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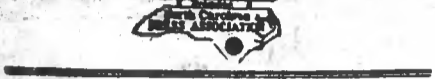
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Public Library—

The Wilkes county public library report for the past year reveals some interesting figures about its growth.

But statistics rarely ever make good reading, and we confine our comment here to commendation for the civic minded people who made the library possible and the urge that the people of the county use its facilities more.

The library was started by the collection of a few books which were donated and by loans of books from the State Library Commission.

The library, which is located in the North Wilkesboro town hall now has more than 4,000 volumes.

In reading there is education and culture.

Why not relax a few minutes each day for some good reading?

It will cultivate the mind and broaden knowledge of the affairs of the world.

Women In Service—

Enlistment drives for women for the army and navy have bogged down.

Some unfavorable publicity which was more gossip than anything else has hindered recruiting efforts to secure women for desk jobs and thus release men to fight.

The WACS and the WAVES are not unlike other groups of women. In getting together a large group of women it is perfectly natural that some without highest moral standards would be included.

If you got together a crowd of women anywhere you would have the same results.

According to the present rate of enlistments, the women branches of the service are not going to get the required number.

There is talk of registration of women for service. In fact, Mrs. Roosevelt commented Monday that registration was a definite and likely possibility.

It would not be surprising to learn that a registration date has been set to record the name and address of women in the United States and that machinery for their draft into the service will be set in motion.

FBI Does Amazing Job—

The Federal Bureau of Investigation deserves highest praise for an almost perfect job in the war effort.

Since the war started sabotage damage has been held to an almost irreducible minimum. There has been no organized sabotage in the war effort.

The accomplishments of the FBI are more amazing when it is considered that there were thousands of enemy aliens in this country at the outbreak of the war.

But the FBI under direction of J. Edgar Hoover, who is a genius if there ever was one, knew the names and whereabouts of the most dangerous aliens when the first bombs fell on Pearl Harbor.

By midnight of December 8, 1941, 1,700 had been arrested and now the total has passed 13,000.

The FBI chief should be granted the congressional medal of honor for an almost perfect job.

The accomplishments of the FBI continually must be inspiration for headaches for Hitler and Tojo, who banked so heavily on things they were going to do in the United States through their agents.

War-busy plastics products are looking ahead to peacetime markets. Some novel items scheduled for tomorrow's customers:

(1) Plastic table cloths that can be simply cleaned by wiping with a wet cloth; (2) plastic auto tires and upholstery fabrics; (3) translucent non-corrosive window screens; (4) six-pound plastic bathtubs; (5) plastic upholstery fabrics and blankets.—Forbes.

Back to God—

Our subject this time came not from a news article but from an advertisement which appeared on page eight of The Journal-Patriot Monday.

We have every confidence in the might of our armed forces to crush the military forces of Germany, Japan and Italy.

This nation is materially able to defeat and crush its enemies.

But man alone is not able to satisfactorily solve the great problems of the world.

To do this job man must have the divine guidance of God.

The material might of our nation can defeat its enemy.

But unless we as a nation turn to God, and incorporate the Golden Rule as a part of our lives, there will be no lasting peace.

The Christian religion is still the greatest power on earth and will remain so regardless of the armed might of nations.

But there is altogether too little Christian religion.

On the other hand there is altogether too much greed, selfishness and other attributes of the devil.

There is too much neglect of the church of Christ and too much effort to accumulate through greed, wealth, political power and other things entirely of the world.

Man cannot live by bread alone, and neither can a nation exist and prosper entirely on material wealth and power which is of the world.

People who wanted to worship God founded the United States, and built its government on the principles of Christian religion.

We as a nation have strayed entirely too far from those principles, which had their foundation on the teachings of the Master.

By military might we can win the war, but unless this nation turns back to God we can have no assurance that the destruction of war will not be with us again in a few years.

War is the natural result of sin. War grows out of greed, selfishness and the craving for worldly power.

War does not grow out of service to fellow man; war is not the result of worship, war is not the result of prayer.

