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A Law That Should Be Strictly Enforced

Welcome news indeed is the information from Chief of Police P. W. Brown that he has been instructed by the city council to strictly enforce the law against spitting on the sidewalks of the town. It is an order that should not have to be issued, because any self-respecting man knows that it is filthy, unhealthy practice.

However, it is gratifying to know that this law will be enforced, since there are those who have so little regard for the health and opinions of others that they continue the practice. A few convictions and fines will doubtless have a salutary effect.

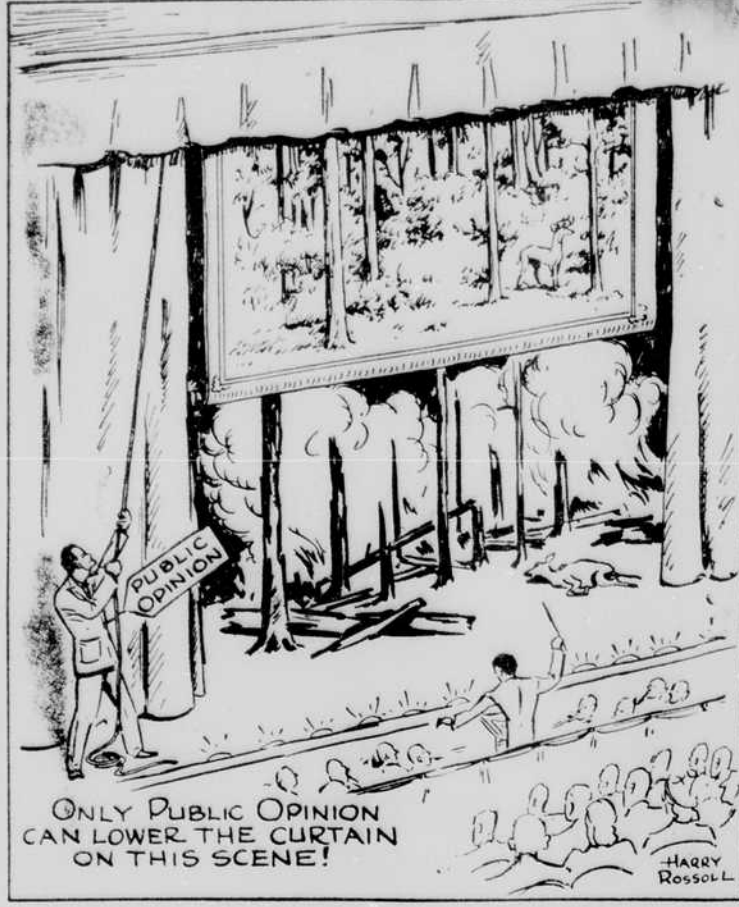
All Required To Make Sacrifices

The overwhelming majority in favor of tobacco control voted by growers throughout the flue-cured belt last Thursday came as a surprise to even ardent supporters of the plan. The very size of the majority in favor of quota applications puts a tremendous responsibility upon those in charge of working out the details of the program for next year, particularly the allotments, because these farmers have demonstrated their faith in the fairness of the methods to be used, and certainly they should not be let down.

However, there is considerable responsibility to devolve upon the farmers themselves. They have voted for a reduction in the tobacco acreage for next year, and this means that each individual farmer may expect to get an allotment for a smaller acreage than he would normally plant. Each should get the idea fixed firmly in his mind that he was not only voting to reduce his neighbors' crops but also his own. When this thought is completely understood a long step will have been taken toward eliminating much of the dissatisfaction which has existed in the past. Too many farmers have been voting only for controlling the other fellow and are not willing to make a little sacrifice themselves.

Another thing each farmer should do is give considerable thought to the selection of his township committee-

"The Great American Tragedy"



Public indifference to the destruction of our forest resources by fire is permitting an annual loss of over 34 million dollars in the South, according to a report compiled by State Foresters and the U. S. Forest Service. Only an aroused public opinion against careless and criminal burning of our forests can reduce this appalling loss.

men, for it is largely upon them that the success or failure of the control plan depends. Men who will be fair in every phase of their dealings should be selected, and every man who participates in the program should exercise his right to say who these men shall be.

It is time to forget prejudices, grievances, political differences and trivial considerations and enter upon this plan with the determination to do our very best to make it work successfully. The program is devised for our own good, and the sooner we realize that we must cooperate to make it effective, the quicker we will begin drawing dividends from it.

Give the New Laws A Chance To Work

Undoubtedly, there will be some criticism of the action of the Town Council Monday night in passing a special ordinance routing heavy trucks and trailers away from the school zones here. But before going too far with this criticism, suppose we all cooperate in giving the ordinance a fair chance to prove its worth. It was passed only after a careful study had been made of the actual conditions existing and honest recommendations made for a remedy. The routings were selected with two considerations uppermost: First, to keep heavy trucks and trailers off streets used largely by school children and general passenger traffic so far as practical; and, second, to provide as short a route as possible for the vehicles.

The safety feature of the ordinance is worth consideration. While there have been no serious accidents here, the heavily loaded trucks and trailers running through school zones along streets crowded by children several times daily do constitute a hazard;

and the council is to be commended for considering this before it has a fatality or serious injury to point as reason for the ordinance. If even one serious accident to a school child is prevented by the law, then certainly it is well worth the little added inconvenience to the truck drivers and owners.

