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**RURAL ELECTRIFICATION**

The information that there is a strong possibility of Watauga county receiving the manifold benefits of rural electrification, with the Federal government furnishing the fiscal impetus, constitutes news of outstanding importance. If understanding is correct the REA is now ready to take definite action on projects, where sufficient public interest warrants.

Congressman Doughton is intensely interested in Watauga county sharing in the benefits of the valuable program, and largely through his auspices a meeting has been arranged, which will be held in Boone on September 1, for the purpose of disseminating information as regards REA and for the gauging of local sentiment in regard to the proposed activity. The Democrat would urge general attendance at this meeting, particularly of rural residents, in order that the program may be formulated and definite action secured at the earliest possible moment.

Other counties and sections are making notable headway in this endeavor, and if Wataugas fail to share in this highly valuable work of the Federal government, the fault will lie at home. Incalculable benefits will ensue from a general electrification program. The means of securing just this has been placed in our hands, without jeopardizing any portion of our respective personal fortunes. All that is needed is an active and coordinated interest in the matter.

**Fireside Philosophy**

(By C. M. Dickson)

A small barrel may have a large bung-hole.

A man can go ahead and still be a fool.

When a nation is horn of idolatry, he true God will manifest Himself automatically.

A man thinks very little of himself who does not think that he is bigger than a lot of other people.

If the ordinary man's will power were as great as his won't power, the world would move in a geometrical progression.

Figuratively speaking, many men actually die before the breath leaves their bodies.

Some men in this world drink from golden vessels, but in the world to come they will need no vessels from which to drink.

Zacchaeus, though low in statue, did erect a high standard.

A "tender-foot" should shoe himself or not travel, where there are thorns.

A thought, like a woman, may be clothed in several dresses.

It is never wrong to do right.

Hereditaments form the real basis for existence, while environment is the vehicle on which it reaches its destination.

Frequently there is just one difference between the man who bucks for principle and the one who bucks against it—the former is "crossed" and the latter is crowned.

The really "modern" high school and college does at least one thing for the girls and boys—it makes them sleep longer of a morning.

If a man is a leader and is leading in the right way, he should go fast enough to keep out of the way of his followers.

The spread of democracy cannot be entrusted to those who are opposed to its principles.

Not every one who wakes up some morning with a capacity to hollow loud is called to preach.

The will power is the vehicle on which most of the other mental faculties are transported.

**OPEN FORUM**

Readers are invited to contribute to this department. Profit may be derived from these letters. Name of writer must accompany all manuscript and brevity is urged.

**AGREES WITH MR. WARD**

Editor Watauga Democrat: I notice in your paper of August 6th a letter from Mr. Marshall P. Ward, which I think deserves careful consideration from the citizens of Watauga County, particularly that part of his letter with reference to the school system of our county.

I don't have any children at the present time to send to school, but I have grandchildren who will soon be in school and I am vitally interested in them and the other children of my community and of the county at large, and for that reason I am asking that you give me a little space in your paper to give expression to a few thoughts.

As I understand it, our government was founded upon the theory that the citizens should have some voice in the government and something to say about the officials who governed. Under the school system that prevailed in Watauga County and in the state of North Carolina for a long period of time the only qualification required of a school teacher was that he be a man of good moral character and that he have sufficient education to instruct the children in his district who were of school age, and in the selection of a teacher for a school district the patrons of the school were always consulted and given an opportunity to express their preferences with reference to the teacher, and no one was employed who was unsatisfactory to a majority of the patrons in the community.

I have watched with some concern the continual encroachment by the Board of Education and its appointees upon the rights and privileges of the citizens of the county for the past few years, and I feel that it is time that the citizens were demanding that they receive some consideration at the hands of the Board of Education and the school committee of Watauga County.

In my own community the school committeemen are selected by the Board of Education without the wishes of the patrons of the school being considered in the least, and then they select teachers who are satisfactory to themselves without regard for the wishes of the rest of the patrons of the school.

In my own school district I happen to know that all the patrons of the school, number about 150, except four or five, have signed a petition asking for the removal of the principal of our school, and I am reliably informed that no consideration whatever has been given their request.

The thing I would like to know is whether or not the citizens of Watauga County have any rights whatever in regard to the public schools of the county, or are we to be forced to send our children to school to persons selected for us without our consent and without regard for their moral and professional qualifications? I think with Mr. Ward that it is time the people of Watauga County were coming to a realization of what is taking place in this county and that they take some action to try to protect their rights.

Mr. Ward, from what I have already stated, I think you can see that Laurel Creek Township is not the only section of Watauga County that has cause for complaint against our present school system.

