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THOUGHTS FOR SERIOUS MOMENTS

Blessed is he who has found his work, let him ask no other blessedness. He has a work, a life purpose, he has found it and will follow it.—Carlyle.
Be silent always when you doubt your sense; and speak, though sure, with seeming diffidence.—Pope.

FOUR THINGS THAT NEED ATTENTION

Now that the summer season is entering the last thirty days, it might be well for the county at large to begin thinking on a program for community activity for the fall and winter months. Some well defined program, with a definite goal, would be well worth while during the coming months.

Right off hand, we have four things in mind that need immediate attention. Probably the first should be the matter of WPA projects.

Thus far we know of no project that has been approved for this county, maybe none have been requested, but it is a matter of concern and importance that we benefit in this program. We learned from an authority that Haywood is entitled to 65,000 man-hours per month for the next eleven and a half months, provided the projects are worked up and sent in. Now that many hours a month going to waste is something worthy of serious consideration. As we understand it, the money is set up for this work, and its just a matter of getting the right kind of projects to get our share.

Another problem confronting the county right now is the disposition of the closed furniture factory at Hazelwood, which belongs to the county. Efforts have been, and are being made to get interested parties to make offers for operation, but to date no definite plan has been decided upon.

There is a possibility of creating in that closed plant work for some 100 men, with a weekly payroll of around \$15,000 or \$20,000. Right now indications are that outside parties will have to be sought.

A third part of the proposed program could profitably be beautification—not only in the towns but the county as well. Right now is not too early to begin this program. Sooner or later we will be forced into it if we are to continue to cater to visitors, because that is one of the essentials of a "well balanced tourist town."

And for immediate work, the Haywood County Fair is a matter of serious consideration. Every effort is being made by the officials to restore the Haywood County Fair of the days of old, and this year will determine to a great extent whether this will be a feasible undertaking, or not.

So, as we see it, the four major points worthy of serious attention this fall and winter are: WPA projects; disposition of the furniture factory; county-wide beautification program, and getting behind the fair officials.

There might be others just as worthy.

THE ANNUAL DAHLIA SHOW

Waynesville, the home of the dahlia, will show to the public next Tuesday, why so much pride is taken in the growing and showing of the large and soul-inspiring flower.

It is a known fact that scores of visitors remain over for the annual show, and that others come for miles to attend.

Each year the growers try to go themselves one better in making the displays better than the year before, and as the result, there has been a constant improvement among the flowers as well as the show.

If possible, the event of the show should be made a gala affair here. Asheville takes advantage of the rhododendron blossoms, and needless to say, we have many more advantages than they if we would push the dahlia equally as hard.

LABOR DAY

Plants in Western North Carolina will close Monday, September 2, for the observance of Labor Day, with most of the activities centering around Canton, where a well planned, and interesting program has been arranged.

Owners of the plants, and their co-workers, will "take the day off" to mingle in fellowship with each other and enjoy the day in general.

Few places in the country can boast of a group of industries where owners and workers have as much in common as here in Western North Carolina. Both groups work harmoniously with each other for mutual good, and it is to this end that has made what industries we have in this area come under the column of "thriving."

The attitude of both groups is to be commended, and may it long continue thus.

SO-CALLED "SPORT"

The "wild and woolly west" has always been looked to for new innovations. It has them galore. Here is one. They recently had in Oklahoma City, what they called "good, clean and harmless fun." Somebody put an assortment of venomous insects, including the recently publicized black widow spider, in a glass to see which would survive. Just to give the experiment an intellectual cast, a cockroach was admitted. At last accounts the tarantulas, scorpions and centipedes had fallen victims to one another or the spider, while the roach by nimbleness of wit and foot had survived.

There ought to be a perfectly grand moral in this: Something about might not always making right, and the race not always being to the swift—the roach having but six legs compared with the eight to fifty of his opponents.

But somehow the thought persists that the two-legged insect who devised the contest ought to be locked up in a chamber full of cobras, tigers and wasps say, just for the fun of it, too.—Morganton News-Herald.

Driving on tires that have worn to a point where but a few frail cords separate the highway paving from the inner tube is dangerous economy. Saving the price of a new tire, or a complete new set of tires until one of them gives way completely is just another form of insanity.—Mooresville Enterprise.

