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EDITORIAL

A BETTER SYSTEM FOR DRIVES

One of the most urgent needs in Madison County, in our opinion, is a better system in which to raise funds for the various drives. In this modern time, when everybody is busy, it is difficult to find anyone who actually has the time to spare to do a creditable job as chairman for any drive, say nothing of getting necessary "helpers" who will volunteer to solicit donations. The public, in general, doesn't give too much time analyzing the work and time it takes to properly conduct a drive.

It must be remembered that a person who voluntarily accepts the responsibility as chairman of any drive must have the cooperation from many others in order that the drive may be successful. With so many drives during the year, it is indeed difficult to find a person who is willing to serve as chairman. Usually, the person who is kind enough to accept this responsibility is a busy person. Many men and women who actually have the time to devote to a drive, emphatically refuse to head a drive.

For instance, the current March of Dimes Drive Chairman — Mrs. R. G. Franklin — is a busy person. She is secretary to the county superintendent and her duties are heavy and tiresome. Mrs. Franklin, nevertheless, volunteered to do the best she could in order that the March of Dimes Drive might be a success. Although she works daily in the superintendent's office and at the same time keeps house for her husband and small child, she has that enviable disposition to do whatever she can for others. This is indeed an admirable trait. Certainly, she is to be commended for her efforts and deserves full cooperation of the public throughout Madison County. Mrs. Franklin receives no money for this task. She receives very little praise and at the same time devotes hours of her much-needed time in an effort to help the victims of polio.

This is only one example of the heavy burden of a drive. There are many more — Red Cross, Crippled Children, Heart, Cancer, Tuberculosis Christmas Seal, and others. Someone must volunteer to head each drive. In turn, the chairman must secure necessary helpers throughout the county, be responsible for the conduct of the drive, receive reports from various workers, write, address and mail letters, answer numerous phone calls, visit, talk and beg in order that a drive might be successful. The unfortunate thing is that when such a chairman asks for donations, many seem to think they're "picking on 'em," and worrying them. Some even go out the back door when they see some solicitor come in the front door. Our people must realize each person's responsibility in a drive and cooperate to the fullest with the chairman and workers.

On the other side of the fence, so to speak, there does seem to be a growing number of drives. Each one, to be sure, a worthy drive, but at the same time when there are so many, it seems like someone is soliciting most every week. With the other solicitations being made other than the customary drives, businessmen are getting a bit irritable. Isn't there some better system which might help all concerned?

Many places have a United Fund Drive annually, at which time donations are made in a lump sum and divided among the various drives. Others have a Community Chest Drive which is closely related to the United Fund system. In our opinion, one annual drive of this type would meet with much better response instead of so many individual drives. It is true that some of the drives cannot join in such a united drive, but many can.

It seems to us that it is time that such a change be made if at all possible before too many drives for this and that drives us all crazy.

We do urge everyone in Madison County to donate liberally to the March of Dimes Drive to help combat polio and care for those who have already been stricken. Let's make it a March of Dollars instead of Dimes.

6th LIVING GENERATION

Kokomo, Ind. — Mark Cory Ingels, born on May 4 to Mr. and Mrs. James Ingels of Kokomo, represents the 6th living generation in his family. The baby's mother is 19; his grandmother, Mrs. James McRay is 34; his great-grandmother, Mrs. Hazel Hubbard is 52; his great-great-grandmother, Mrs. Meta Keenan, is 68; and his great-great-great-grandmother, Mrs. Mary Katherine Walker, of Nicholasville, Ky., is 88.

THUMBS WRONG CAR

Westmoreland, Cal. — Sentenced for drunk driving, Lee Colbath was put on a prison work gang. He was sent for some lumber and he kept on going. He started hitchhiking and the driver of a passing car—Westmoreland Police Chief Jack Farley — gave him a lift, right back to jail.

Be sure you are right—then go ahead and get left.

OPEN FORUM

"THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE"

Mr. James I. Story
News-Record Office
Marshall, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Story:
Your editorial in the December 15 issue concerning agriculture and the views expressed by the editor of the Southern Planter pointed to a truly significant sociological fact — the oasmosis-like migration of young people from the farm to the industrial areas of northern United States. As was apparent in the editorial, the motivating impulse to this migration was the increased income which would accrue to those working in the north. Statistics indicate that the number of Americans engaged in farming has declined steadily since the turn of the century, but the size of farms is rapidly increasing. The movement of farm youth to the less healthy industrial centers makes these facts more easily understood.

