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**The Best News Yet**  
 The news that two of Wilkes county's long-sought road improvement projects—namely, the Millers Creek-Jefferson road and the Elkin-North Wilkesboro road—have been sent to Washington for approval is the best that has been heard here in many weeks.

While there are other roads, including the North Wilkesboro-Statesville connection and the Yadkin Valley route by way of Ferguson, which all Wilkes county endorses, there is much satisfaction in the knowledge that Wilkes is not to be passed by in the road building program now on. The roads, which apparently are to be started soon, are sorely needed and no one denies that the sections interested should be given better roads than they now have.

We hope that before long other good news will be received regarding the projects which Wilkes is so vitally interested in at the present time.

**A North Carolina First**  
 North Carolina has many firsts of which the state should be proud, but the University of North Carolina News Letter calls attention to one first that brings no particular satisfaction.

North Carolina farmers use more fertilizer than do the farmers of any other state. During the past thirteen years our farmers have paid out more than 450 million dollars for commercial fertilizer, the News Letter states. The annual cost is more than twice that of our entire system of public education and during the past thirteen years the farmers have paid three times as much for fertilizer as they have paid in taxes.

Of course, if the farmers are to continue to grow the crops they do at present, this large expenditure for fertilizer is good business. On the other hand, a good system of crop rotation which would build up the land, rather than deplete it of its fertility, would result in an immense saving and help in reducing over-production of some of the major crops.

Acceptance of the advice of an efficient county agent would result in a big improvement in the farming system of the various counties of the state.

**Should Be Returned**  
 It is the consensus of opinion in North Wilkesboro that Rev. J. H. Armbrust should be returned as pastor of the Methodist church here for another year. While it is true that other churches are asking for him and that he would fit admirably into the work of churches in other cities, the situation in North Wilkesboro almost demands that he not be taken from us at this time.

The local minister is in the midst of a program of church and civic betterment which would at best be temporarily halted by his departure. This program should not be interrupted and it is the hope of all of us who are familiar with the situation that the church board and the bishop will see the matter in this same light.

Another minister just as capable might be sent us, but he could not possibly enter into the varied activities immediately and much of the progress that has been made would be lost. Joe, as he is known to a host of intimate friends, is doing a great work as director of relief activities in the city and as we enter upon another winter during which the hungry must be fed and clothed, his knowledge of this work is badly needed. The Wilkes Citizens Association, of which he is chairman, has hardly made sufficient progress in its war against crime for another man to take hold and carry on as he is now carrying on. These and many other activities in which Rev. Mr. Armbrust is engaged need his personal direction for at least another year. Perhaps when that year has passed the need may not be so great.

The spontaneous action of local civic organizations and other groups in requesting that the local minister be returned for another year is evidence that the people of North Wilkesboro do not believe that Mr. Armbrust should be moved. It is also evidence that our people are convinced that an interruption in the various programs in which he has played so great a part would be more serious than an outsider might imagine.

**Not For Self Alone**  
 The following news item is re-printed here not because it tells the story of a tragic ending to a romance, but because it shows the relation of one man's actions to the destiny of others:  
 "Because his sweetheart did not reply to his letter, twenty-four-year-old Ladislas Szilassy, of the Hungarian Artillery, committed suicide.  
 "At hearing the news his sister, who loved him dearly, jumped from the fourth story of their home, dying instantly.  
 "The father, learning of his double loss, went mad and was taken to an asylum.  
 "The janitor of the house, who saw the girl plunge to death, suffered a stroke of apoplexy and died."

No man lives for himself alone in our complicated and highly interdependent civilization. Our every action has an influence upon someone else. That is a sermon in itself.  
 The knowledge that what we do in our daily walks of life will either lead someone to a finer and nobler life or influence them to take the evil path should sober us and cause us to pause and consider what the consequences of the little things we do will be.  
 St. Paul didn't think that meat was any sin to him. He saw no evil in it. Yet if his eating it was going to hurt his brother, he would abstain from it. In this he set an example worthy of emulation.  
 "What am I doing that will lead another in the wrong path?" That is a question we should ask ourselves constantly, never forgetting that what we do may lead others to follow in our footsteps.

**BRUCE BARTON WRITES**

**FACING THE ENEMY**  
 Deserted by the people, Jesus for the first time in his public work forsook Palestine and led his wondering but still dutiful disciples into the foreign cities of Tyre and Sidon. The journey gave him a chance to be alone with the twelve; and it was, in a small way, a repetition of his earlier triumphs.

