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TIME BY THE FORELOCK.

Taking time by the forelock is an age old way of saying, do things in time and not wait until they crowd themselves upon you. Just now we have in mind the rapid development of our schools into a system that is nothing less than a great city system.

The present buildings are already crowded and with the new influx of population that is now on us and will increase as the months go by, no man can figure out how we are to do our full duty by the children who will knock at our school doors next fall.

It is already in the minds of forward looking citizens that advanced steps must be taken at an early date for increasing our school buildings. Of course we will not all agree on any plan. The probabilities are that we will vote bonds and build a new High School building out on the outskirts of the town where land can be secured and where a building can be erected that will meet the needs of the town for a dozen years at least.

If any definite plans have been worked out by any of the school authorities they have not been made public, but it is high time that our leaders in school work be preparing for the needs of our schools for the immediate future.

With the coming of the new power company and an unlimited amount of power for any and all manufacturing purposes, there is certain to be a growth in our population that will far surpass anything we have ever known before. Just how much increase this will be no one knows, but many think the population will double in the course of two or three years.

The Public A Hard Master.

It is an old saying that the public is a hard master, but there is no reason why it should be any harder on those who must serve than is necessary. Just now we have in mind the inconvenience that is forced on those who serve the public by reason of others parking in front of their places of business. The retail groceryman is a good example of what we have in mind. He runs a delivery truck and must be at the instant call of a large number of customers.

Every one knows that it is often important that prompt delivery of goods be made. It is one essential of a satisfactory public service. That this prompt service may be rendered it is nothing more than fair that the public not be permitted to park cars where they will hinder the ordinary transactions of business that interests a large number of people.

Moving And Working.

This is not an apology for anything, but the facts are that the force in The News office has been doing double duty these days, and it may show in the paper we are this week sending you. For weeks workmen have been building an addition at the rear of our building, and this new addition gives us almost double the space we have had for years.

It is a pleasure to do work when one has men who know their business. Every man we had, carpenters, plumbers, electricians have been skilled workmen who loafed not a minute on the job. They have given us their best service and we are now almost again in smooth running order and with a much better shop for the work that we do.

All this moving has naturally caused the office force to do less work on the paper than is usually done, but in the days to come we are expecting to be able to render a better service than was possible in the crowded quarters we have had.

As soon as the workmen can do the work the front of the building will be made over into a larger and better arranged business office. This work will require some time but should not greatly hinder the manufacturing end of the business as did the work now completed.

About Our City Water.

It is well known about this town that our city water has a taste and odor that is objectionable, but it may not be known to all the folks that it is nothing that will injure one's health. The facts in the case are as follows: Last year the increased demand for water made it necessary to provide a large reservoir. During the fall and winter months this was done and out up in the woods on the water shed west of town, we have a small lake that will impound enough water for our public needs.

More Street Work Added to Present Program.

Petitions were presented to the Board of Commissioners Tuesday night calling for the paving of a large amount of street work other than the projects that are now on foot. The city has already accepted and everything is in readiness for the paving of the following streets: Taylor, Orchard, Hines and City Hall. The contractors are now pouring concrete on Orchard.

The additional petitions presented to the board this week call for the paving of Spring Street from Rockford to J. A. Jackson's home, Granite Street for its entire distance, Dixie Street from Franklin through to Rockford, and Willow Street from Rawley to Lebanon.

The signing up of the petitions for the above streets gives the city one of the most complete systems of paved streets that could be figured out. All of them open up much desirable property which will be in greater demand on account of the paved streets, and the decision to pave Willow through to Lebanon gives the city a street from the north part of the town running parallel with Main Street. With Willow paved much of the traffic will be taken off of Main and will greatly relieve the congestion that at present exists in the business section of the city.

It is estimated that the work now on foot will require all of this and a part of next summer to complete.

Prominent Citizen Passes.

James Banks, citizen of Carroll county, died at his home at Snake Creek, Va., Tuesday of this week, after a lingering illness. Mr. Banks was 76 years of age and one of the best known citizens in this part of the country. He was a leader in his part of the state and several times represented his county in the Virginia legislature.

His wife died a few months ago and he leaves three children, Dr. R. J. Banks, of this city, Mrs. J. W. Johnson, Mount Airy, R. F. D. 3, and G. O. Banks, Radford, Va.

Overman's Greatest Danger.

On next Saturday, June 8th, the people of this state will meet at their voting precincts and say by their votes who they want for United States senator. The democrats have two candidates for this high office, Senator Lee S. Overman and Bob Reynolds, a lawyer of Asheville. Mr. Overman has been in the senate for twenty-four years and is asking for another term. Mr. Reynolds is a young man and has made a canvass of the state in his own interest.