We do not view with alarm the current trend of migration as the south is also becoming industrialized and will be, within the next decade, sufficiently attractive to lure many youth from northern industry to areas in which they are indigent. By that time, it was expected that the wide gap between wages paid by northern industry and that paid by southern industry will be considerably narrowed. Thus, it seems inevitable that the wages paid by industry in the south will be more equitable and commensurate with the type of work done.

The industrialization of the south presents educators with a new challenge in the vocational and agricultural fields. How well the transition from an agrarian to an industrial economy is made will depend on the effectiveness with which subjects are presented in these fields and flexibility of curriculum which may allow for a de-emphasis of classical subjects in favor of more practical subjects on the high school level. The classical subjects would be reserved for those specializing or acquiring higher education. Thus

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W. Hardy Shepherd Rites Held January 1

W. Hardy Shepherd, 80, retired farmer of the Hamburg section of Madison County, died Friday morning, December 30, 1954 in an Asheville hospital following a long illness.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. the following Sunday at Perry's Fork Free Will Baptist Church with the Rev. Ed Woody and the Rev. Francis Radford officiating. Burial was in the Chambers Cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Lucille Hyatt; a daughter, Mrs. John Anders of Barnardsville; two sons, Glean of Nono, and Gaston of Burnsville; a sister, Mrs. Molly Robinson of Weaverville; a brother, R. L. Shepherd of Biltmore; 20 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Palbearers were Kenneth Chambers, Oliver Maney, Jeter Allen, Floyd Honeycutt, Wade and Olen Shepherd.

PLEASANT ERROR

Howa City, Ia. — Tom Coad got a pleasant surprise when he arrived home from work the other afternoon. Someone — by mistake — had painted his front porch and front steps — in a color which blended well with the rest of the home.

MARCH OF DIMES



HERE COMES THE BOOKMOBILE

We know that you are very much interested in your Bookmobile. You have proved that, so we are starting this column in order that you may keep in closer touch with our goings, comings and doings.

Last week, or maybe it was week before last, we promised to give you registration and circulation figures, but for the past week the bookmobile and I have been doing the circulating, too far from the library in Marshall to get the figures for you. Since we are now on our fourth trip around, and will complete the circuit on Friday, the thirteenth, we think it best to wait and give you full coverage for the four-month period.

Folks still ask me how much it costs to borrow books. The answer is NOTHING. This service is provided free by your state and county. This year the county share was collected by free will donations.

Another question and answer: Q. How much does it cost if the books are kept overtime?

A: You may keep a book for four weeks — one trip to the next. It may be renewed ONCE, unless it is a popular book, in which case, you should read it in four weeks, and release it willingly, so others will not be kept waiting too long. If you keep a book over the eight weeks period, you owe five cents on EACH overdue book.

We are trying out the system of not putting a limit on the number of books per person. This will work if you take a reasonable number of books and return them at the end of four weeks. You can easily see that it will not work if you take a stack of books and keep them too long. Let's make it work! Rules and regulations are unnecessary if we are thoughtful and considerate of others. You can readily see what will happen if you and YOU all have a number of books in your home, out of circulation. We want you to read all you can in four weeks, but please return what you have finished, and please do not take more than you can finish in four weeks. There has been very little thoughtlessness so far, but a little is beginning to creep in, so I

With The Sick

Mr. O. S. Edmonds of Petersburg is a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital in Asheville where he was taken last Thursday, following a heart attack.

Mrs. Arthur Ledford, of Marshall, is a patient in the Aston Park Hospital where she was taken Tuesday night for treatment.

Mr. Walter Ramsey entered Aston Park Hospital Saturday of last week where he is undergoing treatment.

Mrs. John Freeman has returned to her home near Marshall from St. Joseph's Hospital where she underwent an operation last week.

Jimmy Haynie of Marshall is a patient in the Swannanoa Division of Oteen Veterans Hospital.

Mr. Calvin R. Edney is able to be out again after being confined to his home last week due to illness.

Miss Louise McClure, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McClure, of Walnut, underwent an operation in Charlotte this week. Miss McClure is a teacher in the Gastonia city schools.

Mr. Paul Tugman has returned to his home in Mars Hill after spending several days in Memorial Mission Hospital.

Mr. W. T. McKinney has been confined to his home for the past several days due to illness.

thought I would call your attention to it before it grows.

Enough for this time. Think I better stop writing, and start hunting up all my coats, scarfs, gloves, boots, wool socks, etc., if tomorrow morning is going to be as cold as it is now — Bur-r-r-r.

Guess I better explain that I am writing this the first of the week before I hit the trail, as it may be 70 degrees in the shade by the end of the week.

PEGGY DOTTERER.



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