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Clean-Up Week Is Here

Annual Clean-Up Week is here and its observance certainly is needed. It is needed around homes, streets, vacant lots, sidewalks and more especially in alleys about town.

There seems to be an extra accumulation of rubbish all over town. It is unsightly and certainly adds nothing to the healthfulness of the city and community.

Mayor McNeil has proclaimed this week for cleaning up and making more attractive the appearance of all premises in North Wilkesboro. He has promised full cooperation of the sanitary department of the city government. It is up to the people to carry out their part.

We hope this clean-up idea is not confined to North Wilkesboro. Heretofore some thoughtless persons who cleaned up here have dumped trash on the sides of highways near North Wilkesboro. Trash there will give visitors a bad impression of North Wilkesboro.

Danger of fire is much greater in areas which are filled with rubbish. Already this spring there have been a number of fires in grass and rubbish in North Wilkesboro. Luckily, none of these fires have been disastrous but they could have been. On Tuesday this week there was a fire in grass and leaves accumulated in an alley. This clean-up idea is O. K. and deserves the support of all the people of the city and community.

Children Killed

North Carolina lost fourteen of its future citizens last month when four girls and ten boys under 16 years of age met untimely deaths under the wheels of trucks and automobiles, it was reported this week by the Highway Safety Division.

Five of these boys and girls were on foot, three were on bicycles, one was on a school bus, and five were in automobiles.

Last month's youthful traffic victims in North Carolina included:

Two boys riding a bicycle on the highway at night without a light.

A 14-year old boy, weaving and zig-zagging in traffic on his bicycle.

One five-year-old child who fell out of a car when she leaned on the door handle and the door flew open.

A seven-year-old boy who ran from behind a parked car into the path of a truck.

A three-year-old girl who was playing on the highway.

A 11-year-old boy who was taking driving lessons from a 16-year-old boy and stepped on the gas instead of the brake when the car started to run off the road.

And a five-year-old boy started across the street without looking.

Traffic victims in the state during the first three months of this year included 11 boys and girls from 10 to 14 years of age, 12 children from five to nine years old, and six children under five years of age. Fifteen of the twenty-nine were on foot a six were on bicycles.

"I urgently plead with North Carolina motorists to be unusually alert and cautious when they see children ahead of them on foot or on bicycles, and I plead with North Carolina parents to do everything in their power to make their children safety-conscious and careful," said Ronald Houghton, director of the Highway Safety Division.

"We must stop this slaughter of the innocents."

Built By Private Credit

This country was built by private credit. It has always been maintained by private credit. That is one great difference between a democratic and a totalitarian state.

The money that built our vast industries—utilities, railroads, steel companies,

oil concerns and the rest—came out of private pocketbooks, individual and collective. Government was never the dominant factor. In later years, government has expanded greatly in the role of "financier." Even so, private credit remains the bulwark of our social and economic system—the free enterprise system.

Let us remember that now. We will have won a hollow victory indeed if, when the wars are over and the defense drive has been consummated, we find ourselves with government as a financial dictator—the provider and controller of all credits. There is but one way that can be avoided—and that way is to depend upon private credit to the greatest possible extent, and to call upon government credit only when there is no other course open. Such institutions as the banks have declared their willingness to do the biggest financing job in their history, in the interest of defense. Let them do it.

There Is One Sure Goal!

If you have rowed a boat across a wide lake in order to reach a definite point on the other side, you know that it's a good idea to look over your shoulder from time to time and make sure that you're still headed right.

This country is rowing pretty fast and furious at the present time. It's a good moment to take a look at the objective, so we'll be perfectly clear where we're going.

National security is the port we have set out to reach. In the midst of a chaotic world, Americans have determined to make sure that the great advantages in living which they enjoy shall not be rubbed out through any neglect or carelessness.

Particularly prized have been the various liberties we in this country enjoy—civil and religious freedom, a political system of representative democracy, and the private enterprise system for earning one's living.

