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SAVING SURRY COUNTY

We heard a thoughtful man say recently that vetch is going to save Surry County. We would revise the statement and make it read, The High Schools are going to save Surry County. Of course what the thoughtful man meant to say is that a better class of farming is needed, and with the better farming will come a better state of conditions in every way. All of which is true, but the part the High Schools are to play in all this is so important that it is hard to over estimate their value.

All this is brought to mind by the fact that White Plains High School has just been placed on the accredited list. Now Surry has seven accredited High School and two that will be started this year, and in time will no doubt be developed into the accredited list of schools.

It may be that every one is not familiar with the terms used in talking about schools. What is meant by the accredited list is that when a school meets certain conditions laid down by the higher authorities then graduates from the school can enter any college in the state without standing entrance examinations.

The development of High Schools is interesting. It is only within recent years that the High School has been with us. Not so long ago schools that prepared for college were here and there about the country and were known as academies. Oak Ridge was for many years this kind of a school. Booneville in Yadkin County and Moravian Falls in Wilkes County, were well known academies. With the development of the school system in the state the High School became a part of the state system and now these schools are to be found in many progressive communities of the rural sections as well as in all towns of any size.

For 20 or more years Mount Airy has had a High School from which students went to college. Five years ago, if we recall the facts correctly, Mount Airy was the only High School in the county on the accredited list, but in recent years the following places have developed their schools until they too are now in the accredited list:—Elkin, Dobson, Pilot Mountain, Mountain Park, Copeland, White Plains.

Flat Rock and Stewarts Creek will each have a High School next year, making a total of eight in the county.

The interesting thing about all this is that it is well known that a community where there is a good school will attract desirable citizens and make good citizens out of ordinary people sometimes. It is noticeable in old settled sections that where there has been a good school for many years the farms are well developed, the houses are larger, the barns and out-buildings more commodious.

In past years it was a heavy cost to those families that tried to educate their children beyond the primary grades, for to do this meant that the expense of boarding away from home must be met, tuition, and many other items of expense connected with a boarding school. With the coming to the county of so many High Schools a great host of our people are now able to prepare their children for college, or for life, and have them at home during the years of their educational training. The expense will be only a minimum of the cost of former years. Naturally a greater number of the young people will avail themselves of the opportunity to attend these schools and will, most of them, reap rich rewards that will be only in proportion to their efforts to do their duty. It all means a brighter day for this section of the country.

It should not be overlooked that just what is taking place here in our own county is the rule in almost every nook and corner of the whole state and also in other states. It is the spirit of the age to educate.

Mr. Billy Mart Childress Passes

Mr. Billy Mart Childress passed away at his home in this city at 3:00 A. M. Sunday after an illness of several months. The funeral was conducted from his home at 4 P. M. Sunday by Rev. C. D. Crouch and the remains interred in the cemetery of the Mount Bethel Moravian Church, ten miles from this city.

Mr. Childress is survived by several children and other relatives. He was 60 years old and is well known in all this section of the state and Virginia.

THE REAL ISSUE IN OUR SCHOOL ELECTION

The citizens of this town are in the midst of a school contest that is arousing the voters as they rarely are aroused. Briefly stated the issue is how to raise more money for school purposes. The town has increased in population and more teachers and additional buildings are needed. The increase in the tax valuation of the property is not enough to take care of the increase in expenses. The only way that those in authority can see to meet this situation is to increase the tax rate on property. To do this requires a vote of the people.

To any observer who is at all in touch with the local sentiment it appears that all the demands of the school authorities are sure to be defeated in the coming election. Over 700 voters registered during the first two weeks, and a disposition to get out the vote and register it is strong on the part of the opposition. Citizens are freely offering their automobiles to aid voters, especially women, to come and register.

Part of the plan of the school authorities to carry the election has been to have representative citizens make speeches favoring the bonds. These speeches have been made before the school, lodges, clubs, etc. So far as any one can see but little has come of the effort to break down the opposition. Those who are opposing the issue are quietly going about getting every one registered who will stay away from the polls once they have registered. They seem to be succeeding.

In this election as in every election where money is involved some are opposing on the basis of high taxes. They contend that there must be a limit to the amount of taxes that the people can pay and that we have evidently reached or are nearing the limit.

One charge that the voters resent is that they are "against" good schools. Those favoring the bonds and increased taxes place emphasis on the fact that those who oppose are "against" schools and school improvement. The Mount Airy News has been published under the present management for about a quarter of a century, and in all this time we have never known the citizens of this town to be "against" any progressive measure. We have known many a spirited fight here when to stand for the progressive measure was to make real sacrifice, but we have never known our people to show a non-progressive spirit. They are not doing this now. To charge them with such is unfair. The real issue is the management of the schools.

There is not the slightest doubt about the fact that the election would be favorable to every measure the Board asks for only for the opposition to the present Superintendent.

It is but fair to the School Board to say that they think the present Superintendent has made the best school here that we have ever had. They see in him a competent man who does his duty without fear or favor and cares nothing for popularity if it runs counter to his duty to the public.

