



BY ALAN BROWNING, JR.

WHAT IS TO BE DONE?

At this writing, which, for your information, is September 17, no one seems to know whether school authorities are planning to anything about the elementary school building, a part of which has been condemned by the State Insurance Commission as a menace to the lives of school children.

According to Deputy Fire Marshal Sherwood Brockwell, who recently made a complete inspection of the school building, as well as several other buildings in the downtown area, the school auditorium, four upstairs school rooms, the toilets and furnace rooms are all unsafe. These parts of the building were condemned and necessary changes were prescribed. If these changes are not made within a reasonable length of time, the building can be locked up.

To some it may seem foolish that the state, in condemning the building is acting a little foolish. The building has been there many

years, folks might argue, and never a child hurt or endangered. Then why get all hot and bothered at this late date?

There are lots of reasons to get hot and bothered, it seems to us. In the first place, fires always have to have a first time to happen and the fact that one has never happened as yet is no reason that one will not happen today, tomorrow or next week. If it doesn't, all well and good, but if it does . . . ?

Well, some might argue, at the last fire drill that was staged at the elementary school, all the pupils marched out in orderly fashion in a few minutes. If fire breaks out, they can do it again. But . . .

Suppose an actual fire broke out. The children might start marching out in orderly fashion,

but it's dollars to doughnuts that the moment they spied smoke or flame the orderly exit would turn into a stampede with resultant injury and loss of life. Or . . .

Suppose a fire broke out and the flames started licking up one of the stairways to the upper floor? What then? And don't think the school building, although of brick construction, wouldn't burn like a paper box. The floors, soaked through and through with oil that has been put on them for years, would burn like powder once fire got a start.

The changes to the building, as outlined by the Insurance Commission should be made. It's all right to dilly dally and put off some things, but when the lives of children are involved, it's no time to stall.

A SUGGESTION

A suggestion has been made by a reader that the town have its street force cut down the tall weeds and grass that has grown up during the summer along paths, sidewalks and at street crossings leading to the school.

These weeds make it especially bad for children, it was said, on wet rainy mornings inasmuch as they have to walk through them or brush against them.

One particular walk in question is the one that leads from Church street to North Bridge, running between the homes of L. F. Walker and Rev. Eph Whisenbunt.

THIS AND THAT

Well, if a storm doesn't come up and blow down the school gymnasium, prospects ought to be pretty bright for a successful fair this week-end.

Our wife, who is the fair secretary, hasn't yet consented to speak to Mr. R. C. Lee about giving us a job helping operate the riding devices. Seems like she wants to put us doing something that there's no fun in.

First thing she knows we'll refuse to even go to the fair and then where will it be?

Abe Harris has been considering putting in a booth in the exhibition building advertising radios, and keeping Smith Williams there to look after it. However, we understand the fair directors have objected to Smith because a lot of children are expected to attend, and children scare so easily.

Lovely weather, isn't it, we're having?

P. S. If you can't keep a secret, don't read this. It is not supposed to be known, but E. W. McDaniel is planning to get married in January. He's planning to marry a girl in Jefferson (provided she doesn't realize her mistake in time), and Hotel Elkin will be their home. How do we know? He told us himself.

MOUNTAIN PARK

The annual Calloway reunion will be held next Sunday at Mountain Park Baptist church. Dinner will be spread on the grounds at noon. The public has a cordial invitation to attend.

Mrs. F. B. Cockerham and family are spending this week in Mt. Airy visiting relatives.

Miss Annie Lee Harris spent part of last week in Winston-Salem visiting Mrs. Della Spilliam. Miss Maude Swift of Mooresville visited relatives here last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Luffman and family of State Road visited relatives here last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Harris and family spent Saturday in Winston-Salem.

The Mountain Park school started Monday morning with a large enrollment. It is hoped that the school will be larger and better this coming year.

The farmers in this section are very busy taking care of their corn and tobacco. They report a medium crop.

Mr. F. B. Cockerham of Winston-Salem spent the week-end here with home folks.

Miss Stacy Swift spent part of last week at Huckleberry visiting relatives.

GOOD NEWS! This is really good news. The Tribune has extended the big premium offer of free fountain pen and pencil sets until Saturday, October 16th.

EXECUTRIX NOTICE

NORTH CAROLINA SURRY COUNTY.
Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of John Wilmoth, deceased, late of Surry County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Mountain Park, N. C. on or before

the 9th day of September, 1938, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 9th day of September, 1937.
ETTA WILMOTH,
Executrix of John Wilmoth, Dec'd.
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION NORTH CAROLINA SURRY COUNTY

In the Superior Court Mamie Simpson France, Plaintiff Vs. Ernest J. France, Defendant.
The defendant, Ernest J. France, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Surry County, N. C. by the plaintiff for an absolute divorce against the defendant; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Surry County in the courthouse at Dobson, N. C. on the 16th day of October, 1937, and answer or demur to the complaint of the said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the

court for the relief demanded in the said complaint.

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