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JUST ARGUING

Several weeks ago two of Waynesville's most prominent professional men met at our desk and began discussing general topics of the day, while we listened eagerly to catch their arguments which we could see were coming, as one leaned more to the modern things of life and the other called himself an old foggy.

The discussion narrowed down to education, and there it settled for thirty minutes.

"Why is it," the older said, "that the high school graduate of today does not amount to as much as those who graduated when I was a boy?"

From the tone of his voice we knew that this was not the first time he had asked that question, but his opponent had had the question popped to him perhaps as many times as the other had asked it so he was ready with his answer.

"You and the rest of your classmates went to school because you wanted an education. Now the law makes them all attend whether they want to or not, and you can't make a child amount to anything just because you make him go to school, although you have a good opportunity," was the explanation given.

"The children of today may graduate from high school chiefly because they are forced to go to school eleven years, but that doesn't guarantee that they will take advantage of their school days to make something out of themselves," he continued.

From that the discussion next centered on prohibition. As they were both dry they passed on to another topic of the day as they did not feel like stopping all discussions at this point since they were just getting in an arguing mood.

About that time a girl, still in her teens, passed the office smoking.

We did not see any of the fire from her cigarette blow into the office, but something certainly set our two arguers on fire. One was a smoker and the other saw no good in it, so there was a topic.

After fifteen minutes of fast talking and many exaggerated statements, the smoker drew out his pipe, filled it with his favorite brand and proceeded to enjoy a smoke as he had never enjoyed before. The non-smoker vowed he'd never smoke now even if he ever had any intention to do so.

About the only topic left where there was a difference of opinion was religion. Religion has been the subject of many an argument, especially by those who are not thoroughly familiar with it. These two men were familiar with it, and both are Christians. The only difference being of a different faith—one a Baptist and the other a Methodist. Both are loyal members of their respective churches.

After listening for over an hour to the two men argue on first one thing then another, and after it was all over each was more set in his ways than before they started, we realized more clearly than ever the fact that nobody ever wins an argument.

Other than getting a few things off their chests and furnishing us with a subject to write about we don't know of anything that they accomplished during their battle of words.

As the palmist could have written, "what does it profiteth a man to argue when he knoweth he can't win?"

A local merchant was trying to explain to a gentleman customer the reason for the sales tax. "It goes to keep the schools open eight months for your children," the customer was told.

"Well, I still don't believe in it. I'm a bachelor," said the customer.

MORE TIME FOR LEISURE NOW

One of the features of the Industrial Recovery Act is shorter hours for the worker, together with an increase in wages. When a person has more hours for leisure and more money than he has had for the past several years, it stands to reason that he is going places and spend that money.

Where would the average person go? The average person will go to see places that are different from the ordinary scenes of everyday life. He'll go where a more comfortable temperature is found, and of course, he'll go to some place that he has heard of.

Now here is where Waynesville can cash in on the results of the Industrial Recovery Act. We have everything that the average person could wish for that is mentioned above.

It was along this line of thought that Col. J. W. Harrelson, Director North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, wrote in last week's State an article headed, "What are we going to do with our spare time?"

Col. Harrelson went on to say, "Under the 35 and 40 hour week, the worker finds at least two full days of leisure on his hands. If we could be assured that he would start a garden, improve his home, or find other profitable employment for this period, the problem would be automatically solved; but such will not be the case with all workers. What of those who live in cities and do not own a home, and who do not know how to find constructive pastime?"

It is this group that Waynesville will have an opportunity to reach and get to come here and spend their leisure time.

Col. Harrelson goes on with his article saying, "It is never disputed that wholesome outdoor activities are among the most beneficial forms of recreation, both for mental relaxation and improvement and for building sound and vigorous bodies. A broader program for the conservation of our natural resources will go far toward bringing our people into closer contact with the outdoors. Some of the more important angles of such a policy would be acquisition by the state parks and establishment of state forests to furnish recreational grounds perpetually open to the public and for demonstrations in scientific forestry."

Small roadside parks scattered at convenient intervals along the highways of the state were also suggested by Col. Harrelson. These would be used by picnickers.

What a splendid opportunity this country affords for such a program, and since the American people will now have more leisure time it seems that such a program is more sorely needed than ever before.

With the closing paragraph of his article the state official stated: "A well known judge was quoted recently as saying that in all his years of experience on the bench, he had never sentenced a sportsman for a criminal offense. Is this not a testimonial in behalf of interesting our people in the out doors and encouraging them to indulge in its facilities for recreation?"

