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THE ANSWER

"An old man going a lone highway, Came at evening—cold and gray, To a chasm vast and deep and wide. The old man crossed in the twilight dim, The chasm had no fear for him.

But he turned when safe on the other side And built a bridge to span the tide. A fellow pilgrim standing near, Said, "Old man, you're wasting time building here—

You've crossed the chasm, dark and wide, Why build a bridge at even tide?" The builder lifted his old gray head, "In the path I've come," he said, "There followeth after me today A fair haired youth who must pass this way;

This chasm which has been naught to me To this fair youth may a pitfall be. He, too, must cross in the twilight dim— Good friend, I'm building this bridge for him." —Anonymous

Stop Worrying

On a very prominent street corner in Philadelphia is a crippled chap, who sells newspapers. He has two artificial legs. He has something else, however, that has impressed hundreds of people, and that is his courage.

We are told that his answer to the usual inquiry of his many customers, "How are things?" always is, "Can't Kick."

There is a community of thought in this little story. How many of us under similar circumstances would make the same reply? We all admire the man who can smile in trouble and gather strength from distress. It seems that maybe some of us have done a great deal of kicking during the past year, but if we should take a true inventory of ourselves we would find considerably more for which to be thankful than does this newsboy in Philadelphia. Let's profit by his example—stop worrying and be optimistic.

A Wise Decision

The decision of North Wilkesboro voters not to have a contest in the city election is a wise one, it seems to us. Conditions are such that the excitement and feeling incident to a contest of this nature would be more harmful than beneficial.

The present officials have given the city a safe and sound administration. The general opinion is that they have managed the affairs of the city in the most economical manner possible.

Public office, especially as it relates to municipal government in towns the size of North Wilkesboro, is at best a thankless task. We are glad that North Wilkesboro has always been able to secure men of wide business experience and ability to look after the city's affairs and we are happy that our present officials who will be elected next month have shown themselves willing to sacrifice their time and efforts for the welfare of the people as a whole.

The Akron Disaster

The loss of the huge Navy dirigible "Akron" with seventy-three lives is the most serious disaster since men first began to navigate the air. Caught in the middle of a terrific thunderstorm off Barnegat Bay the great airship plunged into the sea and only four of its crew and passengers were rescued, one of them dying shortly afterwards.

Tragedies like this are a part of the price humanity pays for progress. Doubtless there will be a great outcry against further experiments in aerial navigation as a result of the "Akron's" crash. But there were outcries against railroads, against the automobile, against airplanes, when they were young. Millions have perished at sea, yet nobody proposes to abolish ships. If safety were the only rule of life mankind would still be living in the primitive jungle.

Knocking The Legislators

An illustration of an attitude that is all too general is found in an editorial appearing in last week's issue of the Taylorsville Times. Our esteemed contemporary takes no unusual view of legislators in action. It is a rather common view and yet we wonder if it isn't a little bit unfair. We quote verbatim:

"The press generally and folks individually seem to delight in slamming our solons domicile at the state Capitol; and not wanting to be left out of the fray, here goes our slam.

"We are not sufficiently versed in taxation, finance and statecraft to offer the present General Assembly now in session a plan to balance the State budget; and we are sure, that if we were able to suggest such a plan, it would not be acceptable to the present bunch of shilly-shallying representatives we have in Raleigh.

"It is inconceivable that a supposedly group of mature, intelligent men and citizens that have been elected, by popular vote to represent us in our legislative halls at Raleigh, should spend their time and the taxpayer's money in personal vipersations, and the formation of blocs that tend to delay and retard necessary legislation in these critical times.

"Thoughtful citizens will agree with Mr. Garibaldi of Mecklenburg in remarking that our present general assembly is in right much of a muddle. The non-essentials must be cut out, and we've got to get back to bed rocks of what we need, must have and can pay for. If our legislators in Raleigh would look at the desperate condition the taxpayers of the state are in today, they would trim state expenditures to the bone; but they don't seem to have the 'abdominal fortitude' to do it."

It seems to us that to say our legislators are not conscientiously endeavoring to do the best thing by their constituents is unjust.

