

LOCAL CITY HAPPENINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hardin, of Mouth of Wilson, Va., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hardin.

Mrs. A. S. Carson, who has been spending a few days at her summer home here, returned to Raleigh Sunday.

Mrs. Mayme Halsey and daughter, Marjorie, visited in Piney Creek Sunday.

Miss Doris Hackler has returned home after an extended visit in Wilmington.

Mrs. Ralph Hubbard and little son, Billy, are spending this week in North Wilkesboro.

Mr. J. M. Parsons of Elk Creek, Va., was diner guests of Mrs. Mayme Halsey Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Gambill visited Mr. and Mrs. Clennel Richardson Sunday.

Friends of Mrs. Lester Irwin will be glad to know that she is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Russell and family, Mrs. Lola White and Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Warren and family attended the Children's Day exercises at Walnut Branch church Sunday.

Little Billy Gambill is spending a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Gambill.

Mrs. Frank Halley, of Washington, D. C., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ellen Crouse.

Dr. C. R. Deeds, of Cincinnati, has joined his family at Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hawthorne.

Miss Vivian Gambill of Amelia, spent the week-end at White Top.

Mrs. Blanche Norman and Mrs. Reba Gambill were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Gentry.

Little Rowena Wood of Parisbury, Va., is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. J. W. Hawthorne.

Mrs. Sam Davis of High Point, has been visiting here.

Mrs. R. B. Harrell and children are spending the summer at their summer home here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Andrews visited in town Friday.

Dr. R. B. Harrell, of Elkin, spent the week-end with his family here.

Messrs. Lee and Jeff Cox, and daughters, Misses June and Nettie, and Mr. Bryan Cox, of Peach Bottom, Va., visited Mrs. C. A. Doughton Monday.

Mrs. Gaston Reeves of Elk Creek visited her sister, Mrs. Myra Holbrook last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Todd and daughter, Mable, of Elk Creek, Va., are visiting here this week.

Mr. Guy Duncan is visiting his family here.

Miss Paline Gilliam has returned from a month's visit to her sister, Mrs. Luther Stewart, of Elkin.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Higgins, of Ennice, and niece, Miss Lina Turner, of Raleigh, visited relatives in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barker, of Elkin visited Mr. and Mrs. George Cheek Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. McNeer are spending a few days at Four Oaks Tavern.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Carson were visitors in town Monday.

Mr. Dalton Warren was a business visitor in Winston-Salem Thursday.

Miss Maggie Osborn, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Roe, Messdames Vance Choate, and Ad McMillan attended the teachers' meeting in Boone Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Pruette and son, Kermit, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith are spending their vacation in Norfolk.

Miss Edna Edwards of Winston-Salem, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Edwards. She was accompanied home by Miss Dorothy Trueluck, who has been visiting in West Jefferson.

Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Choate and family of Mocksville, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Reeves Sunday. Miss Anna Choate, who has been visiting Miss Patsy Roy Burgess, returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Halsey visited Mrs. Halsey's mother in Scottville Sunday.

Mrs. R. A. Doughton, Mrs. McLellan and Mrs. Redfern, of Monroe, Mrs. C. W. Higgins, Mrs. T. J. Carson, Mrs. J. M. Cheek, Mrs. C. A. Reeves, Mrs. Dew, and Miss Spainhour had lunch with Mrs. J. H. Doughton last week.

Mrs. Emerson Petty, of Whitehead, who underwent an operation at the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem Friday, is improving rapidly.

Mrs. J. M. Cheek and Miss Margaret Cheek spent Thursday in Winston.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Nichols spent the week-end with Mrs. Nichols parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Joines.

Misses Murriel and Reba Caudill, of Whitehead, left for Boone Monday where they are attending school.

Mr. Robert Choate of Maryland, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Choate.

Messdames Lena Halley and C. E. Halley is spending a few days with their mother, Mrs. S. E. Crouse.

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Thompson returned home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Whitner, of Newton, spent the week-end in town.

Dr. and Mrs. T. R. Burgess left for Myrtle Beach Monday.

