

MOUNT AIRY TO HAVE MEMORIAL BUILDING

Women's Club Sponsors Movement—New Own Lot on Moore Street—Building to Be Erected This Year—Will Have Large Auditorium, Library, Rest Room and Kitchen.

WILL MEET CITY'S NEEDS

Shortly after the organization of the Mount Airy Women's Club the leaders of the club set their faces to the definite task of building a suitable community building in Mount Airy as a memorial to Surry's heroes dead and living who served in the World War.

They were absolutely without funds when they took upon themselves this commendable task and four years have elapsed since they organized themselves into an association to be known as The Surry County War Memorial Association.

The association was duly incorporated and a board of directors elected from the club membership with Mrs. T. N. Brock as chairman. A drive was commenced on Armistice Day 1922 and every citizen of Surry County was given an opportunity to subscribe to the Memorial to honor the Surry Boys who served in the World War. Five thousand letters were mailed by the women and a personal canvass made. One hundred sixteen people subscribed \$2,629.84 of this amount \$433.50 remains unpaid and \$700.00 of the amount was subscribed in building and loan stock, subtracting these amount left \$1,496.34 to begin on. Three years ago a lot was purchased on Moore avenue opposite the City Hall at a cost of \$3,500.00 and every penny of this amount has now been paid and the ladies now have \$1,500.00 in building and loan stock to mature in two and one half years.

Just how much labor and sacrifice on the part of the women has been necessary to raise this money only those know who have had an active part in securing it. It has meant hours of effort in selling tickets for benefit performances, hours of cooking and serving when the club was privileged to cater for some organization, hours of work at the fair grounds serving meals during fair week and then besides these cooperative efforts have been the individual efforts when wives of some of our most prominent business or professional men washed their neighbor's lace curtains, used their vacuum cleaners, raised and sold flowers, gathered the eggs from their hens, baked cakes, baked rolls or anything they felt they could do better than someone else, they did and gave the proceeds for the community building fund. Such continued and painstaking efforts showed the deep purpose which moved the women and permitted no turning back once the goal had been set, and now their efforts are about to be rewarded with a real Community Building. The board of directors met last Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. E. H. Kochitzky and the present chairman, Mrs. Reid Jackson, presented plans for adoption which provide for a building 40 x 120 feet to be erected this fall. The plans call for a handsome structure of brick and include space for a rest room, library, auditorium with stage and dressing rooms, kitchen and furnace rooms. The women have taken out \$5,000 in building and loan stock to provide funds for their building program this means a monthly expenditure of between \$60 and \$70. Five hundred dollars of the \$5,000 is being carried by one member of the Women's Club as her gift.

They will again call on the public for help both in new contributions and the payment of all unpaid pledges. Surely every man, woman and child in the county will want to have a part in this splendid memorial to Surry's soldier lads. Some may have withheld their support in the first campaign for funds feeling that the undertaking was a larger one than the women would be able to put over but there is no longer any room for doubt, the building is an assured fact and somehow by dint of toil and effort it will be paid for as the years roll on without the help of any individual who withholds his or her help but the cause is worthy of the best that each man or woman, boy or girl in Surry County can do, if you can give thousands it will be received joyfully, if you can give hundreds it

will be received in the same spirit and if your contribution can only be measured in very small denominations do your bit whether it be large or small. A contribution from every man woman and child in the county would make everyone feel they had a personal interest in the building and had made a personal contribution to show their appreciation of our soldiers in the World War.

PORTRAIT HONORS LATE MRS. JOHNSTON

Boris B. Gordon Artist Presents City of Winston-Salem Painting of Philanthropist

A portrait of the late Mrs. J. Edward Johnston of Winston-Salem will be presented by Boris B. Gordon, of New York City, a famous artist who has painted two portraits of the late Mr. R. J. Reynolds, first husband of the late Mrs. Johnston, to the city of Winston-Salem and her high schools. Mr. Gordon is in Winston-Salem and will spend several days there. The Winston-Salem Journal carried the following description of the portrait: "The picture of the former Mrs. Reynolds, life-like with its clear blue eyes, with its vivid flesh tints beneath a delicate translucent chiffon dress and with the strong dimple in the chin, was executed by Mr. Gordon from life-like sketches he made while he was here painting the portraits of the famous tobacco manufacturer. The eyes are strong, yet gentle and touched with that brooding sympathy that grips the casual observer with thoughtful attention. One is struck by the utter unself-consciousness of the subject and by the strong character of the face. It is the woman in one of her most charming moments, such a moment, perhaps, as she must have experienced after deciding to build the million dollar auditorium she gave the city in memory of her dead husband. In the face one at least thinks he can see and feel some of those qualities which turned her towards philanthropy, and which caused thousands in the city to believe that they had lost one of their best friends when she was gone. The artist who is giving her portrait to Winston-Salem believes like many others do here that had she lived she would have done even greater things than her gift of the magnificent auditorium. 'I have traveled around the world and I have seen all the fine auditoriums there are,' said Mr. Gordon, 'none finer than the Reynolds Auditorium.'"

