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**THE PROPOSED WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

The Mountaineer has been impressed with the large number of comments made favoring the proposed civic organization of a Waynesville District Chamber of Commerce by C. M. Dieus, which was published in last week's paper.

Not all of the comment made has been in favor of the proposed plan, however, and those expressing opposition to it were as sincere in their views as those favoring it, but we find that the general opinion is, as far as revealed, in accord with the plan.

This paper shall continue to support any and all movements which we believe are uplifting and mean the betterment of our community, but at the same time we are always willing to give views of those seeing things differently. We shall give them space, in accordance with our policy, as quickly as those expressing our sentiment.

With this clearly before the people, we invite expressions from the citizens of this section in regard to the proposed Waynesville District Chamber of Commerce, no matter what their views may be.

It might be that there is some better plan than the one proposed by Mr. Dieus which could be put into force in this community. If there is, we feel that it is the civic duty of anyone having a better plan, or an amendment to Mr. Dieus' proposal, to come out with it and let the public know of it.

This paper takes the position that under Mr. Dieus' plan, the "over-burdened few" who have earned on this work for years will be given assistance, both financial and moral, in carrying out the proposed program, or a similar program, which we feel will mean the beginning of better times in Haywood county.

We have felt, and expressed ourselves on many occasions, of the need of advertising this section in other parts of the country "from whence cometh our tourists, prospective home-seekers and also industries." It is extremely hard for a few business men and women to properly support and finance a program which will effectively get this done, but we feel that there are existing in the territory, as set out by Mr. Dieus, enough people with civic pride, enthusiasm and faith in Waynesville and community to gain an organization of this type and put their whole soul and body back into it until the goal has been reached.

Several civic leaders have requested us to urge all heads of civic organizations of the community—by community we mean Waynesville and Ivy Hill Townships—to take this matter up with their organization and send in to this paper the sentiment of the group, regardless of what it may be.

Now that the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is a reality, and we are located nearer to it than any other North Carolina city, it seems that immediate action in advertising this section is most important.

For proof that the people of our nation are anxious and ready to come to Waynesville, we invite you to read the letter printed elsewhere in this issue written by Mrs. Matthews. If all this response could be brought about by one person, just what could be done with the entire community behind the movement?

**PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S BANK ADDRESS**

We suggest that those of our readers who did not hear President Roosevelt's address on banking Sunday evening, turn to it in this issue and read every word of it.

The average person knows very little about the banking system of our nation other than how to make deposits and write out checks, and only a limited knowledge of that.

Our President presented some interesting and educational facts in his address and it is worth the time to read it.

**THE CALIFORNIA EARTHQUAKE**

Our sympathy goes out to the citizens of the nation who lost heavily of their property and in many instances members of their families or loved-ones, in the California Earthquake.

As terrible as the earthquake was, it also had another side to it, in that it made the rest of the country stop thinking so much about the bank situation and look at the suffering and sorrow which had befallen the western shore of our nation.

Many people throughout our nation have been comparing everything in life with gold and silver, and during the past few weeks they have stuck even closer to that than ever, but with the scenes of devastation of the California earthquake in their minds, we feel that many will look beyond their financial troubles and visualize the suffering and sorrow that can really befall a nation.

And again, we repeat, our sympathy goes out to all those affected in any way by the earthquake, but since it had to happen, it seems that it was indeed a blessing that it should occur at the crisis of the financial situation and bring our nation face to face with the fact, that, "even as bad as the financial situation was, there are many things that could have been much worse."

**A WARNING TO THOSE NOW ON CHARITY LIST**

We were told by a county official last week, that those now on the charity list and receiving help would be checked on and all those not planting gardens and trying to help themselves would not receive aid next year.

This same official told us that a record was being made of those who were offered jobs and refused to take them because they felt that the county will care for them. These persons will be somewhat overcome next fall when they find that they can no longer depend on charity.

Citizens in each community should inform those now receiving charity, just what plans are being made for next winter, and should try to make the "destitute" realize the importance of having at least a garden.

We believe that next winter it is going to be a difficult task to get charity assistance.

**WHAT COULD BE PLAINER?**

Last Sunday morning Rev. H. W. Baucom, pastor of the First Baptist church, brought to his congregation a most timely and uplifting message. He used as his text, a scripture verse that seems was perhaps written just for this nation at this time, II Chronicles, 7th Chapter and 14th verse:

**"If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land."**

A few of the remarks made by Rev. Mr. Baucom were as follows:

"This seems to be a cure for the world's ills.  
 "A cure for the depression.  
 "The world seems to have forgotten God, his teachings and his warnings."

**ROOSEVELT'S CABINET**

We were impressed with the fact that President Franklin D. Roosevelt did not follow the trend of the day by shelving the old men, but on the contrary the majority of the men chosen for members of his cabinet have passed sixty.

One writer stated, "It looks as if President Roosevelt is looking for guidance through this stress and strife, both upon the wisdom and experience of age, and the enthusiasm and virility of youth."

