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Better get those 1934 automobile license
plates. It won't be safe without them on
January 1.

Welcoming Mr. McCarthy

North Carolina newspapermen welcome a
new member in the person of Mr. John Mc-
Carthy, of Washington, D. C., who has just
purchased the Statesville Record. The hand
of fellowship is extended and we trust that
Mr. McCarthy's association with the newspa-
per business will be both pleasant and profit-
able.

The announcement that both Mr. Sronce
and Mr. Jennings, who are recognized as
very competent newspapermen, will be re-
tained on the paper is of interest in this sec-
tion. Under their management, The Record
has within two years taken its place among
the better semi-weekly newspapers of the
state.

We predict for The Record a long and use-
ful career under the new management.

Christmas Needed

America needs the Christmas spirit. It
has a wholesome influence in times like
these. The limitless hope which springs up
in the hearts of men is beneficial in an hour
when there is danger of surrendering to des-
pair and uncertainty.

Thousands of years ago, a pagan people
feasted on their scanty provisions in winter
because they knew spring was on the way.
Those pagan people who knew not God had
faith in the eternal cycle of seasons.

There is a lesson to be learned from this
example of faith. Surely, we as a Christian
people, believing in the goodness of our
Creator, should have faith at this Christmas
season.

Spring is on the way. God will provide for
us in the season ahead. Let us, if we have
not already done so, make sure that our less
fortunate neighbors are provided for. Let
us spread the message of "peace on earth,
good will toward men."

It is not too late even now to receive a
blessing from this Christmas season. It is
not too late to catch the Yuletide spirit. Make
somebody happy, if you have not already
done so. In the happiness of others, we may
obtain happiness.

Out of the Yuletide season, let us catch
an inspiration that will carry us forward in
the year ahead. Let us tell the story again
and again of Christ's message to the world.
That message will save the world.

By Way Of Congratulations

In an age when court dockets are clogged
with divorce suits, it is a happy privilege to
congratulate Mr. and Mrs. James A. Forester,
who have made the journey together for
64 years and are still "traveling along side by
side" into the sunset of life.

Mr. Parker, who summarizes the lives of
this happy couple, very aptly supplies the
answer to their successful journey together.
"Mr. and Mrs. Forester," he writes, "have
seen modernisms flit by, but none took them
off their feet. They have gone on the philo-
sophy that there is more in fundamentals
than in frills; that in life's lasting ladder
the topmost round is nearest the ground."

And he writes more. "Today time plants
for them a milestone at the gate of life's
autumn with complimentary changes. He
has frosted their profuse dark hair and
faintly furrowed their fair faces. He has
shortened their working hours and lengthen-
ed their restful rocker conversation on the
vine-awninged veranda of their Wilkes coun-
ty home."

And if a lot of the young married people
of today would keep their "seats at the pic-
ture shows, ball parks and race tracks so
empty" as have Mr. and Mrs. Forester and
spent a portion of their time in trying to
understand each other in quiet conversation
that the solitude of home and garden pro-
vides, there would not only be fewer divorces,
but there would also be fewer suicides, few-
er premature deaths and fewer economic
failures.

Mr. and Mrs. Forester, we salute you.
May you live to celebrate your diamond wed-
ding anniversary eleven years hence.

In the death of W. C. Meadows, the min-
istry loses one of its most beloved members.
The kindly spirit of the veteran minister left
an indelible impression upon the church with
which he affiliated and the ultimate value of
his benefactions can never be estimated in
dollars and cents.

Loved and respected for his uprightness
of character, admired for his triumph over
obstacles which beset his ministry in the
rural churches and venerated for his Christ-
like friendship for man, W. C. Meadows will
live long in the hearts of those who knew
him.

Hundreds of children who never knew him
in person have cause to revere his name.
Without his staunch support, Mills Home
might not have been the great institution it
is today. Certainly, his liberal support help-
ed mightily in the trying days through which
the orphanage passed.

His education interrupted by the War Be-
tween the States, Mr. Meadows by his own
initiative became a man of considerable
learning. Here again was revealed the
strength of character which the man pos-
sessed.

