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South Iredell Gets Deputies Replacements

South Iredell will be served by two deputies, one salaried, one non-salaried, Iredell sheriff Charlie Rumble has announced. Thomas Smith Thompson, 26, of Mooresville replaces former deputy Dick Perkins who is now a member of that city's police department. Perkins letter of resignation cited better hours and higher pay as reasons for his resignation.

John Lee Christie, 47-year-old oil dealer of Mt. Mourne is a newly appointed non-salaried deputy.

Thompson, a textile employee, is married to the former Miss Doris Talbert; they and their 18-month old daughter live on rte. 2 Mooresville. His duty begins July 1. Christie is married to the former Sarah Corrine Donaldson and they have two daughters. His duties begin at once.

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MISS REECE TO BE STORY LADY AT KIDS HOUR

Miss Sara Reece, Avery Sherrill second grade teacher, will be guest story teller at the Children's Story Hour, scheduled for ten o'clock on Thursday morning, June 28th at the Iredell County Library on North Center St.

The Thursday program will be the second in a series of story hours planned for boys and girls, grades one through six, in Statesville and Iredell county during the summer months.

The Children's Story Hour is sponsored by the Literature Department of the Statesville Woman's Club in cooperation with the staff of the Iredell County Library.

Happy Anticipation, Mark St. Pius X Dedication Rite

Happy anticipation, proud remembering were well mixed in the response of the members of the Catholic congregation of Statesville to the dedication of their new church, St. Pius X Catholic Church as it is officially named.

The building itself is the former Lutheran church building, bought by the Catholics when the Lutherans began the building of their new church.

The new church will be the center of the services that have been

held in St. Philip's church, dear to the memory of many, is too small for the steadily growing congregation.

The cornerstone of the new church was blessed in a special service led by Bishop James Navagh of Charlotte, who is the auxiliary bishop of North Carolina, a number of other visiting ministers having part in the service.

The dedicatory sermon was given by Father Lambert Zaleha, O. F. M. of New York city, who served St. Philip's church for 10 years prior to leaving in 1953. He spoke with feeling of St. Philip's church and the inspiration it has been and he gave a brief summary of the history of the Catholic church in this community.

The dedicatory services were held on Monday evening and were attended by many interested visitors and church leaders from a distance.

After the services there was an informal reception and the present pastor of the church, Father Steven McMahon, O. F. M., and the assistant pastor Father Anselm Robinson, O. F. M. greeted congregation and the visitors. There was a tea table beautifully set and centered by a massive bowl of summer flowers and from this table tea and cookies were served during the evening.

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AIR FORCE TAKES THREE LOCAL MEN

Three Iredell men have been accepted for enlistment in the U. S. Air Force, T-Sgt. H. H. Clary has announced.

Frank Scott of Statesville has re-enlisted, and Francis Austin Dahmer of Meadow Road here and Earl Brooks of this county have enlisted for the first time. Scott entered under the Air Force's new prior service program.

Brooks and Dahmer will take basic training at Lackland Air Force Base.

Not In Real Estate Business, Town Says; Property Needed For Parking

Armory Decision Hangs on Surplus In City Budget

City Council on June 25 told representatives of the National Guard post here that decision will have to be delayed until after the middle of July on their request for a \$20,000 allocation to spur the approval of an armory building here. The money, if granted, would have to come from any surplus in the city's budget for the next fiscal year since its allocation was not included in the figures for the coming year.

County attorney Dick Battley and Captain Souther, Commander of the local battalion headquarters battery, appeared to argue the case for the building; the city of Statesville has already ceded on the fact that the county commissioners have indicated they would appropriate \$10,000 if the town would match it with \$20,000; \$30,000 would be this area's share in construction costs with federal and state monies supplementing to the final cost.

Council was told that if a 100 man unit could be organized here, the payroll could be expected to be between 30 and 40 thousand dollars a year, much of which would remain in the section while being spent. The unit would have also an emergency water purification unit which could be used in any disaster time.

The Adjutant General, said Battley, has given assurance that if the money is appropriated soon, work can be begun almost immediately. Otherwise, he said, Statesville would have to wait.

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FLOCK MEN MEET TO THRASH OUT MARKET KNOTS

A special meeting of flock men in the county has been called for 8 p. m. Friday June 29 by assistant farm agent Bill Chuber. There are a number of marketing problems which need to be considered at this time, Chuber explains, and it is hoped all members of the Iredell County Egg Producers Association can be in attendance.

Since last November, when the association formed, six local poultrymen have been regularly shipping eggs, Chuber says, three others have signed agreements for the next month, and some dozen others plan to ship out their eggs next fall.

