

## EQUALIZATION BOARD CLOSING MEETING AT KIWANIS BANQUET

### Feted At White Sulphur Springs; Visitors Free With Praise For City and County

#### President D. E. Hoffman Shows Them Operations at the Granite Quarry

The meeting of the State Equalization Board that was held at the White Sulphur Springs this week came to a close Wednesday night with a banquet given by the Kiwanis Club having as guests the members of the board. The banquet was held in the dining room of the Springs hotel and J. H. Folger, member of the board from this district, acted as toastmaster. Hon. B. B. Williams was the principal speaker of the occasion and stressed the importance of the state going forward with its educational program. He also put in a word for the farmer, recounting how times have brought about changes in every line. "Once we judged a man's ability to pay tax by the number of acres of land he owned," he said. "But today this is no fair way in which to raise taxation, for now the owner of lands cannot receive returns sufficient to pay taxes in many cases."

Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain expressed gratification at the hospitality the members of the board had received from the people of Mount Airy and was profoundly impressed with this section of the state. Miss Elizabeth Kelly, only woman member of the board, recalled the time when she taught in the schools of this city several years ago and marveled at progress of Mount Airy during the years that have passed.

While in session in the city the board distributed \$50,000 as a fund to aid the special tax district to carry on an eight months school term. A large part of this money was apportioned several weeks ago, Surry's special district getting \$15,000, but since that time other districts had been organized and the board heard the claims of these new districts which are getting a \$50,000 appropriation at this time.

Before leaving the city this morning D. E. Hoffman, president of the Kiwanis Club, conveyed the members over to the quarry and showed them the many operations of interest in connection with the quarrying and cutting of granite.

## Work Started On Fulton Building.

Contractor D. H. Cooke this week began the work of remodeling the Fulton block on Main street next to the Bank of Mount Airy. The fronts of the buildings are being removed down to the glass and a second story will be added to the block. The second floor will be built for office rooms, the stairway in the Johnson Cafe building being used for entrance to the new addition. The work will be pushed thru to completion before the winter days arrive.

## Former Residents Return From Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Jones and family who have been spending some time near Amarillo, Texas, where they went for Mr. Jones health some months ago have returned to this section and will probably locate in Winston-Salem where Mr. Jones will follow the barber trade. They spent last week with relatives near Sparta. Mr. Jones reports the finest cotton, wheat and other small grain crops that that section of Texas has had in a number of years.

## TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. T. S. Clarkson, Rector  
Church school ..... 10 a. m.  
There will be no morning service Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour of worship.

## ADULT ILLITERACY CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

It was made known here this morning that the fight against adult illiteracy in Surry will be continued this year and to that end a night school will be opened at Franklin school west of town to give the people who missed their chance in that section the same opportunity to learn to read and write which was given to the adult illiterates of Mount Airy and the Flat Rock section last year.

## "Cyclone Mack" Moves To North Carolina

Rev. Baxter F. McLendon, evangelist of Bennettsville, S. C., who recently conducted a series of evangelistic services in this city has announced his intention to move his home to Brevard, N. C.

The announcement was made a few days ago in Winston-Salem, where he is engaged in evangelistic services, at the same time he announced his intention to hold a six weeks meeting in Albemarle and then go to Concord, Va., for a similar campaign.

Mr. McLendon has already purchased a lot in Brevard on which to build his new home but has not stated when he expects to make the change of residence.

His printing plant for the publication of the "Recurrent" will also be moved to Asheville or some other North Carolina city and Mr. McLendon states that he will enlarge his paper and increase its usefulness and that he will turn his attention to political abuses in the nation and state.

