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WHY REYNOLDS WON

Of course the wag would say because he got the most votes. But behind that there were reasons that under other conditions and with an opponent from the west, the result would have been different. We are frank to say since this paper learned of certain conditions of his family life and others of his social life even during his first campaign, we have never felt he was the type of man needed to represent the people of North Carolina at Washington.

When he rode down from the mountains to the sea in his old dilapidated Ford, shaking hands, telling jokes at every crossroads, the people had a good illustration of what would naturally follow when he put on the toga in Washington. He is shrewd. He is the best showman in the state. His smile and handshake grip you. The fact that he is from the West carried thousands of votes. Congressman Hancock was both too free and open in his personal attack on his opponent. On the other hand, not being able to meet this attack successfully, Senator Reynolds assumed the role of a high-class statesman, one far above mud-slinging personalities. Such a dignified attitude gathered votes while the opposition lost them.

We believe Mr. Reynolds has seen the light and that for the next six years he will be a much better representative than during the first six. He will doubtless leave off his kissing bees and may even be absent when the liquor interests get together, though we doubt it. At any rate he has six years to build a record and a reputation that will be hard to overcome even by the best man in Western Carolina. He has ability and astuteness. Here's hoping he will grow from a mere politician into a sure-enough statesman.

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RUB OFF THE MARKERS

There are doubtless a number of things that ought to be done about our Primary and other elections, but one in particular would remove a lot of suspicion and irregularity. During the Primary election in Zebulon last Saturday and also in the school election a short time before certain citizens voluntarily or otherwise, brought people to the voting place. If that had been the end, no criticism could justly be made. But they escorted those brought into the voting place, went with them into the booth and assisted in marking the ballots. Many of these were intelligent people, people who undoubtedly are well-enough educated to read and mark the ticket for themselves. We recall one instance in particular. One of the most intelligent young business women in town was escorted into the polling place and required (?) a helper to prepare her ballot for voting.

There should be a law against assistance of any sort within the place of voting from any one. If a citizen cannot read the ballot and follow directions for voting the same, then that citizen, man or woman, in our opinion, is not fitted to take the responsibility of suffrage. Voting is a matter of intelligence and without it the individual becomes the tool of the political henchman. An officer of the law should be placed at the door of every voting place, and any solicitation or unasked assistance should be dealt with by arrest and incarceration till after the voting is over.

CHURCHES COUNTRY CLUBS

Roger Babson, that wizard at gathering facts and figures and forming conclusions therefrom, has made a study of Protestant churches and his conclusion is stated briefly; they are little more than country clubs. And his conclusion has so much truth in it that it riles some religious leaders and regales the wicked world.

While denying particulars, we admit that in many respects there is entirely too much likeness between the divine and man-made institutions. Clubs are social. They solicit membership on a financial basis and good standing is retained by the regular payment of dues. The members assemble on occasion to engage in social and sporting events for which the club was organized. A member may be expelled for sufficient violations of the rules governing the club, or he may voluntarily retire if he so desires. Under certain conditions members may invite others to share temporarily the benefits.

All of the above features enter into the organization and operation of a church. A group of individuals organize and establish a place of meeting. In theory, at least, certain financial and other obligations are expected if not required of its members. In a great many respects the good features of both the church and club are alike. They are established for the purpose of adding to the enjoyment of life.

We do not know much about clubs but from reports coming occasionally from their conduct, the members may and frequently engage in golf and other sports on Sunday, keep intoxicating drinks in their lockers, play poker for money considerations, and engage in immorality and punctuate all with abundant profanity. In most clubs, we understand, there are no rules regulating personal conduct of this sort. Not belonging to a club, we may be wrong in our information, but in the main we believe these statements are correct.

But we do know a great deal about churches in general. Members are supposed to assume certain financial obligations, conform to moral standards and render certain spiritual services. We know of numbers of members in churches all around us who do exactly the things on the Sabbath that club members do. They not only play poker but engage in gambling of other sorts. They pay no dues and seldom make a worthy contribution to the support of the church. They buy and keep their intoxicating drink. They are guilty of the grossest immorality and sprinkle conversation in private and public (excepting in the church itself) with profanity. Members of clubs expect to pay their dues or get out. With church members, they consider the matter of pay or no pay, their own business. If any urgent call comes for financial help, they begin to howl that all the church is after is their money. Its organizations, if not the church itself, put on socials, suppers, radio revellers and various other entertainments to "carry on" when funds are not available through free-will offerings. Many clubs would not even stoop to the money raising methods of some church organizations; their self-respect would not permit it.

We admit this is true only of possibly a minority of church members, but the leaders, those who do not do these things, know about what their fellow members are doing that is in violation of the tenets of the church and teaching of the Bible. And it is just as true that the church is responsible and a party to such worldly and wicked conduct on the part of some of its members as the county or state is guilty of robbing homes of happiness and bringing moral degradation to the people by the sale of drink in ABC stores. God will not hold the church guiltless of the sin within its own life.