If those of us looking on from the outside were called upon to labor under the pressure from all sides such as they, we wonder how we would stand up under it. There is the group—and it is large—which is opposed to the sales tax—any kind. There are the landowners who have demanded that property be relieved. There is a bloc which seeks retrenchments, even to the extent of a four-months' school term. There is the crowd who wants eight months of school. There are those who wish to stand on the present six months' term. There are those who say, "put it on the rich." There are those who are thought to be able to bear it who say, "more tax will be disastrous to our business."

The poor legislator, striving to do the best thing, finds himself in a quandary as to what is the best thing. Eventually he makes up his mind to do something, be it wise or otherwise.

Matter Of Definition

Webster defines intoxication as "state of being intoxicated or drunk; inebriation; ebriety; drunkenness."

Thus the dictionary which we consulted failed to shed much light on what constitutes intoxication.

Is 3.2 beer intoxicating? From the information we have at hand, we are inclined to believe that the answer to that question depends largely upon an individual's interpretation of what the word intoxication means.

Awaiting the arrival of beer on May 1, North Carolina has not yet sampled the 3.2 variety. As to the exact effect it has on the average man, only time will tell and we have no disposition to say.

One ardent dry with whom we recently discussed the subject placed this interpretation upon intoxication: "I maintain," he asserted, "that a man is intoxicated when he drinks intoxicating beverages to the extent that his mind and nerves do not function in a normal manner."

"I have found nothing anywhere to commend the use of any beverage with an alcoholic content," he continued. "The history of the liquor traffic records no real service it has rendered and I am opposed to it in any form."

On the other hand, many folks do not think 3.2 beer intoxicating and at any rate preferable to the bootleg stuff available under the old form of prohibition. Many see in the return of beer an aid to business recovery.

But whatever views one has on the question, beer is soon to return, even in North Carolina. Is it intoxicating? That is a matter of opinion.

And while we're at it, we might as well get right down to cases and have a bunk holiday.—Boston Herald.

The old model of child's bank that can't be opened until full has lost considerable prestige.—Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

After reading half a column of instructions on how to pronounce "Jehol," we've decided to call it "Jehol."—Atlanta Journal.

BY THE WAYSIDE

By E. B. F.

One Block of a Street
I have in my mind's eye one block of street in the town of Wilkesboro. I do not think that I am mistaken in saying that within the past sixteen years very little attention has been given to this street until this past winter, and this street is just off the courthouse square, too. Very nearly the most conspicuous street in the town, when one considers the location of this block. This past winter with the aid of the federal relief fund, and by putting to work a number of the unemployed men, this block of street was built up and nicely fixed, taking all things into consideration. The property owners appreciate it, too.

Six Barns and a Seventh
On this block of street there are six barns in more or less useable condition. Three of them are large. I suppose they might be called two-story barns. They are high enough for that anyway, and they do cut off the view. Six or eight room bungalows on the south side of this block of street, where the two largest barns stand, would be a great improvement in the appearance of the street, and a needed addition to the town. One the north side of this block of street stands one large barn, and below that, three smaller ones, and smaller ones seem to be useless, or at least that is the impression one gets of them. That large barn-lot on the north side of this block of street is a beautiful building site. It is just a few steps from the court house square, is well drained and of good health-giving sunshine nearly all day long, when the weather is clear. Putting a nice sized bungalow there where the old barn stands would, to say the least, add much to the appearance of the street. These are three good building sites. The seventh barn on this block stands on the south side of the street. It is low and of compact build, is kept in good repair and the doors are kept closed. Because this barn has a low roof it does not obstruct the view, yet it serves all needful purposes of a barn.

A Possibility
That small queerly shaped lot where the three small barns stand would make a splendid park and play-ground for our young folks and the children. It has possibilities. Already a tiny little streamlet is trying to find its way down the slope, and with a little help would make a nice wading pool for the "kiddies."

Is there a "kid" in the world that does not love to wade? And some that are not exactly "kids." There are good shade trees there, and grass, and what seems to be, or to have been a spring. A kind of flat rock pile that would make a good rock garden. It is off the street far enough for the children to be safe from street dangers. At present it seems to be a rendezvous for tin cans of various kinds, a dumping place for refuse, brush, and other rubbish. This little plot of ground deserves better treatment than that. And, this is the impression of this block of street that a stranger gets in passing along.

