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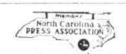
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### CITY SLUMS AND MOUNTAIN HOMES

We were struck with the similarity of two pictures that came in the mail today. One was in a daily paper and the other in a religious periodical. They were both pictures of a dilapidated shack with the roof patched and the yard filled with litter. They were both given to show the squalor and filthy surroundings in which some human beings live,

The pictures were similar but the titles of the pictures were different. The secular paper called its "A view of the city slums"; the religout periodical called its picture a "Mountain Home." City slums and mountain home! Secular paper and religious periodical! A truthful statement and an insulting misrepresentation. The secular paper did not insult the citizens of the city by calling it a "Charlotte Home." That would have been a misrepresentation, for although it was taken in Charlotte it was not and did not pretend to be typical of the homes of that fair city. The "Mountain Home" picture purported to be typical of the mountains. If it did not so purport why the caption "Mountain Home"?

Both pictures were photographed. One was taken in the city, the other in the mountains. Neither was typical. One did not pretend to be, the other did.

The Charlotte News not only publishes the picture of a squalid scene but calls upon the citizens of that city to do something about those shacks. The paper would have them torn down and decent houses built on the site. It calls the attention of the citizens of the city to the fact that there are breeding places of crime and disease in their midst. The paper makes no claim that the shack is typical of the homes of Charlotte but simply calls attention to the fact that there are shacks in the city that should be torn down.

The picture in the religious periodical is not so easily understood. That periodical is supposed to be interested in people rather than in the conditions in which they live and yet the only thing seen in the picture is a shack. There is not a single human being visible. The shack is shown but there is no intimation of any determination to tear it down and rebuild. The very suggestion is taboo. Why picture a shack without a call to tear down and rebuild? Why call that shack "Mountain Home" when the caption is flagrantly misleading?

We never saw the mountains until we crossed them on our first trip to the Seminary at Louisville, but we are sick and tire of photographic misrepresentation of our people of the highlands. Some of them are poor; some of them are ignorant; some of them are vicious; some live in squalid and unhealthy conditions just as some people of the cities do; but to intimate that such are typical of a great people is a gross misstatement of fact frequently made by the sob-sister photographer. There is neither truth nor religion in it and therefore it has no place in a religious periodical.—Charity and Children.

# DANGEROUS PRACTICE

Money is a good thing to have, but it is not safe to have too much money-around the house. A story from Johnston county last week told of a 70-year-old farmer of that county losing his lifetime savings of \$3,000, which he had hidden about his home, being relieved of same by robbers.

Under the present banking setup there is no danger of the depositor losing his or her savings when placed in a bank, but there is danger in keeping money at home. The experience of the Johnston farmer, who found that his "bank" had been robbed upon his return home from church, should serve as a warning to others who take like chances.-Ex.

### THE INCOME OF HAYWOOD

W. D. Smith, county farm agent, in his column on the Farm Page of this paper, points out this week, in no uncertain terms, that things are "getting lop-sided and out of balance" in this community, when members of the Chamber of Commerce failed to place a representative of agriculture on the board of directors of that organization

The county agent goes on to explain that agriculture is the balance wheel in the economic life of the community.

We agree with Mr. Smith in this last statement, when it is applied in general terms.

He also points out that the chief topic of discussion at the average public meeting in this community centers around tourist activities.

We have no comment to make other than to say he is correct. We do not feel, however, that the statement should stop right there.

Haywood County has become prosperous because there are three distinct, yet closely connected sources of income in this countynamely, agriculture, industry and tourists.

To our mind, agricultural interests in the county should help promote more tourists and industrial business, because when those other two lines of business prosper, the farmer pros-

The industrial life in the community provides a steady, year 'round cash income for farm commodities, and in hundreds of instances, provides employment for members of the farmer's family.

During the past few years the general cry of the people in town has been that the tourists are seeking rural places to spend their vacations. It is a known fact that last year places in the outlying sections filled more rapidly and had better tourists business than the places in

Farmers who are aware of the opportunities that are afforded them by reason of this being a tourist center, have made money. They have planted such produce as the local market demands, and many have also made their farms a mecca for tourists.