In some respects the club is actually superior to the church. It does not claim to minister to the spiritual needs of its members or others. It lives up to its purpose. Just so long as our churches permit members doing the things and living the life of the world about them, so long may they expect to be impotent in an age when their ministry is little more to a sick world than that of a physician to a patient

who himself is full of cancerous sores. It is true our churches have a form of godliness but most of their members deny the powers thereof.

If Mr. Babson can say something that will shake the church out of its indifference to social, moral and other conditions that exist within its very heart life, he will have rendered the best possible service to the church and its God. This is the need that should be cried today. The church must raise its standard of living and giving or this charge will stand. If it does not cleanse itself of worse than money changers, the shekinah of the Lord's presence will depart.

Mr. Babson in his charge against the Protestant church may be wrong but he is right!

Behind The Scenes In American Business

By JOHN CRADDOCK

New York, June 13—Business.—A better feeling prevailed last week in business and agricultural circles. Farmers, especially in the west, were cheered by the fact that the price of wheat which two weeks ago dropped to 67 1-2 cents a bushel, was back to the 75-cent level. With America's wheat crop estimated at one billion bushels this rise means \$80,000,000 more for farmers. Cotton rose to more than \$2 a bale, on reports of heavy rains damaging the crop. Great Britain ordered 400 airplanes from U. S. firms, practically assuring capacity operations in this industry for at least two years. Auto manufacturers said that may not be necessary to close Detroit plants for two months this summer, as previously expected. Renewal of confidence is seen in the fact that railroads last month ordered 6,114 new freight cars. April only three were ordered.

Washington—While retail business promises to be dull this summer, there is good reason to look for a sharp expansion in the fall. President Roosevelt has asked the PWA to prepare a list of projects costing about \$600,000,000 which can be begun by the end of the month. Once the government pump-priming ball gets rolling, it is believed that an average of \$300,000,000 a month will be spent for the balance of 1938. Opinions differ as to the ultimate value of such a program for achieving lasting recovery, but there is little doubt that temporarily it will greatly stimulate mass buying power and therefore retail trade.

DRINK MILK—Doctors say that milk is a vital health beverage, but for American farmers it can be a source of wrinkled brows and business losses. The nation produces approximately 49 billion quarts of milk a year, equal to a quart a day for each man, woman and child in the country. This year, however, there is an exceptionally heavy supply of milk and so distributors and producers are conducting a nation-wide drive to boost the use of dairy products. The "drink more milk" campaign was launched last week. More than 40,000 chain stores are co-operating with other retailers to maintain the flow of dairy products to consumers at price levels which will boost sales and assure dairymen a stabilized market. It is estimated that 2,500,000 American farm families, dependent on milk and allied products for all or part of their income, will be benefited.

THINGS TO WATCH FOR—A new treatment of cloth which will enable designs to retain their sharpness and original luster on fabrics even after repeated washing . . . An apparatus which permits a patient to administer anes-

thetic to himself while having a tooth filled, a bone set or while undergoing a minor operation; as long as he feels pain he squeezes on a bulb similar to those used on atomizers . . . A vending machine that sells flashlight batteries . . . A rear view vanity mirror for women interested in seeing what is going on behind their backs without being observed . . . A method of freezing bread so that it can be kept in storage six to eight months . . . Bowl of Rice Party in your community Friday night, June 17, to aid 50,000,000 Chinese civilian victims of aggression.

WHO PAYS?—A recent survey reveals the rather astounding fact that if everyone had to turn over to the government all income in excess of \$5,000 a year, the sum collected would pay only about 1-5 the annual cost of government, federal, state and local. It points out that the great bulk of the tax bill must be paid by the small wage earner. He pays it in the form of

Gill, Bobby Gill, Gloria Phillips, Bobby Phillips, Bettie Jean Phillips, Lawrence Liles, Lowell Liles, Larry Liles, Ramona Pearce, Douglas Barber Cooke, Thurston Arnold, Yvonne Arnold, Bettie Pope Simpson, Mildred Doris Fowler, Reihia Dale Pearce, Robert Earl Pearce, Melba Perry, Alma Lou Pearce, Bobby Pace, McKinley Phillips, Thelma Phillips, Bobby Vance Brown, Ruth Brown, Bobby Gill.

Marquee

That addition in front of Temple Market will afford shade and shelter where they will be welcomed and appreciated. If it had columns going up from the edge of the sidewalk as supports, it would be a colonnade. Being without columns it is a marquee, and a big one.

Give to the world the best you have
And the best will come back to you.

Ball bearings on all moving parts in machinery permit fifty per-cent greater speed.