Those things most needed to be discussed, says Chuber, are location of pick-up points for egg haulers; cost, insurance, bond, and bookkeeping for hauling, distribution of checks to poultrymen, costs of egg stickers, numbers for new producers, and the training of new officers.

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AN S. O. S.

The Girl Scout Day Camp is in full swing and there is a big registration of eager girls—such a big one that more helpers are needed at once. All that is needed to be helper is a willing mind and a love of and understanding for Girl Scouts.

Anyone who will help are asked to contact Mrs. Robert McCoy, phone 3759 after 3 in the afternoon.

LEASES DROP THREATENS; SLATED LOTS HIGHLY PRICED

With at least four lots of varying size presently in use as downtown parking areas, the Statesville City Council is busy negotiating purchase of several more and June 25 reported consummation of a parking lot on Cooper St.; this latter is reported elsewhere in this paper. The city recently has been unsuccessful in buying other property along 4th Creek for its proposed water reservoir.

Future Construction Must Observe New Setback Rules

Although no action can be taken ex post facto about present buildings on Meeting Street from Water St. to the railroad tracks and along Tradd St. from Hartness Road to Garfield Street, Statesville City Council has passed an ordinance requiring setback lines be observed in all future construction along these routes.

The 80 ft. right-of-way will extend 40 feet from the center line of the streets. Such setbacks regulating construction are considered desirable by the highway systems.

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Clerks of Court

Mull Estates

At Gathering

Iredell's Clerk of Superior Court Carl G. Smith and Mrs. Smith will attend the 38th annual conference of the North Carolina Association of Superior Court Clerks to be held in Chapel Hill on July 5-7. The Carolina Inn will be the headquarters of the conference, with business session in the courtroom of the Law School.

Among the feature of the program will be a discussion of clerks' problems relating to wills and the administration of estates by Prof. Fred B. McCall of the UNC Law School.

A panel moderator by Joseph Shore, Guilford County clerk, will discuss selected problems facing the clerk, based on response to questionnaires sent to all clerks by the Institute of Government. Other members of the panel will be A. W. Graham, Jr., of Granville County, William E. Church of Forsyth County, and J. Russell Nipper of Wake County.

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Bam-Re Is New Beauty Shoppe On Charlotte Rd.

The Bam-Re Beauty Shoppe, a new Statesville house of beauty culture, is now open at its location on the west side of the Charlotte highway near Jones's Fish Camp. Formal opening is Friday, but Dot Edwards, owner, already is busy with customers. The shop's manager is Ruby Speigle.

Mrs. Edwards is the former Miss Dot Schafer of Statesville and the beauty parlor is sharing the new building with Dot's father, J. M. Schafer, who in turn is opening up a new jewelry store next door. Mr. Schafer has long been associated with this profession and is returning to it after a retirement. There is no problem of parking of autos there.

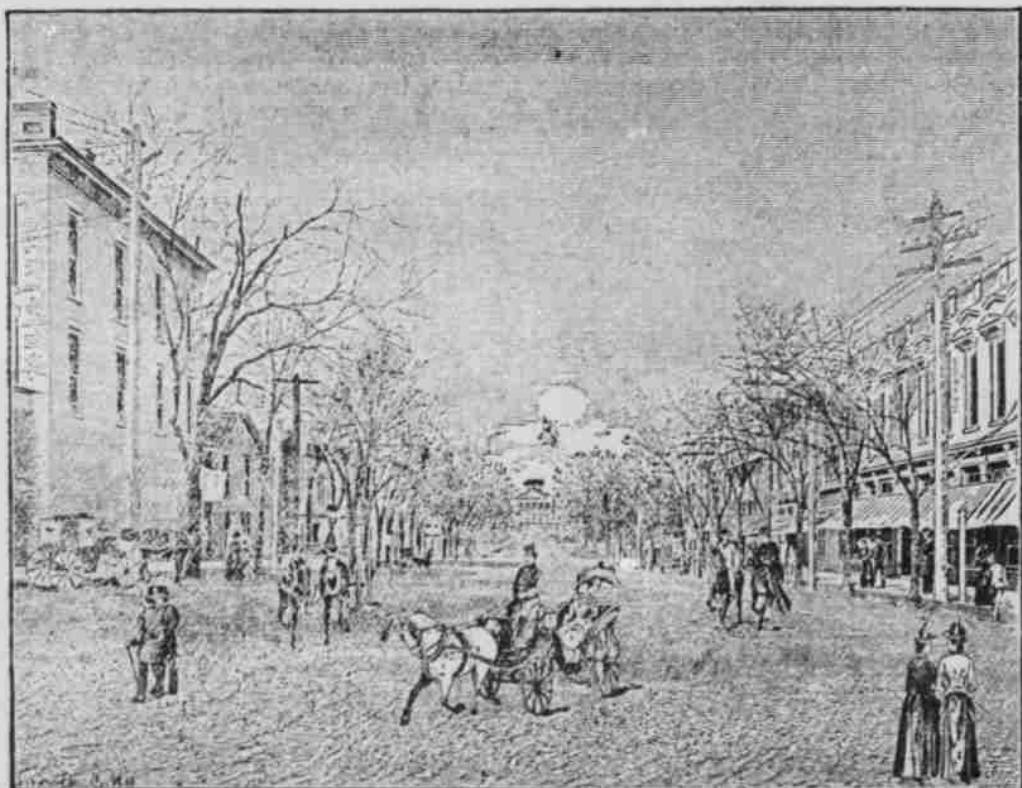
The beauty shop's interior is most attractively furnished and modern in all equipment and Dot hopes her friends will drop out to share the excitement of an opening. There is no problem of formal dressing to put up with, customers are invited to drop in clad in shorts or jeans if they wish.