Not all farmers can make their farms into places for tourists to stay, but we believe that if they will check up close enough, they will find that there are hundreds of dollars worth of produce being brought into Haywood County that could be grown here at home.

Knowingly, this paper would not support the Chamber of Commerce if we did not feel that it would spend a proportionate amount of its time and money in the promotion of the three lines of business which have made this county what it is today-agriculture, industry and tourists.

# RESULT OF POWER RATE REDUCTION-

The thriving town of Smithfield, the county seat of Johnston, has one thing in common with Waynesville, both towns buy electric power from the Carolina Power and Light Company, and retail same to the citizens of the town.

Effective with the March bills, the board of aldermen of Smithfield reduced the light and power rates. Citizens of Waynesville are hoping that ere long Waynesville will likewise have this in common with Smithfield.

The bills were mailed out March first and in the issue of The Smithfield Herald on the fifth, there appeared an editorial which states that within the five days twenty electric ranges were added to the lines, and two new business firms opened because of the lowered rates.

The Smithfield Herald went on to say:

"Local electric lights and power users are expressing satisfaction over the recent rate reductions which showed up for the first time in the March 1st bills.

"While the individual consumers are delighted, the members of the town administration are equally so, for the expansion which they anticipated under a lower rate is already evident. Instead of a meagre half dozen electric cook stoves which were in use in Smithfield homes prior to the rate reduction, there are now twenty and more are in prospect. One good-sized manufacturing concern that had been buying directly from the Carolina Power and Light Company is now purchasing its power from the town. In anticipation of a larger consumption of power, the town was recently able to effect a saving of approximately \$75 per month, on the basis of the amount used last year, on a new contract made with the Carolina Power and Light Company, and the saving will be greater in proportion to the increased amount

"Two new business firms have opened here, in part because of the lowered rates which now make this territory a good market for electric stoves, refrigerators and other electrical appliances.

"On the whole the decision to reduce the price of electricity seems to have been a good one. Consumers can have more conveniences for the same money and the town is not likely to lose any revenue."



# Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. CURTIS RUSS

While rambling through some files he other day, I came across this lipping, which caught my eye, and im passing it on to you for what is is

JUST FORGET

Forget the slander you have heard, forget the hasty unkind word, orget the quarrel and the cause orget the whole affair because orget it is the only way; orget the storm of yesterday. orget those with the sour face. Forget and smile in any place, orget the trials you have had, orget the weather if it's bad. Forget the knocker, he's a freak Forget him seven days a week, Forget you're not a millionaire, Forget the gray streaks in your hair Forget wherever you may roam, Forget when traveling or at home. -Myrale May Dryen.

Of course, the above is good advice such advice than it is to follow it,

Averages that Linever knew before: On an average, one per cent of all prisoners make their escape from

That the average farmer has better ealth than the average city man, and lives about five years longer, on an

The average consumption of sugar oday per person is seven times more than that of 100 years ago. (A sweet thought.)

The navy represents an investment

of approximately three billion dollars. and this is more than all the colleges in the nation cost,

And according to a reliable source, tears contain a certain chemical that will kill almost any germ.

The story came my way the other day, that in a nearby county, a colored couple, who had partaken of too much liquor, were married by a mag-

During the ceremony the magistrate told them to join hands. Both instantly held up their hands, and the groom said in a faint voice. "No sur."

After the ceremony, the magistrate offered his congratulations, and wished for them a long and happy life-'and may each of you be a to the other," he concluded.

"Much oblige, and same to you." smiling, and staggering

Sometimes, for lack of amusement, and not wishing to hear any particular radio program, you can have a lot of fun by finding about three or four stations that are featuring a speaker, and turning quickly from one to the other. Sometimes their phrases will fit in and make sense, but on the average, it is nothing more than amus-

I have tried the same stunt on several orchestras, and am frank to say that I can't tell much difference between such dialing and a regular modern orchestra that butchers up

Dave Cabe back from a trip in Eastern North Carolina, and reports that at one time he resented being called a mountaineer, but since this trip he is proud of the fact, and from now on will make it known to strangers that he is a native of the moun-

# GREAT MINDS

In a study made public last week Dr. Joseph K. Hart, of Teachers College, Columbia University, it was reported that America has more doctors of phioslophy per square mile than any other population.