That last point seems to climax the whole story.

Olin Flogleman, 30-year-old Rockingham County man died in the electric chair last Friday for the slaying of a filling station operator. Flogleman maintained his innocence to the very last. His last words were: "I am going to die for something I didn't do. Hope my death will cause the boys to be more careful and avoid dealing in whiskey."

The case was the cause of much comment by the press during the past few weeks. Flogleman's attorney is to begin a campaign against capital punishment, as he believes his client was innocent.

Flogleman was the 127th man in this state to die in the electric chair, and for one hundred and twenty seven times similar campaigns have been started to abolish the chair in the prison. Maybe some day somebody will work on the campaign long enough to win.

The Salisbury Post comes forth with a paragraph like this, "Those strange rumbling and cracking noises you hear these cloudy afternoons may be thunder, and then again they may be frozen assets breaking up in the big thaw."

Since the sales tax the lowly penny has come into use for seven days a week and not just of a high value on Sunday for the collection plate.

It used to be that we had to get out and hold the horses every time an automobile passed. Now when we meet a horse we have to hold the car.

ODD THINGS AND NEWS - By Lane Bode

SMALL POX VACCINE - BODURGE -
 EUROPE HAD 20,000,000 DEATHS FROM SMALL POX IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY.

TRUE TEARS OF BLOOD -
 THE HORNED TOAD SHEDS TEARS OF BLOOD, CAUSED WHEN DISTURBED BY A RUSH OF BLOOD TO THE HEAD, CONGESTING THE EYE-LIDS AND CAUSING BLOOD TO ISSUE.

TOP-SOIL AGE -
 400 YEARS ARE REQUIRED TO NATURALLY BUILD ONE INCH OF GOOD TOP-SOIL.

24 Years Ago in HAYWOOD

(From the file of August 26, 1909.)
 Little Miss Elizabeth Reeves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Reeves, celebrated her birthday last Saturday afternoon by inviting a company of her little friends.

Many games were played and the little people had a delightful time. The following little misses were present: Clarice Able, Ruth Able, Mary Bess Barnhardt, Frierick Bowles, Maud Crawford, Sadie Francis, Elizabethson, Alice Harding, Helen Harrell, Lillie Harrold, S. A. Jones, Isabel McDowell, Josephine McDowell, Anna Ray, and Sara Thomas.

Never in the history of the Gordon or in fact any where in Waynesville has there been more successful ball than the Midsummer German held Tuesday night at the Gordon. Mr. Dunham, the proprietor of the hotel, who led with Mrs. Harlin, can not be given too much praise. He introduced many original figures. The favors were from Shaeffmann, of New York.

22 WEARS AGO IN HAYWOOD

(From the file of August 18, 1911.)

The Richland Rifles returned from encampment at Morehead City last week feeling good over their record. Twenty of the boys made the score in their rifle practice. One achieved the rare distinction of expert. This was C. J. McClure, who is to be congratulated.

Miss Janie Love Sexton is visiting relatives in Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Sontelle Moody of Jonathan attended the Singing Convention Saturday.

Misses Myrtle and Alma Logan, of Washington, D. C., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Logan.

Rev. John Shackford, of Norfolk, Va., arrived the first of the week to join Mrs. Shackford and little son for a visit to Bishop and Mrs. James Atkins.

Mr. T. W. Roberts, of White Wright, Texas, is visiting his relatives in the county.

Mrs. John Orr and children, of Knoxville, are the guests of Mrs. Orr's mother, Mrs. W. B. Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Norwood entertained Wednesday evening with a dance in honor of Miss Hazel Albright, the house guest of Miss Evelyn Lee.

The Failure of Egotism
 By LEONARD A. BARRETT

Cervantes wrote "Don Quixote" during the years of his confinement in prison at Seville. It is the story of one man's experience lived in a world of constantly changing conditions. The character of Don Quixote is intended to illustrate the folly of that spirit which refuses to consider the opinions of others, but is led on entirely by his own delusions. Cervantes keenly felt how irresponsible was that type of Spanish life which interpreted no higher law than "let us out, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die." In order to portray the utter folly of this type of life, he wrote Don Quixote. Don Quixote is mad with egotism, typical of a prevailing Spanish madness, but typical also of a universal madness when imagination runs riot with reason. Cervantes was born in Spain in 1547 and died in 1616. The book represents the product of his best and more mature life, having been completed and published only eleven years before he died.

