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A nickel isn't supposed to be as good as a dollar, but it goes to church more often.—Oneida (N. Y.) Democrat Union.

"You cannot gather every rose,  
Nor every pleasure claim,  
Nor bask in every breeze that blows,  
Nor play in every game.  
So take what joy may come your way  
And envy not your brothers;  
Enjoy your share of fun each day,  
And leave the rest for others."

### New Relief Setup

If Mrs. Thomas O'Berry is something nearly correct in her predictions the new setup of relief organizations in North Carolina is going to affect economy in relief administration and at the same time raise the standard of efficiency.

When Mrs. O'Berry, who is state relief administrator, says that efficiency will be affected by the consolidation of offices she means that more time and means will be available for investigation of the cases on the relief lists—receiving their sustenance principally from the government.

This should result in purging the relief lists of quite a few unworthy subjects. There can be no doubt of the fact that many are receiving relief who are not worthy and yet at the same time we cannot cite any definite cases because we have not investigated them.

But we do know that the relief officers would be superhuman if they had not made some mistakes and we believe that they have been making a noble effort to accomplish the purpose of relieving suffering.

The present administration measures it success by the number of decreasing unemployed and it is true that everybody should have a chance to work and earn a living. But in this nation in the best of times there are thousands of people who are not at work. Along this line the Cleveland Star comments as follows:

The administration will have been successful beyond the criticism of the most acute fault-finder if it can re-employ the 6,000,000 workers necessary to speed the national business wheels up to a normal pace.

To attempt to employ everybody would be to attempt the impossible.

It has been in this attempt that the CWA and PWA made their greatest mistakes. In this attempt, they accepted for work and for relief, hundreds of thousands of persons who fall into two classes permanent in the world since it began: 1. Those who won't work, and 2. those who can't work.

In other words, the federal government took on its shoulders the relief load that had been, and should be, the burden of the community.

Neither threat of fire nor hope of Heaven can make class No. 1 strike a lick of labor. And no federal legislation can do anything about the unemployables, who, through illness, or other disability, are unable to work. They should be the charges of their families, if they have any capable of supporting them, and failing that, of their communities.

But the larger truth that emerges from any kind of reasoning on this subject is that it isn't good for the soul of a community to be deprived of its responsibilities. It isn't good for the people, the churches, the charitable organizations, to forget that charity does begin at home and to insist on saddling a national organization with their personal problems.

We have had too much relief as it is. At least a third of the persons on the relief rolls could now support themselves if the flow of federal funds were checked.

The Cleveland paper contends that taking all the burden of relief from the communities is bad for the morale of the people, not only those receiving aid, but the more able class of residents.

The new setup in relief administration with an adequate number of case workers can find out more of the character of the persons wanting relief. Perhaps they will check their employment record and find from reliable sources just how willing they have been to work.

### A Wonderful Work

Dr. R. T. Stimpson, member of the state board of health, in an address before the Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher Association last week told how the average length of life in North Carolina had been raised to 53 years.

Public health work has always been a subject close to our hearts and it is with much satisfaction that we learn of some of the results of the health department.

Not so many years ago smallpox was one of the most dreaded diseases inflicted upon the human race. Today it is practically extinct and there was but one death in North Carolina last year from smallpox. That death can be attributed to carelessness and neglect on the part of the victim or the victim's family. There is no excuse for a death from smallpox, typhoid or diphtheria.

It is in eliminating cases of these three diseases that the health department was able to raise the average length of life. Great strides were made in the fight on tuberculosis and other diseases but the work among children, and more especially vaccination, is the greatest cause for longevity.

Vaccinations are given free and health officers are maintained by the taxpayers. In some counties the work of the health department has been neglected but in each case the savings to the taxpayers has been paid more than doubly in sickness, suffering and death. Under no circumstances should free vaccinations for typhoid, smallpox and diphtheria be taken away from the people, who are already too derelict in being vaccinated when immunization is given for the asking.

Although we believe in strict economy in government and slicing taxes to the lowest practical figure, we still believe that the idea can be carried so far that the economies affected will be paid for dearly.

### On Christmas Buying

We are now entering the most joyful season of the year when people are beginning to feel the joy of the holiday season. In connection with Christmas people are thinking of buying and receiving gifts.

Of course, the early shopper will have the advantage of the last minute buyers in that he or she will have more time to make selections and for this reason people are asked to shop early.

But it does not matter whether you shop early or late there will be more Christmas spirit to your buying if you buy at home. Since Christmas is the season of giving and receiving, giving your trade to local people will enable them to give an enlarged and better service.

There is no better practice than buying at home. You are buying from the people you know and the people you know can give you better service in supplying your needs. Trips to larger cities are costly and after all nothing is saved on the price of merchandise. A glance at the quotations in advertisements from large cities will show you that North Wilkesboro firms are offering the same merchandise at the same price. Why not everybody work together for the common good of our city and county?

### Sunday School Lesson

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

#### THE CHRISTIAN AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

Lesson for December 16. 1 Cor. 11:23-34. Golden Text: 1 Cor. 11:26.

The Lord's Supper is a pledge of loyalty. We call it a sacrament, a word derived from the Latin "sacramentum" meaning an "oath taken by newly enlisted soldiers." The Holy Communion is such an oath. When one participates in this feast of love he says in his heart: "I am for Jesus. I dedicate myself, my all to Him." Thus the Lord's Table is the occasion for a solemn rite of consecration.

