

NORTH CAROLINIAN IN FRANCE SUGGESTS WIDER FIELD FOR "Y"

W. Rea Parker Thinks It Should Be Made To Answer In American Life To the Social Cafe In French Life—Would Have It A Place Much More Sought After Than It Is and For Human Reasons

Observing ways of living in France and Germany, W. Rea Parker, of Goldsboro, who is still with the colors in the central records office at Bourges, France, writes home an interesting letter in which he takes the view that certain changes in the conduct of the Young Men's Christian Associations of America should be made to make them more responsive to the social needs of the times.

Even though we go one step further in our Y. M. C. A.'s than the French do in their cafes and club religious programs, periodicals, amusements and indoor athletics to those established places of leisure, we, nevertheless, substitute an artificial bid for the time and interest of our young men in place of the natural expression of temperance found in the French manner of life.

You know, father, there is much beauty in the French life, despite the oft-repeated and shallow criticism to the contrary. There is markedly absent from it the hurry and bustle so prevalent among our own people.

I have observed them, too, at their drinking and admitted them for the moderation that they display. I have noticed with appreciation what a source of conviviality it affords them, and it reminds me of the symposium of the ancient Greeks, or of the tea-houses of early England, at one time the fountain of her national thought.

During my stay in Germany I frequently visited after supper a quiet cafe here and there over the city and observed the men and women who would drop in for a quiet hour or so over a glass of beer, a game of cards and the sociability that the occasion afforded.

In America no such benefits as these emanate from our public drinking places; but, instead, just the reverse. It may all be attributed to the impetuosity and nervous temperament of the American people.

I observe every time I walk down town after supper the habit which the French have of dropping into a quiet

citizenship, to which I should like to see it apply itself more. Citizenship is a bigger, fuller, richer word today than ever before in the world's history.

While the moving picture show in America enjoys an enormous patronage, such patronage leads to effects that are as detrimental as they are beneficial. If America is not yet to go entirely dry, personally I can see no objection to the serving of beer in the Y. M. C. A.'s in those States which show clearly their desire to retain this form of drink.

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something different, and it was "something different that his nervous temperament desired." Then isn't it evident how blank the appeal of the "Y" must be to the American under its present conditions? It does not afford sufficient national interest to a sufficient number of people.

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observation, and make of itself an offering limited in membership and usefulness only by its capacity to take care of its patronage.

I know of no communal gathering places in history that did not have their drink of one kind or another. There is something decidedly sociable about drinking with one or more others.

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if even beer takes the count, soft drinks can readily substitute for same.

Granted, then, that our Y. M. C. A.'s should be of just such a nature as I have indicated they should be, you would find added to their present limited attractions, one of a universal, positive nature.

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able. The orders for these goods were placed as soon as the blockade against Germany was lifted.

Too many mistake their faults for misfortune.

appetizing POMPEIAN OLIVE OIL "always fresh"

The Choice of Good Housekeepers Sold Everywhere

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MURIEL CIGAR advertisement featuring a woman's portrait and text: 'There is no better CIGAR. For Quality, For Taste, For Value. 10c—2 for 25c—15c. CARTER-COLTON CIGAR CO., Distributors, Charlotte, N. C.'

BROOMS at a Reduction advertisement: 'Quality Unsurpassed for the Price. THOMAS H. BRIGGS & SONS, Raleigh, N. C. THE BIG HARDWARE MEN'

TOBACCO HABIT DANGEROUS advertisement: 'says Doctor Connor, formerly of Johns Hopkins hospital. Thousands of men suffering from fatal diseases would be in perfect health today were it not for the deadly drug Nicotine.'

Hudson-Belk Co. advertisement: 'The Home of Lowest Prices. Offers many opportunities for this week's shoppers to take a short cut on high prices. Specials in Toilet Goods for Hot Days and Necessary Use. Includes price list for Pebecco Tooth Paste, Colgate's Talcum Powders, etc.'

SORE, ITCHING BROKEN-OUT SKIN NEEDS POSLAM advertisement: 'If there are any raw, broken-out places on your skin that burn, itch and aggravate apply Poslam right on them—it cannot harm—and enjoy its benefits which are yours so easily.'

BRINGING UP FATHER comic strip by Bud Fisher. Panels show characters talking about parties, money, and social interactions.

MUTT AND JEFF—Jeff's Policy Is To Look Out After Number One comic strip by Bud Fisher. Panels show characters talking about money, jobs, and social interactions.