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EDITORIAL

ARE YOU ACTIVE OR PASSIVE?

Below is reprinted a message from Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc., members of the New York Stock Exchange, which was loaned us by a Marshall businessman. The message is so important that we are using it as an editorial:

WE TAKE OUR TEXT FROM NIKITA KRUSCHEV

"A Communist," he said in his report to the Central Committee on February 14, 1956, "has no right to be a mere onlooker."

The free world may deplore the methods used in the U.S.S.R. to insure the participation of its citizens in the plans of the Kremlin. But no one can deny that Krushchev, after all, has put his finger on one of the strengths of dictatorship — and one of the weaknesses of democracy.

In our democratic society, you have the freedom of choice to be either active or passive, a doer or an onlooker, as you please. You may choose simply to stand and watch the world go by. That is your privilege, and no one can penalize you.

But if there is no law compelling you to be active, no dictator telling you that you must take your place in the ranks — and sending you to Siberia if you don't — is there not at least an implied moral obligation to be a participant rather than simply a spectator — a moral obligation with a force far greater than a dictator's rule? By definition, democracy is the rule of the people, and there is no rule when the people shirk their responsibilities.

Remember the sense of common purpose that we all shared in World War II, whether we were fighting or doing defense work or helping the Red Cross or planting a victory garden? In wartime, most of us accept the necessity for action — and act. But when the necessity grows less urgent, we tend to forget how stimulating it is to be active in a worthwhile cause, how satisfying the resulting sense of fulfillment. Instead, we fall back into the old habit of letting George do it.

Occasionally, a Presidential election stirs us out of our apathy, and we work for the party and the candidates we favor — or at least take the trouble to vote. But after it's over, too many of us slip back into the complacent role of the onlooker.

There are many Americans who regard citizenship as a sinecure, reluctantly paying taxes but making no attempt to influence what is happening in the government and the community.

Others are too fastidious or too phlegmatic to espouse a cause and work for it. Still others fear involvement and prefer to stay on the surface of things, shunning commitment but reserving the right to criticize. They are living phantoms, wasting both the unique opportunities for action afforded by our democracy and their own potentialities as human beings.

They willingly pay lip service to the two principles of conduct that motivated our founding fathers — do your part and do your best — forgetting that operative world in each case is do. Intention, resolution, decision, determination — these are not enough. No one will take the thought for the deed. There is credit — and very little satisfaction — in standing on the sidelines. Participation is what counts — participation in the service of whatever cause is closest to your heart, whatever purpose appeals most strongly to your intelligence.

Work to improve your local school or library or hospital. Collect to help conquer the diseases that now conquer men. Teach English to newcomers, read to the blind, join a church project. Run for public office — or work for someone else who is running. Further a cause you believe in by organizing a group to support it — or at least by taking pen in hand. As Ecclesiastes put it: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

We citizens of this democracy cannot allow ourselves simply to stand by in a world where no Communist has the right to be a mere onlooker. We must bestir ourselves, accept both the responsibility and the opportunity for service to community and country, find our respective causes and serve them with a will.

As Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., said back in 1884:

"As life is action and passion, it is required of a man that he should share the passion and action of his time, at the peril of being judged not to have lived."

ASCS To Have Party Friday

Members of the ASCS of Marshall will have their annual party Friday night at the home of Mrs. J. I. Story. The party will be held from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. and will feature a dinner and entertainment. Tickets are \$5.00 per person. For more information, contact Mrs. J. I. Story at 441-1234.

TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR

Seattle, Wash. — An advertiser in a Seattle newspaper was rather irate when he read his ad. It offered for sale "30 terrible eggs." Will be corrected if not sold promptly. This is a stand for a person with imagination. There are one million, the news were "terrible."



The Gudger Building on Main Street in Marshall, one of the town's oldest landmarks, has been razed and it is expected that a parking lot will soon take its place. The two-story building, built over 100 years ago, was formerly the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Will Gudger, parents of Mr. Roy Gudger, of Marshall. In recent years part of the building has been used for a business office and part as a residence.

ATTEND SOIL CONSERVATION MEET SATURDAY

Fifteen county citizens attended the Conservation Rally held last Saturday night in Waynesville. Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr., was the principal speaker. He was introduced by Congressman Roy A. Taylor.