Mrs. Wiley Joines and little Miss Dorothy Evelyn Joines spent the week-end at D. C. Truitt's.

Mr. Winifred Wood, of West Jefferson, took the place of R. S. Berry Sunday while Mr. and Mrs. Berry and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Irwin went to Boone.

Miss Nancy Porter, who has been visiting Mrs. Oscar Wagoner for two weeks, returned to her home in Galax Saturday.

Messrs. Lewis Hoppers and Lewis Campbell, of Roanoke, Va., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hoppers.

Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Poplin, Miss Maggie Lee Choate, and Messrs. Robt. Choate and Fred Jennings, all from Bel Air, Md., spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. John Choate.

Mr. S. A. Spicer and family, of Bel Air, Md., are visiting here.

Mr. A. L. Rector and family, and Mr. S. A. Spicer and family are planning to go to White Top to attend the Music Festival Friday.

Mr. Leff Reeves and family, of Texas, are visiting relatives here. Mr. Reeves is a brother of Mr. V. W. Reeves. He has been away from here 43 years.

Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Stephens from Morehead City, and their four children, Louise, Worth, John, and Harold, are spending a few days with Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Underwood this week.

Mrs. L. O. Pierce of Statesville, is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. P. Edwards, for a few days. She was accompanied to Sparta by Mr. Pierce, and Mr. R. V. Tharpe, of Statesville.

Mr. Glen Warden, Mr. J. M. Wagoner and wife, and Mr. B. F. Wagoner attended the funeral of Mr. Jim Wagoner at Tuckerdale in Ashe County Sunday.

Misses Erma Hignight and Helen White, of West Texas, are visiting in the home of V. W. Reeves this week.

Mrs. Albert Spencer, of Florida, visited friends in town Monday.

Miss Ola Coble and brother, Green Coble, and friends of Salisbury, have been camping here for a few days.

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SOCIETY NEWS

Farewell Party
Saturday night Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Joines were host and hostess at a lovely farewell party honoring Mr. and Mrs. Coy Mabe, who are leaving for their home at Prospect Hill soon.

The guests were met at the door by the hostess and invited into the living room, which was beautifully decorated with pot plants and cut flowers.

Partners were found by drawing names, after which they were invited on the back porch where the guests enjoyed a watermelon feast. Four tables of bridge, rook, seven-up, and contests were enjoyed by those present.

At the conclusion of the games, delicious lemonade and cake was served.

Guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Clennel Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Gambill, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Mabe, Mrs. W. R. Robins, Mrs. F. G. Richardson, and Mr. Leonard Roup.

ANNUAL WAGONER RE-UNION HELD IN COUNTY

To Meet In Yadkin Next Year

On Sunday, July 30, the annual reunion of the Wagoners and their relatives was held at the home of Glen Warden, near the Adam Wagoner old home place.

After the crowd had arrived and assembled on the lawn, a short musical program was given by a quartet of young men—Roscoe Wagoner, Rex Wagoner, Johnson Sanders, and Richard Finney, who sang and also played guitars. They furnished music throughout the program.

Then the chairman, Dr. W. G. Wagoner, of Bluefield, W. Va., asked the secretary, I. W. Wagoner, to read a memorandum of the last reunion which was promptly done. Then after a brief talk by the chairman, Dr. E. A. Wagoner, of Wytheville, Va., was called upon to give the family genealogy. He spoke at length and gave some very interesting facts and information concerning the family history, even going so far in the research as to ascertain the exact time the Wagoner ancestors came from Germany, and established themselves in what is now Randolph County, N. C.) before the Revolutionary War.

At the close of this speech the crowd retired to an oak grove near by where, upon a long table prepared for the purpose, the ladies spread a very sumptuous dinner which was served in picnic style. And needless to say, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

After dinner, Rev. Carl McKnight, of Independence, Va., made a very interesting and timely talk, following which Miss Helen Wagoner, of Bluefield, W. Va., delivered an oration "World Democracy," which was exceedingly well rendered.

At the close of this number the business session was held. All the old officers were re-elected to serve for another year and it was voted to hold the next reunion in Yadkin County.

