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MOUNT AIRY'S GREATEST NEED

In conversation with Rev. D. Vance Price this week he remarked that Mount Airy's greatest need now is a library. And he went on to talk along this line. You do not know how much we are losing by not having a library. He said that he has books of reference in his little home library and that the young people in that part of town have almost worn them out so often have they come there and used them in their school work.

Mr. Price said that thirty five years ago the little town of Lenoir started a public library, and all these years has had the pleasure and benefit arising from it. A citizen of that town, Major Harper, a Confederate soldier, donated a four room residence to be used as a community library, and as the years have passed books have been added and the community has come to think of it as a public necessity.

There is no reason why a city of the size of Mount Airy, said Mr. Price, should not do as other cities are doing, make some arrangement by which the young and old can have access to books that they would read if they had the opportunity.

We asked Mr. Price what idea he has as to how to get a library movement started. He said that the most plausible way it seemed to him is to get the Woman's Club to sponsor the movement.

If some man or woman or organization would start the effort to raise money for a library there is hardly a home owner in the whole town who would not contribute liberally to the fund in sums of say ten and fifteen and twenty-five dollars. Then we have a number of public spirited men of wealth who would contribute largely to the fund. All we need is leadership, for the time is ripe for a public library. It is an opportunity for some man or organization to do a good work here that will tell through all the years.

THE GREAT MISSISSIPPI FLOOD.

The great flood that is now destroying the wealth of the Mississippi valley and taking the life of many people is arousing the whole country. The vastness of the disaster is astonishing. Whole cities are being flooded with back water from the great river which is a new experience to them. Hundreds of miles of land along the great river is now covered with water and has been for many days. Crops are destroyed, cattle drowned, homes washed away, and property destroyed that is estimated to be worth as much as half a billion dollars, if you can comprehend how much that is.

There are only a few of these great river systems in the whole world. The Amazon in South America, the Nile in Egypt, the Yangtze in China and our own Mississippi. The land drained by the Mississippi is so vast in extent that it is a wonder that so much water can find an outlet through one river system. When the spring thaws come and snow and ice of the past winter melts, for weeks the great river is full and backs water over much territory. To protect farm land from these spring floods banks of earth have been thrown up along the river that are named levees. These banks of earth ordinarily hold the flood waters back until the surplus water passes out to sea. This year the melting snow and ice raised the river as in other years, but the rains came too and so increased the volume of water that a flood has come that is beyond anything in the history of man.

The country is aroused over the disaster as it has not been aroused before. Last Saturday night every radio broadcasting station in the whole country put on the air appeals to the millions of folks who listen in for aid to the sufferers. Large sums of money were in this way raised. The Red Cross is active in every town and community where the organization is and money is being liberally sent in for the sufferers. To meet the pressing needs of feeding and caring for the thousands of homeless people along the great river is a task almost as large as that connected with fighting a world war. As we write, the great river is yet rising and the flood waters have not yet passed out of the upper regions of the valley. It will be many days yet before the river can begin to fall and the danger lessen. In the meantime many of the levees are in great dan-

ger of being washed away that up to this time have held the waters back. It is a subject that calls for the interest of every one and the opportunity is here to render a most worthy aid to an afflicted people.

Schools A Universal Problem

The liveliest question in this town and county now and for years to come is schools. The city and the whole county is passing through a period of readjustment to the new conditions growing out of the forced attendance of the children. This means a much larger number of pupils in schools, much larger buildings, much larger teaching force. All this is to be worked out by our most thoughtful men if it is worked out as it should be.

It is not alone at Mount Airy that such problems exist, but in almost every city and section in the whole country. The city of New York is facing the very same conditions that Mount Airy faces. As evidence of this fact the following letter recently published in The New York World by a citizen of that city which letter shows that they have the very same problem that we have. A thoughtful reading of this letter may throw light on our own local problem. The letter follows:

To the Editor of The World:
Your correspondent Mrs. Torrence suggests what is wrong with the schools. Whatever is wrong is due largely to management. If the schools were a gigantic corporation like United States Steel inefficiency would not be blamed on the workers. At once there would be a reorganization; officials would be called to account, workers would be whipped into efficiency. What happens? A school official issues a statement that the morale of the teachers is very high. His salary is increased \$5,000. The teachers receive not a cent. In truth, the morale of the teaching staff was never so low as it is to-day.

Better schools would be forthcoming if the community demanded them. The schools are as efficient as the citizens demand and as poor as the citizens accept. Schools reflect the temperament, attitude and efficiency of the public. Schools do not rise higher than their source, which is the people themselves.

When the public permits examiners to employ teachers who make a 50 per cent mark on the entrance examination the public anticipates poor schools. It is unfair to blame these 50 per cent teachers for not doing 90 per cent teaching. Better teaching is not in them. Why do schools employ 50 per cent teachers? It is because the low salaries offered do not attract a more desirable type of teachers. Forty-four pupils crowded into a room with thirty-five seats in charge of a 50 per cent teacher—what is the public's answer. Who cares? Not school officials, not the city.

