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"The Lord redeemeth the soul of His servants; and none of them that trust in Him shall be desolate." Ps. 34:22.

MORE PROOF.

The following editorial from the Marshville Home, quoting former Superintendent of Education J. Y. Joyner is more proof of Dr. McNutt's contention that we are pestered in this country with an insect which he named the "Economic Cootie."

"Ex-Superintendent J. Y. Joyner, who is now classed as a farmer over in the tobacco section of the state makes the statement in the Progressive Farmer that the grower gets eight cents out of each dollar the consumer pays for tobacco. 'The producers,' says Dr. Joyner, 'with rare exceptions, pay no income taxes. The producers, with rare exceptions, are on the verge of bankruptcy, where they find themselves with tragic regularity every four or five years. Where are the millions, and who are the millionaires?' Well, that's easy. The millions are in the hands of a class of patriots (some of them the dollar-a-year war patriots) who are now asking Congress to remove the excess profit war tax against those who can pay taxes easiest and place all the burden directly on those who are least able to pay—by levying a tax on the sales of merchandise. The millionaires are scattered all over the various states. In North Carolina some of 'em have built palatial million dollar mansions in different states, which they own, together with other holdings in the water power monopoly and its various connections, which seem also to include a liberal portion of the North Carolina state government."

SOFTENING A BIT.

A recent Washington news dispatch says that Senator Hiram Johnson will not press his charges against David Blair of Winston-Salem. He has already withdrawn his charges as to Mr. Blair's connection with J. W. Cannon and the federal income tax question, and it is said that he would withdraw the charges as to Blair having disregarded the republican preferential primary, but for the fact that he is to be a candidate for the presidency in 1924 and wants to put himself on record as favoring the nomination of candidates for the presidency on his party ticket by popular vote. Johnson, it is said, will attempt to put a measure through Congress providing for such a method of nominations.

ANOTHER WARNING.

The dreadful auto wreck occurring on West Main Street on Wednesday afternoon should serve as another warning to auto drivers to take no chances of injuring others by fast and reckless driving. It also should serve as a warning to parents not to allow children under legal age to drive cars. It should at the same time remind the offici-

SHALL IT HAPPEN AGAIN?

"It shall not be again." With tears streaming down his face, President Harding made this statement on May 23rd, as he laid a wreath on the coffin of the first American soldier to die on German soil. With a husky voice the President is also reported to have made the following statement:

"One hundred thousand sorrows are touching my heart. It must not happen again. God grant that it may not be."

These words apparently have the ring of a sincere soul. They sound like the out-pouring of such profound feelings as might come over a great-hearted American, contemplating the thousands of American lives snuffed out during the World War on European soil. We do not doubt the sincerity of President Harding's statement quoted above, but listen, as he goes on in the same address: "I do not pretend that the Millennial days have come and that there will be no more wars. I would wish a nation so powerful that none would dare to provoke its wrath." In this last sentence the President spoils the great sentiments uttered in his other statement above quoted. One must infer from this latter statement that the President's idea of preventing future wars is to create such a powerful navy and such a mighty army for the United States government and equip that army and navy with such dreadful and deadly implements of warfare as to make all nations afraid to provoke this great republic to wrath in the future. This idea is contrary, not only to all reason, but is refuted by the history of civilization. Caesar believed in having a nation so powerful that none would dare to provoke its wrath. Charlemagne, Alexander, and Napoleon Bonaparte believed the same thing, and, to bring it down to the present generation, we recall that Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany believed likewise in a nation "so powerful that none would dare to provoke its wrath." The empires of all these powerful rulers have crumbled into dust.

Two thousand years ago, Jesus of Nazareth established an empire in the little Jewish province of Palestine. He gathered about him twelve humble citizens, most of them uneducated, and without political, financial or religious influence. He planted that kingdom upon the solid foundation of the doctrine of "Whatsoever ye would that men do unto you, do ye even so unto them." That kingdom was founded upon love, justice, and service to humanity, and not upon the idea of making itself so powerful that "none would dare to provoke its wrath." Since that kingdom was established we have witnessed the fall of the empires of Caesar, Charlemagne, Napoleon and Wilhelm, while the kingdom established by the Great Teacher has spread itself around the world, and, like the grain of mustard seed, has grown into a tree so mighty that the birds of the air can build their nests in its branches.

These are facts, which are read and known by all men, and yet, in the face of these facts and in the light of history and Christian civilization, two thousand years old, the President of this great republic, referring to the awful war just ended, tearfully proclaims: "It must not be again, God grant that it may not be. I do not pretend that the Millennial days have come and that there will be no more war. I would wish a nation so powerful that none would dare to provoke its wrath."

Shall the American people stand heedlessly by and see this peace-loving, God-fearing nation turned into a armed camp? Shall we permit the very thing that thousands of our soldiers gave their lives to stamp out, established as the policy of this republic?

