

his town, gave it as his opinion that a modern street can be made here for less than one dollar per square yard. Three hundred yards up and down Main Street will take in most of the business houses and five hundred yards will cover all that part of Main Street where the bulk of the business is transacted.

Now the question naturally arises as to when we are to ever have a broad street.

Every man admits that we need it, and the present conditions are a disgrace to the town. Strangers who visit here are astonished to see such poor streets, and they go away with bad impressions about us, and all for the reason that Main Street is so poorly kept up.

If you talk to the officials they will tell you that there is no money with which to do the work, and that it is out of the question to consider the problem. Thus it has been for years, and we live on with a mud and pest-hole right before our doors. One progressive citizen remarked this week that it was the case of the shoe-maker's wife going bare-footed. If this town was a hundred miles or three hundred miles, from a quarry then the citizens would have Main Street properly paved. But here we are at the largest and best quarry in the land, and the proprietors of this business are patriotic and loyal men and have always been ready to almost give the town all the stone it can use, certainly they have been always ready to donate all the profits in the stone that the town needed, and yet we use less of it than we would possibly use if we were a hundred miles away.

If the business men of this town would get together and agree to pave in front of their property, say one third of the way across the street, and the man opposite pay a third, and the town a third, the work could be done without any great burden to any one. The street is thirteen yards wide and if the work can be done for a dollar per yard which is a fair estimate of the cost, then you can figure it out that the man who owns a building twenty-four feet wide will have to pay only thirty-five dollars to get a modern street in front of his place of business.

For years we have been spending large sums of money here every year on our streets, and we

of these places in the wires where a boy lost his kite. And then it was explained how a man taking down his receiver to talk over his phone and a telephone wire being tangled up with the power wires carrying ten million volts or kilowatts, whatever that may mean, the man might just as well be killed and all because of that kite string.

There was a humorous side to the whole matter, but there is evidently a serious side to the question, and it seemed to me editor that there was nothing to do but "pass a law" and stop the boys from flying kites. But the honorable Board of Commissioners were evidently afraid of the proposition and kept hands off. In the meantime the boys can fly kites all they please and the officials of the Electric Light and Power Plant and the Telephone system have no relief in sight.

#### Communication.

Dear Mr. Editor:

Your recent article in reference to the improvement of a portion of Main Street is a timely one. I am sure that our town government will pave the street some day by and by. But while we are waiting for that day in the by and by to come, can you not prevail on the powers that be to haul away with reasonable frequency the accumulations of animal droppings, dead rats, and other filth that collects at different spots along Main Street. The stuff has been scraped up into the middle of the street often enough, surely, to show that it does not make good street material. It has quite thoroughly and for a long time demonstrated its fitness for growing a green scum, breeding maggots, and raising a stink. Some of these accumulations are right in front of produce and grocery stores. It is not pleasant to consider that the stuff that we have to wade has to run such a gauntlet at least twice before it gets to our door. Even if one is careful to buy his groceries from a store that does not have a quagmire of filth in front of its door, it is certainly tough for a person with a weak stomach on his way to dinner to see good food and tempting articles of food displayed within five or six feet of such abominations.

Hopefully yours,

Citizen.

Fulk, J. T. Hancock, W. M. Wood, H. L. Mosley, C. H. Gwyn, J. M. Parker, W. R. Doss, J. T. Perkins, Bird Wilmoth, C. A. Key, W. E. Hollingsworth, G. L. Shelton, J. S. Bray, J. M. Wolff, V. S. Sed, J. L. Patterson, O. W. Roberts, J. S. Lane, J. T. Flinchum, J. M. Barber, J. W. Harbour, R. W. Roiman, C. R. Edmunds, J. M. Eldridge, D. M. Denny, C. W. Bruner, J. Wash Cox, W. E. Nixon, J. L. Sprinkle, J. J. Pell, T. W. Reynolds, J. W. Wood, J. E. Nance, J. W. Chapple.

#### Death of a Good Woman.

Mrs. G. M. Jarvis died at her home four miles west of Dobson on Monday, Dec. 25, at the age of 54 years. The remains were laid to rest in the family graveyard, and the funeral services were conducted by Revs. J. H. Haynes and C. H. Stone. For years she had been a consistent member of Central View Baptist church. In her death the husband loses a devoted wife and the community a most excellent christian lady.

#### Notice.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Surry County Loan & Trust Co., for the election of directors, will be held in its banking room on Wednesday morning at ten o'clock Jan. 17 1912. Geo. D. Fawcett, Sec. & Treas.

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