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BIBLE THOUGHT

God giveth to a man that is good in his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but to the sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to him that is good before God.—Ecclesiastes 2:26.

A HIGHLY COMPETITIVE BUSINESS

Some of the places catering to tourists have had just cause to lament the lack of a flourishing business this season.

There are places that rent rooms, that report a let-down in business, and often refer back to the "good old days."

The "rooming business" is most competitive in this section. Many new places, and a general increase in patronage of cabins and tourist homes have cut down the income of town rooming places.

A check-up just made, revealed that there are accommodations for 500 people, outside of hotels, between here and Cherokee. Most of them in tourist homes and cabins, while farm homes are getting more and more into the business of seeking the traveler's dollar.

As we said, it is a highly competitive business right now, and those who expect to make the most of it might as well face the issue, and meet competition.

A NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTMAS

A "North Carolina Christmas" through the medium of North Carolina Christmas cards has been adopted by the State Junior Chamber of Commerce, and details will be handled by a special committee named by Governor Hoey.

North Carolina is accustomed to sending greeting cards suggestive of New England, Old England, or California, while right here in this state there are beautiful scenes suggestive of Christmas and certainly plenty of distinctive Christmas customs and traditions. This idea of sending out Christmas cards of a local scene is not new in this particular locality.

Several individuals as well as organizations have used the idea for the past few years. The response has been pleasing, and the idea most effective.

No doubt the state campaign will exceed all expectations when started, but right here and now we go on record as opposing exaggerated claims and scenes as some states have used on greeting cards.

"GOOD OLD DAYS" A MYTH

The "good old days?" They never were. That, at least, is the opinion of Donald Hough, American author, sets forth in the current Rotarian Magazine.

"Men change, but time goes on," he says. "Tests prove that the apple of today is a better apple than that of 50 years ago. The Weather Bureau finds that over a period of 50 years there has been a change of a small fraction of one degree in the mean temperature of a certain small area in the Southeastern part of the United States, otherwise all is the same as before. The snow lies just as deep, the winters are just as cold, the summers are just as hot—or vice versa.

To this, Hough adds the verdict that the best cooking is found not on the farm of yesterday, but in the restaurant of today. Cooking in America—once enslaved to the frying pan and boiling pot—is one of its newest arts, he indicates. The food is better now, perhaps the appetites aren't.

"Not all the people in America live in three-room kitchenette apartments, most politicians are honest, the average policeman cannot be bought, the country is full of young people who really do know more than their elders, money as a barometer of human worth is losing its grip, the cooking is getting better, people live longer, the whole history of man still can be summed up in one short word: 'advance.' So says the author.

"The 'good old days'?" he asks. "Which ones?"

MORE ATTENTION TO HEALTH

Dr. Carl Reynolds of the state health department, in an address to teachers of the state, suggested that there should be required of all school children previous to enrollment, a certificate of their physical condition similar to a life insurance examination, and a requirement that all children shall be immunized against immunizable diseases before matriculation.

As conditions in the schools become more crowded, and the task of instructors increases as they teach more children, it is well to take the suggestion of Dr. Reynolds seriously. Today when children mingle closer, in buses and classrooms, there are more dangers of contagious diseases spreading.

The health department is working along this line as fast as possible, yet there is much that they cannot do. A lot of the responsibility rests with the parents, and right at this time, at the beginning of another school year is the time to begin.

EVERYBODY FAVORS TAXING OTHER FELLOW

Persistent propaganda in the direction of lower income tax exceptions is flooding the country. Virtually all of us seem to realize that the tremendous bills this country is piling up are going to have to be paid by someone and that the country is going to have to start paying pretty soon.

Everybody, therefore, is in favor of additional taxes—on someone else. We all are eager that this tax or that tax be levied, affecting someone else before the government finds it necessary to levy taxes which affect us personally.

The real truth is, of course, that no tax affects a certain group. It is true that the group upon which a tax directly falls is hardest hit, but it is also true that, in the final analysis, the greatest tax burden is borne by those who have least, the ultimate consumers to whom are passed all the taxes in creation to some extent and who have no one to whom to pass along any of the burdens.

For that reason, since the little man is least able to pay in the first place, and since he is at the bottom of the ladder to shoulder most of the country's tax burdens ultimately, we suspect it may be unwise to lower income tax exemptions and further harass him.

We should be pretty well taught by now that, when the little man is prostrated, the channels of commerce and industry are dammed because it is the little fellow who provides the great domestic market. It is the little fellow upon whom the rest of the country feeds and he must be allowed enough to keep him in the customer Class.—Durham Sun.

ABOLISHING THE ABSENTEE BALLOT

The absentee ballot, long the target of election reformers, is again being harshly fired upon. Important factors and influences in the political and civic life of the state want it outlawed, stricken out altogether.

It is noteworthy in this connection that both the Young Democrats and the Young Republicans are joined in a crusade for its sharp reformation.

They are assuredly entitled to success in this effort. Something needs to be done about this voting instrument.

And unless radical revisions can be made by which the prostitution of this system can be stopped, the system itself should be abandoned.

That, of course, brings to the fore the vital fact to recall, and this is that no privilege of government, not even government itself, is any safer than the human factors through whom or for whom it is designed.

If folks are bad, any form of procedure of government, be it ever so abstractly good, becomes bad. And conversely.

It is the character of the people which decides the question.—Charlotte Observer.