Tell your Senators and Congressmen no, and write the "NO" in capitals.

als having the enforcement of the law in hand, that the man who drives the public streets and highways in a buggy, wagon or auto, as a law-abiding citizen, is entitled to be protected against reckless auto drivers. This thing of allowing mere children to drive cars without some one with them capable of keeping them under control should be stopped.

The Philadelphia Record uttered worlds of truth when it said:

"Arbitration is useless for preserving the world's peace, because the nation that is in possession of the subject of controversy will not arbitrate; it might lose, and it would have nothing to gain. Let the American administration go on and prescribe its nostrums; the world will find—and the American people will find—that they are ineffective. Voluntary arbitration will not prevent war, because in any important controversy one of the parties will not arbitrate. Involuntary arbitration, or litigation, involves force to be used against a recalcitrant nation, and the League of Nations is the only association or combination through which force can be used and safely applied."

Press Comment

TRADE IN YOUR HOME TOWN

Smithfield Herald: Along with the idea of fostering home industries as a state-wide project comes the thought that citizens should support the industries of their home town. Merchants and particularly the merchants of Smithfield, as a rule endeavor to supply the wants of their customers, and all things being equal as we see it, it is the duty of our people to trade at home.

Only this week we received a big double page circular advertising a sale in the capital city. It looked attractive, we must admit, but by the time we add on the price of gas, or railroad fare, the cost of dinner, the various things we bought which we did not really need, and a whole day's time, we have our doubts about the amount saved by leaving our home town to take advantage of the bargains offered elsewhere.

But not all take the time to go to another city. Some sit down and view the pages of a big attractive looking

catalogue from some mail order house, make selections which are not what was wanted but which are kept since they are here, and feel that they have been decidedly economical. The business life of a town is interwoven. The dry goods merchant buys clothing from the clothier; the clothier patronizes the dry goods merchant, both buy groceries from the grocer; the grocer is written up by the insurance man; the insurance man both eats and wears and so the story goes.

In speaking of the citizens of a town we would not leave out the rural sections which legitimately belong to that town. The farmer brings his produce to town which the merchants buy and who should in turn place his trade where he has received benefit.

Discouraging news has been published recently in regard to the growth of small towns. We want Smithfield to grow. And one of the ways to help it along is to patronize home industries.

The plan which we advocate for the people of Smithfield and surrounding country is equally good for the people of every other town of the county and communities around those towns.

We want to build up Smithfield and we want to build up Johnson County and the only way to do it is to stand together and throw our patronage where it belongs.

THE NOISE MAKERS

Monroe Enquirer:

A child likes to make a noise. Give a little fellow a tin pan and a stick and he is supremely happy for with those two things he can make a noise big enough to distract every body in the house. When the child grows up if he is of normal mind, he is not desirous of making a noise, in fact noise does not appeal to him. He observes that noise accomplishes nothing, in fact the less noise the greater the accomplishment. He notices that a burning stick makes infinitely more noise than does the blazing sun. He observes, too, that there is very little to the noisy man, that the noise maker is usually just a noise maker, nothing more. That is the view the sensible, the normal child, takes concerning noise and he so orders this conduct as to make the very least noise possible. But the child who grows physically, but who does not grow mentally, take so such view of noise making. He grows into physical manhood with the childish desire to make a noise and if his tin pan and stick are taken away from him he gets an automobile and drives through the streets with the cut out of his machine wide open. There may be sick and nervous people in homes along

the street he travels, but that makes no difference to the childish, weak-minded noise maker. On and on he goes, the cut-out of his machine wide open, his horn sounding so often and at such places that its meaning is as empty as is the head of the fool sounding it. There is a law against running automobiles with cut-outs open over the streets, but policemen can not be on every block and for that reason the childish and silly noise maker gets much gratification in hearing the noise his machine makes and much pleasure out of the fact that he is greatly annoying a large number of people. The Enquirer man has been asked to write an article about the enforcement of the law against running automobiles with cut-outs open over the streets. But there is no use to do that. There are so many of the addle-pated, childish noise makers, with brain about like O with the rim rubbed out that it is impossible to squelch all of 'em. James Russell Lowell hit it when he said: "The right to be a cussed fool is safe from all devices human."

BAD BACK TODAY?

Backache is usually kidney-ache and makes you dull, nervous and tired. Use Doan's Kidney Pills for weak kidneys—the remedy recommended by your friends and neighbors. Ask your neighbor!

Mrs. J. F. Morton, Third Street, Albemarle, says: "I was all crippled up with rheumatic pains and lame back about eight years ago. My back was so weak and sore I could hardly walk and to stoop or lift was out of the question. I often got so dizzy I could hardly stand and black specks came before my eyes. Mornings I was lame and sore and always had nervous headaches. My kidneys didn't act properly, either. A few of Doan's Kidney Pills made me feel like a different person and one box fixed me up n good shape. I have had no return of the complaint since."

