Still Pond Ladies' Aid Save Mechanics' Bill

The Ladies' Aid of Still Pond M. E. Church have set the pace for economy in repairing church property and in co-operation in the work they set to work under the leadership of Leonard Price to tear down the back building of the parsonage and enlarge the cellar. They made splendid progress. The ladies did the encouraging while the men did the work.

Mrs. Evalyn Harris makes the above item the basis for the following article:

"In rural communities the "Ladies Aid" of the various churches have kept the churches going, and bill paid up ever since they were started. But the high cost of living has hit them, too—not their own living alone, but the living of those called in to help on many of the things which ladies are not supposed to do at all.

One favorite form of amusement in the country during the winter, especially, is eating. So suppers of all kinds are held, and money is raised in that way.

Farmers are asked to donate chickens, butter and cream, and town people are asked to bring in goods from their pantry shelves. Then all are invited in to buy their supper, along with many other folk who have not donated any materials at all. The price of the supper ticket is the same. There are faithful souls who donate their chickens and hours and hours of time in cooking oysters and other good things; then sit down and eat their suppers and pay for them. When a family is composed of five or seven or nine, it takes "right smart money" to buy the supper tickets.

Then when they get all of this money the Ladies' Aid finds it has to pay local help—wages all out of proportion to the wages of farm work. The plasterer, and the concrete man, and the brick-layer, and the plumber, and the painter, and the paperhanger and the various other men needed to keep up church property—have all helped the Ladies' Aid eat the fine supper. Then they unite in eating the proceeds of the supper. Many of them have gotten away easily with food which would have cost $5 at a city hotel and have paid the Ladies' Aid for that supper much less than they charge that Ladies' Aid for an hour's work.

Something New Started

So a progressive association of the Ladies' Aid at Still Pond has started something new—which costs less—and pays better than suppers. It has decided that the members will do the work themselves on the church and the parsonage. Thereby they will save the time and expense of a supper and they also will save high wages which they would be forced to pay to have this work done.

I never yet have seen a supper which would have been profitable in the country—if everything the folk ate had been bought and paid for at the store. It is only the subsidy, in the form of baskets donated, which gives anything at all for the treasury. If the members would charge even 40 cents an hour, they would be in the hole. Yet they have gone on, and have done these things, and I suppose they will do them. Here's one that has balked.

Lot Of Building Done.

The husbands now are getting a lot of building done. The pastor is just as interested in the building operations as he would be in supper operations. The net returns will be greater, for the farmers who are working do not value their time so high as the men who make it a trade. Thus a farmer's donation of $10 in work is several times as much as a like donation of a man in building trades.

Church suppers are splendid things and they are sociable things. They should be encouraged. But everyone should donate to them, both in time and commodities, or they should be discontinued and the same energy and time put directly on the work to be done. Members of the Ladies' Aid are able to do the work, with the help of their husbands. They might as well dig and build and paint and paper with their own hands as work and feed folk $2 worth of food for 75 cents and then spend the 75 cents for the little work which will result at present wages in every line but farming.

The Ladies' Aid in Still Pond is to be congratulated on establishing a precedent in this line of work. May it continue, and spread to the cities."

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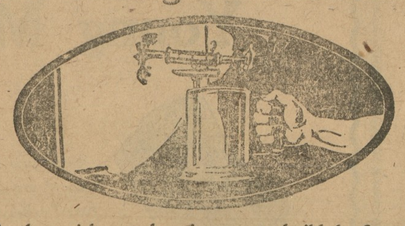

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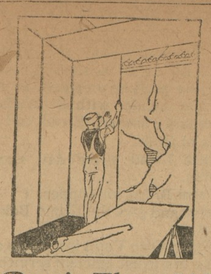

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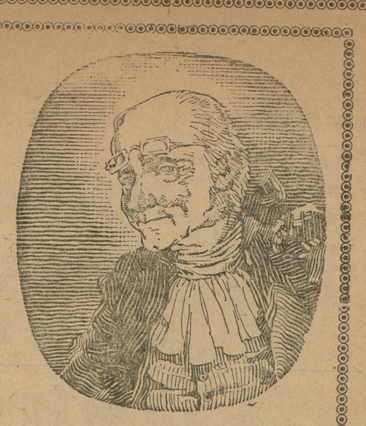

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