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WHY NOT EAR-MARK THE MONEY

Since the directors of the Chamber of Commerce have not met—as this is being written—to decide on next year's work, we have one suggestion to make, which follows up the thought of last week—that of those who profit the most contributing the least, and in most instances complaining the loudest.

Why wouldn't it be wise to let each contributor designate on a pledge card to just what fund or work they would like to have each dollar spent? That would automatically determine the budget, which is a problem for the board.

With each dollar ear-marked, it would be a rather simple matter to carry out in detail the wishes of those who contribute sufficient funds to keep the organization active and out of debt.

We realize that such action would be rather drastic, but at the same time it would be fair, and at least considerate of those who do make the major contributions.

Perhaps we are all wrong on this entire subject, but if we are, there are certainly dozens of others just as wrong, as they expressed themselves as whole-heartily endorsing our editorial of last week.

DEFYING NATURE

In Chicago recently, a man 75-years-old continued his morning walk—in the nude—while the thermometer hovered around zero. About the same time, a father in Washington, D. C., gave his 5-months-old baby a snow-bath, stating to police who were called by neighbors to intervene, that the snow would toughen the baby.

We fail to see that defying the laws of nature in such a way can be considered the best of judgment.

CRITICISM OF THE GAS CHAMBER

Newspapers all over the state have been commenting on the lethal gas chamber at the state prison in Raleigh, as being "a barbaric and inhuman" method of taking a man's life.

This week, those who sponsored the bill in the last session of the legislature, came forth with the statement that when a person is electrocuted that the body is left rigid—in fact it is often necessary for the undertaker to break the bones in the body in preparation for burial. They also say that bodies after electrocution are often burned in places.

The lethal gas, they maintain, leaves the body natural, which makes it easier on the family.

Those favoring the gas chamber also point out that within 30 seconds after the gas is turned on the victim is gone.

Of course, nothing can be done about it until next January when another session of the legislature meets, but we are of the opinion that several efforts will be made to abolish the gas chamber, while those bitterly opposed to capital punishment will also come in for abolishing both the electric chair and the gas chamber.

THE MOVING HABIT

Perhaps nobody is more impressed with the large number of people who make it a habit to move at least once each year than the newspaper publisher. That impression is gained from the fact that a large per cent of the subscribers change their address around the first of each year.

For us there has always been a tinge of sadness when we see so many people moving about from place to place, for we know that it brings about more or less hardship on the families of those who move so frequently. This does not apply to all tenant farmers, however, for many of them live contentedly and, in many instances, as well as their landlords. Frequent moving develops into a habit on the part of many. Writing about "Moving Time for Tenant Farmers" in a recent issue of The Raleigh News and Observer, Clary Thompson pictures it as follows:

"January—gray skies—bare trees—frost-encrusted country roads—
 "Tinkling of trace-chains and the rumbling of wagons loaded with bedsteads and old stoves, guano sacks filled with pots and pans, a bucket or two jangling over the coupling pole, bedticks filled with straw, a bundle of broom-straw hanging over a wheel, an old stovepipe careening crazily.
 "Up at the front on a bundle of goods with the lines hanging loose in his hands, the head of the family, looking dully ahead, issuing an occasional cluck to his mule. Crouched beside him, his wife, features warped and wrinkled and worn, yet evidencing a vestige of bloom that had been—old before her time, shivering, with back to the wind to protect a three-months babe. Crouching between the two with an old red boggan pulled low over his ears sits the three-year-old and the remaining three or four descendants of the progenitor are caged in convenient corners of the load."—Sampson Independent.

THOUGHTS FOR SERIOUS MOMENTS
 Our todays and yesterdays are the blocks with which we build—Longfellow.
 Honor, glory and popular praise, rocks wherewith greatest men have often wrecked.—Milton.
 The clothing of our minds certainly ought to be regarded before that of our bodies.—Steele.
 I have always suspected public taste to be a mongrel product, out of affection by dogmatism.—R. L. Stevenson.

WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A FASHION SHOW

To date we have not heard of the Library treasurer being over-burdened with a surplus of money with which to operate. While several worthwhile plans have been made to raise money for the Library, it seems that at this time, it would be fitting, and no doubt profitable, to stage a fashion show here.

Certainly a small admission would be willingly paid by a large number, and the merchants participating could benefit from the showing of the garments displayed.

A well-planned fashion show is always beneficial to the merchant, and entertaining as well as enlightening to the audience—and in this particular instance, would be profitable to the Library.

We feel that one of the several civic women's organizations here could well sponsor such an attraction to a good advantage.

A LUCKY BREAK FOR W. N. C.