March 5th 1937

Mr. Editor: Because I believe you are among those who lament the passage of the liquor bill by our General Assembly, believe you will be glad to publish n our fine Mountaineer an extract from yesterday's church bulletin of Long's Chapel of which Rev. John H. Carper is paster

I do not think Mr. Carper will object to this use of his message to his own congregation. I believe he would be glad to be numbered among those of us who are proud to be called temperance granks

"Sometime in April the voters of Haywood county will vote for or against the ABC liquor stores. Let us he clear in our thinking for we are first Christians, and secondly citizens of the state and county. To vote for the stores is to become a partner to

Brings Calamity," rather than Alco-

"The official record of the Alcoholic estimated by the state authori Beverage Control board of the state | that the total for the year will i (of Virginia) shows that for the year 95,000, which is 17,000 more than the ending July 1, 1936, the sales of year before. Judge Coleman of Fred liquor in ABC stores in the state ericksburg estimated lately that N amounted to \$13,262,641. This does per cent of all arrests were traceable in every sense of the word, but I must not include beer and wines bought to the use of liquor. On that basis admit that it is much easier to give elsewhere than at ABC stores. It 76,000 will be committed to jail the was an increase of \$801,000 over the one year as a result of intoxication." year before. Arrests increased in all Yours for the protection of the hon parts of the state. The number of and lives of the people of our be persons committed to jails in Virginia loved state. for the months of July, August and

Lake Junaluska, N. C.

the liquor business.

"ABC liquor stores mean 'Alcohol

hol Beverage Control.

# 19 Years Ago in Haywood

(From the files of Mar-Mrs. W. W. Shay, of Co. wn Tuesday.

Mrs. Wesley Dickey a en of Sweetwater, Terguests of the Hon, and M Lee parents of Mrs. 150 .. Mrs. Geo. W. Coble w. week to visit Mr. Comb News, Va.

Mrs B. F Smathers from Pensacola, Fla., w tended the marriage of he Miss Wilsie, and visited daughter, Mrs. Jack Holly Private Charlie Adams Camp Jackson, and will

mother Mrs. Mac Adams. Miss Meta Adams, of Rais County Treasurer C. B. Albert

Joe Schenck spent Friday on the waters of Pigeon River washing

A. R. Spears and wife, who re retired from the management Kenmore Hotel, have gone to Mus where they have leased the

Dr. Thos. Stringfield, who napecting armories, property and date militia, spent Sunday tohis family

Corporation Commissioner W ee drave his Oakland "six" balls boro Friday returning to lowe Sunday. He visited his son Tonwho is with the Engineer Corps Haywood County has a worn mod administrator, and she

ing after her job. Publishing the list of ddiers killed abroad has " ontinued by the War Board ives will be notified when per Il cosmitties. We believe the

Some people say they are inquire of all the candidates. many Laberry Bonds and War stamps they have bought. W. give the boys a friendly tip. W. actually heard voters say they a bot vote for any man who w aid his country in this great

The Kenmore Hotel, one of town's most centrally located pla in Main Street is now for rent

The primary notice we publish ist week was unfortunate in its we ing. It only referred to Democr organization meetings.

September, 1936, was 23,587 and i

MRS. FRANK SILER

# "I PUT EMPHASIS ON GOOD DIGESTION," SAYS THIS FAMOUS BOXING COACH JOHNNY BEHR SAYS: With Camels, my digestion works smoothly." Camels speed up the flow of digestive fluids - alkaline fluids. FOOD EDITOR, Dorothy Malone, says: "The smart touch is to have Camels on the table from hors d'oeuvres through dessert. Camels add a world of pleasure to eating."

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