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A WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

In an article appearing on the front page of this issue, C. M. Diens, prominent business man and civic leader, proposes that a Waynesville District Chamber of Commerce be organized, with the membership of such an organization coming from the townships of Waynesville and Ivy Hill. The purpose of this organization would be to advertise this immediate section to the outside world, which Mr. Diens believes would lead to unlimited benefits for the community at large.

Mr. Diens has spent much time and thought on this subject and has outlined a program which is somewhat along the same line of thought as expressed in this column only recently, and that is, we need more members in the civic organization that are to have the responsibility of advertising our many natural advantages to the outside world.

We were particularly impressed with Mr. Diens' suggestion as to the appointment of the executive committee because in the manner he suggests a more direct representation of all business enterprises and professions would have a direct voice in the undertakings of the organization.

The Mountaineer feels that Mr. Diens' proposals are worthy of our consideration, and should bring forth expressions from many other civic leaders in this immediate section.

THE VALUE OF THE STORY HOUR

Under the above caption, a member of the Woman's Club wrote the following article, which contained such good thoughts that we are using it editorially in the hope that it might bring renewed enthusiasm into their worthy undertaking.

The oral story has a very large place in the education of children. Without doubt, it furnishes the chief means of using the imagination in the direction of a wider mental horizon, and should fill an important place in the day's program of each child. The ideal place for story telling is the home, but since our modern methods of living have so changed home life, the art and custom of fireside story telling has waned. Seeing the need of a story hour in the community, the Women's Clubs of Waynesville have sponsored a story hour this season which has proved both interesting and helpful.

The story is of untold value to every child. First of all, it fires the imagination and creates a desire for reading, study, and activity. It fosters a love for good literature and gives a background and an introduction to a wide scope of reading matter. In this way, an acquaintance with the best authors is cultivated. Some spark of creative genius is aroused, for the story has given a pattern for story building and dramatization. Through the story correct use of words, phrases and sentences is learned. Thus the vocabulary is enlarged and enriched and pronunciation and enunciation is improved.

Some stories have historical settings and background, and in this way give a wealth of historical knowledge. Still others use geographic, scientific or biological factors, defining the scope of education along that line. Aside from these factors, the good story has a moral appeal and is a great aid in character building, as well as a source of entertainment and useful employment during idle hours. Children are naturally good and if given the proper outlet for their energies, are never bad and mischievous.

So Mr. Roosevelt gave a Dorn to the War Department.

Add to list of things the county needs—More plow line and less bread lines.

OUR NEIGHBORS
 During the past 10 days the business world has gone through some trying circumstances, but so far, the people of this nation have stuck to each other and the situation has been met calmly and bravely.

Close observations during the past few days, have reminded us of the sermon we heard preached recently by a prominent pastor of this state, during which he brought out the following points, which we pass on for what they are worth. They have meant much to us.

"The world is now one large community, and everyone's actions touch someone else.

"The man who lives for himself today is not living a Christian life, and is not a good citizen.

"Have an interest in your fellow man.

"You can't get along without your neighbor.

"You can't afford to enrich yourself at the expense of the other fellow."

There is no doubt but that the financial troubles the world is having has had a tendency to bring men closer to each other and make them more neighborly and instill in them a keener understanding of each other's burdens.

WHO SHOULD PAY FOR HIGHWAYS

Some time ago a commission was appointed to determine what proportion of the cost and upkeep of the highways should be paid by the commercial trucks. Four men representing the railroads, and four men representing motor cars were put on this commission. The eight agreed on a ninth man who was chairman.

The annual cost of maintaining the English highway system is about \$300,000,000. The recommendation of the commission is that the commercial trucks should pay practically forty per cent of the cost and upkeep of our public highways, and all other motor vehicles the balance.

If the conclusion reached is sound and fair, it would seem that farmers and other owners of private motor cars in this country are carrying an enormous tax burden that belongs on other shoulders. Farmers should demand a readjustment of the highway tax burden at once. It is believed that farmers have paid out many millions of dollars for public highways that should have been paid by others.—Southern Agriculturist.

THOMAS A. EDISON

Thomas A. Edison will go down in history as an inventor and will be probably thought of in terms of an inventor, but we found the other day some sayings of his which we feel are worthy of the deep consideration of our readers. After reading these "gems," said to have been written by Edison, we believe that many will have an entirely different opinion of the great inventor-philosopher.

"The greatest monument of all times was the Cross of Calvary. It had a greater effect on more people for a longer time than anything erected by man.

"One generation doesn't profit by the pain of another.

"This fellow Ford is like a postage stamp. He sticks to a thing until he gets there.

"I have friends in overalls whose friendship I would not swap for the favor of kings.

"Fools call wise men fools. But a wise man never calls any man a fool.

