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## A Permanent Memorial

Dedication of the Ferguson school building reminds that this new schoolhouse is one of the permanent memorials to CWA. Ferguson citizens revealed their appreciation of the efforts put forth by Superintendent Eller and others by showing a most hospitable disposition at the dedication.

There are but few complete school units in the entire nation that were built by CWA and it is fortunate that Wilkes was able to secure one of these. But CWA helped many schools with repair jobs.

Probably no other single group received and needed more help than the schools from this governmental agency.

## In The Interest Of Safety

Deciding that too many automobile accidents were occurring in Jersey City, Mayor Frank Hague promptly started to do something about it. An investigation revealed that professional drivers rarely figured in accidents. "Most traffic mishaps involve amateur drivers. I've had professional chauffeurs twenty years with never an accident. I made up my mind to teach Jersey City how to drive."

Thus Mayor Hague inaugurated a campaign of education. He consulted traffic judges and experts; these conferences resulting in a series of eight lectures. Everybody with a knowledge of traffic regulations was called in to assist.

Thousands heard these lectures. Many thousands more stayed at home. Mayor Hague knew no way of compelling the unwilling to learn anything about driving. But he found a way to interest them in his safety campaign. And he explains it as follows:

"If any driver who faithfully attended the lectures gets into some traffic difficulty, the fact of his attendance weighs heavily in his favor with the judge. The man who refuses to learn how not to be a murderer finds himself in hot water. At the slightest infraction of the traffic rules, the courts give him the limit."

Judging from the record of North Carolina, our cities have something to learn from Mayor Hague's procedure. His methods may be a little rough, but there is no doubt that they would be effective.

## Pricing It High

General Douglas McArthur, chief of staff of the United States Army, sued Robert S. Allen and Drew Pearson, writers of "Washington Merry-Go-Round" together for \$175,000, alleging that said writers had damaged the character of the complainant in said amount.

Which reminds us of an editorial written by North Carolina's own General Johnson before he went with the Baltimore Sun. As we recall it, some noted British blue-blood had come to Wilmington and was the guest of—the name isn't important, so call it Smith for lack of the correct title—at a party. The newspaperman who went out to write up the proceedings was barred, being permitted to stand behind a curtain and view the noted Britisher. Mr. Newspaperman goes back to his typewriter and pecks out the story in which he tells the world just how he was treated.

Forthwith the pre-s, including Mr. Johnson became interested. Mr. Johnson editorializes on said incident, recounting the treatment generally accorded the press. Among the first to see the President after his inauguration, said Gerald, are the newspaper boys. Said "fourth estaters" also get audiences and dine with royalty, kings, emperors, etc. And with but slight comment on the treatment Mr. Smith gave the Wilmington reporter, he asks quizzically: "Who in the hell is this fellow Smith anyway?"

And along with others, we might ask: "How much is an army officer's character worth anyway?"

If Mr. Johnson happens to see this, he probably won't recognize our way of telling the story except for the quotations.

## Church Membership

Church membership last year reached a new high mark, according to a compilation of the Christian Herald. The statistics reveal that all churches have a total of 60,812,874. The gain, it was revealed, was 655,482.

The proximate cause of this increase would be interesting. Most observers believe that there is a decided trend back to the spiritual values of life. In the boom days, most of us departmentalized our lives, placing in one box the material things and in another our interest in the spiritual things. The material we used, worshipping the things contained therein. The spiritual box contained things to be used in some far distance future, perhaps after we had satisfied our greed for gold and pleasures.

Then came the crash. We began to realize that after all, material things are not permanent. We began to understand that the philosophy that we can draw a dividing line between the material and spiritual in our lives is based upon false and absurd logic.

There can be no such division if happiness is to be found. Preachers, once considered only as ministers to our spiritual self, have come to realize that they can't successfully lead a soul to God when the belly is empty. So they have set about the task of joining hands with relief and other agencies to provide daily bread before starting preachments on the heavenly kingdom.

If the depression has taught us nothing else, it has not been without benefit if it has caused us to realize that both the material and spiritual values must go hand in hand. A philosophy of life based upon the principle that religion should be used on week days as well as Sunday and that it takes food and clothing as well as Bible teachings to administer to poverty-stricken mankind will prove sound and permanent.

Getting back to statistics, it is interesting to note that the Methodists secured the largest increase of any denomination—213,662. Next came the Baptists with 193,571 new members. Others with sizeable increases were Lutheran church, 65,782, and the Roman Catholic, 53,426.

Some denominations, however, apparently declined in membership, the Herald reported. Among these were the Presbyterian church with "an apparent decrease of 42,456" and the Congregational-Christian, "with an apparent loss of 22,213."

The Roman Catholic church is still by far the largest single denomination in the country, with a total membership of 20,324,144. Protestant denominations are led by the Baptists with a membership of 9,866,209, the Methodists following with 8,766,017 members.

The report revealed there were more churches in the United States than ministers—242,011 to 239,518.

## Sunday School Lesson

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

### THE LAST JUDGEMENT

Lesson for May 27th. Matt. 25:31-46. Golden Text: 2 Corinthians 5:10.