New York has schools as good as its officials want. Better school administration and more highly paid teachers are undeniably needed. Mrs. Torrence is right. We need better schools. Better schools may be had by paying competent teachers high salaries and by treating teachers fairly. But without better management our schools will never be satisfactory. So long as teachers' salary schedules are not readjusted in accordance with the cost of living, and these schedules increased in the same ratio as the wages of workers in the laboring fields and professions, just so long will our schools not improve. Present salary investigations with no action are causing discontent and discouragement among the teachers.

New York must open its purse and spend considerably more money if our schools are to be as good as those in Newark, Jersey City, Patterson and other nearby cities, where opportunities for the educator are now greater than in New York City.

EBEN S. BURG

White Plains High School Opening Friday Night

The new White Plains High School building will be opened to the public Friday night with appropriate exercises to which an admission of 20 and 35c will be charged, the proceeds to be used for equipment.

This school under the direction of Prof. I. O. Hauser is doing excellent work and has grown rapidly, making the splendid improved building necessary.

Monthly community meetings have been a feature in the life of this school and have centered community life and interest in the school. Among the speakers who have spoken there in recent months are S. P. Graves, E. C. Bivens, W. E. Woodruff, Rev. A. H. Marshall and others.

The program Friday night will be worth hearing and the public is cordially invited. At this time a handsome new \$800 stage screen and equipment made possible by the generous use of advertising space by local merchants and The Mount Airy News will be presented to the school.

Rockford Street Methodist Church

REV. J. O. ERVIN, Pastor

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Revival services are in full swing and swing and in the midst of the movements of the waters. Last Sunday was an unusual day in record of attendance, and in splendid interest on the part of those who were in the services. This series will go on and continue through next Sunday night, May 1st. The public is cordially invited to attend these meetings at 7:30 P. M. each evening.

Business Women's Department of Club Meets Friday Night.

A cotton fashion show will be staged by the girls of the Business Women's Department of the Woman's Club of Mount Airy at their regular meeting in the Community Building Tuesday evening.

Four prizes will be given, first and second prizes for the most attractive sport dresses and first and second prizes for the most attractive cotton evening dresses.

These young women are so enthusiastic about their organization that they will continue their regular meetings during the summer and hope to make their department a real asset to the club.

Notice.

Pursuant to an order of re-sale made by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Surry County, in the Special Proceeding entitled J. H. Parker and others vs. Joe S. Parker and other, wherein the undersigned was appointed by the court, a Special Commissioner, for the purpose of sale; I will offer for sale on the premises at public auction to the highest bidder, on

the 29th day of April, 1927, at 10 o'clock A. M.,

the following real estate lying and being in Eldora Township, Surry County, N. C., adjoining the land of Jeff Creed's heirs, N. T. Hutchens, Daisy Sawyers, Joe Parker, H. C. Holyfield, what is known as the Dick Hodge place, Cleveland Parker, Banner Brintle.

Containing 90 1-2 acres more or less. The same being known as the homestead of Jonathan Parker, Dec'd. Terms of sale one third cash; the remainder in equal payments of one and two years.

This the 12th day of April, 1927. W. M. Jackson, Commissioner.

Notice of Sale of Land.

Under and by virtue of an order of the superior court of Surry County, made in the special proceeding entitled C. F. Hines, Administrator, Mrs. Ina Lee Hines and Daisy Shale vs. A. J. Cassell, Harriet Cassell and Faber Cassell, the undersigned commissioner will, on

the 14th day of May, 1927, at two o'clock P. M.,

on the premises, offer for sale to the highest bidder the following tract of land:

Beginning in north edge of new street, as shown on plat of Hines Lands, as laid off by Otto Kochitzky, and on South west of lot No. 49 in said plat, and runs N. 20 deg. 15 W. one hundred fifty three and one-half (153 1-2) feet to Northwest corner

lot No. 49 and edge of alley; thence S. 78 1-2 E. with south edge alley 60.5 feet to Northwest corner of an alley intersecting at this point thence S. 20 deg. 15 E. with E. edge, last mentioned alley, one hundred sixty-two (162) feet to edge of said new street N. 67 1-2 deg. E. 60 feet to beginning, same being all of lot doaded to W. W. Burke by E. E. Galloway, on June 22nd, 1900 and filed for registration on the 30th of June, 1902, and registered in office of Register of

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An Invitation



The housewives of Mount Airy, those using electric ranges already, and others who are not using electric ranges, are invited to attend a series of cooking classes and electric range demonstrations to be conducted at the National Theatre on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, from 3 to 5 o'clock. Miss Viola M. Decker, a home economist and cooking expert of national reputation, will be in charge of the classes.

Miss Decker is being brought to Mount Airy primarily for the benefit of those housewives who are already using electric ranges or who contemplate purchasing them, but her cooking classes will be of interest and help to housewives generally, regardless of what kind of stove they are using; and it is the hope of the Southern Public Utilities Company that every housewife in Mount Airy, who desires to add to her knowledge of cooking and kitchen practices will be able to attend these classes.

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