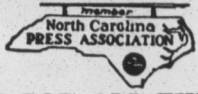


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## Voice In The Wilderness.....

Essentially a plea for continuation of the liberal arts tradition in education, Wendell Willkie's Duke University address also contained an exposition of the political value of clear thinking as a bulwark against those tendencies of dictatorship visible even in that leadership allowed to Churchill, Stalin and Roosevelt.

Those citizens who looked and listened for a more violent criticism of the Roosevelt administration and its relationships with major governments of the United Nations were disappointed, and it served them right. Wendell Willkie, regardless of his party affiliation, is an American first. Only color of partisanship in his remarks was discoverable in his blasts against the Edward J. Flynn nomination as ambassador to Australia, and in these protests, which were not a part of his formal address, Willkie is not standing by himself.

It is true that nothing Willkie said Thursday night can be counted as a direct contribution to the war effort. His contribution, like that of the liberal arts, has to be counted as general rather than specific, but it is a splendid thing that his voice is still a part of the voice of democratic America. In Roxboro and Person County were a number of citizens who went to Durham to hear him. Countless others listened over the radio and were in agreement that Duke University performed a public service in bringing Willkie to its platform. Small voice of sectionalism raised the question of propriety anent the lifting of gasoline restrictions for the occasion, but it should be remembered that Willkie had no part in promulgating such an order.

## Out Of Necessity.....

Lead by Thomas and Hall, Roxboro City Commissioners have unanimously approved an emergency appropriation of \$200 sought by Person County Public Library to meet cessation of WPA assistance, and too much cannot be said in commendation of the action of the Commissioners, who were quick to realize the value of the City aspects of the library program.

God-child of the now defunct Roxboro Woman's Club, the Person County Public Library, which now has through necessity done away with the prop of WPA, is standing for first time on a firm and organized City-County-State foundation, without Federal intervention. It now has a chance to become the type of institution dreamed of by members of the Roxboro Woman's Club, an integral part of the cultural fabric of the City and County it was born to serve.

In fact, sober survey of the facts cited at the Commissioners meeting by Miss Ernestine Grafton, tri-county librarian, shows that the library is serving its patrons and that the service is being expanded far outside of the bounds dictated by previous City of Roxboro financial support. With this new support from the City, and with County and State backlogs, there can be in the future a larger and better service than has been rendered.

Library Board members and all citizens at all concerned with the liberal education mentioned so forcefully by Wendell Willkie in his Duke address, should be pleased that Roxboro City Commissioners last week saw both the necessity and the opportunity to come to aid of the library here. The vision displayed can be the beginning of a new era in Roxboro and Person library work.

## Down, But Not Out.....

First of three civic clubs in Roxboro to bow to changing social patterns introduced by the War is the Business and Professional Woman's club, a unit that during its two years of organized existence here has accomplished much good and has had potentialities for larger service. It is to be sincerely regretted that the members have reached a decision to disband for the duration, but it is to be devoutly hoped that spark of interest will be kept alive and that the club can be re-chartered when peace-time activities can be resumed.

The Roxboro and Person women who have formed the basis of the club's membership did distinct service here in connection with the theatre-sponsored war bond

booth and were bringing themselves to that point of community service without which there is no excuse for existence of a club intended for civic and social service work.

And while the club under discussion makes its plans for a final dinner session to be held later this month, the two clubs for men, Rotary and Kiwanis, are confronted with what to do to arrange schedules most acceptable to members who cannot longer ride to meetings. The pleasure driving ban that is causing these clubs to stop and consider ways and means to continue existence, may, however, be a blessing in disguise, since the considering will provide an excuse for more thorough examination of the civic principles that are at bottom the foundation of all for which the clubs are supposed to stand.

## Answer Is - No, And Yes.....

Those Person and Roxboro residents who came back last week from the Community Service and War Price and Rationing Board conference in Raleigh are reported as saying that the ban on pleasure driving has teeth in it and that no promises are being made as to how long the restriction will have to be in force.

