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CAPABLE AND UNBIASED BOARDS SERVING GRATIS

Two unpaid bodies that are of the greatest service to Charlotte is our School Board and Parks and Recreation Commission. They are entrusted with a great responsibility, the former more than the latter. But upon second thought, health, exercise and recreation are necessary to a physical state that will place the boys and girls in a condition to receive the former. If ever good men were needed these two honorable bodies call for them, and The Journal believes both boards are composed of men capable and unbiased, and that they will give a good account of their activities when the day of reckoning comes. The members who have left both boards have worked faithfully and have retired with honors. The public at times fails to appreciate what these men have, and are, sacrificing for the welfare and advancement of "The Friendly City." They have no axe to grind, but are merely serving to their own detriment, at times, to give society, as a whole a better city to live in.

The Journal commends all public servants who are faithful, but to those who sacrifice, without remuneration it thinks especial praise is due.

And another unpaid body that means much to our community in health, civic uplift and dollars and cents, is coming in for criticism, namely our Federal Housing Board. The plan is good and the board is composed of men beyond reproach.

Our esteemed and Honorable Mayor is getting in the Kirkpatrick class. He telegraphed greetings to England's King and Queen, who are in Canada. The Colonel sent greetings to "Emp. Wm." (defunct now) and all the others. It pays to advertise "The Friendly City," and our present mayor has no moss growing on his back, or grass under his feet. The Colonel was "Watching Charlotte Grow."

DEALING WITH "ISMS!"

BY WM. S. GREENE

JINGOISM? A pointed cartoon printed in a popular magazine this week showed a politician making a fervid, rabid, patriotic address, and in the next scene, on the stage, a one-legged veteran is seen asking the speech-maker where was he during the late war. Of course he was lost his leg in the war, presumably, and the audience caught on immediately. Your guess as to who got the audience applause is correct.

PATERNALISM? The standard court room lawyer, in his jury speech, usually addressed to the packed gallery for the colored race, always seems to contain a sort of sales talk for more clients, on the part of many of the robbed. This of course is good procedure, and justifiable. Then a few go to the length of calling the colored race "The white man's burden," with all the hard work on the lawyer's part being to give the inference that he is doing a great deal to help that race.

PATERNALISM? Beware of that kind of so-called aid. That kind of aid means low wages, and loss of freedom for the individual. Do your own thinking. Try to get ahead by yourself. The U. S. is proof individual initiative gets one farther, not only from the viewpoint of Labor, but also of Capital, and above all, of Management.

BLANK - BLANKISM? Another ism, invented of course, you know to supply the BLANK-BLANK part, gentle reader, is that ism which deals with Rackets, Grafts, Vultures, Dishonesty, Blank, Blank, etc. You can fill out the items marked Blank from your own experience. That kind of ISM is so bad, that the word to describe it wouldn't be able to be printed in decent language. Wolves in sheep's clothing, such tactics do more to destroy DEMOCRACY than the ordinary acts known as the acts of a criminal. One sell-out of a Judge to some wolf, does more harm to our country, than a thousand of the usual criminal acts.

CAROLINISM? Drove up to Chapel Hill Monday, and played with the University of North Carolina Orchestra in their annual symphony concert. It was a revelation to me, having gone by way of Asheville for the first time, instead of by Sanford. The new route goes through land that reminds me of the turpentine woods of Northern Florida and Southern Georgia. If prosperity is to come to North Carolina, this idle land of North Carolina must be put to some use. An increase of double our population in the farming section may some day bring a great deal of prosperity to North Carolina. And everyone should admit that farm population, that owns its own small sized farms, is the best insurance for a truly prosperous country.

AMERICANISM? The VFW had their May 20th celebration and convention at the same time. Everyone had a good time. Ernest Morgan, new Commander of the VFW and President of the Federal Labor Union, had the job of providing for the con-

vention. This camp of the VFW is a live wire organization, and does a lot of good in the community. Let us give more attention to the living heroes of the war, and less attention to the dead heroes, if that is necessary. Is that good sense or not? As Commander of the Queen City Chapter of the DAV, I know that wounded men, still alive, could have many added years of life, if patriotic orders would concentrate on living issues, rather than dead ones.

CITYISM? Take a trip around the country, immediately outside of the city limits of Charlotte, and see if you arrive at the same conclusions as this writer. Building is going on at a great rate, and either Charlotte is growing by leaps and bounds, or residents of Charlotte are moving into the county to avoid the city taxes. What would an analysis show?

Wrestlers All Set For Next Monday Night's Mat Card

One of the roughest wrestling matches ever to be seen at the Charlotte Armory will be fought there Monday night, May 29th, when rubber-man Sol Slagle with vengeance in his blood meets the unscrupulous Purple Flash in a second grudge match, Sports Promoter Jim Crockett announced.

Immediately after the bloody battle between the two fast and husky grapplers Monday night, Sol Slagle challenged the Flash to a one-fall finish match with no time limit, anything going and the winner take all. Promoter Crockett okayed the match.

The feud between limber-limbed Slagle and the mean man of mystery began several weeks ago when the Texas rubberman claimed the Flash beat him by rubbing soap in his eyes till he couldn't see. Monday night the two met in a grudge fight. Each had won a fall when the Flash rammed Sol's head foremost into a ring post, cutting a long gash across his forehead. Referee June Thompson stopped the match, giving it to the Flash, as the wounded Slagle stumbled about the ring in a daze trying to wipe the blood from his eyes.

Slagle says he'll get even with the Flash if he has to do it outside the ring. Matros Kirilenko, strong and clever Russian Cossack who won a decision over rowdy Black Jack Hader Monday, will meet Tommy O'Toole in the semi-final. O'Toole, handsome Irish fighter last week grappled with Jim London 45 minutes before the champion pinned him, retaining the heavy-weight title.

Lou Newman, popular young Canadian wrestler, returns to Charlotte to meet Black Jack Hader in the preliminary match.

SCIENTISTS ANALYZE FABRICS FOR WOOL HEARING

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Swinging the resources of science into the fray for the first time, proponents of truthful labelling of wool products introduced scientists as witnesses at recent hearing in Washington to demonstrate by photomicrographs that the presence of fibers other than those of virgin wool can be detected in finished fabrics. Colored photos greatly enlarged were introduced showing studies of three fabrics originally sold as garments to consumers. These offered convincing proof that science is no longer mystified about the true content of woolen goods although the consumer and manufacturer may be. Congressional committee which heard witnesses was considering the Schwartz-Martin wool labelling bill.

Auto Union Strike Spreads In Detroit 65,000 Men Are Out

DETROIT, May 24.—Failure of attempts to open settlement negotiations yesterday marked a strike which in two days has thrown out of employment some 65,000 persons in nearly a score of automobile plants. Neither the Briggs Manufacturing company, seven units of which closed

yesterday when their union employees struck, nor officials of the C. I. O.-affiliated United Automobile Workers, who have demanded a "union shop" in Briggs plants, retreated from positions taken before the strike started. The Briggs plants alone employ 15,000. Also idle were 10 plants of the Chrysler corporation, employing 47,500 persons; the Lincoln division of the Ford company, with 5,000 employees, and 250 workers at the L. A. Young Spring & Wire Co. here.

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