His was a wholesome influence exerted in
a great cause. He not only taught the re-
ligion of his Master, but lived it in his every
walk of life. His was the Christ-like re-
ligion which calls not only for spiritual food,
but which realized the physical need of man
and endeavors to fill that need. His was the
religion not only of advice and admonition,
but also of kindly deeds and actual assist-
ance.

His denomination was close to his heart.
Religion was closer still. Faithful to his
church, just as he was faithful and loyal to
the members of his family, he saw first of
all the good in all mankind and endeavored
to bring the best to fruition.

He was a man's man who kept himself
close to the Master of all. No greater eulo-
gy can any man write for himself than W.
C. Meadows wrote by his daily life.

Borrowed Comment

THE SKYLINE DRIVE

(Elkin Tribune)

The Public Works Administration has allotted
initial funds for beginning the work on the great
Skyline Drive through Virginia, North Carolina
and Tennessee. The amount stipulated for this purpose
will not build the road, but gradually its significance
is affixing on the minds of our people nationally,
and the continuance of the project is not to be
doubted.

The money will be well invested, because in the
end the nation will possess one of the finest high-
ways in the world, and Elkin, in close proximity to
it, should not be unmindful of its importance.

The two great eastern national parks—the Shen-
andoah and the great Smoky Mountains—are to be
linked by the Skyline Drive. The route lies over
and along the tops of the Southern Appalachians,
the backbone of the Atlantic Coast section of the
country, and in future years will attract millions of
visitors, who hitherto have had no conception of
the beauty and importance of the terrain through
which it will pass.

The Washington Star speaks in glowing terms of
the possibilities of this highway. A part of the
Star's comment follows:

"Obviously, such a development is imperatively
necessary if the people are to drive any noteworthy
advantage from their ownership of the park terri-
tory. It will make the reservations accessible, and
millions of men, women and little children in gen-
erations yet to come will enjoy the results. No richer
scenery exists in the eastern half of the United
States. No more inspiring experience could be the
lot of a pilgrim back to nature's unviolated gran-
deur and nobility than that of a journey over the
three or four hundred miles of boulevard which the
drive, when finished, will constitute.

"The states through which the highway will
pass are doing their part by providing the two hun-
dred-foot right of way. For the building of the
road itself federal aid was necessary. That now
has been arranged, and Public Works Administra-
tor Ickes has pledged further allotments to be made
available as required until the project has been
completed.

"Perhaps it is true, as some have thought, that
a civilization may be judged by its road-making
genius. If so it may be that the American people
are rearing a monument to themselves in the Sky-
line Drive and similar enterprises intended to link
together the natural and the human values of the
nation."

It is to be hoped that there will be a minimum
of contention and cross-purposes concerning the
route the Skyline Drive will take. Squabbling over
the course of a highway has often defeated its
building to the fullest benefit, but this project,
having national significance, and supported largely
by national funds, may prove an exception. This
entire section of North Carolina stands to benefit
from this scenic highway.

The "Tribune's" society ed. thought she had re-
ceived all kinds of strange requests, but she had a
brand new one sprung on her yesterday, when a
gentleman went to the office and asked her to print
a report of a surprise party which was to be held
for him last night.—Chanute (Kan.) Tribune.

Holding up the sale of liquor for some five hours,
Utah papers have accomplished what the
federal government could not do for thirteen years.
Hartford Courant.

There is apprehension lest federal officials in
Washington soon will be forced to move out to
make room for the professors.—Chicago Daily
News.

TODAY TOMORROW

LIBERTY in new hands

A good many years ago a col-
ored man who served as door-
man in a popular New York
store, and whose courtly and
unfailing smile made him popu-
lar with all the customers, told
me that he had taken a Federal
Civil Service examination for the
position of elevator operator.

A little later I saw him and
asked him about that Govern-
ment job. "They done appointed
me to go 'way out West," he
said, "an' I can't do that, nohow.
So I turned the job down."

"Whereabouts out West did
they want you to go?" I asked.

"Fort Wood, wherever that
is," he replied. He was chargin-
ed when I told him that Fort
Wood was the official name of
Bedloe's Island, in New York
Harbor, on which the gigantic
statue of Liberty stands!

