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PUT IDLE MONEY TO WORK—LET WORKING MONEY ALONE

During the week of March 7th to 15th a campaign to secure buyers of the "baby bonds," now being prepared by the government, will be made throughout the United States. The purpose of this campaign is to get those having idle money to invest it in these bonds, which are as secure as the government itself, so that the money will be put into circulation and put to work in an effort to relieve the shortage now existing.

These bonds may be cashed within 30 or 60 days after purchased and will bear 2 per cent interest, and will have behind them the entire resources of the United States. All money received from the sale of these bonds will be deposited in the city where the bonds are sold.

As we understand the economic situation and the plans of the Reconstruction Committee, the money derived from these bonds will be used in aiding banks and in paying off government indebtedness. These two institutions are worthy of financial help at this time. If this campaign carried on properly should prove beneficial to every citizen in America.

The doubtful part of this program is, "will the people with idle money invest in these bonds or will the money used in buying them be checked out of the local banks and jeopardize them?" If this fact could be assured and only idle money used in this bond issue, without a doubt, it would be the life-saver of this present economic situation, but if the citizens use what money is now "untied" and in circulation to carry on this program it seems to us that it would be better not to venture into this campaign.

Let's keep these facts in mind and use idle money to buy bonds and let what money is already in circulation remain so.

Dig up that old buried fruit jar full of money, lift the floor in the barn and get out that idle money and put it to work. Money at work is worth something. Idle money brings in no income.

It would be poor business to take dirt from one side of a leaking dam to stop a leak on the other end. Use idle dirt to save the dam.

USE IDLE MONEY TO SAVE THE COUNTRY.

Another thought that perhaps needs consideration. We understand from reliable bankers, that there is more money in the banks today than ever before, but the conservative bankers cannot lend it for fear of the "skeptical" public making a run on their institutions which if they do not have enough cash on hand to meet this run will be forced to close. If the bankers were assured of not having to meet the demands of a run they could loan out their surplus cash. Then, too, many people that borrow money are slow about paying it back when they could and should meet their obligations promptly. Their idea seems to want to hold back, hoping that something will happen whereby they will be relieved of their obligations.

A FOOLISH INVESTMENT

The most foolish investment we have heard of lately is that of The Literary Digest spending over \$500,000 on their wet and dry straw vote. What have they got when it is finished? Not a thing but a lot of figures that are as false as anything could possibly be. The reason we say that is because we know of many local people voting in this straw vote that are sending in wet votes, when, if an election was held in Waynesville tomorrow on the question they would vote dry.

Then on the other side we hear that there is \$500,000 being spent that would not have been spent if the vote had not been put on. That is all true, but the postal department of the United States is getting the most of the money when they certainly don't need it. Why not give that amount to some of the poor and needy the Digest is always talking about, and put it where it is needed.

THE WAYNESVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AN UNSELFISH ORGANIZATION

The Waynesville Chamber of Commerce has just elected new officers for the coming year and they are now busily engaged in working out one of the most effective programs ever staged by a civic organization here.

The new officers, realizing that the cooperation of every citizen in Waynesville will be needed to carry on this program, have planned a city-wide banquet to be held on March 17, at which time their budget and proposed projects will be presented to the citizens.

The new officers are going at their task with an unselfish motive at heart and are working in every way possible to get more tourists and industries here. They are presenting their plans to the other citizens of the town that are not members of the organization for any criticism or suggestions that they can give in perfecting their proposed program.

Just from the standpoint of civic pride every citizen should get behind this splendid organization and help put the program "across," and especially should everyone work even harder with the Chamber of Commerce now since they have come out openly and enlisted the suggestions of non-members.

Just 18 days until spring is officially recognized; the weather man seems to have got his months mixed and started spring on October 21, instead of March 21.

20 Years Ago in HAYWOOD

Mr. Frank Smathers has an entertaining letter on the front page written from Atlantic City. Mr. Smathers writes that he is realizing a "burning ambition" from childhood to see his name in the Courier because he thought it a most remarkable and ingenious enterprise, and he has never outgrown those early impressions. This is the first of a series of interesting letters from Mr. Smathers.

The Odd Fellows of the twentieth district will meet in convention with Ocona Lodge No. 315 at Whittier on March 17 and 18.

Major H. A. Love had a narrow escape last Friday night, from getting his house burned. Late at night he was aroused by the smell of fire and after a search of the house found a pile of cotton cloths in the basement had caught fire supposedly by spontaneous combustion. He lost no time in extinguishing the flames.

We learn that Asheville and Hendersonville are prosecuting a vigorous campaign of advertising throughout Florida and other states south of us. Waynesville might do the same thing with gr at profit. Now is the time—now. Procrastination is a thief.—Ed.