Those attending the rally from this county were: Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Baucom, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Teague, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Silver, Mr. and Mrs. Zeno Ponder, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roberts, Mrs. James Story, all of Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anderson of Minto Hill. Mr. Baucom is Soil Conservationist of Madison County and Mr. Ponder is county supervisor.

Presbyterians Will Hold Congregational Meeting Here Sunday

A Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday morning, Dec. 17, to determine possible participation in the Madison County Larger Parish. A nominating committee for Church and Sunday School Officers will be elected.

Give A SUBSCRIPTION TO THE NEWS-RECORD for Christmas A Gift Card will be mailed

Don't Forget — "Trudy Tucker" Carol Singing

Citizens of this area are again reminded of the "Trudy Tucker" Carol Sing which will be held on Friday, December 22.

If you don't know what "Trudy Tucker" means, be sure to read next week's issue which explains what the Girl Scouts are going to do.



To Mr. and Mrs. John M. Rector, of Brevard, a son, Michael John, December 10, 1961 in Transylvania Community Hospital, in Brevard. Mr. Rector is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rector, of Marshall.

At Memorial Mission — To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lee Thrash of Robbinsville, a son, December 6. Mrs. Thrash is the former Miss Lona Jean Reeves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fleet Reeves, of Walnut.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Norton, Rt. 1, Marshall, a daughter, December 13.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Evans, Rt. 1, Walnut, a son, Dec. 12.

At St. Joseph's — To Mr. and Mrs. James M. Thuman, Mars Hill, a daughter, Dec. 13.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR...

Mrs. Hill, N. C. Dec. 12, 1961
Mr. Story
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Dear Mr. Story: I know that you are for any organization that is for the betterment of Madison County. I would like for you to print this in your paper.

WHY JOIN THE GRANGE? The Grange furnishes a wholesome "group power vehicle" to rural people. This is an age when it is more difficult to bring the family unit close together in community activities. The Grange provides this opportunity. Today's complexities require good citizenship. The Grange develops understanding, opinions, programs and progress.

This is the time when there is an increasing need for reeducation and united support for the principles of individual integrity and fair dealing among men at home and throughout the world.

The Grange offers you an opportunity to use your abilities as a part of the united effort to expand freedom at home and abroad, to speed progress and to enlarge the horizon for service and abundant living of the American family — A Fuller Rural Way of Life where you are.

The Grange provides a forum for self-expression and discussion of issue — local, state, national, and international — and the mechanism to implement the decisions reached. It meets regularly and is nonsectarian and nonpartisan. The Grange brings members valuable low-cost insurance service.

Thank you very much. Yours truly, CLYDE L. ENGLISH P.S. If anyone wants to organize a Grange in their community they may get in touch with me or by writing Mr. Robert Scott, Haw River, N. C., who is Master of N. C. State Grange.

Give the other fellow a boost — it's always a hitch ahead for you.

PLANE LANDS IN AUTO LOT

New York — Robert A. Shaver, 20, of Queens, took off from an airport in a rented plane at 9:50 a. m., on a cross-country flight. As he neared Connecticut, the plane developed engine trouble; he was forced to turn back. The first level clearing he saw was a parking lot, nearly empty of automobiles. Shaver set the plane down between a long row of lamp posts. He was unhurt.

With The Sick

Mr. W. Frank Frisby has returned to his home from St. Joseph's Hospital where he was a patient for several days.

Fireman Answer Call Here Tuesday

Marshall firemen were called to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Deaver at Rollins Tuesday night about 7:15 o'clock. Luckily, no damaging fire was discovered. "We wish to thank the firemen for their quick response," Mr. and Mrs. Deaver said.

M.Y.F. To Sponsor Christmas Music At Methodist Church

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Marshall Methodist Church is sponsoring a program of Christmas music each Sunday morning this month at the church. David and Diana McElroy will play organ and piano from 9:30 to 9:55 o'clock. Visitors are invited to come and go as they choose during these Sunday morning programs.

December Specials Monday — Tuesday — Thursday

\$35.00 COLD WAVE	\$15.00
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