Some persons are so constituted that they refuse to listen to reason or be guided by the advice of others. Content they are absolutely right in their point of view they spare no strength or time in self-sacrificing efforts to realize a definite objective. Self-centered egotism, like the madness portrayed by Cervantes sooner or later brings one to a tragic end. No person was ever so well endowed that he did not need the wisdom and counsel of others.

Self-confidence is one thing and greatly to be desired, but that bragging spirit of "I know it all" will soon lead to disaster, if not complete failure. If we will not learn from the experiences of others, we are sure to fail. The greatest teacher in all history sought the companionship and counsel of a group of twelve men. The very best counsel many times comes from those who are nearest to us and who are more interested in our success than any other person. No realist, however brilliant, ever speaks in terms of finality. No wise man ever tries to win in the battle of life alone. The foolish man, full of himself and dominated by his own conceit seldom accepts counsel when it is offered to him. The old philosopher Seneca wrote, "Consult your friend on all things, especially on those which respect yourself. His counsel may then be useful where your own self-love might impair your judgment."

Adopted by the Elders and Deacons, August 6, 1933.
 R. P. Walker, Moderator.
 H. C. Linsley, Clerk of Sessions.
 C. A. Black, Chairman of Deacons.

Gastonia Man Is Killed By Train

Gastonia.—J. B. Ivey, 69, was struck and instantly killed by Southern Passenger Train number 34, northbound, in West Gastonia Saturday. The train was running a little late.

The engineer said Ivey ran out from Trenton street on to the tracks in front of the train, apparently attempting to beat the train to the crossing. Ivey had lived here for several years but was not employed.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE

ON MONDAY, August 14, 1933, at 10 o'clock a. m. in front of the Court House door at Waynesville, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash 25 shares of the capital stock of the First National Bank of Waynesville and 10 shares of the capital stock of the Hazelwayne Company.
 JOS. E. JOHNSON,
 Administrator, of Chas. E. Quinlan.
 No. 85—Aug. 3-10

Obituary

Mr. John W. Doan, a ruling Elder in the Waynesville Presbyterian Church, peacefully passed from this life to the heavenly home on August 1, 1933. He had been sick for some time and often expressed to his friends his willingness to depart and be with the Lord.

On last June the 8th, Mr. Doan was 77 years of age. He was born and lived most of his life in the state of Pennsylvania.

For over thirty years he served as Elder in the First Presbyterian Church, Coatesville, Penn. W. A. Ridgway, well known writer for the Sunday School Times, was a life-long friend of Mr. Doan. They taught together in the same Sunday School for thirty years. A letter just received from Mr. Ridgway says: "When I move around town and see the boys you used to have, now fine upstanding men, among our very best citizens, I can realize that the labor of John Doan in the Lord was not in vain, and the good work you did all through the years is still in evidence all over Coatesville."

Mr. Doan moved to Waynesville nine years ago.

He was made an Elder in the Waynesville Presbyterian Church, and served faithfully and devotedly. He was known for his modest liberality and his constant attendance upon the service of the sanctuary.

Mr. Doan was widely acquainted and greatly beloved. He was especially a friend of young people. Scores of them are saying, "We shall miss him." "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works follow them."

In adopting this paper, the Elders and Deacons of the Waynesville Presbyterian Church, desire to express their highest regard for this, their brother officer and also to convey to his daughter and the other members of his family their heartfelt sympathy. It was ordered that a page in the Sessional Records be devoted to the memory of Mr. Doan, and that this paper be sent to the family; also published in the Waynesville Mountaineer.

Marine Corps Has Openings At Present

The Savannah Marine Corps Recruiting Station, located in the Post Office Building will have vacancies for graduates of high school or from institutions of higher learning during the months of August and September, according to an announcement by Lieutenant Colonel A. B. Drum, Officer in charge.

Men accepted will be transferred to Parris Island, S. C., for a few weeks intensive training before being assigned to some school, ship or Marine Barracks for duty.

The Marine Corps offers many educational advantages both scholastic and scenic. Some men are selected for aviation, radio and clerical work upon completion of preliminary instructions. Many are assigned to ships and stations in the United States, and a few to foreign lands.

Applications will be mailed high school graduates upon request.

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It is almost criminal these days, for children to be left to the mercy of common but deadly diseases, such as diphtheria, smallpox and lock-jaw, with preventive serums easily available. Many deaths, grave illnesses and life-long after effects can be avoided by proper attention and timely immunization.

Consult your Doctor and protect your children against these drains on growth and development

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