What reminded me of the inci-
dent was the announcement a lit-
tle while ago that Liberty has
been taken out of the custody of
the Army and put under the care
of the Department of the Inter-
ior. It is a part of the economy
plans of the Government. Wash-
ington thinks the Army is rather
extravagant.

HOUSES another room
"One more room for every
family in the United States with
an income under \$2,000 a year,"
is the slogan suggested by Pro-
fessor O. M. W. Sprague, as a
means of stimulating the build-
ing industry.

I agree with Professor Sprague,
that there are plenty of houses
for people who have incomes
above \$5,000 a year, but not
enough, or not good enough,
houses for people who have to
live on a lower scale.

To carry out such a project
will mean more economical meth-
ods of building, but I have been
surprised to discover how many
great business organizations are
at work on ways to solve the
problem of cheap, attractive and
durable homes.

I expect to see the day when
a completely modern five-room
or six-room house, with land
land enough for gardening, can
be bought in the vicinity of any
big city for \$4,000 or less.

SILVER Gold's partner

This is probably the last time
I shall refer to silver in this
column. Two and one-half years
ago I predicted that silver would
come back to its former mon-
etary status and rise from the
then price of around 26 cents an
ounce to somewhere near its
average price for the past forty
years, of around 60 cents an
ounce.

A little group of which I am
a member has been studying the
silver question intensively for
three years and passing our con-
clusions on to men in a position
to do something about it. Today,
whenever the subject of the in-
ternational monetary situation is
publicly discussed, almost every-
one who is regarded as an auth-
ority includes the rehabilitation
of silver as a part of the pro-
gram of recovery.

I think the case for silver has
been won, and that the white
metal has at last been lifted from
the political degradation into
which it was cast by the defeat
of Bryan, to its proper place as
a partner with gold in the think-
ing of economists and the mon-
etary systems of the world.

LOTTERY the idea grows

The French Government lot-
tery is making poor men rich
and pulling money painlessly
from the pockets of millions for
the Treasury. Iceland is about to
set up a State lottery. In Italy
last year I saw vendors, mostly
women, on almost every corner
selling lottery tickets. In Cuba,
Mexico, most of the Latin coun-
tries, lotteries are established
means of raising revenue.

The proposal has been made
by men who are to be taken ser-
iously, to establish a modified
form of lottery under Govern-

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To All Our Friends

At this Festive Season we wish
to take this opportunity of extend-
ing to our friends our sincere ap-
preciation for past favors and loyal
support.

May the Yuletide Season be
filled with Happiness and the New
Year with Prosperity and Health.

City Blacksmith Shop

CARL BUMGARDNER, Manager
Near Depot
NORTH WILKESBORO, N. C.

by there would be no losers, and
the winners. Instead of cash,
would get a life income and all
the others would get credit to-
ward the purchase of Government
bonds.

I don't imagine public senti-
ment in America would approve
of anything which savored of tak-
ing chances; yet the people of
this country are more ready to
gamble in stocks and in other
ways than those of almost any
other nation. It's a queer world.

MUSIC its appeal

There is only one universal
language, and that is music.
Music does not need to be trans-
lated. Even though the words are
unfamiliar, anybody with mus-
ical perceptions can enjoy a song
in a foreign language, if it is
well sung and the tune is ap-
pealing. I went to a concert in
New York the other night where
one young woman, Winifred
Cecil, held a large audience en-
tranced for nearly two hours
singing songs in Italian and Ger-
man. We didn't care what the
words meant; it was the beauty
of the music and its perfect ren-
dition by the singer that enthused
us.

To me, the finest service the
radio can render is its power to
bring the best music into every
home.

I am a typical middle-class
American, and I know that in my
home we "tune out" most of the
so-called "news" and music of
the third-rate vaudeville that
comes over the radio and tune in
whenever a really good singer or
orchestra is on the air. And I
think there are millions like us.

AREY SEES PROGRESS IN DAIRY INDUSTRY

Since 1909 when the first com-
mercial dairy plant opened in
North Carolina, the dairy industry
has forged ahead with substantial
progress and has suffered less
during the past few years than
other farm projects in this state.

