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Time For Awakening

It is late but not too late for Williamston officials and the several hundred motor vehicle operators to awaken and take drastic action to eliminate in the future tragedies similar to the one that snuffed out the life of a little child on a local street early last Sunday evening.

We, including officials, officers, motor vehicle operators and pedestrians, have remained indifferent to the dangers—that have constantly lurked on our streets every day and night year in and year out. It is high time to throw aside that indifference, awaken out of our lethargy and formulate rules and regulations in a serious effort to eliminate such tragedies that cost a little child his life, a life that was filled to overflowing with love and one whose potential possibilities were snuffed out as the soft glow of a candle is snuffed out by a driving wind before it had an opportunity to shed its full light.

It is with no intention of censoring the officials or criticising the motor vehicle driver or with the attitude that "we told you so," but the following suggestions are offered here in the sincere hope that we, as a united people, will attack the serious problem facing the every-one of us and do something constructive and lasting about it, to prove beyond all doubt that the little child who died on one of our streets did not die in vain, but died that you and I, your child and my child, might live.

We would eliminate the boastful idea so widely entertained by most of us that the rules of safety are only for the other fellow to follow.

We would rally behind the courts charged with the task of upholding the laws, and eliminate forever favoritism and the damnable business of "ticket fixing" so universally common among those who are superior to the courts of the people.

We would stop this business of telling the other fellow how to drive and how to walk until first we had corrected our own faults in that connection.

We would apply a ringing stimulus to our public officials and demand that they give their best judgment and their every possible consideration to a problem that needs constant attention.

We would jerk our law enforcement officers from their seats of hourly rest and direct their attention to the drivers who not only ignore the stop signs but who also actually run over the warning signals at local street intersections. We would have them caution first with a firm warning and later with court action those who falsely believe their time is so important that they must speed regardless of life, limb, or property. We would call them into a conference and give serious thought and study to the traffic problem as it relates to parking, speed and enforcement, and cast aside the indifference that has for so long marked our activities as drivers, walkers and representatives of the law.

We have marched steadily and fairly rapidly in creating new dangers, but we have lagged and lagged miserably in our efforts to advance adequate safety measures to offset, partially at least, those newly created dangers.

The eyes of the people of Williamston are focused on the officials who are charged with formulating plans and seeing that those plans are executed in the successful operation of their government. They expect them to take action first, hoping they will not be disappointed.

Needs a Humanistic Touch

As the relief problem rapidly becomes more complex, it is apparent that a humanistic touch should be applied in the handling of that problem. The whole business, based on a far-removed theory, is wrapped up and bogged down in reports, the preparation of which is costing too ever-lastingly much. We bank too much on the statistical column, thinking the task is well executed when the figures balance. The truth of the matter is we are trying to bend human needs to the figures instead of bending figures to human needs.

Social Climbing

Our old friend, the editor of Linotype's "Shining Lines", recently went off the deep end with a philosophical soliquy after relating a clever little anecdote, as witness the following:

"We have all heard monthly about the girl who carried an 'Atlantic' around with her as a sort of chaperon. Another carried the 'New Yorker' to give the impression that she was modern. Both of them remind us of another member of the fair sex, a colored maid by the name of Annie Mae, whose mistress, overcome by curiosity, said to her: 'I notice you have been taking our empty grapefruit skins home with you. What do you do with them?'"

"The socially ambitious negress looked at her mistress with a knowing smirk and answered, 'Yes'm, I've been carrin' 'em home. I think they makes my garbage look so stylish.'"

"Well, they are not the only folks in the world who pretend to be what they are not. Perhaps, after all, it matters little how we get our satisfactions. Some find their reward in acquiring millions or positions of power. Some are social climbers. In the end many of them find that all they have been doing is decorating a garbage pail."

Britain Owes the Refugees:

There is a corner of the City of London that five years ago was a waste of storerooms and warehouses.

Today it has become the center of the fur trade of the whole world; a trade that brings 2,000,000 pounds into this country every year, that employs hundreds of British travelers, salesmen, clerks, and storekeepers, that provides work for dozens of British ships.

Britain owes this to two waves of refugees; the White Russians, fur buyers, who twenty years ago were offering their wares in their stores along the quays of St. Petersburg; and the German Jewish distributors who five years ago handled the whole trade for Europe and America from their offices in Leipzig.

It is one instance of the way in which refugee victims of Europe's post-war upheavals can repay the intelligent generosity of a country that admits them.

According to the home secretary, there are 11,000 refugees from Germany and Austria working in this country today. No refugee may accept a job over here so long as there is any British subject capable of filling it.

They have, in fact, created their own jobs. But they have created jobs for 15,000 British workers as well.

Yet the industries and crafts which they have introduced are still necessarily in their infancy.

