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The Larger Life

This newspaper carried several weeks ago an article telling that the employes of The Wilkes Hosiery Mills. without solicitation, had joined the Red Cross almost one hundred per cent. Red Cross officials state that the employes of this progressive firm have led the entire county in every roll call of the Red Cross and that the 1934 roll call was no exception, as the memberships secured from the employes of the Wilkes Hosiery Mills exceeded the remainder of the county.

However, this is not what we want to call to the attention of the public. A few days ago F. M. Roop and a large family were left homeless and their personal belongings were destroyed in a disastrous fire. When this news was learned at The Wilkes Hosiery Mills the Red Cross spirit again manifested itself among the employes to such an extent that they, without solicitation from the management of the company, contributed \$121.50 in cash, six dresses, three gowns, ten yards of cloth, three coats, one pair of shoes, eight yards of cloth, ten yards of print goods, one set of cups and numerous other articles of clothing and kitchen utensils to the unfortunate family. Other articles are being contributed to this day by these employes.

We know of no other organization anywhere which demonstrates its loyalty to the unfortunate with greater zeal and pleasure than the employes of The Wilkes Hosiery Mills.

Their devotion, loyalty and Christian spirit toward the unfortunate reminds the writer of "Life Lost In Larger Life" as so vividly portrayed by Dr. Hight C. Moore-"There is a creek in Colorado which rises in the Rockies, traverses a spectacular canyon, and dashes bodly into the treeless plains just above Denver, but fails to reach the South Platte River as it did in the days gone by. And here is the story. Fed by the eternal showers, it leaps down the eastern slope of the Front Range of the Rockies over many a foaming cascade and filmy fall. Grizzles and bighorn sheep and antelope quench their thirst in its crystal waters. Pines, hemlocks and firs and aspens crowd down to its banks. Fertile covers flank it right and left and receive its moisture. A magnificent highway winds between the water's edge and the enclosing cliffs and slopes. Summer hotels and cottages and tents nestle by it. Down through a picturesque canyon it plunges, still battling with the boulders, laughing at frowning precipices, frolicking through narrow defiles, and yearning for the race across the plains and on to the sea.

"But no sooner does it dart like a hunted deer from out the peaks into the open of the prairie than it falls into the hands of man. Here it is tapped for a rivulet which runs off into a reservoir. Yonder it is tapped again for a ditchful which leads off into a little lake. And there is another jet that is diverted into a waterless valley. Thus channel after channel draws upon the main stream until the bed is quite dry. So Bear Creek is the creek without a

mouth. "But look at the green and the golden fields which once were desert between Denver and the mountains. In August you have seen the third crop of alfalfa ready for the mower. Corn was growing as if in the rich lowlands. Oats were ready for the reaper. Wheat was awaiting the thresher. Vegetables of all sorts were growing in luxuriance. Flowers and shrubs and trees adorned the premises of every home. For miles ahead and on every side every prospect pleases. Sahara had been changed into

"Stand at the point where Bear Creek

in by-gone days emptied into the South Platte. Does the dry mouth seem to lament its aridity and call for the ancient companionship of the Missouri and the Mississippi? Not at all. On the contrary, it seems to rejoice over having runs its race so successfully and so soon. For in losing its life in a desert, Bear Creek lives in the larger life of irrigated fields and happy homes and a prosperous commonwealth. The Master was right "He that loseth his life shall

Old Age Pensions

Without attempting to pass upon the merits or otherwise of the bill which has been introduced by Senator Wagner of New York and Representative Lewis of Maryland, providing for a national system of old-age pensions, we believe that the great majority of Americans are in hearty agreement with the fundamental -principles involved.

We know of nobody who is not in favor of some effective system of providing for those whom in old age, are unable to support themselves in decent

We believe that the plan of building up, during an individual's working life, a fund to which the worker, the employer and perhaps the State are contributors, which will provide an annuity for old age, is the soundest possible way of accomplishing this end. It removes completely any possible stigma of pauperism, which is inevitably attached to gratuitous grants of unearned benefits.

As to what the amount of such pensions should be, and whether the compulsory retirement age should be 60, 65 or 70 years, there is a great diversity

There is much to be said for the voluntary annuity system proposed for the "self-employed," whereby the farmer, the doctor, the lawyer or anyone else who is not attached to a payroll, can place a small part of his or her income in trust with the Government, from year to year, to accumulate until the retiring age is reached, when an income for life may then be derived from the accumulated fund. We understand such a system has been employed in England for more than two hundred

To the hopeful elderly persons who have been looking forward to immediate old-age pension checks from the Government, the bill as introduced offers little solace. Provision is made for joint state and Federal relief for those who are practically destitute, but the age at which this relief shall begin may be placed as high as 70 years. This does not bring much comfort to those in their sixties who have been led to believe there was a chance of getting \$200 a month right now.

Sunday School Lesson

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

PETER'S RESTORATION

Lesson for February 3rd. John 21: 11-9. Golden Text: John 21:17.

