

Mount Airy News.

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LOCAL MORAL QUESTIONS.

In these stirring times moral questions are becoming even more prominent than in ordinary years. Recently the public mind has been agitated by the pool rooms and bowling allies. Men of sense were disgusted when they constantly saw strong men, during work hours leisurely playing these games while half the world starves.

The result is that the white light of criticism has been turned on the pool room and the bowling ally. It has been made to appear that these games are so expensive to those who frequent them that the men who play are only too glad for relief to come in the way of closing them up. It is made to appear that much gambling is done in these places, and that the game is so costly as to make the amusement often run to several dollars in a night.

These facts were all brought out before the board of town commissioners at a recent meeting, and after due consideration, it was decided not to renew the license to these places after the present license expires about the first of the summer.

And in connection with all this talk the moving picture show has come in for comment that is not to be ignored.

It appears that the companies that get out these picture films and supply the country are sending out a lot of scenes that of a nature to be objectionable to many people. A great majority of the pictures are of a high order and of great educational value, but along with these pictures that are really worth ones time and money to see, they inject a class of sentimental rot that is both disgusting and demoralizing to the public mind. It is no uncommon sight to see for half an hour the immoral life of some reprobate man and woman shown up in a light that will not bear comment in conversation and could not possibly become the subject of conversation among intelligent people.

These low grade pictures are so suggestive of the sexual that young men of character in some cities are refusing to carry their lady friends to the shows, unless they know in advance what is to be displayed in the program.

The picture show in this town is no worse than all the others, but the game has gone to that extent that the public mind has revolted and now demands some relief. We know of a number of citizens who have not only quit attending the shows but decline to allow their children to attend, and yet these same citizens would be only too glad to patronize these shows if the pictures were of a kind to appeal to them.

As an indication of how the remedy is being worked out the following article from the Greensboro News will be suggestive. There it appears that the picture men are willing to do their own censoring, and thus get rid of the objectionable. The article follows:

R. D. Craver, operator of the motion picture theaters of Greensboro, has made arrangements for strictest censorship of the film dramas he buys for this city. Aroused by recent criticism to the need of more careful attention to the quality of some of the comedies, he has employed a Greensboro lady to pass upon the films before they are shown to the public.

Mr. Craver has been for some time with a brother who is ill and has not been in closest touch with his theaters. He has at each a manager in whom he has confidence, but the business of seeing the dramas through and passing upon them with respect to whether they show anything which would embarrass a modest audience has not been handled by any one in particular. The woman censor employed will do this. The proprietor of the theaters has full confidence in her good taste and judgement. She is not to be the representative of the city or any other institution but the theaters, themselves.

Mr. Craver had made it clear to the city commissioners that he recognizes the fact that it means patronage for him to present the better class of pictures. He buys the best offered, yet in these there sometimes appears something which should not be shown. The woman will eliminate such scenes. It is the proprietor's purpose to show nothing which would offend the sensibilities of any patron.

The commissioners authorized the

mayor to call Mr. Craver into conference. In a letter to him, Mayor Stafford spoke of the attitude of the city toward the low class comedy and suggestive pictures, and Mr. Craver's response was immediate and entirely satisfactory. He sought the conference and disclosed his plans for the protection of the people and his theaters as well from the imposition of the undesirable films.

School News.

Some changes in school management are of such importance as to be news. Recently two members of the school board have resigned, Messrs. Geo. D. Fawcett and W. E. Merritt. The town charter allows these unexpired terms to be filled by the other members of the school board and so last week Messrs J. Carroll Hill and E. M. Linville were selected for the unexpired terms. As the board now stands it is composed of W. F. Carter, chairman; E. H. Kochitzky, sec- and treas.; C. H. Haynes, E. M. Linville and J. C. Hill.

Prof. Staley has declined to stand for reelection as superintendent and has accepted the position of Sec. and Treas. of a new company that will operate a knitting mill in Randolph county.

Prof. Williams will not stand for reelection as Principal of the High School and will engage in the newspaper business after the present term of school expires.

New Enterprise for Mt. Airy.

For years this city has used large numbers of barrels each year for shipping apples, potatoes, etc. These barrels have been gotten out at other points. Now Mr. Bausley Beasley has gone into the business and recently bought a complete outfit of machinery for making staves and will operate it on Needmore street. He expects to get the plant to going in a month and will give employment to a dozen or more men. He will pay a good price for timoer and the staves will be sliced from the block thus saving any waste in the way of saw cut. There is a demand here for the staves and it appears to be a business that should be a profitable enterprise.

How Six Little Girls Buy War-Savings Stamps.

Little Girl No. 1. "I clean my brother's room and he pays me 25c, and I sew buttons on my uncle's clothes, for which I receive a good price. I buy Thrift Stamps with the money."

Little Girl No. 2. "Every Monday night I take care of sister's two children, and although they are cross, I persevere. Each week I get 25c, with which I buy a Thrift Stamp."

Little Girl No. 3. "I wash dishes and tend the baby, feed the chickens, run errands and stay at home when my mother wants to run down town. Mother gives me a quarter twice a week and I buy Thrift Stamps. I am a little girl ten years old."

Little Girl No. 4. "I sell two popular weekly magazines and a monthly magazine and buy Thrift Stamps with my profit. I now have four War-Savings Stamps."

Little Girl No. 5. "I deliver bills for Mr. Scott for which I get paid well and I buy Thrift Stamps."

Little Girl No. 6. "My mother promised me 25c for every scarf I knit for the soldiers. I knitted a scarf and a sweater and received 75c and bought Thrift Stamps."

Ships! Ships! Ships!