It is to defend these that Americans are arming in so determined a fashion. And, paradoxically, they are willing to accept the imposition of certain emergency regulations upon certain of these rights, knowing that they will thereby aid the defense effort.

Just as heavier taxes are being accepted to support defense, so restrictions on business of certain kinds have been admitted necessary in order that the industrial machine can work most effectively for defense. For example, in certain cases where there is an extraordinary demand for materials needed in defense the application of priorities may be expedient. Export licensing to guard against depleting this country of vital materials and products might be another case in point.

There is surely, however, one paramount point to remember. The regulations are temporary. They have been accepted as needful by the people of this country because the people are convinced that the present emergency warrants their application. This being the case, all Americans, interested in the characteristic habits of life in this country, look forward to the day when these special reins and hobbles will be loosened.

After all, it is to guard against the universal spread of just such constraints that our national defense program has been embarked upon.

Only upon those terms would it be worth the effort!

WE ARE LUCKY TODAY

(Kernersville News)

The last century was a period of unbelievable progress. But in no field was greater progress made than in care of the sick, and in advancing the standards of public health.

A century ago, for instance, anesthesia for surgical operation was unknown—it did not come into use until 186. And even later, in Civil War days, hospital death rates of 20 per cent and more were not uncommon. Nothing was known of infectious diseases, the germ theory had not been heard of, and sterilization of instruments and dressings was never practiced. Not until 1868 was a start made in curbing and controlling infection.

Startling is the fact that 99 out of 100 American hospitals were founded within living memory. Fifty years ago hospitals were generally confined to large cities—in small towns and rural areas operations took place at home, by the light of kerosene lamps and an open vessel steaming on a stove as sterilizer. The medical men were not content. It was due to their initiative that hospitals in smaller centers were gradually established.

The whole history of medicine is a history of individual effort—of tireless private initiative—of unselfish men fighting the endless war against disease and public ignorance. And all of us lead happier, fuller lives because of it.

U. S. Troops on Duty in Newfoundland Farmers Helped Under Lime Act



U. S. troops recently sent to Newfoundland on the U. S. transport Edmund B. Alexander, are getting used to winter warfare conditions. At top the transport is shown, docked at St. John's. It serves as headquarters and barracks for the soldiers. Below: Ski troops dressed in white to blend with the snow leave for the training grounds.

Raleigh, April 15.—North Carolina's 1941 lime law, "streamlined" by the General Assembly to give farmers greater protection, requires that all manufacturers make strict guarantees for their products and pay growers for any deficiencies of ingredients. D. S. Coltrane, assistant to the Commissioner of Agriculture, said today.

"All sections of the new lime law are clarified and specific provisions are made for labeling of liming materials in order that the farmers may be given more direct and useful information to be used in more intelligent buying," Coltrane said.

"The magnesium and calcium content of lime, the fineness of the materials used as checked by "screen tests" together with the acid-neutralizing value for correcting soil acidity are paramount labeling requirements under the new act. All guarantees must be stated on the tag or bag, and in the case of bulk shipments the guarantees must accompany the invoices.

In addition to requiring payment for any deficiencies of materials found after chemical analyses, the manufacturers are required to register each brand of lime sold. Seizure of illegal goods and revocation of registrations are permissible under the regulatory provisions of the act.

"The present law is written so as to permit the cooperation and assistance of the North Carolina Experiment Station in coping with liming problems that may arise in the future," Coltrane explained.

"With the clarification of the old act, the addition of new labeling requirements, I believe North Carolina now has a lime statute that is fair to the farmer and gives equal protection to the honest manufacturer."