Now We have come to IF
If the owner of that lot could be persuaded to let the town have it for a park, if those three small useless barns were torn away, and where they stand build a good walk and put out a row of blooming shrubbery or trees that do not grow too large or tall, if some of the unemployed the rubbish to fill in those

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE
Under and by virtue of authority conferred upon the undersigned Trustee by a certain deed of trust executed on the 28th day of October, 1926, by H. A. Cranor, et als, which deed of trust is of record in Book No. 142, of Mortgages, on Page 375, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Wilkes county, the undersigned Trustee will expose to sale, for cash, in accordance with the powers contained in said deed of trust, at the Court House door of Wilkes county, on May 2, 1933, at 12:30 o'clock p. m., the following described property:

Beginning on a chestnut in a hollow running west with the Wooten line 147 poles to the corner, a red oak, south 60 poles to the Woodruff line to a stake, east 16 poles to a black oak, south 65 poles with the Woodruff line to a stake, east 41 poles to a post oak, Woodruff's corner, now Andrew's corner, north 40 poles to a post oak in H. A. Adams' line, then east with said line 82 poles to a post oak in W. F. Gregory's line; thence 44 poles to the beginning, containing 66 acres, more or less.

Second tract: Adjoining the above, beginning on a post oak, H. A. Adams' east corner, running east 8 poles to a Spanish oak, north 82 poles to a pine, west 6 poles to a post oak in H. A. Adams' line, south with said Adams' line 82 poles to the beginning, containing three acres, more or less.

This March 28, 1933.
J. L. GARWOOD, Trustee.
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ed people were put to work there cleaning it up and clearing it of the accumulation of rubbish, unsightly washed out places, letting the tin cans find these same washed out places for a rendezvous, covering all with a good deep coat of earth, then with grass, and if some of the Federal Aid Funds could be used to help with this, the cleaning up work, cutting of the undergrowth of brush, cleaning out the little streamlet and making a wading pool, and also a lily pool for wild pond lilies, and other needed work, that would put this lot in good shape.

If the Civic Department of the Woman's Club, and the town council would join hands in taking hold of this bit of ground, why in a very little while Wilkesboro would have a fine park and playground that is very greatly needed.

This is the impression that a stranger gets in passing along.

TWO ARE KILLED AS FAST TRAIN WRECKS

Dover, Del.—Members of the Boston Red Sox baseball club escaped injury early today in a Pennsylvania railroad wreck which officials said was caused by a tampered switch and which killed the engineer and fireman.

Three sleepers occupied by the Red Sox were derailed. Seven passengers in other cars were hurt, none seriously. The train was the night express from Norfolk to New York and the accident occurred at Wyoming, at 3:10 a. m.

The engineer was C. A. Burkhard, of Wilmington, Del., and the fireman, E. L. Poulson, of Delmar, Del.

The ball players and other members of their party were shaken up but they proceeded in a special train after several hours delay to Jersey City where they were scheduled to play an exhibition game today.

SKULL OF HAIRY MASTODON FOUND

Coalinga, Calif.—The skull of a hairy mastodon which roamed California uncounted years ago, was found near here recently by an oil well crew.

The skull was said to be in a good state of preservation, although only three feet of the tusks were found.

The Usual Hour
Brown: Do you work long hours?
White: No, only the regulation length—60 minutes each.



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CHARLOTTE POLICE PROBE TWO DEATHS

Charlotte. — Charlotte police recently sought to link the shooting of Theo J. Karavos, cafe operator, at his place of business and the murder of John W. Brown, elderly street car motor-man, several weeks ago.

Karavos was shot to death by two negroes but officers were undecided whether he died in an attempt to frustrate a holdup or whether he was shot by negroes with whom he is reported to have had a previous difficulty. No money was missing from the cash register.

Although Karavos died of a wound caused by a .38 caliber pistol, police found a .45 caliber bullet embedded in the cafe wall.

Brown was killed with a .45 caliber pistol when he resisted negroes who attempted to rob him when he stopped his car on the outskirts of the city. They fled without robbing him.

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It's no use to measure our wheat in your half bushel. Our's hold just the same. What we would like to do is to give our army of customers the advantage of exchanging their products for the other necessities which they do not produce and have a considerable margin in the transaction and then they could begin to add this to their surplus.—The Goodwill Stores.



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Beware

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Farmers, beware of the mistake of using a cheap grade of fertilizer this season, or any other season for that matter. Even though you prepare your land just right, and then plant good seeds, your harvest will not be as abundant as you had hoped to reap, if you neglect to give the plants the proper food. The old reliable and dependable

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