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A Big Job Waits To Be Done

Realizing that the job can't be handled in so short a time, town officials are considering changing the annual proclamation from "Clean-Up Week" to "Clean-Up Month." And, folks, there's a big job waiting to be done, and it must be done if the blight caused by eyesores is to be removed.

Beginning at the very center of the town's government, one is disgusted with the appearance of the municipal buildings and its surroundings. A trial of fifth extends in every direction, branches out to include unsightly and disease-spreading backlots with their piles of rubbish and stray wine and liquor bottles to reflect the apparent indifference of some thoughtless person or careless property owner. As one advances, he sees weeds sprouting as a monument to some lazy soul who apparently prefers to expose himself to the malaria mosquitoes rather than do a little handiwork with a hoe and stoop over to pick up a stray tin can. Carefree night riders—those modern youths who ride from 11 p. m. to the wee morning hours and who sleep away many valuable day-light hours, are aggravating a nasty situation by throwing and bursting their liquor bottles on the sidewalks and in the paths where little folks are certain to tread.

A better system for cleaning Williamston's streets is badly needed, but no matter what system is employed it cannot cope with reckless property owners and other citizens who throw their waste paper and rubbish to the winds. If any progress is made in the proclaimed clean-up movement, every person—man, woman and child—must show a voluntary willingness to cooperate, to do his or her part in reclaiming the town's respect over filth.

An Indomitable Spirit

Speaking before a joint session of the Minnesota Legislature a short time ago, Wilhelm Morgenstjerne, Minister of Norway, told of the indomitable spirit among his people to carry on under the iron heel of Hitler. That spirit has a greater meaning than many of us believe, for it is such a spirit that will check Hitler and restore peace to the world. The question is, How long will it take for that spirit to permeate the world? Is it possible that we in America will have to taste the bitter oppression of an aggressor before we come out of our lethargy and act? The Minister says, in part: Peaceful, progressive, friendly Norway, as we knew it, as the world knew it a year ago, and Norway today under the iron heel of the Nazis.

This is the new order, not an abstraction, not a blueprint, but the new order in deadly practice. To anybody with ears to hear and eyes to see, it is plainly and blatantly a return to dark, barbaric ages.

With these facts in our minds and hearts every waking hour, it will be appreciated, I am sure, how difficult it is for us Norwegians to understand the contention that there is no difference between the methods and the aims of the nations opposed to each other in this war. The contention that it is immaterial whether the intruder kills his victim or vice versa. I wish that any person so thinking might see with his own eyes the work of destruction now going on in Norway, the distress of the people, and hear the heart-breaking cries of those innocent men and women who are being tortured by the Gestapo.

Against these things, against the enemy which broke into our country and is now trying with appalling ruthlessness to reduce the Norwegian people to the level of nazidom, we are now fighting with bitter determination on several fronts. There is the military front to which I referred. Then there is the home front—the magnificent, most silent, but extremely effective struggle of resistance which a practically united Norwegian people are today waging against the strongly entrenched invader. Every-day messages from the other side unfold a story of how national calamity and common hatred of oppression have brought forth a stronger, finer and more united Norwegian people than ever before. It is as if the overhanging threat of losing our country, our freedom, and all that we

hold dear, has stirred the people as they were never stirred before and has created a national unit, a common purpose, and an almost fierce love of country, which confounds the enemy, and in the end will thwart his designs on our freedom. There has come to the surface reserves of strength, courage, and a spirit of sacrifice which in days of peace and plenty must have lain dormant deep in the soul of the Norwegian people.

On the fronts mentioned all true Norwegians are today fighting as one man for our irreducible war aims.

But in order to make secure the future for our own as well as for other freedom-loving peoples, we have this additional war aim: To join with our friends and allies in muzzling permanently the aggressors which for some time have been running amuck in the world, challenging the peace, freedom, and very existence of civilized peoples. We deeply believe that the world cannot and will not remain half slave, half free.

I sometimes wonder whether, in spite of all, we yet quite realize the extent, the deadly seriousness of the threat facing the civilized world today.

Nazi Germany has been trying to tell the world that all these countries have joined the New Order. But what is the fact? Not one of them has willingly joined it. They are held by force, every one of them. They will use the very first opportunity to throw off the yoke of their hated temporary masters. And that opportunity will come perhaps sooner than we now think. As an indication of what the subjugated people think and feel, take what happened a few weeks ago at Lofoten Islands. When given a chance to get away and to join King Haakon and his free Norwegians in England, the young men of the island, more than 300 of them, without a moment's hesitation, grasped the opportunity. The same thing would happen in other countries under German domination. The people burn to escape and join Britain in the fight against those who raped their countries and stole their freedom and happiness.

Thank God, under the epic leadership of Great Britain, the civilized world is gradually rallying to the defense of fair dealing and decency between men and nations. Slowly but surely the democracies, the freedom-loving peoples of the world, have awakened to the tremendous issue at stake—the biggest and most far-reaching for which any war in the history of mankind has been fought: the issue of whether to be forced back unredeemably to barbarism and darkness or regain the foothold and take up once more the forward march of humanity toward a fuller life.

