

Magazine Peddlers Use Old Tricks

(Lancaster News)

According to the reliable Yorkville Enquirer, magazine racketeers have been rather active in York county during the past several days. York county is not alone in being infested by magazine subscription racketeers. They frequently invade this county. Lancaster county is also congested recently with all kinds of beggars, mostly of the professional type. Recently the city police department has had to arrest some of the beggars who have begged money, bought "Old Maud," Lancaster's most potent firewater and as a result landed in the city jail.

The Enquirer had this to say: "Altho the racket is almost as old and hoary with age as are the gags of a 'rich relative who died in a Spanish prison,' and the well worn pocket-book found on the streets, men and women still fall for the racket worked by the young men and women who are soliciting magazine subscriptions in order to go 'to college' or 'to finish a seminary course.' This latter racket is worked successfully in York county the past several weeks, and men and women have been finding out that they have been 'bilked' out of their coin, and are not receiving the magazines subscribed for and thereby hangs a tale.

The racketeers who have been

working in York county of late, included four young men and one girl. Out Hickory Grove way the game was like this:

"I would go to Mrs. Jones, for instance. She is a member of the A. R. P. church, and to Mrs. Jones the solicitor puts up a tale like this: 'I am trying to finish my course in the seminary, and your pastor told me that you would probably help me. You see I am working my way thru school, and every magazine I sell gives me that many points. Your pastor is going on a vacation and while he is away I will fill his pulpit two or three times.' Being a good and loyal member of the church and sympathetic with the hard luck story of the ministerial student, Mrs. Jones gives up two of three dollars for magazine subscriptions.

Then the next good lady he visits is a Methodist, and in this case he has been directed by the pastor of the Methodist church, and she falls for the gag. Neither pastor has been consulted by the solicitor, nor have the preachers had any part in directing the solicitor where to call, but before the folks get together and compare notes the 'ministerial student' has finished his canvassing and moved to another green field—Sharon or Smyrna, for instance and the racket is repeated once again.

Three solicitors have been working the rural sections and smaller villages, but two others worked in the county seat. They had it mapped out nicely. The 'ministerial student' or the 'college senior' worked the residential section of the town and a more or less attractive girl of the party, all working for a Minneapolis or Chicago magazine subscription organization, worked — 'worked' is right—the restaurants and cafes where men are to be found, the stores and offices, and the men fell for the racket, just as did the women in the homes.

An average speed of seven miles an hour is attained by the blood in our bodies.

Wateree Routs Rivals Easily

Those ramraging Wateree pastimers converted eight hits into ten runs in a game against the Hermitage team in the tri-borough league schedule last Friday evening, the final score being 10 to 2. Hermitage scored the duo of runs on a healthy circuit wallop by Gary Welch, team captain, with Blackwell ahead of him.

Sir Peter Caulder did some neat work on the hill for the Hermitage squad for four rounds, allowing but one blow in the quartet of stanzas. But in the fifth the Wateree talent proceeded to take Peter apart to find out what made him tick. Four wallops, one a triple by C. Taylor sent three runs clattering homeward. There might have been several more counters listed but for a nice double play staged by Mister Welch unassisted.

Wateree scored a run in the first inning on a walk and an error with an outfield fly. Three runs came over for the Robinson gang in the fourth with but one blow being listed in the hit column. A walk and three errors were the grats factors. The last three blows and one error. Robinson gave up but three hits to Hermitage. A single by Blackwell, a double by Brown and a home run by Welch.

The score:
 Wateree 10 8 2
 Hermitage 2 3 5
 Batteries: Robinson and Reeves; Caulder and Harrison.

The new navy patrol bomber, the Consolidated XPB2Y-1, recently made a nonstop, round-trip transcontinental flight. The plane has four engines of 1,050 horsepower each.

Twenty seamen of the British motor ship tanker Athelaird, torpedoed July 2, rowed nearly 400 miles in a 20-foot lifeboat making only occasional use of sail. Subsisting on six biscuits, corned beef, condensed milk and rain water, they were only six miles from the Irish coast when sighted by a vessel.

Baruch and Burdell Hospital Benefactors

(From an address by Mannes Baruch, treasurer of the Camden Hospital, delivered before the Camden Rotary Club on Thursday, July 18)

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Rotary Club: In the time allotted it would be an almost hopeless undertaking to give you a full and complete history of the Camden Hospital from its inception to date. I shall therefore touch only on those incidents and highlights in its history as, in my judgment, will be of interest to this organization and, in fact, to every citizen of Camden and Kershaw county. I make this statement advisedly, because I know of no institution in the county that has contributed more, not only to the alleviation of suffering, but in addition, to the care and comfort of its people.

