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BIBLE THOUGHT

But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.
 —Matthew 10:30.

Now that the last of the Thanksgiving turkey was consumed today in the form of soup, we will be able to devote our worries to deciding what to give for Christmas.

If there is anything that looks bad to local people and visitors is the unsightly out of date circus posters still hanging by one corner in the windows. Old dance posters, football game posters that have long been obsolete are still sticking around. If we want to keep them for souvenirs lets keep them out of sight of the public. Now is the time to clean up for the holidays.

Farmers of the county welcomed the rain the first of the week, especially those that have burley tobacco about ready for the market. Tobacco experts state that the dry weather has made the tobacco just a little dry for the market, this week's rains will aid considerably.

OUT OF DEBT BY CHRISTMAS

Last week in this column we made mention of the indebtedness of the Methodist and Baptist churches of Waynesville and the spirit in which the two congregations went about in raising over \$2400 in a few days. These two churches are now practically free of debt. The Episcopal church officials announce this week that they have a campaign on to raise over \$900 before Christmas. Their slogan is "Out of Debt by Christmas."

As a rule churches are considered poor financiers, and few have the ability to keep out of debt. Waynesville churches are an exception to this rule, they get in debt but have the business ability to get out.

The business men of Haywood county would profit by the example set by the churches of this city. "Out of debt by Christmas."

TEAMWORK WINS AGAIN

Football teams are usually recognized for their achievements on the gridiron on sport pages and sometimes on the front page. But we feel that the distinction the Waynesville football team has received this year is worth more than just an ordinary sport news item.

The local team is now champion of Western North Carolina high schools. That in itself is an honor but the path in which the team traveled to reach that goal is worth considerably more. The championship was won by strength, not weight, nor did the team have more experience than the majority of the teams they played. The Waynesville lads played together. They stuck to the job when it looked at times that defeat was certain. Every man did his part. No outstanding star can be selected. They all played well, played for each other, their town and school. When Coach Weatherby called for better playing the boys delivered the goods.

Just another example of what team work can do. It always pays to work together in civic clubs, business, church and especially at home.

IS THE CRIME WAVE RECEDING?

Three murder cases, several manslaughter cases, and an interminable number of liquor cases to come up in court this week arrest the attention of the thoughtful and compel the question, "Is crime now at its flood tide, or

is it still rising?"

Haywood County is well along in the line with other counties in the state when it comes to the versatility of crime. We can muster nearly all kinds, and maybe some that are not found elsewhere; but we should thank the Lord that no banks have been looted by their officials under that new application of the word "CONSPIRACY."

But whether or not the crime wave is rising or receding in Haywood County depends upon our viewpoint. As a writer in the Ladies' Home Journal for December said, "Crime follows the path of least resistance." All of us have noticed that, Let the discipline of a home or a school break down and rioting begins. And we are all grown up children.

Perhaps we expect too much of our officers, who are charged with the enforcement of law. We elect, or select, them for their respective positions, give them the glad hand at the beginning of their duties with the implied declaration, "We've helped you to win your job, now go to it. It's your job." Then begins our inactive hostility, or, at any rate passive commendation.

Public opinion, that indefinable dynamo, is the only force that can control crime. Is it a rock of defense against the commission of crime in your neighborhood, or is it only a name? We've never been afraid that a speak-easy would be opened at our back door, or front one either. The bootlegger visits only those whom he knows to be sympathetic.

Law is a unique thing. It did not make itself. It cannot enforce itself. Officers cannot enforce it. Yes, they can arrest the violator, put him behind the bars, but he cannot punish. Mr. Good Citizen, after all, has to decide the question of guilt and punishment.

It's not queer, therefore, that crime is rampant in some localities. Reduced to the logical conclusion, it all depends on you, Mr. Average Citizen. True, the officer is a citizen and has to take his place with the others, a little in advance of the rank and file because he is supposed to know his place; but when he advances upon the enemy—the criminal—and looks back for support and sees his backers skulking to shelter, that's another angle.

So it's the average citizen in every community that puts up the resistance, or lets down the bars, to crime. Public opinion blocks, or clears, the path for the suppression or commission of crime. Is the path to crime in Haywood county one of dynamic resistance, or is it flinching or negligible?

WOULD PLAY HAVOC

The recent North Carolina Supreme Court decision that a Notary Public is a public official and therefore cannot, under the Constitution, hold another public office at the same time he is a notary might be calculated to play havoc to ultimate conclusion.

But the decision is nothing new. A similar decision was handed down 16 years ago, and men went right on holding Notary commissions and any other public trust thrust their way. Under the strict application of the law, all acts discharged by them under the office of the last position they assumed are illegal and invalid. But a strict application of the law in this case would cause pandemonium in almost every county in the State.

While the law is plain, there is hardly a court which would not find some way to prevent setting a precedent so dangerous. The complications would extend even to the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court itself, whose acts would be under question.

Nevertheless the way is made quite clear. Those who are holding two public offices should remove themselves from one or the other without delay. To retain both is to invite the litigation that, at some stage of the discussion, will be inevitable.—Lenoir News-Topic.

A man who will knock another man's business to you, will knock the very dickens out of you whenever he thinks it is to his advantage to do so.

A knocker is the most miserable creature on earth. He hurts no one else like he hurts himself. A knocker soon takes on the expression of a sneak, the slinking walk of a thief, and the shiftless gaze of a dope fiend. Why "knock"?—Brevard News.

IF WE ONLY HAD

Every day the doctor, the nurse, the tuberculosis executive says "If we only had the money, we could do this, that or the other thing. We could build a preventorium, we could employ those extra nurses, we could examine and X-ray the school children and provide treatment for such as need it; we could find and provide for the undernourished child, we could carry on these much needed studies of our problem—what couldn't we do, if we only had the money."

This is not, however, the wail of a despairing soul, nor the last gasp of a lost cause. It is rather a challenge to newer and greater opportunities, to carry on more vigorously than ever before.

The Christmas seal gives you and me, gives all of us at this holiday season a chance to meet this challenge. Buy Christmas seals and bring hope to those who are looking for your support of the tuberculosis campaign. Answer the call, "If we only had" by buying more seals this year of need than ever before.—Morganton News-Herald.

**Better Business Ahead
 Thinks Brevard Editor**

William W. Ellison, manager of the Transylvania Times, Brevard, was in communication with The Mountaineer office this week and in speaking of the general business condition of this section and Western North Carolina he said, "I believe there's better things ahead for this state and the country as a whole; believing the lull in business has reached the rock bottom and good Old Man Prosperity has come back a long distance."

Mr. Ellison is in a position to know whereof he speaks.

Twenty-two Pitt county farmers will store 40,000 bushels of sweet potatoes this winter.

CHICKEN DINNER AT EAST WAYNESVILLE SCHOOL

The East Waynesville Parent-Teachers' Association will serve a chicken dinner, Friday, December 4, from 6:30 to 8 p. m. in the school building.

MENU
 Chicken, Creamed Potatoes, Green beans, Pickles, Rolls (home made), Perfection Salad, Apple Pie or Pumpkin Pie and Coffee.

Only 25 cents per plate! Come bring the family and enjoy a delicious dinner for only "two bits."

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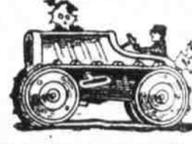
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