The people of Norway refuse to associate the future with totalitarian dictatorships. From their cruel bondage, under the heel of our temporary masters, they defiantly profess their undying faith in the words and the example of the man who said: "God must have loved the common people, he made so many of them." We believe that when the present appalling nightmare of man's inhumanity to man has passed by, the world shall once more revert to the spirit expressed in the beautiful words of the prophet of old: "To do justice, to love mercy, to walk humbly with thy God."

One And The Same Man

Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes rates Justice Hugo Black as one of the most conscientious jurists on the federal bench and one possessing the keenest of analytical minds.

Justice Black, it will be recalled, is the one and same man who the "smart" press and New Deal haters dubbed as a nit-wit, a man of inferior mental qualities and the like.

Somewhere along the line, the American public has been misled. Could it be that a press, controlled by anti-New Dealers and still claiming to be free, had anything to do with the bombardment of Mr. Black as he moved from the Senate to the Court? Sometimes it would seem that the press of this country is free to exploit but not free to correctly inform the people.

Bad Roads To Badlands

Charlotte Observer.

South of the Potomac river are the badlands of traffic safety, so called by Rear Admiral Percy W. Foote, retired, who was formerly commissioner of Pennsylvania Motor Police. The further south one goes the worse the lands. North Carolina is 42nd in the list of states so far as safe driving is concerned.

There is no point in becoming indignant over such a statement. It is made by a native of North Carolina and is not Yankee propaganda. We should be the first to admit it. All that is necessary to prove it is to read the papers day by day, especially on Mondays. There are the facts about the carnage, the dead and injured, the maimed and the crippled.

It is not a question of safe highways; we have them. The car wrecks occur on the broad, well-paved roads. What is the trouble? Are we simply silly, half-witted when we get behind the wheel of a car, disregarding every safety rule and throwing to the winds the rules of courtesy and consideration for others?

It is no enviable distinction, being 42nd among 48 in the matter of highway safety. No state has too good a record and we are near the bottom. Only six others keep us from being at the bottom.

Many people roundly denounce "Tobacco Road" as a libel on the South. What about Murder Road and Suicide Road and Accident Road, leading to the Badlands?

EVERYBODY HAS TO MAKE SACRIFICES



Electric Hotbeds Gaining In Favor

Electricity, now performing an increasing number of tasks about the farm, is finding favor among progressive growers in heating hotbeds, according to D. E. Jones, rural electrification specialist of N. C. State College.

Farmers who have used the electric hotbeds say they are better than the old stable compost bed because the plants grow faster. This means that the plants are younger when they attain a size sufficient for transplanting a desirable factor in truck farming.

Another advantage of the electric hotbed, Jones said, is that the installation may be made permanent and that the temperature may be maintained and regulated automatically to the needs of the particular plants being grown.

The feature permits the forced growth and early maturity of spring vegetables suited to hotbed planting. An electric hotbed will provide the family table with early spring vegetables and aid the truck gardener in meeting out-of-season competition in the market.

As the electric hotbed is permanent, considerable labor is saved every year, and the installation and operating cost compares favorably with other sources of heat.

During the past season, many growers with electrically-heated beds reported securing several times more plants than with the old manure bed. The fact that a great many more plants can be grown in a yard of the electric bed makes it possible for the farmer to reduce the size of his plant bed. This means a saving in seed, labor, and fertilizer. The cost of operating an electric hotbed will vary with power rates, the severity of the weather, the temperature of the soil and the construction of the plant bed.

New Hanover Truck Farms Faced With Labor Shortage

New Hanover County truck farmers are faced with a labor shortage because of the vast construction program going on in nearby counties, says J. P. Herring, farm agent-at-large.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of a power of sale embraced in that certain deed of trust executed by Paul W. Allen, to Z. V. Norman, Trustee, on the 11th day of March, 1940, and recorded in the office of Register of Deeds of Martin County in Book E-3, page 639 and default having been made in the payment of the notes thereby secured, and the holder of said notes having applied to the undersigned trustee for the foreclosure of said deed of trust.

Now, therefore, the said undersigned Z. V. Norman, Trustee, will expose at public sale to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House Door of Martin County, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, on the 6th day of June, 1941, the following described real estate:

FIRST TRACT: Beginning at a Sweet Gum, the Sandy Bottom Corner on the Warren Neck Road, thence with the said Sandy Bottom line 808 feet to a pine stump formerly a marked tree, thence by a Sweet Gum to a stake near a pine, 390 feet to W. H. Hampton's line, thence with said W. H. Hampton's line 697 feet to the beginning, containing 3 1/3 acres more or less, and being the same land described in deed from C. C. Fagan et als to W. H. Allen which is of record in Book C-1, page 474, Register of Deeds office, Martin County.

SECOND TRACT: Bounded on the East by E. W. Harden, on the West by C. C. Fagan, North by Sullivan land, and South by Sullivan. Being same land formerly owned by Bradford Allen on which he lived and died and where said W. H. Allen now lives, containing 25 acres, more or less, and being the same land as described in deed from J. H. Hamilton and wife and Mary Allen to W. H. Allen of record in Book YYY, page 596, Martin County Registry. The said land will be sold subject

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to all unpaid taxes and the highest bidder at said sale will be required to deposit ten per cent of his bid to be forfeited in the event of non-compliance. This the 6th day of May, 1941. Z. V. NORMAN, Trustee.

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