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**BIBLE THOUGHT**

Do not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:21

**GLORIFYING CRIMINALS**

Newspaper editors have written long editorials, preachers have used him as an example of wrong living, and the public in general have discussed at length the capture and life of Bill Payne, North Carolina's public enemy No. 1, who was recently captured by G-Men in Sanford.

The trial of Bill Payne, and his associate, John Turner, will be nothing short of sensational when it comes up in Asheville this month. Although tagged with the title of "public enemy" isn't it true that we Americans tend to glorify notorious criminals?

Our question is based on the fact that right now in Eastern North Carolina, there is appearing in the theatres and drawing large crowds, a man who claims to be the original Jesse James.

This man tells the fantastic story of his escape from the law, and his methods of living a life of a notorious criminal for many years.

In the advertisements telling of this man, it reads in part: "The strangest case in criminal history, Jesse James, the notorious Missouri outlaw, alive, in person. After 51 years in hiding, America's original public enemy No. 1 returns to tell the true story of his early life of banditry. Hear him tell of his own exploits as America's original public enemy."

It seems that "Jesse James" could devise some plan to make a living other than bringing to America's theatre-goers, a word by word description of banditry and life of crime in its worse form. No doubt his talks center around his shrewd methods of escape from the law. His quickness on the trigger, and in short, "an all round good bandit."

But, "Mr. James," probably knew that Americans tend to glorify the notorious outlaws of the day, and would pay well to see one of the past.

While this type of work provides a living for "Jesse James" and his associates, we cannot see where society is any better off by his work.

**HAYWOOD'S EGG CONSUMPTION**

Right at this time of year when farmers are beginning to think of spring chickens, it might be well to look over the record and see what possibilities there are for profitable poultry raising in Haywood County.

From government figures, we learned that in 1935 there were 122,453 chickens in Haywood County. Reliable estimates are that this same figure would apply at present. These 122,000 chickens in 1935 produced 381,027 dozen eggs.

The population of Haywood County is approximately 30,000. This figures that enough eggs are produced in Haywood to provide every person about 150 eggs a year. All consumed over that must be shipped in, and good money sent out.

All indications are that 1938 will be a good poultry year, with feed costs down, and the prices for poultry and eggs remaining steady.

**MODERN SHIPS**

As a rule, those of us who live 500 miles from the coast have very little conception of the importance ships play in our every day lives. Many people in the mountains cannot conceive of a ship that would reach from the Court House to past the post office, and 136 feet wide, and much higher than any building in Waynesville.

It is things like this that a new series of articles, prepared by Harry M. Hall, former ship builder, will explain in detail. His new series begins this week. Start now, and read them every week.

**PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST**

Any official action that has to do with the completion of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park tends to lift Western North Carolinians higher than even the Park's lofty peaks.

There are now pending in Congress, bills authorizing the acquisition of lands for completion of the Park. The bills, if passed, would authorize to be appropriated, out of any money in the United States Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$783,000 for carrying out the plans of acquiring additional acreage in order that the National Park Service could take over the Park.

The presentation and importance placed on these bills by taxpayers of North Carolina and Tennessee to Congressmen from the two states, will be a big determining factor in their passage.

Outside of often quoted Federal expenditures, \$783,000 is a staggering sum.

Yet, on the other hand, the sum is not so great as compared with over eleven and a half million dollars which are invested in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and with no hopes whatever, of any significant returns being made from this huge investment until after the Park is fully established.

The investments made to date, are as follows:

N. C. and Tenn, each \$2,500,000	\$ 5,000,000
Rockefeller Foundation	5,000,000
CCC Division of Gov.	1,550,000

Total \$11,550,000

North Carolina issued two millions in bonds, and the remaining half million was raised by public subscription. Tennessee produced her two and a half millions in much the same manner.

A conservative rate of interest on the investment to date would be three per cent, according to Chas. E. Ray, Jr., chairman of the Western North Carolina Advisory Committee, now working on this matter. And to this three percent, must be added at last one and a half per cent which represents the loss to local governments in taxes on the land now in the Park. This makes 4 1/2% on \$11,550,000, which is \$515,750.