A general rule, Western North Carolina follows closely in the footsteps of Florida. When Florida went "hog-wild" over real estate, it wasn't long before this section was just as wild.

When Florida's boom went up, the same thing happened in "The Land of the Sky."

A short time ago Florida decided that horse racing and open gambling would bring huge profits to the state—most especially in the resort towns. The race tracks were installed. The gamblers moved in.

Several Western North Carolina counties—about the same time—had similar laws passed by their legislators—following in the footsteps of Florida. Some of the business men fell for the idea. Others were slow to express an opinion. But the matter was delayed by some of the counties—Haywood did—while others went ahead.

Today, look at the picture in Florida. Business men there scratching their heads and wondering why in the world they ever advocated gambling. From authoritative sources, we learn, that the legitimate business is suffering worse than at the peak of the depression, just because people are spending their money at the race tracks instead of through regular channels of trade.

Fortunately, Western North Carolina was a little slow in getting the idea across. If we are wise to the way of the world, we will look at the "licking" Florida is taking right now, and thank our lucky stars that we never got nearer horse-racing than to have the right to establish it.

PEDDLED SEED

At this time of year, it is not unusual to have flower seeds, garden seeds, field seeds and every kind of seed offered one for sale. Nine times out of ten the seeds offered via the peddler are not known brands, or packed by reliable houses.

Few things are more disappointing to the gardener, or farmer than for crops or flower beds to fail to grow and flourish. By planting seeds that will germinate and grow is the best assurance that they will grow.

Unless seed are bought from reliable dealers, the chances are you will be disappointed before the season is over.



Random SIDE GLANCES
 By W. CURTIS RUSS

The speaker scheduled to give the program at the Rotary Club last Friday suddenly took sick, and a temporary program had to be arranged hurriedly. It fell on the shoulders of William "Slim" Medford and myself to see that the time wasn't wasted, so we hit upon this plan.

At the end of the meal, "Slim" was called to the door by a waitress. He stayed a minute, then came back with a long face and a perplexing problem.

Briefly, he told of a negro, from Boston, that was outside, and wanted to attend the meeting. The negro had presented a duly signed Rotary card which entitled him to attend the meeting.

Bo Huff, had been tipped off as to what was going to happen, quickly got to his feet to object. Before he got all his objections put over, Parker Gay—also tipped off—rose to move that the negro be duly accepted by the club, and that a meal be served the northern colored man.

Before Parker took his seat, several others tried to get the floor—some objecting, some favoring the negro being recognized.

At least half a dozen propositions were made—one was to have a committee inform the negro that he could listen in on the program, and have his meal in the kitchen. Still others wanted him given credit for attending the meeting, but sent on his way.

The discussion became warmer, with Bo Huff and Parker Gay taking the lead, as per their instructions. "Slim" and I were trying to preside as best we could without showing any signs of guilt, but it was a tough job.

One member looked around the room to find that if the supposed guest was given a place at the table that it would be the vacant next to him, so he got up and moved to the other side of the room.

For 21 minutes the argument continued. The matter was not disposed of until after Dr. R. S. Truesdale, pastor of the Methodist church and Rev. H. W. Baucum, pastor of the Baptist church, had given a "spiritual slant" on the subject. "Slim" then got up and explained that the scheduled speaker was sick, and that the general discussion in which every member had expressed himself, was the program. There was no negro.

Then it was that the four of us who were in on the thing got our first laugh. Of all the expressions you ever saw. One member in particular, actually gasped for breath.

But after all, the members did themselves proud, for giving some of the points that they did. Some even quoted Abraham Lincoln, others took an international viewpoint.

The whole affair will never be told as interestingly, or as impressive as it really happened, but there is this much about it—every member expressed an opinion, and a sincere opinion at that. So after all, a 21-minute program of such discussions really make good programs.

The only thing that worries me now, is that sooner or later "Slim" and I will have to pay and pay dearly—for that "very practical program."

The truth of the matter is that "Slim" has already paid, in that he missed most of his dessert, by having to answer the fake call.

Given Long Sentence—Married
 Robert Nichols and Hazel Reed, were married last week in the Buncombe county jail a few hours after Nichols had been sentenced to serve from 38 to 40 years for his part of the robbery of the Mars Hill bank, in which a 17-year-old girl was seriously wounded.

TRANSACTIONS IN Real Estate
 (As Recorded to Monday Noon of this Week).