Hunting and Fishing Licenses Reduced

County Game Warden Gentry has received a letter from J. W. Harrelson, Director of the Department of Conservation and Development, Raleigh, N. C., giving the cost of fishing and hunting license. The letter follows in part:

"The Department desires very much to have all wardens push the sale of combination hunting and fishing licenses. The price of the license is \$3 flat.

"The reduction in the price of a combination hunting and fishing license is larger than usual. The purchase of separate State-wide hunting and fishing licenses will cost \$4.20. Last year these licenses sold for \$4.50. These reductions are in keeping with other tendencies of the times in cost reductions.

There is now more game in North Carolina than at any time during the last twenty years. Also the streams are now better stocked with fish. Every person who purchases a combination license will receive far more benefits than the cost of the same."

Motion Pictures In Forest Fire Prevention

Motion picture equipment and reels of forestry pictures will be taken to many of the Civilian Conservation Corps camps this summer on forest fire prevention work trucks.

These trucks, often called "show boats" in the National Forest areas, run on their own power, carry a "skipper" able to drive rough roads as well as drive home a point in a lecture, and bring entertainment and instruction into remote communities. Some of them have brought motion pictures into sections where they were hitherto unknown.

The trucks carry the message of fire prevention and protection into wooded districts, being provided with lantern slides and motion pictures illustrating good forest practices. The trucks are equipped with generators to be used in case local power facilities are lacking. They also carry projectors and other equipment needed. United States Forest Service officers are in charge, and are frequently aided by local community leaders. The "show boat" operators are called upon to answer thousands of questions every season.

The U. S. Forest Service has one "show boat" truck in the southwestern region, with headquarters at Albuquerque, N. Mex.; two trucks in California; two in the Pacific Northwest at Portland, Ore.; and two in the eastern region of the United States. Various state forestry departments also have fire prevention lecture trucks, about 13 or 14 in all.

While the available trucks will not be able to reach all of the 1,470 scheduled Emergency Conservation camps this summer, they will aid in giving instructions at as many as possible. The two Forest Service trucks in the Pacific Northwest already have started on a tour of the camps in the National Forests of the region.

BIRDS OF ALLEGHANY CO.

HABITS OF THE STARLING

(By Claude J. Smith.)

The starling is abundant in the county, nesting in all sections. The bird is 8 1-2 inches long, plumage black, inclining to rusty. It also has a yellow bill. These birds travel in flocks numbering into the thousands, from August to March, but pair off for nesting. As yet, they have not become settled near my home, but a few pairs nest, and I am afraid that eventually it will become a nuisance here also. They are very destructive to crops and to the nests and eggs of smaller birds. In winter, these birds have a certain roosting place, and last winter, for a few days, I had the privilege of observing one of these roosts, located in a swamp near L. A. Hampton's residence, near Stratford. Along about sundown the birds began coming in from all points of the compass, in flocks numbering from a dozen to over a thousand. I counted as near as I could the number of birds that came to the roost, and got over 16,000 as my total. In the morning, all the birds would leave in one flock, being so extensive that it covered the sky. The noise made by their wings could be likened to a heavy wind blowing through timber. This roost is used from August until March, and in the near future I am going to make a further study of it.

Most of the nests I have found were either in hollows in trees or in crevices of houses. They lay from 4 to 6 pale blue eggs, and I have known them to raise three broods in a season. Their call note is a harsh, grating whistle. Every available means should be taken to exterminate this bird, as it is decidedly injurious.

I have seen large flocks clean up the crop of several cherry trees in a few minutes, and the amount of food a flock of thousands consume daily is beyond comprehension. I am opposed to the wanton killing of birds and all wild life, but the injurious species should be controlled, and eventually will be.

Ashe County Sunday School Convention August 20

The officers of the Ashe County Sunday School Association announce the annual County School Convention which will be held in Bethany church on Sunday, August 20.

The convention will begin at 9:45 in the morning and continue through out the day with dinner at the church. Helping in the convention will be Rev. Shuford Peeler, Salisbury, N. C., the General Secretary of the North Carolina Sunday School Association. Other speakers will assist in the program.