A very enjoyable social affair this week was the dance at the Gordon Pavilion Saturday night. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. James Killian, Misses Mattie Love, Josephine Gilmer, Mary Fry, Mamie Moore, Virginia Jones, Ruth Knight, Nannette Jones, Hilda Way, Hazel Killian; Messrs. Boyd, Graves, Gauze, Miller, Blackwell, McCracken, Coble, Freeman, and Smathers.

COMMUNITY CLUB

The regular monthly meeting of the Community Club will be held next Monday afternoon, February 7, at the club room, at 3 o'clock. The paper on "Know Your Own Town and County" will be written and read by Mrs. Rufus Siler. Current Events will be reviewed by Mrs. Roy Martin and the music will be in charge of Mrs. Lucile Foy.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Editor, The Mountaineer, Waynesville, N. C.
Dear Sir:

It is a little late, but I would like to commend you on your Mencken editorial in The Mountaineer, dated January 28. Title: If North Carolina is Uncivilized, God pity the rest of the Nation. I believe in free speech and freedom of press, and all that kind of thing, but Mencken has no right to eternally run with his cutout open. Yours very truly,

J. H. Trantham,
6249 Glenwood Avenue
Chicago, Illinois.

It is time somebody was saying something about tax reform. It's time also that somebody was doing something about it. Why don't those who want to represent Haywood County in the Legislature say what they will do about it if they should get there?

Only the Legislature can do what is needed. If it was in the dark ages when the king was both the law-maker and the tax gatherer, we might borrow a sharp ax and extemporize a good wooden block and abolish both the tax and the tax-maker at one blow. But now-a-days we have to select the right man to make the needed laws in order to get relief.

Some very simple principles under the whole scheme of taxation. Here they are, or rather some of them:

- 1. Money to run the government cannot be gotten from those who haven't it, but must be collected from those who have.
 - 2. It is fair and proper to collect taxes from individuals and property according to net incomes.
 - 3. Taxation must not be made confiscatory. No tax should be collected from property that does not yield a net income unless the property is held for speculation purposes.
 - 4. Expenses of government must be reduced.
 - 5. Equality of taxation and absolute impartiality of the law making body in the levying of taxes must be guaranteed.
 - 6. Tax exempt bonds must not be allowed to reduce taxes on other property, or in other words, tax exempt bonds in the hands of certain corporations must not be allowed to reduce their valuation for taxation twice the amount of the bond.
- These principles are simple and easily understood and easily carried out if we send men to the Legislature who are near to the people and believe in equal rights to all and special privileges to none.
- Therefore, let's select our candidates in the June primary who believe in equality of taxation, that is, that the rich man's dollar shall be taxed at the same rate as the poor man's dollar. Let's look out for this in the June primary.
- W. C. ALLEN.

Holy Week Services Will Be Held Daily At Local Theatre

The ministers of the city will hold daily services during Holy Week here at the Wayneswood Theatre. The services will commence promptly at noon and will close promptly at 12:30.

- Music for these meetings will be furnished by the combined choirs of the city.
- The addresses each day will be given as follows:
- Monday, March 21, Rev. H. W. Faucem, pastor of Baptist church.
 - Tuesday, March 22, Rev. W. O. Goode, pastor of the Methodist church.
 - Wednesday, March 23, Rev. L. B. Hayes, presiding elder.
 - Thursday, March 24, Rev. R. P. Walker, pastor Presbyterian church.
 - Saturday, March 26, Rev. Albert New, Rector of Episcopal church.
- Further announcements will be made later in regard to other services to be held during Holy Week.

Grins and Chuckles

"Does your husband always ask questions?"
"No, some nights I'm the one who asks questions."

"Your name?"
"Clara Smith."
"Your age?"
"Sixty-five."
"Married?"
"Not yet."

Blinks—I hear you and your bor are on the outs. What has Jinks—Well, my kids are music lessons, and the other sent over an ox with a note read: "Try this on your piano."

"Hard working little wife got, Bill," said the traveling small shopkeeper as he watched man's wife busy in the shop.
"My word, yes!" replied the keeper. "I only wish I had a more like 'er."

Wife—A bachelor has to share his troubles.
Husband—Why should a bachelor have any troubles?
She—Why should I let me?

He—Well, if you want an explanation, that will take time. It's like this—
She—Oh, go ahead and kiss me.

Visitor—Is this village light electricity?
Villager—Only when there's er storm.