No one will be able to find fault with that portion of the ordinance which prohibits unloading of trucks or trailers in the business section. This practice has become a nuisance besides constituting a menace of no small proportions; and its elimination should help materially in relieving the traffic congestion in downtown streets, particularly on Saturdays.

Rambling R...About

By THE RAMBLER

Aesop Up To Date—

Edison Davenport handed us a little bit of rhyming from one of his trade journals the other day which points its own moral, as follows:

"A lion met a tiger
As they drank beside a pool.
Said the tiger, 'Tell me why
You're roaring like a fool.'

"That's not foolish," said the lion.
With a twinkle in his eyes,
'They call me the king of beasts
Because I advertise.'

"A rabbit heard them talking
And ran home like a streak.
He thought he'd try the lion's plan,
But his roar was a squeak.

"A fox came to investigate—
Had luncheon in the woods.
So when you advertise, my friends,
Be sure you've got the goods."

Not So Bad—

We've frequently heard—and practically everybody else has, too, we guess—frequent complaints about the way measurements are made of field crops grown under the soil conservation plan. The wide variations from year to year in the same tract of land are the chief causes of complaint, and beyond doubt there have been some mistakes made, but most of the times when the final check-up is made, it probably comes out like Roy Parker says his did. Roy, in case you don't know it, is one of the owners and editors of the Hertford County Herald, published in Ahoskie, and he also does a little farming as a side line. Week before last, he had the following item in his column:

"NOT SO BAD... Inaccuracies and discrepancies in the work of administrative agencies of the AAA do not include the wrongful measuring of the lands tended for me by tenant Wiggins. I had heard plenty about the mess sometimes made, and when advised of an over-acreage of tobacco and peanuts I thought there was a good chance to prove the things I had heard, as well as get some extra dollars attached to the Conservation voucher... Reinforced with tape

line, four volunteer helpers, and the encyclopedia (from which I secured information about how many square yards to the acre)... the plots were checked Saturday... Now I am convinced that they made the errors on somebody's else farm. Mine was one of the correct ones."

Settling It Quickly—

There's a word of significance in a little happening of the past few days which we feel should be brought to the attention of Chairman Dies and his committee investigating Communist activities in these United States. If they are really looking for ways to successfully combat the "Red" menace, then they should immediately proceed to sign up Charles Keller, William Dickey, and Joseph DiMaggio, as well as the remainder of the New York Yankees aggregation, who wasted little time in disposing of their own private "Red" invasion recently.

Revise the Rules—

Things have come to such a pass in the baseball world that special rules are going to have to be devised to handicap the Yankees whenever they go on the field with a National League club, or else there will be no more interest in the World Series than there is in the present state of hostilities between China and Japan. These rules could be arranged in a variety of ways, but perhaps the most successful would be to allow the winner of the National League pennant to use all the other players in that league, play the game on a field without a fence around it, and rule a ball caught anywhere by any means was out if a Yankee batter had hit it. This would result in future World Series games being reported substantially as follows:

"Cincinnati, Ohio, October 4.—(By Appropriated Press).—The result of the first World's Series game here today between the New York Yankees and the National League is still in doubt. In the fourth inning, with the score tied, Charlie Keller hit a high fly which took off in a general southerly direction and has not been heard from since, although the umpires waited until dark for reports from volunteer arbiters scattered over a wide area in the fair territory south of here. Manager Bill McKechnie has his outfielders deployed in six waves of 125 men each, and is eagerly awaiting telegraphic or radio reports from them."

"Opelika, Ala., Oct. 4.—(By Untied Press).—The ball hit by Charlie Keller in the fourth inning of today's World Series game was believed to

have been seen passing over here about dark, closely followed by Outfielders Al Simmons and Ival Gooden in Army pursuit ships. It is thought they have a good chance of catching it if a tropical hurricane headed this way from the Gulf of Mexico doesn't blow it foul. When last seen, the ball was still somewhat egg-shaped and becoming frayed about the stitches."

"Cincinnati, Oct. 5.—(By Sup-Press).—The result of the opening game still in doubt, play was begun on the second game of the World Series here today. In the first inning, with the Yankees leading 187 to 0, Joe DiMaggio hit a ball which vanished immediately. It is believed the ball was completely demolished, not even a puff of dust remaining, so Umpire Babe Pinelli, back of the plate, called Joe out. Special rules had previously been made allowing the Reds

9 outs to each inning and declaring even a foul tip made by the National League was to be scored a home run, while the Yankees are required to circle the bases twice before they can even start. However, the special rules had little effect since DiMaggio's was the only out in the Yank half of the first when darkness fell. Paul Derringer was seriously injured shortly after the contest started when he failed to dodge quickly enough while pitching to Bill Dickey. However, the ball went through him cleanly and hospital reports say he will recover unless complications set in or he learns he will have to return to the mound before the series is over."

Using discarded pipe and telephone wire, Emmet Reeves, an Ashe County farmer, has made serviceable gates for use on his farm at Laurel Springs.

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