Among the portraits painted by Mr. Gordon are the portrait of the late Champ Clark for the Hall of Congress, a portrait of the late Sen. Boies Penrose. He has contracts for painting portraits of Dr. Penrose, brother of the late senator, and Joseph Wallace McIntosh, Comptroller of Currency of the United States. One of the portraits of the late Mr. Reynolds hangs in the main office of the Reynolds factories in Winston-Salem, the other in the Reynolds Memorial Auditorium and it is beside the portrait of the late Mr. Reynolds in the auditorium that the new portrait of Mrs. Johnston will be hung with fitting ceremony.

The majority of our readers know that Mrs. Johnston is the daughter of our townsman Mr. Z. T. Smith and wife, the late Mrs. Smith, and our citizens appreciate the honor which has been accorded the memory of this noble woman who used so much of her great wealth for public philanthropies and private charities.

Child Scalds To Death In A Tub Of Hot Water.

Spartanburg, S. C., June 1.—As the result of a severe scalding she received at the home of her parents, Frances Holden, 3-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Holden, of Bolling Springs, is dead. The mother was scrubbing the floor and her back was turned when the child stumbled and fell into a tub of hot water.

MARRIAGE OF POPULAR COUPLE SOLEMNIZED

Seigler-Merritt Wedding Occurred in Winnsboro, S. C., Last Wednesday—Have Many Friends in Mount Airy

The marriage of Miss Minnie Lee Seigler, of Winnsboro, S. C., to Mr. A. Haywood Merritt, of this city, was an event of much social interest in both this city and Winnsboro.

The ceremony was performed in the First Presbyterian Church of Winnsboro at high noon, Wednesday, June 2, the church being beautified with stately decorations of green and white and lighted with burning candles of silver candelabra.

Miss Elizabeth Cathcart presided at the pipe organ and Mrs. W. L. Morris, of Columbia, S. C. rendered very beautifully two vocal selections "Because" and "At Dawning." Lohengrin's Bridal Chorus was played as the bridal party entered the church and during the ceremony the organist played softly "To A Wild Rose." Mendelssohn's Wedding March was used as a recessional.

The ushers, Messrs. W. J. Seigler, Jr., and Roger Smarr, of Winnsboro, James Hale and O. K. Merritt, of Mount Airy, entered first followed by bridesmaids in pairs wearing bouffant taffeta dresses and carrying arm bouquets of sweet peas, Miss Alice Carter, of Winnsboro, with Miss Kathryn Merritt, of Mount Airy, sister of the groom, next Miss Elizabeth Stover, of Greenville, S. C., with Miss Elizabeth Hoy, of Winnsboro, followed by Miss Hallie Haynes and Miss Nannie Seigler, sister of the bride. Miss Hazel Haynes, maid of honor, wore a costume of rose taffeta and carried rose sweet peas, Mrs. Charles Jenkins, of Easley, dame of honor, wore orchid taffeta, with georgette ruffles and a picture hat of deeper orchid shade and carried orchid sweet peas. Little Miss Constance Haynes as flower girl was daintily attired in pale pink and carried a basket of rose pedals which she scattered in the path of the bride.

The bride was given by her father and was lovely in a modish traveling costume of navy blue with accessories in grey and carried a bouquet of Bride's roses and lilies of the valley, her only ornament was a platinum bracelet the gift of the groom. The groom was accompanied by his brother William Merritt, of this city, who served as best man. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. G. Mayes.

Mrs. Merritt is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William James Seigler of Winnsboro, she is a graduate of Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C. and is a charming and talented young lady, she was a member of the Mount Airy Public School faculty here the term 1924-25 and it was here the romance began which culminated in the marriage last week. Mr. Merritt is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Merritt of this city and a graduate of the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill; following his graduation he became a member of the W. E. Merritt Hardware Co., of this city, and devotes his entire time to that successful enterprise.