- Beaverdam Township
 George B. Compton, Tr., to Greyling Realty Corp., to National Bondholders Corp.
 Della Moffitt Grant to I. P. Robinson.
 Mary J. Shope to U. W. Medford.
 F. M. Byers to George E. Morgan.
 Cordell Russell to Sluder Furniture Company.
 T. G. Allen to Wade Wilson.
 Mrs. Sallie M. Clark to Theodore Jones.
- Clyde Township
 D. L. L. Smathers to Kate Haley.
 Guy Chambers to H. H. Enalde.
 Ivy Hill Township
 Frank Henry to Albert Howell.
 Jonathan Creek Township
 J. Herman Kinsland, Adm., to Odell Cagle.
- Waynesville Township
 National Bondholder Corp., to J. R. Boyd, Jr.
 William G. Dancy to National Bondholders Corp.
 National Bondholders Corp., to T. S. Black.
 R. L. Whitner et ux, to Carl McCracken.
 L. Smith to G. R. Smith.
 Insurance Mortgage Corp., Tr., to First Morse Realty Corp.
- Beaverdam Township
 Dr. H. A. Smathers to Town of Canton.
 John Allen to C. N. Allen.
 V. F. Murray to M. M. Crisp.
- Catawboche Township
 C. M. Moody and R. T. Boyd, et ux, to State of North Carolina.
 Clyde Township
 C. P. Clark to C. B. Jones.
 Crabtree Township
 H. E. Clark to R. C. Davis.
 W. F. Kirkpatrick to Nora Clark.
- East Fork Township
 H. C. Heatherly to H. W. Heatherly.
 D. L. Pless to Wildon Heatherly.
- Pigeon Township
 Division of W. M. Hargrove, property to Mrs. M. V. Hargrove.
 Division of W. M. Hargrove, property to Rufus Hargrove.
 Division of W. M. Hargrove, property to Evelyn Duckett.
 Division of W. M. Hargrove, property to Hilda Hargrove.
- Waynesville Township
 W. A. Bradley to W. B. Corzine.
 A. G. Hollyfield to James Hollyfield.
 George H. Ward, Tr., to W. R. Leatherwood.
 Mrs. W. R. Leatherwood, Com., to John M. Queen.
 S. H. Keller to Albert Abel.

23 Years Ago in HAYWOOD

(From the files of February 21, 1913.)

Miss Evelyn Lee, who has just finished her course at Columbia University returned home on Saturday.

Mrs. Jim Reed, who has been in hospital in Spartanburg, for several weeks, has returned.

Mrs. S. H. Bushnell and daughter have returned from a visit to relatives in Reidsville.

George Washington did a noble part by his country—can't you do your part by the Waynesville Library—and come to the tea on the 22nd?

Mrs. James Rose and little son, who have been in the eastern part of the state for the past six weeks, returned Sunday.

Miss Margaret Inman, of Turpentine, is the guest of Miss Willie Walls at her home on Main street.

This evening at the academy, Asheville and Waynesville high schools will be pitted against each other in debate. The question is, Resolved that the constitution of North Carolina should be so amended as to admit women voters on the same qualification as men.

A correspondent from Fontana to the Bryson City Times, says that bootleggers or moonshiners, or both are having things their own way in that part of the county lately.

The Waynesville Dramatic Club will present the second annual minstrel at the academy hall next Monday night. This show will far surpass the ones they gave a year ago as the club has been strengthened by the addition of several excellent voices.

A six-month school in every school district in North Carolina is what the lower house of the General Assembly said Tuesday night by a vote of 28 to 3. And last night the Senate was to vote on it—and no doubt did vote right.

Women are to be on school boards in North Carolina, as they are in twenty-seven other states. They will be going to the polls the next thing. Well, their services are needed on the school boards, and really their votes are needed for righteousness at the polls unless the men do better.

Read The Ads

Rain— Snow— Sleet—
 Together With
Worn Out Shoes MEANS SICKNESS
 Don't take a chance on being sick from wet feet—bring Us Those Shoes
 ITS CHEAPER TO HAVE SHOES FIXED THAN TO PAY DOCTOR BILLS
THE CHAMPION SHOE SHOP
 Next to Western Union

Another "Billion Dollar Bill"
 (But this is not a new deal bill)
 The United States sustains a tremendous economic loss each year from sickness. The average citizen loses about 7 days every year due to illness, which corresponds to a loss of ten per cent in useful occupation and to this must be added the cost on medical attention and hospital service, representing a total expense of \$10.00 per capita or over a billion dollars a year.
 Much serious illness with its resulting expense could be avoided if people would consult their doctor BEFORE a disease becomes chronic, or better still if they would have periodic health examinations, even when there is nothing APPARENTLY wrong.
 There's no substitute for GOOD HEALTH. Don't neglect this priceless asset.
 ASK YOUR DOCTOR
ALEXANDER'S DRUG STORE
 Phones 53 & 54 Opposite Post Office
 Two LICENSED PHARMACISTS For Your Protection