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IS THIS COMMUNITY TRYING TO DO THE IMPOSSIBLE?

This community may not realize it, but in our way of thinking, and also that of a number of business men, we are trying to do something that the largest of cities dare not undertake, and that is having two chambers of commerce.

Certainly a community the size of this does not, in the first place, need two organizations that are supposed to do the same work. There is not that much to be done. In the second place, there are barely sufficient funds available to properly support one such organization.

As long as there are two chambers of commerce in this community there will not be much support given either. Rather a broad statement, we know, but here is the reason. Those who are able and willing to support one organization feel that they cannot support two, therefore they will give to neither. Not only do they feel that way about it, but they are proving that that is the way they feel.

This paper has said time and time again that it is partial to neither. The columns are open to both organizations; they have been and still are. What we have said and will say is not in any way directed to any individual or either distinct organization.

It seems, however, that with summer coming on, and the prospects for a good season this year, something ought to be done, and that quickly, to get the united support of the entire community to back one well planned program in an effort to get summer visitors and industries here rather than have them go elsewhere. Unless we are of one accord and united, we cannot expect to accomplish much, and certainly as long as we try to make ourselves believe that we can support two chambers of commerce, we are far from being in harmony.

This one thought should perhaps be brought out. There are points and possibly arguments that could be presented why there are two chambers of commerce in this community today, but the one big fact remains, it is folly to believe that two such organizations are needed in this community, and until there is only one active and progressive organization demanding the undivided support of the citizens of this community there is little that can be accomplished.

BRIEF REMARKS

Always room at the top, and bottom.

Home brew never helped a home-brood.

Ballots work reforms better than bullets.

Holding the chest high means fuller breaths.

Nothing stands still; life means progress or decay.

Heads seldom get together untill hearts get together.

The miser finds pleasure in denying himself pleasure.

Children should never be made sad at bed time or at meal time.

Plenty of wheels turning, but too many of them are rubber tired.

The author of "Give me liberty or give me death" owned many slaves.

"Better is he that ruleth his own spirit than he that taketh a city."

You cannot harm another without harming yourself; or help another without helping yourself.

Mothers have the most responsibility, least appreciation, longest hours, and most heart breaks.

To be admired, quit talking about yourself, and give the other fellow a chance to talk about himself.

More blood in the stomach to digest a hearty meal,—less blood in the brain for hearty thought.

PROTECTION FROM SCHEMERS

One of the most urgent needs of this community at this particular time is some organization that will protect the business men from being pestered daily with publicity men who have schemes for advertising Waynesville to the world which are usually not worth the time they take to explain it.

Since Waynesville is so near the park they feel that this is a good territory and a good time to get out booklets, road maps, and magazine articles all paid for by local people, together with various and numerous other schemes.

Last week, for example, there were two men here trying to put over a highway guide, which was a sheet of paper with a map of a highway on it and advertising on the margin. All towns along this route had taken space with the exception of Waynesville, and for that reason they were here to "give the town a break by being represented."

One business man we know was contacted. The price for the space was $15 cash. When the Waynesville man showed no sign of being interested, they said: "We'll make it $12.50 and trade out $2.50." After cutting and trying in vain, they made the last and final offer of $5 in cash and $2.50 in trade.

They failed to sell the space, because they had nothing to sell and the Waynesville man knew it, but he was pestered and lost his time and temper before the men were convinced that they could not sell him. In the first place, if the space had been worth $15 in the beginning it was worth it fifteen minutes later, but evidently they thought not, because they dropped half.

As we said in the outset, there should be some protection here for the business men. A advertising committee should be named and all such schemes should be turned over to this committee before the schemers are permitted to contact the business men. Some schemes might justify space, but that is only once in a great many times. This committee should investigat and find out just where the material will be used and all about it.

Taking chances is an expensive matter, and that is what most outside publicity schemes are. WLY not get together and be on our guard against them?

"THE LAST ROUNDUP"

After giving an extension of time for payment of 1932 taxes since last August before advertising, the Haywood County Board of Commissioners in a formal order has set April fifth as the date that the delinquents will be advertised.

The Board could have, and according to law, was supposed to advertise taxes last August, but at that time there were many farmers and others who could not pay, and a foreclosure would have been hard to over come.

After the crops have been sold, and there remains a number that can pay who have not the board feels that it has been "easy" enough and is now forced to advertise.

SUPERSTITIONS

William Feather in his daily article entitled "A Businessman's Philosophy" recently gave forth a very interesting discourse on common household superstitions.

He says that these common superstitions were probably deliberately invented to enforce desirable rules of conduct.

It has always been deemed bad luck to hang your coat on a door knob, with the admonition that someone in the house will die within the year. It is bad luck to bring a hoe into the house, to open an umbrella in the house, to break a mirror, to walk under a ladder. To sing before breakfast was a sign that you would weep before dinner. Not to eat the crusts of your bread is a sign that you will go hungry before the year is ended. To butter your bread on both side presages a similar famine.

It is easy to suppose that these superstitions were spontaneously devised by mothers of families, to make housekeeping easier. To bring a hoe into the house is to bring dirt in; to open an umbrella is to endanger bric-a-brac; to hang clothing on door-knobs is to give the place a slovenly appearance and make it difficult to open and close doors. The bread and butter superstitions are merely rules of economy—so is the one about breaking a mirror for mirrors are still expensive although they were once much more costly than now. And it's merely common sense not to walk under a ladder as something in the nature of a paint bucket is likely to fall on your head.

So we can easily suppose how these superstitions were invented and our supposition is probably not very far wrong. Of course, it is not the proper thing to teach children such nonsense but each superstition has probably served a worthy purpose down through the years. Perhaps something a bit less disturbing to mental calmness and common sense can be invented to supplant these age old admonitions.—Ex.

