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**ENFORCING THE UNWRITTEN
LAW.**

Much has been written lately about the unwritten law. Several sensational homicide cases have been filling the daily papers and have as usual been the main news features. A great deal has been said about the very foundation of civilization, the home, a true man's castle.

Most of the editorials seem to condemn the jurors in impatient terms and alarming and pessimistic views seem to be in the majority over the apparent failure of the law to triumph over its pound of flesh.

It is not many generations ago when the question of honor was settled by duels. This is now considered legalized murder. But men are just as honorable, just as intelligent, just as brave, affectionate, kind and true, just as red-blooded, just as patriotic, far more law abiding and perhaps far better and more cultured and sympathetic citizens than in the old days when knighthood was in flower. We are optimistic enough to believe that the laws are more universally obeyed than ever known in this nation's history in spite of the Blue Laws, the reformers and the sensational yellow journals and periodicals with perhaps one exception, that of prohibi-

tion. When one considers the fact that the 18th amendment is an untried experiment, but a natural sequence with the advent of the automobile; we cannot help to stop and ponder over the fact that the great majority of criminal cases are for violation of the prohibition laws and we sometimes wonder if there would be today as many new jails, penitentiaries or even the need for so many lawyers if the people had been ready for its actuality; or regardless of its lack of enforcement, if there would be as many otherwise stalwart citizens with the stigmas of arrest against their fair names? The Eighteenth amendment is here to stay, but we should not think that the country is going to the bow-wows because John Barleycorn has so many secret friends and open gallery playing enemies. We will not become a nation of hypocrites as long as twelve jurors can see justice done.

After all we are sincere in our belief that there is more respect for the courts, more appreciation of the law and our form of government, when a courageous God-fearing man can vindicate his honor by protecting his women and strengthening the proper respect for his children, his friends and neighbors; when the sanctity of his home is violated by sternly and unflinchingly challenging the opinions of the so called unwritten law.

There apparently have been many cases of this nature, and quite a few lately and each time the defendant seems to have found that his fellow-men as jurors proved to be "twelve good men and true."

These jurors have as a general rule had to sit for many weary hours listening to red-tape, the wrangling pro and con of many lawyers. Many times men of that great profession were playing to the galleries, looking for popular favor and personal publicity. The jurymen have also suffered. Perhaps they realized that the colleges were built by taxation and donation to educate men of the law, that the court house was given by the people for them to practice their profession in and that the defendant had to pay to get proper protection. Perhaps they also have thought of the many thousands of unnecessary lays that were made by those of that profession, which have grown so burdensome to the masses of the people.

The aim of the law is not any weaker, the respect for law is not wanting because the defendants have been judged and vindicated under

the much discussed unwritten law. Most of the rank and file of the people are thanking God that we are living in this land of freedom where the forefathers shed their blood to guarantee us the right in our pursuit of happiness. Where justice, mercy and understanding prevail. A new country where the citizens cherish honor far more than they fear capital punishment which is considered by many as a relic of a barbarous age and the bloody inherited laws of the ancient kings and emperors when the minority could oppress the whole people and where ignorance, superstition and tyranny abounded.

**RULES GOVERNING CHILDREN'S
BOOK WEEK CONTEST.**

The rules governing the Library contest for Children's Book Week are as follows:

1. This annual contest is open to pupils from the second through the eleventh grades of the Waynesville, East Waynesville and Hazelwood elementary schools, and the Central High School.

2. The subject to be written on is "My Favorite Book," which must be chosen from the list of books to be found at the Library for pupils above the 5th grade. For pupils in the lower grades, the choice is optional.

3. Only written work is to be considered.

4. These essays are to be prepared during some regular English period, so as not to entail extra work on the part of teachers or pupils.

5. The teachers are to be the judges of these papers, and on November 14th, the members of the Library Board will visit the various schools during chapel hour, to hear the winning essays read, and to award the prizes, which will consist of a year's subscription to the Library.

GRACE S. BOWLES,
Chairman Book Committee.

The Waynesville people attending the circus in Asheville Friday were Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Dicus and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Dicus, Gladys Barefoot, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Stringfield, Alice Stringfield, Prof. R. O. Edgerton, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Band, Mrs. W. T. Crawford and Miss May Crawford.

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**STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF THE
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At the Close of Business Sept. 28, 1925

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts \$396,105.00	Capital Stock \$50,000.00
Overdrafts 1,000.66	Surplus Fund 60,000.00
United States Bonds 57,200.00	Undivided Profits 29,320.84
N. C. State Bonds 27,776.00	Reserved for Interest 5,000.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank 3,300.00	Circulation 50,000.00
Bank Building and Fixtures 12,397.00	Bills Payable None
Cash and Due from Banks 213,006.14	Deposits 516,463.96
TOTAL \$710,784.80	TOTAL \$710,784.90

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WOOL BLANKETS

We want to call your attention to our window display this week of blankets. Here are our showings which we know to be exceptional values:

Elkin Virgin Wool,
full 5-pound blanket - **\$10.00**

Elkin 80 per cent. wool,
full 5-pound blankets **8.00**

Nashua woolnap
Blankets, 66x80, - **5.00**

Heavy Cotton Fleece Blankets, \$2.98 and \$3.50

In our Children's Department we again call your attention to our Tuf Boy all wool, good fitting 2-pants
SUITS AT \$10.00

For Boys and Girls our Red Goose Shoes are all leather and one pair should last all winter.

Mock's Department Store