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Attacks Alcohol

A county minister unleashed a scathing attack, a timely one, too, against alcohol in a recent sermon. The parson pulled no punches, but he did not go all the way and point out the weaknesses traceable to everyone, including the ministers themselves.

The letters "A", "B" and "C" hanging over the store door on the main streets lie, the minister said, challenging any one to take issue with the declaration. "You can't control alcohol," the minister averred, meaning that control is possibly only in the elimination of alcohol. He condemned the capitalists who through monopoly enrich themselves and bring misery and want to others. He attacked the appearance of liquor bottles in the advertising pages, and declared that the individual can eliminate the evil by total abstinence.

The industry boasts about its "clean-up committee," the minister pointed out, adding that it was about the only business he ever heard of that had to have a committee to wash its own dirty face.

Too many who could do something about the problem have been asleep, lying down and keeping company with the evil. The lawmakers, those who are motivated by cash profits and tax reductions, the church members and the religious leaders themselves have remained idle while the pendulum swung to the extreme in a great wave that has toppled morals, confidence and stability, a wave that is causing deep concern during these perilous times. The good forces resigned the fight, in many instances, and joined the ranks of others who claimed that alcohol was a curse and yet admitted they were too weak and feeble to do anything about it.

The alcohol industry, it must be admitted, has left no stone unturned to promote the traffic. But at the same time the forces that would combat it remained idle. Newspaper columns, opened without charge to the moral forces, were too often left blank, the leadership in too many instances admitting that there wasn't time to attend to such duties.

There's no defense for the printed or verbal appeal, but there is a reason why the forces of evil hold the driver's seat. They are there because individuals themselves have remained indifferent not only to the liquor traffic, but also to the lapse in morals as a whole.

Motivated By A Desire To Help

A young Chinaman, unable to get back to his native land after completing his education in an American university, recently completed an inspection of secondary roads in this State. His inspection work brought him to Martin County.

There's nothing unusual about a foreigner's visit to this county, but the interest the young fellow manifested, his eagerness to learn and the real meaning of his visit were so marked that his visit was recognized as embracing something more than a fling at pleasure. The young man's every question and every observation was motivated not for selfish reasons but a deep, burning desire to learn something about roads and impart that knowledge to his native land thousands of miles away. His personal ambitions, it was apparent, were lost in the desire to help his country and his fellowman.

The case is in marked contrast to our way over here. While that young foreigner was and is striving to help his fellow-countrymen, over here we place self before country and fellowman. We want to know how much we can get and how little we can give.

Possibly the young man visualized millions of his fellow countrymen as they trod the migratory path in front of ruthless invaders. He recognized the value of good roads, what they mean in aiding distribution of food and balking starvation. He did not pay much attention to the primary roads, for China, he explained, is not able to build that type of road. He was interested in the type of road that China can build and the type of road that will help relieve the terrible plight of his native land.

Over here we have good roads, but apparently don't appreciate them. We use them to run down our fellowman, damage property and to ride to wreck and ruin.

What The War Is About

In a recent speech, Vice President Henry A. Wallace sounded in clear tones just what the war was all about.

The fourth installment of his address follows:

If we really believe that we are fighting for a people's peace, all the rest becomes easy. Production, yes—it will be easy to get production without either strikes or sabotage; production with the whole-hearted cooperation between willing arms and keen brains; enthusiasm, zip, energy geared to the tempo of keeping at it everlastingly day after day. Hitler knows as well as those of us who sit in on the War Production Board meetings that we here in the United States are winning the battle of production. He knows that both labor and business in the United States are doing a most remarkable job and that his only hope is to crash through to a complete victory some time during the next six months.

And then there is the task of transportation to the line of battle by truck, by railroad car, by ship. We shall joyously deny ourselves so that our transportation system is improved by at least 30 per cent. There is going to be some denying. You'll hear plenty about it soon.

