

Mount Airy News.

Mount Airy, N. C. Sept. 6, 1923.

J. E. JOHNSON & SON, Publishers.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

One year \$2.00

Six months \$1.00

Entered as second-class matter at the postoffice at Mount Airy, N. C., under the act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

Why The Third Payment Has Not Been Paid to Farmers.

From time to time there has been much speculation among the farmers and others interested as to when the members of the cooperative association would receive the third payment for their tobacco. At the time the members delivered their tobacco to the association they were advanced a sum supposed to represent about one-third the value of the tobacco. A few weeks later they received the second payment which was a trifle less than the first. This all happened back in the winter since which time the third payment has been expected at any time.

The Bank of Mount Airy is a depository for the association and W. J. Byerly, president of this bank, has kept in close touch with the activities of the association all along. Recently he took the matter of the third payment up with the higher officials of the association. In answer to his letter he received a communication from Oliver J. Sands, of Richmond, a leading banker and financier of the South, and who is Executive Manager of the Association.

The following paragraphs from Mr. Sands' letter to Mr. Byerly deals with the tobacco situation in general and especially with the third payment subject and will be of interest to all who are connected with the association as well as to the public:

"Dear Mr. Byerly:-

Your letter of the 26th inst. received. I appreciate very much your interest in the association. We are all occupying the same position in that we want to do something to make tobacco bring a fair price every year. In 1920 the average was about 20c; in 1921 it averaged \$21.40; and in 1922 it will average about 25c. When you consider that we had 60 million pounds more tobacco in 1922 than in 1921 and that our exports fell off 84 million pounds there is certainly good ground to claim that cooperative marketing made the price in 1922. In fact a great many experienced men told me that tobacco would not have brought more than an average of 18c had it not been for this association.

"We have already paid the farmers members of the association throughout your district, an average of almost 20c per pound. We have on hand probably 14 million pounds of 'Old Belt' tobacco; all of the better grades and on which we have borrowed 50 per cent of the appraised value. If we can sell it at our prices, and this we are determined to do, we will be able to pay the farmers in the 'Old Belt' somewhere between 5 and 7 cents average in addition to what they have received. I would therefore appear that the next payment should be about 80 per cent of the first payment. The farmers, bankers and business men have got to realize that the orderly marketing of tobacco is the exact opposite of the dumping system, and that if we sell this tobacco at a fair price we must not push it on the market.

We are in a very strong position, as the tobacco we are holding is of high quality and much better than the average of 1923, and it will be in demand and at good prices.

We have recently made a large sale to one of the Export Companies at our prices. Our sales department feels they will sell the rest that way if the pressure from the members is not too great.

I have talked to thousands of people within the last month, and whenever these facts are put up to them, they have approved the policy of the Association. We are changing from a system which has been established for three hundred years. Our first year has proven everything that is claimed for it. If we will stand together and fight it out along this line, we will surely win. It takes a considerable amount of those opposing this system, and to appreciate its advantages, but we have the demonstration made for us by Kentucky, and now we have the practical first years experience. The markets have opened at good prices this year. It is generally believed that farmers of S. C. are getting twice as much for their tobacco as they could have expected had the old system been in full swing. The fact that this Association is in a position to withhold large quantities of tobacco from the market is of great benefit to everybody who raises tobacco, and if we can make the tobacco and cotton growers of the South prosperous, there is no doubt about the rest of us.

The natives of Arizona and New Mexico construct their dwellings of adobe. When a new house is needed, or an additional room the women folks are set at work carrying water and the neighbors are invited in. The clay of the front dooryard is mixed with water until it has the consistency of putty; it is then molded into bricks 18 x 9 x 4 inches in size. These are piled in the sun to dry, and when thoroughly hardened, are built into walls. The roof is composed usually of poles and brush, covered with grass and earth or turf. Adobe dwellings are cool and dry, two essentials in a hot climate, but are only suitable for use in practically rainless regions.

WHAT IS TO BE DONE WITH OUR POWER PLANTS?

For several weeks some of the business men of this city have been negotiating with the Appalachian Power Co., of Virginia, in an effort to interest them in furnishing this city with additional power to that already secured from the city's plants.

