

Mount Airy News.

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THE REVIVAL MEETING.

The revival meeting at Central Methodist church is attracting as many people as the building can accommodate. Rev. Burke Culpepper, of Memphis, Tenn. is assisting the pastor Rev. Geo. D. Herman, and his sermons are the talk of the town.

OUR PRIMARIES.

The selection of officers for this Town will be made in a few weeks and the manner of making the selection is open to serious criticism.

The men who look after the business here handle more than a hundred thousand dollars all told. The last Annual statement, in round numbers, gives this information:

Table with financial data: General Fund, \$49,000.00; Schools, \$37,000.00; Water and Lights, \$20,000.00; Interest Fund, \$8,000.00; Total, \$114,000.00.

The custom of selecting our officers has been handed down to us from a time when the business of the town was not a hundred thousand dollar proposition.

In the years past the selection of candidates has always been made just a few days before the election and during the April term of Surry Superior court when a large number of citizens were out of town attending the sessions of that court.

In the light of all these facts it does appear that the people should not be required to make their selection of officers in the hasty and uncertain manner of the past years.

WAR TIMES.

You may not have realized it, but we are living in the most stirring times this old world has ever passed through.

We recall hearing Prof. N. Y. Gully of the law school at Wake Forest College tell how, when a boy, he saw the home of his father, near the close of the civil war, with not one thing for man or beast except a half bushel of cornfield peas.

Half the world today is up against the same problem—Food, food. One of these days it may come to the people of this town in a striking way that we need to create here, produce on our lands within the town, all the food we can.

Why not the teachers in our schools encourage, for the present, that the boys leave off the ball playing to some extent and hasten home and help in the garden. That is what all of England and France and Germany is doing

today. We may be forced to it later. Roosevelt—and no man has greater influence in this land than Roosevelt, wants to raise two million men—think of it, two million men, and send them to the wars of the world and thus plunge this nation into the very thick of the fight.

For us today here, the problem is to create all the food we can, and in that way be as independent as we can so far as the necessities of life go.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH MT. AIRY.

There is not so much the matter with Mt. Airy, but that is not saying that we are every whit whole. There is too much discord and confusion here and any honest man will admit it.

It may be, and most probably is true, that the citizens here are, a few of them, too busy getting rich to take interest in public matters, while the great masses are too busy trying to keep the wolf away to get interested in any public movement.

These are subjects that no one man can handle. They are public questions that must become the work of the officials of the people.

For the next two years we will be in the hands of men who will say what shall be done here in this good town in the way of taking care of the whole people in a public way.

COUNTY MATTERS.

There is some interesting talk floating around about county matters. Here is one interesting story that we hear on the streets. The old Board of county Commissioners employed M. E. Jones, an experienced bridge builder, to erect the new county bridges on a per cent basis.

It may be interesting to know that in the early days of the past Legislature a bill was enacted allowing the sum of \$5.00 per day and mileage. The former salary was \$2.00 per day and mileage.

William Sydnor left Wednesday to resume his studies at Mountain Park school after spending a few days with his father Mr. W. G. Sydnor in this city.

TO THE PUBLIC.

The matter of the selection of a man to serve as Mayor of the Town of Mt. Airy for the next two years is one of great importance.

Our citizenship cannot afford to be negligent or indifferent just at this time. Sentiment is being formed, opinions are being molded into action and out of this will most likely come our next Mayor.

The names of many good men will come before us for consideration.

Many have already been suggested. But would it not be wise for our people select one of our number who has wide experience in matters financial, commercial, moral and otherwise, and one who has been tried over and over again in all of these important matters and has always proven true and well able to cope with any situation which may come before us?

As his friend personally and because of our deep interest in the welfare of our town we suggest his name and we believe our people should rally to his support.

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Governor's "Planting Day" Proclamation.

The full text of Governor Bickett's proclamation setting apart April 5 as "Planting Day" in North Carolina is herewith appended:

"Our forefathers established the noble custom of setting apart a day in autumn on which to return thanks to the Lord of the harvest for having blessed them with the 'kindly fruits of the earth.'"

"A true interpretation of the Thanksgiving spirit comprehends all reasonable efforts on our part to insure celestial bounty. The conditions which now confront us appeal for activity on our part with peculiar and compelling power.

"The world war has drawn to the battle line millions of those who in times of peace 'went forth to sow.' China and the United States are about to swell the legions who fight and must be fed.

"From the South the boll weevil is marching on North Carolina. Full cribs and smother's houses are the cure and safe defense against the coming of this pest. In every state the destruction of cotton by the boll weevil has been followed by a paralysis of the farmers' credit.

"The amended crop lien law was framed to give to that small farmer a decent chance to escape from a credit system that levies upon the right to live and labor the heaviest tribute imposed upon a helpless people since Augustus Caesar issued his decree that all the world should be taxed.

"All these things make a substantial increase in our food and feed crops essential to our self preservation.

"Now, therefore, I, Thomas Walter Bickett, Governor of North Carolina,

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do hereby designate and set apart Thursday, the fifth day of April, 1917 as Planting Day, and on that day I earnestly urge...

PARTRIDGE COCHIN EGGS—For hatching \$1.00 for 15. Hens took 1st and 2nd. prize at Fair.

PIANO FOR SALE—I have a new Kimbal piano used only about a year and no abuse, that I will sell at a great sacrifice.

Moving! I am moving my stock of groceries into the store room next door north of Prather Clothing Co. BELTON'S. W. F. CARTER, E. H. WRENN, GEO. D. FAWCETT.

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