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FOXHUNTERS AND UNDERTAKERS ARE AIDS TO SOBRIETY

Liquor does strange things to people — sometimes it even makes them swear off. I know of a couple of fellows who took the pledge because of things that happened to them while under the influence, although they didn't keep the pledge long.

When my house was a-building, there was bricklayer working thereon who, when sober, was as fine a mason as I ever saw. But he would hit the bottle, and on the job, too. In fact, he used to bring his bottle with him and hide it in the brick until he just couldn't stand it any longer. Then he'd haul out the bottle for a snort or two.

One day he couldn't stand it much at all, and he was really under the weather — so much under that he was laying very few bricks and those were crooked. The old fellow was, as we commoners say, about three sheets in the wind.

A Murraytown Foxhunt

About that time one of those celebrated Murraytown foxhunts came through town, apparently all the way from Nash County. It came, dogs and all, straight down Sycamore Street. Down the street until it got to my house, that is. Then the fox came in the back door, went through the kitchen and living room, and then out the front door. A minute later the dogs followed. Two minutes later the foxhunters came through exactly the same way.

My friend observed all this without saying a word or even batting an eye. But he did search out his hidden bottle and, though it was half full, he threw it half way from my house to Dave Privette's pasture. And he laid brick for four days without taking the first drink.

Another Turns Sober

The other toper who felt constrained to abstain for a while was an officer named Reardon who went through Command & General Staff College this past spring. He went to Fort Leavenworth to learn something, of course, but he never let his studies interfere with his drinking.

We had a holiday on Washington's birthday, and Reardon went to Kansas City where he got roaring drunk. He made it to his hotel that night, but not to bed, passing out on the floor of his room, which was number 613.

Now an aged citizen died that night in room 713 of the same hotel, and the undertaker was notified to pick the body up. He got a passkey and, accompanied by the hotel detective, went up to measure the corpse. Unfortunately he made a small mistake and went to room 613 instead of 713.

He Goes to Work

He spotted Reardon's body lying on the floor and naturally assumed it was the late deceased. So he went right to work. Reardon came to and sat up while the undertaker was measuring him, and the undertaker and the detective both got a nasty shock, though no more than did Reardon when he found they had planned to haul him off to the mortuary.

So Major Reardon swore off liquor, and stayed off for six days — until March 1, when he got a bill from the undertaker for \$25 for "making an estimate."

—Ferd Davis

R. I. P. *

By V. I. P.



Trial balloon artists are hard at work these days, sending up their little wind-gaugers into the wild blue yonder of next year's gubernatorial primary.

The conservatives have followed a pattern noted and mentioned here early in the year. They acted as though Bill Umstead was their boy, trying to smoke out the opposition. They saw the east-west tradition would carry much weight, and realized that Umstead would be an easy man to beat, and early in the Legislature shifted their strategy.

They handed the floor-leadership to Kerr Craige Ramsey in the House and — in effect — said let's see your stuff, son.

They apparently liked what they saw, because the chief propagandists of the Conservatives are touting the youngster from Rowan as "the next governor."

Ervin Out, Too

They apparently have pulled support from Sam Ervin, but are keeping him in the bull pen warming up — just in case Ramsey develops a sore arm.

The wise acres — politically speaking, that is — have ruled out Agriculture Commissioner L. Y. Ballentine, Secretary of State Thad Eure, and are putting the skids to State Treasurer Brandon Hodges' toboggan.

What About Waynick?

There's been a lot of talk about Capus Waynick, ambassador to Nicaragua, and his political future. Some folks say he won't run for governor, others claim to have the "inside dope" that he won't run.

Plain truth of the matter is that he hasn't decided yet.

You can look for a formal statement from Mr. Waynick within the next week or ten days. This statement won't say he will run, and it won't say he won't run. But it definitely will say that he has not removed himself as a candidate. Close friends of the ambassador have been in contact with him — via phone and mail — within the past week.

Incidentally, Waynick's close friends Paroles Commissioner T. C. Johnson has not gone to Nicaragua to confer with Waynick.

Decision in July

The general attitude is that Waynick will come home in July and will delay his final decision until then. General opinion is that Waynick will not run if he can get the ambassadorship to either Mexico or Spain.

Meantime, his holding off pitching his hat in the ring is keeping the Conservatives and Liberals alike undecided. Governor Scott has said he will support Waynick in any way the High Point man would like if Capus decides to run. Other would be Liberal candidates, who would like the administration's blessing, will wait until they find out what Capus has in mind before making a decision themselves. And the Conservatives need to know who the Liberal candidate will be in order to pick their best horse for the Governor's Derby.

