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guest editorial

(Because of the nearness of the Western North Carolina Sanatorium to our town, we believe that our readers will be interested in the following editorial which appeared in the July-August edition of the Sanatorium's newspaper, WESTERN STAR. The opinions expressed here do not necessarily reflect the editorial policy of the Black Mountain News.)

"HONEST OPINION"

by John Christian, Jr.

In the past primary campaign six Democrats and one Republican, all candidates for governor, spoke an estimated one million words telling the voters of North Carolina what they would do if only given a chance. But not one word was said about the illiterate patients in state hospitals. With one teacher and a few hundred copy books in each hospital, wonders could be worked by opening a new world to the scores of patients who can't read or write their names. Doctors will tell you that a gainfully occupied mind is a big help in the treatment of tuberculosis. So the patient would be helped in more ways than one, if this opportunity were offered to him, but the hospital vote play a very minor part in the election of officials, so the politicians "pay us no mind."

The state treasury is bulging with a surplus of over \$171,000,000, yet they can't afford to purchase lysol or some other disinfectant for use on the ward floors, bathrooms, or urinals. And the state buys a cheap stiff paper to cover your mouth while coughing, instead of spending a few more dollars and getting a soft tissue to absorb the cough, they have one that scatters germs all over the room and fellow patients.

In a conversation with Dr. Willis a few months ago, this writer learned that the state buys the best food obtainable for tuberculosis patients. I wonder what happens to it after it is unloaded on the storeroom platform here.

What is luxury? What is a necessity?

A necessity, in my opinion, is when a patient whose lips have become dry, cracked and parched from running a high temperature finds it necessary to buy a "chap stick" composed of camphor and other medicinal properties to apply to his lips for relief. But the operators of our state owned store evidently consider parched lips a luxury. If not, then why charge 25c for a 10c article, plus 1c sales tax, plus 5c luxury tax; a total of 31c? The writer has been told that the state owned store pays tax to wholesalers for some articles carried in stock and that this tax must be passed on to the patient or consumer. If this is true, then someone is squandering the tax-payer's money, because the state Board of Health, along with Education, Highways, Prisons, Fisheries, or any state agency are exempt from any and all taxes. They pay taxes to "no one."

"Fun For You" Comedy Hit Still Scheduled

Although the jaycees are going ahead with plans for their big "Fun For You" show here on the nights of July 23, 24, they will be more than glad to abide by any request which the officials may make. O. W. Tinney, president, told the NEWS this morning. As this is written no cases of polio have been reported in Black Mountain. But if health and city officials think necessary, the big comedy hit will be postponed on short notice.

"Fun For You" is being spon-

sored in Black Mountain by the Black Mountain junior chamber of commerce to raise money for seats at the softball field.

BACK TO WASHINGTON

Mrs. Alston Palmer and daughter, Celestia Mary, and Miss Lethe Moore returned to Washington last Saturday after a visit with their mother, Mrs. Celestia Moore on Montreat road.

Mr. A. T. Cook and daughter, Marylin, have been occupying a cottage with friends at Folly Beach, S. C. for the past week.

News Deadline — 4 p. m. Tuesday

Leaders In Meet At Montreat

A co-operative conference designed for Sunday school superintendents and for leaders of men, featuring the tenth annual conference for Sunday school superintendents and the third annual conference for men's work leaders of the Presbyterian church in the United States, will open here Friday to continue through Sunday, July 18, under the supervision of S. J. Patterson, Jr., Richmond, Va., director of men's work on the staff of the executive committee of religious education of the general assembly of the denomination.

Meetings will be held in combined and separate sessions. The general theme will be "A Growing Church—A Challenge to Men."

Men will register at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at Montreat Auditorium, where the conference will hold its organization meeting at 3 o'clock. Dr. David L. Stitt, Austin, Texas, president of Austin Theological seminary, will conduct the devotional services for the conference on the topic, "Today's Problem," and the Christian's approach toward the solving of these problems.

