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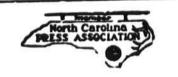
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Needed — A Little Recreation!

It has been brought to the attention of The Herald that in the town of Sylva, there is a dire shortage of suitable recreation for our youth. The person who mentioned it to us, was concerned about the situation - and it is probably true that many other citizens with or without children of their own, have noted the lack of recreational facilities - yet very little has been done about it.

Besides our local movie theatre, and the occasional high school basketball games, is it possible to name one other source of entertainment in the town?

We hear more and more of the rising degree of juvenile deliquency and the short comings of the "younger generation", and we critize their "restlessness" - we just have a lot to say about it all the way around. Yet when it comes to offering any constructive remedy - or taking time to find the "whys", there always seems to be a certain lack of interest.

In cities all over the nation, large and small, progressive adults have thrown away the outmoded attitude that "the kids are just meaner than in the old days" - and have gone about giving the youngsters a chance to develop their higher qualities. "Teen-age Canteens" have sprung up everywhere. On weekends, dances are held — week-day nights all sorts of games, clubs, workshops and the like are there for the enjoyment of the youngsters of all ages. And have they proven to be successful? Well, statistics, (which usually present a fairly reliable story) show that deliquency dropped sharply in those towns and cities where sympathetic, supervised recreational programs were begun.

There are those in Sylva who ask "why?", and wish that we did have some suitable supervised recreation for our youngsters. Maybe it's time that the "whys?" changed to "becauses!", and something was done. We looked around town last week and couldn't even find one ping-pong table!

Happiness And Reading -

The librarian tells us, and it is an encouraging thing to hear, that more and more children are taking an interest in the books which line the shelves of the Jackson county library. She says that a great number of youngsters regularly visit the library and select books.

It is a habit that once learned by a human being, will bring him more hours of happiness and contentment than perhaps any other single force in life. In books we learn that for thousands of years, others have gone through the same little world that we inhabit. We learn that the little problems which seem so important to us, have been faced and beaten a million times, before we ever took our first breaths. In reading, a person is able to "get away" from the everyday routine of living—to lose himself in the adventure of the past, or the experience of others who live-to center his attentions upon other characters and events, instead of spending his time in self-concentration.

It is pitiful indeed to think of the thousands and thousands of persons who possess intelligence and yet who have never seriously read a book-seriously giving little time in complete concentration upon its pages. Perhaps it is true that a person cannot be taught to enjoy the better things in life—and on the other hand maybe parents and teachers are

Perhaps He Was Right!

One thousand, nine hundred and fortynine years ago a human being died upon this earth. He was a human being — and yet something more. No man has ever affected the world so greatly as he.

He was slightly over 30 years of age when he died - nailed to a wooden cross between two thieves, in a form of death which was reserved for the lowest. Of his death, countless millions of words have been written, spoken and sung. Words about a man, whom at the time of his death, was hated by all save a pitiful few.

1,949 years later and the entire world (or those who believe the strange story of this man who was called Jesus) will stop and celebrate his birth. Born in a manger — from a virgin — spending his life teaching that men were brothers, and that there is a better world hereafter - the simple story of Christmas.

Perhaps then there is hope in this year 1949 for the human beings who inhabit this planet. Those many years ago, a man named Christ told man that there was perhaps there was a truth in what he said. Perhaps if men hushed their cruel tongues, put down their guns of war, slowed their mad search for worldly goods a little bit - perhaps by thinking a bit of what that man Jesus said — this mass of humanity could find the way after all!

A Blue Ribbon For Sylva!

It's a common habit around Sylva for folks to find fault with their community. Probably a lot of their criticisms are valid, but for once we can report a "First Prize" for Jackson county's headquart-

A local citizen, one who incidently wasn't "born and bred" here and therefore wouldn't be termed ultra-biased, and happy personality. She said, day Counselor, Box 6036, Charmade a trip last week-end to Rome, Ga. "Have you ever noticed how fre- lotte 7, N. C. The price is \$1.00 During his journey he kept mental notes quently, when a group of people postpaid. It also may be secured as to the Christmas decorations he wit- get together, someone begins talk- from your bookstore. nessed in each town along the way. The don't like. Sometimes it's the govresults should bring pride to Sylvanians. Fernment and the politicians. They

