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East Main Street Should Be Improved

During these months when thoughts run to improvements and remedial measures for things long neglected, it is time to call attention to a sorely needed improvement project in the town of North Wilkesboro.

That portion of East Main street from the intersection of Smoot Park road to the intersection of highways 18, 268 and 115 at the lower Yadkin bridge is not adequate to carry the great amount of traffic from three highways. It is too narrow, the pavement is rough and is continually breaking and being repaired.

Not only is that small section of street in bad condition, but its appearance is anything but attractive. It is one of three principal ways of entering into North Wilkesboro and certainly does not create a good impression.

The street should be widened and repaved. There are certain limitations because of the railroad on one side and a high bank on the other, but there is more space than the narrow paving which is there and all available space should be utilized to make the street as wide as it is immediately west of the intersection with Smoot Park road.

Critical Need Is Statesmen

The need for statesmen is perhaps more critical today than at any time in our nation's history. Not only is there need for statesmen in America, but the need is great throughout our "One World," which has brought so closely together by modern ingenuity and so far apart in ideals and brotherhood.

In the halls of congress today thoughts run to the next election, while matters of great importance are supposed to be under consideration. The same is true in other departments of government, from the white house on down through every state capital and county seat. If democracy is to survive we must have a revival of statesmanship.

Several years ago the Charlotte Observer published the following editorial. It was appropriate then and more so now:

An Appropriate Prayer

It may be somewhat banal and bromidic to repeat, but it is at least exceedingly timely to be reminded that—

A Politician has been defined as one who is thinking about the next election: A Statesman as one who is thinking about the next generation.

It would certainly be no less appropriate to be conspicuously exhibited in the chambers of the two houses of Congress.

Of course, it applies also to the leaders in our national life outside of political environs,—the leaders of labor, the leaders of industry, the leaders in every walk and station of American influence and prestige.

This nation is in critical need today of Statesmen.

It needs them as desperately as it needs to get rid of some of its Politicians.

The oft-repeated prayer of the poet was never more apropos so far as the wellbeing of this nation is concerned:

God give us men. The time demands Strong men, great hearts, true faith, and willing hands;

Men whom the lust of office does not kill; Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy; Men who possess opinions and a will; Men who have honor; men who will not lie;

Men who can stand before a demagogue And dam his treacherous flatteries without winking; Tall men, sun crowned, who live above the fog In public duty and in private thinking.

Afternoon Train Dispatch Essential

The Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, with other interests, is opposing the Southern Railway plan to operate only one train daily between North Wilkesboro and Winston-Salem.

The Southern Railway corporation states that it is losing much money on operation of the passenger train and is seeking to leave off that train and operate a mixed passenger and freight.

There are several objections to the proposal, but the main one is that the outgoing train would leave early in the morning. It would be the only train out of here daily.

That would mean that shipments for express would have to be crated and made ready for shipment the day before shipment. This would be especially bad for baby chicks and perishable products where speed of transportation is a great factor.

Another objection would be the mail service. At present the train is bringing mail which does not get dispatch from Greensboro and Winston-Salem on the highway postoffice. Under the proposed plan the slow, mixed train would be scheduled to arrive here at one p. m. but in all probability would be from one to three hours late.

In view of the fact that it is generally known that the Southern is doing very well on the line as a whole, including both freight and passenger train income, local interest feel that the proposed change is not justified, and that North Wilkesboro should have an outgoing train in the afternoon so that express shipments could be prepared for shipment and started to their destination on the same day.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY
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IF IT WERE NOT FOR GOD

God may not be in your business as partner, but if it were not for God you would not have any business. God may not be in your home, but if it were not for God you wouldn't have a home. You may not honor God with your strength, but if it were not for God you wouldn't have any strength. You may not appreciate your health, nor thank God for it, but if it were not for God you would not have any health. You may not thank God for your daily food, but if it were not for God you would not have any food. You may not appreciate the raiment you wear enough to thank and praise God for it, but if it were not for God you would not have raiment with which to clothe your body. You may not worship God, but suppose you had no God to worship. You may not appreciate the church, nor attend its services and give it your moral and financial support, but if it were not for God you would not have a church. Think of living in a land without any churches. You may not honor God with your money and earthly substance, but if it were not for God you wouldn't have any money and earthly, material substance. You may not appreciate the Bible, but if it were not for God you would not have a Bible. What would it be to live in a world without the Holy Bible? You may not appreciate your country enough to honor its flag, its laws, and the freedom it affords you, especially our great America, but if it were not for God you would not have a country. You may not appreciate your freedom religiously, your freedom of speech and the press, but if it were not for God you wouldn't have any freedom. You may not appreciate your loved ones, friends and neighbors, but if it were not for God you would not have loved ones, friends and neighbors to appreciate. You may not appreciate the Sabbath enough to keep it holy, nor enough to attend church and worship with God's people, but if it were not for God you would have no Sabbath. You may not appreciate the lives of godly, righteous, praying, noble Christian people, but if it were not for God there would be no Christian people. You may not appreciate learning and enlightenment, but if it were not for God there would be no enlightenment. You may not appreciate heaven enough to prepare to enter it and live forever with God and its wonderful hosts, but if it were not for God there would be no heaven. "Think on these things."

Surry Magistrate Gets Prison Term

Mount Airy.—Weldon D. Inman, Surry county magistrate, was found guilty in Surry county superior court at Dobson yesterday of embezzling state funds. Inman was sentenced by Judge Hoyle Sink to serve one year in state prison and was given an additional two-year sentence suspended on condition that he make restitution of more than \$6,000. Inman, a store owner and magistrate on the Wards Gap road north of Mount Airy, was indicted in January after a Surry county grand jury returned six true bills against him, accusing him of keeping fines collected

in his court which were supposed to be turned in to the county auditor to transfer to the county school fund.

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At American technical progress, which has made mechanical energy perform miracles of mass production, reflected in constantly lower costs—and in the long run, lower prices.

At American workers—free to organize, to bargain collectively with their employer, to choose their jobs and to change them at will—with no ceilings on advancement and constantly in-

creasing need tempt for greater working hours.

If we continue to realize that system work—if we constantly turn out more for every hour we put in—if we keep on creating more wealth for all of us and more jobs for more people—then other nations will follow us.

If we don't then they'll probably go communist or fascist.

That's the challenge—and it's the most important in all history. Let's go out to meet it.

Let's make our free, dynamic American system run so well at home that others will want to follow our example.



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