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CHURCH INDIFFERENCE

Indifference of the members is the greatest drawback of the Christian church today. The church's greatest enemy is within its own members. In most of our Christian churches, a few members must bear all the load. Many members do not attend church only on special occasions. They do little work, pay none and pray little, if any.

Discipline in most of our churches is a thing of the past. The outside world can tell little difference between church members and non-members. Members can get drunk, serve sentences on the chain gang or state prison, curse, fight, gamble or live immoral lives and nothing is done about it. The leaders usually are "afraid they will hurt somebody's feelings." If more church members were on the "job" it would be a different world. Think about this if your name is on the church roll. Suppose every member was just like you, "what kind of a church would it be?"—Rutherfordton News.

MUNICIPAL SCHOOL BUILDINGS

"I should not be surprised if this new school law and the redistricting under it should not prove a hot bed of litigation," remarked an outstanding member of the legal profession to the writer a few days ago. The barrister was figuring it from a standpoint of municipal ownership of school buildings by the state. Take Mocksville for instance. The people of the city voted a tax on themselves with which to erect our school building. The school building is therefore the property of the municipality and the town is a corporation—a person capable of suing and being sued; capable of purchasing and holding property the same as an individual. Now, the state takes over the school and if the town owes any bonds voted for the erection of the building, the burden is left upon the town to pay these bonds. It can therefore be easily seen that the town will demand payment for the building and equipment, and will be entitled to recover the value of the building out of the state. This is nothing more than fair. Of course, just how the state will manage to acquire the property is another question. It might be possible that the building could be condemned under the right of eminent domain, but that brings about an interesting discussion of law. Anyhow, indications are that the reorganization of the school system under the 1933 law is not going to be the easy problem that many might think.—Mocksville Enterprise.

THE MOUNTAINS AS A PLAYGROUND

(F. W. Bicknell, in The Avery Advocate)

The mountains are coming into their chief attraction now as a playground, and the crowd that is coming to see our beautiful flowering shrubbery indicates that it is well advertised and much admired. Somehow, people find the money with which to buy gasoline and come to the mountains when hot weather and the flower show begin. Let us not do anything to discourage them from coming, for even if they do not spend, they talk about us and send others, so when money is easier to get we shall have plenty of "paying guests." It is irritating, to say the least, to find flowers and great branches of flowering shrubbery lying in the road, thrown down a few minutes after having been thoughtlessly broken off, but this is becoming more unpopular every year. Our visitors are heeding the request to "leave flowers for others to enjoy."

Motorists traveling on Highway No. 10 at Clyde can't help but be impressed with the roses now in bloom along the road-side. Almost at every house there is a rose bush climbing along a fence or trellis. It is things like this that make a community more attractive and a better place in which to live.

BRICKBATS VS. BOQUETS

Dan Tompkins, editor of the Jackson County Journal, got off on the wrong foot last week when commenting on the appointment of Frank W. Miller as a member of the highway-public works commission. It seems that the Jackson County citizens were anxious that one of their citizens be named on the commission, and when Governor Ehringhaus saw fit to name a Haywood man it did not set so well in Jackson County, or at least with the editor of that county.

Editor Tompkins said in part:

"Haywood county has been most fortunate in the appointments and in holding State offices. Mr. Jeffress is a native of Haywood. Mr. Miller is from Haywood, giving the chairmanship and one member to native sons of Haywood. W. T. Lee, of Haywood, has been a chairman of the Corporation Commission for many years. The solicitor of this judicial district lives in Haywood. It so happens that, due to the rotation agreement, the present State senator from this district is from Haywood. When Judge Walter E. Moore laid down his working tools, last winter, and passed on to his reward, Governor Ehringhaus immediately appointed Felix E. Alley of Haywood as his successor; and the Governor again went to Haywood to make his appointment on the Highway and Prison Commission."

Now let's look into the thing a little. Mr. Jeffress was born in this county, but left when just a boy. Mr. W. T. Lee was elected by the people of the state to his office and not appointed. The office of solicitor is voted on by the people, and the agreement as to senator is self-explanatory. Judge Alley is a native of Jackson county, having lived there until a few years ago. He is filling the unexpired term of Judge Walter Moore who was a Jackson County man. It seems that the Jackson County paper is not laying any claim whatever to Judge Alley being a Jackson Man.