I need say little about the duty to fight. Some people declare, and Hitler believes, that the American people have grown soft in the last generation. Hitler agents continually preach in South America that we are cowards, unable to use, like the "brave" German soldiers, the weapons of modern war. It is true that American youth hates war with a holy hatred. But because of that fact and because Hitler and the German people stand as the very symbol of war, we shall fight with a tireless enthusiasm until war and the possibility of war have been removed from this planet. We shall cleanse the plague spot of Europe, which is Hitler's Germany, and with it the hell-hole of Asia—Japan.

The American people have always had guts and always will have. You know the story of bomber pilot Dixon and radioman Gene Aldrich and ordnance man Tony Pastula—the story which Americans will be telling their children for generations to illustrate man's ability to master any fate. These men lived for 34 days on the open sea in a rubber life raft, 8 feet by 4 feet, with no food but that which they took from the sea and the air with one pocketknife and a pistol. And yet they lived it through and came at last to the beach of an island they did not know. In spite of their suffering and weakness, they stood like men, with no weapon left to protect themselves, and no shoes on their feet or clothes on their backs, and walked in military file because, they said, "If there were Japs, we didn't want to be crawling."

The American fighting men, and all the fighting men of the United Nations, will need to summon all their courage during the next few months. I am convinced that the Summer and Fall of 1942 will be a time of supreme crisis for us all. Hitler, like the prize-fighter who realizes he is on the verge of being knocked out, is gathering all his remaining forces for one last desperate blow.

We may be sure that Hitler and Japan will cooperate to do the unexpected—perhaps an attack by Japan against Alaska and our Northwest coast at a time when German transport planes will be shuttled across from Dakar to furnish leadership and stiffening to a German uprising in Latin America. In any event, the psychological and sabotage offensive in the United States and Latin America will be timed to coincide with, or anticipate by a few weeks, the height of the military offensive.

We must be especially prepared to stifle the fifth columnists in the United States who will try to sabotage not merely our war material plants, but even infinitely more important, our minds. We must be prepared for the worst kind of fifth column work in Latin America, much of it operating through the agency of governments with which the United States at present is at peace. When I say this, I recognize that the peoples, both of Latin America and of the nations supporting the agencies through which the fifth columnists work, are overwhelmingly on the side of the democracies. We must expect the offensive against us on the military, propaganda and sabotage fronts, both in the United States and in Latin America, to reach its apex some time during the next few months.

The convulsive efforts of the dying madman will be so great that some of us may be deceived into thinking that the situation is bad at a time when it is really getting better. But in the case of most of us, the events of the next few months, disturbing though they may be, will only increase our will to bring about complete victory in this war of liberation. Prepared in spirit we cannot be surprised. Psychological terrorism will fall flat. As we nerve ourselves for the supreme effort in this hemisphere we must not forget the sublime heroism of the oppressed in Europe and Asia, whether it be in the mountains of Yugoslavia, the factories of Czechoslovakia and France, the farms of Poland, Denmark, Holland and Belgium, among the seamen of Norway, or in the occupied areas of China and the Dutch East Indies. Everywhere the soul of man is letting the tyrant know that slavery of the body does not end resistance.

There can be no half measures. North, South, East, West and Middle-West—the will of the American people is for complete victory.

No compromise with Satan is possible. We shall not rest until all the victims under the Nazi and Japanese yoke are freed. We shall fight for a complete peace as well as a complete victory.

PEARLS OF GREAT PRICE



VICTORY ON THE FARM FRONT

NEWS from the Agricultural Extension Service

FIELD MICE CAUSE GREAT DAMAGE TO CROPS, SHRUBS

Field mice often cause considerable damage to shrubs, bulb plants and other ornamentals, as well as to orchards and field crops, before a person is aware that such destruction is occurring, says L. C. Whitehead of N. C. State College. Plants, shrubs and trees are frequently completely killed from the girdling of the roots by the mice.

Mr. Whitehead is district agent of the Fish and Wildlife Service of the U. S. Department of Interior. He works with the Division of Predator and Rodent Control, in cooperation with the Extension Service of N. C. State College and four other State institutions.