Too many Americans have neglected the church, have neglected religion, have neglected to read and study the word of God, have neglected to seek through prayer the guidance of a divine power.

Now practically every town in America is worried over the juvenile delinquency problem, or should we say, youth delinquency.

Cities and towns are passing curfew laws to keep 'teen age girls off the streets at night. Delinquency is rampant and moral standards are breaking.

The greatest power for the solution of the problem is closer contact with God on the part of every parent in America.

The solution to the problem of securing a lasting peace is through a revival of Christian religion, and the spread of Christianity to the people of all the earth.

Borrowed Comment

TO GIVE US THE LOWDOWN
 (Statesville Daily)

Jimmy Brynes, war mobilization director, promises shortly to reveal the results of his thorough study of the gasoline and fuel oil situation, a study and survey undertaken to ascertain present and future demands, the available supply, the possibility of new sources and the question of rationing what is available for civilians.

The result of Mr. Brynes study will be awaited with particular interest, because it will be the first real evidence of what may be expected from over-all authority, and also because the people, all of us, irrespective of color or creed, have confidence in Brynes' ability to search out the facts, and his honesty in presenting and applying them.

There has been all too much confusion of tongues within administrative circles. Harold Ickes says one thing today and tomorrow some equal high-bracketer declares that it ain't so. That is not only calculated to confuse but to breed distrust.

It is to be hoped that the Brynes survey will reveal conditions that warrant a loosening up of some of the current inconveniences. If on the contrary, what he finds does not justify relief, the people will be in a better frame of mind to remain under the yoke, now that a competent and dependable spokesman gives them the low down on it. A lot of current and past discontent would have been removed if this confusion of tongues had not been the order of the day.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By
DWIGHT NICHOLS
 et al.

GIVE US SUBJECTS—
 In order to settle a little bet, we are asking that you send in subjects to write about.

We have made the foolish wager that we will write 200 words or more on any subject.

Only stipulation is that the subjects must be known generally. For instance, we couldn't be expected to write 300 words about John Doe's dog in Kalamazoo. Send in the subjects, first come, first used.

WANDERING THOUGHTS—
 Man has been described as an animal with an appetite, an ego and 76 bad habits.

A Chinaman called the dentist for an appointment. "Two-thirty all right?" the dentist asked.

"Yes, tooth hurted all right. What time I come?"

"Just the same in the army as in school," growled the father who received a cablegram from General MacArthur which said: "Your son got three zeroes today."

The new file clerk got mad and quit because the auditor asked to see her pink slips.

The Saturday night drunk was fumbling with his key and trying to get the door unlocked. A neighbor walked up and inquired: "Can I help you unlock your door?" "No, I'll unlock it all right. Just hold the house still 'til I get this key in."

FLABBERGASTED—
 A young lady of the town who is usually quite glib and has often talked herself into a tight spot and out again, was tripping up the street chewing her gum—without a thought to her name—met Captain Johnston who gave her a nod and a smile, as he does everyone, but she was so overcome—as she afterwards told us—"I stopped dead still in my tracks, with my mouth open—he was so grand looking—and I gulped a time or two and said Uh—goody do."

SMAR VIEWS—
 When a female dressed in slacks, mathinks—
 "How much better it would be if on me and other girls
 They'd never turn their backs."

WRONG PLACE
 Plumber (before the party gates)—Good mornin', Hoddido! Well, here I am and I haven't forgotten a single tool!

St. Peter (gently lancing himself with his left wing)—Za! so? Well, let me tell you something: You was always doing something wrong on earth, either forgetting your tools or going to the wrong address, and that's what you've done this time!

HIGHLY SPECIALIZES—
 A Lieutenant on his first fat

lough in London, the...
 cutting...
 work and business...
 his time in the barber chair.

Lieutenant (to barber)—You British don't specialise. You should stick to one branch of work and master it completely.

After he had become comfortably settled in the barber's chair, the barber lathered his face liberally and then set down to read. When five minutes had elapsed, the Lieutenant inquired:—
 "Lieutenant—Well, why don't you shave me?"

Barber—Oh, we only shave here. You have to go into the next block for a shave.

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