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THE COST OF PROGRESS

Not in the history of this good town has such progress been made as during the past four years. The amount of bonds that could be issued was the limit, for the demand was here from all those who take an interest in public matters.

Three or four years ago when citizens were clamoring for better streets The Mount Airy News advocated a change in the town charter that would permit citizens on any street to pave it at their own expense.

The present Mayor and his board of commissioners waked up to the demand for streets and went the limit in trying to get the town out of the mud. Naturally they could not pave before every man's door.

Now, what riles the public and makes a political issue in the coming election is that during the street improving era certain streets were selected, like Oak and Pine, and Church and Wilson and the side street next to the Mayor's home, the city rejected such streets as Elm and Orchard.

The plain truth is that every man who thinks recognizes the fact that main thoroughfares used by all the people should be paved at the public expense, and private residence streets paved by those who live on them.

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out of the pockets of those who own property along them.

This is the issue that has developed and which will cut no little figure in the minds of the voters in the coming town election.

ON GROWING TOBACCO

The advice sent out from the headquarters of the cooperative association to members is well worth considering. In a letter recently sent out it was stressed that the growers should avoid growing tobacco that will cure a red color.

It is interesting how customs change. Once every man carried his plug, now every man seems to have his cigarette case. They claim that one of the boasts of Mr. Duke, the "Tobacco King" is that he created a demand for tobacco and then supplied it.

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ABOUT BEAUTIFYING THE HOMES

Editor The News:

I see much in your paper these days about setting out things that grow and that will beautify the homes. I agree with all this but I am asking for information as to how to do all this with conditions as they are in many parts of the town.

Back in the old days of thirty years ago it was necessary to fence in one yard as well as the garden. But styles have changed and no one builds a fence around the front yard. It is not the custom or the style.

But how is one to make a beautiful home when he has neighbors who fail to fall in line and persist in allowing their dogs and chickens to run at large to the detriment of their neighbor's efforts to make his front yard beautiful?

I have in mind right now a neighbor who is young and educated and desires to make her home a place of beauty as well as comfort. This woman has neighbors who care nothing for flowers and make no effort to beautify their homes. They keep chickens and dogs and permit them to run at large at all times of the year and they destroyed last year every effort this woman made to beautify her lawn.

The most people desire to live in peace with their neighbors and will give up an effort to beautify a home rather than become prosecuting witness against a neighbor over such a small matter as a flower garden.

If the police force of this city would enforce the dog and chicken law it would go far to help in many places to make the town more beautiful. And the police should not ask that a citizen be estranged from his neighbor by having to prosecute him, for this he will not do, over such a small matter.

S. E. Marshall is constructing foot store rooms on his property on East Oak street. One is being used by Mount Airy Pressing Club. Another will be used by Banner & Brannock Ice Cream plant, and the other rooms will be for rent.

THIS BOY'S FIRST HORSE SWAP

Gets into Hands of Mount Airy Traders—Loses His Head and Lands in City Jail

Down in the city prison house there can be found a boy from the country north of this town in a most humiliating mix-up. If you are not able to get interested in the mistakes and blunders that wayward mortals make in their stumbling efforts to work out life's problems, then you may just as well skip this article and hunt for more interesting reading.

Back up in the hills in the rough country ten miles north of this city, in a mountain home a boy lives with his people. This boy came here a few days ago riding a poor old decrepit horse worth not more than \$15. While in the city he was bantered for a swap by a trader in stock and after the usual trade talk the boy exchanged horses with the trader agreeing to pay the sum of \$5 to boot.

Right there the boy's real trouble began, for the trader promptly took possession of the horse and held it, as he claimed, for the debt. Thus the boy was afoot and he faced the delicate task of returning home and explaining to his people how and why he did not return with the animal.

But to make bad matters worse he got the wrong horse. The boy had observed that the horse trader had tied his horse in a stall at the warehouse and he took a horse from the same stall. During the time of his deliberations about the city a lumber hauler had hitched his team in the stalls and it was one of these that the boy in his haste bridled up and carried home and not the animal he had brought down.

For three days the boy lay in the close dark dungeon that is called a city prison and cried until his eyes would no longer shed a tear. Hour after hour he cried like his heart was broken and nothing that he could do seemed to stop his great grief.

On Monday in the local court he was given a hearing and under our laws he could not be charged with theft, for the value of the stolen goods must be as much as \$20 to make the act theft. And so he was convicted of trespass and fined \$25, and this he could not pay. Now what to do with the boy is the problem.

If you were the judge or the trader what would you do?

Wedding of Interest N. J. Martin and Miss Kizzie Bray were united in marriage one day last week and are now at home at Salem Fork, west of Dobson, where Mr. Martin is engaged in farming and the dry goods business.

Edward Smith Passes Away Edward Smith, aged 63, died at his home on the Fancy Gap road, near this city Monday morning and was buried Tuesday at Salem Methodist church cemetery.

By Our Prices We Are Known

By Our Quality We Have Grown

Mother Wakes to Find Infant Dead

The four-months old infant of Wm. Goins, farmer residing north of Mount Airy, was found dead in bed last Sunday morning when its parents awoke. The child had been fretful for a few days but it had not been considered very sick. During the night its mother nursed it, but when she awoke Sunday morning life had left it.

Win These Prizes at Carter's

The public is beginning to think of W. Frank Carter, Jr., as an expert in creative salesmanship as he always has something coming along to interest his trade. Not long ago he created much interest in a Kitchen Cabinet sale by offering prizes for the most words coined from the motto: "Hoosier Saves Steps."

Now comes another interesting contest by the Carter-Walker Furniture Co. This time they are endeavoring to interest the public in Leonard Cleanable Refrigerators, and will offer prizes to those who come the nearest to estimating the number of individual pieces in one of these refrigerators.

Flag Raising A large and enthusiastic crowd which overflowed the building gathered at the Shelton town school on the Westfield road last Sunday afternoon when Council 73 Jr. O. U. A. M. of this city presented a handsome 5 by 8 foot American flag to the school.

Our storage room is crowded and we must sell the following used cars to make more room in our garage. These cars have been put in first class running condition.

W. S. Wolfe Drug Co. The Nyal Quality Store. Phone 53 Drugs Phone 48. Prescriptions Carefully Compounded. Agents—Whitman's Candy, Eastman Kodaks, Van Lindley's Flowers. We appreciate your trade.

A. B. Macon and family, of Salisbury have arrived to make their home here. Mr. Macon is a registered pharmacist and is with the Mount Airy Drug company. Little Miss Ruth Beamer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Beamer celebrated her eighth birthday Saturday from 2 to 5 o'clock, by entertaining about twenty little friends at a party.

Look! Look!! Must Be Sold. Our storage room is crowded and we must sell the following used cars to make more room in our garage. These cars have been put in first class running condition. One 1924 Model Dodge Coupe in good shape. One 1923 Model Dodge touring. One 1923 Model Ford touring. One 1924 Model Ford touring. One 1925 Model Ford touring. One 1924 Model Ford ton truck. One 1923 Model Ford Coupe. Norfleet-Baggs, Inc. Moore Street Mount Airy Branch.

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