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The Y. M. C. A. and You

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was not expressed in the size of that check. That would depend upon the man's ability to pay, but in his attitude about the matter. His faith in his fellowmen, his hope for better things, his love for young people and a desire to give them more and better opportunities than he had.

Hope—the hope that leads men to give of their time and money to a project that will not bring one cent of direct profit to them. A hope that leads them on in the face of every opposition and discouragement to final achievement.

Love—love of the finer, more beautiful things of life. A greater love for human beings than for dollars. A greater love for a boy than a horse; a greater love for a girl than an automobile.

In other words, a man who has the right perspective of life—who sees things in their true proportions.

We have many citizens like that—some are on the board of the Wilkes Y. M. C. A., and others who will be on it later. That is the reason we know that a Y. M. C. A. will be built in North Wilkesboro. We don't know exactly when it will be built or what it will cost but we do know that within five years or less North Wilkesboro will have a Y. M. C. A. We must admit that the kind of Y. M. C. A. we have will depend upon you. The kind of Faith, Hope and Love that YOU have. If you have these virtues even in minute quantities your dollars will be forthcoming and a solicitor will not have to look you up.

All Must Help

American industry, represented by the National Association of Manufacturers, has pledged itself "to do everything within its power to produce and distribute better goods in greater volume at lower prices to more people, to make opportunity and jobs available to everyone."

Cooperation within industry, to maintain a high level of peacetime production, will mean millions of jobs for returning G. I.'s and continuing employment for workers on the home front.

But it must be remembered that, even in war year 1944, manufacturing employs only 29 per cent of the workers in this country. Of the remainder, about 20 per cent are currently in agriculture. Construction, transportation, utilities, trade, distribution, finance and the so-called "service" industries (exclusive of the armed forces) account for nearly 50 per cent of all jobs.

Employment gains in all of these fields must keep pace with industrial expansion after the war.

And there is real opportunity for growth. It is not only more and better washing machines, refrigerators and cars that we want. We want increasingly abundant and nutritious food from our farms, shops where service is prompt, better service, better and cheaper transportation, finer recreational facilities, able professional service.

These things must contribute their share to the higher standard of living and the full employment we look for when the war is won.

School Days

Students, more than ever before, should appreciate school as they begin the new term today.

The educational system of America is one of the many things that American men are fighting and dying to protect and perpetuate.

Our educational system is not perfect, but it happens to be the best in the world because it is democratic in principle. It does not recognize wealth or birth as be-

ing any advantage.

It assembles our boys and girls together, where they get the first demonstrations of democracy in action.

Public schools cost much money, although not nearly enough is spent on schools. But the cost is sufficient to warrant a note to students that they should make the most of the educational advantages thus provided.

It is true that the teacher profession is being lowered by starvation salaries, and that if the school system itself is to be saved from collapse that the money paid to teachers must be enough to make the profession enticing to our best men and women.

Right now with wages for common labor at new high levels, the schools have great difficulty in finding teachers. However, with return to normalcy the situation will be in part corrected.

Even then, something must be done to make it possible for an able, intelligent man or woman to earn enough in the teaching profession to make it reasonably profitable to teach, enough to provide for a decent livelihood, home ownership and the other things which we now recognize as being rightful opportunities for every worthy American.

Both to Blame

Patriotic people in this country are shocked at the frequency and magnitude of strikes in war industries, and at the apparent unwillingness of the government to effectively handle the situation.

And there is a tendency to blame it all on labor unions, and for the present the blame rightfully falls on labor.

However, let the industrialists who howl for justice now remember that their policies back in the 20's paved the way for the exorbitant power of the labor unions today and the apparent strangle hold that the union bosses now have over workers, industries and the government itself.

Let the industrialists remember how they forcibly kept wages down below the necessary minimum for decent and healthful living as they pursued their greedy way for profits.

Let them remember how men and women were worked for 12 hours per day for less than \$10 per week. Industries with such wage policies are liabilities instead of assets to any town or community.

It is one of the traits of human nature that men go to extremes, and now the extremists are the labor bosses, who all but control industry itself and have taken from many groups of workers the inherent liberties which American men are dying to defend.

The ideal situation would be for co-operation between capital and labor, and such cooperation is not too great to expect. It is entirely possible among an intelligent, civilized people.

The forces of government and public opinion must be brought to bear on labor and capital for greater cooperation. If we continue to encourage class hatred, and array one group against the other, America is headed for trouble within her own borders.

Pulpwood No Longer "A Forgotten Crop"

"This is a crop I'll never neglect again", many farmers today are saying of pulpwood because of their experience during the last year.