Ships are needed to save France. Ships are needed to defeat the Kaiser. The Allies are calling for ships. Our Government is calling for ships. Our Government is trying to build ships and is asking that he lend our money for this purpose. Are we going to lend it willingly or are we going to cause the Government to force it from us through taxes? It's either War-Savings Stamps and build ships or pay War taxes and build ships. In the first you get your money back with interest. In the second you get only a slip of paper to show you have done only what the Government forced you to do.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to thank our neighbors and friends who were so kind to us during the recent illness and death of our loved one. Mrs. W. A. Bolt. Roy L. Poore.

THE LOTUS COMPANY.

With harp and vocal solos and beautiful costumes, three historic periods of different nationalities are presented in the program of the Lotus Company. Variety, charm and brilliance mark the program throughout.

Some of the most fascinating musical scenes from early Egypt are presented.



THE LOTUS COMPANY.

An interesting part of the history of the centers of Egypt.

Next comes the portrayal of the middle French period, where all the arts are mellow with age, and the lyrics and ballads have a native color compellingly beautiful.

The third part of the program has to do with American songs from 1830 to 1860, which palpitate with the heart history of our own people and breathe the sorrows and joys, the humor and the melody of intrinsic Americanism.

This program was created and the company produced in the Stage Crafts' Workshop by Katherine S. Brown for the Redpath bureau.

Monday Night April 22th, 8:30 High School Building.

Protracted Meeting at Flat Rock.

On the first Sunday in May the pastor, Rev. J. H. Haynes, will begin a series of meetings at Flat Rock Baptist church and will be assisted by Evangelist Sebastian of N. Wilkesboro.

Tired, Nervous Housewife Took Vinol

Now She is Strong and Well

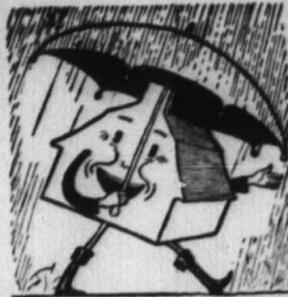
Berkeley, Cal.—"I was nervous, irritable, no appetite, could not sleep, and was always tired, so my housework was a great effort. After many other medicines had failed Vinol built me up and made me strong. I have a good appetite and sleep well. Every nervous, weak, ailing woman should try it."—Mrs. N. Edmonds, 2107 Dwight Way, Berkeley, Cal.

We ask every nervous, weak, run-down, ailing woman in this town to try this cod liver and iron tonic on our guarantee to return their money if it fails to help them.

I. W. WEST DRUG CO.

Organize New Church.

Some months ago Rev. J. H. Haynes and Jas. Nester conducted a very successful revival meeting at Clarke's Chapel eight miles north east of this city. The point is remote from any Baptist church and as the result of the interest that grew out of the meeting a new church was organized there af ew days ago with 21 members for a start. Rev. Jas. Nester was elected for their first pastor and the prospects are bright for a live active organization.



Does your House laugh at Rain?

A house poorly painted is at the mercy of the weather. The gales of Spring and Fall drive the beating rain into bare or flaked surfaces, soaking the wood and leading to unsightly warp and decay.

The house that can laugh at rain, at snow, wind, frost, or broiling sun is the one protected by good paint. Give your house a few coats of

Dutch Boy Lewis Brand White-Lead

mixed with pure linseed oil and it will resist all kinds of weather. You may have any color.

Drop in and let us take care of your needs, before the next storm does its damage. We carry nationally advertised brands of paints, oils, and varnishes, and standard makes of brushes.



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IN REGARD TO COAL

I am glad to tell all of you that an exception has been made by the administration which will let us get some grate coal.

Until just a few days ago the order stood so that all of our coal would come out of the Pocahontas and New River fields.

The coal we will get will be the Tennessee and Kentucky coals which are good grate coals and will give satisfaction.

Many have asked "What is the Price?"

I have told them all the price as previously set by the Government was \$8.00 per ton delivered, but that the coal we would get later would possibly be higher, Mr. Lovill advising that the prices had not yet been furnished to him which would be effective after April 1st, but is certain it will be no lower than \$8.00, per ton.

The greatest urgency exists that every one should lay in his coal between now and Sept. 1st, as after that date there will probably not be any coal for home uses.

Please bear in mind that from the lowest to the highest everyone must fill out the application card for coal. It makes no difference from whom or how you get this coal you must have this card on file before any deliveries can be made to you, unless someone violates the law and becomes subject to a heavy fine.

It is urged by the fuel administration that everyone make the next five months their "COAL" months and arrange to have your coal delivered in these five months and let them offset the "COLD" months of the coming Winter.

Everyone can more easily put coal in now than later, and bear in mind that "LATER" there may be no coal at any price.

Fill out your application card as soon as possible and be getting the coal into your bin, and not be in the class who will sit around his forehanded neighbor's fire this winter and "CUSS" Doc Garfield, and everybody else who has anything to do with the coal business.

Mr. Customer it is squarely up to you and with five months when coal is guaranteed to you, if you don't get it you won't receive much sympathy the coming winter if you have no coal.

You will find application cards, for my yard, at Hawks Drug Co., I. W. West Drug Co., Gwynn Drug Co., and at the firehouse as well as at the Barber shops, just fill out the card and leave it with the firm who has the blanks and I will get them. Remember the card is not an order for delivery but simply "Puts your name in the pot," for coal during the next five months, and each buyer must bear in mind that all must take a little along as we can't wait until the last day and deliver all the coal which should extend over the next five months.

C. A. Shelton Phone 272



What do you know about Clothes?

THE question occurs to us because apparently there are as many makes of clothes as there are colors.

In our store, there is no room for deception - products of known standard alone can secure our endorsement.

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have earned the respect of this community and many others through their trustworthy performance season after season.

Today we counsel the purchase of these clothes because we know their worth. Their style will appeal to you, but you must depend on us for certainty of quality—our judgment in the matter will not lead you astray.

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