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"More than anything else, this country needs the services of optimists," declares a government official at Washington. Why not draft the movie-writers?—Atlanta Journal.

Two things are certain about the Wilkesboro election tomorrow. One is that Ed will be elected mayor and that the next mayor will be a Republican.

Wilkes-Ashe Road

Time and time again Ashe citizens have pleaded for the improvement, construction or what have you for the section of Highway 16 between Glendale Springs and Millers Creek. Wilkes citizens have echoed that plea. Yet day by day the road becomes less suited for travel.

Highway appropriations have been cut and there is little likelihood of new construction work being started during the next several months. And in spite of our desire to see something done about the condition of this road, we appeal not for immediate attention, but for attention when road construction is started again.

We do not know of two counties in the state which are connected with such a makeshift as a highway. The road is an outlet for Ashe county people, and the shortest route for Tennesseans to Piedmont North Carolina, and as such deserves better treatment than has been accorded it.

While the road is entirely on the Wilkes side, Ashe is even more anxious to get something done than we have been. The greater benefit, we are convinced, would come to us and it is up to us, since it is a Wilkes proposition, to appeal for early consideration—and construction.

Property Revaluation

The Wilkes county board of commissioners have in mind a reduction of 15 per cent as the average to be maintained by the assessors who begin their reassessment work next week.

It is natural that there be widely divergent views expressed regarding any proposal to limit the reduction of the value of property for the purpose of taxation. The commissioners doubtless expected both favorable and unfavorable criticism of their action on this point.

That a readjustment of property valuation is needed is a point upon which all of us can agree. The extent of the reduction is apparently the only point upon which a different view can be taken.

The commissioners, it seems to us, have taken a sensible attitude toward the question. Where property is on the tax books at a figure far beyond its value, the idea is to reduce that value for the purposes of taxation in line with the value on other properties. And when property is found to be on the books at a ridiculously low valuation, as doubtless some is, there will be a readjustment upward.

The whole idea is to rectify inequalities and to limit the reduction to the average of 15 per cent. If this can be done the commissioners believe they can maintain the present tax rate.

There is nothing to be gained through revaluation except the righting of injustices to property owners. If there should be a reduction of, say 30 cents on all property on the tax books, the effect would be to increase the tax rate. Revaluation will not lower the cost of county government, reduce the payments on bonded indebtedness or the interest payments on indebtedness.

On the other hand, if the value of the property is held up, the county's wealth, which is expressed theoretically on the tax books, will not show such a huge decline. The tax books are used to some extent at least in determining the amount of a loan, should one be sought, on property offered as security.

The interest of the people can best be served, it seems to us, by limiting the reduction to a point which will not necessitate an increase in the tax levy.

To the Graduates

What new avenues are opened! What a broad and undiscovered future lies ahead! In years past you've stood outside, were one of the audience as some orator spoke words of advice to those dignified seniors. You envied them as diplomas signifying that they had reached a milestone in their educational development were handed out. It mattered not from what grade—from elementary, high school or college—they were graduating and you wished you were one of them.

But now you are one of them, walking away with a diploma. Somehow there is a void. You feel that you are parting from a friend. You would linger, but time impels you onward. You can't go back. You find yourself with a scrap of paper and the future stares you in the face.

You have come to the end of the road. Now there are other paths to take and you must choose one. Destiny! One step and perhaps the entire course of your career may be changed. How much hinges upon your decision! The magnitude of your responsibility awes you.

As someone has said, the graduates from the elementary grade has prepared himself for high school, the high school graduate for the college and university, but through it all the intention is to prepare one for the greater university of life. Out in this university the stuff within you will reveal itself.

Perhaps, this message can best be addressed to the splendid group of young men and young women who are now graduating from our Wilkes county high schools. There is no iron-clad suggestion or advice to offer. Individual adaptabilities and circumstances compose the equation. Go on to college? Yes, if you are adequately equipped for the college career. Many men have succeeded without a college education and many men have succeeded with a college education. But success in the case of the latter was not due to a college degree, the chances were only increased. Statistics show that a far greater percentage of college graduates than high school graduates succeed. Whether you go on to college is a question which you must decide for yourself. It is up to you.