One of Frankfurt's leading shoe manufacturers has his works at Bolton; in Nottingham 40 men and women are being employed in the soft leather works of a White Russian who fled penniless from St. Petersburg in 1917.

An Austrian Royalist who came here when Hitler marched into Vienna last March has opened showrooms in London where British manufacturers can display their goods for the continental buyer.

Makers of Viennese bead bags, most of them Jewish craftsmen expelled from their own country, have opened workrooms in Belfast where they are employing British labor.

Down in the West Country twenty Czech craftsmen are showing us how to carve the painted wooden toys that are given to children all over the world at Christmas and Easter.

The Berline manufacture of silk underwear, being largely Jewish, was at first crippled by the Hitler revolution, but last year one or two of the principal manufacturers started their works in London. They have already spent 1,000,000 pounds here.

The timber trade, which creates work for many British ships and sailors, owes a great deal to the experience and business connections of refugee-timber merchants from Russia.

They bring their material in British ships from Latvia and Finland.

But perhaps the most welcome newcomers are those refugee industrialists—chemists and technicians, most of them German and Jewish, who have taken their secrets with them to South Wales.

Their new dye works and manufacture of optical glass are being financed from Lord Nuffield's fund for the distressed areas, in the hope that Britain will soon capture Germany's chemical trade through some of the very men who helped to build it.

In fact, it would be hard to find one British industry that is not enormously indebted to refugees. Refugee Flemings introduced weaving and worsted manufacture in the fifteenth century; refugees from Ghent and Antwerp started the Lancashire cotton industry in the sixteenth; refugee Dutch Protestants in Queen Elizabeth's time taught us baize work, linen draping and engraving on steel and copper.

Refugee Italian patriots started our musical instrument industry in the eighteenth century, and our system of asphalt paving in the nineteenth.

History knows no instance of a persecution that did not impoverish the persecutors and enrich the people that took their victims in.—GeGorge Edinger, in the London Daily Herald.

Gems For Your Scrapbook

ELOQUENCE.—He is an eloquent man who can treat humble subjects with delicacy, lofty things impressively, and moderate things temperately.—Cicero.

Free Soils Testing Will Be Offered

A free soils testing program for farmers, to provide information to be used in more intelligent selection of fertilizer grades, will be provided by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture within the next 90 days.

The program will be financed with increased revenue provided by the 1939 general assembly.

A chemical process is used in soils testing work to determine the content of soils and the information found by chemists may be used as a basis to determine the most suitable fertilizer, and remove the guess work in fertilizer grade buying.

D. S. Coltrane, assistant to the commissioner of agriculture, emphasized however, that "at best, soil testing work is but an effort to give farmers additional information on the chemical analyses of his land and to help him to more scientifically determine the amounts of plant food necessary for maximum yields at minimum costs."

Meanwhile, the department is seeking a competent agronomist and soils chemists to head the new program.

Additional equipment will be ordered for the chemical laboratories and officials anticipate that farmers will be offered the soils analyses service this year in time to use the information before they buy their next fertilizer.

"Other states have found soils tests to be economically sound and of great benefit to the growers," Coltrane said. "However, as one reputable authority views rapid chemical soils tests, 'it must be admitted that there has always been considerable guess work in making recommendations due to soil variability and a lack of a method to determine the amount of available nutrients in the particular soil on which the fertilizer is to be applied'"

Dairy Products Are Emphasized

June is "Dairy Month" throughout the nation.

C. W. Pegram, chief of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture dairy division, said that North Carolina dairymen and dairy manufacturers are joining hands to further promote the consumption of dairy products "as healthful, economical food."

"A primary objective of the observance is to encourage the removal of the present nation surplus of dairy products," he added.

Pegram said that milk furnishes the nation its greatest farm income—\$1,530,000,000 in 1937.

"North Carolina is not getting its proportionate share of the national income from milk, receiving only \$11,983,000 in 1937," he emphasized.

"Obviously, ice cream, cheese, butter and milk are among our most beneficial foods and their increased

Lenoir Growers Increase Tobacco Acreage In 1939

Lenoir County growers have increased their tobacco acreage this year by approximately 20 per cent, reports O. R. Freeman, assistant farm agent of the State College Extension Service.

"The use and consumption not only promotes health, but provides a greater cash income for North Carolina agriculture."

"Dairy product production and consumption can stand greater emphasis in this state."

EXECUTRIX NOTICE

Having this day qualified as executrix of the estate of M. D. Ayers, deceased, late of Martin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to exhibit same for payment on or before the 2nd day of June, 1940, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please come forward and make immediate payment.

This the 2nd day of June, 1939.
MRS. ANNIE AYERS,
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courthouse door of Martin County at 12 o'clock noon the following described tract of land:
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