"A man's best friend is a good wife.

"Look at the moon—it winks at the world's ignorance.

"A good idea never was lost. Its possessor may die, but it will be reborn in the mind of another.

"Our goal is peace and preparedness is the road to it.

"Time is the cheapest thing in life, and the only thing you cannot buy.

"Even a man that doesn't amount to much usually gets a hearing when he's telling the truth."

Haywood county is one of the few counties in the state that did not default in meeting their obligations recently. Of the four incorporated towns in the county, only one, Clyde defaulted, and that was a very small amount.

It is not that we all don't know what is the matter with the country today, its doing something about it.

Last year the people of the United States paid over \$246,600,000 in gasoline taxes. A kind of privilege tax, maybe. Spending that much for the privilege to burn money.

Our printers have heard "save and economize" so much that last week they left the "O" out of tourist in the editorial column in order to save that much ink, or at least maybe that was the reason.

LETTERS to the Editor

TWO WORTHWHILE SUGGESTIONS

Mr. W. C. Russ, Editor
 Waynesville Mountaineer,
 Waynesville, North Carolina.

My dear Mr. Russ:

I wish to supplement my last letter with two other suggestions. If you think there is any merit in either, you might pass them on to the Chamber of Commerce to govern themselves accordingly.

You may not know it, but South Florida is experiencing the biggest winter season in its history. We have 25 per cent more visitors in Miami and it rains the winter than in summer days of the "boom."

It is not unexpected, and therefore it is not appreciated. Even though it is not spending the money, it is not spending it in the best way. A lot of money in the pockets of these Floridians, and the money they will be looking for a place to spend their August and September vacations. Why not in Waynesville?

It might be advisable, therefore, for the Chamber of Commerce to address themselves in Florida, as you already know that at least 25 per cent of your tourists for the winter have been Floridians. It might be considered a good idea to have a lot of people in Waynesville take vacations in this winter. It would do us a lot of good.

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The Weather

The weather man Tuesday gave Waynesville and vicinity a sample of practically every type of weather he has. In the early morning a light rain fell, soon to be followed by a clear sky with a light breeze. Following this the breeze became stronger and colder, and by noon dark clouds had formed again.

Shortly after noon snow began to fall and in a few minutes the ground was covered, but quickly melted when the second rain of the day fell.

At dusk the clouds had broken and were drifting away with a light cold wind.

Wednesday morning found all the mountains around here covered with snow.

The official thermometer readings as given out by S. H. Stevenson for the past few days are as follows:

Date	Max	Min	Perct.
1	72	39	
2	57	28	
3	55	24	
4	51	28	
5	57	17	
6	55	29	

Annual Cullowhee Basketball Tournament Begins Today

(Special to The Mountaineer.)
 Due to the bad conditions of the roads leading into Cullowhee, the annual high school basketball tournament scheduled for March 22-24 has been postponed until March 24-26. It was announced here today.

Coach J. H. Smith said that a large number of teams would participate in the tournament. Spectator seats for the boys and girls will be staged. Last year the meet was a decided success and everything points to a great affair this season.

Catawba County sweet potato growers are selling their crop at 30 to 40 cents a bushel at the current home prices. This is a low price for a line with other fruit prices, say 100 growers.

MYSTIFYING TODAY

I
 Yesterday was dreary and the place all day.
 When the weather is bad I feel the same darn way.
 I'm worried about my debts. How can I pay
 Everyone I owe? But ain't it fine today?

II
 Many of the farmers haven't paid their taxes yet.
 And taxes are one sure inevitable debt.
 And so they often feel like jumping in the bay.
 The times are hard. "But" ain't it fine today?

III
 Lots of the factories aren't turning a wheel.
 An oversupply threatens all trade to congeal.
 Workers aren't working and no one feels so gay
 On empty stomachs. "But" ain't it fine today?
 —Lloyd Harrison.

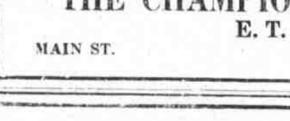
DO YOU NEED COMFORTABLE SPRING SHOES

There is no shoe as comfortable as an old shoe, provided it is in good condition. If you have your old shoes that feel so comfortable, don't throw them away, just bring them to us and we'll make 'em look like new ones, but will leave that good old comfortable feeling there. Do it today.

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ALEXANDER'S QUESTION BIRD



What's the best thing to do for a Spring cold? *As a*

Answer:-
 Take a quick trip to this drug store!

A Quick Trip to this drug store is a first aid to the injured plan for securing quick relief from a spring cold. You see we are completely equipped with every cold or other ailment-antagonist that your doctor may prescribe that will help you get rid of the annoying ailment in a jiffy.

Alexander's Drug Store

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