Our lesson is found in the vivid last chapter of the fourth gospel, which scholars consider an appendix. The scene is the Sea of Galilee. A large population at that time was engaged in the catching and marketing of fish, a business that proved to be profitable.

The story opens with Peter's proposal to six fellow-disciples to go afishing. We are then told that they toiled with the net through the night, but without success. In the morning the risen Jesus stood on the beach and talked with them. At first they did not recognize Him, but when, at His direction, they cast the net at the right hand side of the boat, and suddenly found it full of fish, they at once knew it was their Master, Immediately Peter, with characteristic abandon, drew on his shirt, fastened his girdle, and plunged into the water, the others following in the boat, dragging after them the net now so heavy.

And now came the memorable conversation between Jesus and Peter with respect to the depth of the latter's affection. Note that to him who had made a threefold denial, opportunity is now given for a three-fold confession. Peter was offended that the Master should present the query, "Am I dear to you?", a third time. But he had no reason to be thus grieved in view of his triple, traitorous denial. Jesus here gave His disloyal apostle full opportunity to be destored to the fullness of His confidence. And nobly did Peter rise to the occasion. With great earnestness he cried, "Master, you know everything, you can see that you are

But notice how Jesus insisted that Peter's love issue in practical action. "Feed my lambs" he three times demanded. Well He knew that mental attitudes not resulting in deeds are unwholesome. Therefore He commissioned Peter to be a faithful pastor or shepherd of the frail lambs in His fold.

Spainhour's Fire Stock Is Sold To Salvage Company

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Workmen Now Englaged In Re-modeling Building Into Mod-ern Department Store

The remainder of Spainbour's stock of merchandise, which was not disposed of during the fire' sale, has been sold to the Charlotte Salvage Company, according to information gained from members of the Spainhour firm and the goods were removed to Charlotte by truck.

A great part of the stock of the merchandise in the store here at the time of the fire on November 4 was sold in the fire sale to the people of this part of the state at greatly reduced prices and the odds and ends were age company.

By this means all of the stock has been disposed of and when the newly remodeled store opens it will be with a complete stock of new merchandise fresh from northern markets and the newest creations will be featured.

Remodeling of the store is go ing forward as rapidly as pos sible and the basement is now closed. Attention is called to the fact, however, that the office is being maintained on the street floor for the convenience of patrons of the firm. Several weeks will be necessary for the remodeling and when it is finished the store will be one of the most modern in the state.

SAFETY IS APPROVED

Raleigh, Jan. 29.—The joint roads committee of the general assembly this afternoon adopted with minor amendments a sub- home is in Lenoir. committee draft of a stringent uniform drivers' license bill and heard appeals from representatives of the eastern North Carolina chamber of commerce for legislation that would afford relief to counties straining under debtedness.

Aged Resident Of Boomer Is Stricken

moral Services For J. Wells, Ago S1, Held At Go en Church Testorday

J. W. Wells, resident of the Boomer community, died Monday. He had reached the age of 81 years and was a respected citizen of his community.

Funeral and burial services vere held Wednesday, at Goshen Baptist church with the pastor, Rev. Isaac Watts, in charge.

He leaves seven children: Jim Wells, Mrs. W. T. Nichols, Albert, Osco, Leonard, Avery and Boyden Wells.

FARMER IS DRAGGED TO DEATH BY MULE

Rockingham, Jan. 29 .- With sold in a lump sum to the salv- his foot caught in the trace chain of a mule from which he had just been thrown, John Perkins, 59, was dragged to death this morning about 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. Perkins had a small farm half a mile northwest of town. He went to work as usual and led the mule to a stump to mount him. The animal probably threw him, with Mr. Perkins' leg getting caught in the trace chain. The mule started to run towards the house, 300 yards distant, with Mr. Perkins dragging behind. He was dead when the house was reached.

Seeks Clemency

Lenoir, Jan. 28 .- Gov. W. C. Newland, of counsel for Dwight MEASURE ON HIGHWAY Beard, early tonight mapped plans for seeking executive clemency for the doomed former State college youth death in the electric chair Feb-ruary 15 for murder. Beard's

Eight Paroles Issued Raleigh, Jan. 28 .- Governor Ehringhaus has paroled' eight state prisoners, refused clemency to 32 others and ordered the transfer of one youth from the burden of highway bond in- state's prison to the Morrison territory are asked to be pres-

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PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSOCIATION WILL **MEET ON SATURDAY**

Wilkeshoro Production Credit Association, which serves seven counties, will hold its annual stockholders meeting at the courthouse in Wilkesboro Saturday morning at eleven o'clock. All horrowers and other interested farmers in the association's

THIRTY-TWO DIE FROM ALCOHOLIC POISON

Gloversville, N. Y., Jan. 29 .-Fear, bordering on panic spread through squalid sections of the city tonight as death from alcohol poisoning increased to 15. making a total of 32 in this central New York region.

In two other industrial cities of the Mohawk valley there were 17 deaths from a deadly intoxicating beverage, sold illegally to the impecunious in shadowed al-

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