Among the pretty pre-nuptial affairs was an informal reception at the home of the bride's parents on Tuesday evening following the rehearsal. Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party and out-of-town guests were served a wedding breakfast at The Fairfield. After their return from a wedding trip to New York and the nation's capital they will reside in this city where the groom has a lovely new bungalow awaiting his bride.

Among the out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Merritt, Jr., O. K. Merritt, Misses Elizabeth and Kathryn Merritt, Mr. James Hale, all of Mount Airy; Miss Caroline Hess, Spartanburg, S. C.; Mrs. Charles Jenkins, Easley; Mrs. W. L. Morris, Mrs. J. M. Rushton, Mrs. James Murray, Columbia, S. C.; Miss Inez Rushton, Branchville, S. C.; and Raymond Lynch, of Easley.

Date Set For Duke Ceremonial.

The date for the D. O. K. K. ceremonial to be held in Mount Airy has been set for July 15 and local members of the Knights of Pythias are getting everything in line to make that date a great occasion. The Lovell warehouse will be used for the secret work and concerts, open air stunts by the candidates, and drill work will be free to the public and will take place on streets roped off for the purpose.

LOCAL FISH CLUB SHOULD BE ORGANIZED

Then Streams of This Section Could Be Stocked With Thousands of Trout—Elkin and Jefferson Already Have Such Clubs.

Every year the national government spends millions of dollars in the nation in the promotion of the fish industry by way of furnishing fish for the streams. In several places in this part of the country the government is daily hatching fish suitable for streams of the different localities and distributing them where proper protection is given them.

The first of this week Walter Steele, well known jeweler of this city, and a fisherman in season, made a trip to one of the government hatcheries over the mountain and brought back one thousand rainbow trout in length from one to two inches and said to be about six months old. These fish were placed in the streams of this county at places where their chances for living are good and where the neighbors are friendly to them. Just the location of the new home of these tiny trout Mr. Steele is not divulging at this time but will later give out the information when they have grown to sufficient size to afford sport for the fisherman. Some weeks ago the Woodruffs at Lowgap also emptied 1,000 of these government fish in the streams of that section, but these amounts are entirely inadequate for the territory covered.

While these two parties were able to secure only the single thousand there are ways by which a vast larger number can be secured at regular intervals. The day Mr. Steele went after his man from Jefferson was also there and carried off 30,000 of the prized bits of finny meat. The government is encouraging the organization of Isaac Walton Fish Clubs all over the nation and where these clubs are organized and the proper interest is taken in the protection of fish the authorities are ready and willing to supply any reasonable number of fish for the sections in which these clubs are located. The Jefferson man secured 30,000 by reason of such a club at his little town. Also over at Elkin a like club has been organized and the members of it will soon be stocking the streams of that section with suitable fish. If the people of Mount Airy would manifest a little interest in the subject a club could also be organized here and then we would be in position to secure a liberal share of fish from the government hatcheries. But unless some community movement is exerted in the interest and the promotion of the fish industry in the several localities then those localities stand small chance of profiting from the millions of dollars that are yearly spent by the government in this line of development of the country's natural resources.

The organization of a fish club in this city would also do much to attract the summer tourist and recreation seeker, as fishing forms one of the most enjoyable and profitable recreations of any one thing that is in the catalog of the pleasure seeker.

Woods-Utt Wedding June 16.

Invitations were received here Friday which read as follows: Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Woods requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Jessie Lillian to Mr. L. Clarence Utt on Wednesday, the 16th of June, at eight o'clock in the evening Oakview, White Plains, North Carolina.

Others Have Eye on Mt. Airy

Charlotte Observer. An outstanding incident in the news developments of the past week was awarding of contract to North Carolina Granite Corporation at Mount Airy for the stone that is to go into construction of the Memorial Bridge across the Potomac at Washington, a structure which is to stand for many years to come at least, as the most ornate bridge in the world. The award was made by the Fine Arts Commission. The bridge is to cost \$15,000,000, and of this the Mount Airy corporation gets \$1,522,133 for the cut stone that is to go into it. The fame of the Mount Airy granite, a stone of fine texture and taking a mirror-like polish, was of chief consideration in making the award; the capacity of the company to fill an order of such proportions was the next consideration. Upon the latter score, President Sargent was able to make satisfactory guarantees, for the limitations on production that had existed up to last summer were lifted when the quarry was connected with the Southern Power Company's lines. Extension of the lines of this com-

CITY'S BUSINESS SECTION NEEDS A "WHITE WAY"

With the Coming of the Southern Power Company City Should at Once Take Steps to Properly Light Streets—Delay Will Mean Loss of Opportunity to Secure Installation of System by Power Company.

