

RECORDER SMITH TALKS ABOUT THE SOUTH SCHOOL

City Recorder D. B. Smith who has always taken a lively and intelligent interest in city affairs and who was an influential member of the board of school commissioners during a former administration, has addressed a communication to The News urging the erection of an up-to-date and modern school building on the site of the South Graded school. His argument will be read with peculiar interest because of the singular clearness with which all the arguments pro and con are touched and because of the present agitation in regard to the South school.

To the Editor of The News: Please allow me space in your paper to express the hope that the board of school commissioners will abandon the proposed sale of the South graded school property, either in whole or in part. For generations the children of this city have gone to school there and the sentimental value of this site alone is very great. In addition to that, it is the most desirable, the most prominent and the most centrally located piece of real estate now available for school purposes.

Why sell that property merely to buy elsewhere? Any other property of equal extent and accessibility would cost practically as much as could be secured for the old site, and little if anything could be gained by the exchange. To sell this beautiful location and move upon some back street would be to discount the value of the schools in our public life and should not be considered for a moment. Let us go forward in schools as well as in everything else.

Equally unwise in my judgment is the suggestion to sell off a part of the old site. The playgrounds are now too large now, and with the growth of our city every foot will be an absolute necessity. A beautiful prospect, indeed, will be presented when this plan of some bright particular genius is carried out and the front portion of the school grounds is occupied by residences or apartment houses. The school will then necessarily be moved to the rear, and day after day your children will look out upon the inspiring spectacle presented by a long string of kitchens and back fences with the week's wash waving bravely in the wind.

New Building Necessary. But I am not endorsing this proposed sale without having a different and better solution of the problem. A new building is an absolute necessity.

The old one is unsafe, unsightly, unsanitary. No business man in this community would conduct his business in that old building. My suggestion is to erect a new building on the old site, and that it can be done, by a little financing and ordinary business tactics, I am prepared to show.

Take the \$10,000 already apportioned for repairing the old building and borrow \$20,000 more from the building and loan associations, and with the \$30,000 then available a large and modern school building can be erected. The cost to carry this stock in the building and loan will amount to \$3,800 the year, dues and interest on the loan both included; and I am informed that the school board closes the present year with a surplus equal to if not greater than that amount. With the rapid development all about us this surplus is destined to increase rather than diminish, and the plan becomes entirely feasible.

Or to adopt a somewhat easier plan: Borrow \$20,000 from a private individual and arrange to pay \$2,000 the year the debt. In ten years the obligation is paid, and the interest account for the entire period will amount to only a little more than one-half of the \$10,000 now proposed to be thrown away for improvements on the old building.

The High School. While I am writing permit me to make a suggestion with regard to the high school. I understand that the plan now is to erect the high school building upon the site of the First Ward school. In my judgment this plan is most unwise. The First Ward school lot is very small when compared with the number of children enrolled there. To erect another building there will inevitably result in crowding both schools, will mix the oldest with the youngest pupils, and will seriously inconvenience the work of both.

My suggestion here is to obtain the consent of the United States government to erect a high school building upon the site now occupied by the Charlotte Assay Office, or better known as the Mint. The Secretary of the Treasurer has time and again recommended that the Charlotte Mint be abolished, and each year our congressmen and senators have had a hard fight to keep it. Ultimately it must go. I am informed that the government will not sell its property, but that it will lease it for a long term of years, say for 99 years, at the nominal rental of one dollar the year. And, inasmuch as the Federal government is anxious to dispose of the Mint anyhow, our representation would doubtless have an easy task in securing for us a lease upon this property for 99 years for public school purposes.

I ask our school authorities to consider these two suggestions and when carried to a successful conclusion they will give us the finest school system in two states.

D. B. SMITH.

Mass Meeting Baracca-Philathea

There will be a mass meeting of the Baracca and Philathea classes of the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday schools of North Charlotte tomorrow night at 7:30. Miss Eloisette A. Byrd of Greensboro, the general secretary of the Baracca-Philathea convention of North Carolina, will be present and speak.

All Baracca and Philathea in the city are invited to attend this meeting. Miss Byrd will speak to the Baracca and Philathea classes at North Charlotte Baptist church Sunday morning at 9:45 a. m. and at the Methodist church at 10:15 a. m. and at the First Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 8:30.

The program of the mass meeting is as follows: 7:30 p. m.—Song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." 7:35—Prayer, Rev. J. A. J. Farrington.

7:40—Song, "Onward, Christian Soldiers." 7:45—Our Philathea, Rev. S. F. Conrad.

7:45—Our Baracca, Rev. J. A. J. Farrington.

8:05—Song, "Philathea Hymn." 8:10—Introductory, Charles C. Teague.