In less than 18 months, the interest on the investment would be more than enough to buy the remaining required acreage which the National Park Service is holding out for, although Congressman Weaver got a bill through Congress, which would legally establish the Park when 400,000 acres were acquired. There are now over 416,668 acres in the name of the National Park Service, but they are holding that 436,000 must be titled to them.

Nevertheless, the only hopes of getting the money to buy the 20,000 acres seems to be from Congress, and if they turn down the proposition, then the \$11,550,000 investment will remain buried in the Park, representing a loss of over \$500,000 a year in interest, and so it will remain until the \$783,000 is made available and used to buy the needed acreage.

However, there are several "hopeful" things favoring the passage of bills, which have been introduced by Senator Reynolds, and Congressman Weaver, together with several Tennessee congressmen. In the first place, President Roosevelt favors the passage of the bills. He has taken a keen interest in the Park since his visit through it some 18 months ago.

In the second place, and probably this should have been listed as first, all of Washington seems interested in putting through the housing act—a program that would stimulate construction of homes and building in general. There is no step which the federal government could take that would so stimulate business in Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee as the opening of the Park. Vast sums would be spent by individuals, in the construction of every type of building, from summer cabins to hotels.

The Park Service, cannot go forward with permanent construction and development within the Park until the Park is officially dedicated.

So, when the facts are boiled down, there is every reason for urging early completion of the Park, and its dedication. Even to the advantage of the government, and its efforts to stimulate business.

It seems to us, that interested taxpayers of this entire Park area should take it upon themselves to contact every North Carolina Congressman, and urge the passage of these bills that will provide funds for the immediate completion of Eastern America's playground.

**WHY WORRY ABOUT THE 40,000 DEAD**

There were 40,000 persons killed in motor vehicle accidents in 1937, according to reliable reports just compiled.

Apparently it is hard for the average person to conceive of that many uncalled for deaths, and most of us just glance over the figures and go ahead with our driving as usual, always believing that the other fellow is to blame.

Then, too, most highway accidents are termed "unavoidable."

With that, we take it, and continue to watch the "slaughter on the highways" column rise each year to the tune of five per cent.

**THE OLD HOME TOWN** By STANLEY



**SPARKS of WISDOM**

It is seldom that God sends such calamities upon man as men bring upon themselves and suffer willingly.—Jeremy Taylor.

Mankind is not disposed to look narrowly into the conduct of great victors when their victory is on the right side.—George Eliot.

The best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to a father, deference; to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all men, charity.—Balfour.

Remember this—that there is a proper dignity and proportion to be observed in the performance of every act of life.—Marcus Aurelius.

Democracy is the healthful life-blood which circulates through the veins and arteries, which supports the system, but which ought never to appear externally, and as the mere blood itself.—Coleridge.

Greatest things through greatest hazards are attained. And then they shine.—Beaumont and Fletcher.

Correction does much, but encouragement after censure is as the sun after a shower.—Goethe.

**VIEWS OF EDITORS**

**Suppose**  
It might be worse. Suppose Red agitators got bosses dissatisfied and persuaded them to quit.—Akron Beacon Journal.

**He's Clock**  
The farmer doesn't need any time piece to tell him when it's dinner time on Sunday. His yard is full of city relatives' cars.—Buffalo News.

**The Cycle**  
Cycle of remarks by Europe: 1917—"Save us!" 1920—"Shylock!" 1930—"Tend to your own business, meddler!" 1937—"Save us!"—Buffalo News.

**Apparently**  
Some recent figures show more accidents, but few fatalities. The drivers are no more careful, but pedestrians are getting tougher.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

**Must Have**  
Plunging into the Congressional swimming hole, Bruce Barton announces his intention not to become a politician. He must have brought along his water wings.—Troy (N. Y.) Record.

**Too Fruity**  
Scenes in the night clubs these winter nights are reported pretty disorderly, when some stewed quince meets a fried peach and wants to do the big apple.—New York Sun.

**Imagine It!**  
There is a fellow we know whose wife hasn't permitted him to spend a cent of his wages in thirty years. Yet he lies awake nights worrying about Roosevelt's establishing a dictatorship.—Troy (N. Y.) Record.

