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Editorials

Wasteful Americans

(Christian Science Monitor)

"Dumping of clean dirt permitted here," reads a sign by the road in one of the suburbs of the nation's capital, and it might be duplicated in meaning at least in many other parts of the United States. Its implied appreciation for common earth might be ludicrous were it not for the American habit of filling almost any expanse of unused roadside or waterside with rubbish that is dirtier than dirt and dismissing the result with "Oh, that's the town dump."

James Waldo Fawcett in the Washington Star recently told of a resident of Long Island, New York who, returning from a trip to Europe, explained thus his melancholy on what should have been a happy homecoming:

> In England or Germany, France or Belgium, people practice a better economy of use and waste than we do. Coming here I rode through oceans of cast-off values. On both sides of the railroad track as far as the eye could see were fields covered with every conceivable product of human genius and human labor—property thrown away. In any community of the Old World pressure of public opinion would prevent such a spectacle, if sheer need did not.

The practice of littering the landscape with the rusting remains of discarded automobiles, sewing machines, radio sets, iron beds, wash-boilers, kitchen sinks and tin cans—to say nothing of inadequate garbage disposal in many American cities—is no compliment to American mentality or civic sense. It is wasteful not only in the value of things thrown away that might be reconditioned or salvaged, but it is shamefully wasteful also of the public heritage of natural beauty, of recreational space and of residential environment which a decent respect for the feelings of others would preserve. The average American, from industrial magnate to casual picnicker, has yet to be schooled in a reasonable public responsibility for the inoffensive disposal of materials he is through with.

Still deeper runs the American custom, even the cultivated custom of throwing away as junk any object as soon as it can be displaced with another more to the fancy. Obsolescence, styling and gadgetry have been played upon as part of the business strategy of keeping people buying. Stuart Chase has remarked what a paradox it is that business should spend millions of dollars combating waste in production and other millions encouraging it in consumption.

Perhaps America does have natural resources which make it easier to "turn in" a motorcar than to repair it, to buy new razor blades than to resharpen them, and to throw out dresses than to make them over. But even in these days of pinching on the part of many, a full and finished use rather than only partial use would bespeak a better appreciation of resources—and would retard the spread of city dumps.

They Prefer Work To The Dole

(The Detroit News)

The Board of Directors of the New York State Economic Council has recommended that all persons on public welfare rolls be deprived of the vote as long as they are drawing public aid.

If the millions now receiving aid should organize," said Merwin K. Hart, president of the council, "and wield the power of organized voters, they could hamstring any effort to bring about economic recovery."

This opens up a big question. According to a recent tabulation about 3,600,000 persons have received emergency relief this year; 970,000 have been employed in emergency public works; there are 918,000 pensioners receiving government money; there are 600,000 persons on Government public works; 280,000 in the CCC, 911,000 Government employes, and about 260,000 in the military services—a total of more than 7,500,000 who are getting money from Uncle Sam. If their dependents are included, the total is probably more than 10 per cent of the population. And most of these persons are entitled to vote.

The disfranchisement of those drawing public relief, lest they organize to flood the ballot boxes and gain control of the country, would require either an amendment to the Constitution, or legislation in 48 states, since the Constitution now requires that those who vote for Senators and Representatives shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the state legislatures. Certainly if those drawing welfare relief are sufficient in number to organize for the purpose of controlling the Government, they are strong enough to prevent any such legislation.

We do not believe, however, that this disfranchisement is necessary, or ever will be necessary as long as the people of America are true to their traditions. There are very few people on welfare relief who would not be glad to support themselves and their kin, if they could find steady work. They don't enjoy drawing a dole. The idea that they are likely to band together to demand permanent pay from the Government seems to us fantastic in the extreme. If it were feasible, why hasn't some smart politician begun this work of organization? The answer is, we believe, that the smart politician is too smart to make the attempt. He knows he would not get very far with people who are accepting welfare relief out of stern necessity, and would be only too pleased to find paying jobs and be self-supporting.

Character

(The Detroit Free Press)

The world has lost in less than three months two of the very great men it has known in the last four score years.

Admiral Togo, of Japan, and President von Hindenburg, of Germany, were men of character as well as of achievement. They served their countries throughout their long lives, without, apparently, a thought of personal interest. They lived to become demigods in the eyes of their own countrymen. When they died they were honored with the sincere sorrow of all nations.