8:15—Address, Miss Flossie A. Byrd.

Song, "Baracca Hymn." Benediction, Rev. S. F. Conrad.

\$25 for Carrying Concealed Weapon

John Young, a sporty negro of charcoal complexion was fined \$25 and the costs this morning in recorder's court for carrying concealed weapons and the weapon itself, a pistol, was disposed of in the usual manner, namely being broken up, with the owner's consent.

Associated Charities Report for January

The report of the Associated Charities for the month of January has been completed and shows that there were 204 families under care during the cold weather. Ninety of these families came to the attention of the society during the few days of the extreme cold weather and snow. Some of them needed help only during the extreme cold weather, but others were found to be in extreme need and will have to be looked after for some time before they will be able to establish a normal self-supporting existence.

As the society already had more than 100 white families under care, there was very little suffering among the whites of the city. Among the colored the requests were for wood and coal much oftener than for food. One very old colored woman living all alone and not knowing where to go for assistance, was breaking up her furniture for fire wood when the Associated Charities found her and gave her fuel and food.

Mr. Firth, city engineer, put one of his wagons at the service of the society during the cold wave and for four or five days it was kept busy hauling wood and coal, stoves, blankets and other needed things. The use of this wagon was a very great help. Four colored families burned out during the cold spell and had to be assisted in various ways.

About \$240 was given out in wood, coal and groceries. This was a little more than met by the generous contributions which came in at the time. Besides this a large quantity of clothing and blankets were given to the needy families. During the rush of the coldest days, each applicant told his condition and need to the general secretary in his office. Emergency orders for fuel and groceries were then given to last until the case could be visited and further provision made for help, if help needed. There were very few attempts to work the secretary for help which was not needed. One woman stopped at the tax office to pay her taxes and then came on to the Associated Charities to ask for a load of wood. A big stout colored man who owns property in the city, left his horse and carriage in front of the office and came in for "his share" of the distribution, and could not readily understand why there was not a "share" for him. But these cases were few. It was true at this time as at all other times, that the most needy families were not always those who applied at the office, but those who were reported by neighbors and friends or were found by the visitors in the neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ball have an attractive flat in the Robbins apartment house, in Dilworth. They will continue their residence there for some time.

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LITERARY TREAT THIS EVENING

Mrs. Hannibal Williams, who is to give an interpretation of "Romeo and Juliet" at Elizabeth College tonight, arrived in the city yesterday, and is at the Selwyn hotel.

The News had a pleasant visit from Mrs. Williams yesterday. Mrs. Williams began her career as a literary artist in 1893 in New York, where, under her maiden name, Jean Stuart Brown, she appeared more than 100 nights, winning an enviable reputation as an interpreter of literature, especially Shakespeare. Mrs. Williams is a woman of refined taste, sound literary judgment and ripe scholarship, a lover of English literature with a keen appreciation of its masterpieces, and a genius of interpreting them. She has achieved notable distinction in her chosen field of endeavor.

In numbers of university towns, and in the largest cities of the United States, she has won the plaudits of both press and public. Professors in a hundred colleges have commended her exposition and interpretation of classic literature. During a recent professional tour of the Antipodes and the Orient covering a period of five years the English speaking people before whom she appeared in the 12 foreign countries visited, found much to admire in her scholarly presentation of the great dramas of Browning, and of Shakespeare's plays.

The selection for this evening is "Romeo and Juliet." Of Mrs. Williams' interpretation of this beautiful romance, Prof. Walter E. Howard, LL. D., professor of political science and of history, Middleburg College, Vt., says: "Romeo and Juliet" was as perfect a piece of work as could be desired. Mrs. Williams has a rich and melodious voice which she uses with the greatest skill and good taste. Her interpretation of the play is scholarly; she is certainly an artist. I was delighted with the evening's entertainment."

Taft Reprieves Lomax Negress. Washington, Feb. 10.—President Taft today reprieved for ninety days Mattie Lomax, a negro woman under sentence of death here for the murder of her husband, pending decision of a case in the District of Columbia to give a qualified verdict in a homicide trial.

Death of Little Girl. Sibyl, the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Bates, of Villa Heights, died last evening at 8 o'clock at the home of her parents after a lingering illness of several months. Besides her parents, three brothers and one sister survive, namely, Myrtle, Walter, Brady and Durand.

The funeral will be conducted from the home of the parents in Villa Heights church this afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. E. G. Carson, pastor of Villa Heights A. R. P. church, of which the deceased was a member. She was a bright and attractive pupil of the Sunday school in which she took great interest and her death brings sorrow to many hearts.

