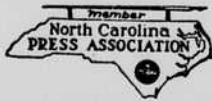


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## EDITORIAL

### CITY CEMETERY

● ● The City Board of Commissioners Tuesday passed resolutions which will virtually assure Roanoke Rapids at last having a City Cemetery. Enough property will be purchased by the city adjacent to the present cemetery to take care of the needs of the city for the next twenty years.

This far-reaching and far-seeing program includes plans for the sale of the cemetery lots at a reasonable sum and will leave the city enough not only to pay for the property but also enough to keep the city cemetery in proper shape at all times, provide for proper streets, circles, shrubbery, lawns and give to Roanoke Rapids the kind of cemetery that has long been in the minds of all citizens whose loved ones are or will be buried there.

The present cemetery will be taken over and maintained and beautified if present plans go through. Additional areas will be opened up as needed and Roanoke Rapids, the new city, the young city, will take its place with others older in at last having a proper resting place for those who helped build it. The State has recently completed a paved road to the site and, with the new plans for development, this city, with its eyes on the future, has taken time out to think some of those of the past. This action by the City Board might be called the day when Roanoke Rapids came of age. It is a fine plan which will have the backing of our citizens.

### CITY PLAYGROUND

● ● The City Board of Commissioners hit a double Tuesday and the extra base came when an agreement was reached with the T. Lee Whitaker Estate whereby the Estate will deed free to the city an area in the West End for a City Park and Playground.

The area will be two city blocks long, a full city block wide on the North end and a half block wide on the South End. It is bordered on the North by the Vance Street School at Third Street and on the South by the paved Bolling Road at Fifth Street with the Clara Hearne School only two blocks away.

The Lee Whitaker Estate was represented at the Board meeting by Ike Rochelle, local real estate man, who presented the proposal.

City and school authorities and local civic and service clubs will join hands in equipping and maintaining the park. Those looking to the future are already suggesting a swimming pool and softball field in the wide area on the South while the entire wooded area for two blocks on the East can be made attractive with places for picnics, swings, slides, see-saws and sandboxes for the little tots.

### Harvest of 1941



Such are plans for the future. For the present we are happy to report the realization of a CityPark property.

### COMMUNITY CHEST

● ● The annual Community Chest of Roanoke Rapids drive is on this week. There may be those who ask: What is Community Chest?

For those who were not living here when Associated Charities and other organizations put on drives for funds and it looked like a drive for funds every month, we hasten to explain that Community Chest is a drive to end all other drives. It is one big drive when you give for a year all you would otherwise give to Associated Charities, the Blind Fund, the Health Preventorium, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, and all the other fine agencies which look after the poor, the undernourished, the sick, and the boys and girls of our community. When you make your pledge to Community Chest, you help them all. You are doing your extra share to be a good citizen.

What is Community Chest? It is you.

You giving to the needs of others; you giving your share toward helping, elevating, strengthening others; you giving something, no matter the amount, to feel that you are a part of all this good work which will go forward for a full year because folks like you did give.

### REVISION AND REPEAL

● ● The President has called for revision of the Neutrality Act so that an American merchant ship may arm itself for defense. Those who call this an act of war should collect their befuddled senses. Do they expect one of our merchant ships to attack a submarine, warship or plane? Ridiculous. It would permit these merchantmen, operating legally under the Act, to defend themselves against attack until they might be rescued. That is all there is to it.

Those who try to block such a move are taking a stand with Hitler and his ships and planes against American ships and seamen. There can be no other logical way of looking at it.

But even this is not enough for America to do. We are making and selling goods to warring powers. We should be allowed to deliver them. The present Neutrality Act says we cannot land our merchant ships at any Allied port. The time is past for half-way, half-hearted measures. Let's revise that part of the Act and allow our ships to take the goods to England or any other Allied port. Why make goods and not deliver?

And, to go back to the subject we have been bringing up for months: let's repeal the whole Neutrality Act and pass a new one that Hitler won't laugh at and one that is the only hope of the Democratic world we know: An Act Declaring War.

Those who oppose our doing anything to fight

back at Hitler say we are using ships flying the flag of Panama to carry our merchandise. This is the usual half-truth of Nazi propaganda. We ask them to explain the following: "City of Rayville", sunk by mine in Australian waters in 1940; "Robin Moor", torpedoed and shelled May 21, 1941, in the South Atlantic; "Steel Seafarer", bombed Sept. 5, in the Gulf of Suez. All of these were sunk outside the combat area proclaimed by the President in accordance with the Neutrality Act. ALL OF THESE D O O M E D SHIPS FLEW THE AMERICAN FLAG. How much longer are we going to take it?

We may win the war when Congress gets the guts to put a ceiling on wages and farm products when they put a ceiling on everything else; when we outlaw strikes in defense industries; when we stop arguing about taxes before we are actually hit; when we pull our heads out of the sand and admit Hitler is winning the war; when we quit criticizing and start really helping the British, Russians and their allies; when we get out of the old American idea that you can lose a ball game today and win another one tomorrow, maybe; in short, when we go to war, we may win the war. Otherwise we are going to be the laughing-stock of those who make war a business.

### Rules of the Road

#### On Being Overtaken

Sec. 113, Motor Vehicle Laws of North Carolina:—"The driver of a vehicle upon a highway about to be overtaken and passed by another vehicle approaching from the rear shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle on suitable and audible signal being given by the driver of the overtaking vehicle, and shall not increase the speed of his vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle."

In other words, when the driver of an overtaking vehicle signals his intention to pass, stay in your proper lane of traffic and continue at the speed at which you are traveling. Above all, do not speed up.