## One Of Oldest Citizens Passes

### J. D. McCollum Dies Following Long Illness—Came Here in Early Part of Life.

In the passing of J. D. McCollum in this city last Thursday afternoon this section lost one of its oldest and earliest inhabitants and one who was widely known and had a host of friends. Mr. McCollum's health began to fail about a year ago and for weeks there had been no hope of his recovery suffering from high blood pressure and paralysis. All that friends and relatives could do was done for his comfort in his last days and a large number of people attended the funeral rites at his home on North Main street Saturday morning, the services being conducted by Rev. D. Vance Price and the burial taking place in Oakdale cemetery.

Mr. McCollum was born in Chatham County, not far from Chapel Hill 68 years ago, and spent his youth in and near Chapel Hill. When a young man he came to this city and soon engaged in business. He married Miss Kate Foy in 1894 who survives, there being no children. For the past few years he was manager for the Red C. Oil Co., at this place and senior member of the firm of North Main Motor Co., agents for the Oakland-Pontiac automobiles.

The deceased was a great lover of live-stock and was always to be seen at the fairs of this section, being called upon to set as judge of the racing events and the stock exhibits. He knew the fine points of pure bred stock and took great pride in the grade of stock that was to be found on his farms during the years that he engaged in farming near this city.

Besides being survived by his widow the deceased is also survived by one brother of Durham, two half-brothers, one of these being W. E. Lindsey, of this city and three half-sisters of Chapel Hill.

## Attend "Cyclone Mack" Meeting.

About twenty citizens, mostly members of the Mount Airy Evangelist Church chartered a bus and attended the warehouse meeting Tuesday evening in Winston-Salem being conducted by the Rev. Baxter McLendon popularly called "Cyclone Mack." The visitors were heartily welcomed by the evangelist and given an opportunity to say a few words. J. H. Folger, Rev. J. L. Sprinkle and others spoke briefly of the fine work of the evangelist in this city.

## Golf Tournament Here Tomorrow

### Members From Southwest Virginia Association to Be Guest of Local Club

A tournament of golf between the nine clubs of the Southwest Virginia Golf Association will be played on the golf course of the Mount Airy Country Club Friday afternoon, with all nine clubs being represented by their choice players. Coming here for the event will be players from the other eight members of the association. The association consists of the golf clubs of Galax, Marion, Saltville, Wytheville, Pulaski, Roanoke, Blacksburg, Abington and Mount Airy.

An elimination contest between the members of the Mount Airy club was held Monday resulting in the selection of a foursome to represent Mount Airy. Those who qualified were A. P. Turnmyre, H. H. Llewellyn, Lindsey Holcomb and Dr. E. C. Ashby.

The Mount Airy club is offering a handsome silver cup to the club who makes the best score and also a cup to the individual player bringing in the best card. Play will be for the best ball with no handicap advantages.

The tournament is being held under the direction of the local golf committee with Judge H. H. Llewellyn as chairman.

## Acorn Store At Bristol Burned

Manager R. S. McGee this week received a telegram informing him of the destruction of the Acorn Store located in the city of Bristol, Tenn. Mr. McGee is manager of the district in which is located the Bristol store and he at once left for that city to take charge of the situation. The information was that the fire originated in another store and spread to others, doing considerable damage to the Acorn building and completely ruining the stock. Mr. McGee said the Acorn building had just undergone remodeling, the workmen finishing the job about two weeks ago.

## Revival at Haymore Memorial Church

Beginning Sunday night Aug. 25 evangelistic services will be held each night at Haymore Memorial Baptist Church continuing through the evening of Sunday September 3. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

## Barn and Garage Burned

Fire of unknown origin last Friday night destroyed a barn and damaged the garage on the premises of A. S. Towe, North Main street. The promptness of the people who first gathered on the scene in removing the sedan and delivery truck of Mr. Towe from the garage saved them from being burned. The barn contained a quantity of wood, and feed sacks which made it highly inflammable. Mr. Towe had no insurance on the buildings.

## Experiment In Tobacco Sales

To the vast tobacco growing areas of North Carolina, which last year sold a total of 537,037 pounds at an average price of \$18.17 per hundred, will come a new experiment this season—the grading of tobacco by department of agriculture experts in advance of the auction sales.

