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Roads Here Unpoliced

WHEN a bodily member isn't used, it tends to atrophy.

And something similar occurs with local governmental units when power and responsibility are centralized.

A number of years ago the state took over all the highways, and has been responsible for their maintenance and construction ever since. As a result, the counties and townships have dismantled their road organizations. That fact makes impractical a recent proposal that a part of the gasoline tax fund be turned over to the individual counties for expenditure for road work.

An even more striking example has to do with the police power.

In more recent years, the state set up its highway patrol and took over the policing of the highways. And today the counties no longer are organized to police the roads.

Those in Macon County need policing, but the best information obtainable indicates they are getting little attention. Highway patrolmen are stationed in neighboring counties, but there is none in this county, and it is only rarely that a patrolman is seen on Macon County highways.

The amount of traffic on highways in this county would seem to indicate the need for a patrolman's being stationed here, instantly available to meet a need. Whether the patrolman is stationed here or somewhere else, however, is a detail for the state authorities to determine. What this newspaper urges is some arrangement for the patrolling of Macon county highways.

Having taken over the authority, it's up to the state to assume the responsibility.

Will History Repeat?

A quarter century ago the South and West, inspired by the spirit of the crusader, and invoking majority rule, forced national prohibition on a wet East.

The result is history. The East revolted. Bootlegging became a national scandal. And in the end, prohibition, as a national policy, was killed.

The question of whether the East was right or wrong on the issue had nothing whatever to do with the result.

Today other sections of the country, inspired by a holy zeal, and marching under the banner of majority rule, are attempting to force their ideas on questions of race upon the South. And again the question of who is right and who is wrong—the question of whether the South's "way of life", adopted to meet its peculiar race situation, is desirable or undesirable—will not determine the result.

Will history repeat itself?

It probably will, unless other sections of the country develop some of the tolerance toward the South that they demand of Southerners.

The South Moves Forward

Because we in the South still are inclined to have a feeling of inferiority—a hold-over from the days when economically we were almost paupers, educationally at the bottom of the ladder, spiritually depressed—it is good, occasionally, to take a look at our situation today.

There's plenty of room for progress yet, but there's no longer any need for any inferiority complex.

Of course the South's greatest progress has been along non-material lines, but the material development is vital, too, and some interesting facts illustrating how we have moved forward were cited by President Ernest E. Norris of the Southern Railway System in a recent address before the Winston-Salem Traffic club.

Quoting Oliver Wendell Holmes to the effect that "the great thing in this world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are moving." Mr. Norris declared "we are moving in the right direction in the South, and have been for a

LETTERS

APPRECIATION

Dear Editor:

Through The Press, I want to thank the County Commissioners, Mr. Charles Nolen and Mr. Earl Harrison for the proposed repair of the Court House clock.

It will be good to look up at it and to know it is keeping time and not just holding its hands motionless before its face. Its sweet tones will make us know it is on guard as of old through the day and the night.

When the hands and numbers are painted, we shall feel it is restored to its old time usefulness.

Cordially yours,

ESTHER C. FREAS.

Franklin,
Feb. 5, 1946.

I WONDER

I wonder—

When the road is graveled up Walnut Creek to the mail boxes—

1. Will a milk route be established?
2. Will poultry raising develop?
3. We can raise most excellent vegetables. Will we do it?
4. Will some one erect a garage? a filling station? store?
5. Will lovely summer cottages deck these hillsides someday?
6. Will some minister who loves the souls of men come and preach regularly?

Rare flowers, singing birds, game birds and animals, waterfalls, brooks, springs, creeks, mountains, cliffs, hills, ridges, valleys, manifold shade trees, and kind-hearted native people—you will find all these, and more, if you come to Walnut Creek—

When the road is completed,

Very truly yours,

MRS. F. E. MASHBURN

Gneiss, N. C.
February 2, 1946.

Others' Opinions

"THE WEIGHTIER MATTERS—"

THE most shocking thing about war is not the destruction of the cities and possessions of men, nor yet the death of the bodies of men, but rather the shrivelling of the minds and spirits of men.