Very truly,  
E. W. MORETZ.

**POLL TAX AND DOG LAW**

Dear Mr. Editor: Will you please allow me space to let the folks know where I stand? I am in favor of a \$2 poll tax law, and a dog tax law that will make every dog owner pay the tax or release the dogs from tax.

Mr. Hardin has been vaccinating dogs down here. The vaccination was just like tax—lots of the folks failed to have the work done just like they failed to list and pay. A law not enforced is not a law.

I hope to live to see the relief stop. It has made lots of good folks lie and has made rascals out of more folks and made lazy people out of hard-working people. The relief has made debts for poor people to pay, who did not get relief.

A law that would force men to pay \$2 poll tax and a dog tax of 50 cents collected would be worth more to Watauga county than \$3.70 poll and \$1 and \$2 dog tax, one-half collected. I am in favor of every man being treated alike in tax. I would like for our tax collector to see if he could get some of the poll tax besides that on the land. Just as long as the poll tax dodger and dog tax dodger are let to get by, they will. I know that we could have a law that would make one man the same as another, walk up and pay his due to the law and tax collector.

Go to the courthouse and look at 1933, 1934 and 1935 tax books and you will see what is wrong. I wish everybody would get busy and see if we could have an equalized law passed that would treat every man and woman alike.

WILL CARROLL  
Triplet, N. C.

**Bruce Barton Says . . .**

**Hometowns Question Success**  
There is a certain little cross-roads hamlet which in all its history has produced just one famous man. A visitor parked his car in front of the general store one day and having made a small purchase, sat down on the steps beside a grizzled old resident.

"Come from the East?" the veteran asked. "New York?" The visitor nodded. "Ever hear of a feller named Sam Smith?"

"If you mean Dr. Samuel Smith," said the visitor, "why everybody has heard of him. He's one of the famous surgeons of the world."

"So they tell me, so they tell me," the old settler ruminated. "They tell me he has a private chauffeur and makes thousands of dollars a year. Can't hardly believe it, myself. Seems like there must be some mistake. People in New York ain't so smart as they're supposed to be, I guess. Why, I knew Sam Smith when he used to run around this here town with his pants held up by one suspender."

An interesting treatise could be written about the astigmatism of the home town. It seldom can see the full stature of its famous son because its vision is blurred by memories of the insignificant boy. The Great Teacher went back to Nazareth "where he had been brought up." He had attracted crowds in Jerusalem, performed mighty words, but the hometown met him with a sneering skepticism. In Springfield, Illinois, there were stubborn folks who contended up to the very end that Abraham Lincoln was over-rated.

The home town answer, in most instances, has been one of doubt. The home town never can quite forget that it knew him when he used to have his pants held up by only one suspender.

**Success in "Second" Mile**  
A sermon which sticks in my memory was preached from the text: "Whosoever shall compel thee to go with him one mile, go with him twain."

This seemingly absurd injunction, said the preacher, is actually the secret formula for successful living. Who is the man who gets ahead in business? It is he who, being compelled by the rules to travel the first mile, voluntarily adds a second—the mile of over-time, extra thought, and added effort. Who are the couples who enjoy happy marriages? Those who, having sworn to travel the first compulsory mile of fidelity and financial support, gladly add the second mile of thoughtfulness, tenderness, and mutual respect.

A friend had a very sick child, and his own physician, baffled and worried, advised calling in one of the most famous consultants in New York. The consultant is a quiet, assured man, well over sixty years of age, and it took him only a few minutes to make his diagnosis and prescribe a treatment under which the child began immediately to improve.

My friend said to the doctor: "How in the world does he do it?" To which the doctor replied: "That man has had one of the best consulting practices in New York for twenty-five years. His annual income must have been around \$100,000. But all that time, and right up to now, he sees patients only half a day. The afternoons he spends in the hospitals, going through was from bed to bed, studying every case. The result is that where one of us sees a dozen cases of a certain type in a year, or even in a life-time, he sees a thousand. Another man, having reached the heights of the profession, might have settled back and been content with his big fees. This man studies harder today than any one of us."

Traveling the first mile diligently, a man can make a living; it is the second mile that makes success.

