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DEMOCRATS DETERMINED TO WIN

The Democrats of Western North Carolina, in an executive meeting here last Friday, displayed more optimism and a determination to win one hundred percent in every county than at any previous time.

The state Democratic leaders have always looked upon the counties of this section as being a little hard to depend upon because of the many Republicans living in this section.

Haywood County is usually rated as a 2,500 to 3,000 Democratic majority county, but the prediction this year calls for a majority of 3,500, and the Democrats making that prediction did not just think up that figure.

We do not think that it would be just to the Democratic party to play up the part that everything is a path of roses ahead, because, as it was brought out at the meeting, the Republicans are fighting hard but against the odds.

WHAT IF WE HAD THIS LAW

If our states were suddenly to pass laws similar to those of France, which make a property-owner whose carelessness causes a fire responsible for damage done to other property, fire loss would drop overnight to a new low.

There is not much danger of such a law coming into being. But it would be a good thing if we pretended it already existed, and acted accordingly.

The first step would be to check up on wiring, chimney and flues. Are they in the best possible condition? Will they pass a rigorous test? Then we would have to lay plans to prevent carelessness with matches, cigars, waste, rags, inflammable liquids and similar "household menaces."

The American is the most wasteful and careless and ignorant person in the world when it comes to fire. He is the most inept in preventing it. It is about time we applied some of our much vaunted American efficiency and intelligence to the fire problem.

Of course, the beauty of the flowers at the Dahlia Show were beyond all phrases that could describe them, but we believe one of the outstanding features of all was the expressions on the faces of visitors that do not live here and do not grow dahlias.

WE NEED A WELFARE OFFICER

To us the outstanding question confronting Waynesville and Haywood county at this time is the matter of distributing food and money to the needy of this community during the coming winter, and the only solution we have to offer for the problem is an efficient county welfare officer, and charity organization.

We have been told that Haywood county does not need a welfare officer, but we beg to differ on this, because the things that we have seen, heard and found out ourselves lead us to believe that such a person in the county during the coming winter would save the citizens of the county hundreds of dollars and would see that those not deserving help would not be encouraged to become professional beggars.

The duties of this welfare officer, we think should not be just to give out food, clothing and donations, but to assist those that are unfortunate and try to find a way to help them work out their own living. The way, it is now being handled is to "dish" it out to them and when that gives out come back for more.

We maintain that an efficient welfare officer could have investigated every case before giving out one pound of that flour and that one third the amount would have done more actual good than the several carloads that were distributed in the county.

If there had been a central charity organization in the county headed by a welfare officer we believe that every few of those that got donations of flour would have passed the "severe test" that should have been given before getting their share.

At this time an instance comes to mind that actually happened in this office not long ago. Mr. W. C. Allen, chairman of the Red Cross of this county, makes this office his headquarters at times, as he is circulation manager of this paper, and then it was that we had an opportunity to observe the people that were seeking donations.

Then there are other reasons why we should have a welfare officer. The professional beggars know the ropes. They know how to work on sympathy and get the necessities of life from people while the true down and out person is usually turned down and goes hungry.

The present method of helping the needy in Haywood county is most critical, ship-shod, inefficient and detrimental. It is a situation that calls for immediate action.

Then another thought. The county of Haywood has appropriated \$13,900 for the coming year to be used for the poor. Not all of this is distributed to individuals, however, but a large portion is. The county commissioners do not have time to investigate all cases coming before them, although they are furnished with proof that the subject is worthy, but many times some that are deserving are entirely left out, because as we said above, they do not know the ropes.

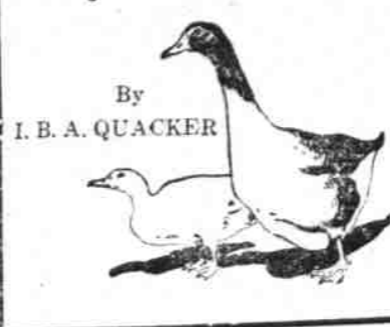
We are convinced that if \$1,500 of this \$13,900 were given to pay the salary of a welfare officer that by next year the poor fund would be cut to at least \$10,000 including the salary of the welfare officer.

To continue at the present method we see the situation summed up like this; encouraging and raising beggars of certain people; slighting those needing help; feeding those able to work; and patting ourselves on the back for paying a five cent tax levy to promote this situation.

Now the question arises, who is going to start this movement? We are reprinting the last sentence of an editorial we published in this paper last March, which was along the same line of thought as the above, it said, "We suggest that one of the women's civic organizations of this city start this movement and organize an associated charity organization. It would be one of the best ways to render a real service to this community."

Now that we have grass on the court house grounds instead of red clay probably the county books will not be in "the red."

QUACKS



This column will try to appear each week, and I hope it will not be weaker by week. I have not yet passed my fiftieth birthday and have been in the newspaper work less than one-half of my life.

I LIKE THE DEPRESSION

What threatens to become a Newspaper Classic is a piece, "I Like the Depression," written by Henry Ansley, of the Amarillo (Texas) Globe-News, which has not only been going through the rounds of the press of the Lone Star state, but which is now being widely reprinted outside its borders.

and not feel that you are wasting valuable time. I like the depression. I am getting acquainted with my neighbors. In the last six months I have become acquainted with folks who have been living next door to me for three years.

