

That Crowded School Again.

To the Editor of The News:

In THE NEWS of Aug. 24th, I see an editorial concerning the public school in North Morganton. That 84 children, unless they were graded better than we are prepared to do in our schools at present, are too many for one teacher, is a fact that needs no argument to an intelligent people. That a change is needed is plain. That the persons in authority have failed to see the wants of the children of this district, or if they have seen them they have failed to do their duty, is also very plain.

But I did not intend to charge any one with gross negligence in my short letter, but to try to show those who are interested—and we all should be—what can be done with the public schools of Morganton.

I will say, to start with, that Morganton needs only one school instead of two. Mr. Mebane says in a note: "That township school trustees should combine and consolidate the schools in most instances, make fewer schools and better schools. Do not create any new school unless it is absolutely necessary."

The district in North Morganton had, last year, 250 children. The district in South Morganton had 239 children, making a total of 489. But these two districts do not include any south of Hunting creek. Now suppose the trustees of Morganton township would consolidate districts 1 and 2 and run the line so as to include the State Hospital,—this would give them at least 550 children. Last year we gave \$1.09 per head. We expect more every year. But at this rate the children of Morganton would draw out of the school fund \$599.50—say \$600.

What can we do with this amount?

1st. We can run six months with three teachers, at the rate of one at \$40.00 per month, one at \$30.00 and one at \$25.00, and have enough left to buy wood, &c.

2nd. Instead of crowding 84 children in an "uncomfortable" house, we can afford one good two-story house with three or four comfortable rooms.

3rd. Instead of one recitation a day, as you say, we can give all the time necessary to every child. Some will ask,

"How are we to get the building?" We can sell our present property in districts 1 and 2. We ought to get say \$400 for it, as Dist. No. 2 has one acre of land; then use one year's money of the regular apportionment from the county—\$600—and you have one thousand dollars to begin with.

It is an easy matter to say what might be done, but I do know that the above arrangements, or something better, can be carried out successfully, and if Morganton will not have graded schools, then give the children the next best thing to be had—one good school, with at least three teachers.

Township trustees, see that every child in your township is given the very best opportunity to get a practical education. Don't let one mile or a spring branch ever interfere with you when a good, large school can be built up. In locating and building, locate and build for the future. Remember that we are increasing in population, and the house that will accommodate to-day will not be sufficient ten years hence.

The day is fast approaching when every child will have to be in school, then we will have to have houses to accommodate them.

Respectfully,
HERBERT O. HOUK, Supt.

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Respectfully,
MANLY McDOWELL,
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