Then, too, this holy meal is an act of thanksgiving. It is sometimes called the Eucharist which, in the original Greek, means "a giving of thanks." At the Lord's Supper we express our gratitude for Jesus and all He has done and said. We reveal our appreciation for the fullness of His beauty and the warmth of His friendship.

The Communion is also a memorial. "This do," said Jesus, "in remembrance of Me." We remember the Master when we gather about His Table. Especially, as our Golden Text reminds us, do we recollect His death on the Cross. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Ten years ago two young Englishmen, Mellory and Irvine, lost their lives in a heroic attempt to reach the summit of Mt. Everest, the top of the world. Nobly did they die, and golden is their memory. For they "were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided." But Jesus' achievement is still more magnificent. For He gave His life not to capture a mountain, but that men might forever know the meaning of goodness, and thereafter live the kind of life God meant them to live.

Finally, the Communion symbolizes fellowship. It represents the loving friendship of the members of a particular parish. But it betokens also the unity of all Christians in the Holy Church Universal. What a thrilling fellowship!

## This Week In Washington

**THE BUILDING PROGRAM**  
Washington, Dec. 10. (Associated Press)—The President's efforts to iron out the clash of rival housing programs have resulted in a temporary truce between FHA Administrator Jim Moffett and PWA Administrator Harold Ickes, but the whole matter is in such a tangled mess that it is beginning to look as if some entirely new set-up, to cover the entire Governmental scheme of stimulating building industry, will have to be devised.

The return to the Presidential councils of Frank C. Walker, who was the original sponsor of the FHA plan to induce private capital to put money into building repairs and construction, by guaranteeing investors against loss, was followed by intimations that perhaps the whole future system of Federal stimulation of business might be worked out on a similar plan.

**Reason of Uncertainty**  
Some of the President's closest advisers do not yet understand that the reason why credit for business is not available from the banks is not unwillingness of the banks to lend but unwillingness of those who know how to make profitable use of money to borrow, so long as uncertainties of Government policy obscure the clear view ahead.

But the realization that this is the case is gaining ground, and consideration is being given to measures which would amount to a guarantee against loss to any competent person who is willing to take business risks with borrowed money, as well as guaranteeing the lender against loss.

That would tend, it is believed, to enable men and corporations of proved business ability to go ahead with great enterprises, of which there are many "on ice" waiting for the go-ahead sign from Washington.

Any such program will have to wait for Congressional action. So will any such huge appropriation as Secretary Ickes wants for home-building for the very poor who are unable to finance any part of the initial cost of a residence or a subsistence homestead. Congress will not meet until January 3. It will take it a week or two to get organized. There is little likelihood of any important major legislation getting through the new Congress much before March. Therefore, whatever plan is adopted to set the unemployed building trade workers at work in large numbers can hardly get under way until well along in the Spring.

**The Relief Outlook**  
Meantime, Relief Administrator Harry Hopkins, who is enthusiastically for the Ickes idea of great public appropriations to build new rural or semi-rural communities and sell subsistence tracts to the unemployed on no down payment, while providing work in new industries set up in such communities by Federal subsidy, is facing a hard Winter. The number on the relief rolls all over the nation is steadily growing, and is expected to reach five million heads of families by the first of the year.

So far, Federal efforts to force the states and localities to carry a larger share of the burden have not been very effective, but Mr. Hopkins is hopeful that this can be done, and that in a couple of years or so the Federal govern-

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ment will not have any direct effect to administer, and the states will have to take care of only the unemployable.

Your correspondent can state with confidence, that the President is heartily in accord with Mr. Hopkins, also with Mr. Ickes and Mr. Moffett. The President agrees with all of those who maintain that the housing program is the biggest item in the whole recovery plan, since by far the greatest proportion of unemployment is in the building trades. He is inclined to be a trifle impatient with Mr. Moffett for not having got his organization working faster, but Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau takes a strong stand in Mr. Moffett's behalf.

The one definite thing about this whole situation seems to be that the new Congress, as soon as it is organized, will receive from the Administration a broad plan for eliminating all relief payments which do not call for actual, real, constructive and important work.

**Legislature Trends**  
Vice President Garner has returned to Washington and is reported to be taking an active, though under-cover, part in the effort to make Representative Sam Rayburn, of his own state of Texas, Speaker of the House. It is no secret that the Administration prefers Mr. Rayburn to Representative Joe Byrnes of Tennessee, who is the most active candidate for the Speakership.

Active lobbying is going on already among the returning Senators and members of Congress for the immediate payment of the Veterans Bonus, and there are some signs that the Administration may yield a point and propose some compromise plan, which would provide for an issue of new currency to take care of this demand and remove the matter from the public arena.

That would involve a moderate amount of currency inflation. The extreme inflationists are withholding their program for the present. Senator Elmer Thomas, of Oklahoma, leader of the inflationist bloc, says they will not make any new demands unless they think further devaluation of the dollar, another increase in the price of silver, and perhaps some printing-press money, are essential to speedy recovery.

More attention is likely to be focussed on new tax measures. There will probably be a strong drive for a national general sales tax. No proposals for increase in income taxes are like-

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