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What Are We Going to Do About It?

Recently a man and his wife from a larger city spent a night at a North Wilkesboro hotel.

The next morning the couple left without having had much rest and with a most deplorable impression of our town and community.

The man said before he would spend another night here he would drive an extra fifty miles.

They complained of the noise on the streets, not only of motor vehicles, but of "hoodlums" who raised their voices with all sorts of noises.

And that is not all. The man doing the talking said that boys along the street late into the night used such vulgar language as would have been a disgrace to civilization if it had been whispered in back alleys, to say nothing of shouting it on Main street.

This is not a pleasant subject, and there is no pleasure whatever in calling it to the attention of the public.

But the question which naturally arises is: Are the public spirited people of this community going to allow a bunch of irresponsible, disrespectful specimens of low grade humanity to give the best town in the state a black eye?

Need More Boy Scouts

Wilkes is fortunate in having a very active Boy Scout district organization, which has a number of splendid Boy Scout troops.

That is all very encouraging, but had you ever stopped to think of how small is the percentage of the total number of boys of Scout age who are members of troops?

And while we have Boy Scouting with several good troops, let us not forget that we have not scratched the surface of the possibilities in North Wilkesboro, not to mention the vast rural areas of Wilkes.

Possibly one per cent of the boys of Scouting age are active Scouts.

The key to the situation is not so much in the boys themselves as it is in obtaining Scout leaders who can organize and lead troops. The crying need is for more adults who are sufficiently interested in boys to spend part of their time with the boys in Boy Scout troops.

With an adequate number of adult leaders who could qualify as Scoutmasters, there could be an active Boy Scout troop in every community in Wilkes county and there could be at least a score of troops in North Wilkesboro, all with large and active memberships.

These are facts which challenge the public spirited people of our county.

America Underfed

The American people could learn much from the records of service induction stations relative to rejection for military service because of physical defects.

The medical authorities tell us that a

very large percentage of the physical defects and weaknesses of the rejected men of America today can be traced to malnutrition. At some stage in life they did not have adequate and proper foods and the deficiency caused physical imperfections of such importance that they were not fit for military service.

This has been happening in America, which has the greatest standard of living in the world—the same nation in which pigs were destroyed and food deliberately eliminated because there was a surplus.

The truth of the matter is that there never has been a surplus of the necessities of life in this country. There has never been a true surplus of good food. Strange as it may seem, there has been a shortage of good food.

When it appeared that there were surpluses, the problem was in distribution and sale, and not in the supply. Our government should pay more attention to encouraging distribution and sale, and less to planned restriction of production, and any improvement in economic conditions brought about by restricted production will react unfavorably in the end. As evidence of this, take a look at the sugar situation today. It is a glaring example of government control of a necessity of life.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY WALTER E. ISENHOUR Hiddenite, N. C.

THE OLD MOUNTAIN HOME.

It is a dear old mountain home I picture now to you; An old log cabin on the loam I wish that you might view; Where vines entwine about the doors, And flowers bloom so fair, And where we had our puncheon floors, And peace and joy and prayer.

That dear old mountain home of mine, I wish that I could see; And share its sweetness so divine, With loved ones full of glee; And after evening prayers were said Around the fireside bright, Have mother tuck me in the bed, And kiss me then goodnight!

In memory I see the loom, Also the spinning wheel, The old-time beds within the room, And things that rogues won't steal; A great fireplace that's wide and deep, A fire that's burning bright; And dear old mother there to keep The home and loved ones right.

I see the clear, cold crystal spring From which we often drank; I hear the mocking birds that sing Around its verdant bank; I see the old spring-house that stood Across the sparkling stream, Beside the old familiar wood Where mother kept the cream.

I see the good, old-fashioned ox That father used to plow; I see the fields and paths and rocks, The sheep and goats and cow; I see the farmers rolling logs And burning heaps of brush, While some are ditching in the bogs— 'Tis spring and there's a rush.

I see the crooked old rail fence That kept the cattle in; The thickets on the farm quite dense, The smokehouse and the bin; The orchard and the fields of grain, And father's smiling face, And hear the dogs along the lane Quite noisy in a chase.

The old log cabin's torn away— No longer is it there— The place where mother used to pray, And heaven's blessings share, Long since have disappeared I know, Though sweet they were to me; But dearest things on earth must go— It seems that this must be.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES By DWIGHT NICHOLS et al

MORE ABOUT TRAFFIC—

With gasoline flowing freely, the traffic situation, locally speaking, is ten degrees worse than awful.

The traffic is as disorderly on the streets of North Wilkesboro as the make-up of a crazy quilt.

The traffic is divided into two parts; one part is double parked and the other is in a hurry, all of which makes a dangerous mixture.

If there is a vacant parking space somewhere near a curb, the odds are even that you can't get into it because of a car left in the street.

And when a woman leaves a car in the middle of the street while she gets a permanent, and leaves her child in the car so she won't get a ticket, the car takes up just as much room as if the child was at home.

SHOULD BE WELL DONE—

A small South Carolina town newspaper recently published the following advertisement: 'FOR SALE—Baker's business; good trade; large oven; present owner in it for seven years, exactly!'

FOOT NOTES ON HISTORY—

A sultan at odds with his harem, Thought of a way he could scare 'em; He caught him a mouse, Which he freed in the house, Thus starting the first Harem Scarem.

SUPPOSE—

If all we say In a single day With never a word left out, Were printed at night In clear black and white, 'Twould make queer reading, no doubt. And then just suppose Ere one's eyes would close We must read the whole record thru, Then wouldn't one sigh, And wouldn't one try That a deal less of talking he'd do? And I more than half think That many a kink Would be smothered out in life's entangled thread If half we say In a single day Were forever left unsaid! —Author Unknown.

ADVERTISING WON OUT—

There used to appear in the catalogues of a mail order house a picture of a pair of corduroy trousers. Year after year the picture appeared, together with the description of the pants, and the price, \$3. In the twenty-fifth year of the ad, the company received this letter: "Dear Friend: The more I been seeing them corduroy breeches, the more I got to wantin' them. If you ain't sold them yet, let me know and I will buy them. Yours truly, St Higginbotham."

BRIEF STORIES—

Horace Greeley, the famous editor, once received a letter from a woman stating that her church was in dire financial straits, and that fairs, festivals, suppers, etc., had failed to raise money. She asked his advice. It was: "Why not try religion?" The mother was lecturing her young girl, and at the close asked: "Now tell me, where do bad girls go?" The child's very correct reply was, "Everywhere."

The United Press recently had a news story with the following paragraph: "Mrs. Frank Scully, wife of the author of the best seller, 'Fun in Bed,' today gave birth to a seven-pound, eight-ounce daughter."

Better use of land and farm mechanization can help reduce production costs on many crops, according to the experts.

Discharge Points Are Lowered By the Marine Corps

Washington, Sept. 13. — The Marine Corps today announced a 15-point reduction in its "critical points" system for demobilizing qualified leathernecks, as Congress informally challenged the army to do as "magnificent" a job on its big discharge program as it did in the war.

Announcing the first liberalization of its point program laid down by the army, Marine Corps disclosed that male officers and enlisted men 35 years of age or over, or with 70 "critical points" can be discharged. The original qualification was 85 points. The qualification for women marines remains at 25 points but those 35 years of age or over now are eligible. The system does not apply to marines serving the regular four-year enlistment.

Marine liberalization followed establishment by the navy on August 16 of its "critical points" system with lower qualifications for enlisted men than for officers. The army has liberalized its discharge program twice so far this month, but the over-all programs of the armed services have been under severe criticism since the home front.

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