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BAD ROADS, TEMPERANCE ZEAL, SLAVERY MADE IREDELL LOOK TO WEST



At the end of Broad Street stands Statesville Female College (Mitchell College today) in this scene from 1890. Beside it, the same view in June 1956.



Third in a series of articles drawn from a history of Iredell by James Shober Brawley and printed in the Salisbury Post. Exclusive republication privilege granted The Iredell Morning News of narrative and engravings through courtesy of Brawley and the Post, ED.

The 13 saw mills in 1800 were an important part of the industrial life of the country and were usually found near the grist mills. By the turn of the 19th century rough hand hewn logs were replaced, at least on the interior of the homes, by finished lumber fashioned by the power saws.

BAD ROADS

Inadequate transportation hin-

dered the growth not only of Iredell County but the whole western part of the state. Before 1835 when the state constitution was amended allowing the west more equal representation in the general assembly the large landholding gentry of the east dominated the government which consistently denied the west good roads.

As a result of this policy the people were poor. Most farms were self sufficient units that grew only what was needed because the expense of transporting goods to the far markets in Virginia and South Carolina over poor roads was almost prohibitive to the average land owner.

However, some of the more successful farmers did carry on a lively trade with these out-of-state markets. Notable exception to the norm was the family of McClelland which owned a 368-acre farm on Fourth Creek two miles north of Statesville.

Hand labor was the most common practice in farm production of the chief crops of corn, wheat, oats, and hay. Other smaller acreage crops consisted of potatoes, cotton, tobacco and fruit orchards. The McClelland farm had a good supply of livestock consisting of "siv horses for farm work, and many other fine horses for driving and riding." Besides horses the McClelland farm had 12 cattle, 18 sheep, 18 hogs and 13 geese. Not very imposing by today's standards but for an Iredell County farm in 1627 a considerable investment.

Several times a year as the records of the McClelland family reveal, trips were made to the larger market centers of Fayetteville, Camden, Cheraw, South Carolina, or Petersburg, Virginia. Smaller trips to Statesville, Salisbury or Charlotte were made to obtain smaller items needed on the farm.

Wheat, oats, flaxseed, wool,

pork, beef, hides were exported to the larger cities for such needed items as iron, steel, nails, hoes, plows, and furniture. But, perhaps, the most common export of Iredell farmers was grain shipped out as whiskey in barrels rolled to market. This was one sure cash crop that brought needed money to a section that rarely saw silver dollars.

Immigration

Iredell County — like other counties in the Piedmont—suffered from a general migration to western lands from 1800 to 1850. Causes for this general exodus were economic, social, and the desire for better and cheaper land.

In Iredell County land became worn out, eroded and increasingly harder to cultivate without expensive use of fertilizers. Low prices received for what was produced coupled with the hardship of getting produce to market compelled veterans of the Revolution who had land grants in Tennessee and Kentucky to take them.

Temperance societies hindered those who made a living by distilling corn into whiskey and the slavery question drove many to seek a freer clime elsewhere.

A good example of the forces that pushed citizens from Iredell is found in the section of Bethany Church in the 1830's when Rev. Stephen Frontis was the minister. An ardent prohibitionist he preached fervently against the liquor trade.

But the congregation had prospered through trade with Charleston by exchanging their produce for "the little red copper still." Frontis objected so strenuously to this that in one year 40 families instead of taking their loaded wagon south to Charleston headed them west—for good.

Letters of friends or loved ones who settled earlier in the land

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