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Sidewalks Needing More Attention

In spite of the great increase in number of automobiles, there are many people who by choice or necessity must walk to get where they are going. Everybody does not have cars.

We make this observation to note that many of the sidewalks in North Wilkesboro are in poor condition and in need of repair. There are also a number of blocks which are badly in need of sidewalks.

In this connection we quote the following comment by an elderly citizen:

"City Fathers: Will you kindly enlighten me as to why our streets are of so much more importance than our sidewalks? Our streets are maintained and kept in pretty smooth shape, while plenty of our walks are about as smooth as a quarry works. Is it because feet and legs are not as important as tires on pleasure and joy riding cars? We older people, as well as the young, are taking chances of breaking a leg or two, not counting their parts of the body, every time we step on some of the rough walks. And if we are fortunate enough not to fall and get broken up, we have to take off our soaked shoes and socks when we get home if the weather is rainy. There are too many unstocked fish ponds on our sidewalks.

"Poor people and others who walk are entitled to some consideration, as well as those who sit on sprung cushions and ride along on smooth streets. Better attention to sidewalks certainly would be appreciated by pedestrians."

One badly needed sidewalk project is from uptown to Memorial Park. There is no walking space along Wilkesboro Avenue to the park and pedestrians are in danger there every night. During the baseball and football seasons there are thousands who walk to Memorial Park, taking advantage of one of the best forms of community recreation afforded. These pedestrians are entitled to a sidewalk, where they would have some measure of safety and be protected from the hazards of walking in mud and water.

Control Not Solution To Liquor Problem

Newspapers continually have articles and editorials for or against legalized sale of intoxicating liquor.

If all the space used in those arguments were used to try to get people to drink less, or to drink no liquor, the space would be used to better advantage.

Prohibitionists will argue that it is wrong for the government to enter the liquor business and that prohibition by law is the better course. The ABC advocates use columns and columns to point out that it is better for the government to get the profits than it is the bootlegger.

But the fact remains that liquor is a disastrous and potent evil, whether it is purchased in an ABC store, a rot-gut saloon, a palatial cocktail parlor, or from the negro bootlegger.

The great volume of liquor consumed in this country is an ever present threat to the nation's stability. Drunkenness and stability do not go together.

The people of the United States are spending more each year for liquor than their combined expenditures for education, churches and charity.

Efforts should be directed toward lowering the consumption of liquor. Neither ABC stores nor bootleggers can flourish without customers.

Parents can lay the foundation for to-

tal abstinence from use of liquor. Schools can follow up with frank and revealing courses about the evils of alcohol. Every child before reaching the age of youth should know the facts about what alcohol is doing to wreck lives. They should learn that a large percentage of social drinkers finally become alcoholics—total wrecks, complete failures.

Every child should know that his future depends upon refraining from use of intoxicating drinks. Every child should know that employers refuse jobs to habitual drinkers, and that the first drink is the first step toward becoming an outcast that nobody wants to employ.

Why accept the fact that people are going to drink large quantities of liquor and will continue to do so? Why take the defeatists' attitude that nothing can be done about it?

Why not direct more attention to educating the public to the evils and danger of alcohol?

Taking the liquor business from the bootleggers, dressing it up and putting it on Main street will not make it any less dangerous, nor will that move save lives from being wrecked by drink.

Neither will prohibition laws make safe your children from life as drunkards.

Liquor contains alcohol, and alcohol is detrimental to the human mind and body. The place it is purchased from makes little difference. The stamp on the bottle will not save the consumer from evil effects. It is a killer, regardless of whether it comes from an iced cocktail glass in a palatial parlor, or from a fruit jar in the bootlegger's back room.

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WHAT ARE YOU LIVING FOR?

We are not responsible for coming into this world, but we are responsible for the way we live and how we go out. This responsibility is great and solemn. How are we treating it? What are you living for? As for my part I am living for God and my fellowmen.

Every person should have a purpose that is good, great and worth while. No one should live for the wrong purpose. When one's life is given to God fully we know that he aims high, plans well and has a purpose that is worthy to live by and die by.

Are you living merely to exist? Do you aim higher than just the temporal things of life? Does your heart and soul, mind and spirit rise heavenward and Godward, or do you confine yourself only to the things of time and of this world? What are you living for?

Many people seem to live only for themselves. They want everything that is earthly to come their way. They desire to take in, but have no interest in giving out. Deep-rooted selfishness never makes for greatness, nor for peace, joy and happiness. It never makes for blessing others, nor for the glory of God, nor for Heaven.

Men who thirst for money and riches, or for the things of this world, often do so by making the lives of others hard. They seek to feather their nest by making the nests of those about them thorny. They live to gratify the carnal desires of the flesh. Their interests center only in this world, not heaven. He who does not think nor prepare for anything beyond the shores of time certainly lives too low. His course is downward. The end will be outer darkness forever.

Bird-watching, says a noted ornithologist, is an excellent antidote for neuroses. In other words, a bird in the bush is worth two bats in the belfry.—Pittsburgh Press.

A machine that is said to type a letter and address an envelope is being shown at an office equipment exhibit in Chicago. But can it also chew gum?—Kansas City Star.

