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EDITORIAL

LEGION POST COMPLAINTS

We had hoped something would be done to a certain meeting place in town without having to bring some of its actions to light. However, it is time for something to be said before more heartaches, hard-feelings and loss of sleep are brought on by officials of this place.

We are speaking of the American Legion Building on Upper Bridge Street.

Several months ago we wrote an editorial praising the action of members of the American Legion. Officials and members at that time announced that the Legion Building was being opened to the Girl and Boy Scouts, the Firemen's Auxiliary, the American Red Cross Bloodmobile and other organizations which wished to use its facilities. We were proud of the action and feel certain that nearly every citizen felt the same way.

After several months, however, different officials were named and it wasn't long thereafter that the Legion Building was "closed" to the Scouts, the Bloodmobile, the Auxiliary, and other organizations.

In recent weeks brawls, fights, profanity, abusive language and other charges have been hurled at the Legion.

We want to defend some of the Legionnaires by stating that several former officials and members have found it advisable, or at least, desirable, to sever relationship with the Legion Post under its present administration.

Frankly, we do not know the present officials of the Legion nor are we in the name-calling business.

We do know that the American Legion in the past has done a great deal for Marshall and the surrounding area. We know that they have helped in many worthwhile causes and have contributed generously to many projects. (The Marshall High School Band, for instance).

Marshall is proud of its worthwhile efforts and its generosity in offering its facilities to other groups. BUT . . . Marshall is NOT proud of the Legion's activities of late.

One local citizen complained a few days ago about the noise from the Legion Building AFTER MIDNIGHT on a Sunday night. Another person spoke of unnecessary noise and vile language . . . late Saturday night into Sunday morning . . .

It's a shame the American Legion Post should lose all its respect and commendations for achievements by allowing such conduct to continue in Marshall.

It's time something was done before it's too late.

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By NORTH CALLAHAN

A lady on 5th Avenue was groping her way around in a circle, looking for something on the sidewalk, and apparently not being able to see. Passersby began to notice her and stopped in a sympathetic and helpful mood. As she kept looking down, trying to locate the lost article, a crowd gathered. She was vivacious Mrs. Richard Kurtz, volunteer Red Cross worker, and finally she explained that she had lost a contact lens and could not see out of that eye. The crowd intensified its search, men got down on their knees, then a policeman appeared and joined in the project. And where did Mrs. Kurtz finally find her lens? Right in her eye it having slipped down under the lid. Some of the people asked her how she liked contact lenses. Understandably, she just shook her head as she walked hurriedly away.

Some years ago I sat next to a genial, middle-aged man at a reception and learned that he was Edgar Lee Masters, the famous poet. We chatted and later corresponded and it was a beneficial pleasure to know him. But within two years, he was found almost starving in a local hotel, being too proud to let it be known that he was poverty-stricken. Soon afterward, he died. Now, just opened on Broadway, is a play entitled, "Spoon River Anthology," based on the poem of that name, the most renowned of the work of Edgar Lee Masters. I wish it well and hope it does justice to the memory of the noted poet.

Another man who reached fame and then obscurity before he passed on was the late S. S. McClure, in a way, one of the most influential men of his times. For not only did he inaugurate the first successful newspaper syndicate and the first Sunday supplement, but he ushered in the "muckraking era" in this country around the turn of the century. Some of our present-day laws, for example those on food and drugs resulted from the exposures brought out by these "muckraker" magazine writers, such as Lincoln Steffens and Upton Sinclair. The word, "muckraker," first used in the modern sense by Theodore Roosevelt, is derived from the man in the great book, "Pilgrim's Progress" who was always raking in the muck but would not look up to see the bright things in the world. McClure.

Fun Workshop For Girl Scouts Saturday, Nov. 23

A number of Girl Scouts from Marshall are expected to attend the International Fun Workshop Saturday, November 23, from 11 a.m. to 2 p. m. in the West Asheville Armory on Louisiana Avenue.