PROVING THEIR LUCK

Somebody told a Peroria, Ill., patrolman about a game in which Russian army officers of the Czar's day tested their luck. The officer curious to know how he stood with the fates would place one cartridge in a six-chamber revolver, whirl the chamber, put the weapon to his head and pull the trigger. The patrolman tried it. He didn't stand so high.

Next day a gathering of sorrowing relatives and friends stood about his grave and told each other what a fine fellow he had been. The day after that a night watchman at a Summit, O., country club heard about the case of the patrolman and thought he would try it too. And the day after that a gathering of sorrowing relatives and friends stood about his grave and told each other what a fine fellow he had been.—Macon Telegraph.

A certain Waynesville man, not being absolutely certain about his birthstone, has a feeling that it must be a grindstone.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



Random SIDE GLANCES
 By W. Curtis Russ

Once upon a time, many years ago, there lived in the far away city of Washington, what was known as PWA.

Now gather closely children, and hear about PWA.

This PWA was richer than King Midas, although everything that PWA touched did not turn to gold, but its money disappeared never to be seen again.

PWA was kind, and unselfish. Runners were sent over the country looking for towns and cities in distress which PWA with all its money could help.

One of the honored PWA knights heard of Waynesville, nestled in the hills adjoining the Smoky Mountains National Park, and in due course this knight arrived and heard the distressing pleas of this community.

"And what, may I ask, would you have PWA give thee?"

The city fathers of Waynesville and Hazelwood met and after deep thought, and on bended knees, bowed humbly before the noble knight of PWA and begged of him to give them a pittance from the overflowing money bags in Washington, enough to lay a sewer line from and Hazelwood to the river of Pigeon.

The PWA knight heard their pleadings. He puffed out his cheeks, filled his chest, raised his eyebrows, and with arms crossed on his swelling breast, bade them farewell, promising that ere long their wants would be laid before the mighty mogul of PWA.

The city fathers of Waynesville and Hazelwood watched the knight of PWA as he strolled proudly from their midst, into the cool of the night, while, they, with fevered brows labored on late into the night trying to find ways to gather together a few coins with which to pay an engineer to survey the path for the sewer line.

And as the clock struck midnight the weary city fathers wended their way homeward, praying that the mighty PWA would return before long with glad tidings from the distant city where all seems to be made of gold.

Days stretched into weeks. And weeks into months, and even years passed, and the city fathers of the two communities looked longingly for the return of the knight of PWA, but alas, he did not return.

A scribe was sought, and an epistle sent by runner to the city of gold on the Potomac. But, shsh, even the runner failed to find the answer to the burning question of the city fathers, and he returned home with head bowed, and wet with sweat.

After three years, a meager message was received from the mighty PWA saying that their wise men said money and money alone could not build the sewer line to the river of Pigeon, that it would take men to dig the ditches and join the pipes, but alas, the mighty PWA could not find the men. No call was made, but the PWA crystal gazers had pushed back the curtain of the future, and looked into the ball, and no idle men appeared on the scene, so they knew it was futile to try and find them.

So, the mighty PWA, in all the glory of authority, said, get more n. n. n. out of work, and once again our

royal gazer with squint into the ball of the future and determine the destiny of the sewer line.

At the end of four years, the city fathers, with heavy hearts, went out in search of other prospects, trying forever to forget PWA.

And last week, the princess of good fortune held her magic wand over the heads of the city fathers, and there awoke in the city of gold on the banks of the Potomac, that knight of PWA who had promised to return ere long with good news and glau tidings of the money for the sewer line to the river of Pigeon.

The mighty knight of PWA, 'tis believed, had fallen into the hands of a bunch of cruel men, who had given him a draught from the jug of old Rip Van Winkle, and the mighty knight had fallen asleep, and for five years had dreamed of the hundreds of new and modern privies that were being built, and never once thought of the sewer line from Waynesville and Hazelwood to the river of Pigeon.

And when the people in the fair

Sterilization This Year May Reach New High
 Since 1919, There Have Been 512 Sterilizations Performed In State

If eugenical sterilization in the last six months of 1937, was on a par with those reported for the entire year bids fair to surpass the record of persons in North Carolina who are going operation treated, a high of 178.

Reports reaching E. Eugene secretary of the North Carolina Eugenics Board, showed that 178 were performed for the first time in the twenty-six under the total for the entire twelve month period of 1937. From 1929 through 1937, a total of 518 sterilizations have been performed, 246 of the number having been persons between the ages of 13 to 174 and 174 being 20 to 29 years of age. The total is divided 86 males and 432 females.

North Carolina first went into the practice of sterilization of its defectives in 1929, following part of the procedure of other states, some of which adopted the practice as far back as 1909. In February, 1938, the 1929 act was held unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court.

While the 1919 General Assembly passed an act intended to serve as a sterilization measure, so far as it be ascertained no operations were performed under its provisions.

The state board is now operating under the act of the 1933 legislature as amended during the two special sessions, with right of appeal to the courts established under a new procedure.

Under the North Carolina law it is the duty of the superintendent of public welfare and the heads of public charities and penal institutions to petition the Eugenics board for sterilization of any mentally diseased, epileptic, or feeble-minded person

and beautiful valley, in which is built Waynesville and Hazelwood, there flows the rushing waters of the Pigeon, heard of the PWA Rip Van Winkle, they were amused.

And that, children is the most fairy tale, entitled "Speed PWA"

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