"As a novel experiment, try telling the exact truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth for a day," suggests a psychologist. No, thanks. We bruise easily.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Navy has perfected a device which is being used to record the groans and moans in White House timbers. It will also come in useful for recording these sounds in the armed forces whenever the subject of unification comes up.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Women IN THE CHURCH

Mary Fowler

"I'm not 'just teaching English'; I'm teaching girls," says Miss Alberta Tarr, of Walker, Mo., missionary-teacher in the Methodist Girls' School in Hiroshima, Japan—the school in which more than 300 girls were killed when the first atomic bomb fell. "I'm teaching girls to form habits of study, to think, to form judgments, to be thoughtful of one another, to expect more of themselves than society expects, to use their study opportunities for growing into worthy women, to develop a wholesome self-respect. Through the medium of English, I am attempting to lead them out of their narrow, insular thought-world into an acquaintance with and interest in people of other lands and their problems. With 900 girls, this is a full-time job! It means not only hours of teaching in the classroom, but also many hours outside as well!"

The Ascension Lutheran Church of Shelby, North Carolina (the Rev. J. D. Sheppard, pastor), is bringing from a DP camp in Bavaria, Miss Velta R. Isters, a young graduate in piano from a Riga conservatory.

to be the church pianist and choir director. The church has agreed to furnish her home, and salary, an opportunity to teach piano to Shelby children, and lessons so that she may learn to play the organ. When the U. S. Lutheran Resettlement Service fund that Miss Isters had a fiancé, the Shelby church also found a job for him: Ringolds E. Langins, a Latvian DP, a university agricultural graduate will become a plant specialist in a wholesale flower concern near Shelby. Later a job of housekeeper was found for the bride-to-be's widowed mother. All three "adjusted persons" will soon be in America and in North Carolina.

Miss Nize Fernandez, a native of Cuba, has been named principal of the Colegio Irene Toland, missionary school of the Methodist Church, in Matanzas, Cuba. She is the first Cuban woman to head a Methodist school in the half century the church has carried on educational work on the island. Miss Fernandez became a teacher in church schools upon her graduation from Colegio Buenavista in Havana; received the degree of Bachelor from the Government Institute in Matanzas and of Doctor of Pedagogy from the University of Havana, and has been on the faculty of Colegio Irene Toland since 1933.

Miss Dorothy Edwards, a pub-

lic health nurse, and Miss Ruth Atkins, an educator, both missionaries of the Methodist church in the Philippine Islands, recently took a mobile clinic into the rural communities of Cagayan Valley, Luzon Island, which had been occupied by the Japanese during the war. "I was dumbfounded to find the children so undernourished," Miss Edwards. "Malaria and beriberi are prevalent. Medical control is very poor, medical facilities are inadequate. We heard tales of desperate experiences everywhere we went. Many of the families lost everything they had, but their spirit is unbroken."


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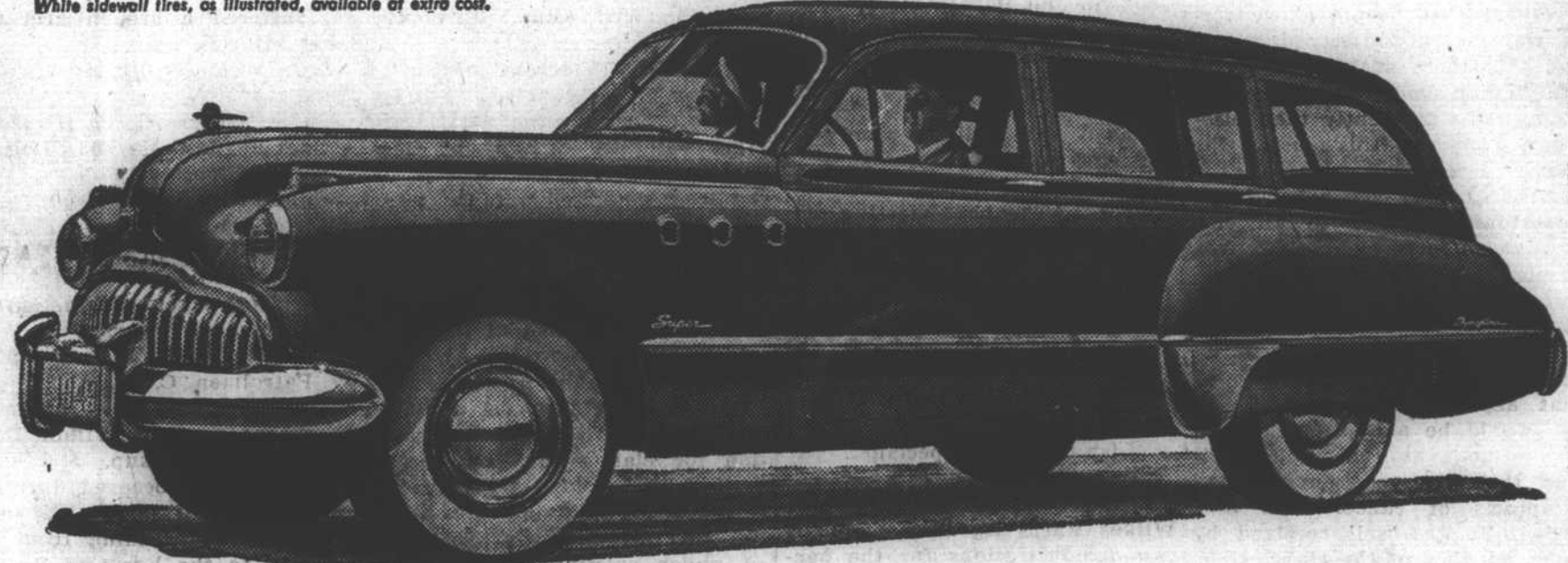
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