A great international journalist, Louis Clair, writes: "We have become very callous indeed in this day of atomic bombs and extermination camps. The human mind can only absorb a certain amount of horror; if it becomes too great we put wax into our ears to be able to continue living. Maybe that is why we hear so little today about the horrible tragedies now happening in Europe."

Speaking of the millions of Austrians, Germans, and Poles who are being systematically exterminated he remarks, "Goebbels and Hitler predicted that even if the Nazis should be beaten their spirit would live on among the victors. Their prediction has come true."

Another author and foreign correspondent, Louis Fisher, warns: "Something is happening to our civilization. Observe Europe and Asia, observe the British, the Dutch, the French, the Americans. Barbarism is lowering itself over us like a hood over a man to be hanged. Nobody knows what to do to solve the world's ills."

He comments on the Morgenthau "revenge plan" that the righteous Allies are following in the conquered countries: "Unless we rise above the animal passion of revenge our culture will be lost. Who will kill or starve these Germans and Austrians? Our own young American, British, French and Russian boys. It will kill their souls and push us farther down toward the abyss. Someone has to stop the disintegration of our civilization. We must break the vicious circle of an eye-for-an-eye-for-an-eye-for-an-eye."

These men were disturbed by some dismaying facts that worry many thoughtful Americans. They remember the unmitigated horror and condemnation of the Nazis' ruthless retaliatory destruction of Lidice and most of its inhabitants early in the war. Last month in revenge for the killing of some crashed English flyers the British marched into a village in Java and repeated the ghastly pattern of Lidice. Still the world is indifferent to this later atrocity, and the British sit in judgment at the Nuernberg trials of the Nazi "butchers of Lidice".

We sit in judgment on the Nazi airmen who bombed the town of Coventry killing hundreds—we who dropped atomic bombs on the large cities of Nagasaki and Hiroshima killing hundreds of thousands. We try the Nazi leaders who instituted the wartime prison camps with their starved and abused prisoners. Today we avert our eyes when we read about thousands of very young "slave-labor" Austrian and German boys being sent home by the French government because they are worked-out—too starved and weak to be good slaves any longer. We ignore France's greedy plan to import 1,710,000 more youthful slaves into slave-labor camps. We do not lift a finger to take into our rich country any of the millions of homeless Jews, Poles, Czechs wandering in despair about starving Europe.

In the words of the Greatest Judge of all, "Woe unto you, scribes, Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye pay tithes and have omitted the weightier matters of law, judgment, mercy, faith."

—Gretchen L. Lamberton in Mother's-Home Life.

The world is slowly learning that because two men think differently neither need be wicked.—Sir Wilfred Grenfell.

The sword is always conquered by the spirit.—Napoleon.

long period of years." And he cited the following examples:

Our industrial production increased 700 per cent in value from 1900 to 1939, as compared with a 366 per cent increase for all the rest of the United States.

In 1900, we made slightly less than 12 per cent of the nation's furniture. By 1939, we were making 25 per cent.

Our mineral output in 1944 was valued at 48 per cent of the national total; whereas in 1900 it was only seven per cent.

In 1900, about 30 per cent of the nation's tobacco products came from Southern factories. Today, we manufacture about 92 per cent.

In 1900, less than 30 per cent of the active cotton spindles were in mills of the South. Today, we have 80 per cent.

In 1900, our population was 27½ million. Today, it is 46 million.

Our banking resources are approximately \$26 billion as compared to little more than three billion in 1910.

Agriculturally, too, we are making ever-greater strides. We are getting bigger and better yields per acre through diversification of crops, rotation and scientific planting and culture. And the many new industrial uses that science is finding for farm products is adding strength to our agricultural economy.

Our dollar income in recent years, according to the Department of Commerce, has increased proportionately more than for the country at large.

And trade barometers, based principally on retail sales and bank debits, show that since 1933, as a market for consumer goods, we have been gaining more rapidly than the nation as a whole.

FRESH JUICE

From

FRESH ORANGES

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It's much easier to eat fresh fruits than to spend your money for medicines. You will find the Fresh Juice from Oranges much better for you than canned juice. So keep a supply of Fresh Oranges on hand. Order from your neighborhood store.

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American Legion Post No. 108

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Thank you!

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