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Shall We Neglect?

There has long been much talk of and more or less interest in a movement for a playground in Elizabeth City; but somehow or other the movement has never got anywhere.

Mrs. H. G. Connor, Jr., of Wilson, who is chairman of community service under the civics department of the State Federation of Woman's Clubs, is urging the club-women of Elizabeth City to look into the matter of providing a permanent playground now, before the best available sites in the city for such a playground are over-run by the business or residential growth of the city.

Another reason for prompt action is that towns of 15,000 or under are now offered aid for this purpose by the Harmon foundation, but this offer is withdrawn after March 1, 1924.

Mrs. Connor thus explains the what, the where and the when of the Harmon offer:

Where? Any growing town or city in the United States whose population is less than 15,000, where there is a responsible organization such as a woman's club.

"What?" Setting aside land in perpetuity for recreational purposes only.

"Why?" Ground that may now be secured for playgrounds at a small figure may soon become too valuable because of its demand in business enterprises. Moreover, the Harmon Foundation of New York, recognizing the need for a future attitude in the matter of recreation fields, offers to co-operate in the acquisition of permanent play land in communities where real interest has been aroused.

"When?" Now. Until March 1, 1924, the Harmon Foundation, 140 Nassau Street, New York City, offers to contribute up to 25 per cent of the purchase price as the final payment for land that is to be deeded forever as recreation ground. This is a special inducement made to the Federation of Women's Clubs by the Division of Playgrounds of the Foundation in order to stimulate interest in directed play on permanent ground in growing communities.

It strikes The Advance that here is a matter that should appeal to the interest that always manifests itself in Elizabeth City whenever the playground subject bobs up and, perhaps under such leadership as the Elizabeth City Woman's Club is capable of, this interest might now be translated into substantial form. We are doing a great deal of talking about city planning, and though, as yet, the talk, for reasons best known to members of the City Council, has failed to produce a planning commission, every indication points to the creation of such a commission at some comparatively early date. Now Elizabeth City, thanks to private generosity, has a bathing beach within easy reach of its paved streets, but no one knows how long this site will be available for such a purpose. In seasons past, thanks again to private generosity, Elizabeth City has

had a baseball park at the end of West Main street, but indications are that soon business or residential buildings will cover that area. But somewhere, somehow, play must go on just the same. "If playgrounds are not provided," says Mrs. Connor, "the city street develops unique forms of play, with the ever attendant quota of sordidness or even crime." She continues.

Few communities peer into the future and make adequate provision for play space in order that coming generations of children may romp in clean open spaces, when the cow paths of our day have become factory yards and business blocks or thoroughfares. This is the conviction of William E. Harmon, the founder—a point of view taken after thirty-two years of experience in observing towns grow into small cities, and embryo industrial centers in turn develop in great metropolitan units.

When the good old Dutch trader paid his guilder to the Indians for the whole of Manhattan island, \$24 did not seem an exorbitant sum; quite a bargain in fact. But today, the price of a few acres of land anywhere on the island is worth almost a king's ransom. Looking toward increase in land values in growing towns, the Harmon Foundation has developed two plans of cooperation in the acquisition of recreation land in communities under 15,000, where a responsible and permanent organization realizes the need for playground development, and takes the initiative in securing and equipping suitable ground.

First, the special offer which is now open until March 1, 1924. In order to stimulate community interest in the permanent playground the Harmon Foundation offers to contribute 25 per cent of the purchase price as final payment for land to be used perpetually as a playground in any growing town under 15,000 population where a responsible organization realizes the need of setting aside land for such purposes only, and will foster a plan not only for the purchase, but its maintenance as a play place or recreation field. The maximum contribution to any community will be \$1,000, and as the appropriation of the Foundation to cover such help is limited, applications will be considered in the order of their receipt.

Under the second or leasing plan, in any growing town under 15,000 population where for good reasons the time is not opportune for raising money locally for the purchase of land for a play field, but where a strong local group realizes the need and will guarantee to equip and maintain a play place for five years, the Harmon Foundation will buy a

TO RID OF FAKE DOCTORS.



New York city is infested with nearly 2,000 medical impostors who are practicing without a license and using the title "M. D." without warrant. Various individuals in the city are enrolling plumbers, barbers and taxi drivers to become "doctors" overnight at a charge of \$750 for a medical diploma, with a high school diploma thrown in. These charges were made by Dr. S. Dana Hubbard (above), director of public health education of the Health Department, who declared that the present investigation into those practicing medicine in the city was too mild and slow.

piece of land of not less than two acres and costing not more than \$2,000, and lease it without charge to a permanent local organization for five years with the option to buy during or at the expiration of the lease at cost, plus a nominal rate of interest not exceeding four per cent. This offer is not made on any time limit.

TIMELY TOPICS

Mary Johnson's new book "Croatan" a story of the Roanoke colony should be read by every one in this section. An interesting novel with a strong local appeal. On Sale at MELICK'S

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We will not have a new world war, but several nations are trying to make the old one over again. Being develops the muscles. That's all settled. Now if it would only develop discretion.

Everything has its use. Plant flowers in the empty coal scuttle. Hunters tickle us the way they fuss around getting ready. Some would like duck pants for duck hunting.

Winter would be much nicer if it didn't work on Sunday.

Hurry up with your worrying about Europe. Try and get it all over before the holidays.

Nothing makes a skinny man madder on a chilly morning than seeing a fat man perspiring.

A man can't talk with his mouth full of hairpins, but a woman can't talk with a pipe in her mouth.

Very few of these European statesmen eging on another war got shot at during the last war.

An auto race is almost as dangerous as the human race.

Just think of the money chilly weather save you on the ice bill.

Only a few more pay days until Christmas.

NORFOLK COTTON

(Reported by Winborne & Co.) December 3 Middling (open today) . . . . 35 5-8c Middling (close today) . . . . 35-5-8c

Hold Christmas Sale

The ladies of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Methodist Church will hold their annual Christmas sale on Friday of this week. By the courtesy of Mr. McMullan, they will use the garage at the corner of Main and Church streets. The sale will begin at 3 o'clock.

All the ladies of the church are requested to aid in this work. Part of the proceeds go for local work in the church. Those who will furnish articles are requested to send them to Mrs. Ben Banks, Mrs. P. DeLon, Mrs. Charles Lane, Mrs. Gurley or Mrs. M. C. Smith.

STEAMBOAT COMPANY ACQUIRES NEW LINES

Baltimore, Dec. 3.—The Rappahannock and Potomac river lines of the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Steamboat Company have been acquired by the Baltimore and Virginia Steamboat Company, Turnbull Murdoch, president of the latter, announced today. The service will continue as formerly.

Melick Blades returned Sunday to the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where he will resume his studies.



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Christmas Savings Club

PROVIDES THE PLAN

LAST WEEK WE MAILED OUT NEARLY \$30,000 TO SUCCESSFUL SAVERS IN THE CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB. SOME SAVED \$5.00, SOME SAVED LARGER AMOUNTS. THE SMALLEST WOULD SOON AMOUNT TO A NEAT SUM, IF ALLOWED TO KEEP ON GROWING.

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