

A Beginning

A question posed by many in our community in regards to the meeting held Friday night is: "What was accomplished?" Some who attended left disappointed that no concrete action was taken to curb reckless driving or provide recreational facilities for teenagers. Some who stayed away pointed to the lack of tangible results as justification for their absence, labeling the meeting as a waste of time.

We came from the assembly feeling that a great deal had been accomplished. The large number of adults and students present proved that our community realizes a great problem faces us; and everyone present exhibited a willingness to try to solve the problem.

Rome, we understand, was not built in a day. Neither will this community build a recreation program overnight. A house must be built from the ground up — and the meeting Friday night was the ground work for greater things to come. The real test for our community is ahead, and we hope that now the ball is rolling, we will follow through until our goal is reached.

Sign In? Why Not?

The initial chagrin experienced by teenagers at having to sign in and out of the Woman's Club for the Saturday night open house is understandable. Not one of us enjoys regimentation, nor do we appreciate not being trusted. Nevertheless, the register is a wise idea and the young people will be smart to cooperate wholeheartedly.

The purpose of the register is to provide a means of proving whether a person is at the club. It will prevent anyone abusing the generosity of the Woman's Club by using the Saturday night shindig as an excuse to head out into the wide open spaces.

Actually, signing in and out is not too bad. Even the Generals have to sign in and out of an army post when they are on duty, and we don't recollect any of them griping about not being trusted. If the young people are on the up-and-up, they will sign the register and participate in the Saturday night program, proving to the adults that they desire and will cooperate in wholesome recreation.

Time to Organize

January has slipped into February and February into March, and still no organization meeting has been called for the Zebulon Community Chest. Contributors to the Community Chest were advised that just as soon as the final contributions were solicited, permanent officers would be elected.

We believe that the members of the temporary committee appointed by the Community Council can fill the permanent officers of the Community Chest better, perhaps, than any others. But to maintain confidence in the Community Chest for future activities, a permanent organization should be formed now.

Color Costs More

Just last week we had someone ask us how much less colored paper costs than white. They thought that we printed the Zebulon Record on colored paper as an economy measure. Actually the reverse is true. Colored paper costs us nearly 50 per cent more than does white newsprint — about \$235 a ton as compared with \$165 a ton for white newsprint delivered to our door.

Why do we use colored paper? Because we are rationed as to the amount of white paper we obtain from our suppliers, and if we printed the Zebulon Record on white paper, we could give our readers only one issue a week. So for better service to our readers and our advertisers, we pay more and we give more.

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Zebulon's Social Problems

Even animals have their problems, social and others. But since there are no moral or religious elements involved, they probably know little difference in the final results in conduct and character.

Human beings, however, are quite different. Our community at this time is considerably agitated because of certain incidents and accidents occurring not far from Zebulon. All this was very much in evidence last Friday night in a meeting in our school auditorium. A large group of children and parents assembled to consider local conditions and problems.

The emphasis was laid primarily on youth and recreation. A large number expressed themselves as to the community's needs and their willingness to cooperate in remedying the present situation. Much was said but little definitely done. Man, after centuries of "ritual and balance" still finds, according to his nature, the same moral and spiritual problems that confronted the first man. Recreation alone will never solve the problems of youth or age. Life must be guided and controlled toward a definite development toward moral and spiritual perfection.

Our community has all the required elements of right and righteous life to provide an environment conducive to the development of the highest character. We have a large school auditorium for public meetings, a good well-lighted park for games, a good "gym" for indoor sports. The Woman's Club building is available for other social gatherings for young and old. In season there are a number of attractive places for outings and picnics convenient.

The only additional requisites seem to be proper chaperones and leadership.

For years I have heard the young folks wishing for a swimming pool. While at the Kennedy Home I built a concrete pool ample for the hundred children there. We did the work with the boys. The total cost in money was less than \$1,000. With a small outlay for repairs the pool is still in good condition. There is a good location for a lake near our town. To build a dam would require little money. Machinery and labor could be had from the community and likely would be donated sufficiently to cover most of the cost. A concrete pool would cost little more than the cost of cement, sand and gravel. I would gladly contribute to this and I am persuaded that many others would give generously of their time and means.

My opinion is that the present committee should outline the community's social needs under proper heads, such as out-door sports, social gatherings, etc., into the necessary departments and secure the best possible persons for each committee, not only for "teenagers," but also for older people. These would plan, supervise and advise, but never dictate.