**The Family Doctor**

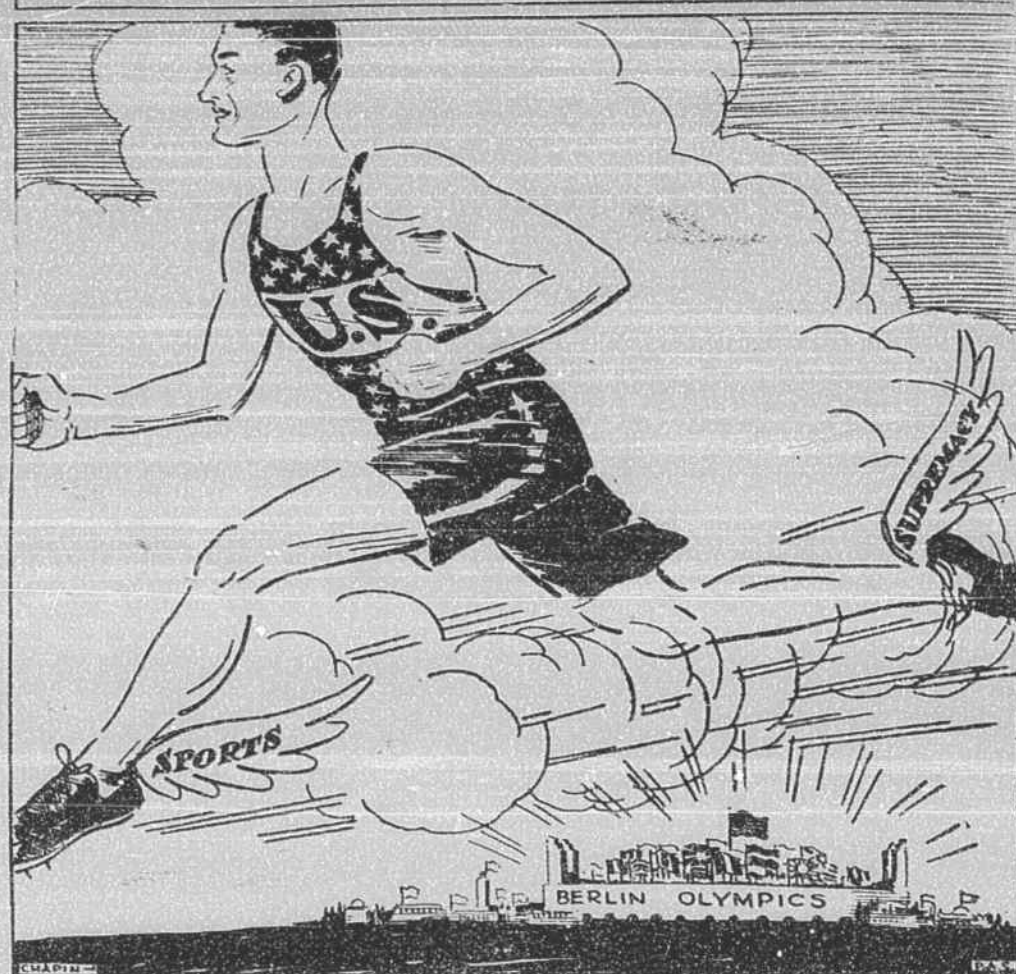
By DR. JOHN JOSEPH GAINES

**NO REASON TO FEAR WORK**

Regular, legitimate toil never harmed any one. We often hear of "overwork" being a cause of breakdown mentally and physically, but when we look carefully into the matter, we find the victim, long prior to his invalidism, wrecked the machinery of his body by improper feeding, irregular sleep, and unsympathetic exercise. Can you imagine a tubby, swivel-chair, club-ridden gormandizer, getting exercise from a ride in an upholstered automobile, and three hours a week devoted to panting around a fancy golf course, where he does his heavy-ballasted carcass more harm than good? Wouldn't you think he is about fifteen or more years too late with his "exercise?" There is no hope of long life for that sort of man—absolutely none! He is in danger every moment he exists.

One thing our city business men should remember: There is a vast difference between "good business" and right living. My idea is, there is nothing that pays quite so well as a rigorous adherence to proper care

*Wings Over Europe* — by A. B. CHAPIN



of the body. It is a shame that we violate every law of diet, sleep and exercise—die young—and put the blame on overwork. Does Providence remove the man that commits suicide?

I knew a man who worked in a stone-quarry on his farm until he was near eighty. "A freak," you say. No, you are the freak! This man ate regularly; when tired, he rested. He had his full allotment of fresh air; he slept eight hours every night; he ate just what he wanted and no more. He died at eighty-two—and he didn't die of overwork. His was a perfectly natural death.

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8 p. m., worship and sermon led by the pastor.

Teachers and friends who have been with us during the summer, we follow you with our prayers and best wishes.

Revival at Meat Camp this week, Rev. J. C. Canipe, Rev. W. C. Payne and Mr. A. E. Moretz teaching. All are welcome and invited.

J. C. CANIPE.

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