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Rain, rain, come and stay! don't go away till another day.—Detroit Free Press.

They can't beat swords into plowshares while there is so much profit in munitions shares.—Los Angeles Times.

Every time France peeps under the chip on her shoulder she finds another spy.—Nashville Tennessean.

In North Carolina that rattlesnake bit and now the general public will.—Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch.

The press is finally given a break in a new Hollywood film. It shows a reporter wiping his feet before entering a window.—Detroit News.

We Americans have this condition for which to be thankful: We have only a depression; the people of Europe have a depression plus a fear if war.—Atchison Globe.

## 250 Lose Lives

The burning of the Morro Castle, ocean liner, in which approximately 250 lives were lost, was the most gruesome tragedy in the history of recent water transportation.

It seems inconceivable that a ship could burn to death so many people out on the briny deep, with so much water everywhere, water and fire being natural enemies.

But on the other hand, wood is inflammable whether on sea or land and it seems unnecessary that so much wood was used in a modern ship when the natural trend is for fire-proof structures of any kind. Yet, it seems queer to us who stick to terra firma, and the firmer the better, that adequate fire fighting facilities are not provided on a ship.

Whatever the cause for the disaster may have been, the loss of hundreds of lives should be enough to teach seafaring men something about fire prevention and the prevention of another such catastrophe.

## Who Are Capitalists?

We hear much about capital and labor as if the two were in widely separate classes, but a study of the two subjects will show that they are interlocking. Some figuring will demonstrate that there are a great many more "capitalists" than we would naturally suppose if we had only street corner conversation from which to gain our information.

Everybody who has a dollar not in use or an interest in any kind of wealth in any tangible form is, to some degree, a capitalist. There are, for example, ten million individual stockholders in 9,000 corporations whose shares are traded in on the public exchanges. There are eight million individuals who own government or corporate bonds. Twenty-odd million persons have life insurance policies on which they have paid premiums. Eleven million Americans own shares in building and loan associations. More than twenty million people own their homes free and clear and two and one-half million own mortgaged homes. There are six million individual farm owners and fifty-three million persons who have savings bank deposits averaging more than \$500 each.

Of course, those groups overlap; one man or woman may belong to most of them. But the total of capitalists certainly runs into many millions, including the two and one-half millions who paid income taxes for 1933 and the other million and a half who made returns but paid no tax.

It is the people in this class who pay the greater portion of the taxes, discounting the fact that all classes pay the famous sales tax. Communists talk about overthrowing the capitalist system in this country. They do not know what they propose to overthrow.

## Adult Education

It is indeed gratifying that the state emergency relief administration has made arrangements to maintain adult education again in Wilkes county.

Although there has been little "fuss" about this line of work, there can be no doubt that the sessions of adult schools in the various sections of the county last year accomplished much lasting good.

One of the primary purposes of the work is to give unemployed teachers a chance to earn a living. The pay offered is by no means lucrative but on the other hand it gives the teacher a chance to follow his or her chosen profession and still not devote their entire time to teaching.

This class of teachers should take advantage of the opportunity offered to continue teaching and devote themselves wholeheartedly to the work.

And, as a word to the prospective students of these schools, it gives the adult an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of education. Surely, people who missed their education in youth cannot afford to pass up the opportunity to make up some of the lost ground.

According to very reliable information, we have learned that many adults in the schools last year learned to read and write, people who before that time were entirely dependent upon other people, even for the current news through the newspapers. Adult education will be worthwhile, both for the unemployed teacher and for the students. Advantages in these schools are not for illiterates only, but any adult who wishes to broaden his or her general education.

## The Book

By BRUCE BARTON

### THE ROAD AND THE WAY

The Jews of the first century were widely scattered. They had large families and a small country. There were colonies in almost every important city in the Mediterranean section, but they had times of home-coming at the several annual feasts in Jerusalem. The disciples took advantage of these occasions to preach to crowds that came from widely scattered places, and so quite early there began to be followers of Jesus, not only through Palestine but in Egypt and as far north as Antioch.

It was in Antioch that need was first discovered for a name that should distinguish between ordinary Jews and the Jews that recognized the leadership of Jesus, and "the disciples were first called Christians at Antioch." Up to that time the followers of Jesus had simply spoken of themselves as of "the Way." The first name of Christianity was "The Road."

In all these early movements Peter was the foremost figure. He developed a gift of speech that surprised his friends, and he never lacked courage. But presently there came on the stage a new figure of vast influence. One of the early preachers, Stephen, had given special attention to those Christians in Jerusalem who had not been born Jews but had come in as proselytes. He was arrested and condemned to death, and was executed by stoning.

Doubtless the people who did the actual throwing of the stones were for the most part of the rabble, but "a young man named Saul," a zealous Pharisee, looked on with approval at a sentence which he as a member of the Sanhedrin, or high court, had helped to pass. Those who threw the stones

laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

This young man named Saul was an ardent persecutor. He heard that the Christian faith was spreading as far as Damascus and he obtained letters to the Jewish authorities there for the arrest of any who were of "the Way." He left Jerusalem very eager to carry out his errand, but with a growing inward uneasiness. He was mentally "kicking against the pricks" or goads of his own conscience. He remembered Stephen, whose face during his trial and execution had been "like the face of an angel."

Riding along the road toward Damascus at midday, which is not a good time for a man to be riding there, he was stricken down by what may have been a sunstroke; but with it came, as he believed, a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" Saul's companions saw the blinding light but did not hear the voice. Saul asked, "Who art thou, Lord?" And again the voice came. "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest."

Hitler's leading supporters have adopted his style of mustache. We suppose that could be considered the supreme test of loyalty.—Savannah News.

