

Between Us

Thoughts of a Country Editor

A few weeks ago this column contained something about the passing of Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart, originator of "Moonlight Schools" and a national figure in education. Since then we have received several letters and other papers in the state have had letters calling attention to her great work.

These have prompted the suggestion that it is high time Kentucky did something to perpetuate this great woman's memory. As was pointed out the other day in a letter to a local paper, she received many awards and decorations for her educational work. She left a sizeable library and many letters pertaining to her educational activities. Before these become scattered it might be a good idea to see what can be done toward erecting some sort of memorial to her life and work.

Morehead would be the logical place for such a memorial. It was there that she began her career and it was in the mountains nearby where she started her first "Moonlight School." The original building probably is out of existence now, but surely the site can be established and a shrine of some sort can be rebuilt there. Perhaps some other building, intimately connected with her life and work still stands in Morehead, and perhaps it can be utilized. The memorial could, ultimately, take a room or wing in the library in Morehead, if construction of a building is not feasible.

The point is, something should be done soon. We hope that some individual or organization in Morehead will look into this matter and decide that such a memorial or shrine would provide an excellent tourist attraction for the city. We feel that North Carolina would gladly surrender its claim to the founder of this educational plan because of the fact that her greatest work was accomplished in Kentucky. We will be glad to hear of any such action.