Passing through Bryson City there the way down to their home town. were no lights, Murphy the same, Blue They talk about people they don't Ridge, Andrews, Ellijay, Jasper, Fair-like. They talk about their hard mount, and Calhoun all had practically luck and adverse circumstances." nothing in the way of decorations save those which were visible in store windows or private homes. In Rome, the decorations were "beautiful" our reporter thoughts of things and people says — "but between Sylva and Rome, Georgia — Sylva is by far the outstand-

Thanks are due many people for giv- ments. They are forever coming us our beautiful display of Christmas plaining about the people and cirlights. The Town, the Fire Department cumstances who are against them. for installing them and the Court House people for their lovely star and lights on the hill.

It all goes to show what can happen when everyone works together towards one goal. A little civic pride and team work can go a long way!

Words Of Wisdom —

"Physical bravery is an animal instinct; moral bravery is a much higher need according to His riches in according to information received and truer courage." -Wendell Phillips glory by Christ Jesus."

"There are two times in a man's life every day. Learn to enjoy those when he should not speculate: when he can't afford it, and when he can." -Mark Twain.

"Business is like oil. It won't mix with anything but business."

"Every man has three characters that which he exhibits, that which he when a bad thought comes in, has, and that which he thinks he has." —Bacon.

An honest man's the noblest work of them, thank God for them. God.—Pope.

Houses are built to live in, and not to You have tried some of them out look on.—Bacon.

After all there is only one race-humanity.—Moore.

A good husband should be deaf and a good wife blind.—French proverb.

guilty of not teaching appreciation of "fine things"...

Whatever the case, it is good to know that some children, more than formerly at any rate, are reading. Reading not the trash upon the newsstands, but books that are worthy of their attentionsbooks that will make their lives happier.



The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.



comfortable ail-

start at Washington and come all

Those who take their own lives by suicide are victims of this vicious habit. They feel hopeless because they are obsessed with which are against them.

Think for yourself right now about those people who are suffering from a host of chronic ail-They fight their way through life, instead of accepting life as it is, taking the Lord into partnership with them, making Him the Senior

Him the Senior Partner. Let Him have charge of the program. do the planning and worrying. they come to you daily. God has daughter on December 14th. promised to His partners to supply

Learn to count your blessings good things which you have friends and loved ones. What would life be without them? You have more blessings than you

If you are a victim of thinking —J. Graham about things and people in your life that you don't like, reverse the process. Start thinking about your friends, about the good things. push it out with a good one. Your life is full of good things, if you will look at them, think about

> Do you remember the old hymn, "Standing On The Promises"? The good book is full of those promises.

Stop thinking and talking about for yourself and know they are the things and people you don't true. Try out some more of them. like. It will head you for the Take your Bible and search out hospital sooner or later. Too those promises. Write them down. many people are Start each day with one. Fill up doing that, Many the shelves of your mind with the of them are al- Divine Promises. Then get them ready in the hos- out and stand on them. St. Paul pital. Others are learned to do that so he could suffering from a say, "I can do all things through variety of un- Christ who strengtheneth me."

EDITOR'S NOTE: The third edition of Dr. Spaugh's little book on The other day successful living, "The Pathway I was talking about this with a to Contentment" is now available. dear woman of lovely character Orders may be sent to The Every-

5 YEARS AGO (1944)

ing this Christmas.

five percent over last year. Officers of the Jackson county tence of from 6 to 18 months.

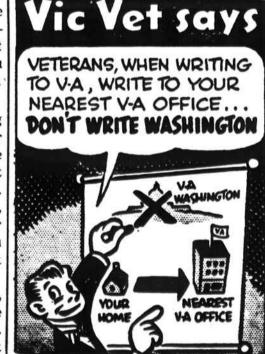
Chapter of The Red Cross are: Chairman, Dr. G. C. Wilkes; Vice chairman, Mrs. E. L. McKee; Secretary, A. J. Dills; Treasurer, W. W. Bryson.

Christmas customs in Russia be- of twenty months and could run to fore members and guests of the Cullowhee Woman's Club at their annual Christmas party held in Moore Dormitory at W.C.T.C.

