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Pondering the suggestion that Clark Gable turn evangelist, we do believe it would get the girls to church like nothing else.—Memphis Commercial-Appeal.

**Going To Church**

The "Go To Church" organization formed here some time ago is unique and is destined to show its results. It has as its underlying aim and purpose the advancement of Christianity and the immediate aim is to promote interest in church work through increased attendance.

Nothing is better for a church than good attendance and the attendance is governed by the interest people show in church activities. The "Go To Church" movement is undenominational, as it should be. It has become universally recognized that Christian people of all churches must work in harmony if Christianity is to continue and spread its uplifting influence. Denominations and individual churches are merely units of the Great Church and must so operate because there is no room for selfishness in the program inaugurated by the Prince Of Peace.

Such a movement as has been started in this city has the right objectives and only needs effort to make it growing into a recognized success. It can do much toward educating people to the tremendous and eternal importance of churches in our realm of civilization.

Despite all the advancement of science and industry Christianity is and always will be an essential to civilization and a decent society. A comparison of Christian and un-Christian nations from earliest history to the present day will bear out this contention.

**'A Praiseworthy Project**

From what we have read and heard about the President's "Youth Project" it seems to have much to commend it. Mr. Roosevelt has set aside \$50,000,000 out of his Work Relief Fund to help young people between the ages of 16 and 25. The announced objectives are:

1. To find employment in private industry for unemployed youth.
2. To train and retrain young people for industrial, technical and professional employment opportunities.
3. To provide for continuing attendance at high school and college.
4. To provide work relief upon projects designed to meet the needs of youth.

Whether or not this project succeeds in its announced objectives, it is at least a commendable attempt. Its success or failure will depend upon a great many factors, but particularly upon the intelligence and ability with which it is administered. It would be very easy for it to become merely another dole. Many are of the opinion that there are too many doles and too many people drawing money without giving anything in return, as matters stand now.

This "Youth Project," as we understand it, has for its main purpose the assistance of young people to develop qualities of mind and character. No such development is possible unless the recipient of the benefits gives as much as he or she takes.

We can imagine no greater disservice to young people in their formative stage of life than to encourage them in the idea that the world owes them a living, or that there is nothing shameful in taking money without giving adequate return for it.

The new "Youth Project," under highly skilled administration, might become the greatest character-building enterprise ever undertaken. But it also might easily become a character destroyer.

**Where Are The Others?**

The statistical report of Wilkes county schools for the past school term has just been released and published. It is a good report and it reflects credit on the teachers and other school authorities.

The enrollment figures, around 10,600, were good and deserve special mention and so does the total number of students finishing a year's work. Out of an enrollment of 9,618 for schools outside of the North Wilkesboro charter unit there were 6,486 who completed a grade or a year's work, this leaves 3,132 who for some reason or other failed to make the grade.

Around 15 per cent of those who were not listed as completing a year's work were providentially hindered, we estimate, leaving well over 2,500 who failed because they did not take advantage of the opportunities offered. The matter of school work should be taken seriously. Our system has been colloquially called "free school" but it is by no means free. More than 20 million dollars will be expended by the state next year in maintaining the schools, not to mention the tremendous investment in school property. Your parents are paying for the schools every time they make a purchase, even of the necessities of life. When they buy your bread or flour they are paying that you might have the opportunity to obtain some education that would be destined to help you along the way of life.

What will happen to those who drop out of school? In later life we will find many facing the courts of the lands, some will be in the penitentiary, while others will be more or less content with a life of comparative obscurity.

This is vacation season but if you failed in school last year now is a good time to resolve to get back in line. Do not be discouraged because you will be a grade behind your former classmates. If you do not go ahead in school you may find yourselves many grades below them in trying to earn a decent livelihood.

The average daily attendance for last year was around 2,000 less than the enrollment. No doubt many were kept away from school for good and sound reasons but the best cannot be obtained from school without regular attendance. The child who is at school every day almost invariably makes a good record and learns the lesson of reliability and dependability that will help later on.

**Sunday School Lesson**

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

**NAOMI**

Lesson for July 14th. Ruth 1:14-22. Golden Text: Proverbs 31:30.

Naomi lived with her husband and two sons in Bethlehem-Judah, from where they were driven by famine into Moab. Here, however, they met a worse enemy than famine, namely death, which robbed Naomi not only of her yokemate, but of her two boys as well.

Returning then in sorrow, with Ruth, her daughter-in-law, to her former home at Bethlehem, she was received with astonished surprise by her old friends. "Is this Naomi?" they cried, scarcely recognizing her because of her changed appearance. "Call me not Naomi (that is, 'My delight')," she replied, plunged in grief, "but call me Mara (or 'Bitter'); for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me."

We are impressed by the brave, large-hearted way in which Naomi faced the sting of adversity. Although her dearest were snatched from her, she still had Ruth, whom she loved tenderly, and about whom she built fond hopes. "Her heart," says Dr. Stalker, "was still capable of sending out new blossoms."

That she was a woman of unusual attractiveness is proven by the affection she inspired in her two daughters-in-law. They were aliens, and it must have been difficult for Naomi to adjust herself to their habit of mind and mode of life. She won their devotion.

And how tactful it was of her to suggest to Ruth and Orpah that they return to their own homes rather than continue their journey toward Judah. Of course she wanted them to remain with her, but she realized full well how hard it would be for them to begin life anew in a strange land.

Best of all, Naomi was thoroughly religious. All through the sad years of her exile in Moab she remained true to her God, and accepted the first opportunity of returning to the sacred land of her fathers.

Passaic police are required hereafter to go to church. It should be a novelty to traffic cops, to hear that kind of language used in another connection. —Detroit News.