Cornfield Philosophy

PROFESSIONALISM

According to Dr. Glenn Frank, professionalism has its disadvantages. Yes, and the Cornfield Philosopher believes that this long continued academic preparation is also somewhat at fault in this day of mass education. Chiefly so because it never stops long enough to "take stock" nor give boys and girls a chance to find out what they can do.

The idea of keeping a boy who is going to make a lawyer or preacher in college until he gets his degree, in the meantime giving him little or no time for practice or apprenticeship in his chosen profession, is not altogether sound. Young men and women should be given the opportunity to first find out what they can best do. "Learn to do by doing" could be profitably applied to more trades and professions today than farming, printing and merchandising.

It is unfortunate that apprenticeships are no longer required in most of the trades and professions. Time once was—the writer can remember it, when schooling was stressed less and practice and apprenticeship much more than today. Perhaps the best thing that can be said about getting in all the practice we can, while studying the theory in school, is that it helps young men and women to "discover" themselves, to find out by actual practice whether they are fitted for their chosen profession or not.

Many a young man has started out to "make" a preacher and, with fond parents backing him with their all, has gone through the schools only to find out when he got into the work that he couldn't "preach a lick", or rather the people found it out for him. And the same is true of lawyers. There are men "practicing a little law" today who would have made good at something else had they only discovered themselves in time.

Just think of the time, talent and money that could be saved if our schools of law, theology, etc., would only formulate a plan whereby students could have more practice and less theory! Thereby helping bewildered, unsettled boys and girls to first find out what they are best fitted for—certainly to find out what they are not fitted for.

"THE LETTER KILLETH"

I believe it was Paul who with reference to the law of the Pharisees, declared that "the letter killeth." And this truth has more than one meaning and application. It can also be applied to our modern system of schools and colleges. The practice of going to school continuously, year after year, stuffing, stuffing, analyzing, theorizing with little opportunity for practice, tends to crush the spirit of normal youth. The greatest service the schools can render is to first help the youth of our land to "discover themselves," i.e. first find their calling, and then train them for it. This they are neglecting too much to do.

THE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

By stressing vocational study more in the high schools, much of the abuse mentioned above could be corrected. Really, this is where the vocational school should get in its best work, during high school age. School men have seen the great need of this vocational instruction and practice at this age, and are now making room for business courses, agriculture, mechanical and home making classes, beginning at the 8th grade. Our own Waynesville high school was one of the first in the state to recognize this need; and now we have courses in Business, Home Economics and Agriculture that would be a credit to larger schools.



Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. CURTIS RUSS

Not that it matters, but it was 85 weeks ago that this column was started. Eighty-five times have I pecked out this "pile" of hits and misses—how time flies.

Friday morning I played the part of a tourist—that is, I assumed the role in my imagination—in that I went to about ten hotels and boarding houses on a civic matter.

At each place, I tried to feel that I too was "up for the summer" and glanced around to see what impressed me most. I tried to forget that I knew anything locally. I was a total stranger.

At the Dunham House a young lady was making arrangements for a trip to Chimney Rock, and the display of enthusiasm thrilled me to the point where I wanted to up and go along. Others were talking about a hike here, a trip there, or something outstanding there, and really, it was interesting.

And before I forget it, have you ever wondered how the town would look if it were built some other way than what is it. I have a number of times, and the best way to get an idea of how it would look if turned exactly around, just look in the rear view mirror of your car.

Last week when the weather was a little "unusual" I told Miss Sylla Davis and S. H. Bushnell, who suffer with the heat during those "unusual" spells in their office over this on, that they might cool each other off by telling ghost stories—many a chill has raced down my spine while hearing such tales.

But I doubt if they've tried that method to keep cool as yet. Neither have been seen wearing winter coats.

Dan Watkins told a group last week that while in school he acquired the habit, along with all the other students, of locking their dessert when first going to the table in order that no one else would grab it later.

I just learned where the first baby born in the Haywood Hospital is now living—in Chicago. A real boy, too. His first name is Haywood. If things pan out, we'll have his likeness, etc. soon.

Incidentally, the lad's father, Mr. Miller, and Dr. Nick Medford went bear hunting some years ago, and somehow managed to kill a bear, but seven miles from the car. After helping carry the bear the seven miles, Mr. Miller remarked: "The next time I kill a bear, its going to be in the middle of the road."