The Wesleyan Methodist church of Glenville is planning to have Try taking the Lord into part- a Christmas entertainment. Miss nership with you in your life. Make Stamey and Miss Louise Wiggins

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Clements of Then you execute those plans as Whittier announce the birth of a

Pvt. James Paul Swayngrim, all needs. St. Paul wrote to such, son of Mrs. J. W. Swayngim of "My God shall supply all your Cowarts, is serving in Belgium from his parents.



WHAT OTHER PAPERS SAY

DISILLUSIONED BY SHIRLEY TEMPLE

(The Franklin Press) Another American idol has fall-

n in the dust. Some fifteen years ago all America, old and young, thrilled to the simplicity and genuineness of the child actress, Shirley Temple. Here, Americans felt, was a sweet, unspoiled child.

The time came at last, however, when Shirley began to grow up; she became too big for a child actor, and retired from the screen. Movie fans accepted the inevitable with regret.

As Shirley blossomed into young womanhood, Hollywood announced that she was coming back to America's motion picture houses. And Americans waited with bated breath-would she still be the same, simple, delightful person-

It seemed that she was-and she had the added asset of a woman's beautiful voice. Americans were pleased no end.

Came the time for Shirley marry, and again young and old thrilled at her romance with Air Force Sergeant John Agar. Just like Shirley, we all thought, to marry an enlisted man; she was sensible enough to pick the man, not the rank.

Then, at 19, Shirley had a baby. Hollywood couldn't spoil her, we all thought; she did the simple, natural thing, and became a

But all that is changed now. For last week Shirley got a divorce.

Maybe she had good grounds. And of course she's still a great actress. But somehow she'll never be quite the same to the public. Americans not only are disappointed, they are disillusioned—again.

SENTENCE SHOULD FIT THE CRIME

The Mecklenburg Times

There is J. Parnell Thomas, who entered the peniteniary last week, but who is still a Congressman. Mr. Thomas padded the public payrolls, accepted money for helping men keep out of the service to head the new division for weed and in other ways proved himself investigations in the Bureau of to be dishonest. Yet he is allow- Plant Industry, Soils, and Agriculed to draw pay until January 2, tural Engineering of the U.S. Deof next year, although he is jailed partment of Agriculture. The Office of War Utilities ask- for a crime against the governed that there be no outside light- ment. He is stealing another \$1,000 pay check from taxpayers The Sylva Merchants report that while in jail, or rather it amounts business is unusually good this to the same thing. For defraudyear, with an up-trend of twenty- ing the government of untold thousands of dollars Thomas got a sen-

Then there is the case of Meyers, former general in the Army, who was convicted of fleecing the government. He even owed nearly a half million dollars in back tax-Miss Leonora Smith spoke on es. His sentence was a minimum

five years but you can bet your

bottom dollar it will not. Other cases come to the public eye in print all along where peo-

ple steal big money and get off with light sentences. Then some culprit steals a hundred dollars and gets seven years. The principal is the thing we reckon but at the same time the big-time thief is smarter and better knows right from wrong than the poor devil that goes in for petty lar-

The big courts don't set much of an example with light sentences for stealing big money. What to do about it? You give the answer. It is the same thing that we are thinking of now.

Some of our What's yours?

QUESTION-What to you is the nicest thing about Christmas?

Mr. M. L. Snipes-"Rest! And association with old friends, plus the making of new friends. Mr. Grayson Cope-"The family

circle being completed again." Mrs. "Pete" Davis-"There are just too many nice things about Christmas to pick the nicest." R. D. Cowan-"Rabbit hunting."

Mrs. John Corbin, Jr .- "Getting all the family together is the niceest thing about Christmas I guess." Miss Francis Bradley-"Seeing

everyone happy with Christmas spirit." Mrs. Herbert Gibson-"Having everybody back at home again is

probably the nicest thing about Christmas." Mrs. Iva Dean Harrison-"The nicest thing about Christmas to me, is seeing the faces of my children when they open their gifts

on Christmas morning." Mrs. Velt Wilson-"Everyone having a holiday for one thingand celebrating Christ's birthday."

Dr. Roy L. Lovvorn, State College agronomist, has been selected

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