On several occasions this company has sent their men to our city to look over the situation and on last Thursday the Vice-President of the Company together with the general manager also looked over the ground. Thursday night they held a meeting with several of our business men and told them that they would consider building their lines to Mount Airy and furnishing us power if the city would sell them their present plants and give them a franchise to take over and operate the power and electric system of the city. It was not stated just what other terms they would ask for, but they first want to agree on whether the city would consider the sale of its plants, and further propositions would be offered later.

It is a known fact that this city is in serious need of more power, more than it can hope to develop, but whether the time has come for it to sell out and turn the power business over to some large power company is a matter that many have not had time to solve and express an opinion. There are business people of our city who see the urgent need of some connection with a big power company and cannot see any other means by which power can be secured to meet the present requirements and those that may arise in the future.

In the meantime the proposition of selling out at some reasonable price has been put up to our city fathers, and the power people have left the matter at this point until our citizens can think over the situation and decide whether they want to still continue to own and operate their plants or trade with the Appalachian Company.

Pioneer Missionary Visits Scene of Labor

Miss Emma Houston paid The News office a pleasant visit last Friday on the eve of her departure for Charlotte where she goes to visit her brother, after spending the summer at the Brown House.

Miss Houston will be remembered by many old friends as a pioneer missionary worker in the mountains beyond this city, sent out by the Presbyterian Mission Board. She came here about seventeen years ago and established Sunday schools near Cross Roads in Patrick county and near Kibler, Va. She labored in the mountains a number of years and then the work seemed to need and be ready for the establishment of churches and Miss Houston was transferred to Breathitt county Kentucky, where she again did pioneer work, and a preacher was assigned to this field.

Miss Houston was privileged to visit the old work during her visit here, and her joy was beyond expression when she saw with her own eyes the bountiful harvest that is being reaped from the small beginning. The old mission in Patrick has a new chapel near Cross Roads known as Unity, and Rev. Roy Smith is doing a splendid work there. His father Rev. Newton Smith has charge of the work at Friends' Mission, where a new school is known as Blue Ridge academy.

Miss Houston is in her eightieth year and is very bright and exceedingly active for one of her age, or even much younger, she is filled with enthusiasm and appreciation. The contact with the tourists who have stopped at the Brown House during the summer from many states has been a delight to her, she thinks she has never met such charming and intellectual people and praises Mrs. Brown's excellent food and her ability to make her guests feel at home.

Arctic Explorers Perish

Nome, Alaska, Aug. 30.—An expedition which left here August 3 to relieve a party led by Alan Crawford which went to Wrangell Island in which went to Wrangell Island in 1921, returned to Nome today with the news that all of the Crawford party except one were dead.

Harold Noice, leader of the relief expedition, reported that he found little ice and had no trouble in reaching the island in the power schooner Donaldson.

The one person left alive from the Crawford expedition was an Eskimo woman.

New York, Aug. 31.—Three Americans and one Canadian were at the head of the Crawford expedition which sailed for Wrangell Island on October 9, 1921, all of whom have since lost their lives, according to word received tonight from Nome, Alaska.

Miss Kate Mitchell left for Raleigh last Friday where she will teach in the Raleigh schools.

Dobson Court Adjourns

Going to the illness of Judge Lane the second week of the civil term of Dobson court is not being held.

The greater part of the first week was consumed in the trial of two cases one a slander case and one an automobile accident case.

L. H. Snider of the Pilot Mountain section was being sued by Miss Lissie Moorefield for slander. This proved to be a hard fought case and took three days to hear it and the young lady was awarded \$1,000 damages. Mr. Snider is a man passed the middle age of life and bears a splendid reputation in his neighborhood. From the evidence at the trial it seems that Mr. Snider was not satisfied with the conduct of the Moorefield girl and reminded her that she should settle down and be a little more modest. Later on he told some of his neighbors what he thought about the conduct of this particular person and this is what brought on the suit for damage. In the trial the defense was unable to attack the character of the young lady and from the evidence it would seem that Mr. Snider merely meant to reprimand the girl but went a little too far with his talk thus getting a slander suit on his hands.