We learned that the ages of the cabinet members are as follows: Hull, secretary of state, 61; Woodin, secretary of treasury, 64; Dern, secretary of war, 60; Cummings, attorney general, 62; Farley, postmaster general, 44; Swanson, secretary of navy, 70; Ickes, secretary of interior, 58; Wallace, secretary of agriculture, 44; Roper, secretary of commerce, 65; Miss Perkins, secretary of labor, 49.

Reading that an inventor has perfected a machine capable of resoling shoes at the rate of 120 pairs and hour, the parent of several active, growing children will be inclined to wonder what one of them in a family size would cost.—Ex.

The old saying that "talk is cheap" seems not to apply at Washington where, during the current session of Congress, the cost of printing speeches, resolutions and "extension of remarks" is reported as averaging in excess of \$4000 per day.—Christian Science Monitor.

**LETTERS to the Editor**

**FREE TEXT BOOKS**

Dear Editor:  
 We have recently noticed much agitation against the proposition that would furnish the children in the public schools of North Carolina with free text books. In fact, deplorable as it may seem, some of these agitators are school officials who make no reservations in their denouncement of such a plan. While we do not maintain that free text books could be easily furnished in this period of financial unrest, we do believe that it is a progressive plan that could be gradually made a reality without placing a financial burden on the people of our state. In fact, it seems to us, after careful research and study, that it would lessen a serious burden since the state as a unit could purchase books much cheaper than the individual. After all the state is only the people. The elimination of middlemen, which would be effected by the free text book plan, would in truth be a saving to the masses who form our state.

Free text books is, furthermore, a progressive movement which goes hand in hand with compulsory education. A construction company would not deem it a good policy to ask its workers to labor without tools. Neither should a school ask its pupils to study without books. Under the present system we just as well require the child's parent to furnish desks, tables and blackboards. Of course, we expect some large tax payers and some others without children in school to oppose such a movement.

States having the free text book system are well pleased with it. Each of them, we believe, are above North Carolina in the educational standing. It is our belief that progress must come by the education of the masses. The poor must be furnished as well as the more fortunate. Funds cannot be supplied for them separately. It is impossible to know who needs the help. Even then it is embarrassing and retards some poor students. We believe in allowing parents who so desire to buy their children's text books, knowing that such parents will be few in the beginning and will gradually decrease to an insignificant number.

The question of sanitation is hardly worth mentioning. If so our libraries and other book lending agencies would have been in the discard long ago.

Thus we believe that the plan of free text books in the public schools of North Carolina can soon be made a reality and thus furnish a motivation for the onward march of civilization.

Respectively,  
 PAUL T. GROGAN  
 W. THOS. REEVES  
 Principals in Haywood County Schools.

Editor Mountaineer:  
 It is told that a certain young lady in this town kneads bread with her gloves on. This act may be out of style but there are others, too. We need bread with our shoes on. We need bread with our pants on. We need bread with our shirts on and unless times get better we will need bread without anything on, and our nation will be a "Garden of Eden" if we don't get back to serving the Lord. Let's get busy.  
 H. B. FREEMAN.

**810 Men Are Given Work By Welfare Here In January**

Total Of \$3,806 Is Paid For Services By Relief Organization.

During the month of January 810 men were given work in this county and were paid \$3,806 for their services, according to official figures just released in Raleigh.

A total of 95,686 men were employed in North Carolina during January and paid from relief funds, according to statistics released today from the Governor's office of relief. More than \$750,000 was paid out in wages, or approximately 65 percent of the \$1,250,000 which was spent for all relief purposes in the state during the month.

These figures indicate that about two-thirds of the heads of destitute families in the state were working for the aid which they received. The others were given direct relief either because no one in the family was physically able to work or because there was no work available for them to do.

The jobs performed by these workers vary considerably, the reports show. Always they constituted work of one type or another which was for the public good, such as highway repairing and beautification, school house building and repairing, street repairs and construction, etc.

In many instances the work performed by relief labor was the type of public improvement which could never have been realized except for the present emergency. Such projects were decided upon only after thorough consideration by local public officials and always were launched only when it had been determined that the work done would be of genuine public benefit.

Girl at Game (watching huddle on the field): "There, they're at it again! I do hope Bill won't repeat that story I told him last night."

Jilted the English Earl for a Plain American. Remarkable Romance of a Wealthy British Girl, in The American Weekly, the Magazine Distributed With Next Sunday's Baltimore American. Buy it from your local dealer or newsboy.

**ZEBULON VANCE LETTER FOUND**

Was Written In 1854 By Famous Statesman Of This State.

Mrs. Joshua Fitzgerald, who lives on Highway No. 284, just out of Waynesville, found some time ago, among the papers of her late husband, a letter from Zebulon B. Vance, to J. A. B. Fitzgerald, a lawyer of the fifties and the father of Joshua Fitzgerald, who died here about six months ago. The letter is dated October 15, 1854, and is in an excellent state of preservation.

The letter relates to a proposition to sell Mr. Fitzgerald a buggy and to buy from the latter a number of volumes of some reports, or law books. The former governor of North Carolina and late senator of the United States tells Mr. Fitzgerald how he may get the buggy and suggests a price that he would be willing to pay for the books.