Mrs. T. T. Smith Enters Into Rest

This Loved Woman Died this Morning at 6:30 at The Kellam Hospital in Richmond

—Her Life a Benediction —Funeral To-morrow.

Mrs. Barbara Smith, wife of Capt. T. T. Smith, died this morning at 6:30 in the Kellam Hospital, Richmond, where she had gone for treatment.

A telegram from Mr. A. W. Smith, to his father, Capt. Smith, at 8:30, said: "Mother entered into rest at 6:30. Will bring her home tonight if possible."

The passing of this good woman will be heard with sorrow throughout this city. In hundreds of homes she was loved; in every home she was held in that esteem which a noble, consecrated, self-sacrificing life commands.

When it became known that Mrs. Smith had an incurable malady and that her last days were to be those of intense suffering, the keenest of sorrow was felt by all, but especially by those to whom she had so often ministered in suffering.

An operation was performed at the Sanatorium last spring by which it was hoped that Mrs. Smith would be relieved for some years, if not cured, but after a period of improvement the pain returned and from that time she moved rapidly onward to the inevitable.

As a last resort she was taken to the Kellam hospital for special treatment. Everything that skill and affection could suggest was done, but to no avail.

Throughout the long weeks of suffering and absence from home two or three of Mrs. Smith's family were constantly with her. Mr. Jake Smith and Mrs. Frances Darracott returned only last night Mr. A. W. Smith, and Misses Kathryn and Josephine Smith were with her when rest came to her.

Mrs. Smith was born January 27, 1845, and was therefore 67 years of age. Her parents were Louis S. Boon and Annie Boon, of Alamance county. While they bore the same name, they were not related. Her father was of English descent, while her mother was of German parentage.

The circumstances of Mrs. Smith's marriage were rather romantic. Capt. Smith was in Johnson's army. When near Mrs. Smith's father's he was taken sick and was compelled to stop. He was cared for at Mr. Boon's house, and it was there that Mrs. Smith's father saw her and fell in love with her.

Kindness being a part of Mrs. Smith's nature she eagerly lent her help to aid the sick soldier, little realizing that she was helping back to health the man who was to be her husband.

Capt. Smith recovered and rejoined his company, fighting through the remaining years of the war. In July, 1865, he returned to North Carolina from Mississippi, his home, and claimed the girl who had tended him so kindly, as his bride, the wedding taking place July 29th. Capt. Smith took his bride at once to Choctaw county, Miss., his home, where they lived for two years. They then came to Mrs. Smith's state, and located in this city, August, 1870. To them were born twelve children—seven daughters and five sons, all of whom survive except one daughter who died at the age of four.

The children are: Mrs. E. C. Hovey, who resides in Spartanburg, S. C.; Mr. W. H. Smith auditor of the Atlanta & West Point Railroad, residing in Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Emma Ashbury, wife of O. F. Ashbury, of Charlotte; Mr. A. W. Smith, of Charlotte; Mr. T. T. Smith, Jr., with the Cannon Manufacturing Co., Concord; Miss Kathryn P. Smith and Mrs. Frances Darracott, of Charlotte; Miss Josephine Smith, who resides with her brother in Concord; Mr. Jake Smith and Mrs. Lucy Norman, wife of Mr. George Norman, of Charlotte, and Mr. Clarence H. Smith, of Charlotte.

Beside these Mrs. Smith is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Maggie Sheppard, of Gibsonville, and Mrs. Emma Felts, of Charlotte. She also has four half-sisters living in Burlington and numbers of relatives in Alamance and Guilford counties.

The keynote of Mrs. Smith's character is found in the following couplet: "She doth little kindnesses Which most leave undone, or despise, For nought which sets one heart at ease. And giveth happiness or peace, Is low esteemed in her eyes."

Mrs. Smith stood not on the corners dispensing alms to be seen of men, but went quietly and noiselessly into the homes of the poor, and made them glad and happy by her generous hand, and bright sunny nature—which was ever like a tonic—and thoughtful kindness.

She was a happy, joyous, Christian. She lived a happy religion—not a religion of gloom. Her faith was so strong that it made her forget care and trouble and live ever in the light of the reflected glory of the perfect day upon which she entered the morning.

Of Mrs. Smith it was known that no beggar, even an unworthy one, was ever turned away from her door. No call of sickness or distress was un-

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swered by her. Her big loving heart took in not just her home—was her shirt; not yet her neighbor; whom she "loved as herself," but the community—that part which needed help and cheer. This was her field.

Mrs. Badham, who lived next door to Mrs. Smith for years sent her as a gift once a silver tray on which was engraved, "To my good neighbor."