Dr. W. M. Stone of Dobson sued the National Furniture Company of this city for injury to his automobile. This accident occurred on the Dobson road when Dr. Stone's car collided with a big truck belonging to the company. After trying on the case for more than a day the jury returning a verdict absolving the company of any blame for the accident and refusing to allow Dr. Stone any damage.

There were several uncontested divorce cases disposed of at different times of the court, and these together with the above cases were the only ones that went to the jury for decision.

Surry Health Department at The Top of State Work

Dr. George Collins, representing the State Health Department, spent several days in this county last week inspecting the health work and conditions in Surry. Just before leaving he called in The News office and stated that he was highly pleased at the satisfactory and efficient work being rendered by the County Health Officer, Dr. Williams and his assistants. In talking over the health work that is being done in North Carolina he said that the work done in Surry county was equal to any in the state, and in fact lead many of the counties in results obtained.

Our health department is now making examinations and advising with at least 10,000 persons in the county each year. In this list is included all the school children who are yearly examined and where any physical defects are found the parents are notified and urged to give the proper treatment. The cost of this work is divided between the state and county. Dr. Collins says that more counties are calling for state aid than the appropriations allowed the Board of Health can take care of, and that some of the counties are putting the work on at their own expense so great do they see the need of the work of this department.

Anarchy or Patriotism, Which Shall Reign

Two young men, one the Rev. Arthur Kale, as Deacon Keen, the other R. L. Davis Jr., as Sheriff Keener, gave a dramatic dialogue in the First Baptist church last Wednesday evening that was considered by men who heard them, to be a very effective presentation of the duty of citizens and officers with regard to the enforcement of the prohibition law.

These young men are sent out by the Anti-Saloon League and their debate is a variation from the usual lecture and being presented somewhat in the manner of a stage performance it makes an appeal out of the ordinary. The deacon charges the sheriff with the neglect of duty in the enforcement of the law, and the sheriff comes back with the counter charge that the Christian people are at fault by their failure to back up the officers in the matter of law enforcement. Towards the close of their dialogue they reach a plan of cooperation.

Mayor West endorsed the boys and says in part "In my judgement this was the most effective presentation of the work of the Anti-Saloon League in law enforcement and the duty of Christian Citizenship of our state that it has ever been my privilege to hear."

John Lemmerman Sr. Dead

Mr. John Lemmerman Sr., father of the late John A. Lemmerman, of this city, died at his home in Baltimore, Md., Sunday night at 10:45 of acute indigestion, aged seventy one years. Mrs. Lemmerman left Monday for Baltimore where she will spend several weeks with her sorrowing relatives. She was accompanied by her sister Miss Georgia Lemmons recently of Panama, who arrived from Goldsboro Sunday to visit Mrs. Lemmerman.

Dr. W. M. Hollingsworth DENTIST Mount Airy, N. C.

Robert I. Lovitt, M. D. Office Hours 9 to 10 A. M. Rooms Office, 200 2 P. M. and by Appointment Res. 200 Sunday by Appointment Office over Edmund & Hildes

Phone 53 DRUGS Phone 53 Prescriptions Carefully Compounded—Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens—Whitman's Candy Phone Us Your Order W. S. Wolfe Drug Co. Agent Van Lindley Flowers

Go to Church Sunday

"The Church represents the greatest industry in the world. It is the oldest; from it came education, medicine, art, agriculture and most of the sciences. . . . Investigations have led me to believe that religion is the greatest undeveloped resource of America today." —Roger W. Babson, World Famous Statistician.

The Church stands for Right Thinking and Right Living. Better Churches mean a Better Town. Support the Churches of the town and community by your attendance on their services.

—Go to Church Sunday

Soft Hats for Fall



For fall wear Soft Hats promise even greater popularity than in any season of the past. We are featuring an ample assortment of shapes, colors and materials so each man may choose a Hat exactly in accord with his requirements and individual taste.



Ties You Will Like

For several reasons you will like these Ties, but the one big thing about them is the fact that they don't wrinkle.

No need to bother tying them always in one place—and this feature adds to their wear.

An ample variety of new shapes, patterns and colors.

On The Corner

J. D. Smith

On The Corner