According to an announcement by the state department of agriculture, the experiment likely will be carried on at Goldsboro in the eastern section of the state.

This tobacco center is in what is known as the New Bright Belt, one of the largest of the Carolina tobacco sections, which opens on September 24. Under the prevailing system, the trays of weed are placed on the warehouse floors in the order in which they are brought in. They are tagged, showing the name of the grower, the weight of the lot, and other details. When the sale starts the buyers are compelled to judge the color, weight and quality of the leaf from its exterior appearance.

However, with the inauguration of the new grading method, every pile of tobacco will be carefully examined under uniform light conditions, and the texture weight and quality are graded by the agriculture experts.

At the same time the buyer has only to glance at the tag to learn how it has been graded and then verify the grade from his own knowledge.

The department of agriculture has appropriated \$5,000 to carry out this experiment, which was made on a small scale on some of the Virginia markets last year. The new method of grading was said to have proven very popular in the Old Dominion with the growers and warehousemen alike as it meant larger earnings for the warehouse and better chances to the farmer.

## Severe Storm Hits Pilot Mountain

### Hail Damages Tobacco Of About 30 Farmers.

A severe storm hit Pilot Mountain about 5:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon and severe damage was done to growing crops in that vicinity.

Lightning struck the home of J. P. Lewis knocking a child unconscious and shocking Mrs. Lewis who was busy in the preparation of the evening meal. The lightning ran down the kitchen chimney filling everything with soot, then jumped to an upstairs room skipping from point to point until several rooms were badly damaged, a hole in the wall at one point and a screen door torn off at another. The child and Mrs. Lewis were left very sore and nervous though not seriously injured.

The lighting system was put out of commission and the town left in darkness for the night. Trees were uprooted and plants cut to pieces with hail. All cars on the road at the time were forced to stop and park until the worst of the storm was over. A similar storm passed over the same section Monday afternoon though not so severe and no damage from lightning has been reported.

Much hail is said to have accompanied the storm and in the section between Pilot Mountain and Dan river more than 30 farms suffered much loss, the tobacco in the path of the hail being a total loss.

## Postmaster Sparger Making Long Trip

Leaving here early this morning Postmaster J. B. Sparger set out for a long automobile trip across the Allegheny mountains. His destination is Winchester, Va., where he will attend an orchard meeting being held by Gov. Byrd on the governor's fine plantation at that place. But Mr. Sparger is seeing more of the country in the meantime and goes through Bluefield, and on across the mountain range to the Ohio river, expecting to spend the night at Parkersburg, W. Va. Friday he will set out for the return trip up the mountain to Winchester and attend the orchard gathering Saturday. Accompanying him are Misses Eloise Sparger and Frances Foy.

## Commercial School Opens

The Georgia-Carolina Business College opened a branch school here Wednesday in the old Commercial Club rooms in the Banner Building. While not a capacity school and a few more pupils can be accommodated the work is progressing nicely under the direction of Miss Leah Lewis of Nashville, Ga.

## American Legion Auxiliary Elects Officers

A meeting of the local auxiliary of the American Legion was held in the Community Building Tuesday afternoon of last week at 3 o'clock with Mrs. Frances Terry as hostess.

Officers were elected for the new year Mrs. Robert Lovell being chosen as president, Mrs. E. C. Banner as vice-president and Mrs. George K. Snow as secretary-treasurer.

These three new officers were also elected as delegates to represent the Mount Airy auxiliary at the convention to be held in Raleigh Aug. 26.

A social hour during which the hostess served tempting refreshments followed the business session.

## Travel 2,480 Miles For Their Prisoner

### Police Bringing Ira Melton From Missouri On Auto Theft Charge

The officers of this city have not let 2,480 miles keep them from bringing one Ira Melton from Farmington, Mo., back to Mount Airy for trial on a charge of larceny of automobiles. Policeman Jarrell left here Sunday morning in company with Arthur York and Cleo Stewart to get his prisoner who was being held in jail in the Missouri town. They made the trip in a Big Hub and are expected to reach this city Friday.