ODD THINGS AND NEW—By Lame Bode

Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. CURTIS RUSS

Every [illegible] in the country seems to be [illegible] some [illegible] in different [illegible] well [illegible]

[illegible] "Come on Little Taxpayers, and pay your taxes, since you've flooded the [illegible] columns."

Ever since last August the commissioners have used the favorite old hymn "Help Somebody Today" as their theme song.

A mighty good one at that.

There has even many a poor fellow that couldn't meet the tax collector face to face, but since crops have come in it's a different story. Many of them have paid their taxes.

Now that the tax question is settled, (for those who have paid) lets head south.

Dr. S. P. Gay made two of the biggest blunders of his life last Friday at the Rotary Club.

He doesn't know it yet, but he sure did do things up.

In the event that you have never been to a Rotary meeting, I'll let you in on the things they do.

First we sing one verse of America.

The regular song leader being absent, Parker, that's President Gay, (First names only, you know), looks around and says; "I don't see anyone who can sing, so I'll ask Ernest Hinton to lead us."

No kidding, Hinton can sing, and under almost any circumstances, but that was a hard lick; but he did fine.

The next thing in order is the blessing.

It so happened that the blessing official was also absent.

In his moment of bewilderment, Parker looked around the second time and said: I don't see anyone who can ask the blessing, so I'll call on you," pointing to this scribe.

The only thing I could think of was the blessing I had in this column some weeks ago, but I darest not use it.

As I finished, with all reverence I possessed, in walked the man whose place I had filled and also the song leader.

Outside of Hinton and me, there are few who knew but what we were just as good in our newly appointed places, as the regular ones.

Not that it matters, but did you know that about 95 per cent of the candy sold in Haywood County is some form of chocolate?

When I can get enough information about it I intend to write a story.

Here is one that you can check on and see if I am right.

If all the people of Haywood county were to form a line and allow 12 inches between each person, the line would extend from the Hazelwood post office to the Canton post office, via. highway No. 10.

Cookery Hint: The taste of an onion can be improved greatly by adding a pound of steak to it.

Richard Queen Is Winner Of D. A. R. Medal Here Thurs.

Richard Queen was the winner Thursday in the 26th annual oratorical contest at the high school, sponsored by the Dorcas Bell Lowe chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution of this place, according from Mrs. W. F. Swift, who presented a gold medal as well as [illegible] as the winner. Arthur [illegible] received the second prize.

Mrs. J. Hayden Howell, regent of the chapter, presided at the contest which took place in the auditorium of the high school. Ten boys entered the contest and each spoke a five minutes. The following were the speakers:

David Stevens, [illegible] Minute Men of the Revolution; Frederick Nichols, The National Flag; Mack Davis, The Unknown Soldier; Arthur Francis, Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death; James Palmer, Honor the Flag; Robert Sloan, Sink or Swim, Survive or Perish; Eugene Francis, The Burial of Nations; Joe Jos. Atkins, Americans of Foreign Birth; Richard Queen, the Soul of the American Soldier; Gordon Wyatt, The New Frontier.

Preceding the contest the school and the audience sang "The Star Spangled Banner" and the Rev. Paul Hardin, Pastor of the First Methodist church, offered prayer.

The Vicar: "So you like country life. Are your hens good layers?"

Mable (fresh from town): "Topping! They haven't laid a bad egg yet."

22 Years Ago in HAYWOOD

(From the file of March 3, 1911.)

Miss Hattie Siler has returned from a visit of two weeks to her sister at Knoxville.

Mr. Marshall, who has been on a visit to his sister, Mrs. J. H. Howell has returned to his home in New York.

Capt. and Mrs. Alden Howell who have been spending several months in Los Angeles, are expected home this week.

Miss Sarah Hannah, who has been acting as stenographer at the spring term of court for Jackson county, the past two weeks, has returned to Waynesville and now has office with the Courier where she will be pleased to do your work in stenography and typewriting.

News has just been received of the promotion of Captain Homer L. Ferguson to the position of general manager of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company. The promotion is no great surprise to Captain Ferguson's friends here, as he is known to be a man of large brain and rare executive ability.

Messrs. Hyatt and Campbell have laid the foundation for their large two-story brick building to take the place of the wooden building now used by them. It will be two stories instead of one and the whole of the lower floor will now be given over to their livery business, for which a number of conveyances have already been ordered, while the whole of the upper floor will be devoted to their increasing feed business. These young men have the necessary pluck and energy and this new building is an evidence of their faith in Waynesville.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

UNDER and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from J. H. PAGE and wife CALLIE PAGE to A. T. Ward, Trustee, dated November 25, 1922, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Haywood County, North Carolina, in Book No. 90 on page 46, default having been made in the payment of the notes and indebtedness thereby secured and demand having been made for payment of same, and the holders thereof having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at the Court House door in the City of Waynesville, Haywood County, North Carolina, at 12 o'clock noon on Saturday, March 24, 1934, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash at public auction, a certain lot or parcel of land in Waynesville Township, Haywood County, North Carolina, described as follows:

BEGINNING on a stake near crab apple on the East bank of Allen creek above Ford of creek; thence North and down public road 8 poles; thence North 12½ West 22 poles North 37 East 21 poles and 5 to a stake in Lot No. 11; thence with line of said Lot North 77½ West 31 4-6 poles to center of creek; thence up and with the center of said creek to the BEGINNING corner.

The above being the same lot of land described in the Deed of Trust.

This the 20th day of February, 1934

A. T. WARD,
Trustee.

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