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Crime and Education

"Three billion dollars for education in this country is an enormous expenditure," is the opinion many voice upon learning what education is costing yearly but read the following comparison by The Charlotte Observer:

The indifferents to education will always put their finger on its costs—they think it is enormously high.

And it is rather stiff—\$3,000,000,000 in round numbers.

Considering how rapidly this cost has been pyramiding, it would seem to be rather alarming on its face. But in fairness it ought to be borne in mind, at the same time, that the American public has only become education-minded within the relatively recent past.

It started almost from zero once it did set itself to advance the cause of public education.

But what education costs is hardly to be fairly appraised as an absolute issue. It must be taken in its relative environment. How much do other things cost at the same time?

When we consider what crime is costing the taxpayers of this country, their educational bill impressively shrinks.

It amounts to only about one-fourth of the crime costs that are annually imposed upon us.

Assuming that these figures are approximate but give us some idea of the situation, we find that crime is costing us around \$12,000,000,000 yearly. If three billion is a lot of money for education then what are we to call 12 billion for crime? In the language of a moving picture producer we might call it "stupenduous, colossal, tremendous, awe inspiring and unparalleled."

A Country Doctor

Ten thousand people tried to crowd into a hall that holds only three thousand, the other night in New York, to see—what? A marvel of science, a freak of nature, a great musician or a famous explorer?

Nothing like that drew that great throng to Carnegie Hall. Nothing but a country doctor!

The greatest medical specialists of America, the heads of the great hospitals and medical schools, and thousands of ordinary folk turned out to see a simple, unpretentious, untravelled rural practitioner from Canada. It was such a tribute as few country doctors ever get, but which most of them, we think, deserve.

Dr. Dafoe sprang to unexpected fame because of the Dionne quintuplets. To his skill and devotion the whole medical profession attributes the survival of those five little French-Canadian sisters, the only set of quintuplets that is known to have lived more than a few hours after birth. Now six months old, they are strong and healthy as any normal infants of that age, due to Dr. Dafoe's intelligent care.

Not every country doctor has a chance to prove his skill by bringing up quintuplets, but the country towns and villages of America and Canada contain thousands of medical men who are just as devoted, just as self-sacrificing, just as able, on the average, as Dafoe. We are glad to see this homage paid to him, since he has shown no signs of swelling of the head, because to us it seems a deserved tribute to the country general practitioner, who too seldom gets public credit for what he does for his community.

We venture that, deep down in their hearts, the great specialists who went to the meeting in Carnegie Hall envied this country doctor. If he is like other country doctors we know he occupies a place in the life and the hearts of his community that no city practitioner, however skillful, can hope to attain. They make more money but they lose the more important and valuable considerations of life. The good country doctor occupies a position of security and contentment which the greatest may envy. He deserves and generally has the respect and the love of his people to a degree that few men in any calling ever command. It makes little difference to him whether his patients can pay their bills promptly or not; no difference insofar as his duty to them in time of illness or accident goes. They come to him with their troubles and their secrets, and often it is his wise advice and counsel, far more than his medicines, that helps to keep them going.

We do not believe that any scheme of "socialized" medicine will ever become so useful as the "humanized" influence of the individualistic country doctor.

The Need of Christmas and Its Observance

As we near the 1934th anniversary of the birth of the Prince Of Peace we should pause to think of Christmas in its true light, and realize that the world needs Christmas with its happiness, joys, friendships and loves.

It is the one season of the year when we turn our thoughts to goodwill and friendship. It is that season when we try to show friends and relatives that we appreciate them by giving them gifts and sending greetings of happiness.

The world needs just such a holiday season and when observed rightfully it is as the Prince Of Peace himself would approve. Not in ribaldry and riotous conduct but in friendship and happiness.

We are not attempting to preach a sermon on Christmas but a word in regard to its observance cannot be amiss. We are not telling anybody to wear a long face this Christmas or to shun all forms of recreation. This would not be thinking right of God's greatest gift to the world.

But, Christmas is not the time when crime and degradation are permissible just because it is a holiday season. Our behavior to fellow human beings should be farthest from that idea. It should be with the utmost friendship and good will.

Just why anybody takes the happiest season of the year for committing crime and getting in jail is beyond the conception of a humane personality.

And here's a warning to celebrants of Christmas: handle your fireworks carefully. You would enjoy Christmas just as well without them but if you must make a noise with explosives, please be careful that you do not harm yourself or someone else.

Unless history fails to repeat itself there will be fatalities on the highways. Remember the danger of crowded traffic at the holiday season and drive carefully. May the joy of this Christmas in this locality not be marred by bereavement over those who have been killed or injured.

The Book

the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible," and which contains four great treasures.

By BRUCE BARTON

A MISUNDERSTOOD BOOK

There remains the last book in the Bible, the book of Revelation. It is a much abused book. The first thing necessary is to forget most that you have heard about it. It is not a program of coming events. It has in it nothing about the next presidential election in the United States. Its chief character is Nero. Indeed, the book is so simple it is hard to make readers believe its true explanation.

Remember, first, that in the interval between the Old and the New Testaments apocalyptic literature became enormously popular. There was a flood of books with dragons and grotesque animals representing peoples or nations or events. The Jewish imagination revealed in this style, which is illustrated in a part of Daniel, a very late book of the Maccabean period, and much more dramatically in Revelation. At one time it seemed that all other literature in the Christian church might be drowned out by the flood of this florid material.