American history, while it can point to equally noble characters, affords no instance of comparable public service so early recognized in a universal way by the people. Washington was wormwood to the Loyalists and, as soon as he became Chief Magistrate of the Nation he had done so much to establish, was the object of bitter personal attacks by self-seeking politicians, whose unscrupulous abuse disinclined him to take a third term. Abraham Lincoln was revered in life only by the people of the North and by no means by all of them. Washington and Lincoln had to die to be canonized. Togo and Von Hindenberg were more fortunate. They received their crowns while they still could wear them.

Our democratic institutions virtually preclude any such records in public life and public esteem as those two men achieved. Our democratic ideals frown upon heroworship. One man in this country is popularly supposed to be as good as another. Our bitter partisanship deters sensitive men from seeking office and not infrequently has turned upon those who have obtained office and destroyed their popularity.

But there is no gain without some loss. Woodrow Wilson believed in democracy because it released "the energies of every human being." When it released the energies of Abraham Lincoln it conferred upon this country an inestimable boon.

Whether it is humanly possible to develop widely in this country such selflessness in public service as Togo and Von Hindenburg exemplified, without sacrificing the advantages which democracy unquestionably provides, would seem to be worth considering. If that could be done we should have more character in office and less selfishness and graft, with their inevitable accompaniments of unrest, strife and confusion.

Travel broadens one—so does overeating.

WALLED LAKE

Mrs. Mae Rhodes

Mrs. Edith Tonak and son Kenneth of Detroit visited Mrs. Mae Johns Sunday.

Mrs. Susan Goodwilie visited friends and relatives here last week.

Miss Genevieve Morton of Durand is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dewey this week.

Harold King of Olivet was a Walled Lake caller Saturday.

D. L. Bentley was brought home from the hospital Saturday and is slowly improving.

Mrs. May Murphy and Mrs. Ina Woolger of Wayne were callers at the Groll home Monday.

Rev. and Mrs. John Belch and son of Detroit were Thursday evening callers of Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Carless.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McKnight entertained Mr. and Mrs. Bert Stanbro of Salem, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cressey and son of Mount Clemens visited Charles Rose Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ina Carnes with Mr. and Mrs. Grant Withey of Detroit left Monday for Scranton, Pa., to attend the Jenkins' family reunion. They will return Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bachelor and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wood are spending a few days up north.

Harriett Avey entertained several little friends Tuesday in honor of her fifth birthday anniversary.

Aubrey Carless spent the week nd with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Carless.

Helen Richardson has gone to Jackson for a month's visit.

Miss Mabel Ellenwood spent the week with her mother, Mrs. Edith Ellenwood.

Ralph Buffmyer, Donald Post and Bill Mercer left Sunday for a few days at the Century of Progress.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McClymont of Pontiac called on Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bone Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Bone and daughter Patricia and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Huntwork of Pontiac were Sunday visitors at the home of Henry Alyea.

Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Groll attended the Hamman family reunion at Wayne Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Devereaux visited relatives at Fenton Sunday.

Mrs. Adelle Richardson and granddaughter Etta Adelle, were in Chicago attending the Fair the first of the week.

Born August 11, to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Eno, a seven and a half pound daughter, Sylvia Ruth.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis of Ypsilanti were dinner guests at the Hutton home Tuesday.

Mrs. A. W. Stuart and little granddaughters Dorothy and Catherine Cooper, left Thursday to spend two weeks in Cincinnati with Mrs. Stuart's sister.

A baseball game between Roseville Boosters and Walled Lake played at the Amusement Park diamond Sunday resulted in a score of 12-5 in favor of Walled Lake.

The Philp family held a picnic supper Thursday evening at the home of L. M. Philp, in honor of Miss Harriett Sweeting of Auburn, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Scott and son Bobby and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turner of Royal Oak were dinner guests at the Hutton home Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dewey and son and Mr. and Mrs. Paul McKibbon visited Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Rose in Detroit Sunday.

Rev. E. Fergurson, pastor of the Broadway Baptist church of Bay City has returned to his home after spending several weeks with Rev. and Mrs. V. O. Wik.

The young people of the Baptist Church are making a tennis court in back of the church.

Mrs. J. M. Van Wagoner of Pontiac left last Friday after spending a week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Alyea. She leaves soon to make her home in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Barnes and daughter of St. Louis and Mr. and Mrs. William Barnes and family of Flint visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Buffmyer.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Philp and son George will spend the weekend at Wheeler. Mrs. Ann Dickerson and Bobby Philp will return home with them.

The County Women's Council met with Mrs. Ann Davison. supervisor of Ferndale at her cottage at Bass Lake Tuesday. Archie Leonard of Farmington gave a talk on "Meeting the Responsibilities of Government."