Taking up the data in chronological order, the first meeting for the purpose of building a hospital in Camden was held by a few citizens in the opera house the latter part of 1912. A committee was appointed to solicit public subscriptions but due to conditions at the time, a nominal sum only was realized. And here mention should be made of Mrs. William Anrum—the mother of our Rotarian, Tom Anrum. Mrs. Anrum by letter, approached Bernard M. Baruch, of New York City, enlisting his help.

The committee just referred to also appealed to Mr. Baruch for assistance. It happened that just about this time I was going to New York and volunteered to see Mr. Baruch in person. Pardon this reference to myself but I want to submit an accurate record. The urgent need of a hospital in his native town and all it offered the general public, appealed so deeply to him that he promptly offered a donation of \$20,000 to supplement the small sum raised by local subscription. The following day, it will interest you to know that he called me to his office and said he would give whatever additional amount was needed to buy a suitable site and build a hospital as a memorial to his father, Dr. Simon Baruch. Some of you no doubt will recall that Dr. Baruch practiced medicine in Camden for some years before moving to New York City, where he gained no little prominence in his specialty of hydrotherapy. Accordingly, a short time later, the Presbyterian Manse property was bought, the building remodeled, operating rooms and charity wards added to complete this type of institution. And so it was on its way.

I should add here that just recently a model Nurses Home in keeping with the general architecture of the Hospital proper, has been built thru the generosity of Mr. Baruch. As you perhaps know, it is one thing to build a hospital and quite another to maintain it. But again good fortune seemed to smile on this community. At this point, Captain John Burdell comes into the picture. Some years prior he had most creditably served the city of Columbia as chief of police. Following his resignation of that office, he settled in West Wateree where he, in the course of time, accumulated considerable acreage of valuable farm lands. Captain Burdell died in 1911 and a plaque now hanging in the hall of the hospital indicates, he gave by will to the President of the Bank of Camden, the ministers of the Episcopal and Presbyterian churches of Camden, and their successors, as Trustees, the income and revenues from these lands and other investments of his estate, for the full benefit of citizens of Kershaw county; as stated in his will: "For the benefit of suffering humanity by giving hospital treatment to those suffering from physical ailments or trouble which might be cured or alleviated by the use of medical or surgical skill."

These funds were for a while administered by the Trustees in accordance with directions. Subsequently, the Camden hospital having opened for the reception of patients December 1913, the Trustees wisely took the position that the Burdell funds would be administered perhaps more equitably through the Hospital management. Accordingly, the revenues from the Burdell trust properties have been given annually to the Hospital by the trustees of the Burdell fund and have proved invaluable toward its maintenance.

The Hospital was incorporated April 16, 1913, and formally opened December 1, 1913. And here it may be of interest to note that the certificate of incorporation recites as managers, trustees and directors the following: W. M. Shannon, president; John W. Corbett, vice president; L. A. Wittkowsky, secretary; M. Baruch, treasurer; H. G. Carleton, Sr., W. J. Burdell, S. C. Zemp, W. R. Hough and J. P. Rowan, directors.

It might also interest you to know that the total receipts from the first year's operations were approximately \$7,500, and of this amount \$4,000 were from the Burdell fund. Likewise it is an interesting commentary by way of comparison, when I tell you that the total receipts for the year 1939 were \$45,520.29. This will give you an idea of its growth and expansion. The first year we cared for 220 patients and last year, 1939, a total of 1,841 in-patients. However, it will be readily understood, no doubt, that in the wake of this rapid growth, operating expenses increased in proportion—in fact exceeded receipts—a result that so often plagues an institution of this kind. For the year ending December 31, 1939, despite rigid economic controls, we showed a deficit of approximately \$1,500. Please then do not jump to the conclusion that your hospital is surfeited with funds. Regardless of our pride we are always open for contributions. Let me digress for a moment. In the winter of 1921 the hospital suffered a disastrous fire. Fortunately no lives were lost and no one injured. But again we were in trouble. And again Mr. Baruch came to the rescue with a donation of \$25,000. With this sum, supplemented by insurance collections and local contributions, we were in a position to rebuild bigger and stronger than ever at a total cost of \$45,000.

I trust it is not out of place to comment here on Mr. Baruch's high concept of humanitarianism. His entire contributions to the Camden Hospital up to this time amount approximately to a total of \$87,000. This to my mind, is an unusual demonstration of love of birth-place and likewise proves an unflinching interest in the needs of suffering humanity, irrespective of race or creed. I feel we should also express our appreciation to our tourist for conspicuous service, and honorable mention should be made of T. Edmund Krumbholz, who, with other loyal citizens, played prominent roles in the restoration of the hospital.

In this connection, we wish to pay special tribute to The Ladies Auxiliary of the Camden Hospital and the Junior Welfare League, for their tireless labors in the interest of the Hospital. In addition to the various substantial contributions made by the Auxiliary, we are indebted to this association for a recently installed drinking fountain and an operating-room lamp, the most modern available. And for the annual clinics held at the hospital, primarily for tonsillectomies, grateful acknowledgement is made to the Junior Welfare League.