White Plains High School Now Accredited

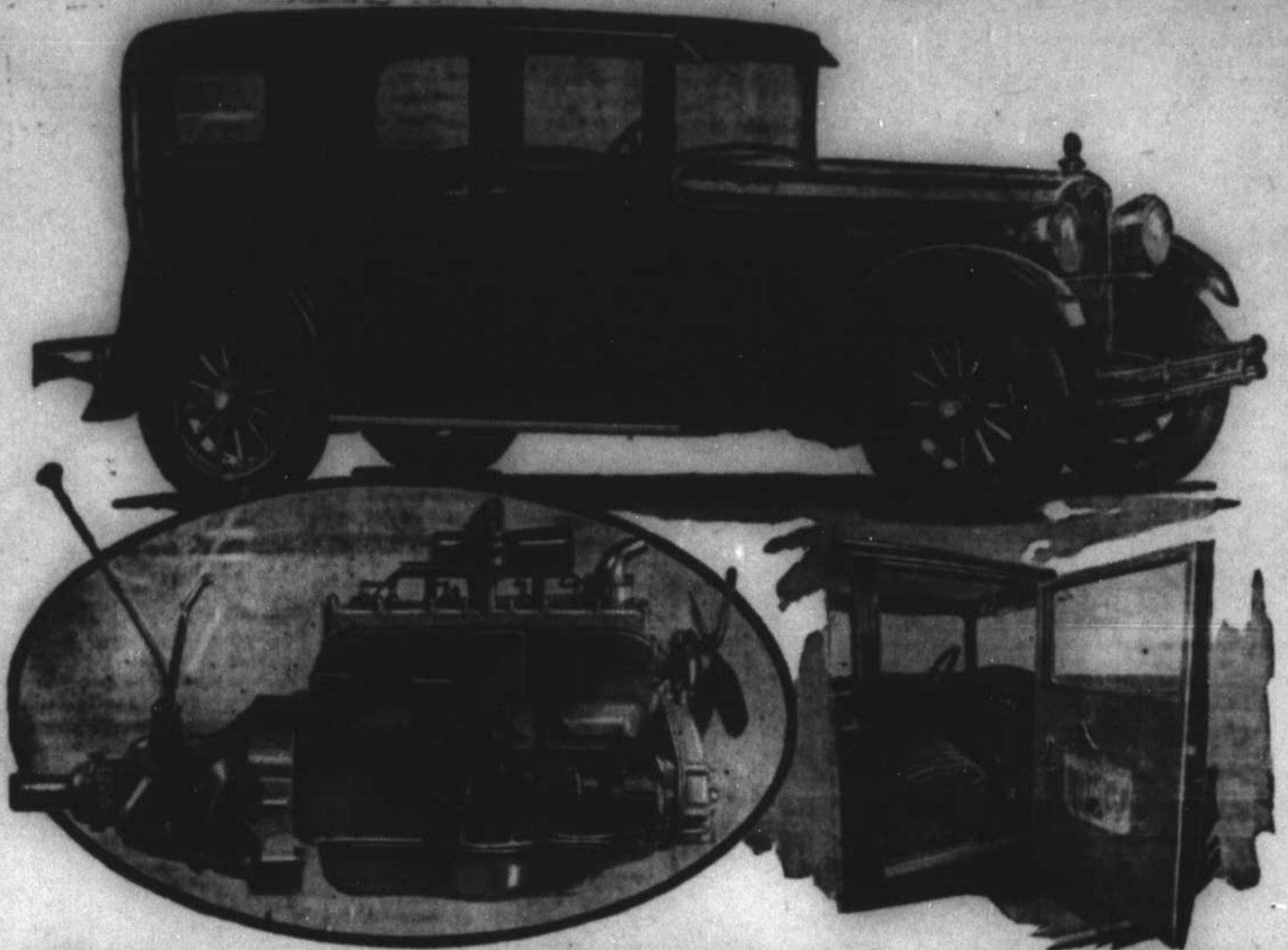
The White Plains High School has attained to that degree of efficiency that it has recently been placed on the State Accredited List of High Schools. This means that the school now will be able to graduate pupils who can enter any college in the state without examination. Under the management of Prof. I. O. Hauser this school has taken rank as one of the most efficient institutions in the country. In a rural community where no great number of people live, the school has gradually built up until it now has on its roll as many as 75 pupils in the High School and can boast of as fine school spirit and loyalty as can be found anywhere. The community is proud of the school; and justly so. It is a force for uplift in all lines of human endeavor. It has created pride and made the section of country around a most desirable place to own a home. Now that the school is on the accredited list of High Schools it will have even smoother sailing in the future and be worth more, if possible, to the community.

Mrs. Simpson To Do Health Work in Georgia

Mrs. W. R. Simpson has resigned her position as public health nurse for Surry County and left Monday morning accompanied by Mr. Simpson who spent the week end here. Mr. Simpson, who is a capable draftsman recently transferred to Stone Mountain, Georgia, and Mrs. Simpson gave notice that she would give up the work in Surry County. She has been offered and has accepted a similar line of public health work in Georgia and her resignation took effect here June first.

Both are popular with a large circle who regret that circumstances take them from our town and state.

What You've Waited For The New Dodge Six



Dodge Brothers new six cylinder four-door sedan, the introduction of which marks one of the most important events in the company's history, is shown above. The car is distinctive in its long, low, graceful lines. It is presented by Dodge Brothers as the last word in comfort and performance for cars in or near its price class. Beauty of design, exceptional performance, style and comfort of interior appointments, and ease and economy of operation are major attributes.

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