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## Physical Education Building

In allowing \$1,000 toward the erection of a physical education building for the city schools, city commissioners showed a progressive spirit. They are to be congratulated upon their action.

The North Wilkesboro schools have been handicapped in their physical education program by the lack of a gymnasium. The armory, until it was burned, provided a place for basketball practice and basketball games, but comparatively few boys and girls are sufficiently skilled to participate in the "big" games and if they were, a coach wouldn't know what to do with a squad of several hundred children. So the old armory served only as a physical education building for the few who went out for basketball in a big way.

However, with a gymnasium in the "front yard," the school will have an opportunity to carry forward its program of physical development for every student, regardless of size or age. Up to now the program has been carried on as best it could on the outside when the weather permitted.

As has been pointed out many, many times, a healthy mind cannot develop in a diseased body. So physical development is of prime importance in the school curriculum.

The Journal-Patriot is indeed happy at the prospects for an adequate physical education building for the North Wilkesboro schools.

## Daniels To Mexico

The selection of Josephus Daniels as ambassador to Mexico is a most agreeable one to North Carolina. President Roosevelt could not have made a choice which the people would approve more readily.

The Raleigh publisher, it is recalled, was once Mr. Roosevelt's chief. While Mr. Daniels was Secretary of the Navy during the Wilson administration, Mr. Roosevelt was assistant secretary. Now the chief has become the assistant and the assistant has become the chief.

Mr. Daniels can be counted upon to maintain the friendly relations between Mexico and the United States which the late Dwight W. Morrow helped so materially to establish.

## BRUCE BARTON WRITES

### A QUESTION WILL DO

On many occasions Jesus won his case with a single question—one of the best weapons in the whole armory of persuasion and all too infrequently employed. How often a blundering advocate allows himself to be dragged into futile argument, when by throwing the burden back on to his opponent's shoulders he could attain an easy mastery. Jesus seldom argued. The record of his questions is a fruitful study for all of us who, in our everyday affairs, must deal with other minds. Let us recall two of those questions.

The Pharisees set a trap for him. One Sabbath day they hunted up a man with a withered hand and deposited him in the temple where Jesus would be sure to pass. Then they waited. If Jesus healed him, it would be a breach of the code, which forbade any activity on the Sabbath. They would have that to recall when the crisis came. Jesus sensed the test and met it without hesitation.

"Stand forth," he said to the poor chap. The bigoted formalists pushed in close. This was their moment. They had dug the pit cleverly and now he was about to fall in. The soft light went out of Jesus' eyes, the muscles of his jaw grew tense, he looked "round on them with anger" as he demanded:

"Is it unlawful on the Sabbath day to do good or to do harm? To save a life or to kill?"

He waited for an answer but none came. What could they say? If they replied that the law forbade a good deed, their answer would be repeated all over town. The crowd of common folks who followed him were his friends, but not theirs—only too glad to spread a story which would cast discredit on the proud defenders of the law. The Pharisees had sense enough to recognize that fact, at least. They "held their peace," and sullenly slipped away.

On another day it was his own disciples who learned how he could compress a whole philosophy into a well-directed interrogation. They were by no means free from the frailties of ordinary human nature. They fussed about unimportant things—arguing among themselves as to who should have pre-eminence; wondering how their bills were to be met, and just where the whole enterprise was coming out.

He brought them up short with a question. "Which of you by being anxious can add a single day to his life?" he demanded. "And if you can't do this simple thing, why worry about the rest? Consider the ravens; they don't sow or reap; they have no store-houses or barns, and yet God takes care of them. Don't you suppose that you are of more value in his sight than a flock of birds?"

How trivial seemed their concern and controversy after a question like that!

And just think, when the French told us right after the close of the war that they never could repay us, we considered it an expression of gratitude.—Arkansas Gazette.

There is a lot of discussion these days about a national tree, and about all we have to suggest on the proposition is that it must be some kind of a nut-tree.—Ripley (Ohio) Bee.

## Today and Tomorrow

**MONEY** . . . . . definition  
I think we are going to come out of our economic troubles with a much more general understanding of the unimportance of money, than most of us had before.

Millions of people have learned how to get along with substitutes for money. A lot of them have learned that money is not wealth, but is merely a symbol of wealth. Real wealth is commodities that can be used, and nothing else.

The best definition of money I have ever seen was written by a German economist, Paul Helfferich. He said:

"Money is a medium for storing commodity values and conveying them through time and space."

**SCRIP** . . . . . just as good  
Any money is good money which everybody is willing to accept as such. Practically the whole nation has gone on a scrip basis, and until we try to spend some of it outside of the United States it is just as good as gold.

The only thing that makes gold the best money is that it is the one substance which everybody in the world accepts at the same value. But when everybody in Hopfrog Corners accepts the local scrip at its face value, the scrip is just as good money as gold money.

Neither scrip nor gold is wealth; both are merely yardsticks with which to measure wealth.

**FORSTER** . . . . . has served long  
I was glad to learn that Rudolph Forster is to keep his job as executive clerk in the White House. I have known him since he was first appointed by President McKinley, in 1897. He has held that post continuously through the entire Administrations of seven Presidents, and is now starting on his eighth.

No man in Washington has had so many state secrets pass through his hands as Rudolph Forster, and nobody has ever talked less about the confidential information which has come to his knowledge.

