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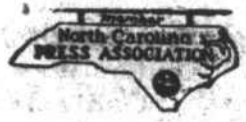
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Wilkesboro School Needs Gymnasium

It was very fitting that the junior class of the Wilkesboro high school give to the school as the beginning of a gymnasium fund a greater part of the more than \$900 raised in the Valentine party and beauty contest.

The Valentine affair was well planned and well staged, and netted a record breaking sum of \$983.85. The junior class will use some of the money for the junior-senior banquet, and the remainder will go into the gymnasium fund.

Wilkesboro school is the only one among the county schools with an athletic field, but on the other hand Wilkesboro is the only large school without a gymnasium.

A poll among the girls of the schools recently revealed that over 60 wanted to play basketball, and there is no gymnasium. Their play is necessarily limited to a dirt court in outdoor weather, and there are few days suitable for girls playing basketball outdoors.

Physical education is certainly an important part of education, and no school can do the job without a gymnasium.

And turning briefly from the immediate subject, let us point out that no school can have an adequate physical education program without an athletic field for outdoor play as well as a gymnasium.

In the final analysis, people have just about what they want, provided they are willing to work for it and pay for it. School patrons in Wilkes county should certainly be more alert to the needs of the schools, particularly in school plants and facilities.

Wildlife Change Entirely Justified

Sportsmen in North Carolina, through the Wildlife Clubs, are asking a change in administration of the game and fish laws in North Carolina. They are asking a commission solely for game and fish and divorced from the Department of Conservation and Development.

The Wildlife Clubs were organized because game and fish are rapidly dwindling to nothing in North Carolina and sportsmen are getting next to nothing for their license fees. As a result, fewer and fewer are buying license.

Opponents to the measure advocated by the Wildlife Clubs say that game and fish are naturally diminishing. The clubs come back with the argument that Pennsylvania and Michigan have far more people than North Carolina, several times more hunters and several times more game in the forest and more fish in the streams. That defeats the opponents' argument that increase in population has accounted for the decrease in game.

Western North Carolina should be a game paradise. With the millions and millions of acres of forest lands, there should be ample game. And the streams are ideal for fish.

The Wildlife plan should be adopted, because it can hardly be worse than what we have.

Men of today are doing as much window shopping as women—must be those pretty sleeping shorts they are advertising.

Red Cross Continues to Aid Service Men

Services to Army and Navy personnel, veterans and their families, will represent more than 50 per cent of the estimated American Red Cross operating expenses during the 1947-48 fiscal year, Red Cross national headquarters has announced. During the current year, approximately 75 per cent of Red Cross funds are allocated for this purpose.

Although drastic reductions have been made in operating costs since the annual wartime peak of \$200,000,000, the program for servicemen, veterans and their families still stands out as the biggest individual Red Cross task.

More than 2,000,000 men and women are still in uniform. Many are on occupational or garrison duty in far flung corners of the globe. To all of them Red Cross services are continuing—in camps, in overseas clubs, in hospitals, and in home communities. Nearly 6,000 Red Cross men and women are still serving with the armed forces.

In addition to services in behalf of veterans and their families, Red Cross will spend an estimated \$25,000,000 for servicemen at home and abroad in the next fiscal year. This does not include the additional cost of the vast Home Service program conducted by chapters throughout the country for service personnel, veterans and their families.

Emphasis is also placed by the Red Cross on its recreational programs. Nearly 300 clubs and other recreation facilities are staffed by trained Red Cross workers abroad. Trained recreation workers are also stationed in Army and Navy hospitals where they conduct medically approved programs for convalescents. Red Cross field directors in military and naval establishments for able-bodied personnel were recently authorized to provide recreation activities in addition to carrying on their welfare and other duties.

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EVERYDAY COUNSELOR
By Rev. Herbert Spaug, D. D.



"No precious gem has ever been polished without friction. Success has never been attained without reverses." This little motto on the wall of the office of a business friend captured my attention the other day. It is a good one for all of us to remember, especially when we are in trouble.

The diamond, which we consider our most precious jewel, is a very hard stone. Before it takes its place in a ring or in expensive jewelry, it has been ground and polished many times by the lapidary.

There should be deep significance in the fact that the diamond is the accepted stone for the engagement ring. Its symbolism should never be forgotten by men and women who marry. It should remind us that marriage only grows into rich companionship and happiness as a result of daily polishing by the difficult circumstances which always arise in marriage.

A happy marriage does not come easily. It comes as a result of constant adjustment due to the pressure of change and accommodation. No two people, reared in different environments, can expect to adjust themselves easily to one another. The rising divorce rate and the increasing number of broken homes is sad indication of the fact that men and women do not understand the true nature of marriage.