**What?**  
It may be true, as Secretary Hoare says, that the United States and Great Britain are drawing closer. But what is that going to do if we still don't speak the same language?—Rochester Democrat & Chronicle.

**LETTERS to the Editor**

**SOME COMMENTS AND A SUGGESTION**

Editor The Mountaineer:—  
In The Mountaineer for January 6, I noticed three items of particular interest to me.

First was the statement from the office of W. H. McCracken, our most efficient tax collector, that \$225,819, or 92 per cent of Haywood's 1936 taxes had been collected and that in addition \$111,000 of delinquent taxes of former years had also been collected. This is such a record for Haywood as I never heard of. I sat in his office last summer and witnessed the courteous and efficient way in which he dispatched business. I congratulate Haywood county on having Mr. McCracken in this post.

The whole column-long account of how the county's money is being handled gives one cause for pride and satisfaction.

The second item I noticed was a letter from F. E. Haynes, of Clyde, in which he discussed the matter of high local taxation. He stated facts, but not all of them. Here is another.

The tax collector, as in duty bound, published in The Mountaineer late in August and early in September a list of those who had not paid their taxes for the previous year. This list—practically a duplicate of that the year before, and the year before that—contained the names of men high in church, political and social circles in Waynesville and Haywood. Later, as is done every year, the property against which the taxes was assessed was sold and the county bought it in—and that is all that has ever happened so far as I can learn. I have never seen advertised in the home paper any foreclosure sales of any of this property. If the reader does not believe me let him go to The Mountaineer office and inspect the files of the paper for August-Sept-

**THIS WEEK in HISTORY**

Week of January 10  
January 20, 1846, Telegraph line opened between Philadelphia and New York.  
January 21, 1813, General Fremont soldier, explorer, statesman born.  
January 22, 1903, Hay-Herran Panama Canal Treaty signed.  
January 23, 1845, Tuesday after first Monday in November made national election day.  
January 24, 1838, S. F. B. Morse exhibited dot and dash telegraph code.  
January 25, 1796, vaccination was discovered by Jenner.  
January 26, 1837, Michigan admitted to the Union.

**POINTED PARAGRAPHS**

Business would be grand if every inquiry meant a sale.

Another persons' worries are always hard to understand.

Any smoker will tell you that nicotine never hurt him.

Education is not to be confused with going to college—not in these days.

Some people think that what this country really needs is some workers willing to do a day's work for a day's pay.

member of the past 6 years. This has gone on year after year, until these unpaid taxes amount to thousands and tens of thousands of dollars. I am told that some prominent citizens and high officials have paid no county taxes in years. This goes on until some complainant legislator passes a bill to relieve these delinquents of the penalties, thus hiring them to pay their taxes. Such a state of affairs causes every man who does pay his taxes promptly to pay higher taxes than he would if these tax-dodgers were compelled by actual foreclosure to pay their share on time.

The third item was under a headline on the front page—"Names of Folks Wanting to Buy Property Listed. Hundreds of Prospective Customers Listed at the County Agent's Office." This is an extraordinarily interesting item and I wish to connect it up with what I have said above. And here is my suggestion.

Let the county commissioners foreclose on the property of these long delinquent taxpayers who have made no effort to pay their overdue taxes—and sell to these people who wish to buy Haywood property. This will bring about one of two things, each equally valuable for the county's finances—either these long time delinquents will pay up or the property will be bought by these prospective citizens.

I make the suggestion to Chairman Lowe and the board of county commissioners.

E. W. GUDGER.

See us for Dry Cleaning and tailoring.  
 and the worse side in.  
 a little of the best side out,  
 garments for you by turning  
 you that we can remake many  
 But, this is just to remind  
 WRONG SIDE UP, Again—

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 Phone 113

**What Will It Cost?**

You may not ask that question when your Doctor hands you a prescription. But it probably is in your mind. And that's perfectly natural.

We welcome an opportunity to answer that question for you. Here's how prescriptions are priced in this establishment: To the cost of our fresh, potent drugs we add the time of a skilled pharmacist in filling your prescription, plus overhead and a modest profit. This fair price is no more... and often less... than you pay where prescriptions are haphazardly priced.

**ASK YOUR DOCTOR**

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