Methodist Church

Dr. Dunning Idle of Flint will deliver the Sunday morning sermon.

The M. E. Aid met with Ruth Bradley Thursday for an all-day meeting with Mrs. B. McKnight and Mrs. Harry Avey in charge of dinner.

Baptist News

The combined Baptist choirs will present a musical August 24.

Teachers and officers of the Sunday school met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Colestook Monday evening.

CHURCHES

Our Lady of Sorrows Church

Rev. John J. Larkin, Pastor

Sunday masses at 7:00 a. m. 8:30 a. m., 10:30 a. m. and 12:00 noon.

Benediction after 10:30 mass.

Daily masses at 7:30 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.

Church of God

Services held each Sunday on Warner Ave., just north of Grand River.

Sunday School at 10:00 A. M.

Church at 11:00 A. M.

Thursday evening Church service at 8:00 o'clock.

Prayer at 7:00 o'clock.

Bible study at 7:30 o'clock.

"God is no respector of persons: But in every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him."

Salem Evangelical Church

Rev. W. Breitenbach, Minister

Sunday, August 19, 12th after Trinity. Services at 10:30 A. M. Subject of sermon: "Isaiah's Vision."

Sunday school at 11:30 A M.
Wm. Maas, Supt.

Methodist Church

Rev. F. A. Lendrum, D. D., Minister

Worship 10:30 a. m. "In Tune With Today" will be the subject for the morning sermon. Anthem and offertory by the choir.

Church school 12 noon.

If you have no regular Church home you are invited to worship with us.

Baptist Church

Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:30—Robert Zannoth will preach.

11:45—Bible school classes for all.

6:30—Young People's Hour.

7:30—Evangelistic service. J. C. Lashley will preach.

Our guest speakers are prominent laymen of Detroit. Everyone is invited to hear them.

Try an Enterprise Liner.

WEST FARMINGTON

The annual Cox reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cox on Fourteen Mile Road Sunday, August 12, 88 people being present. A pot luck dinner was served at noon. There were 14 babies under one year of age. People were there from Detroit, Howell, Pontiac, Keego Harbor, and Clarenceville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heliker and sons Richard and Starr motored to Hartland to spend Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Giegler and family.

Mrs. Edith Graham spent Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Graham.

Starr Heliker spent last week with his aunt, Mrs. Lawrence Giegler and family.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Special Meeting of the City Commission of Farmington held August 15, 1934.

Called to order by Mayor Warner at 8:10 P. M.

Commissioners present: Stamman, Oldenburg, Hatton and Hamlin.

Commissioner Hatton made a report in regard to the water supply for the New Catholic School. Motion made by Hamlin, seconded by Oldenburg that the City build 450 feet of 4-inch water main on Grand River Avenue from Lakeway Avenue east to furnish water for the school. Carried.

The extension of the water main south on Brookdale Avenue was discussied. No action taken.

Motion made by Oldenburg, seconded by Hatton that we accept check of $200.00 and 14 shares of Farmington State Bank stock in full payment for fire calls due the city of Farmington from the township of Livonia. Carried.

Motion made by Hamlin, seconded by Oldenburg that we allow the Farmington Band an additional $25.00 for Labor day. Carried.

The resignation of Fred Stamman as janitor of the Town Hall effective Sept. 1 was received.

Adjourned 10:15 P. M.

N. H. POWER. City Clerk.

Nothing is done artistically until all suggestion of hard work has been eliminated.

REGISTRATION NOTICE FOR GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, SEPT. 11, 1934.

To the Qualified Electors of the Township of Livonia, County of Wayne, State of Michigan.

Notice is hereby given that in conformity with the "Michigan Election Law," I, the undersigned Township Clerk, will on any day, except Sunday and a legal holiday, the day of any regular or special election or primary election, receive for registration the name of any legal voter in said Township not already registered who may apply to Me Personally for such egistration. Provided, however, that I can receive no names for registration during the time intervening between the Second Saturday before any regular, special, or official primary election and the day of such election.

Notice is hereby given that I will be at 19424 Farmington Road, until SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1934.

LAST DAY

For General Registration by Personal Application for Said Election.

The name of no person but an ACTUAL resident of the precinct at the time of said registration, and entitled under the Constitution, if remaining such resident, to vote at the next election, shall be entered in the registration book.

Dated: Aust 13, A. D. 1934.

JOHN HARLAN,
Township Clerk.
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