The nearest we come to perfection in marriage is a perfect willingness to give and take. We must learn to adjust ourselves to one another, and above all to the will and guidance of Almighty God. No marriage can be truly successful unless it is God-centered, because we live in a God-centered universe. The God-centered home is the only truly happy home. Selfish desire has no place there, except as a polishing agent.

It is as a man's and woman's desires are polished by the friction of the one against the other, and against the hard circumstances of life, that the true beauty of a happy marriage emerges. This polishing produces adjustment and cooperation which brings out the true beauty of personality. Let every wife remember that, as she looks at the engagement ring on her finger, and let every husband recall it as he gazes upon that symbol which he presented to the woman of his choice.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By DWIGHT NICHOLS et al

COFFEE CLUB RIVAL—

When we started the Coffee Club, which has no purpose and no high aims which we don't live up to, we thought we had something different, but we have learned of a counterpart in Dallas, Texas.

There they have the Bonehead Club, whose motto is "to learn more and more about less and less until, eventually, we shall know everything about nothing."

If the Bonehead Club was started after the Coffee Club, we shall contend it has been copying. If we started after they did, we're not guilty.

The Bonehead Club has a president (Big Chief) and 56 vice presidents, meaning that all are officials. In our Coffee Club we have no officials.

In case a Bonehead is ill, the club sends "the undertaker" to cheer him up. This somberly garbed individual carries his catalogue and price lists. After his visit the ill member gets well and gets back to the next meeting so's not to miss out on anything.

Sometimes when a political secret is spilled the club dramatizes the event by getting an alley cat, putting it in a bag and letting it out. Recently the club has voted to pool their brains (?) for a brain bank for transfusions in Washington officialdom. But we hardly expect that anyone would propose a brain bank for the Coffee Club.

SPRING FEVER JIBES—

Some men prove they know all the ropes, by smoking them . . . "I've lost another pupil," said the professor as his glass eye rolled down the sink . . . Headline in New York paper said: "Father of ten Shot—Mistaken for Rabbit."

SUPERSTITIOUS?—

In case you live by superstition, here it is put to rhyme as contributed to this column" by Rev. James T. Nichols, of Wilkesboro route one.

To have good luck as every one should, never burn apple tree or sassafras wood

If you burn wood of a lightning struck tree, your home will burn, you'll see.

If your rooster crows in the evening late, the news of a death he's sure to state.

If the crowing is done by some old hen, she's surely telling of some bad end.

If you leave home and then turn back, bad luck will be lurking on your track.

If a black cat crosses your road 'tis said you'd better turn back there's danger ahead.

If you kill a toad, it matters not how, you'll get bloody milk


from your old cow.
If over your shoulder you see the new moon, troubles are coming, and that very soon.
If your ear burns, it is a sure sign, that someone is talking about you at the time.
If your feet itch, you'll surely understand, that you'll be walking on some strange land.
An itching nose is telling you true, that company is soon coming to you.
If the right eye itches you're sure to get mad, if its the left eye, you're sure to be glad.
If you drop your dish rag, the company will be bad, if you walk under a ladder an accident will be had.
If the right hand itches, with a stranger you'll shake,
If it's the left hand, some money you'll take.
For your family to have good health they say,
Have no smoke before sunrise the first day of May.

Support the Y. M. C. A.

NOTICE SERVING SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

North Carolina, Wilkes County.
In the Superior Court
Dolores Hall Townsend
Vs. Loyd Townsend
The defendant, Loyd Townsend, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Wilkes county, North Carolina, to secure an absolute divorce on ground of two (2) years separation; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said county in the courthouse in Wilkesboro, N. C., within thirty (30) days after the 7th day of January, 1947, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 30th day of January, 1947.
C. C. HAYES,
Clerk Superior Court of Wilkes County, N. C. 2-24-47-M



Here is a letter from a farmer about an experience he had with natural soda on his corn. It is offered here in the hope that you will find his suggestion helpful and profitable.

The Farmer's Forum

from Uncle Natchel's Book of Experience

"On a field of corn where I had a good stand, I sidedressed it with 250 lbs. per acre of Chilean Nitrate when the corn was knee high. Just to see what would happen, I doubled the sidedressing on a few rows and on the next rows left it off altogether. When we checked up on the results, I found that the corn that had not gotten any soda had fired above the ears; that which got the 250 pounds showed a little firing, while the corn that got double, had not fired at all. I used to think that firing was caused by dry weather but now I believe it really is hunger for nitrate."

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