This workshop for Brownie, Junior and Cadette Scouts will offer program ideas for international fun in troops such as crafts songs and folk dances.

Girls will bring "nosebag" lunches and beverage will be furnished. A small fee will cover cost of insurance and craft materials.

Reservations with Troop number and level and number to attend should be in the council office, 610 City Building, Asheville, by November 15.

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Marshall Seniors To Have Talent Show Saturday

Marshall High School Seniors are having a talent show Saturday night at 7:30 in the school gymnasium. A 12-lb. dressed turkey will be given as first prize. Everyone is eligible to enter.

A door prize and a second prize will be given.

One of the things on the program is a Chinese Auction. Everyone is invited to attend or enter.

Harvest Festival At French Broad School

A Harvest Festival, sponsored by the French Broad PTA, will be observed at the French Broad School in Alexander Friday, Nov. 15. Supper will be served in the school cafeteria from 6:00 to 7:00 o'clock.

On the program will be Ten Amusements To Challenge Your Skill, Boy Scout Play, and Cake Walks. Over 50 door prizes will be given away.

The highlight of the night will be the crowning of the King and Queen of French Broad School.

A small admission will be charged.

Two Minutes Bible

GRACE FROM CALVARY

If you want to enjoy a real spiritual feast, take your Bible and look up the word "grace." First notice how often this word is found in the four Gospels — only four times and only once in a doctrinal sense. Then notice how often it is used in Paul's epistles (only about half the size of the four Gospels). Here it is found well over one hundred times and practically always in a doctrinal sense, about the love and mercy of God toward sinners and toward His own. Think of it. Only once is grace referred to doctrinally in the four Gospels, yet in Paul's epistles — only half as large in volume — it is used more than one hundred times.

Cheerleaders At M.H.S. Elected

Cheerleaders for the 1963-64 basketball season at Marshall High School have been selected. They are as follows: Ann Tilson and Sandra Henderson, co-captains; Debra Payne, Margot Roberts, Cecelia Roberts and Gail Fisher.

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CLINIC PRINCIPALS — participating in conduction of the basketball clinic at Lee Edwards High Saturday were (L-R): Coaches Bob Light of Appalachian, Dean Smith of North Carolina, Chuck Noe of South Carolina, Bill Bennett and Ted Carter of Lee Edwards. Bennett, of Mars Hill, recently was named assistant to Carter on the Maroons' cage coaching staff, and both are former coaches at Mars Hill High School.

take your Bible and begin looking up those passages which refer to the cross, the death and blood for Christ, again noticing that while Paul does not actually relate the story of Christ's death, he has more to say about that death, and what it accomplished, than any other Bible writer. It would thrill the heart of any sincere Christian to go through the epistles of Paul and see how much good news Paul proclaims on the basis of the death of Christ — far more than any other writer. This is why Paul's message is called "the preaching of the cross" — by free grace to sinners. Ah, now vary has accomplished for us (1 Cor. 1:17-23).

In Paul's epistles we learn that through Christ's death for us at Calvary believers are "justified," "accepted" by God and pronounced "complete in Christ." By his death they are "reconciled to God in one body," given a position at God's right hand in the highest heavens and assured "the riches of His grace" in "the ages to come" — all this and more.

Riches of grace from Calvary, this is the very essence of the great message which Paul was raised up to proclaim. Read his epistles and see.



PRETTY REMINDER — Jeanne Swanner, Miss North Carolina of 1963, reminds Tar Heel farm families of an important day coming up on Tuesday, Nov. 19. That is the day farm people will vote on their Nickels for Know-How Program. Through this self-help effort, they donate one nickel to agricultural research and education for each ton of feed or fertilizer they purchase. The program was started by farm people in 1951. The vote on Nov. 19 will determine if the program is to be continued another three years. (Photo by Landis Bennett.)

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