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THOUGHTS FOR SERIOUS MOMENTS

Learning by study must be won. 'Twas ne'er emailed from sire to son.—Gay.
He is not only idle who does nothing, but he is also idle who might be better employed.—Socrates.
Happiness grows at our own fireside, and is not to be picked in a stranger's garden.—Ferdoli.
"Economy makes happy homes and sound nations. Instill it deep."—George Washington.

YOUTH AND CRIME

The average citizen has long been fed up on figures and statistics, but recently we gathered some figures that present a sad story, inasmuch as it shows the amount of crime that is committed by the youth of this country.

The average age of the prisoners in this country is 23 years. While forty percent of the crimes committed in the United States are by boys 19 years of age.

Those who have studied the crime situation have come to the conclusion that a general disregard for law and environment is the greatest cause of crime. And when we stop and consider the fact that crime in this country today is costing over twelve billions each year, it is time that serious thought be given to the question—and incidentally an idea of just what constitutes a billion can be had from the comparison that it would take a person 33 years of steady counting to count a billion, if one unit per second were counted.

When we consider the fact that there are now 11,700 prisoners in the United States, we must remember that each of them is costing the tax payers hundreds of dollars each year.

Prison officials, in general, have come to the conclusion that to "make a bad boy worse, send him to prison."

We heard the consulting physician of Sing Sing Prison make the statement before a Rotary convention recently, that during his 35 years of service with the prison that he had never had a prisoner admit that he had been a Boy Scout, and only about six of the many thousands had ever been regular members of a Sunday School class.

Evidently there is remedy for the excess crime in this country—but are we willing to do the most towards curbing it, or do we prefer to continue to pay out huge tax bills towards keeping the prisoners and increasing the law enforcing agencies?

A NOVEL PUBLICITY SCHEME

The publicity committee of the Chamber of Commerce has worked out the plan of Post Card Day for June first, at which time it is hoped that thousands of cards with views of this section will be mailed to all parts of the country. The cost to the individuals will be only twenty cents.

It is the general opinion that the result of such an inexpensive campaign would go a far ways in creating an interest in the community from outside sources. The cost is small, and the returns should be large.

FAITH IN HIS COMMUNITY

An example of faith in the community and in the future business, was expressed by J. E. Massie, when he made the announcement that he would begin immediately on a new \$40,000 theatre here. The theatre will be a credit to any town twice the size of this, and certainly there can be no greater faith in one's community than to provide a business twice the size of the town's needs.

Mr. Massie is not the type of business man who hurriedly makes a decision, and this makes it all the more gratifying that such an undertaking is being started. His faith is based on facts carefully weighed and given due consideration.

VERY INCONSIDERATE

There is little doubt but what the present generation is the most inconsiderate of all, and as a rule, almost everyone is guilty of the offense.

Most of us wait until the last minute to get things done and then wonder why the service or salesmen were not up to par. The majority of the people have their cars washed on Saturday, thus over-working the service stations. A large percent of the people buy their week's supply of groceries on Saturday, which makes it hard on grocerymen. And the barbers are usually forced to work twice as hard on Saturday as any other day.

And when it is boiled down, it will be found that it is just a bad habit of waiting until the last minute to get things done.

And we are as guilty of this as anyone, in that we broke everyone of the above rules last week. But have decided that we'll get more for our money by avoiding the rush hours. Perhaps you'll agree with us that it will be worth trying.

CHANGING WAYNESVILLE'S APPEARANCE

A number of people have remarked of the changes that have been made in the appearance of Waynesville during the past few months by the extensive clean-up, paint-up campaign, and we might also include, the "tear-down" campaign.

It only takes a comparatively small bit of work on the part of every one to make a big difference in the looks of a community, and we believe that those who have put forth some effort along this line during the past are now proud of their work.

The campaign is not over—in fact it has just begun, and we believe that with the constant going after the dirt and old buildings that Waynesville will eventually be a "new" town.

