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Zebulon Wakes Up About Its Dead

From time to time one hears remarks and movements to do something about the local cemetery. The result usually is that the drive-ways have some ruts filled, the lots get the grass removed and perhaps a few shrubs or bushes are set. Within a year all is to be done over again. The location and drainage is such that if terracing and other permanent work is not done soon it will be only a question of time when the graves themselves will be exposed if not washed away.

The lots have been bought at a high price, we are told, for the quality and location of land with no assumption of either temporary or perpetual upkeep on the part of the seller. Each purchaser is responsible for the care of his lot. When he dies or relatives disappear, no one is responsible for the care of any lot in the cemetery. The situation is such that something definite ought to be done about the matter. But whose business is it? The Woman's Club is again trying to interest the community in perfecting permanent plans for a city cemetery. Under present conditions it seems the town refuses to assume any responsibility.

Some one has suggested that the town buy several acres adjacent to the cemetery, but we understand that the owner will not sell or at least not at a reasonable price. A more practical suggestion is that a new location be secured by the town and let it become responsible for the upkeep of the new cemetery. The town owns property to the south of Zebulon that might be used, or land there might be bought at a reasonable price. If this were done, many would remove the bodies of their dead from the present burial place and probably most permanent residents would purchase a family plot. Any way, **The Record** agrees with the ladies that something ought to be done. We are backing the women wholeheartedly in this important move that should have been made long ago.

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Filling A Country Woodbox

The message re-printed below came to us on two pages of a pamphlet from the Mergenthaler Linotype Company. It is so nearly what we should like to say and so well said that we are

glad to share it with our readers. We think it will help us and it may help you.

In an old farmhouse a big woodbox was built at the side of the huge fireplace chimney in which to keep wood either for a fireplace or the wood-burning kitchen stove. Ten baskets of wood are required to fill it.

During the past summer two different men have had the job of keeping the kitchen supplied with wood. The first man brought in wood only when he was asked to do so by his wife, the cook. Usually she had to call him from some other task. He would bring in one armful, toss it down, and say, "There, I guess that will hold you until I get around to bringing in more."

The kitchen workers would then have to reach far down into the box to get what they needed.

A more sensible system was used by the second man. First of all he had the woodbox thoroughly cleaned. The bark that had accumulated at the bottom was taken out and burned. Then he brought in basketload after basketload until the box was filled. Since then he has merely kept it filled, bringing in no more than one or two loads at a time.

Should the second man be busy at other work, or absent for several days, the kitchen workers do not have to worry about their supply of stove wood. They always have more than they need. There's reserve supply on hand.

The two men represent the people of the world. There are those who are improvident, who live from hand-to-mouth, who never think ahead, who cannot even think in terms of building up reserves, who make no savings, whose work is always crowding them, who are hard workers because they are bad planners.

Then there are the people with forethought. They think ahead. They plan to make their work easier. They work hard to build up reserves so that they are prepared for emergencies. They are like the wise farmers who work hard during the growing season to provide food with which to stock the cellars.

We are always a bit suspicious of people who talk about being overworked. Overwork is usually the result of inefficiency and inefficiency is the result of sloppy thinking. The first man who never kept the woodbox filled, was always rushing hither and yon. He was the busiest person. Anyone seeing him moving about would be tempted to exclaim, "There's a real worker. Watch him hustle around." The fact is he was no good at all and had to be discharged for his utter incompetence.

Great activity does not necessarily result in great accomplishment.

Now that we are entering the twelve brand new months of 1937, let us all clean out the woodbox of our business and fill it to the top with what we need. The time to do the hard work is right now. Let us get our equipment in shape, our supplies where they can be handled efficiently, and then go to more important tasks with minds that are free to be concentrated on what is most profitable.

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