On the first day of July this city will turn over to the Southern Power Company its entire light and power system, and at the same time issue a franchise to the Southern Public Utilities Company for the exclusive right to sell electricity in this city. All present indications are that the company will have its transmission lines to this city completed by that time and engineers of the company are in the city daily, looking over the equipment and making plans for its improvement. It has already been stated that practically all the poles and wiring in the city will be removed and replaced with new, improved and up-to-date materials.

With the sale of the plant the city will then become a purchaser and will have to pay for street lighting the same as the individual does for house lights. And while the changing in the system is taking place it is the proper time for Mount Airy to put in a white way. Mount Airy is fast getting itself on the map and people from other points are daily inquiring about the resources of this section. With all our boasts of being a progressive people for us to fail to provide our city with a modern white way, or street lighting system would on the first impression of a stranger leave the thought that we have a sloven and pessimistic citizenship. The power company perhaps could be induced to put in the white way system at the present time if the matter was taken up with them by our city officials, but if the question is allowed to drag along by our commissioners until the power company has completed its plans for the power lines of the city then it would perhaps be difficult for us to interest them.

Some of the city officials who are said to oppose the move on account of its cost are stating that it would cost the city over \$4,000 a year. Other citizens have said, "we are not

concerned so much about the cost as we are about getting a white way. Practically all other towns have them where they can secure the Jules and Mount Airy cannot afford to not make the move." Another citizen said, "It would be an error of omission on the part of our city officials if they did not immediately take steps to secure a white way."

The construction of a white way would mean the removal of all the unsightly poles that now grace the streets of our main thoroughfare. It would mean the placing of approximately 37 lighting standards along Main Street, from Rockford to Hines Street and perhaps a short distance down some of the side streets. These standards would be of ornamental iron, such as are seen in other cities, like Winston-Salem as an example. These standards would support lamps with a total candle power of 400 for each standard, whereas our present arch lamp turns out only 250 candle power, and is very inefficient at that.

The power company, should the city induce them to construct a white way, would bear the expense of the installation, which is estimated to be about \$15,000, and charge the city the sum of \$5.00 per month for each standard, making 37 of such cost the city \$2,250 a year. The present lights in the business section will cost the city \$400 each year to maintain and they are so inadequate that to spend that amount is simply wasting money, for their use certainly brings no return. But with the operation of a white way the city would in truth be out only \$1,820 each year more than by the use of the old lighting system, and we would have a street that would make us take more delight in our city and cause the stranger to look upon us as a progressive people, with a broad mind, and one among whom they would be glad to cast their lot and become neighbors in business and in private life.

Judge Meekins May Name Receiver For Tobacco Asso.

Second Hearing In Federal Court Over Financial Status of Co-ops—Judge to Study Situation Before Rendering a Decision.

Raleigh, June 5.—Within a "reasonable time" Federal Judge I. M. Meekins hopes to be able to announce a decision in the Tri-State Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Marketing association receivership suit, he said at the conclusion of argument.

He expects to "end it one way or the other," he said, but he desired to get out from under "the persuasive influence" of Colonel E. P. Buford's three and a half hour argument for the receivership before making a decision, he said.

Colonel Buford urged that the

members be relieved from the obligation to deliver tobacco from the 1926 crop and the undelivered portion of the 1925 crop; insisted that the members should have the protection of the "arm of this court" in the form of a receivership and concluded by an appeal to the court that if a receiver not be appointed at least the court name a man to serve on the executive committee, and have an accountant from time to time investigate and report to the court.

Colonel Buford told of the purchase by a bank of a warehouse at Alberta, Va., of a warehouse for \$600. That same warehouse, now in the possession of the association, is carried on its books at \$3,000, he said. Where, he asked, did the \$2,400 go? And he urged that an investigation of warehouse purchases would show fraud.

Colonel Buford also discussed the striking reduction of salaries in May, 1925, more than \$150,000 a month and now \$27,500, and declared this indicated one of two things: A culpable waste formerly; or definite evidence of present voluntary dissolution. Both are denied by the defendants.

Earthquake Insurance For Old North State.

Raleigh, June 4.—Insurance against earthquakes was written during 1925 against \$1,032,000 worth of North Carolina property, according to figures which will be included in the next report of Stacy W. Wade state insurance commissioner. No earthquake insurance was written in North Carolina in 1924, and there has been no damage from earthquakes in this state since the Charleston quake. The cost of the insurance was \$97, a very low rate.