THE EDITOR'S BEATITUDES

"Blessed are the merchants who advertise because they believe in it and their business; for their prosperity shall increase many fold.

"Blessed are the country correspondents who send in their well written items every week; for fame of their friendly neighbors shall go abroad in the land.

"Blessed is the woman who sends in a written account of a party or wedding, for she shall see the details of the function and the names of guests correctly reported.

"Blessed are those who do not expect the editor to know everything, but who call up and tell him whenever an interesting event occurs to them for they shall have a newsy paper in their town.

"Blessed are they who get their copy in early; for they shall occupy a warm place in the editor's heart.

"Blessed are those who co-operate with the editor in his efforts in behalf of the community; for their town shall be known far and wide as a good place in which to live."—Cherryville (Kan.) Republican.

APPRECIATION OF NATURE

It was only a few years ago that the people of the United States were living in close, everyday communion with the birds, wild flowers and other wild life. That was before Americans became predominantly city dwellers and before the little wild things had been crowded into a few isolated corners of the country, if not exterminated or nearly so.

But with the massing of a large proportion of the population in cities and towns has come a keener appreciation of the simple joys of nature, of which so many have been deprived by conditions of modern life.

Humanity long believed all birds were parasites and of no good to man until many of the most valuable winged creatures were extinct. Where there were once laws forcing farmers to kill a certain number of birds each year and offering bounties for all birds slaughtered, there are today laws prohibiting the killing of many different kinds of birds.

There was a time when the United States was a veritable fairyland of wild flowers, but today so destructive has been the progress of commerce and agriculture and so zealous have been the vandals that state legislatures have found it expedient to forbid the picking of wildflowers along public highways and to outlaw the taking of plants, their leaves or blossoms, whether cultivated or in the wild state, from private or public lands.

So intensely interested in nature are the multitudes today that they annually buy millions of books and crowd natural museums and zoological gardens to read about and see the very flowers they are crushing under foot and animals they were wantonly slaughtering but a brief span of years back.—Ex.

CIVIC LOYALTY

Those who think and count the cost—trade at home

Two-Minute Sermon
By Thomas Hastwell

THE GIFT OF TALENT is an interesting story in the New Testament known as the Parable of the Talent. As a rule, the man who is given a talent and made then to trade it with larger reward, is the man who buried his talent, and is deprived of any reward. The man who is rewarded as he had the talent and developed his talent, and is able to teach anything, it is the responsibility of a man to use the talent he possesses. The ability carries with it the responsibility of developing and increasing the talent, whatever they may be. It tells us plainly that the talent we are given will bring to us other opportunities and other talents, and that one talent neglected may be deprived of even the one talent. How true. How many times have we seen an all sides hundreds of examples of testing the truth of this parable. The more diligent the effort, the greater the reward. The individual who fritters away his life with little petty things of no consequence will never realize the reward that comes to the man who chooses something worth while and puts his life and soul on it. If we expect large rewards, we must think big things and plan big things and work for big things.

Random SIDE GLANCES
By W. CURTIS RUSS

A husband is one who sets the alarm for 6:30 and rises like the rottenest kind of baking powder.

After he's done the wife has built the fire, he gets out of bed. Maerth hubbies don't object to women making it hot for them.

He stretches and walks to the bathroom for his morning shave. Razor gone. He yells down stairs and tells the wife the baby should cut teeth during office hours and not before.

But as usual, he finds the same night where he put it, and reaches the breakfast table thirty minutes later with a new face and a hundred per cent zrouch.

Only three minutes to get to the office, and everything goes as the devil. Blankety—blank—blank—meow . . . Lawyer step right up with the divorce papers.

He winds up with a rotten orange and swears he'll murder the first vendor he meets. The wife helps him on with his coat when she feels like helping him with her big toe.

Friend husband rushes to the front door and the wife tackles him below the knees. Wait! cries she, "How about the house money?" "Bre-r" says he, "you're too darned extravagant. I'm going to ride to the office in a taxi."

Thus ends the first chapter of what could have been a double murder.