They say television's biggest problem is solved. The fellow who gives setting-up exercises has agreed to get out of bed while broadcasting.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

China is erecting a \$21,000,000 arsenal. Those Chinese will become civilized yet.—Chicago Daily News.

Perhaps the style in millinery will resolve itself into patch work over one eye.—Buffalo Courier-Express.

Labor troubles are epidemic. The strike is one of industry's contagious diseases.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

## Sketch of Life of Colonel William Morgan Barber, Confederate Soldier

Of all the heroes who offered their lives upon the altar of their country, there was none more freely given than that of Col. William M. Barber, of the 37th regiment of North Carolina Carolina troops. Fearless and generous, he was a true type of the Confederate soldier. And by his division to principle and duty he left a priceless legacy to his country and kindred. From the beginning, his success was assured in any undertaking, for so much energy and determination as he possessed was rarely seen in any individual.

Col. Barber was a native of Rowan county, N. C., he being a son of William and Margaret Barber of that county and was a grandson of Elias and Elizabeth Barber, who came to Rowan county from St. Mary's county, Maryland, in 1794, and settled near Cleveland, N. C. Col. Barber graduated at St. James' College, Md., in 1853. He studied law, and settled in Wilkesboro, N. C., and soon became one of the leading lawyers in western North Carolina. In 1859, he married Miss Ada S. Alexander, of Mecklenburg, a charming woman who proved a helpmeet indeed.

At the beginning of the war, he raised a company and joined the 37th regiment then forming at High Point, and was elected lieutenant colonel. C. C. Lee, a Westpointer, being elected colonel. The regiment, one of the best in the service, was first in Branch's brigade, and afterwards in Lane's, A. P. Hill's Light division, Army of Northern Virginia. Col. Lee having been killed at Frazier's Farm, Lieut. Col. Barber succeeded to the colonelcy of the regiment and with his regiment participated in all the principal battles in which that army was engaged.

He was ever ready and able to take the lead in battle, and was complimented for gallantry on many bloody fields by several general officers, and especially by Gen. A. P. Hill. He also served with distinction as judge advocate of his division. On May 13, 1864, at the Battle of Spotsylvania, Col. Barber was captured by the enemy, and with "the six hundred Confederate officers" was taken to Charleston, S. C., and afterwards to Savannah, and placed under fire of the Confederate batteries at those places.

After enduring this savage mode of warfare for many days, which was equalled in atrocity only by the acts of the Duke of Alva in the Low Countries; the Spanish Inquisition, or the march of Sherman and his bummers to the sea (in whose wake the widow's wail and the orphan's cry will be heard for many generations to come), he was finally exchanged, and although very weak and emaciated by the treatment he had received at the hands of the enemy, he rejoined his command, and entered at once upon his duty with extraordinary vigor. Col. Barber was wounded at Frazier's Farm, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, and received his mortal wound on September 30, 1864, at Petersburg while gallantly leading Lane's brigade—from which he died on October 3, after suffering intense agony. He was buried in St. Paul's Episcopal cemetery at Wilkesboro.

At his death, the heart of the great Lee was touched, and he afterwards wrote a letter to his little son, Eddie Barber, now a distinguished lawyer of Springfield, Mo. Read it, young men of the south, for it is worthy of your consideration. Henceforth the extract is the common property of all the Confederates of the younger generations:

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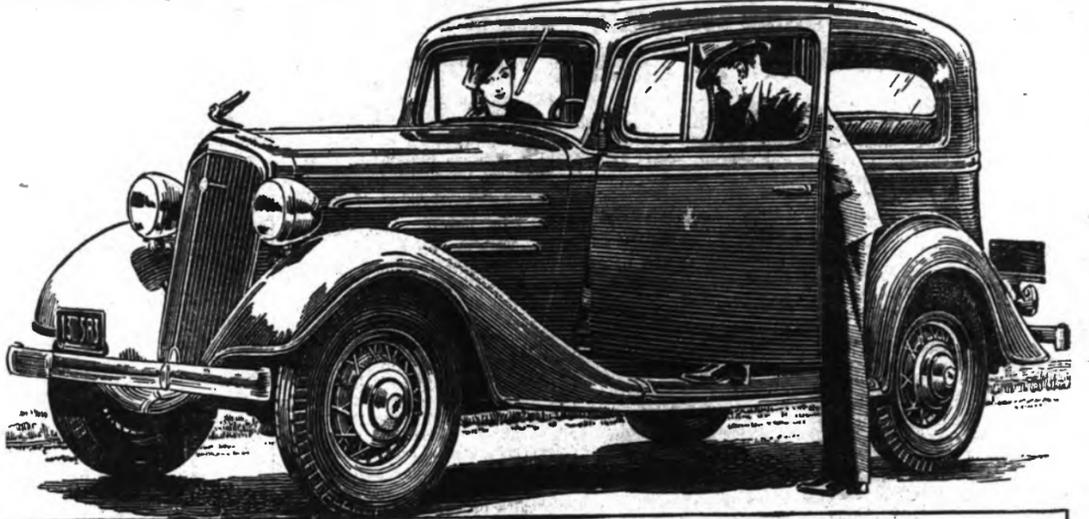
Col. Barber was rather low of stature, frank and decided in manner, generous and noble in disposition. With a countenance beaming with intelligence he

made friends everywhere. North Carolina sent no truer patriot than he.

### Welfare Conference

Northwestern North Carolina District Welfare Convention will be held at the Robert E. Lee Hotel in Winston-Salem on October 11th, Charles McNeill, county welfare officer, stated today.

The conference is for all welfare officers and others interested in the work. If there are those wishing to attend they should get in touch with Mr. McNeill.



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