Dark Horse Possible

All of which leaves the door wide open for a homestretch victory by some dark horse. There are several of these: Hubert Olive, Major L. P. McLendon, Dr. Henry Jordan, and Superintendent of Public Instruction Clyde Erwin.

Of this group, there is a possibility that one or more will run no matter what. Clyde Erwin seems to be in the best position, with his school support. He is well known throughout the state and would draw backing from both Liberal and Conservative forces.

Wake County Health Officer Asks Citizens to Take Advantage of '51 Vaccination for Typhoid, Diphtheria

I frankly admit, and perhaps you will agree, that so long as we live in a free country it is the constitutional right of any person, as an American citizen, to consider his good health or his illness, if he happens to be ill, a personal affair so long as he is not a public charge or until the condition of his illness affects others. This is as it should be.

When we look at the records and

see the progressive and continuous decline in the occurrence of the communicable diseases and in deaths from the communicable diseases from a peak which may have been reached 25 or 30 years ago to today when they have almost reached the vanishing point and, in some instances, the extermination point, I am convinced that each individual more and more realizes that he does have a responsibility as a free healthy citizen to conduct his own personal affairs as he sees fit, and that when illness occurs either in his own person, or in his family, or in the community in which he lives, he will agree that such illness may become a public responsibility and that he, as family, or his community has the right to call upon official governmental authorities to control, and if possible, eradicate the disease from which he may suffer and which may threaten the entire community.

Health Function

This is one of the functions of the Health Department and it is especially emphasized once each year in the control of the communicable diseases for which we have proven vaccines and sera which will prevent or control these diseases.

A. C. Bulla, M. D., Health Officer, Wake County Health Department.

Zebulon National Guard Has Training at School

Final training before the weekend trip to Fort Bragg was conducted last night by Battery A of the 113th Field Artillery Battalion when the two firing sections moved to Wakelon School for outdoor training, and the other sections remained at the armory for review work.

The Zebulon National Guard unit will leave here Saturday afternoon at 1:30, taking two howitzers, five trucks, and the jeep in the convoy.

At the gate to the Fort Bragg reservation the five batteries of the 113 Battalion will rendezvous and continue to the artillery range where the howitzers will be prepared for action before supper.

Service Practice

Early Sunday morning service practice will begin, with each howitzer section of the Zebulon battery allotted 50 rounds of 105-mm ammunition for the day.

The trip will provide the first opportunity for many of the Guardsmen to see the howitzers in action.

CWO Clifford Gilliam, unit administrator, said that he will be at the armory every day this week, and any men who enlist before Friday will be able to accompany the battery to Fort Bragg.

Meredith Finals Held Yesterday; Local Girl Senior Class Member

Meredith College's largest graduating class in history, 133 seniors earning Bachelor of Arts degrees in seventeen different fields of study, yesterday heard Dr. Kirtley F. Mather of Harvard University interpret "The Challenge of the Mid-Century Crisis" as the imperative which confronts mankind to make adjustment to "this new world of inescapable interdependence and potential abundance" and the "radically new relationship" of all peoples of the world. The failure to do so is, in his opinion, "the basis for every one of the tensions and the crises of our day."

Many Graduates

Carolyn Vivian Massey, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Massey of Zebulon, was awarded her A. B. degree in religion, with related study in the fields of education and sociology.

An honor student, her name is listed on the academic Dean's list on the basis of her high scholastic achievement, and she is one of the seven Meredith seniors whose biographies appear in the current edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities."

Has Top Office

As a senior she has served in one of the three highest campus offices, that of president of the Baptist Student Union, of which she was vice-president last year. She has also served this year as president of the Silver Shield, honorary leadership society, and has been a member of the Psi Psychology Club, Education Club, Freeman Religion Club, College Nominating Committee, and Astroktion Society.

During her earlier college years she has been a YWA circle leader, secretary of the College YWA, committee for Religion Emphasis Weeks for three years, and a member of the College Choir and the soccer varsity.

Mrs. Ralph Bunn Is Hostess to Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary met Friday night at the home of Mrs. Ralph Bunn. Plans were discussed for enrolling more women in the Auxiliary, and a report was made of the poppy drive.

Mrs. Sidney Holmes was appointed membership chairman by the president, Miss Beth Massey. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

The next meeting will be held July 6 in the home of Mrs. Ferd Davis.

LEGION MEETING

The American Legion will have a pig barbecue supper Wednesday night, June 6, at 7 p. m., at the Zebulon Woman's Club building. A speaker has been engaged for the meeting. Legionnaires and their guests are cordially invited.

JUNIOR CLUB

The last meeting of the year for the Junior Woman's Club will be held tonight at eight o'clock. New officers will be installed at this meeting.