Senator Vance's handwriting, as shown in this letter, was fair, and only one word was misspelled, a remarkable circumstance inasmuch as Vance must have used the old Blue Back, the wonderful old book that made perfect spellers in the days long gone, according to some present day devotees of the old Blue Back.

The letter follows:  
 "Asheville, Oct. 15, 1854.  
 "Mr. J. A. B. Fitzgerald  
 "Waynesville, N. C.  
 "Mr. Fitzgerald

"Dear Sir, I received yours this morning on the eve of departure for Madison County and hasten to reply. You can get the buggy any time you will send for it. One horse will suffice to take it home. Now as to the reports, I have not learned your price for them yet, but suppose it will not exceed the usual price of the book-sellers. I saw a letter to Mr. Merrimon from E. L. Hale and Co. of Fayetteville in which they offer forty-two volumes for one hundred and fifty-four dollars. The carriage from that place here would be something, of course. Judging from this, I should suppose that something in the neighborhood of \$200 would be a fair price for your books. Please let me know on this head. Not knowing whether you would buy my buggy or not, I had sent it to the shop to have some work done upon it, and perhaps you had better not sent until (this is the misspelled word) the last of the week lest the workmen might not have it finished.  
 "Yours very Respectfully,  
 "Z. B. VANCE"

It is not known how this two-way trade was concluded.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We want to thank Mrs. Tilson, Prof. Cannon, faculty and pupils of Clyde High School, and friends of Clyde for the beautiful flowers and service shown us during the illness and death of our brother, Robert H. Haynes.  
 Haynes Family.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all our friends for their many kindnesses during the recent death of our son and brother.  
 Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Turbyfill and Family.

**24 Years Ago in HAYWOOD**

(From the file of March 12, 1909.)  
 Messrs. S. C. Limer and J. P. Francis have the contract for a ten-room annex to the Kenmore Hotel, which is to be built at once. Messrs. Limer and Francis also have the contract for remodeling the room recently occupied by the Waynesville Dispensary.

The salary of the president will now be \$75,000 a year instead of \$50,000 as formerly.  
 Miss Clarine Lee has returned from a visit to Miss Lillie Satterthwaite in Los Pinos, Cuba.

The interior of the Waynesville Pharmacy has been treated to a new coat of paint and presents a very handsome appearance.

Major and Mrs. Hugh A. Low returned Tuesday from a very pleasant visit in Raleigh.

The Waynesville Hardware Company has gotten in its car load of buggies, and they are beautiful. Those who wish to see them had better come soon or they will miss them.

Miss Lois Harrold entertained a few of her little friends Friday afternoon on the occasion of her birthday.

The Bridge Club was delightfully entertained by Miss Sarah Strickfield last Saturday afternoon.

The following young people went over to Asheville Monday night to see Nat Goodwin in The Master Hand. Mr. and Mrs. James W. Reed, Mrs. A. den Howell, Misses McFadyen, E. L. Withers, and C. W. Miller, Jr.

**22 YEARS AGO IN HAYWOOD**

The debate at Tuscola Saturday night was the best one that the boys have engaged in. The question was: Resolved that the United States is Endangered by Bad Government. The affirmative was argued by G. C. Underwood, Charles C. Francis, and R. V. Leatherwood, for Ratchiff Covey, and Herman Kinsland, S. B. Medford, and Grover Davis for the negative. The judges were Sam Queen, Austin Moody, and Mr. Rogers. They decided in favor of the affirmative.

The ladies of the Methodist church gave a reception Thursday evening at the residence of Bishop and Mrs. Atkins. A beautiful musical program was rendered by Miss Mary Boone and Mr. Tom Davis. Miss Hilda Way gave several readings and was warmly applauded after each number.

Miss Minnie Boyd returned the last of the week from Raleigh where she has been for the past two months.

Book Agent: "Now here is a book entitled How I Worked My Farm For Profit."  
 Farmer: "I haven't got any time to read fiction."

"The bluff, cheery optimism of the late Senator Frye," said a friend, "could not brook a whiner. Once at a dinner a whiner seated opposite Senator Frye said dolefully, 'I have only one friend on earth—my dog.' 'Why don't you get another dog?'" said Senator Frye.

**BE OPTIMISTIC But Remember You Can't Keep Your Chin Up With Run-Down Heels!**

**Bring Your Shoe Repairing To THE CHAMPION SHOE SHOP**  
 E. T. Duckett, Prop.  
 MAIN ST. NEXT WESTERN UNION

**ALEXANDER'S QUESTION BIRD**

How can I learn to be a Red-Cross nurse? H.A.

Answer:—Fit up a first-aid "cabinet" in your own home!



NO, YOU DON'T have to be red and you don't have to be cross to join the first aid home guard nurses. We sell a certain number of reliable home remedies that belong in your home. Buy a complete assortment from bandages to arnica, from quinine to peroxide.

**Alexander's Drug Store**  
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