Note the principle of separation in this wonderful parable of the final judgment. The saved and the unsaved are not selected on the basis of creed, or race, or church affiliation, but by the criterion of neighborly kindness. Those who have fed the hungry and thirsty, who have housed the stranger, clothed the naked, and visited the sick and imprisoned, are welcomed into eternal life. But all who have neglected these fundamental obligations are condemned.

This test is made very graphic by Tolstoi's story, "Where Love Is, God Is." Martin, a devout cobbler, lived in a basement room with only one window. In his old age he thought much about his soul. One night he sat up late reading the gospel until he fell asleep. A voice called to him, "Martin, Martin! Look out into the street tomorrow, for I shall come."

The next day an old, broken down soldier came to Martin's window, and cleared away the snow with his spade. "What if I called him in?" thought Martin. They had tea together.

Then later a strange woman, with shabby clothes, and a crying baby passed Martin's window. Martin invited her in, fed her, gave her an old cloak, and played with the baby until it laughed.

Later still an apple-woman stopped in front of Martin's window. A boy snatched an apple, and tried to steal away. The woman seized him and scolded. Martin came out and pleaded for forgiveness.

That night Martin again opened the New Testament. He seemed to hear footsteps. Sure enough, there was the old soldier, the woman and her baby, and the apple-woman and boy.

And Martin's soul was glad. He put on his spectacles, and this is what he read: "I was a hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in. . . . Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

One of our readers makes the pointed observation that these are days when there are a lot of after-dinner speakers after dinners to speak after.—Ohio State Journal.

## PUBLIC PULSE

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### Discusses Politics In The Government

Dear Editor:

Allow me space to say a few words in the moral interest of Wilkes county. The political side has been discussed from time to time, pro and con. Since I am not crazy in the head about politics, I am looking at the moral side and observe some facts deplorable to good government in Wilkes county.

First you see there is a tendency to go away from law among our people. We all are too much inclined to be a law unto ourselves regardless of what is law. Therefore we have lawlessness existing all over the county and then we wonder who is responsible for all this. I agree the lawless citizen has his part of the responsibility and you will always find him supporting a man for office who will pat him on the head and not see him when he violates. Then our officers are responsible in as much as they fail to enforce the law like they have failed and are failing to do in our county. The real trouble is favoritism hangs one man and lets the other go scot free. It is very easy to see if one will just take notice. I don't understand why it goes like this if it is not politics. I have no axe to grind or bone to pick with no one but would like to see a county government like Abraham Lincoln advocated, of by and for the people. But I fear we will never see it under the present conditions. I have always been a Republican and still believe in the principles of fifty years ago, but I don't see how the moral and religious forces in Wilkes county can longer tolerate present conditions. The lawless man will even boast about his success in getting by the law and the favors he expects officially and people don't get in a corner or dark place to break the law any more. They have encouragement from somewhere. We are supposed to have

in operation and the law will pass over the same road and for some reason don't see possibly with a report in their pocket.

Now as long as these conditions exist we are only training a lawless citizenship for the future and God only knows what is in store for a country like that. Then let all who have the moral interest of Wilkes county at heart know who you support in the coming election. I am for a square deal for every one regardless of politics, creed or color.

Yours for a good government,  
W. A. PRUITT.

### Convict Held After Escape Admits He Was One of Trio Who Shot 2 Newton Officers

Newton, May 21.—A 37-year-old escaped convict, caught in his mountain hideout, today admitted he was one of a trio of bandits who shot and seriously wounded two officers here, but refused to "squeal" on his companions.

The bandit, Will King, was put in the county jail here after he was captured by deputies early yesterday in a raid on a shack near Erwin, Tenn. Six or eight other men escaped from the shack during an exchange of fire.

After searching the mountain country for other members of the band, officers brought King here to a hospital where Deputy Sheriff Ray Pitts and Night Patrolman Arthur Hoffman, the victims of the gun battle here, are recovering from bullet wounds.

"Yes, I was on the front seat of the car with the driver," King was quoted as saying, after both officers had identified him. "But I didn't do the shooting."

### Card Of Thanks

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness and expressions of sympathy during the illness and death of our dear husband and father, Mr. Chap W. Minton.  
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North Wilkesboro Team To Meet Strong Aggregation On Local Field

A baseball team from Southern Silk Mills and Textile Specialty Company in Greensboro will come to North Wilkesboro Saturday to play the North Wilkesboro team on the fairgrounds at three o'clock.

The visiting team is reputed to be one of the best industrial teams in the state and the local nine is expected to have their hands full. C. T. Doughton is manager of the local club.

## May Festival In City Today

Will Take Place At Home Of Mrs. R. G. Finley This Afternoon

A very unique and interesting program will be given this evening in the May Festival to be held at five o'clock at the home of Mrs. R. G. Finley. Miss Gladys Bryant has been selected May Queen by the pupils of Mrs. Finley's expression class.

Cotton and tobacco farmers of Bertie county are planting to corn the acreage rented to the Government under the adjustment contracts, finds the farm agent.

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