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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 ones 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.

A Reader.

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. Miss Bray formerly lived in the Rusk section but moved to East Virginia three years ago. Mr. Martin is a substantial citizen of the Salem Fork neighborhood and owns one of the nicest homes in the county. Both parties have a large circle of friends who will learn of their wedding with interest.

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. The deceased had been in poor health following an accident many years ago while he was engaged in building railroad bridges. Since that time he had been unable to follow any occupation. A few weeks ago his condition grew worse until the end came Monday.

He is survived by a wife, three sons and two daughters.

A large and appreciative audience greeted the high school students who presented the play "Looks Like Rain" at Walnut Cove, Saturday night.

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. Whether it died from illness or was suffocated under the cover is not known.

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." Here in The News office some of the boys tried to win the prize and were able to pick out a dozen or so words and then gave up the task.

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.

One fellow the other day started out to count them and found that one of the food trays contained more than 100 pieces, another man found 25 nails driven around the top, and one of the locks contains more than a dozen pieces. Mr. Carter is willing for these refrigerators to have the closest kind of inspection which they will surely get when the people endeavor to count the individual pieces they are made of. The first prize will be 1000 pounds of ice tickets from Bray's factory; second price an 8 x 10 foot grass rug.

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. Speeches by the Juniors and singing by the school children made a very interesting program.

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

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.

Hear Holcomb & Midkiff

Now is the Time to Save

The time is here for people to save what they can—If you don't think we can save you money, do this—get prices from all the other stores, then compare them with ours. You will be convinced this is the place to buy.

Prepare Your Land Well

We sell the Chattanooga Plow, the best plow in the world. We sold ten of these plows last Saturday at auction. The following were the highest bidders: M. L. Jenkins, Hillsville, Va., No. 65; C. J. Wilson, Mount Airy, No. 65; Herbert Simmons, Mt. Airy, No. 64; E. F. Simmons, Mt. Airy, No. 64; J. A. Tilley, Pilot Mountain, No. 55; M. F. Thomas, Cana, Va., No. 61; R. L. Reeves, Mt. Airy, No. 72; E. M. Taylor, Mt. Airy, No. 53; J. H. Hunter, Westfield, No. 63; Harry Jenkins, Hillsville, Va., No. 63.

A Good Fruit Crop

Will be assured if you spray your trees with our Sherwin-Williams dry lime and sulphur. We have a large stock on hand—Owners of small orchards will find its use economical and simple and the result will be a bountiful crop of delicious fruits.

Insure Your Garden

Yes, your garden will be amply insured against a failure by planting our seeds. We buy in bulk quantities and can therefore sell cheaper than others.

Ride With Safety-- Ride on Goodyear Tires

We sell more tires than any other two concerns in town. The reason—We sell the Goodyear and buy in car lots, making low retail prices.

Sherwin-Williams Paints

We are the only concern in town that buys paint in car lots. This enables us to sell the highest grade paint made at a lower price than others ask for an inferior grade.

Let Us Quote You on Our Grass Seed

By Our Prices We Are Known Holcomb & Midkiff By Our Quality We Have Grown