

Prizes Given For Exhibits At Fair

All Departments Represented; Balloon Ascension Saturday

Quality of Articles Praised by Judges

Mount Airy's fair is under way this week, getting started a day late by the rain that visited this section Tuesday, but on Wednesday the crowds began to come as the clouds disappeared and the remainder of the week bids certain to bring large numbers of people to the fair grounds. Wednesday's attendance was all that the management expected and today much larger crowds are on the way to the grounds.

The fair will continue through Saturday with the balloon man putting on the feature act Saturday afternoon. He is on hand but has been prohibited from going up on account of the strong wind that prevailed the first of the fair.

Judging of exhibits was completed Tuesday afternoon in the various departments and those who supervised the work were pleased with the number of exhibits and the high quality of the articles.

Mr. E. S. Millsaps, of Statesville, district farm agent, had charge of the judging of the farm exhibits. In this department a prize of \$35 was won by W. B. Williams, Rusk, for the best live-at-home exhibit, while the second money went to Robert Bartley of Independence, Va. Mr. Williams' exhibit contained 99 different articles produced on his farm and was a striking lesson on what can be grown by the farmer in this section.

FARM PRIZES WON.

The silver cup given by T. W. Wood & Son for the best 25 ears of corn was awarded to J. R. Venable of Rockford.

The tobacco display prizes were awarded as follows: First, Robert Thore, route 3, \$12; 2nd, Kermit Wood, route 4, \$6; 3rd, James Jackson, route 4, \$3.

Other prizes in the farm exhibit awarded included the following:

Best ham, I. F. Armfield, Lowgap, \$4; 2nd, A. L. Bunker, White Plains.

Bacon, first, A. L. Bunker; 2nd, W. B. Williams, Rusk.

Best vegetable collection Mrs. O. B. Webb, Mount Airy.

Best 10 ears of corn, W. B. Williams, \$8; 2nd, Howard Blue, White Plains, \$4.

Best display hay, J. R. Norman, Kapps Mill, 4.

Best display wheat, M. H. Needham, route 1, \$6; 2nd, E. A. Needham, route 1, \$3.

Best commercial display of fruit, D. C. Blue, White Plains, \$30; 2nd, W. H. Bowman, The Hollow, Va., \$15.

PANTRY DEPARTMENT.

Miss Ruth Current, district home agent, of Statesville, was present during the fair and judged the exhibits in the pantry department. Especially did she praise the high quality of the cakes that were exhibited. We list below the winners of the group displays:

Collection of 12 jars canned goods: 1st, Mrs. R. L. Christian, Westfield, \$10; 2nd, Mrs. E. W. Catron, Independence, \$5.

Collection of six jars canned goods: 1st, Mrs. E. W. Catron, \$6; 2nd, Mrs. S. F. Shelton, Westfield, \$3.

Preserves collection: 1st, Mrs. Clayton Higgins, Oldtown, Va., \$4; 2nd, Mrs. I. F. Armfield, Lowgap, \$3.

Jam collection: 1st, Mrs. E. W. Catron, \$4; 2nd, Mrs. I. F. Armfield, Lowgap, \$2.

Pickle collection: 1st, Mrs. S. F. Shelton, Westfield, \$4; 2nd, Miss Hazel Satterfield, Mount Airy, \$2.

There were several displays of live-at-home pantry exhibits which attracted much attention. Mrs. W. B. Williams of Rusk, kept pace with her husband when she was awarded the \$35 for first prize in this exhibit. In a like exhibit in the farm department Mr. Williams also won first prize. Mrs. O. B. Webb took second prize, \$25 in the pantry exhibit.

FLOWER EXHIBIT

First prize on the best collection of plants and flowers was awarded Mrs. Harvey Parrish, \$8; 2nd Mrs. C. F. Melton, \$4. Collection of ferns: 1st, Mrs. Jim Booker, \$6; 2nd, Mrs. A. F. Stewart, \$3.

POULTRY DEPARTMENT

This department is in charge of J. A. Gilley of Kapps Mill and is showing some good birds. Prizes for best pen went to a pen of Buff Orpington, owned by Mountain Park farm. Best cockerel, White Leghorn, C. F. Hennin.

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LOWGAP CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL



Typical of the better class of schools now being built in North Carolina

Lowgap Consolidated School Example of Educational Advancement in Surry Co.

The Lowgap Consolidated school opened last Monday for its second year of work. By Wednesday it had enrolled 207 pupils, 48 of them being in the high school grades. The enrollment is growing from day to day and it is predicted that within ten days more 200 pupils will have registered. The principal of the school is Mr. T. S. Ferree and the faculty is made up of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Hodges, Miss Geneva Lowe, Miss Foye Woodruff, and Miss Ruby Lee Jones.