Melton arrived in this city a few weeks ago claiming to come from Maryland. He was driving an old car with a Maryland license tag. He had not been here long before he made a trip over into Patrick and there sold the car to a farmer and returned to this city and hired a car from Beamer's U-Drive-It station. He never returned the car hired from Beamer but drove it over into Patrick where he had formerly sold a car to the farmer and there left the hired car and stole the farmer's car—the one he had sold him. The police department at once started inquiry for him and traced his movement all the way to Missouri where he was finally landed in jail.

## LIQUOR LANDS VISITORS INTO POLICE HANDS

### Quartette From Galax Imbibe Too Freely—Another Yields 12 Gallons on Search

#### "Sis" Watson Passes.

Mrs. Ruth E. Watson generally known as "Sis" Watson passed away at her home on route 1 last Saturday aged 63 years. "Sis" was a well known figure on the streets of Mount Airy where she built up a good trade among the middle and well-to-do classes of women for hand-made counterpanes, quilting, etc. She was painstaking and honest in her work and in the old days sold her counterpanes to tourists who in turn recommended her to their friends so that her trade territory was extended.

She had been in failing health some years. Her funeral was conducted from the Hollow Springs Baptist Church Monday morning with the Rev. Messrs. Newsome and Snyder of King officiating.

#### New School For Colored Residents Quarry Section

For some time the problem of new and larger quarters for the growing colored school population of the suburb known as the Quarry section has been a live issue with the Surry School Board and this week Supt. Hendren has announced that plans have been agreed upon and the necessary steps taken to provide a new building at a cost of \$2,000. The contract will be let as soon as possible and the building will be rushed to completion so as to be ready for use at the earliest possible time.

## Miss Wester Bride Of Dr. Thomas

Franklinton, Aug. 14.—Miss Vera Marshall Wester became the bride of Dr. Carl Livingston Thomas in a pretty wedding ceremony performed in the home of the bride's parents in this place at 9 o'clock Sunday morning, August 11, the Rev. R. L. Randolph, pastor of the bride officiating.

There were no attendants and the vows were taken before an improvised altar of ferns and garden flowers. The bride was becomingly gowned in a going away costume of navy blue georgette with accessories to match and wore a corsage of pink roses.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Buchanan Wester, of Franklinton, she graduated from East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, in 1923 and taught math in the Lumberton High school the past year.

The groom is a son of Dr. and Mrs. F. R. Thomas, Norfolk, Va., and graduated from the dental department of the University of Maryland in 1924. For the past two years he has practiced dentistry in Mount Airy where he and Mrs. Thomas will reside following their honeymoon.

Immediately following the ceremony a breakfast was served by the bride's parents after which Dr. and Mrs. Thomas motored to the home of his parents in Norfolk, Va., where they were honor guests at a dinner given by the groom's parents. From there they went by boat to Baltimore and other points north.

Among the out of town guests for the wedding were Dr. and Mrs. F. R. Thomas, Norfolk, Va., Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morton, Winston-Salem, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Thomas, Jr., Durham and Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Whitehead, Smithfield.

## Judge Webb To Retire At End of His Term.

Judge James L. Webb, father-in-law of Governor Gardner and dean of North Carolina's superior court judges, who has presided over courts in 99 of 100 counties of North Carolina, will leave the bench at the end of his term in 1930, he announced at his home in Shelby.

The veteran jurist, who will then have rounded out a full quarter of a century as a jurist, will leave the court room the same time as the state's other veteran jurist, Judge T. J. Shaw, of Greensboro, has announced he will retire.

Thirty-six years ago Governor Holt appointed Judge Webb, then a young lawyer, solicitor of superior court to succeed Frank Osborne who became attorney general. Twelve years later, or 24 years ago, Governor Aycock appointed him judge to succeed Judge W. A. Hoke who became a supreme court justice.