Just after Paul and Peter were killed, John, the apostle, was banished to the island of Patmos. He was not yet the aged apostle of love; he was a hot-headed "son of thunder" and he wanted to write letters of encouragement to the churches in Asia Minor. The letters are in the opening chapters of Revelation. But John wanted to say something else and to say it in a way that would not get the people who had the letter in their possession into trouble. So he adopted the popular cryptic form which makes up the balance of the book. It should be studied through an opera-glass and not a microscope. There is no use asking what is the meaning of every hair on the tail of each fantastic beast. But the three ideas are plain as a pike staff. Those ideas are:

First: Do not be afraid of the persecutions that originate in Jerusalem. That city will soon be in trouble with Rome and not able to persecute Christians.

Second: Do not be afraid of the emperor of the mighty city on the seven hills that now is ruling the world; that city has trouble of its own coming, and it is not far off.

Third: Hold to your faith, for it will survive. Jesus, Christ is greater than Nero, and His religion will last longer than the Roman government.

How amazingly his great dream came true! The Roman Empire fell, and the one power that could avail to save it, not from the pagans but to the future through the pagans, was not the political or judicial power of Rome or the culture of Athens. That which saved civilization when Jerusalem was destroyed and Rome sacked by the vandals was nothing more or less than the Church of Christ.

A purse-snatcher wearing a beard is operating in and around Alameda, California. This wouldn't be Santa Claus getting it back, would it?—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Ford Triumphs in Another Big Road Race

Before a gathering estimated at 150,000 persons, Ford V-8 cars triumphed recently in the international road race held at Rio de Janeiro, considered to be the most important race of its kind ever held in South America.

A Ford V-8 car took first place, while other Ford V-8s placed in five of the next nine positions. Six were among the first ten place winners.

The race was over 25 circuits of a course largely on mountainous roads in the Gavea section of Rio de Janeiro, a total of 173.5 miles. Brazilian, Italian and Argentine drivers of 18 makes of cars competed, 44 cars participating.

A Ford V-8 finished first in 3 hours, 55 minutes, 22.9 seconds, at an average speed of 44.7395 miles an hour. Second place winner was a car of American make, 5 minutes, 20.3 seconds later. Two Italian cars were in third and fourth places, followed by Ford V-8's in fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth positions. A German car was ninth and another Ford V-8 tenth. Of the nine Ford cars starting, six finished in the first ten.

Dillinger Bribed Jailor?

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Reports that John Dillinger used a bribe as well as a wooden gun in his sensational break from the Crown Point, Ind., jail evoked a flood of conflicting opinions from officials today. "I think it's a proved fact that Dillinger bought his way out of jail," Attorney General Phillip Lutz, Jr., of Indiana, declared at Cleveland after being apprised of information to the effect that the outlaw paved his way to freedom with \$11,000. "That wooden gun was just part of the stage play."

World War Profits

Washington, Dec. 20.—The World War brought a net profit of \$228,731,000 to the du Pont de Nemours Co., Wilmington, Del., Senate munitions investigators showed today. In three years the concern that made much of the powder that sent bullets winging across No Man's Land on the western front had gross sales of more than a billion dollars.

State Ranks Third

Raleigh, Dec. 19.—North Carolina nosed out Iowa this afternoon and took third place in the value of farm crops, according to figures of the department of agriculture which gave the state \$266,449,000 for 1934.

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina, Wilkes County.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed executed by L. F. Caudill and wife to the undersigned mortgagee to secure the payment of a certain note, the terms of which have not been complied with, after due demand for payment thereof, the undersigned will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, on the 12th day of January, 1935, at the court house door, in Wilkesboro, N. C., at 12 o'clock noon, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Beginning at a chestnut in W. A. Holbrook heir's line near the head of Camp branch running west with said line to a stake south 30 poles to a stake, east 31 poles to a stake, south 55 poles to a stake, west 78 poles to a stake, south 30 poles to a stake in J. O. Billings' line, east with said line 109 poles to a white oak, east 15 poles to a small branch, then down said same branch 30 poles more or less to a persimmon tree near the gum spring, then east to the line known as the Eli Blackburn line, north with said line to a chestnut oak on the mountain side, then north east to the Pain and Deamer line, north 20 poles more or less to a red and white oak corner, west 40 poles more or less to the beginning. Containing 65 acres more or less.

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Washington, Dec. 20.—President Roosevelt determined today to withhold all hint of this

motor's plans until Congress convenes, and, simultaneously, there were signs he would seek a psychological advantage by delivering his first message in person.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust executed on the 5th day of December, 1930, to J. F. Jordan, Trustee, said Deed of Trust being to secure the payment of a certain note, and default having been made in the payment thereof. The undersigned Trustee, will offer for sale, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash on the 5th day of January, 1935, at 1 o'clock p. m. at the Courthouse door in Wilkesboro, North Carolina, the following described land to-wit:

Lying and being in Wilkesboro township, Wilkes county, North Carolina, and more particularly defined and described as follows: Beginning on the fence post 24 feet North of the center of the concrete highway in Wilkesboro, N. C. it being the old corner between Barber and Milton McNeill, running south 77 degrees, 52 minutes west 104.4 feet to a stake, Mrs. S. J. Prevette's South East corner; thence north 10 degrees 08. West 173.5 feet along the line of Prevette to a stake; thence north 78 degrees 41 minutes east 124.5 feet along Dr. J. H. McNeill's line, (now Mrs. John R. Jones' line,) to a stake at a wild cherry tree; thence along the old McNeill Barber line south 3 degrees 35 minutes east 173.5 feet to the beginning, containing 19,771 square feet more or less and being a part of the Rev. Milton McNeill old home place in the town of Wilkesboro, N. C.

For further description see Book 159, page 93, Register of Deeds office, Wilkes County. This 6th day of Dec., 1934.
J. F. JORDAN, Trustee.
Trivette and McDuffie, Attys.

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