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RITCHIE NEWS.

Mesdames J. T. Coggins and children, Nnez and J. T., Jr., and Wiley Barrier of Concord spent the weekend in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Morgan.

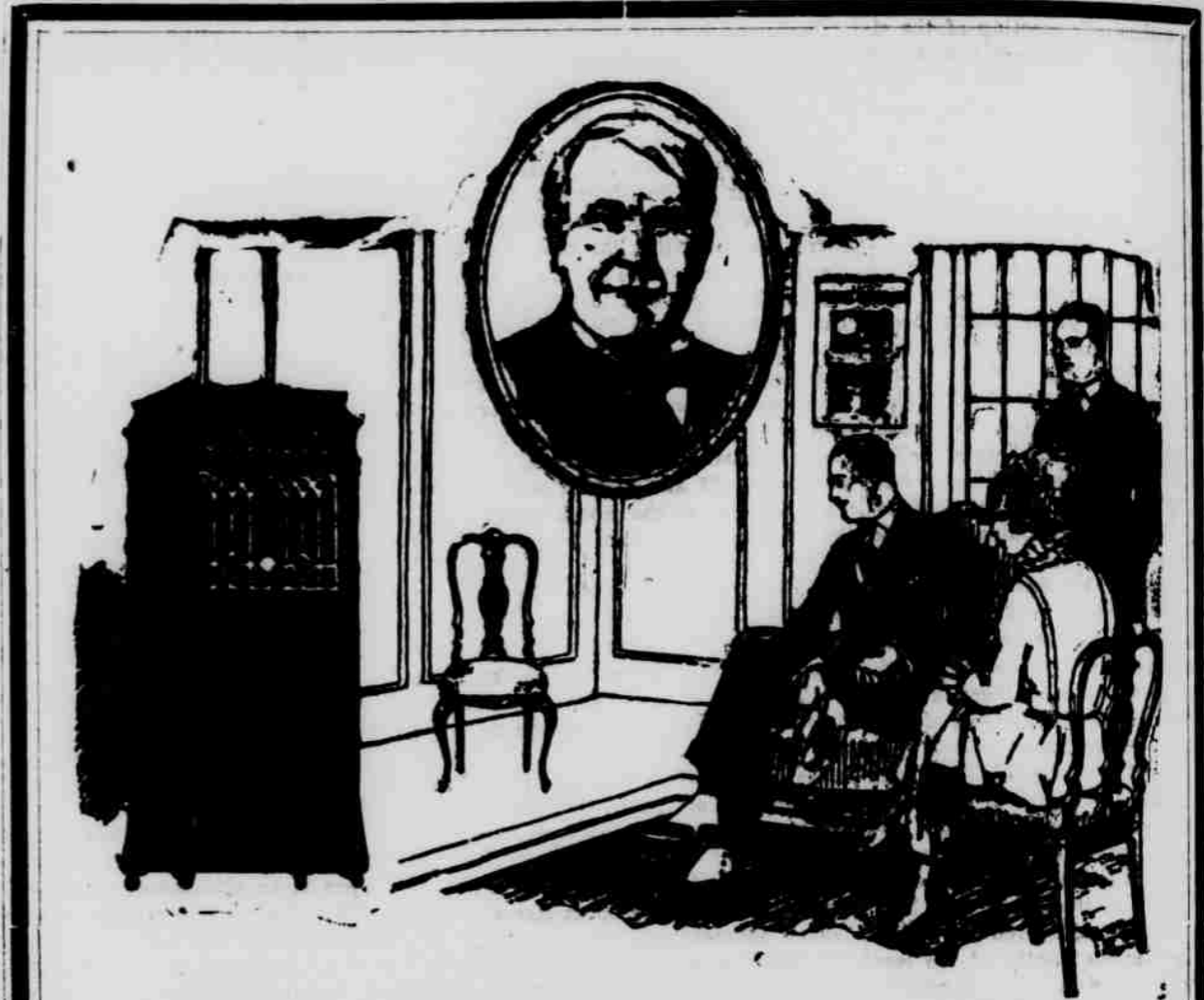
Mr. M. D. Brooks, who is now able to work at Spencer, spent Sunday at home with his family.

Mr. W. H. Rogers had the misfortune of getting his foot badly cut last week while working at Mt. Taber Church.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Albright and little daughter, Idell, spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pickler and children spent Sunday with Mrs. Pickler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Miller.

The chief stumbling-block in the way of safe re-adjustment is the fact that everybody is trying to force everything down except his own income.—Fort Wayne News and Sentinel.



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Thos. A. Edison recently said: "Music exerts a great influence for good on the human mind. Heretofore, however, music, unlike books, could not be multiplied at will and distributed throughout the world.

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