Woman's page editor says wives should go away in summer and forget "their small inconsequential annoyances." Yes, indeed. But in some cases the husbands insist on going along. —Ketcherbocker Press.

**THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON**

Washington, July 11. (Auto-Lander). — Under strict orders from the President, Congress is going to stay in session until it either passes his tax program or gets into such a tangle of debate as to make it certain that no such measure can be put through in the present temper of the boys on Capitol Hill.

Nobody can forecast with certainty which of those two things will happen. It can be set down as a certainty, however, that many of the members of both parties in both Houses are resentful. It isn't only that they don't like to be kept in Washington through the hot weather. That has happened before. The special session that President Hoover called in 1932, lasted until November. What is annoying the legislators is the feeling that a measure of such tremendous importance, involving so many social and economic questions, and running so contrary to principles of taxation that have heretofore prevailed, ought not to be rushed through without giving the country at large plenty of time to talk about it and think it over and express its reactions.

It is not too much to say that the President did not hold the whip, which Congress handed him last Spring, the four billion dollars Work Relief Fund, which he can allot among states and districts in any way he pleases, the revolt would be an open one. So far, however, the disgruntled Senators and Representatives are mostly taking it out in private mutterings in the cloakrooms.

**How They Are Figuring**  
There is no disposition to impose higher taxes upon very large incomes and upon great estates in process of transmission from dead hands to living ones. This "pay-as-you-leave" scheme, has a good deal that commends it in principle to those who are impressed with the importance of finding new sources of Federal Revenue. Some new tax plan must be evolved if the Federal Budget is ever going to be balanced. But there is great doubt in the minds of some statesman-like members of both Houses as to whether the Presidential project could actually produce enough new revenues to make any appreciable dent in the deficit.

A wide-spread, thorough and carefully considered revision of all of the income, estate, gift and inheritance taxes would have support not only from practically all of the Democratic members but from a large percentage of the Republican members as well.

Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, who is still regarded as one of the most likely prospects for the Republican Party nomination next year, has declared himself in favor of a complete income tax revision, but one set up on a much broader base than the present law. Instead of trying to get all the additional revenue from the few very wealthy, Senator Vandenberg would carry the income tax much farther down the line than the schedules now go.

The strongest indication that the entire democratic representation is not in complete accord with the President, even though it obeys orders fairly well, was given when the House voted down the "death sentence" for public utility holding companies, in the face of the strongest pressure by the Administration's spokesmen that has yet been exerted.

**See 1936 Issues Forming**  
The issues on which next year's Presidential election will be contested are becoming more sharply defined from week to week. It is generally accepted here in Washington that the Administration is moving deliberately toward building up public sentiment in favor of more or less revision of the Constitution. This belief is based upon the Administration's insistence upon the enactment of laws which are almost unanimously regarded as unconstitutional, such as the Wagner Labor Disputes Act and the Guffey Soft Coal Regulation Bill.

Somebody blundered in the Soft Coal situation. The coal miners had agreed to postpone their threatened strike until July 1, in exchange for an agreement by the President that he would push the Guffey Bill through.

It was not until Friday night, June 28, that the President learned that the coal strike would be called at midnight Sunday night, June 30, unless quick action were taken by the Government.

There were hasty midnight conferences at the White House and at the home of Madam Perkins, Secretary of Labor, and a new truce was agreed upon until August 1.

**New Bills May Appear**  
The extended session is going to give a chance for further discussion and probably the passage of several measures that seemed to have been shelved a few

weeks ago. The Bradley-Lewis Bill, for the refinancing of farm loans by an issue of Treasury currency is one that seems most likely to pass both Houses. The Bonus Bloc will put up a terrific fight to tack the bonus payment onto whatever new tax bill may come up. There will probably be pressure for more inflationary silver legislation and the Railroad Pension Bill probably will be brought forward again.

The internal confusion of the Work Relief program is getting worse instead of better. Not enough projects have yet been approved to take care of more than a trifling fraction of those now on relief.

Most interesting Washington gossip of the week:

(1) The report, generally credited to Mr. Hoover will shortly announce publicly and positively that he will not be a candidate for President in 1936.

(2) The disclosure that 37 members of the House of Representatives have their wives, sons, daughters, nephews and nieces upon the Government payroll.

**BLAIR PLANS TOURS IN DOZEN COUNTIES**

During the month of August, E. C. Blair, extension agronomist at State College, will conduct a series of farm tours in twelve North Carolina counties for the purpose of studying crop rotation demonstrations.

"Though a study of the rotation systems will be the main subject for study on these tours, we will also observe other interesting projects in the field of soil fertility and farm crops," Blair said.

As scheduled at present the tours will be held as follows: Moore County, August 6; Montgomery County, August 7; Stanly County, August 8; Union County, August 9; Wilkes County, August 13; Iredell County, August 14; Guilford County, August 15; Davidson County, August 16; Edgecombe County, August 20; Halifax County, August 21; Lenoir County, August 22; Craven County, August 27.

**Oak Forest Revival**

A revival meeting will begin at Oak Forest church in the Dellaplane community on Sunday, July 21, and continue for a week or ten days. The pastor, Rev. Purvis C. Parks, will be assisted by Revs. E. K. Wooten and George Curry. Services will be held at 10:30 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. The public has a most cordial invitation to attend.

**Pension Board To Meet**

The Wilkes County Confederate pension board will meet at the court house in the clerk's office the fourth Monday, July 22, at 9:30 a. m. Persons having business with the board will take notice.

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**Odd Fellows Memorial**

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Our lodge will conduct a memorial service at Center church on Sunday, July 14, at 11 a. m. The public is invited and all members of the Odd Fellows fraternity are especially urged to be present.

**Card of Thanks**

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness shown us during the sickness and death of our beloved husband and father, also for the flower offering.  
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