Whatever course you take, you must keep in mind an eternal truth. You have read Elbert Hubbard's immortal preachment, "A Message To Garcia." You recall the story. It was during the Spanish-American war. A man by the name of Garcia was leading the Cuban insurgents. He was hid in the mountain fastnesses of Cuba. He could not be reached by wire or telephone. No one knew where to find him. Yet it was imperative that President McKinley communicate with him. So a man by the name of Rowan was ushered into the office of the president, handed a letter and told to deliver it to Garcia. Without a question, he took the letter and walked away. How the letter was carried, what dangers Rowan faced in accomplishing his task are not important. One thing stood out above all others—he delivered the message to Garcia.

There is a moral for the graduates. Find your message, whether it be practicing the Golden Rule in the business world, healing the sick as a doctor, singing a song of truth in the ditches or preaching the Gospel of Christ from the pulpit, and carry it with you. Don't count the pleasures you miss or the score you make, but carry the message.

A tiny stream of water finds its way out of a mountain rock in the Blue Ridge. It gurgles over the rocks as it finds its way into the valley, there furnishing water for the cattle in the pastures and moisture for a thirsty earth. It grows bigger as it is joined by other little streams. Then the stream is used to generate power. Ever onward it goes until it becomes a part of the great Mississippi and it is a highway for steamships to carry on the commerce of the world.

There is a moral in this story which is taken from that famous little book, "Going South." If you graduates wish to succeed in life you must do two things. First, you must render service all along the way and second, you must grow bigger, more capable of rendering service.

That is our message to those who are graduating. Catch the vision of service and move onward toward the goal. The route is immaterial. If you can best serve humanity by first acquiring a college education, by all means sacrifice to the limit to go on to college.

The guiding star is service—service to fellowman and to God—and you are the traveler.

Demonstration For Mooney Causes Postponement of Trial Until May 22

San Francisco.—The shout of a crowd—"we want Mooney!"—into the ears of Superior Judge Louis H. Ward as he approached the hall of justice moved the jurist today to continue the newly granted murder trial of Thomas J. Mooney, convicted preparedness day parade bomber, "until this feeling dies down."

While proclaiming his willingness to give Mooney "a trial upon the facts and merits of the case," Judge Ward warned the defense he would not be a party to the raising of constitutional grounds upon which it might seek to free the noted prisoner from his conviction of 16 years ago. He decreed that the cheers and howls of the crowd, penetrating even into the courtroom as he spoke, would be prejudicial to fairness.

The case was continued until May 22. The courtroom was packed with persons admitted only by card.

"As I approached the hall of justice," said the jurist, "the streets were lined with men, some of them practically shouting in my ear, 'We want Mooney!' I believe they were aware of my identity, and if they would do that within my hearing they would do that before a jury."

"No trial could be had on its merits under these circumstances. The acts of the friends of Mr. Mooney preclude giving him justice under such conditions. The

yells and cries of the Mooney adherents come into this court, even with the windows closed. I will not bring Mr. Mooney into this court as long as these demonstrations continue."

Frank P. Walsh, veteran defense attorney, was on his feet instantly to deplore the demonstrations and point out that a statement had been issued in Mooney's behalf two days previously requesting his sympathizers to restrain themselves lest they injure his cause.

In San Quentin, where he is a life prisoner, Mooney said he was "keenly disappointed" over the continuance.

Effort Being Made To Get Appointment For Simmons
New Bern, April 28.—A movement started here some time ago by friends to obtain a federal appointment for former Senator F. M. Simmons is reported to be making satisfactory headway. Several high offices are being considered, it is said.

Senator Josiah W. Bailey is reported to be actively interested in the matter, and is being assisted by local friends and supporters of the New Bernian, who for 30 years was a member of the senate, being defeated for renomination by Senator Bailey.

George Laxton, of Caldwell county, made a net profit of \$118 last year from the sale of honey from 12 hives of bees.



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Look around your farm. No doubt you have some tool that needs repairing right now. Maybe the wagon needs retiring or the body rebuilt—the horses and mules probably need to be re-shod so that they may pull the plow just a little deeper, or pull just a little bigger load on your wagon.

Here's where we come in the picture. You know we operate the best (we think it is the best) Blacksmith Shop in Wilkes county. We carry a complete stock of materials at all times and our customers find our prices reasonable.

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