A number of people have been interested in knowing who drew the likeness of Uncle Abe. It was none other than his daughter, and he posed for the picture—but between you and I, he spiced two cigars together for the picture. He never owned one that long in his life.)

Is it necessary for the girls who are working their way through college (?) selling magazines, to get right in your face to spill their line of sales talk?

It is not often that I have a menu printed in the "unknown language" thrust upon me, but it seems that they are a nuisance—few people can read 'em, and the rest of us have to take pot luck in getting one of the six things we can eat, and as the old farmer said "I'm ag'n it"

A pitiful sight is to see a man chewing tobacco in a crowd, and nowhere to spit, or should I say expectorate?

A home without flowers looks like "all" is not there—few things are as inexpensive as flowers, yet they add so much.

First lawyer: "You're a cheat."
Second lawyer: "You're a liar."
Presiding judge: "Now that these two attorneys have identified each other, we will proceed with the case."

Two-Minute Sermon

By Thomas Hastwell

HE PURPOSED IN HIS HEART—

Young Daniel had been brought a captive of war to the palace of the king Nebuchadnezzar at Babylon. Instead of being subjected to the hard cruel treatment usually accorded a slave, which Daniel has every right to expect, he was notified that he with a number of others had been set apart for special training and instruction, and that he would be fed with meat from the king's table. The circumstances were such that it would have been easy for this young man, many miles from home, among strangers, to accede to the wishes of the king and to have partaken of the king's meat and wine. No one would have been the wiser. Why brook the king's displeasure and run chances of being assigned to the usual hard and cruel lot of a common slave? The temptation was strong, but Daniel did not hesitate or waver. He purposed in his heart. All of the success, all of the honor that came to Daniel in his eventful life came because of his ability to purpose in his heart, to set his mind resolutely to the right. This might well be a text or a plan for every young man's life. With such a plan any young man can go far. Today more than ever before in the history of the human race is there need for men with the courage and the strength of purpose to "purpose in their hearts."

Marriages

(As Recorded to Monday Noon of this Week)

- Cletus Moore to Nora Bryant, both of Leicester.
- Clarence Trull, of Cruso, to Thelma Green, of Canton.
- Harold Pressley to Eula Whitmire, both of Canton.
- Marion Green, of Waynesville, to Zannie Burgess, of Cove Creek.
- Walter O. Neil to Annie Hooper, both of Cruso.
- Fred Thompson to Celia Limey, both of Clyde.

24 Years Ago in HAYWOOD

(From the File of August 29, 1911)

Mr. Lawrence Walker, of Cranston spent Monday in town on business.

Mr. Hilliard Adams recently purchased a Metz runabout.

Mr. Jarvis Coman, of Tuscola, spent Saturday in town on business.

Mrs. James R. Boyd, Jr., of Jonathan's Creek, spent Saturday in town shopping.

Blackwell-Bushnell has purchased two-passenger runabout.

Miss Meta Adams, of Raleigh, arrived on Monday for a visit to her mother, Mrs. McD. Adams.

Miss Eva Howell, of Shelby, is visiting her parents at their home on Jonathan's Creek.

Mr. T. L. Gwyn and his guest, Mr. C. C. Middleton, are spending several days in town.

Mr. Charles Knight is spending several weeks as the guest of his mother, Miss Louise and Miss Gertrude Jackson, of Lenoir City, Tenn., the guests of relatives.

Miss Sarah Staples, of Redsville, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. S. Bushnell.

Mr. Charles Adams, of Oklahoma City, arrived on Saturday on a visit to his parents.

Miss Lillian Allen has returned from a visit to Miss Lulu Dimmock, her home in Bryson City.

Supt. W. C. Allen and Col. W. Hannah last week attended the meeting of the General Encampment of Odd Fellows of North Carolina. Prof. Allen was the general patron and the presiding officer.

One of the prettiest parties of the season was the bridge given by Mr. Joe Graves at the Graves Farm on Wednesday afternoon, compliments to Mrs. Frank Kinsey and Mr. Charles Ferguson, house guests of Mrs. S. T. Graves.

The secretary of the Haywood County Fair informs us that the management is making every effort to have better farm and stock exhibits, better attractions and a better fair in every way. The air ship, of the flying machine is a much talked of instrument now a days, and its feats are attracting the world and provoking its applause. The management of the fair is now working to have one of these man birds to give exhibitions during the fair and the indications are that the efforts now being made will prove successful.

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