Many farmers starting thinning their woodlands a year ago in response to Government appeals and because it was a patriotic thing to do. Now they are keeping it up because they've found pulpwood cutting is also good business.

A year ago Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard observed that many American farmers "have a forgotten crop that can be harvested any time" in an appeal for greater pulpwood production. Today he would have to change his description of pulpwood. It is no longer "a forgotten crop".

Lots of farmers have War Bonds to show for the pulpwood they have sold in the last year. Others have new farm equipment or cancelled mortgages. All have improved woodlands if they thinned their trees properly.

Pulpwood has been a life saver for many small farmers who heretofore relied on a single crop for their livelihood. Too often a perverse weather—a long drought or a severe storm—wiped out their season's work before harvest time.

Patriotism often pays in cash as well as in the satisfaction of knowing that one is serving his country.

Evidently this Republican control of the senate that the honorable from New Mexico bemoans is something like the Hatch act couldn't do anything about—Greensboro Daily News.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By
DWIGHT
NICHOLS
et al

ABOUT POSTOFFICES—

It is interesting to note how postoffices get their names. There is, or was, a postoffice in Watauga county by the name of Aho. Many years ago there was a country store there and the people petitioned for a postoffice, which the department in Washington granted.

A group of loafers were around the old stove in the store discussing what the name of the postoffice should be. The group became quiet. One man broke the silence to say that for the next few minutes no one would speak, and whenever the silence was broken the first word which was spoken would be the name of the postoffice. After several minutes one of the sleepy loafers let out a big yawn which sounded like a-h-o, and the postoffice was so named.

This makes us wonder how some of our Wilkes postoffices got their names. Wilkesboro was perhaps the first, since it was the first settlement in this neck of the woods in the olden days. Of course, Wilkesboro got its name from Wilkes, the name of the county, by adding b-o-r-o, meaning town. North Wilkesboro got its name by being the settlement north of Wilkesboro. However, its first postoffice name was Gordon, in honor of the Gordon family which produced General James B. Gordon.

Hayes was named for the Hayes family, but in naming the postoffice the person doing the writing couldn't spell correctly and dropped the "e". The name of Traphill has always been a mystery to us, as well as Ronda. Roaring River was named for the stream of the same name, because the stream roared through the hills. Lomax must have been named for a family. State Road is State Road because it is located on one of the oldest roads in that section, and which was called State Road. Moravian Falls has a lot of history. It was named for the Moravians who first settled in Wilkes in pioneer days and for the falls on Moravian Creek. Pores Knob was named for the mountain of the same name. Gilreath for the Gilreath family. Ferguson for the Ferguson family and we have no idea how they got the name of Boomer unless it was from the little squirrel-like animals which are called boomers and which used to live in these hills.

Purlear was named for Purlear Creek, and the word Purlear must be a variation of the family name of Purlear. Summit is Summit because it is near the summit, or top, of the Blue Ridge. We would say Pattons Ridge was named for General Patton (blood and guts Patton) but Pattons Ridge in Wilkes was a place long before General Patton was anything. Walsh was named after the Walsh family and Wilbar from we don't know what. Halls Mills is Halls Mills because it was named for a man by the name of Hall who had a mill. Abshers has the name of a well known Wilkes family. Stony Fork is named for Stony Fork Creek, which has plenty of stones and thus got its name. Hendrix is a family name. We'd like to know how the names of Buck and Champion originated, and we can't see the relation between Congo, an African name, and the community in Wilkes by the same name. And it is hard to figure out why Millers Creek should be of that name. It is located on one of the highest ridges outside of the mountains and there is not a creek of any size in miles, although there is a little stream a considerable distance away which is called Millers' Creek. Must have been that someone had a mill on that creek, or it could have been named for the Miller family. We believe we have overlooked Springfield, and we can't account for that name. And there is Radical, which must have gotten its name from political complexion of the people there. But the name of Dehart sure has us stumped. Of course, Joynes is Joynes, because of the family name of Joines, which is spelled with an "i" instead of "y".

Reddies River is easy, being named for the river of the same name, but we don't know why it was named Reddie's, unless it was from its color after a rain. McGrady is a family name, and Parsonville is named for the Parsons family, which has inhabited that community for years and years. It puzzles us to know why Cricket is Cricket, or if there was a Grasshopper why it would be Grasshopper? Why not Katydid? As for Moxley, we have no explanation, but Dockery, is a family name. Why Doughton postoffice is in Wilkes instead of Alleghany we don't know. And the name Thurmond has us stumped too, as

Pores Knob Club In September Meeting

The Pores Knob Home Demonstration Club met for its regular meeting Friday, Sept. 8, at 8:00 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Davis Joines with 14 members and two visitors present.

