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Depredations In Cemeteries Disgustingly Deplorable

Far be it from us to howl that the "Younger generation is going to the dogs," or any other such dire comment. But the growing lack of respect for the property of others, or for public property, has evil forebodings and shows more clearly than any other indication we can name that parents are failing to teach fundamentals to their children.

Recently our attention has been called to deplorable vandalism in cemeteries, which to our way of thinking shows a thoroughly disgusting lack of respect.

Although we learn that similar conditions exist elsewhere, let us point out as an example some of the things which have been done in Greenwood cemetery in North Wilkesboro.

Flower containers at graves are frequently broken and flowers placed there by loving hands have been scattered and destroyed. Many of the grave markers have been scarred and defaced by rocks being thrown against them. Similar signs of depredations can be found in almost every cemetery.

It is presumed that children not taught to do better have been doing these things. Parents are responsible for acts of children and if this despoiling continues someone is going to be held accountable. In the instance cited above relatives of the persons whose graves have been the objects of vandalism may take steps to learn who is responsible, and will do whatever is necessary to put a stop to such inexcusable practices.

The first law of citizenship is to respect the rights of others and it must follow that they also respect the property of others and leave it alone and unmolested. You cannot respect the rights of others without also respecting their property.

Borrowed Comment

WHAT IS THE ANSWER?
(Winston-Salem Journal)

Some time ago we commended Superior Court Judge Susie Sharp for her refusal to let a small-fry lottery operator in Guilford County off with a fine and suspended sentence. We agreed 100 per cent with Judge Sharp when she insisted that the only way to break up these gambling

rackets was to send the operators, be they little or big, to prison.

The Asheville Citizen also finds itself in agreement with the Judge in this case, but thinks the higher-ups should be given prison sentences along with the small operators who work for them. Judge Sharp thinks so, too, but says it seems that the courts can't get evidence against the large operators of gambling rackets—the men who are really responsible for this evil in so many North Carolina communities.

The Asheville paper wants to know "why the higher-ups can't be reached by evidence which will nail them as securely as the lower-downs are affixed to the dockets of the average Monday-to-Friday hearings in the average police court."

Replying to its own question, The Citizen suggests that the answer may rest "with the citizen-voter who chooses judges, solicitors, aldermen, councilmen, mayors, commissioners, sheriffs and a host of other elected officers who could see that the law is enforced against high and low if they really wanted to do so."

This is a good answer, we think. It applies not only to the enforcement of the law against gambling racketeers, but also to the enforcement of the law against bootleggers and all other violators of the statutes. The average community in North Carolina has a large enough force of officers to enforce our laws. We have plenty of courts to try the violators, and our prison system is abundantly able to handle them. All that is really needed is the will to bring violators of the laws to justice and to give them real punishment for their offenses against society.

We can never break up gambling rackets and bootlegging with fines and suspended sentences. That is only another way of licensing these evils.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY

WALTER E. ISENHOUR
High Point, N. C., Route 4

WATCH YOUR FOOTSTEPS

Watch your footsteps, fellow pilgrim,
As you travel day by day,
Lest you take the wrong direction
That will lead you far astray
From the Beulah land of blessing,
From the goal of grand success,
Far away from God and heaven
Where there's only sad distress.

If you take the road of evil,
Though you travel with a throng,
Just remember you shall suffer
Consequences of the wrong;
For there is a law of nature,
And a moral law of God,
That a man shall reap a harvest
For the way that he has trod.

So it pays to walk with Jesus
Up the blessed path of light,
Leading always from the evil,
And the things that curse and blight,
To the heights of righteous beauty
And the saints' eternal goal,
Where the blessed peace of heaven
Shall forever fill the soul.

Watch your footsteps, fellow pilgrim;
Do not run from God away;
Hunger after truth and goodness;
Never cease to watch and pray;
Set your hearts on heaven's portals
And the life of true renown,
That with prophets, saints and sages
You may some day wear a crown.

Dairyman Prize Given Tar Heel Boy

West Jefferson.—Max Shepherd of Laurel Springs, won the 1949 Junior Dairyman's contest sponsored by Kraft Foods Company. He was given an expense-paid

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