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Waiting On Mr. Wood.

"The national debt is now 35 billions of dollars, and at least 50 per cent. of this money was unnecessary and absolutely wasted."

The above remarkable statement was made by Word H. Wood, a Charlotte banker, in an address to the Junior Chamber of Commerce at Winston-Salem Monday night.

If the words of Mr. Wood were not applauded, possibly it was because the people of Winston-Salem, like the people of other sections of the country, yet remember 1929-30-31-32.

If the words of Mr. Wood are true, the congress of the United States is made up of a gang of unconscionable exploiters without either honor or courage, the President of the United States and his ministers of government are untrustworthy and designing public officials, and the majority of the American people are imbeciles and mollycoddles incapable of exercising the privileges of citizenship.

To say that the Washington administration has looted the federal treasury of 17 1-2 billions of dollars is to make a charge so grave and far-reaching in its implications as to stagger the imagination of the world.

The distinguished Charlotte financier is undoubtedly in possession of information which has escaped the public. He will place the American people under very lasting obligations to him if he will render them a bill of particulars supporting his indictment, and while awaiting his illuminating disclosures, one would impatiently and very naturally wonder and speculate and inquire for himself just when and where and how this national hold-up happened.

For instance, we are sure it could not have taken place when Mr. Wood with thousands of other bankers, railway magnates, coal kings, mill presidents, insurance executives, etc., were on their knees begging and praying to Roosevelt: "Save us or we perish," and imploring the President to obtain from congress those plenary powers and discretions necessary to use the resources of the government to stem the on-rushing tide of revolution and ruin rampant in March, 1933.

It could not have transpired when the income of the nation had declined fifty per cent., and when in every city of America factory whistles had become silent, the furnaces in the great mills had become cold, when bonds were being repudiated, when ten thousand banks had closed their doors, when credit reeled and rocked, and the very foundations of the social and business and industrial structure were crumbling.

Nor, Mr. Wood, could it have been when agriculture had reached the lowest ebb of the century, when our foreign trade was destroyed, when tobacco was 4 cents and cotton 6, and when you could buy a bushel of wheat for 17 cents, when millions of American homes and farms were under the Sheriff's hammer because the owners could not pay their taxes or interest, and could not borrow a dollar from any bank or individual or insurance company, and when the embattled farmers of the west stood on the highways with Winchester rifles and defied the courts to make further foreclosures.

Surely, neither, was it, Mr. Wood, when from 17 to 20 million American men and women walked the streets and highways, and uncounted thousands of people were starving and freezing, when want and despair brooded on the doorsteps of millions of homesteads, and when there were tears and hopelessness and suicide widespread.

These notable and well remembered occasions in the short history of three years back—Mr. Wood—was it during any of these heartbreaking periods that the colossal steal you mention occurred?

Mr. Wood is one of the most successful business men of the State. He is the highest paid banker in the State. He is one of the highest salaried men in the State.

He belongs to that brilliant but heartless coterie whose ideals and examples are those of duPont, Morgan and Van Swerengin, who are impatient with the needs of the common man and who feel no sympathy with his sufferings. Thanks to the wise and firm hand of the President whom he is pleased to dishonor, the deposits in his bank are large, being insured by the Roosevelt deposit insurance.

Mr. Wood was once a poor boy in North Carolina, but his slant has become shrivelled in the glare of super-privilege. Like Senator Bailey, who has forgotten his friends, he no longer understands the viewpoint of those who made him what he is today, but is catching the concept of McReynolds of the Supreme Court who says he doubts the right of congress to provide any relief at all for the helpless.

The black clouds of 1933 have been dissipated by the sun of the greatest President in the history of the American people. But many there are whose cars still echo the ominous rumbling of those black days. And now when the disciples of super-privilege would say: "Save the constitution—damn the forgotten man," the Forgotten Man may still cry through his tears: "Save my wife, my child, my home—to hell with your constitution."

Too Conspicuous With His Gun, Causes Virginia Youth and His Friends Some Inconvenience.

The pleasures of a Virginia party were disturbed one day last week, when the leader was haled before a Danbury Magistrate for carrying a gun and displaying it too conspicuously.

Mr. and Mrs. Mcir E. Dehart of Buffalo Ridge, accompanied by Mrs. C. W. Nolen, mother of Mrs. DeHart, stopped over at a cafe here for refreshments.

Mr. DeHart, who may or may not have been drinking beer, displayed a gun which he was carrying. After they had left, going toward Winston-Salem, some one reported to Sheriff John Taylor who quickly jumped in his car and caught the party at Meadows.

Much chagrined, they came back and told the Magistrate Thurman Martin that it was not

known carrying an unloaded gun conspicuously was a crime. The gun was unloaded. The case was considered by the justice, and left in abeyance.

LAWSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Following is the program of Lawsonville high school for Friday night, May 29, at 8 P. M.:

PART 1
Daisy chain— school
Welcome address— Virginia Ray.
Class history— Pauline Doss.
Class poem— Cleo Ray
Presentation of gift— Limley Rierson.

PART 2
Class prophecy.

PART 3
Giftorian— Matelene Corn.
Last will and testament—Troy Leake.
Valedictory— Louise Priddy

PART 5
Presentation of certificates, medals and diplomas—H. D. Laster.

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Severe Storm Does Damage In Upper Stokes County.

Calvin Mabe and other Lawsonville citizens in town report a severe wind storm in the northern part of the county today. One roof from a house was lifted and blown for a good distance, while several trees were blown across the highway. The storm was accompanied by rain.

New Lawyer For Danbury

A. J. Ellington of Madison has located here for the practice of law. He is a son of Druggist and Mrs. R. A. Ellington, and procured his license last August after studying at the State university at Chapel Hill.

Mr. Ellington is 26 years of age, unmarried, and occupies an office in the Martin building, upstairs.

STOKES LEAGUE

Results of Saturday's games:
Meadows 15; Walnut Cove 8
Danbury 17; Rosebud 4
Sandy Ridge 16; Francisco 6
Germanton 9; King 0
(Forfeit)

Standings:

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Meadows	3	0	1000
Rosebud	2	1	667
Sandy Ridge	2	1	667
Germanton	2	1	667
Danbury	1	1	500
King	1	2	333
Francisco	0	2	000
Walnut Cove	0	3	000

NEXT SATURDAY'S GAMES

Walnut Cove at Francisco.
Sandy Ridge at Danbury.
Rosebud at Germanton.
Hartman at Meadows

Medicated with ingredients of Vicks VapoRub
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STUART Theater
Stuart, Virginia

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
MAY 28 and 29
"Unknown Ranger"
BOB ALLEN
Kann's Orchestra short and serial

SUNDAY and MONDAY,
MAY 30 and 31.
"Head Over Heels In Love"
JESSIE MATTHEWS
2 reel Fox short.

TUESDAY JUNE 1
"The Woman Alone"
Sylvia Sidney
2 reel Fox short

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