The president called the meeting to order after which "The Old North State" was sung. The club collect was repeated in concert followed by a scripture reading, Psalms 24, given by Miss Beattie Brock. The club stood together for a silent prayer for service boys and girls which was continued by Mrs. J. M. Bentley. The secretary read the August minutes which were approved by the club, and called the roll. It being near the hostess' birthday each one present made her a wish as they answered to the roll.

During the business period it was decided to prepare Christmas boxes for service men of this community serving over seas at the October meeting in order to get them in the mail before the dead line for mailing.

It was also decided that the annual picnic of the club, which was due to have been in August, be held on Saturday, Sept. 30, at five o'clock near the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parlier and that every family in the community be given an invitation to attend.

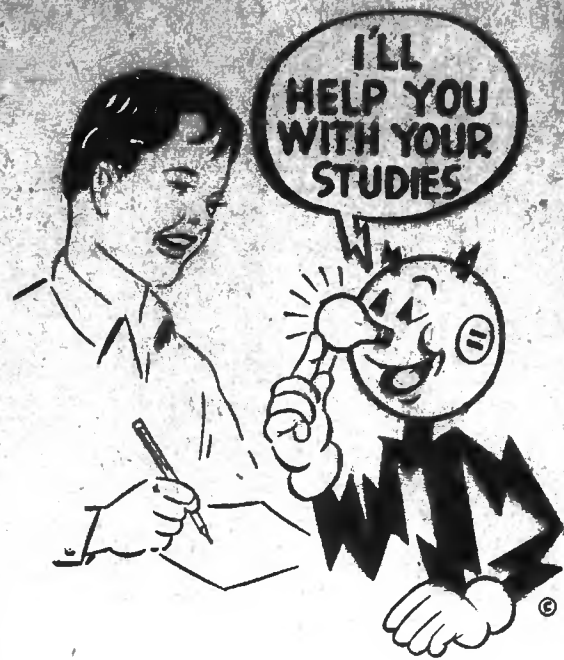
Miss Helen Price, the assistant home agent, had charge of the demonstration which was on the "Storage of Foods". She very thoroughly discussed all problems of storing food, including canned products, dried fruits, vegetables, meat, eggs, and fruits, and showed the best methods of preventing weavils or bugs from damaging dried vegetables or grain. This should be one of the most beneficial subjects of the year as our women have saved such a vast amount of food ready for storing for this winter use. She also gave material on the subject.

When Mrs. Joines invited the women to her kitchen for delicious refreshments she found a treat for herself also, as there were birthday presents from all the women present and also a beautiful birthday cake.

The October meeting will be held on Friday, October 6, at Mrs. J. M. Bentley's because of the Walnut Grove revival scheduled for the second week in October. Reported.

well as Benham.

Maybe some of our 13 (?) readers can enlighten us on how some more of the postoffices were named. Not that it is important, but just as sure as anything, somebody is going to ask us sometimes, and we'd like to know.

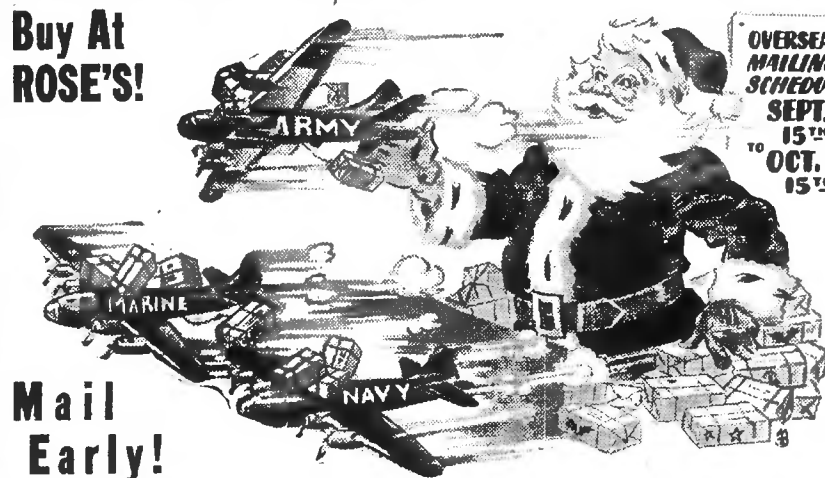


That's one of the things I enjoy most—giving kids the proper amount and the proper kind of light for the best work

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