The convention is inter-denominational and workers from all the Sunday Schools of the county are invited to participate in the convention, making it a day of Christian fellowship and helpfulness.

In charge of the arrangements are C. M. Dickson and F. C. Nye, the President and Secretary of the County Sunday School Association. These officers request the co-operation of all the pastors and Sunday School Superintendents of the County in the effort to make the convention a success.

FARMERS PAYING \$3,000,000 FOR OIL TAXES ALONE

Washington, D. C., Aug. 7—The federal tax on lubricating oil costs farmers alone more than \$3,628,000 yearly, on the basis of a recent U. S. Department of Agriculture report on farm consumption of fuels and lubricants.

The report indicated that farm consumption of lubricating oil in 1930 amounted to 90,700,000 gallons. There is now a federal tax of 4c on each gallon.

Fuel consumption was placed at 2,125,000,000 gallons, which would indicate a gasoline tax bill of \$120,062,300 per year, if only gasoline were used and no farm exemptions permitted. The fuel, however, included kerosenes and distillates, chiefly for tractor use, and much of the gasoline consumed was exempted from state taxes.

The Department estimated that in 1930 farm motor trucks consumed 225,000,000 gallons of fuel and 11,250,000 gallons of lubricants. Stationary engines consumed 90,000,000 gallons of fuel and 4,500,000 gallons of lubricants. Tractors consumed 526,500,000 gallons of fuel and 26,300,000 gallons of lubricants.

Full information may be obtained from the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners at the post office in any city which has a post office of the first or second class, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

RELIEF WORK PROGRAM TO BE DISCONTINUED

The work program of the local relief office will be discontinued after this week on account of the lack of funds. This will take from 30 to 60 mn off the payroll of the relief office. A limited amount of funds will be available for some time for relief of the most needy families in the county. It is not known just how long these funds will be available, and all persons on relief are urgently requested to make plans for taking care of themselves.

Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, of Goldsboro has been appointed by the Governor to head the relief work of the State in place of Ronald B. Wilson, who has been acting director of State Relief since the resignation of Mr. Morrison.

LAUREL VALLEY BUILDS UNIQUE POWER PLANT

In spite of physical infirmities, Mr. J. K. Andrews, of Glade Valley, has achieved a remarkable success in developing and using the water power on his land. Last spring he completed the installation of a home electric plant which furnishes all the light and power that an average home might need.

Eleven years ago Mr. Andrews bought a tract of land on Highway 26, and although confined to a wheel chair, with foresight and energy, he planned and built a new home by the roadside. Later he built a large store and tourist cabins. From time to time he has added equipment till now he has one of the most modern homes in the community.

Beside a stream back of his home he has installed an overshot water-wheel which drives a large dynamo. A supply ditch brings water from some distance up the stream to turn the wheel. Around the hill a lake holds a reserve supply of water should the other stream fail. From these two sources he has an ample supply of power at all times.

The dynamo furnishes 110-volt electric current for lighting and operating numerous electric appliances. An ingenious starting and stopping device makes it possible to operate the system from the back porch of the home by pulling or pushing a lever. A long boardwalk from the house to the power plant makes it possible for Mr. Andrews to go down in his wheel chair to make any adjustments to or oil the machinery.

The expense of operation and upkeep is practically nothing, as the machinery only requires oiling occasionally. A great deal more power can be generated without any additional expense.

In addition Mr. Andrews went up the mountain in front of his home and installed a large tank which is kept full of cold water by a mountain spring. He now has running water in the tourist cabins and hot and cold running water in his home. There is no expense herebecause the water flows by gravity.

Many tourists stop at Laurel Valley tourist camp and enjoy the hospitality of this genial man who has made good use of the natural resources he found on the rough hill-sides a few years ago.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:

Cost and Production Superintendent (Shoe Factory) \$2,000 a year, less a deduction not to exceed 15 per cent as a measure of economy and a retirement deduction of 3 1-2 per cent Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kans. This examination is reannounced for the reason that an insufficient number of applications were obtained from the previous examination which closed recently.