Evidently Editor Tompkins in his wrath forgot the pleasant things which he could have said regarding the appointments. Instead of trying to make it appear that Haywood County was greedy and being shown partiality, he could have used it to his advantage, we believe. Instead of that he goes on to say:

"Really, Haywood has been most fortunate. The only time that his excellency has had an opportunity to make an appointment to a major office in these parts, that he overlooked Haywood, was when he appointed Mr. Holler, of Rutherford, way down east of the Ridge, on the School Commission, and, so far as is known, no Haywood citizen had any aspirations in that direction.

"It is an unusual thing for the judge and solicitor of the judicial district to be from the same county, and a county that is thus honored, is considered as having its full share of the political power; but when the honors continue to fall to the same county, it is considered as being more than fortunate.

"There is no especial kick against Mr. Miller, it is hoped that he will take a large view of the big job that he now holds, and will hold the scales of justice to the several sections of the district to an even keel; but there were many people in the district who felt that Haywood had already been sufficiently honored, and that the ends of political justice to the counties that nominated Governor Ehringhaus could be better met by dividing up such honors as his Excellency had to hand out.

"In fact, most people believed that Jackson had the job in the bag on Friday morning, until something happened that evening that upset the apple cart and people are wondering who upset it, and why.

"It would have pleased the district mightily for the Jackson man to have been appointed; and it would at the same time, have been giving recognition to this county that gave Ehringhaus a larger percentage of the vote in the primary than did any county in the State, not excepting his own baliwick, way down in Albemarle."

We wonder if Mr. Tompkins forgot about his pet project, Highway 106, when he was writing the above.

Well, there is one thing about the election in November, there won't be any candidates to shake hands with and offer us cigars.

During the past few weeks there have been more business houses in Waynesville repainted than at any time during the past two years. Nothing looks better than a nice clean business house, and there is nothing better to drive away business than a dirty one. We predict better business for those improving their places of business.

LETTERS to the Editor

H. Arthur Osborne, chairman of the 5-10 Year Farm Program, sent out the following letter last week:

Increased agricultural improvement in Western North Carolina depends upon More and Better Livestock but lack of marketing facilities in the past has delayed such a general improvement. Recent developments, however, are more encouraging and as Chairman of the Regional Council of the 5-10 Year Farm Program I appeal for your assistance in encouraging those farmers with whom you come in contact to support this market with their present stock and to begin to plan their production to have something to sell regularly during the year.

The Asheville Live Stock Yards will hold their first auction on June 23rd at 2:00 P. M., and plan to have regular sales thereafter. The farmer may take the prices offered, or not, as he chooses. All offerings will be graded by experts and sold by grades. In addition to this the Baker Packing Plant is establishing a new slaughter house; and the Zimmerman Packing Plant is now buying extensively for local trade. With the proper support from farmers and townspeople there will always be a place to dispose of surplus livestock. Buyers from large packing companies will be on hand to bid competitively.

Membership on a 5-10 Program committee doesn't necessarily mean active participation in meetings; but to be a contact person in such cases as the above—to wield personal influence in your immediate neighborhood. Committee members were selected because of their influence and prominence and can certainly help in this case. For the next few months the efforts of the 5-10 Program will be directed toward food conservation for the coming winter, and the building of this livestock market.

Mocksville, N. C.

R. F. D. No. 3, June 16, 1933.

Dear Mr. Editor:

My father grew tobacco for 70 years and was quite a tobaccoist. He found that there are better times than others for harvesting tobacco in order for it to cure nicely and be rich and "waxy." I desire to pass this information to tobacco growers.

In explanation let me say, that tobacco has an oily substance possession. It also has a sap (water) which comes and goes at intervals, during the life of the plant. When the sap rises it runs the oil through the pores of the leaf to the surface where it forms a "gum." Well known to all tobacco growers, oil and water do not mix, and oil being the lighter, is pushed out as explained, and tobacco harvested in his condition will cure badly and be light and worthless when cured. But harvest tobacco when fullest of oil and the sap down it will cure easily, and will be rich and heavy. The oil can not evaporate in the process of curing and remains to give wealth to the tobacco.

I shall be pleased to answer any letters from tobacco growers, provided postage is sent for reply.
Yours truly,
W. H. DAVIS.

Wildcat Division To Hold Reunion At Winston-Salem

The Wildcats are once more on the rampage and from every section of the country the response to the call for the Reunion to be held in Winston-Salem, July 2-5, has been answered by thousands of veterans of this historic Division.