In no election was he ever opposed by a member of his own party, and today his record of unbroken service on the bench is equalled by no jurist in North Carolina.

Evangelistic services at the Rockford Street Methodist Church will begin the second Sunday in September.

Several citizens from our neighboring state, Virginia, the past few days have run afoul of the police of this city to their cost and sorrow. In the Recorder's Court on Monday four of them paid fines of \$25 each for being drunk and disorderly on the streets of the city. During the small hours of Monday morning a roadster loaded with a party of men and youths drove through the streets of the city while the occupants were singing and carrying on in a hilarious manner. Officers Snow and Jessup gave chase and halted them on the edge of the city limits, arresting R. G. Surratt, Ivy Surratt, Claude Combs and Dee Payne, all of Galax. A search of the car revealed a small quantity of liquor and the men and car were held for trial. The car is to be sold but having a mortgage on it will hardly bring more than the claim, while the defendants arrested paid their \$25 fine in court Monday and went back home.

Since then a new angle has developed to the case, and had it been known at their trial would have proven more serious to them. Monday night Grady Inman of Cross Roads informed the police that his extra tire had been stolen from his car Monday night. He said it was flat and had a small nail in the center of the tread. This caused the officers to investigate the Surratt car that they were holding, and on the front wheel they found the tire identified by Inman as being the one stolen from his garage. New warrants were then issued for the four Galax citizens on a charge of larceny, to be served should they return for their car.

It was while Policeman Joe Snow was casually driving around the outskirts of the city about three o'clock Saturday morning that he ran across Arthur Towe, another citizen of Virginia. Towe was traveling alone in a new Plymouth coupe, and for some unaccountable cause the officer's suspicion was aroused and he called on Towe to stop. A search of the car revealed two cases of half-gallon fruit jars full of whiskey concealed under some sacks. Also in the seat of the car the officer found a 32 S. & W. pistol, although Towe made no move to bring it into use, submitting peacefully to arrest. The next day he gave bond of \$1,000 for his appearance in court next Monday and bonded his car out by putting up a bond of \$800 for it. Towe already stands charged in the court here for an assault on a woman and is at liberty on a \$500 bond for that offense. He is a resident of Cana, Va., and a son of Robert Towe.

## Mrs. R. Schafer Returns Home

Mrs. R. Schafer, who was seriously injured in an auto accident near Winston-Salem July 26 while en route to Chapel Hill, has sufficiently recovered to return to her home in this city under the care of a trained nurse.

The trip home was made Sunday afternoon in the Peninger ambulance accompanied by her nurse and her sons Dr. Henry Schafer, of Winston-Salem and Isador Schafer, of this city. She rested well following the trip and is expected to make rapid recovery now that she is at home again.

## ICE CREAM SUPPER AT MT. BETHEL SATURDAY NIGHT

The Ladies' Aid society of Mt. Bethel Moravian Church will give an ice cream supper Saturday night. Chicken sandwiches, cake and ice cream will be served. Proceeds for benefit of church. Everybody invited!

## W. W. Carter Becomes Bank Trust Officer

The following clipping from a Ballinger, Texas, paper will be read with interest by the friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Carter in this community. Mount Airy is always proud of the advancement of her sons and daughters.

"W. W. Carter and family left Thursday morning for San Angelo, where they will make their home. Mr. Carter came to Ballinger about five months ago and established a law office here, buying the practice of A. E. Doss, who moved to Abilene. Mr. Carter came here from Mount Airy, N. C., where he had been connected with his father in the practice of law for a number of years.

In moving to San Angelo Mr. Carter will be trust officer at the San Angelo National Bank and feels that he is getting a bigger field and a better proposition by making the change.

In their short stay in Ballinger Mr. Carter and his wife have made many friends who regret to see them move from here but we are pleased to know they will not be far away."