Carolina Bird-Lore News Items From Summit Vicinity

The Red-Winged Blackbird

When coming home on a late afternoon from a tramp through the swamps and forests, in the hope of catching a glimpse of a bird I had never seen, suddenly all around me I heard the chanting of numberless little voices, conquerer, conquerer, conquerer. Looking around, I saw hundreds and countless hundreds of blackbirds, blackbirds on every bush and tree. Blackbirds everywhere. Dreaming? A fantasy? No, not like the ungainly, gaunt, and ominous bird that visited Mr. Poe on a certain dreary December midnight, but graceful, agile, little creatures swinging and swaying all around.

Up to now these birds had been simply black birds to me, but down in the clearing there looked to be myriads of butterflies in iridescent shades of crimson and gold dancing on wings of night, now on the ground, now suspended in the air, now here, now there, now everywhere—golden fireflies, blood-red rubies, diamonds and pearls whirling and twirling through the gray twilight in an elfish dance. I had longed to catch a glimpse of this bird just to say I had seen him, but never had I dreamed that nature would set a stage so magnificent for his presentation. In my little book, under "Birds Identified," I can only write, "The Red-winged Blackbird."

Description: The male is a little smaller than the robin, entirely glossy black with a broad red patch on the wing. The female is smaller, dusky streaked above and beneath, without any red.

Range: Whole State at all seasons, except in the mountain region, where it is chiefly a summer visitor. (Contribution, North Carolina Bird Club).

'Pot Licker' Is Given Boost In Social Rank

Nutritional research has revealed that malnutrition is often a less serious problem among low income negro families than among white families. Miss Sallie Brooks, assistant Extension nutritionist of N. C. State College says that one reason for this is that negro families usually consume the "pot likker"—the water in which their vegetables are boiled—while the white families throw it away.

"Actually," Miss Brooks said, "this 'pot likker' contains much of the vitamin content of the vegetables, including the essential B vitamins that are soluble in water." She thinks that the social standing of "pot likker" should be raised.

The Extension specialist said that one of the National Defense measures being stressed by the United States Department of Agriculture is the improvement of the diet of the American people through the popularization of vitamin-enriched foods. Already on the market in many sections of the country is a new vitamin enriched bread.

There is very little, if any discernible difference between the new and old breads, Miss Brooks explained. They look alike and taste exactly alike.

One thing being emphasized by the U. S. Department of Agriculture is that food is not being used as a carrier of medicine. "They are not giving the American people drugs under the guise of bread," the nutritionist declared. "The vitamin-enriched bread only serves to restore to the diet some of the most essential elements that have been taken from it by changing food habits."

SHARECROPPERS
There are now fewer sharecroppers in the United States than at any time during the past two decades, according to recent figures released by the U. S. Census Bureau.

Results of experiments at Purdue University indicate that cod-liver oil should be removed from the feed 10 to 15 days before chickens are marketed to eliminate all traces of the oil taste.

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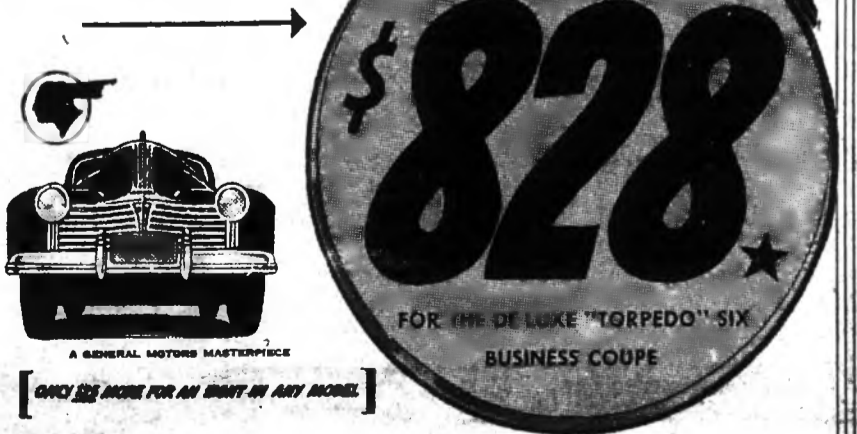
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