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Expect Better Roads

Now that winter has broken up and long range weather prophets are scaring us with predictions that several more severe winters can be expected, people who live on the more important secondary roads are going to expect a more permanent type of road work from the state before another winter sets in.

These people deserve all the consideration that state highway funds can afford and we shall watch with interest developments along this line during the spring and summer.

The Alien Problem

Senator Bob Reynolds has introduced a measure in congress designed to materially curb immigration and deport alien criminals.

Some writers who claim to be on the inside on some questions claim that many foreigners have reached this country one way or another because of the way the needy are cared for by relief or jobs at public expense, and that the situation appears lucrative to them.

Perhaps closing the doors to immigration too closely would not be morally right, but this country cannot be held morally responsible for keeping out a lot of thugs who would enter this country, prey upon public funds through the guise of being destitute and in need of relief to keep them starving, and at the same time live a life of crime or stir up trouble through communistic doctrine.

The Reynolds bill, among other things, would provide for registration and fingerprinting of all aliens in the United States and all who may later be admitted, prompt and mandatory deportation of criminal aliens to their mother countries, admitting only intelligent foreigners, bar communists and revolutionaries, and deportation of pauper aliens.

There are many phases of this bill which will appeal to the American people, and especially to the laboring class, some of whom have been jobless because of the influx of aliens who, because of their low standard of living, can exist on much less money than the true blooded American.

Respect For Law

The Washington Herald says that respect for law in this country is on the upgrade. The law abiding citizen says: "It is about time."

Respect for law and order is on the upgrade in the United States.

At least, the federal criminal statutes are heartily feared and respected by the gangsters and gunmen who have been wont to flee from state to state, laughing over their shoulders at frustrated police and fixing politicians whenever they are arraigned in court.

Kidnaping is the most dangerous crime of the times and no professional criminal today will have a part in one knowingly.

Credit for the improved state of law enforcement is due to the work of the federal bureau of investigation of the department of justice, and to John Edgar Hoover, director of the bureau.

Hoover, personally, and his special agents, as a body, have performed perhaps the most patriotic act of the decade in taking guns in hand to preserve the safety and livelihood of citizens by means of law enforcement.

As we have pointed out before, G-men are selected on the basis of ability and training. Political patronage and subterfuge do not enter this part of the government. The result of this system is success. The states and counties could very easily follow this example.

In enlarging and reorganizing the state highway patrol a school was held for applicants, and we presume that the most worthy ones were given the jobs. On our vast system of highways and roads the patrol can become a truly beneficial and efficient law enforcement agency. Its fate lies in its own hands and the people will judge its success or failure.

Some Improvement

People who are public spirited enough to realize that everything is always making some kind of impression on somebody, appreciate the slight improvement that is noticed in traffic conditions in this city.

We can gauge by the number of horns blowing and the volume of noise being made just how badly traffic becomes jammed on the streets of North Wilkesboro on busy days. There has been less and because of this the city will make a better impression on visitors.

Perhaps those who have been in the habit of parking in the middle of the streets have been made to consider that perhaps someone else wants to use the street. The police has been of service on a number of occasions in having would-be-street-blockers to move on and let others make a little progress. There is still room for much improvement, which can be brought about by courteous action on the part of every motorist who uses the streets.

BRUCE BARTON Says:

THERE ARE OTHER WORLDS

A man who has made some money, without work, and therefore thinks he knows everything, was recently delivering himself on the subject of religion. He dismissed the idea of immortality as mere superstition, the yearning of children afraid of the dark. "Of course, there is no other world," he said.

To which a friend responded quietly: "You yourself have already been a resident of another and very different world. The world in which we now have our existence is a world of alternating periods of sunlight and dark: it is a world wherein human beings draw air into their lungs and expel it, eat and drink through their mouths, and walk around on their own legs. For nine months you lived inside your mother's body, in a world where there was no light, no air, where no nourishment reached you through your mouth and you were moved about on other legs than your own. Suppose an embryo were endowed with intelligence and imagination. How could it ever form any notion of this outside world? Wouldn't any description of it seem absurd? Wouldn't the embryo say, as you have just said, 'There can be no other world?'"

The smart man is still thinking up his answer. Just before I left the house this morning I held a conversation with a member of my family in the presence of our dog. As we talked, his little head swung back and forth, his round eyes looking first at one of us and then the other, trying so hard to understand. He dwells in the same house, eats the same food, breathes the same air that we do. But what we say and do and think and hope is utterly beyond his comprehension. He and we are citizens of two different worlds.

I have friends who live in worlds which I never have been able to enter. They see values in pictures my eyes can not see; music speaks to them in a language I do not understand; they have spiritual experiences which never have come to me. When I am in the presence of the best of them I have no difficulty in believing that there are possibilities of human life far above our highest imaginings. Even beyond and above the mystery called Death.

THE SHOW IS A FLOP

When the tension between England, France and Italy was at its highest point recently, the French veterans sent an appeal to their premier not to make war on Italy. They said that armed conflict with the soldiers who had been their brave allies was unthinkable.

Now this is a very interesting development in history. In times past the veteran used to sit around the tavern, relating his deeds of courage and urging the young men to prepare themselves for the day when they too would fight.

The veterans of the World War went back to their respective countries with no impulse to boast; memories were graven on their hearts that never can be erased; modest, quiet, tight-lipped, they have kept their war stories to themselves. In almost every country they are now leaders in the cause of honorable peace.

The young people who come to my house tell me that in all colleges and schools the anti-war sentiment is very strong. Does this mean that modern youth is less courageous than its forbears? Not at all. It means that the whole world is coming to realize that war as it used to be and war as it is are two entirely different things. There may have been glory in hand-to-hand conflict; there is no glory in long-distance slaughter.

The age-old road-show called War has lost its following. Today the scenery is worn and tattered and spotted; martial music has lost its magic, the costumes and the well-worn lines of the principals seem to belong to the years of Nellie the Beautiful Cloak Model. The show is a flop.

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Lee Historic, 30, Is Taken By Death

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at Pleasant Grove church for Lee Historic, age 30, who died Thursday at the home of his parents, J. C. and Mrs. Lala Innes Historic, Rav. R. T. Harris was in charge of the services.

Before his parents he leaves the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. W. K. Byrd, Mrs. Lee Jennings, Cycle; Mrs. Lisale, Lula Belle, Percy, Jim Frank and Paul Hamric.

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