He Made 200 Bales Of Cotton in 1911 Three Bales in 1912

Atlanta, Ga.—"I made 200 cotton in 1911 and only three in 1912. That's what the boll weevil did to me. Then something over ago my health failed. I have a share of hard knocks but I have my rewards, too, and the grass these was Sargon. It brought health back and has been worth to me than all the cotton in the Sargon Soft Mass Pills over a constipation of years standing. W. Smith, 25 Little St. Atlanta.
Curtis Cut-Rate

WANTED 600 BUSHELS GOODSOUND WHITE EAR CO 35c BUSHEL DELIVERED SAUNOOK R. N. BARBER COMPANY

Why Get Up Night
MAKE THIS 25c TEST
This easy bladder physio-logic drive out impurities and cause irritation that leg pains, backache, burning tingling nights. BU-KETS, the physio-logic, containing buck, etc., works on the bladder and effectively as castor oil, bowels. Get a 25c box (5 grams) from your druggist. After if not relieved of getting up back and get your money. You bound to feel better after this and you get your medicine locally at Waynesville Pharmacy.

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The best news we could print this week is, "It won't be long before you will have an opportunity to see the best, newest and most moderately priced automobile on the market."

Wait for the New Fords, the car the world's waiting for.

Say, doesn't this weather make you feel like getting out the old fishing tackle, digging bait and leaving everything and going fishing.

Remember, when it is fishing time, it's also overhauling time. Treat the old bus to a spring overhaul.

We have a special on overhaul jobs now. It is so cheap we are ashamed to print the price.

Have you ever tried a service that was better than Ford Service? We know you haven't. What is the use of going elsewhere when you can get the best from us?

If some people didn't take better care of themselves than they do their cars, this country would be made up of physical wrecks.

Even if you think there is nothing the matter with your car let us check it over, without cost, and see that everything is "just right."

Did you know that—"If Ford Puts His Name On It—It's Got To Be Good."

How does this sound, "I own a Ford Eight." Nothing sounds cheap about that but the price, you ought to see it. They'll be here soon.

You feed your children milk to make them grow. Give your car Good Gulf Gasoline and watch her go.

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BIBLE THOUGHT
 Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Proverbs 20:1, and 23:31-32.

ARE WE GOING TO LET CRIMINALS RULE THIS COUNTRY?

One of the most deplorable sights that we have witnessed in many days was the one last week when we made a trip to the new state prison camp at Hazelwood and saw those 80 prisoners, most of whom were boys just out of their teens, march into their steel barracks under heavy guard, after a days work on the road.

To stand there and watch those 65 young men, under 25 years of age, each one having a forlorn look upon their faces and their listless walk indicating that they cared little about themselves or their fellowman, brought this thought to mind, "who is responsible for these boys being here?"

Certainly the boys themselves are, but they did not originate crime, it was taught to them by some other criminal; and in most cases they receive their criminal instructions from older men who had formerly served time in prison.

Every day citizens talk of the horrors of the Chinese army using boys 14 and 15 years old, but seldom stop to think that those boys are fighting for their country while right here at our door is a group of boys, practically the same age, not fighting for their country but against it. This fact seems to get little comment; of course we are ashamed of the situation, but there's no use trying to get around facts. What is the matter? Does the youth of this country need to be taught right from wrong? Do we need laws that would impose heavier penalties that would scare some of the would-be criminals from becoming criminals, or do we need the old fashioned whipping post again? Perhaps the latter would cause more to stop and think before breaking the law.

Something ought to be done to reduce this ever increasing crime. If there isn't something done, and that quickly, this country is soon going to be over run with criminals. This fact was made clear by Oscar Pitts, supervisor of highways for the western district, under whose supervision all prison camps are conducted, when he told The Mountaineer that in June there are 3300 prisoners in his district; today there are over 4600. At that rate it won't take long for the criminal to be the majority in this nation.

After the average prisoner is released from prison he brags about his serving and influence. Other young men to break the law, telling them that the officers won't catch them, and for the novelty of the thing they are fool enough to try it and are usually caught and sent to serve a few months, only to be released to influence some other decent person.

A convict among society is like a rotten apple placed in a barrel of good ones, for a while it gives little trouble, then all of a sudden the entire barrel is affected.

Of course, the criminal cannot be exterminated, but can't the law abiding citizens of this state and other states see that harder and longer sentences are imposed upon criminals? It seems that if this were done fewer young men would be influenced to attempt to break the law. We are not advocating that prisoners be treated brutally but we do believe that longer and stiffer sentences would tend to lesson crime. At least it would be worth the time to try it.

To get a better picture of the need of a reform of some kind, and that immediately, visit the new prison at Hazelwood.

LOOK AT THE DATE OF YOUR SUBSCRIPTION AND THEN READ THIS

One publisher near here is using a rather odd system of notifying his subscribers and the world when their subscription has expired. He merely prints the names of all those whose subscription is in arrears in black face type when their name appears in the news columns of his paper. This method is said to have brought in hundreds of subscribers who were behind with their subscription.

We are not going to publish your name in black face type if you are behind in your subscription, you just imagine it is in bold type and that every person reading the paper knows you owe for your paper and in order to clear your conscience pay up and rid yourself of that guilty feeling.