Compliance, so far, in Roxboro, as we have said, has been good, but we are moved to wonder if some individual, or some group, here could not contrive to make a paying proposition and a public accommodation out of a small but well-routed City of Roxboro bus line, designed to cover main City streets and Longhurst and Ca-Vel arteries.

Immediate rub would be the problem of obtaining busses and priority rights for them, but if it could be done, we do believe the business would pay. If memory serves us right, we recall that there was such bus service here once, and if signs of the times are any indication, we are of opinion that transportation problems that are in Roxboro now more of an inconvenience than the average, will become acute.

## Out Of Age Comes Friendship.....

Perfect illustration of what mellowed age can accomplish was the friendship between Judge Spencer Bell Adams, Greensboro Republican and one-time Superior Court judge, who died this week, and his contemporary Democratic colleague, also a judge and Greensboro resident.

The friendship was ended several years ago by death of the Democratic jurist, but as long as the two were together there was a perfect harmony, made, strangely enough, out of the very differences that kept them apart as younger men. Both, in their later years, had sorrows and troubles. Patterns of individual agony were different, but basic consequences increased rather than diminished their mutual and growing respect for each other, and each was honored in the process.

The story is ended now, but the memory of what these two men meant to each other must remain as one of the fairest fruits of human experience.

## Sunday School LESSON

From The Adult Student

### HOW MUCH DO WE CARE?

The greatness of God's love is in the fact that he loves us in spite of our lack of love and that he sent his Son to redeem us from our sins. Herein is Divine Grace powerfully portrayed. No wonder so many people have been impelled joyfully to express their gratitude for this undeserved gift! All of us should appreciate the numerous manifestations of it.

Obviously we are deeply moved when we understand what it means, so we want to share the grace and love of God by means of which we have been redeemed. Indeed, the length to which we go in sharing clearly indicates how deeply we care.

Understanding what Christianity means both to us and to society, how much do we really care? Remembering Jesus' own contribution to us and to others, how much do we share?

"If you lose what I've won," cried a famous character in history to his son, "I'll laugh at you out of my grave." We too are under heavy obligation to those who lived and died centuries ago for the Christian cause. But they will not laugh if we fail them. Their disappointment will be too keen. Their souls will be filled with inexpressible sorrow.

Every one of us is able to do something, to render some service for the Christ of the Church through the Church that belongs to the Christ.

It was Anatole France who described how a professional juggler was one day found tossing and catching a handful of balls before the cathedral altar. This was the one thing he could do well, and he wanted to do it in

the spirit of high dedication to God.

What an indictment that incident is for many of us! Manifestly there is some talent that each of us has. He whose religion sings with happiness will find some way to use his endowment of ability, and God Almighty will bless that dedication. Real loyalty—loyalty that sings—has to do with the state of one's heart, the deepest desire of one's soul.

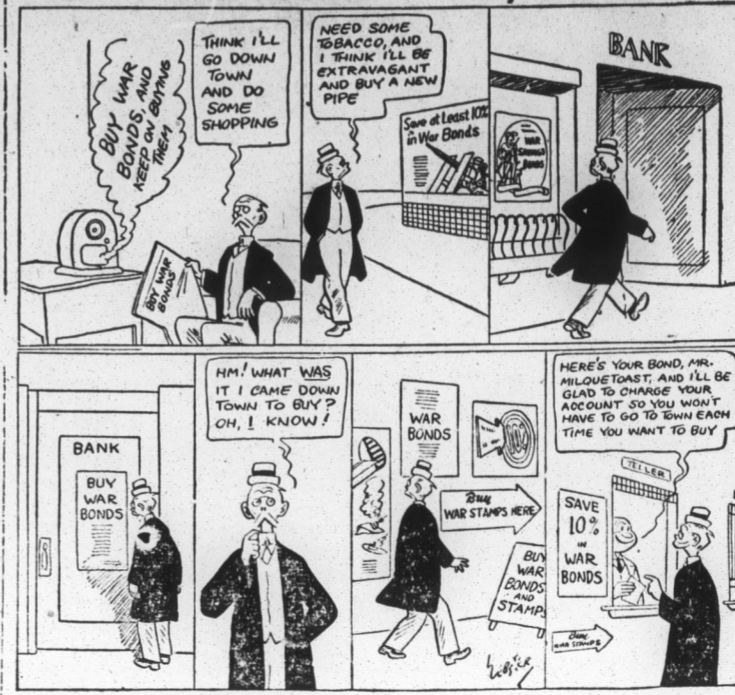
There is no work comparable in worth, beauty, power, or greatness to that of sharing the Christ with those who do not know him personally and love him dearly.