Steward (for filling the positions of Steward at \$2,600 a year and Assistant Steward at \$2,300 a year, less a deduction not to exceed 15 per cent as a measure of economy and a retirement deduction of 3 1-2 per cent Federal penal and correctional institutions throughout the United States.

Junior Director of Social Work (Junior Warden's Assistant), \$2,000 to \$2,500 a year, less a deduction not to exceed 15 per cent as a measure of economy and a retirement deduction of 3 1-2 per cent; Federal penal and correctional institutions throughout the country.

Assistant Director of Social Work (Warden's Assistant), \$2,600 to \$3,100 a year, less a deduction not to exceed 15 per cent as a measure of economy and a retirement deduction of 3 1-2 per cent; Federal Penal and correctional institutions throughout the United States.

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THRIFTY CAR OWNERS WROTE this CODE



The Thrifty Code for Tire Buyers

I hereby promise to trade in my thin, worn, dangerous tires today and equip my car before prices advance again, with the Safest and Most Dependable Tires I can find.

They must have: Every fiber in every High Stretch cord in every ply saturated and coated with pure liquid rubber, to give me Extra Blotout Protection.

They must have: Two Extra Gum-Dipped Cord Plies Under the Tread for Greater Strength and Blotout Protection.

They must have: Scientifically designed non-skid tread to give me EXTRA SAFETY.

MAKE the Thrifty Code—your Code. Raw materials, commodities and wages are up—and going higher. When you know tire prices are going higher—it's smart to Buy Now and Save.

REMEMBER—Firestone Gum-Dipped Tires hold all world records on road and track for Safety, Speed, Mileage and Endurance.

Drive in today—we'll save you money and serve you better.

Table showing Firestone tire prices for various models like Ford, Chevrolet, Plymouth, Nash, Essex, Buick, etc. with prices ranging from \$6.30 to \$10.15.

Advertisement for 3 Lines of Firestone Tires with Superior Quality and Construction, priced as low as Special Brands and Mail Order.

Table showing Firestone tire prices for Oldfield Type, Sentinel Type, and Courier Type for various car models.

Advertisement for Firestone Spark Plugs Save Gasoline (58c each) and Dependable Firestone Batteries (\$5.60).

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A Standard High School Plus Training in Public Speaking, Christian Leadership, Music and Sewing. Students Receive Individual Attention. Special Training for Culture and Scholarship.

WANT ADS

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NOTICE: The Edwards Transportation Bus will leave West Jefferson via Sparta for Bel Air, Md., on Aug. 16th, at 7 o'clock a. m. Fare \$8 one way, \$14 round trip. For information write: W. Bert Edwards, Darlington, Md. tf.

FOR SALE—Blank Notes, 6 for 5c, 12 for 10c, 25 for 15c, 50 for 25c, 100 for 50c. At The Times Office.

FOR SALE—10 volumes by the great French author, Flaubert, in original carton. Never used. Unexpurgated edition. The set for \$8.00. Call or write the Times' Office, Sparta, N. C.

FOR SALE—Saw Mill and 40-hp. Minneapolis motor, in fair condition. Terms reasonable. See V. W. Reeves, Sparta, N. C. 2t. Au 10pd

BUY AT HOME!

FOR SALE—House and lot in Sparta on Highway 26 near high school. See Oscar Caudill for price and terms. Au-17

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the last will and testament of Fannie Johnston, I hereby notify all persons having claims against her estate to present them to me within twelve months of this date or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate are notified to make payment. This July 14th, 1933.

G. C. CAUDILL, Administrator of Fannie Johnston.

M. N. Davis, who resides at Van Alstyne, Tex., was born in Wilkes County, N. C., January 26, 1844, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Mantua Lodge, in 1866. During his life as a Mason he has attended 28 meetings of the Grand Lodge and conferred more than 150 degrees. Mr. Davis is a Knight Templar.

CARD OF THANKS: I wish to thank my friends and neighbors for the many expressions of sympathy and kindness shown me during the illness and death of my wife. WATSON LOWE.