"We opened our first com-
mercial butter plant or creamery for
this state in Gaston county back
in 1909," says John A. Arey,
dairy extension specialist at State
college. "This event encouraged
farmers to secure a few extra cows
to supply this market with cream
and the idea spread into adjoining
counties. Since that time, 25
creameries have been established
and numerous other milk plants,
ice cream factories and cheese fac-
tories. Last year 13,000 farmers
sold nearly a half a million dollars'
worth of cream to the creameries;
others sold about \$90,000 worth of
milk and cream to ice cream
plants."

Arey says the value of the milk
sold to city and town consumers
last year had a farm value of
over ten million dollars and he
notes that dairymen are learning
how to do better feeding, how to
do better feeding, how to cull out
their low-producing cows and how
to breed their stock according to
preference records.

Fewer cows are today producing
more milk than a larger number
did ten years ago. Back in 1919,
for instance, only 21 per cent of
the dairy bulls were purebred ani-
mals. Today over 55 per cent are
purebreds. This has had a result-
ing good effect in the kind of
stock being raised at this time.

However, says the dairymen,
there is still plenty of room for
further improvement. What the
future holds will depend upon the
ability of dairymen to breed, feed
and weed successfully.

The newspapers never write up
a race between a train and an
auto for a grade crossing unless
it results in a tie.—Thomasston
(Ga.) Times.

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To All Our Friends

At this Festive Season we wish
to take this opportunity of extend-
ing to our friends our sincere ap-
preciation for past favors and loyal
support.

City Blacksmith Shop

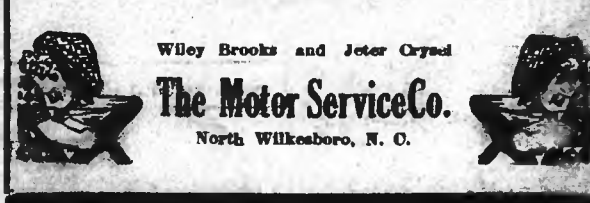
CARL BUMGARDNER, Manager
Near Depot
NORTH WILKESBORO, N. C.

BUT PRACTICAL GIFTS THIS YEAR . . .

Make the dollar stretch out by
buying something practical for
the car from us . . .

TIRES, HEATERS, BATTERIES, ETC.
WILL GIVE YOU SOMETHING FOR
YOUR MONEY

WE WANT TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE
APPRECIATION FOR THE PLEASURE
WE HAVE HAD IN SERVING OUR
FRIENDS THIS YEAR—AND WISH YOU
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR.



Wiley Brooks and Jeter Cryan
The Motor Service Co.
North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Our Best Wishes

With hearts full of gratitude for achievements of
the past, with satisfaction in the present, and
high hopes for the future, and in the humble
realization of the fact that our own success is in-
dissolubly linked with that of our friends, our
customers, we extend to you and yours our sincere
and most cordial wishes for a Merry Christmas
and a Happy and Successful New Year.

FROM EVERY MEMBER OF
CITY BARBER SHOP
IDEAL BEAUTY PARLOR

NEW ORPHEUM THEATRE

Showing the Pick of Pictures

THE SOUND THAT HAS PROVEN THE BEST
BY TEST

PROGRAM WEEK OF DEC. 25th

MONDAY, DEC. 25—
Warner Baxter and Helen
Vinson in

As Husbands Go
An ultra-modern drama of
life as it is.

TUESDAY, DEC. 26—
Eddie Cantor in

"Whoopee"
You've never laughed so
hard and long as you will
when you see "Whoopee"

WEDNESDAY—BARGAIN DAY—10c TO ALL
Jack Holt and Fay Wray in

"MASTER OF MEN"
Power engulfed him like a tidal wave . . . drowning ev-
ery human instinct . . . save love until . . .

THURSDAY AND
FRIDAY, DEC. 28-29—

"Ann Vickers"
Starring Irene Dunne, Wal-
ter Huston and others. A
super picture.

SATURDAY, DEC. 30—
A DOUBLE-HEADER
Rex Bell in

"Rainbow Ranch"
and
"RAFTER ROMANCE"
With Ginger Rogers and
Norman Foster

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

In wishing for you all the joy of this Holiday Season,
we cannot begin to express the gratitude we hold for
the splendid good fellowship and co-operation you have
accorded us. May the New Year bring you everything
you most desire.