The Reunion will open on Sunday, July 2nd, with memorial services in all of the churches at 11:00 a. m. and the Division memorial services to the honored dead will be held at 3:00 p. m. in Reynolds Memorial Auditorium. A smoker will be held in the Robert E. Lee Hotel on Sunday night. Monday, July 3rd, the convention will get under way with the opening exercises at 9:30 a. m. A business session and unit dinner will be held in the afternoon and a benefit ball game, between Winston-Salem and Wilmington of the Piedmont League, will be held at 7:45 p. m. The Divisional ball and reception will be held at Robert E. Lee Hotel at 10:00 p. m. On Tuesday, July 4th, there will be a patriotic meeting at 9:30 a. m., followed by a general celebration of Independence Day in the afternoon. The Divisional parade and review will be held at 6:00 p. m. and a carnival and dance will be held that night in one of the large tobacco warehouses. On Wednesday, July 5th, the business sessions of the Association will be held and the Reunion will end with a Divisional banquet at the Robert E. Lee Hotel.

All former members of this Division are requested to write to the Reunion headquarters, Robert E. Lee Hotel, Winston-Salem, for full information.

"Did you-all enjoy yourself at the dance last night?" remarked one hill-billy to another.
"I sure did," responded the other. "I licked the fiddler and then took his girl home."

Henry Peck—I can read my wife just like a book.
Friend—Yes, but you can't shut her up like one.

Parent—What reason have you for marrying my daughter?
No reason at all, sir; I'm in love with her.

24 Years Ago in HAYWOOD

(From the file of June 25, 1909.)

Miss Grace Bowles was hostess at a beautiful luncheon last Friday in honor of Miss Florence McGoniglar of Louisville, Ky.

Misses Bessie and Mattie Love entertained at a delightful heart party Wednesday evening complimentary to Miss Emily Campbell, of Asheville, the attractive guest of Miss Josephine Gilmer. The ladies prize was won by Miss Meta Adams. The gentlemen's prize was won by Mr. James Atkins. Punch was served in the dining room by Miss Pearl McGoniglar.

A reception to Mr. H. S. Kirkpatrick and bride was tendered last night at the home of the bride and groom by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kirkpatrick.

The Misses McFadyen delightfully entertained at their home Wednesday night in honor of their home guests Miss Rogemore of Atlanta and Mrs. Webb of Salisbury. In the East parlor the guests enjoyed music and dancing.

Dr. J. R. McCracken was honored last week at the annual meeting of N. C. Medical Society by being chosen one of the delegates to the session of the Association of the Mississippi Valley.

Eagles Nest above the clouds has an attractive ad in this issue. The hotel is filling up with a lot of splendid people.

Miss Lillian Allen who since the commencement at Meredith College spent a month in Belhaven, returned home last Saturday.

22 YEARS AGO IN HAYWOOD

(From the file of June 30, 1911.)

Headlines: Waynesville has Auto Fever—Two New Cars Within Past Month and Others to Follow—Several weeks ago Mr. B. J. Sloan purchased a handsome touring car and last week Dr. R. L. Allen treated himself to a beautiful machine. There are several others who are anticipating the purchase of autos, and it will not be long until they are as numerous on our streets as wagons. When autos are once introduced into a town they become very popular and we predict several of our citizens will be driving gasoline buggies before many months have passed.

Miss Willie Edna McCracken entertained informally Tuesday night in honor of Miss Beryl Bryson.

Mrs. D. D. Perry of Leno, S. C. arrived this week to spend the summer with her father, Mr. C. W. Miller.

Miss Evonia Howell has accepted a position at the post office for the summer and will begin her duties July 1.

Miss Josephine Thomas left this week for Wilmington where she will be the guest of Miss Louise Bunting for a month.

Mrs. W. T. Crawford and Miss Olive Boone attended the meeting of the Ladies Missionary Society of Western North Carolina which convened in Asheville this week.

Miss Bessie Lee entertained with a

dinner party Saturday evening in honor of Miss Beryl Bryson of Murphree.

Misses Isabella and Josephine Dowell, delegates from the Jackson County League of the Methodist church, accompanied by the pastor are attending the State Epworth League Conference at Hickory this week.

The GARDEN CLUB

Quite a number of high school graduates of Western North Carolina school belong to Blanton's Garden Club. These young people are cultivating one to five acres to pay their expenses in Blanton's Business College. Other members of the family often assist them. Blanton's Business College is able to use farm produce including meat, lard eggs, chickens, etc. in its boarding department and can always arrange to accept at market price these supplies to apply on school fees.

You may be interested in taking a piece of ground and raising produce to help on your course. A list of acceptable produce will be sent upon request. Address,

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