

Out of The Night Of Morganton

"The System Is Responsible"

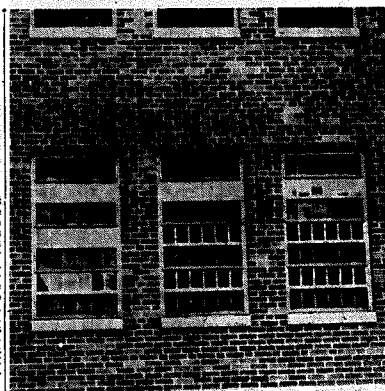
By TOM P. JIMISON

(This is the last of a series by Mr. Jimison describing his experience with a patient in the State Hospital for the Insane at Morganton. Mr. Jimison is a former well-known North Carolina minister, lawyer and newspaper columnist.)

My own stay at Morganton was unhappy save as it was made by the fact that I was bound here. I made many friends among employees and patients, and I shall always cherish the first few weeks I was treated with much courtesy and consideration. Fortunately, however, I was not allowed to demand it and, on top of that, earned it with hard and anxious work. There have been times in my life when my services brought me considerable compensation, but I worked harder at Morganton for my keep than I did on the outside to make a living and support a family.

Those who know me are aware that I have few inhibitions, but I find myself to be sensitive about the asylum. Despite the privileges accorded me, I still always cherish the closed behind locked doors and barred windows, and could be ordered about by some whose ignorance was abysmal, whose obtuseness was shocking. Then, too, I am conscious of the public attitude toward those who have been confined in hospitals for the insane. I blame no one, for I once had the same attitude. The system is responsible, and it ought to be abolished. As it is now I don't like to talk about my stay there unless I am permitted to do so in this conversation. That gives others a chance to withdraw.

The institution at Morganton is no better than an Eighteenth century asylum. We are not permitted to go out, and are not richly-groomed as in a golden-caged citizenry may think. The needs of the insane are not to be denied. I cannot believe that a people of North Carolina are content to have their sick and helpless neighbors herded in such an asylum, fed on fatback and dried beans, worked like convicts, and then furnished with such a small staff of physicians that many of them cannot have the proper medical attention when wracked with physical pain and suffering.



Behind these windows and these walls are confined 2,700 patients in the State Hospital at Morganton. "I cannot believe," says Tom Jimison "that the people of North Carolina are content to have their sick and helpless neighbors herded in such an asylum, fed on fatback and dried beans, worked like convicts, and then furnished with such a small staff of physicians that many of them cannot have the proper medical attention when wracked with physical pain and suffering."

Starting Tomorrow:

Another Series On The Women's Ward

Mr. Jimison's articles on the Morganton asylum described conditions that were shocking enough, in all conscience. But Jimison told only half the story—the story of the men's ward. As a direct result of the publication of his story there has come to The News the 23-page manuscript of a young woman who was a patient at the State Hospital in Morganton for more than a year. All that time in full possession of her senses, she saw clearly what went on about her—and was aghast. She is known to The News and her name, for evident reasons, will not be made public. Suffice it to say that she is a well-born, cultured, sensitive young woman who spent more than a year among the lost and forgotten. Now the incredibly shameful story of the women's ward at the State Hospital in Morganton will be told. It will make North Carolina cry out in protest. The first of a series of nine articles will be published in The News tomorrow.

WCTU Endorses Prayer Services

The weekly community prayer services were endorsed, and a large attendance was urged yesterday by the members of the executive board of the Charlotte Woman's Christian Temperance Union, which met at the YMCA building.

The group appointed Mrs. S. E. True as contact person with the Red Cross to plan special work with the union in co-operation with the civilian defense program.

Twenty-four copies of the "Brothers' Latest Propaganda Book, 1942" will be bought. The pamphlets set forth the fallacies and misrepresentations in the industry's book and will be distributed to ministers for information.

Examiners Will Hear 4 Petitions

Seek Authority From ICC Bureau

Four hearings are scheduled to be conducted here tomorrow by the Bureau of Motor Carriers of the Interstate Commerce Commission. One of the hearings will be on the application of L. Worth Harris, president of Harris' Bros. Transfer Co. of Charlotte, for authority to acquire control through stock ownership of Brook Motor Lines, Inc. of Charlotte.

This hearing will be conducted by Finance Examiner John S. Higgins also will hear the application of M. P. McLean Jr. of Fayetteville for authority to acquire control through stock ownership of McLean's Transfer, Inc. of Broadway, N. C.

Examiner James Cheseldine of Washington will hear two applications here tomorrow of Abnon Plato Warlick of Kings Mountain for extension of permit operating authority to transport various commodities, principally plants in North Carolina and melons in other Eastern Seaboard States.

HEARING TODAY

Mr. Cheseldine today was hearing the application of Leroy Mann of Gastonia to transport, over machinery between points in North Carolina and points in Georgia, South Carolina and Virginia over irregular routes.

Other ICC hearings are scheduled to be held in Charlotte Mondays through Fridays through Thursday, March 5.

Hunters Pay Over \$8,000

County Game Protector Makes His Report

Mecklenburg sportsmen paid more than \$8,000 as license fees to the Game and Inland Fisheries Division of the State Department of Conservation during the season just closed. It was learned today from a preliminary report of Paul Keen, County Game Protector.