Perhaps it would be well to outline a definite program of effort and aims. This might be in the form of a membership card. A nominal membership fee might be charged each active member. The payment of fee and signing the card would make the signer a member of the Community Club, or whatever name should be selected. This is only a suggestion. I am sure the committee already

selected could work out perhaps a better plan for all the needs of our community. All we need is a workable plan and work it!

May I add two observations. If we older ones in our younger days had had the modern means of entertainment and recreation, such as movies, radios, airplanes and automobiles, I wonder if we would not have been worse than we think the present youth is. Sometime ago a minister friend who was pastor of a nearby country church, said to me: "Last Sunday I got to church about a half hour before time for services. I stood beside the highway and counted the cars passing by. I counted twenty and from appearances I was sure they were not on their way to church. Do you know, eighteen of those cars had greyheads at the steering wheels!" Naturally no matter what is proposed will not accomplish much with us older ones "set" in our ways. For example, we have men, fathers of children, who give little encouragement to their children, socially, morally, or spiritually. Some gamble, some are profane and others drink. Although members of local churches, some of these seldom if ever attend Sunday School or church. The tragic thing is that, like Ephraim of old, they are joined to their idols, and there seems nothing we can do for them. Such characters are discouraging to their neighbor and hindrances to the young. Zebulon is an average good town. We have many good Christian men and women. But most of us need to heed Solomon's admonition: "Train up a child in the way it should go," and some one has very pertinently added, "be sure you go that way yourself." Theo. B. Davis

Seen and Heard

Paul Brantley says: "The trouble with most folks is that they think too little and talk too much."

One of the older citizens of Zebulon says he's disillusioned.

The other afternoon he was busy cleaning up around the woodshed, and said he was feeling fine in every way. In fact he could well imagine, judging from his feelings, that he was not over 30 at most. But as he turned the corner, he saw the shadow of some one on the wall moving as he walked. It

was stooped and went in a wobbly way. To his surprise he was seeing his own shadow. And instead of the frisky young fellow he was imagining himself to be, he realized that he was already an old man who had passed his three score and ten.

Saturday morning brought the return of winter. There was both ice and frost. The buttercups escaped being killed, but such flowers as the flowering magnolia were cooked brown. Fruits seem unhurt and little gardening has

yet been done in this community.

Speaking of attractive or unusual residential signs one may see such a one at Dr. Flowers home telling you that the "Flowers live here." And if you will take a look at the Flowers' lawn you will see that the sign need not apply to the home but to the lawn also. Mrs. Flowers has one of the most beautiful landscaped homes in Zebulon. And the back yard is just as well kept as the front, having nice shrubbery and attractive outdoor fireplace.

Farm Home Hints

By Ruth Current
BAKED HAM

Tradition to the contrary, boiling is not the ideal way to cook ham, says the food expert with the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The cooking authority — who has cooked hundreds — say boiling is too high a temperature for cooking ham. She was a pioneer in showing the greater tenderness, finer flavor and juiciness of meat cooked at low to moderate rather than high heat.

If ham is to be cooked in water, she recommends simmering just under the boiling point, then letting the ham cool in its broth to draw back moisture and become as juicy as possible. However, she says slow baking has advantages over cooking in either water or

steam, and it's often more convenient. In baking there is no water to dilute the flavor and force out too much juice.

Long slow baking at 250 degrees F. gives best results, according to laboratory research. Place ham, rind side up on a rack in an open shallow pan. Do not add water and do not cover. Allow 25 to 30 minutes a pound for a ham that is at room temperature when it goes into the oven. Allow about 10 minutes more a pound for a ham that is just out of the refrigerator.

Test for doneness with metal skewer or cooking fork to be sure that meat is tender throughout. A meat thermometer is a help. Bake until the thermometer registers 170 degrees F. When the ham is done, remove the rind, score the

fat by cutting crisscross fashion in diamonds, being careful not to cut all the way through the fat. Then sprinkle or spread brown sugar over the fat, stick in long-stemmed cloves, and put in a hot oven (450 degrees F.) for 10 minutes or long enough to brown and crisp the surface.

Topping Grains

When is the best time for top-dressing small grains?

Between February 15 and March 15 is the best time for applying nitrogen top-dressing in North Carolina. If it's put on before March 15 yields will be higher than if application is delayed beyond that date.