The friendly attitude and the consistent cooperation of both municipal and county officials have always been especially gratifying. The hospital receives \$600 from the City of Camden, and from the County, through a levy of one and one-half mills, approximately \$10,000 annually. It is difficult to overestimate the importance of these appropriations. To the City Council and the County delegation—Senator M. M. Johnson, and Representative L. C. Clyburn and W. F. Estridge, the hospital is deeply indebted for this invaluable assistance. In further support, we are receiving annually (from 1924) an average of about \$8,000 from the Duke Foundation. You are probably familiar with the various benefactions of this Foundation. But permit me to digress again and give you a few startling figures in connection with this fund—The biggest and most comprehensive of all southern charities. To me, they are as interesting as they are amazing. As to the purpose of this Trust it is fitting, I think, to quote Mr. Duke's own words: "To make provisions in some measure for the needs of mankind along physical, mental and spiritual lines". In the last fifteen years this endowment has contributed to 160 hospitals throughout the two Carolinas about fifteen million dollars; and to educational, religious and other institutions an additional twenty-four million. I believe you will agree that these figures are amazing.

Coming back to the establishment, the expansion and the present status of the Camden Hospital, this paper would be incomplete if it failed to mention the outstanding part played in the development of the Hospital by Dr. John W. Corbett. Throughout the years, he has given abundantly of his time, his energy and executive ability to the advancement of the Hospital. Likewise, for the prominent place it holds in the community, we are indebted to those loyal medical men who have passed on: Dr. S. C. Zemp, Dr. W. R. Clyburn, Dr. S. M. McCaskill, Dr. W. J. Dunn, Dr. Andrew Burnet and Dr. S. F. Brasington. And for the recognition it commands today, this short history would be guilty of a fatal omission without

Training Reveals Civilians "Soft"

Fort McPherson, Ga., July 22.—Trainees at the special business and professional men's Citizens' Military Training Camp here have their view about it, the conditioning program they are getting is not going to stay when they go home August 6. By the third week of their 30-day voluntary military training program the civilian leaders from eight southern states are beginning to get hardened, and as their physical hardiness improves, are realizing how soft their civilian life had become.

C. G. Miller, Rome, Ga., automobile dealer, said he "never felt better in my life" and that sore muscles are beginning to "straighten out". The military training is coming up to expectations, he said. E. L. Matthews, editor of the Starke, Fla., Telegraph, said the taste of military life was teaching all of the trainees many things they had not previously known about active patriotism and most of all will try to get these lessons over to the folks back home." This thought was endorsed by Fred T. Smith, Jr., of the Lake Charles, La., American Press, and Frank D. Grist, of York, S. C., salesman and member of a long prominent South Carolina family. J. Y. Elliott, mayor of Cleveland, Tenn., said the entire list of trainees is getting into condition, adding, most Americans would benefit by putting into practice in their daily lives the habits of keeping in physical condition we are learning here. Many trainees said the hikes they have taken have taught them "how much fun it is to walk" and that they expect to walk regularly when they return home.

Plenty of hiking, firing of modern weapons, including the new Garand rifles, the 37-millimeter anti-tank gun, the machine rifles, and the 30 caliber machine guns have been on the schedule regularly.

An overnight hike is planned for July 31-August 1, when the trainees, with full pack, will march to Black Rock lake, about ten miles from Atlanta, pitch camp and sleep in tents during the night, pack and return to camp. The training period ends August 6.

some expression of gratitude for the tireless interest and the professional skill of Dr. Carl A. West, Dr. Andrew B. Whitaker, Dr. George S. Rhame, Dr. Joseph W. Brunson, Dr. John M. Brewer and Dr. F. Grayson Shaw, all from Sumter, S. C., Dr. Ralph Dunn, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, Dr. P. E. Huth, urologist and Dr. M. E. Panish, specializing in radiology. And in this connection, we now have through the benevolence of Mr. Baruch again, an X-ray machine and equipment as good and modern as any in the state.

I feel that it is due to the spirit, loyalty and skill of these men just named, together with a staff of capable nurses, that the Camden Hospital is now provisionally accredited and I think it will please you to know that in the coming fall it, in all probability, will be listed as a fully approved and accredited hospital by the American College of Surgeons. In conclusion, this Hospital is dedicated to the care and relief of the sick and the suffering and it is the resolute purpose of all those men and women associated with it in any way whatsoever, to give at all times what is so beautifully summed up in the watchword of your organization SERVICE.

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SATURDAY, JULY 27 "BULLET CODE" with George O'Brien—Virginia Vale

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MONDAY and TUESDAY JULY 29th and 30th "40 LITTLE MOTHERS" with Eddie Cantor—Rita Johnson

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31 "DR. KILDARE'S STRANGE CASE" with Lew Ayres—Lionel Barrymore

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