**PRESIDENTS** . . . . . 31 or 32?  
Franklin D. Roosevelt is either the thirty-first or the thirty-second President of the United States, according to which way you count. I notice that Publishers Autocaster Service referred to him last week as the thirty-first President.

It is perfectly true that he is the thirty-first person to hold that office, but one of his predecessors, Mr. Cleveland, was elected two different times, with a four-year interval between his two terms.

So if you count the number of Presidential administrations Mr. Roosevelt is the thirty-second. Not that it makes much difference.

**CHINA** . . . . . being united  
I dined the other day in New York with a gentleman who has been engaged in business in China for several years. He gave me a new picture of the condition of the Chinese people.

China today is actually prosperous. Its industries are booming and, except in some of the remote districts, there is something like real prosperity, judged by Chinese standards.

The most interesting thing my friend said, however, was that the Chinese people are more nearly unified today as a nation than they have ever been. The Japanese aggression in Manchuria has stimulated Chinese patriotism. My friend expressed the opinion that China would make a very effective resistance to Japan; that it might take years, but eventually China, including Manchuria, will be controlled by the Chinese.

**PERKINS** . . . . . in New York  
Frances Perkins, the first woman member of the Cabinet, is in private life Mrs. Paul Wilson. Her husband is a statistician. They have a daughter, Suzanna, who is now about sixteen years old.

So sharp a line does Miss Perkins draw between her public life and her private life that it was not until her name was announced as Secretary of Labor that most of the newspaper men in Albany, where she was head of the New York Labor Bureau, even knew she was married.

Since the laws of New York do not require a married woman to take her husband's name unless she feels like it, she is still legally Frances Perkins, although in the District of Columbia she may have to sign the Federal payroll as Mrs. Paul Wilson.

**HOOVER** . . . . . the man  
I am very fond of Mr. Hoover. So is everybody who really gets acquainted with him. In his private and personal capacity as a

man he is genial, humorous, considerate and not in the slightest degree "high hat."

I don't know what Mr. Hoover will do next, but I am satisfied that it will be something in the nature of public service. He has no money ambitions. He made a great deal of money as a mining engineer. He spent some millions of his personal fortune in his Belgium relief work and at that time, 1914, deliberately put an end to his business career and told his friends that he intended to devote the rest of his life to serving his country, which he did as Food Administrator, Secretary of Commerce, and President.

Mr. Hoover deals with facts on a large scale with greater ability than any man I have ever known. I think he is permanently out of politics, but I believe he will be a great figure in public affairs in some other way as long as he lives.

## Sunday School Lesson

By CHARLES E. DUNN

### THE EFFECTS OF ALCOHOLIC DRINKS

Lesson for March 19th. Proverbs 23: 29-32.

Golden Text: Proverbs 23:32.

The book of Proverbs is a most admirable treasury of the popular wisdom of Israel. One would have to search long to find a better guidebook for the pilgrimage of life. The twenty-third chapter from which the lesson is taken, contains the most complete and lively picture of drunkenness in the Old Testament. We can see the carouser lingering long, with bleary eyes, over the bottle. And we are warned that if we follow his path, our vision and speech shall become queer, our nerves insensible to tempest or pain, and we shall long for an awakening from our drunken slumbers to return to Bacchanalian revels.

So much energy has been exhausted in the heated discussion concerning prohibition that the detrimental effects of alcohol upon character have been almost entirely forgotten. In many circles the use of hard liquor is considered an indispensable adjunct to hospitality. The harmful are ignored.

It is true that everyone admits the evil of drinking to excess. Moderate drinking, however, is usually looked upon as harmless. Now that the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment seems

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## MONTANA GOVERNOR NAMED U. S. SENATOR

Helena, Mont.,—March 13.—Gov. John E. Erickson resigned late today to become the successor to the late Thomas J. Walsh in the United States senate. Frank H. Cooney, lieutenant governor, becomes the chief executive of Montana.

Erickson, a Democrat, resigned late today and Cooney was sworn in immediately as chief executive by Chief Justice L. L. Callaway. He then gave the senatorial appointment to his predecessor.

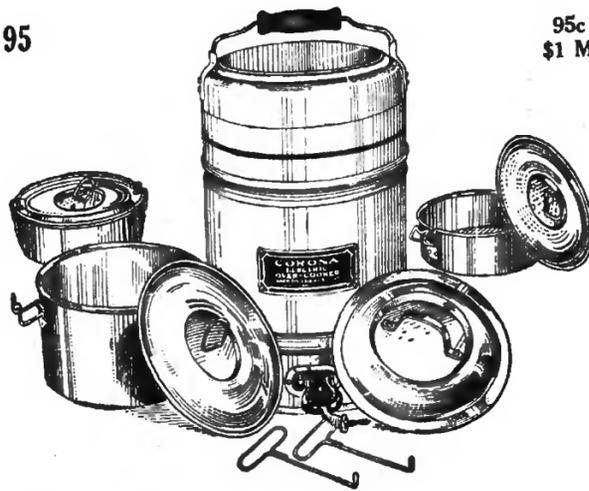
Governor Erickson last November was elected to a third successive term as the state's chief executive and began his ninth year January 1.

Catawba county sweet potato growers are selling their crop at 30 to 40 cents a bushel at the curing house doors. This is a low price but in line with other farm prices, say the growers.

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