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Riding along North Carolina's highways, it is gratifying to see how successful the State's program against litterbugs has been. The neat appearance of our roads is in sharp contrast to sidewalks and streets in New Bern and other Tar Heel cities.

Here, we are convinced, an honest effort is made to keep the town clean. However, tidiness can never prevail as long as pedestrians and motorists toss trash to the four winds, with no regard for others.

Perhaps it's too much to expect the class of human who enjoys behaving like a hog to refrain from scattering paper sacks, drink cups, and sandwich wrappers and sundry items on residential lawns, where property owners must gather them up at frequent intervals.

Hundreds of pedestrians in the downtown business area ignore the trash containers provided for them. One can't help but wonder about the living conditions existing in the homes they live in. It should be added that all of the individuals referred to don't come from the wrong side of the track.

Which reminds us of the way it brightens our day, when traveling through the countryside, to see a little shanty with flowers growing around the doorstep and

and the yard as neat as a pin. Although we've never followed the urge, we would like to stop and say, "Thank you."

From time to time, various newspapers pick up and reprint some of the things we write in The Mirror. It's always flattering to have another newsman look with favor on your efforts. He may not be wiser than the average reader, or even half as wise, but all mortals are pleased when they are recognized by members of their own trade or profession.

One of many writers we admire is a fellow named Earl Tucker, who publishes a small-town paper in Dothan, Ala., called The Eagle. A lot of clever humor rolls out of his typewriter, and here are a few samples.

"Some of the articles on How To Do Something generally irritate me, because by the time I've finished reading one I'm too give out to do it. However, if the folks who write the little books really made an effort to be concise, there wouldn't be any need to publish it in book form. You could put all the information on a postcard.

"To prove that I am capable of carrying out this brilliant thought, I am listing a number of unavailable booklets similar to the ones we see advertised, along with all the information needed to do the job.

"How to gain weight. Eat More. "How to lose weight. Reverse the procedure. What to do for arthritis? Take two aspirin tablets, and find some sympathetic person who will listen attentively to your complaints.

"What to do until the doctor comes. Read Gone With The Wind, watch a late, late show, take four aspirin tablets, and mail the doctor a check in payment of his last visit.

"How to fix a leaky faucet. Just forget the whole thing. Chances are the clothing you ruin will cost more than a

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