Wilkesboro, is the guest of her daughter Mrs. Frank Smith and son, Hill.

## Three Homicide Cases On Dobson Court Docket

### Parties Must Answer to Deaths Caused by Automobile Accidents—Big Fight Expected Over Embarrassment Charge Against Elkin Man.

The April term of Surry Superior Court convenes at Dobson next Monday with Judge Moore scheduled to preside over the two weeks' term of civil and criminal cases. The case that is destined to claim the most interest during the term will be that of James Franzer, organizer and manager of the Elkin Furniture Co., of Elkin. He is said to have induced the Elkin people to invest heavily in his enterprise and later to have embezzled most of the funds. When matters were about to break over his head he left the country and his whereabouts for months was unknown, and only a few weeks ago was he apprehended in Michigan and brought back to Elkin where he was remanded to Dobson jail when he failed to furnish the necessary bail for release. His bond was placed at \$10,000 by the Elkin magistrates who heard the case.

Another charge that has been made against him is that he took forged bill of lading showing shipments of furniture to distant points and used these evidences of goods shipped as a means of securing advanced funds from finance companies. A large array of lawyers has been employed on both sides and the case will bring forth a legal battle not often witnessed in any court room.

Three homicide cases are on the docket growing out of deaths from automobile wrecks. Lee Eldridge is to be tried for the death of Mrs. Will Quenberry near this city. William Eaton, colored, has been under indictment for several months for running over a child and killing it. Duane Ward, of Galax, will be tried for running over the Greenwood and Mathis boys near this city and killing them in the accident.

The embezzlement charge against Will Kirkman, former county road superintendent, remains on the docket and is expected to come up for hearing. The grand jury, from evidence said to have been submitted to it by B. F. Folger and on direction of the county commissioners, a year ago indicted Mr. Kirkman for the embezzlement of county funds entrusted to his care while he was road superintendent.

## Six Months For Fighting And Shooting

A free-for-all fight engaged in by Jess Ball with some of his acquaintances Saturday afternoon caused Ball to draw a sentence of six months on the roads before the Recorder's Court Monday morning. In the melee in which Ball engaged he assaulted a woman and shot Moir Bowman in the leg with his pistol, inflicting a flesh wound. Pleading guilty to an assault charge and of being drunk and disorderly he accepted a sentence of six months without any appeal to the higher court.

## Short Illness Claims Life of S. D. Jones

After a short illness Sidney D. Jones, aged 68, died at the home of his nephew, Ed Jones, near White Plains Monday night, suffering with cancer and complications. His remains were buried at the Jones family burying ground.

The deceased was widely known by the people of the county and for a number of years engaged in the warehouse business in this city. At one time he did a big warehouse business at the Globe warehouse on South Main street, but in later years he farmed with his nephew, with whom he lived.

## U. S. Court Calls For Ashe Ballot Boxes

### County Officials Subpoenaed to Appear at Salisbury With Election Records.

Jefferson, April 17.—Subpoenas issued by the United States district court have been served on J. D. Stanberry, clerk of superior court of Ashe county; C. E. Neal, register of deeds, and L. F. Colvard, chairman of the Ashe county board of elections, to appear before the federal grand jury at Salisbury, this week. The subpoenas require them to produce in court all the ballot boxes, registration books and poll books, application for names books and certificates of names and all other documents in the county in and about the