

Community Center Campaign To End At Meeting Saturday Night

**John M. Reeves, New York Textile Magnate,
Will Be Guest Of Honor At Mass Meeting
At Rockford Street Auditorium To Close
Drive**

BIG FARM IS DONATED

The second annual drive for the building fund for the Granite City's proposed Reeves Memorial Community Center will be climaxed at 8 o'clock on Saturday night, September 2nd, when a huge mass meeting will be held at the Rockford Street auditorium.

John M. Reeves, Mount Airy native, now an outstanding New York business man as a member of Reeves Brothers, Inc., large textile firm, will be the guest of honor at the mass meeting. He has already donated \$50,000 to the Community Center building fund, and he and other notable social welfare workers will be heard on the program for the meeting.

A special feature of the mass meeting program will be the showing of a sound motion picture, entitled "From Cotton to Cutter", which will run for 40 minutes and will show the detailed processes of cotton manufacture in the various Reeves cotton mills in the two Carolinas. The Reeves mills have been awarded the Army-Navy "E" for outstanding contributions to the war effort. Lowell Thomas acts as commentator for the picture.

J. E. Yokley, president of the Mount Airy Community Foundation, Inc., will report on the amount of money donated during the present drive for the building fund. The drive last year netted \$50,000, of which \$25,000 was given by John M. Reeves and \$25,000 by the people of Mount Airy. It is believed that the 1944 drive will net twice as much, with \$25,000 additional donation already received from Mr. Reeves.

One of the outstanding donations received this year was from John (Jack) Springthorpe, who has given the Foundation his farm, formerly known as the McKinney Farm, located several miles below town. This farm includes more than 200 acres, and, with all its improvements, is conservatively estimated to be worth more than \$15,000. Mr. Springthorpe deeded this farm to the

Community Foundation on the eve of his departure for New York, where he is moving to open a sales office for the Pine State Knitting Mills.

The program for the meeting at the Rockford Street auditorium on Saturday night will be in charge of W. E. Woodruff and will open with the invocation by Rev. C. E. Otey, president of the Mount Airy Ministerial Association. There will be a vocal solo by Mrs. Rebecca Hines Smith, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Robert M. Smith.

Then will follow the report on the 1944 campaign by J. F. Yokley, with three addresses, the first by Mr. Smith, Interstate Secretary of the Y.M.C.A.; the second on "Work With Young Boys", by T. C. McKnight, secretary of the Elkin Y.M.C.A.; and the third by John M. Reeves, New York textile man, who will be introduced by C. H. Haynes. The showing of the motion picture, "From Cotton to Cutter", and patriotic singing will close the meeting.

The architect, who has already drawn the plans for the new Community Center, will be in Mount Airy on Saturday morning and will meet with the building committee at the offices of the Workmen's Federal Savings and Loan Association at 10:30 o'clock. The group is to look over several proposed building sites.

John M. Reeves will arrive in Mount Airy on Saturday morning and will be the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Yokley at their home on Pine street, where Mr. and Mrs. Yokley will honor their guest with an "open house" from 4 until 6 o'clock Saturday afternoon. No invitations will be sent for this event, but everybody will be welcome.