This school may be taken as an example of what North Carolina is doing for her rural folks and yet in some particulars it is unique. Perhaps nowhere else in such a small territory will one find such a large juvenile population. The mountains and hills around Lowgap seem to be teeming with children. But best of all those children are eager for an education and their parents are just as eager that they obtain the educational advantages that were denied them. Such a thirst for education amply justifies the wisdom of county and state authorities in the establishment of rural schools.

Mr. J. J. Blair, supervisor of rural school buildings in the state, snapped the picture of the Lowgap school that appears herewith. And he has pronounced it one of North Carolina's best rural school buildings and says unqualifiedly that it occupies the most beautiful site of any school in the state. It will interest the readers of The News to know that the Bureau of Education of the Federal government some time last spring sent a man to North Carolina for information on our rural schools. Mr. Blair showed him the picture of the Lowgap school and gave him a copy which was later printed in a bulletin on better rural schools in America.

The building has seven class rooms, an office for the principal and a library room. A large auditorium with a slanting floor gives a good view of the stage. Modern toilet facilities inside the building are provided for both sexes. A large septic tank at a distance from the building provides sanitary sewerage disposal. The building is provided with running water piped from mountain springs a mile and a half away. This feature is the gift of a local industrial plant. It is perhaps the only school in the county having a moving picture machine; this gift of the patrons of the school.

Child and Grandfather Hurt in Car Accident.

An accident occurred at the corner of Gilmer and Oak streets Sunday afternoon when a car driven by Lee Hiatt collided with one driven by Fletcher Fry.

Little Irene Hiatt, five years old, was thrown against the windshield of her father's car and was badly cut about the forehead a severe gash being made above one eye, her grandfather A. Z. Cook of the section between Westfield and Pilot Mountain who was also in the Hiatt car suffered a broken nose and severely cut finger.

No arrests were made, the parties to the accident settling the matter out of court. Both cars were badly wrecked.

Mr. and Mrs. De Masters of Washington, D. C., are locating here and will open a piano and voice studio.

Everybody takes a pride in keeping the house and grounds looking neat and inviting. The citizens believe that so much money invested by the taxpayers should be paying dividends, so they make frequent use of the building as a community center for all sorts of social and recreational features. By way of illustrating the desire of this mountain community for educational advantages it might be mentioned that last summer they asked the county to provide them a high school department so their children would not be obliged to get up at daylight and make a long and uncertain journey by bus to such school. The authorities did not believe the district had sufficient pupils to justify a high school department, so it was denied. The community thought they knew best as to the number of their children, so they dug down into their jeans and raised the money to employ a competent high school teacher. He has been on the job three days with the result that 45 children who have passed the seventh grade are taking advantage of the courses in the high school department. It is safe to assume that only half of these children would have had these advantages if forced to go by bus away from home for them.

By special subscription the school will be run eight months. Interested citizens are now canvassing the situation with a view of asking for an election to vote a special tax to provide an eight months term for future years. If anyone has the notion that mountain people prefer ignorance to enlightenment, let him go to Lowgap and find out better. These people live right in the mountains and are proud of it. They deplore their own lack of education and are determined that their children shall not be so handicapped. On their school stationery (and by the way how many rural schools anywhere have their own printed stationery?) on their stationery the Lowgap school has this motto: "Not even mountain barriers can prevent the progress of a free people."

Former Mount Airy Citizen Dies in Florida.

Word has been received here of the death Tuesday of M. K. Pleasant at his home in Ocala, Fla., following an illness of more than two years. The body is being brought back to the old home of the deceased at Louisburg, N. C., for burial on Friday.

Mr. Pleasant was formerly a resident of this city and at one time operated a laundry here for a short time and was also interested in an orchard near Slate Mountain. He is survived by a wife, who is a sister of J. S. Bray, this city, and one son and one daughter.

Mount Airy Circuit News.

Rev. H. M. Welman, Pastor.

The meeting at Imogene came to a close Sunday afternoon with five additions to the church. There will be the regular services at 11 a. m. and 8 o'clock on Sunday night. The Rev. A. C. O'Brien will preach at Oak Grove at the night service.

The pastor is beginning a meeting at Pine Ridge Sunday evening. Services every evening at 7:30.

The 4th and last quarterly conference for the current year will be held with Oak Grove Church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. This is an important meeting and it is the earnest desire of the pastor that every official be present.

Clyde Crouch, who has been with Fenner Funeral Home of this place has accepted a position with Hanes Funeral Home of Greensboro, N. C.

CHURCH DEDICATION IN THIS CITY TAKES PLACE SUNDAY MORNING

Rockford Street Methodist Church, Dedicated—Dr. McLarty, of Charlotte, Will Preach—Founders Present—Central Congregation Attending

LOWGAP ROAD NOW OFFICIALLY ON MAP

The road from this city to the Alleghany County line, by way of Lowgap, is now officially a state highway, the necessary action for it becoming such being taken by the State Highway Commission at a meeting in Raleigh Wednesday. Immediately after the action was taken Mr. A. E. Smith, of this city, was notified and the state papers today also gave notice of the new road being added to the state system. At the same time the state takes over a road leading to Sparta, connecting with the Lowgap road at the top of the mountain. It is presumed that the state will at once begin preparations for immediate maintenance of these two roads, information given out from the Raleigh meeting being to this effect.