In addition to business sessions, presbyteries will be heard, and officers for 1948-49 elected, the conference will consider plans for the Men's Convention to be held in November 1949, in Atlanta, which plans are now moving forward with a goal of 5,000 Presbyterian men attending as delegates from all section of the South.

Group discussion periods are scheduled from 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning, following a communion service to be conducted by Dr. John R. Cunningham, president of Davidson College, and former moderator of the general assembly.

Dr. W. J. Millard, Memphis, Tenn., will preach at the 11 o'clock worship service, Sunday, July 18, to bring the men's conference to a close.

NO POLIO REPORTED

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officials who met recently in Asheville:

Stay away from all gatherings, particularly indoor crowds. Movies, churches, Sunday schools, nursery schools, and swimming pools are some of the things that can contribute to the spread of the disease. Patients are advised to keep their children out of the stores and other places while attending to necessary business. Group attendance at picnics are discouraged.

In as much as travel increases chances of contacts to the disease, the recommendation was made that people stay at home instead of traveling. Traveling should be limited to emergencies.

Avoid injury to the mouth, nose, and throat, such as pulling teeth, removing of tonsils, etc.

Avoid fatigue. Children should rest two hours every afternoon. Severe exercise with fatigue can help cause more serious development of the disease.

The recommendation was made that camps operating from six to eight weeks remain open, but that they place all children and adults in a voluntary quarantine with no visiting allowed by the parents. Short period camps that keep groups of children for a week or two should close. Planned group recreational activities and youth conferences should not be held, as this provides the same opportunity for exposure as occurs in the short term camps mentioned above.

The above recommendations are made in view of the possibility of an actual epidemic developing in this area. In case the recommendations are followed and are effective in controlling the disease it might not be necessary to take more drastic action. In case of a real epidemic, the feeling was expressed that it would be advisable to require the closure of motion pictures, churches, summer schools, swimming pools, schools and gatherings of all types. This could be done by enactments of



A Debt To Profit

By GEORGE S. BENSON
 President of Harding College
 Searcy, Arkansas



AMERICA has become rich and powerful, with high wages and the best living conditions in the world, because of good profits. When I say America, I mean all of America. All the people in this great country owe much to this system that allows profits to be made and used. When we appreciate that fact, it is possible to see the dangers that exist when we do things that limit profits or keep them down.

For example, today inflation has reduced the buying power of profits by about 40 per cent from what they were a few years ago. On top of this, profit has been reduced in many industries. Many businesses made smaller profits in 1947 than in 1946. Quite a few are not making enough profit to replace worn out tools and machinery. Others are borrowing heavily. Those that borrow do so because they find they have to borrow.

Question of Risk AN INDUSTRIAL enterprise can only borrow, however, on the basis of anticipated profits: "profits to come." If these expected profits do not come, then the future of that business is jeopardized. Nobody wants to lend it any more money then. It's a poor risk. So what happens? The machinery wears out. Wages hit rock-bottom. Workers drop out, top executives take jobs in better companies. Presently, the business is bankrupt.

Every company that has to go broke for lack of profits puts a blight upon the record that belongs to America. Yet, right here in America we are today jeopardizing future jobs and future prosperity in the nation by bringing profits down too low.

For example, the railroads cannot possibly replace their old equipment by depending upon their profits. New equipment like

streamlined trains, latest model locomotives, lots of heavy equipment and modernization — all these things call for money. Profits aren't enough. Therefore, railroads must borrow. But suppose they do not make enough profits to repay the loan? These things keep the railroads in constant danger.

Capital Needed THE NEED for investment and for new capital is so great that many industries right now are investing more than their total profits. Of course, they are expecting present conditions to be temporary. They make huge investments, without regard for present profits, only because they expect conditions to improve and better conditions to come in later. Actually, this simply means that profits in 1947 (which look tremendous in figures) were much too small.