There are several kinds of field mice, says the Federal wildlife official, including the pine mouse and the meadow mouse. The meadow mouse has many surface runways in tall grass. A teaspoonful of grain bait or vegetable or apple bait, can be used as a poison to control this rodent. It is placed in the surface tunnels in clumps of tall grass.

The pine mouse is the most destructive of the rodents attacking crops and shrubs. This type of rodent can be effectively controlled by the use of careful poisoning, placed in bait or concentration stations. Such a bait station or "cover" is made from three-ply roofing paper cut into squares.

The squares of roofing paper are placed under trees, shrubs, or in the garden where damage is occurring. They should be located over the underground burrows which the mice have made. If the mice are attracted to the station, and have burrowed up under the roofing paper, poisoned grain or poisoned apple or vegetable should be placed at the intersections in the burrows.

Mr. Whitehead says further information on the control of field mice may be obtained from county farm agents of the Extension Service, or by writing to him at N. C. State College.

Scrap Keeps Blast Furnaces Burning

Repeated appeals for more and larger collections of scrap metals are now having a telling effect in the big industrial areas. A government report issued this week stated that no blast furnaces had been idle since the first of June on account of scrap metal shortages. Three months ago, twenty big furnaces were idle.

Up until the first of this month, six furnaces had to "draw" their fires and wait for scrap metal deliveries. There have been delays in the dealers' yards in some cases, and transportation, taxed with business-as-usual and with shipments of gasoline for pleasure, has retarded operations to some extent.

Martin County continues to make large shipments to the industrial areas, one dealer loading and shipping three cars last week and two this week of the urgently-needed scrap metals.

Enough steel and rubber go into a single 27-ton medium tank to make 24 automobiles.

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina, Martin County.

As provided for in Section 2688 of the Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina, notice is hereby given that the Town of Williamston will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Courthouse door in the Town of Williamston on Monday, June 29th, 1942, the following described tracts of land in the Town of Williamston, to-wit:

Lot No. 1: Being Lot No. 16 in the Moore Field, adjoining Amy Purvis on the West fronting North Street 78.8 and running back to two parallel lines South 41-45 feet East to the depth of 130 feet, being the same land purchased from Williamston Land and Improvement Company by George Rice and Jane Rice of record in Book E-1, page 112 of the Martin County Public Registry.

Lot No. 2: Beginning 73 feet from Broad Street on a street at the corner of Lot No. 1 in Block B in the Moore Field plot, thence Eastward along the line of Lots 1 and 2 about 130 feet to Lot No. 4, thence Southward along Lot No. 4 to Jane Rice's back corner, thence along Jane Rice's corner about 130 feet to a street, thence along said street to the beginning, and being the same land purchased of H. M. Burras by George and Jane Rice.

Lot No. 3: Beginning at the corner of Pine and North Streets in the Williamston Land and Improvement Company, Moore Field running North 42 degrees East 72.8 feet to Augustus Purvis' corner, thence along his line South 41-3-4 degrees East 130 feet, thence South 42 degrees West 72.8 feet to Pine Street, thence North 41-3-4 degrees West along Pine Street to the beginning and being Lot No. 19 and being same land purchased from Williamston Land and Improvement Company on the 24th of October, 1904, and recorded in Book MMM, page 225, and also being the same land deeded to Clarence W. Griffin, by B. A. Critcher, Trustee, on August 9th, 1941, of record in Book C-4 at page 121. This the 28th day of May, 1942. TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON, By J. L. Hassell, Mayor. R. L. Coburn, Atty. jn2-4t

NOTICE!

All operators of Combines or other machines used for threshing small grain, wheat, oats, rye, etc., must be licensed in the office of the Register of Deeds before such machines are put in operation. This is a requirement of the Federal Government and applies not only to commercial operators but to those operated for private use as well.

J. Sam Getsinger
REGISTER OF DEEDS, MARTIN COUNTY, N. C.

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