Mr. Overman has proven his ability to ably represent our state in the senate, which is probably the greatest assembly of ability in the world today. There is no higher office within the gift of our people than that of senator. It is such an important office that not many men take an active part in the proceedings for some years after they become senator. It is one place where talent and ability and experience count for all they are worth. It is the best place in the world for a small man to show how small he really is. It is the one place where a people would naturally send its best men. Senator Overman has measured up in full to all the exacting requirements of the high office.

The strongest argument that we have heard that is in favor of Mr. Reynolds is that Mr. Overman has held the office long enough. Naturally young men prefer that old men stand aside and let them have the place. But there are many and valuable reasons why we need some old men in the senate.

Mr. Overman has been busy in Washington attending the sessions of congress and has not taken time to canvass the state, but rather has left it to his friends here to say whether or not they want him to continue in office. The great danger now is that his friends are so confident of his nomination that they will not bother to work for him or even to go to the primary and vote. Naturally Mr. Reynolds has a following and friends in every part of the state who will work for him.

There would not be the slightest doubt about the nomination of Mr. Overman if his friends thought his nomination was in doubt. If they could see that it is they would come out and give him a majority as would astound opposition.

Mr. Overman is the logical candidate and there is no good reason at this time why he should be replaced.

FOR OUR FAR AWAY READERS

It is good news that we can give about the weather. It has rained. Many of our readers in far away places live where it rarely rains, but here it must rain if we make things grow, and this is a farming section. Usually the dry weather that we have here is in the summer time. This year it was in the spring time. For several weeks now it has been so dry as to make the outlook for a crop discouraging. Many contend that the crop is permanently injured, while most folks think there is plenty of time to make a full crop of most things planted here. The wheat is almost made and reports from many sections say that it is good. The dry weather has made much of it head low, but it is well filled with grain. Oats and garden truck are badly hit by the lack of moisture.

On Monday there fell for several hours a gentle downpour that flushed the streams and made the land too wet to plow. Now the folks are rejoicing and look hopefully to the future.

Say what you please about this part of the country being the garden spot of the world, the fact remains that we have so many extremes of weather that it is often discouraging to a farmer to work. Many a year he sees a drouth of ten days cut his crop in half, and some years not a fourth of a crop is made. These adverse conditions are causing many farmers to think seriously of going into other lines of business. Many have already done this.

Those who are leading our people say that when we learn to enrich our soil and plow deep we will get rid of much of the loss from the lack of moisture. We have all this to do yet.

Death of Aged Citizen.

Hilary T. Epperson, a highly respected citizen of The Hollow, Va., died last Friday at the advanced age of 89 years, the funeral and burial taking place Saturday afternoon near his home. He was a faithful and consecrated member of the Methodist Church and lived a life of unselfishness among his neighbors. He was married to Matilda F. Arnold in 1868, and to this union were born 11 children, 6 of whom with their mother preceded him into the spirit world. Notwithstanding the trials of rearing a large family he took into his home as many as five little tots and raised them during his life.

His passing removes from the neighborhood one of the most beloved characters in it.

POWER LINES SOON TO BE COMPLETED

Utility Company To Have Experts To Give Demonstrations Possibly Next Week.

Work is progressing rapidly on the power lines of the Southern Power Co., which will connect this city with the large power plants of this concern. Indications are that the current will be delivered to this city on schedule time, that is July 1st, when the company will take over the city power and light system. The line coming into this city passes across Ararat river just below Bannocktown hill, then goes up the river to the transformer station which will be located on the quarry railroad track near Bailey's shed.

Engineers of the company have been making a survey of the lines in this city and Supt. Whitlock states that they intend to remove every pole and line of wire in the city and replace them with new materials, at the same time greatly improving the distribution of the current and giving a more uniform flow of power over the lines.

The Southern Public Utilities Company have secured the services of nationally known home economists to visit this city about June 11 and 12 to demonstrate the use and real service that can be obtained from electricity as used in the home. The company makes a special point of informing the public of the many uses that electricity can be put to in the homes, thus making the work of the housewife more of a pleasure rather than a drudgery. The experts that will be brought to this city will not only assist in demonstrating the use of electric ranges but will give instruction in the preparation of foods. The exact dates and more complete details will be announced in The News next week.

SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF.

Joe Wheeler Johnson, son of the editor of this newspaper, is at home for a few days before returning to Raleigh next week to receive his diploma at the graduating exercises of the North Carolina State College.

It is no small matter to spend four years at a college where good work is required. And it is no small matter for the parent to come up with his part of the work, for it requires a bit of the cold cash to do all this.