Charity—which meant love—for all, she had; self-sacrificing, amiable, helpful, kind, sympathy and broad as the universe, a nature that was sweet and gentle, strong in all points of honor and principal, a wife who was not only devoted in her every thought to her husband and children, but who served them with a self-forgetting, self-sacrificing service that was as exceptional as it was beautiful—these were the traits that made every one love Mrs. Smith.

She was a Methodist in faith, her membership being at Tryon Street church. She loved her church and was one of its most devoted, loyal and prominent members.

Rest after months of suffering has come to her. She leaves behind a life that was a benediction to her home, her neighborhood, her community.

The funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 3:45 at Tryon street church, by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Rowe, assisted by other Methodist ministers of the city.

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THE OLD PHILADELPHIA MINT. In removing the foundation of the coinage building of the old mint some quaint specimens of old time building construction, including several curious vaults, were uncovered. The cellar in which the vaults were reached by heavy stone steps, supported by brick or stone arches, a method handed down from mediæval times. One of the vaults in which bullion was stored consisted of a vault within a vault, and was designed, it is said, at the time of the war of 1812 to conceal materials which could not be readily transported to other hiding places.

Several small windows in the cellar were protected by heavy hand wrought iron bars. These have been preserved, and will be added, along with other relics, such as locks and hinges, to the collection of Independence Hall. In digging out an old well in the yard a number of copper coins bearing the dates 1816 and 1818 were found, as well as a quantity of scrap copper from which the coins had been cut.

From old papers relating to a law suit found by Frank H. Stewart, president of the company which owns the property, it was ascertained that five buildings were originally included in the old mint, all of them grouped around the coinage building. It is a historic fact that this old structure, which was the last of these buildings to be razed, was the first building on the site erected by authority of the United States.—Philadelphia Record.

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four acts, has been given a most interesting and lavish scenic production by the United Play Company, whose efforts invariably bear the hallmarks of artistic work. The cast engaged is thoroughly consistent with the value of the book and production and includes Grace Lord, Elizabeth Gillespie, Raymond Wells, Frank Patton, Chas. T. DelVecchio, Edmond Sprague, Wm. Weston and others. "The Third Degree" will be seen here next Friday antine and night at the Academy of Music.

AMUSEMENTS

"The Smart Set." This season Salem Tutt Whitney heads the famous "Smart Set" company, which will be seen in the latest musical comedy success "The Mayor of New Town," at the Academy of Music next Wednesday, matinee and night. The entertainment, which is three acts, contains a dozen or more song hits, pretty ensembles, vaudeville novelties and features, and if real merit is any criterion should score a formidable triumph here. The management has gathered a capable cast which includes J. Homer Tutt, Ethel Marshall and 40 other capable people. A strong scenic equipment also has been provided.

Dressing Scaques and Curl Papers. "The Dressing sacque habit and the curl paper craze have sent more husbands on the affinity hunt than all the broken commandments in Christendom." If you think a minute, you'll believe this saying of the Widow in "The Real Thing." The big comedy hit that Henrietta Crossman will present here next Thursday night at the Academy of Music. Happiness in the home is the subject of this great play and there is no subject nearer to us than this. "The Real Thing" comes direct from New York, where it ran for several months.

"The Third Degree." "The Third Degree," an excerpt from life in some of its most interesting phases, is perhaps the best description of this remarkable play by Charles Klein, who will be agreeably recalled as the author of the American drama "The Lion and the Mouse." The play in brief is a forceful and beautiful relation of the adventures of a young man from the high paths of life who contracts an unconventional marriage. This subject has, of course, before been the subject of dramatic literature, but the skillful and unusual treatment accorded it in this instance by the master playwright gives it all the attractiveness of originality and when there is added the entirely novel element of psychological interest, it may be said to be a complete departure in theatrical presentations. The play, in

How to Be Happy. As might be imagined, Blanche Ring, starring this season in "The Wall Street Girl," has a little receipt of her own for that merry smile, and gay humor, which one always associates with her name. It's a merry little receipt, and as the comedienne describes it, doesn't seem hard to follow. "Now this is the way to do it," says Miss Ring. "The real way to be happy is to make those who are happy in the pleasures many of us bring to others, we find out our joy. My happiness on the stage is as real as it seems to be. I simply couldn't go about with a frown, it would make me desperately miserable. It is only natural that the people on the other side of the footlights should get in a better humor through seeing me happy and gay, rather than frowning and glum."

"I like to feel that all my friends out there in front, are just as happy as I am, and if they are not, it gives me pleasure to think that perhaps I am able to make them so. You see, I feel that everyone on the other side of the footlights is my particular friend, and that we are all together to have a good time. At the theatre, let's make all the noise that we can, no matter what the manager says. The theatre doesn't belong to us, but any way that's what theatres are for—to be gay in."

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