Rockford Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is to be dedicated next Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour of worship.

The Rev. E. K. McLarty, D. D. pastor of Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church of Charlotte and one of the outstanding ministers of the Western North Carolina Conference M. E. Church, South, will preach the dedicatory sermon.

Rev. G. W. Williams To Be Present

The Rev. G. W. Williams, his first pastor to whose vision and labor the church owes its existence, will also be present. Some years ago the Rev. Mr. Williams then pastor of the circuit had a vision of a second Methodist church in this city and possibly in the year 1891 he secured an option on a lot on Rockford Street and constructed a tabernacle, there he gathered together a small congregation which formed the nucleus of the present organization. Sometime later he planned and erected a nice parsonage; the valiant minister had a will to work himself, and the ability to get everyone else to do his or her bit.

In March 1924 the authority was given to collect funds for the erection of the church.

Cornerstone Laid

As the sun sank in the west Sunday afternoon Aug. 18, 1925 at 5:30 p. m. 500 or 600 people gathered on the eminence on Rockford street where the splendid church edifice now stands and the cornerstone for the Rockford Street Methodist Church was laid.

It seemed a coincidence that the cornerstone laying should take place during a period of great religious enthusiasm and cooperation, a time when all the Protestant Churches were united in a great evangelistic movement led by Dr. Burke Culpepper and his evangelistic party.

Into the stone went the bible with which the Rev. Mr. Williams began his ministry, a list of those taking part in the ceremony including Dr. Culpepper and Dr. H. K. Boyer and Presiding Elder J. H. West, the current issues of the church organs published at Nashville and Greensboro and a copy of The Mount Airy News.

Dr. Boyer Church Friend

Dr. H. K. Boyer, then pastor of Central Methodist Church, was a friend to the new church which is indeed a child of Central Church, for the parent church contributed both men and money to make the new organization possible.

When the church was completed Mrs. E. H. Kochitzky gave a piano and served as pianist for some time.

The Rev. Mr. Williams had been in Mount Airy six years but was returned the seventh year in order to continue the work he had begun.

Following the opening of the new church for services in 1928 the Rev. J. O. Erwin became pastor, at the end of one year the Rev. Mr. Williams was returned as pastor for another year and last fall the present pastor Rev. M. W. Heckard was placed in charge of the church.

Built of Tapestry Brick

The church is built of tapestry brick and has an auditorium with seating capacity of 700 or 800, class rooms, kitchen and dining room and it is valued at about \$60,000. A debt of \$8,000 or \$9,000 has been paid off this week.

The church is entirely out of debt, which is a requirement for dedication, but it still needs a great many things including seats for the auditorium.

The church will be presented for dedication by the board of trustees and the Rev. E. W. Fox, presiding elder of the Mount Airy district, will speak the words of dedication.

The congregation of Central Methodist Church will worship with the Rockford Street congregation at this hour and the public is invited to be present.

L. J. Bray, Elkin, Suddenly Stricken

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bray were called to Elkin the first of the week by the serious illness of Mr. Bray's father L. J. Bray, proprietor of the Elkin Roller Mills and pioneer citizen of Elkin. Mr. Bray was sitting in the home of a neighbor listening in to a radio program when he was stricken with paralysis. Deprived of speech or the use of his body his condition is considered serious and at the advice of his physicians the distant members of the family were summoned.

Ground was broken last week for the foundation of a two story brick summer house to be the future home of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Hale. They are building on their lot on Hillcrest Drive, Highland Development.

VANCE HALL GETS FIVE YEARS FOR MURDER OF JOHN KING

In the county court at Hillsville this week Vance Hall, of Carroll county, was found guilty of the murder of John King and the jury set his sentence at five years in the state prison. Hall lives at the foot of the mountain to the left of the Fancy Gap road and was a cousin to King. On a Sunday afternoon several months ago King, who lived in Mount Airy and worked in the factories, paid a visit to Hall and during the day liquor was passed around and soon there began trouble.

When King went to leave the house of Hall about nine o'clock some of the dogs on the place began to bark and King began to abuse Hall claiming that he set the dogs on him. This brought on some words between the

men and culminated in Hall shooting King with a shot gun, death resulting in about two hours from the wounds.

In the trial at Hillsville Hall pleaded self defense and claimed that King was advancing on him with an axe when he shot to stop him. There were no eye witnesses to the shooting as it was dark, but some friends of King were leaving the house at the same time and they heard a part of the conversation between the men just before the shooting.

At the conclusion of the trial Hall's attorney, G. C. Wolts, of this city, made a motion for a new trial which will be heard during the term of court. Both men involved in the tragedy were married and had large families.