There should be great satisfaction to any parent to know that his son or daughter is a graduate of a standard college. It gives almost assured success in life, barring accidents, and sickness. Joe, as we all call him, is not only a graduate of college, but he is a graduate of a printing office. He literally grew up in a printing office and knows the business in every detail as well as any man of his age. He is a linotype operator and an all-round printer.

As soon as he gets his diploma he goes to Charlotte where he has accepted a position with a large printing company as assistant manager.

His mother and his aunt, Mrs. F. D. Holcomb, will go to Raleigh next week to see him graduate.

Police Dispose of Liquor Cars.

The police department of this city is turning over to the county school fund neat little sums of money these days derived from the sale of liquor cars. Last week Chief Lawrence sold a Ford roadster at public auction for \$212 which he had captured from B. Shelton while it was being used to transport liquor. Shelton was tried some time ago and fined \$100, in addition to losing his car, a 1925 Ford roadster. The Chief will also sell a 1926 Ford roadster on Saturday, June 12, it being the property of W. R. Cruise of Winston-Salem. It was captured in this city some weeks ago loaded with liquor. The car and liquor were both confiscated and Cruise paid a fine of \$25.

In the Recorder's court Monday Gaston Sparger, colored, paid out fifty good dollars for retailing.

The most important case of the day to come before Judge Lewellyn was that of J. D. Hill, of Greensboro, engine foreman for the A. & Y. railroad. He was charged with living in adultery with a woman of this city and paid a fine of \$200 and the cost.

Pat's Red Car.

M. F. Patterson, chief of the city fire department, is now sporting a brand new Chevrolet touring car all painted up in red so as to harmonize with the color of the fire truck. Members of the fire company have tagged on to it an up-to-date siren horn, so Pat can blow the traffic out of his way as he speeds on his journey to answer an alarm. And Pat's talking no dragging over having a red car, because it belongs to Pat—the town nor another person having any interest in it—and he expects to be privileged to paint it any color he wishes and as often as his notion calls for.

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Surry Attorneys Form Bar Association. Factory Preparing For Canning Season.

A number of the leading attorneys of this county met at Dobson last Friday and perfected the organization of the Surry County Bar Association with W. F. Carter, president, W. L. Reese, vice president, and Geo. E. Snow, secretary and treasurer.

The constitution of the association sets out the object of the organization in the following paragraph: "The objects of the association are to bring about a closer union and better fellowship of the lawyers of Surry County, to promote and carry out the ethics of the profession, advance the standing of the practice of law, and in every way aid in the administration of justice." Another important article of the constitution states that "Lawyers should expose without fear or favor before the proper tribunals corrupt or dishonest conduct in the profession, and should accept without hesitation employment against a member of the Bar who has wronged his client."

At its first meeting the association decided to request a special term of Surry Superior Court the latter part of July for civil cases only instead of holding the regular term in June. This was on account of the fact that a regular judge could be secured to hold the June term of court.

The next meeting of the association will be held in Dobson on Tuesday, June 29, at 10 A. M.

Injured in Car Accident.

Mrs. Loranze Jennings, of Galax, Va., was seriously hurt Sunday afternoon when the Jennings car turned over at the bridge at foot of Orchard Hill this side of Lowgap.

Mrs. Jennings was carried on a truck to Galax, she was badly bruised and cut about the face and eyes and it was thought she suffered internal injuries.

The Cottage Canning Co. is this week removing its wood working machinery and will at once begin the installation of the machinery necessary to carry on canning operations during the coming months. For the past few months this concern has manufactured a large quantity of boxes which will be used to ship canned goods in, but they are now preparing to enter the canning field. They have already placed over this country with the farmers nearly a thousand dollars worth of bean and tomato seed and they have contracted to buy all the product of these farmers who have planted the desired brand of beans and tomatoes.

Train Too Much For Ford

The A. & Y. railway train proved too much for a Ford as was tested out in this city last Sunday. The noon train was loafing along down the line after turning at the Y and passed the crossing at Sides Mill at the rate of five miles an hour. Just as the train was passing the crossing a Ford with two negro men as occupants dashed down the street and halted not a moment but shot head-on against the side of the big monster of an engine, or to speak more accurately, against the side of the coal tender. It so happened that all this was enacted right along side the big ditch that carries the water from the wheels at the Sides Mill. The engine did not do a thing but leisurely pull that Ford and the negro men down the line and dump the whole outfit in the cooling waters of the mill race. The men managed to crawl from beneath the car and climbed up the bank like two wet muskrats, but little the worse for their ducking. The Ford fared worse and is a fit subject for much work by some mechanic.

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