Three years ago, I ordered my clothes from a merchant tailor—two and three suits at a time. All my clothes were good ones. I was always dressed up. But now, I haven't bought a suit in two years. I am mighty proud of my Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes.

My wife belonged to all the clubs in town. She even joined the young mothers club. We don't have any children, but she was studying—and between playing bridge and going to clubs she was never at home.

We got stuck up and hifalutin. We even took down the old family bed and bought a set of twin beds—the instant plan.

When I would come home at night, if my wife was at home, she would already be in her bed and I would crawl in mine. If I came in first, it was vice versa.

We like the depression. We have come down off our pedestal and are really living at my house now. The twin beds are stored in the garage and the old family affair is being used.

I haven't been out on a party in 18 months. I have lost my book of telephone numbers. My wife has dropped all the clubs, I believe we are falling in love all over again.

I am feeling better since the depression. I take more exercise. I walk to town and a lot of folks who used to drive Cadillacs are walking with me. I like the depression.

My digestion is better. I haven't been to see a doctor in a year. I can eat anything I want to.

I like the depression. My salary has been cut to where I can't afford to buy lettuce and spinach and parsley and we can't afford to have sandwiches and frozen desserts and all that damfoolishness which has killed more good men than the World War.

I like the depression. Three years ago, I never had time to go to church. I played golf all day Sunday and besides I was so darned smart that there wasn't a preacher in West Texas who could tell me anything.

Now I am going to church regularly, never miss a Sunday.

And if this depression keeps on, I will be going to prayer meeting before long.

Read the advertisements

SO-HY

To wash windows use a solution of two tablespoons of SO-HY to each quart of water. Wash well with this, using soap if exceptionally dirty. Rinse with clear water and wipe dry.

At Your Favorite Store

Black-Draught

"I have used Theford's Black-Draught for constipation for a long time," writes Mrs. Frank Champion of Wynne, Ark. "If I get up in the morning feeling dull and sluggish, a dose of Black-Draught taken three times a day will cause the feeling to pass away, and in a day or two I feel like a new person."

ANNOUNCEMENT

I have moved my Battery Service Station to the building on Depot Street just opposite back door to New Court House.

Waynesville Battery Service Station D. E. HENSLEY, Prop.

24 Years Ago in HAYWOOD

Mrs. Andrew Moore, of Gaston who is a member of the Dorcas B. Love Chapter D. A. R., will be one of the delegates at the state convention of the D. A. R. in Morganton.

The residence of Hon. and Mrs. T. Crawford on Branner Avenue was the scene of much pleasure and merriment last Friday evening when Crawford entertained in honor of Crawford's secretary, Mr. R. H. Flack. In the hall the guests were received by Miss Lovell Davis and Miss Olive Boone.

Jack Frost visited this community Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

22 YEARS AGO IN HAYWOOD Misses Sydnie Moore, Nannie Jones, and Georgia Miller spent several days in Asheville this week.

Col. and Mrs. James W. Bond announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Mary Caperton, to Mr. William Dole, Jr. of Columbia, Tenn.

Massie and Albright are having an auction sale of 150 men's suits on Saturday at their place of business near the depot.

"I Had To Take Some Kind of a Laxative Every Day," He Says

"Sargon Soft Mass Pills Regularly My Bowels Perfectly." "I suffered with constipation for twenty years. I reached the point where I had to take some kind of a laxative every day, but they did me no good. My bowels and legs for the time being were my first and last relief. Sargon Soft Mass Pills regulated my bowels perfectly. I don't have there is another laxative like this in the world." - Mr. P. Harwood, 70 Leavenworth, Rochester, N. Y.

"I No Longer Have To Dose Myself With Harsh Purgatives Will Always Bless the Day I Started Sargon Soft Mass Pills"

"For the first time in six years I don't have to dose myself with harsh purgatives. All my troubles with constipation and biliousness were ended by Sargon Soft Mass Pills. My skin has changed to a clear, healthy color. These pills are different from any other laxative I have ever used. I'll always bless the day I took a friend's ways and started taking them." - Mrs. A. Treloax, 121 Lime Ave., Long Beach, Cal.

He Never Has To Take Laxatives Of Any Description

Used Cathartics Almost Daily Before He Took Sargon Pills. "For more than twenty years I suffered with constipation and all active purgatives had to take some kind of a laxative every day. I had been using Sargon Soft Mass Pills for the last six years and I can say that I never need to take any other laxative or cathartic." - Thomas C. Matthews, 1414 Water St., Denver, Colo.

Is Now Perfectly Regulated First Time in 15 Years

Was Continually Taking Medicines Without Lasting Benefits.

"I was continually taking physics and laxatives but could find nothing to overcome my dreadful constipation. Thanks to Sargon Soft Mass Pills I now for the first time in fifteen years have regular and thorough bowel elimination. This is the only laxative I ever used that works naturally and gently without least griping or unpleasant effects." - Mrs. E. L. Warner, 541 E. 12th St., Portland, Oregon.

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