He hated to leave these kindly strangers. Much more he dreaded the thought of another trip through Galilee. What a graveyard of high hopes it was! Every road, every street corner almost every house and tree was alive with memories of his success. Now he must pass each one again, conscious that it might be the last time, his heart weighed down with the thought of high purposes that had brought no response, and sacrifices seemingly in vain. Small wonder that he cried out against Chorazin and Bethsaida and even his own loved Capernaum, the cities for which he had done so much. "Woe unto you," he cried in his loneliness, "for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon they would have repented long ago, in sack-cloth and ashes."

So the spring and summer passed, and autumn came, bringing the feast of tabernacles, which he determined to celebrate in Jerusalem. It was a suicidal resolve. The report of his dwindling influence had been carried to the Temple clique which was emboldened by the information. There were spies in every crowd that listened to him. All this he knew but it did not weigh against his resolve. This might be his last feast. He must be true to his calling at whatever cost. So he went.  
 We catch one glimpse of him on the Temple steps, surrounded by a partly curious, partly antagonistic crowd. It was his chance to recapture a little of the popular favor, to speak a placating word that might open the way to reconciliation; but no such thought entered his mind. The time for defiance had come. "I have offered you the truth," he cried, "the truth that would make you free." And when they shouted that they were sons of Abraham and hence already free, he replied that they were no children of Abraham, but "children of the devil."

They would have killed him then and there, but their courage failed. Give him rope and he would tangle himself inextricably. Every speech was alienating somebody. When the time was ripe they would seize him.  
 So they argued among themselves, and he went back once more into his Galilee.

**Borrowed Comment**

There's only one letter's difference, to be sure, but we do hope that few hunters will mistake a buck for a buck this year.—Boston Herald.

Several noted comics are already back on the air for the winter which we predict will be a hard one as the moss is unusually thick on the jokes.—Des Moines Register.

"The air belongs to the common people!" shouts a speaker in a talk on radio control. Well, keep your shirt on, brother; they've been getting it all along.—Atlanta Journal.

Man in Bloomburg, Pa., had a piece of his shin bone grafted on his spine, and now will be able to tell us whether barking our shins is worse than being kicked in the back.—Rocky Mountain News.

A London collector recently paid \$20,000 for eight of Napoleon's love letters. It seems a large price until you recall that there are men still living who have paid more than that for their own.—Boston Herald.

The Topeka capital complains that the new sons are mostly howls, not making much sense and with music about on a par with the words. Well, what to do?—Minneapolis Journal.

Christopher Columbus has been discovered by John P. O'Brien who discovered also that the discovery of 1492 is much like the mayor of New York in 1933. And that's some discovery.—Kickerbecker Press.

**Day Shot To Death By Jealous Rival**

Don Wallace Killed Twenty-Four Hours After Taking Bride; Fred Wilson Sought.

Don Wallace, resident of North Fork township who on last Saturday took to himself a bride, Tuesday left a widow, when he expired in an Elizabethton Hospital from the effects of a bullet fired point blank into the abdomen, allegedly by Fred Wilson, 25, a neighbor.

The shooting occurred on Sunday evening in the neighborhood in which both young men lived, is believed by officers to have been a result of jealousies existing between the two on account of the young lady, who twenty-four hours previous the dead man had promised to love, honor and cherish. The tragedy took place, it is said, near the Tennessee line, and from reports, no word was spoken as a prelude to the shooting.

Wallace is said to have been conversing with a man named Potter, when Wilson is alleged to have walked up, silent and deliberate, and fired the fatal bullet in the abdomen of the deceased. The missile passed through the liver and death occurred two days afterwards.

Officers from Boone searched the countryside for the fugitive, but up until Wednesday noon, he had not been apprehended and there were no clues as to his whereabouts.

Wilson is about twenty-five years old and the son of Roby Wilson. Both he and Wallace are members of Watauga families and are well known in the western part of the county.—Watauga Democrat.

**GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS ATTRACTS MANY VISITORS**

Asheville, Oct. 30.—Although it is one of the most recently established national parks in the United States, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park lured more visitors within its boundaries in 1933 than did any other national park. The Great Smokies claimed an estimated total of 375,000 of visitors during the season as compared with 296,988 the total for Yosemite National Park, the next in rank in visitor totals.

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**COURT JUDGES LISTED**  
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Statesville, Oct. 24.—A two-year federal prison sentence was given Earl W. Jones here today after he pleaded guilty of misappropriating \$1,500 at the Commercial National bank, of which he was receiver when he disappeared a year ago to be found later suffering from "amnesia."

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