On the way to the office he stops at the florist and buys flowers for the stenog. "Ah," says his conscience, "That's where the grocery money goes."

He spends the morning opening circular letters and showing the stenog how to write long hand with short fingers.

About 11:30 the phone rings and the wife desires to know what time he will be home for dinner. He says around twelve, so she sets the table about two.

Arriving back at the office about three, friend husband spends the remainder of the day smoking dollar cigars and trying to reduce the family expense account.

After closing hours he pulls his "overworked" frame in the front door and removes his shoes. . . no wonder women leave home.

(At a later date, if I can muster up courage, the other side of this picture will be presented.)

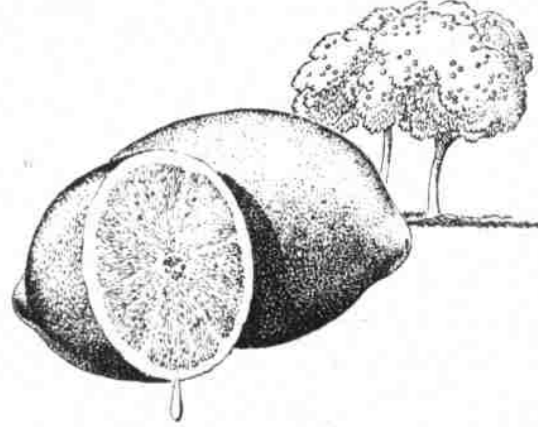
This is being typed on a new typewriter, so none of the stuff should be stale, eh, what? Not that the typewriter is mine. . . it isn't. . . but just a loan until the old mill can be repaired and brought back from the typewriter hospital. . .

Would you ever believe it, but Tom Rainer once told a lightning rod salesman that he would buy some rods for his house, but that he had religion and didn't feel the need of making the investment. . .

What has become of the salesman who used to sell rods, anyway?

24 Years Ago in HAYWOOD

(From the files of May 26, 1911.)
Mr. Robert Osborne made a business trip to Asheville on Monday.
Mr. Charlie Owen, of Dellwood, was in town on business Saturday.
Mr. Lindsey Whatton, of Cruso, is spending several days in town as the guest of friends.
Mrs. S. C. Satterthwaite has returned from a visit to friends in Asheville.
Mrs. J. E. Clarke returned Wednesday from LaFayette, Ga., where she has been on an extended visit to relatives.
Mr. Dan Tompkins has returned from Wake Forest College where he has been a student the past winter.
Miss Mary Davis has gone to Asheville to complete her business course at the Asheville Business College.
Mrs. J. W. Reed and children will arrive tomorrow from New York City where they have been the guests of relatives.
Misses M. J. J. and Helen Briggs will arrive on Monday from Bristol, Va., where they have been students at the Virginia Institute.
Mr. Hugh Abel has returned from Weaverville College where he attended school the past year.
Mrs. W. C. Allen has gone to Raleigh where she went to attend the commencement exercises at Meredith College.
Miss Ellen Smathers arrived Thursday from Montgomery, Ala., where she has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. T. Bartlett.
The Kenmore is receiving a fresh coat of paint which will make it already attractive and inviting appearance of this popular hostelry.
The ladies of the Methodist church are having a rummage sale at the old First National Bank building. Ice cream, cake and candy will be served. Great bargains will be offered.
One of the most elaborate and expensive soda fountains ever brought to Western North Carolina has recently been installed in the Annex Pharmacy. This fountain will do credit to any city.



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Your Horoscope

May 27, 28, 29, 30, 31. You are somewhat conceited and generally well satisfied with yourself. You love to mix with, and have great regard for people of wealth. You are very fond of flattery, which is not always good for you. You like social or public work if you can be conspicuous in it. Your affections do not run very deep outside your family.
JUNE 1, 2. You are quiet, faithful and loving, with a faculty of finding some satisfaction in any and every condition. You are fond of your home and family and would sacrifice your convenience and comfort for them if necessary. You have periods of deep depression but do not make a public exhibition of them.