President Truman, in his report on the state of the nation, said that \$50,000,000,000 should be invested in business expansion over the next few years. This would be fine. However, the fact remains that money for investment comes only as a result of work and savings. Unless we can get more profits than are now customary, we shall still lack for investments. With present profits, Mr. Truman's figure cannot be reached.

Why, then, do we need investment? For exactly the same reasons that we need profits. In order to make sure there will be enough jobs at good wages. Lack of investments and lack of profits is an invitation to unemployment and hard times. Let's not be deceived by those who would arouse us against profits. They would like to wreck our "profit" system, which has given us the highest wages and best living conditions that men ever knew.

Legal Notices

NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 238

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE DUMPING AND BURNING OF TRASH AND/OR GARBAGE WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN, BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN:

SECTION I: That on and after the 1st day of July, 1948, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to dump or burn within the Town Limits of the Town of Black Mountain any trash and/or garbage.

SECTION II: That all trash and/or garbage collected within the Town Limits of the Town of Black Mountain shall be collected by the Town dump truck and delivered to the dumping ground provided by the Town of Black Mountain located outside the Town Limits of the Town of Black Mountain.

SECTION III: That this Ordinance is passed for the safety and health of the citizens and residents of the Town of Black Mountain and is deemed to be an emergency measure for the health and safety of its citizens.

SECTION IV: That a violation of this Ordinance shall be considered a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not to exceed \$10.00, or imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. That each violation of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be considered as a separate offense and shall be punishable as provided.

SECTION V: That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after the 1st day of July 1948; That this Ordinance shall be published one in the Black Mountain News.

ORDINANCE NO. 238, above set forth, is duly presented, and unanimously passed, on its first, second, and third reading, as an emergency measure on this 22nd day of June, 1948, and is now in full force and effect.

J. L. POTTER, Mayor
 Town of Black Mountain

Attest:
 W. Dean Willis
 City Clerk.

ordinances by the local board of health.

The Black Mountain First Baptist church, State Street Methodist, Presbyterian, and St. James Episcopal church, will cooperate with the recommendation of the county health officials with reference to polio according to a statement issued by the pastors.

There will be religious services as usual, both Sunday school and worship services, for adults and young people 16 years of age and above, the statement said. There will be no Sunday school or services for those under 16.

OES CHAPTER

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Higginbotham; Associate Matron, Edna McDougle; Asso. Patron, Leroy H. Mashburn; Secy., Mrs. Gladys Ham, Treas., Mrs. Mary Hauth; Conductress, Mrs. Margaret Stone; Associate Cond., Mrs. Reva S. Hinkle; Chaplin, Mrs. Helen Longcoy; Marshall, Mrs. Mae Fortner; Organist, Miss Barbara Morrow; Adah, Mrs. Lockey B. Lawson; Ruth, Mrs. Catherine Stutts; Esther, Mrs. Rohda Riddle; Martha, Mrs. Addie Gaskins; Electa, Mrs. Mary Potter; Warder, Mrs. Martha T. Simmons. Mrs. Ring and Mrs. Riddle were not present for installation and will be installed at a later date.

The following Grand Officers of N. C., O. E. S., were present:

Alvis M. Tingle of Asheville, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Mae Willman of Asheville, Grand Conductress; Mrs. Hilda Halliburton of Clyde, D. D. G. M. of the 16th Dist.; Mrs. Daphne Mackey of Old Fort, D. D. G. M. of the 14th Dist.; Mrs. Nell H. Porter, Swannanoa, Past Grand Matron; and Mrs. Nolan K. Hunnicutt of Asheville, Past Grand Matron.

A number of other visitors from various Chapters were present.

SONNY AYCOCK AWAY

J. A. Aycock and his sister Mrs. Gertrude Groswell and her son William, have returned to Brookville, Fla. after a visit here with J. C. Aycock. "Sonny" Aycock went to Florida with them to remain until September.

CIRCLE NO. 2

Circle No. 2 of the Methodist church will meet with Mrs. Zeb Sawyer on Tuesday evening, July 20, at 7:30.