Those who are sincerely devoted to the cause of Heaven have actually come to believe in the greatness of religion and the divinity of the Christ. Their lives definitely count for righteousness, because they are convinced of its worth.

Look out for that man," a contemporary said of De Robespierre. "He's dangerous. He believes what he says."

The ardent devotion of St. Francis of Assisi, expressed in unconventional religion, made him a radiant prophet of graceful love, because he cared enough to give all he was to God.

## THE TIMID SOUL By Webster



## First Lady And Army Boy Make Best Of Walk

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16—This is just a simple story about the First Lady of this democracy and a private in its army—not news of great importance, really.

The soldier, Private First Class Harold R. Chrisman of Syracuse, N. Y., a military policeman, had six hours to kill between trains at Union Station while returning to his post at Cincinnati from an official mission.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt was at the station to meet her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Boettiger of Seattle, and their train was quite late.

The First Lady and the private got into conversation in the USO lounge there, and at length Mrs. Roosevelt, unable to wait longer because of an appointment at the White House, set out to catch a street car. (Gasoline rationing does not permit the use of automobiles for pleasure driving here).

"I'd be honored to have an M. P. accompany me," said the First Lady.

On the loading platform outside the station they chatted further until: "Oh, let's walk," proposed Mrs. Roosevelt.

It's a good mile and a half from the station to the White House, and the weather was bad, but "if Mrs. Roosevelt had as much fun as I did, she thoroughly enjoyed it" Chrisman related.

"She's a fast walker and I had a time trying to keep up with her."

On the way Mrs. Roosevelt identified the buildings and other points of interest for Chrisman, a stranger in the capital, and at the White House she said "I'd like to have you come in for dinner."

Dinner was in an intimate room on the second floor. There was turkey—"one that came too late for Christmas," Mrs. Roosevelt said—with dressing, candied sweet potatoes, diced beets, broccoli, salad and hot rolls. First there was oyster cocktail, and later grape sherbet, fruit cake and tea.

The talk was mostly about the war. The others at the table were Mrs. Harry Hopkins and young Diana Hopkins and Mrs. George S. Huntington, of Charleston, S. C., a house guest. And before dinner was over the Boettigers arrived.

And then Chrisman went back to the station and got his train.

Rev. W. F. West, who has been a patient at Duke hospital for a week, returned home Tuesday.

## Housewives Urged To Save On Tin Cans For Scrap

Person County housewives can save enough steel for 1,938 machine guns simply by replacing the can of fruits or vegetables a week during the coming year with fresh or home-packed produce, a leading food distributor estimated today.

"This substitution, urged by the War Production Board, will not only save steel but also conserve food by using extra supplies of fresh produce made available by increased production, canning restrictions and reduced storage facilities," according to Earl R. French, marketing director of A & P's producing affiliate, the Atlantic Commission Company.

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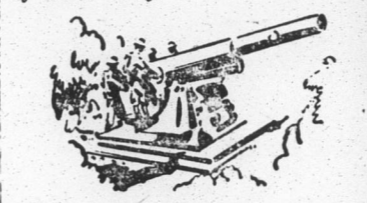
Johnston County 4-H Club members have added \$50 to the State 4-H fund which will be used to buy a Red Cross ambulance for the armed forces, reports assistant farm agent C. C. Clark, Jr.

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