The money from licenses sold to hunters and fishermen by the state provides the sole financial support of the Game and Inland Fisheries Division, with the exception of some funds accruing to it from a Federal tax on sporting ammunition, and from fees charged game proposers, guides and trappers.

MORE WORK

During the season Game Protector Keen reported 761 hunters in the field, an increase of 301 over the number checked during the 1941 season. Twenty-one persons were summoned to court for violation of game laws and sixteen of these were fined. In addition 61 hunters were warned concerning near-violations and 82 minors were corrected and given pointers about the laws.

Mr. Keen said sportsmen as a whole had shown in many ways a marked improvement in their attitude to cooperate with the department in its efforts to deplete the game supply and that he had found them zealous in carrying out provisions of the law.

Inquest Set For Feb. 27

Fatal Crash Set

An inquest will be held Feb. 27 in the death of two Central High School students who died as a result of an automobile wreck on Dixie Road last Oct. 29. Dr. Frederick D. Austin Jr. set the inquest for 4 P. M. in the courtroom of County Recorder's Court.

Marian Buehler, 16, of 703 Royal Court, was instantly killed when the car left the road and ran into a tree in the yard of the Creek Presbyterian Church. Marjorie Frick, also 16, of 1520 Thomas Avenue died a few days later in a local hospital. John Brown, 16, of 504 E. Kingston Avenue, said to be the driver of the car, and Jeanette, also 16, of 340 West Boulevard were seriously injured. It was said today that they will be able to attend the inquest.

This afternoon at 5 o'clock an inquest will be held in the death of Howard Hendon, Negro, Route 9, who was killed last Saturday night when a car in which he was riding overturned in the Oakdale community. Harry Nixon, Negro, also of Route 9, was injured in the wreck. It was reported that Henderson was driving the car.

Bethune School PTA Honors Past Presidents
Past presidents of the Bethune Parent Teacher Association were honored yesterday afternoon at the Founders' Day program of the association, held at the school. Mrs. E. D. Grady presided, and a musical selection was given by Mrs. Tom Bird, accompanied by Mrs. Murray Friel. Past presidents who were present were Mrs. C. S. McLaughlin, Mrs. Alfred Miller, Mrs. D. E. Henderson, Mrs. Lloyd Ransom, Mrs. Fred Cochran, Mrs. J. H. Parks, Mrs. J. H. Huntley, Mrs. E. P. Pearce, Mrs. B. B. Willford, Mrs. Boyce W. Hunter, Mrs. W. N. Hoyt.

Following the program, teachers of the school were hostesses at a social hour in the cafeteria.

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HBB is a pleasant little game that will give you a message every day. It is a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is six or more, subtract four. If the number is less than six, add three. This result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner of the rectangle and check every one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

The Everyday Counselor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH

For personal reply please send self-addressed and stamped envelope

Dear Counselor: I am a young woman brought up in a Christian home, attend church and Sunday School. I am engaged to a young man who comes from good family, but he has little faith in the Church. He said he was made to go to Church and Sunday School when he was a boy, and besides the Church is full of hypocrites. We are devoted to each other but I'm wondering if our marriage would be happy with him feeling as he does about the Church. What do you think?

(Signed) A READER.

For this young woman's sake I'm sorry to have to say that the prospect of marriage, if consummated, would probably abound with considerable difficulty. All too often I receive letters from husbands and wives who are "unequally yoked with unbelievers." The sad part about it is that the unbelieving husband or wife is usually not content to allow the other the privilege of Christian worship, all too often he or she nags at the other and scoffs at their devotion to Church.

This young woman had better try earnestly by prayer and the assistance of Christian friends and ministers to bring her fiance to God. If she doesn't do it before marriage she will find it much more difficult afterwards.

Nevertheless this is one of the greatest unifying influences in a home: lack of it is one of its greatest dividers. The sad part about the letter of this correspondent is that there are some hypocrites in the Church. Of course this is an old charge made by the mentally and spiritually immature. If they were thoughtful they would admit that there are far more Christians outside the Church than inside; that they would much prefer to live in a community where there are churches, than where there are none.

Nevertheless this doesn't relieve the Church of its responsibility of sweeping before its own door. Only yesterday two prominent Christian laymen were speaking in the fact that the leaders of their profession; that church officers would walk up the aisle Sunday morning with a coronet on their heads who the week before had Sunday school in their hands.

Such need to earnestly read these words of the prophet Isaiah, "Depart ye, depart ye, get ye out of the midst of her, BE YE CLEAN THAT BEAR THE VESSELS OF THE LORD." (Isaiah 52:11)

Complete Plans For Annual YMCA Dinner

200 Persons Expected To Hear Miss Harriet Elliott at Meeting Tuesday Night

Plans for the annual meeting of the membership of the Charlotte Women's Christian Association, already completed, according to Miss Gretta Smith, executive secretary of the association.

The dinner meeting will be held next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock at the YMCA. Around 200 persons are expected to attend.

SPEAKER Miss Harriet Elliott, dean of women at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina and outstanding woman leader in the South, will be the speaker. Miss Elliott for the past two years has been in Washington serving as head of the consumer division after her appointment to the position by President Roosevelt.

It is known as a brilliant speaker. Mrs. W. B. Sullivan, president of the association, will preside at the meeting. Mrs. Guy Carwell will be in charge of the program. A state of officers, to be headed

Horse Radish Confiscated

Additional quantities of unlabeled horse radish at a downtown store have been confiscated by health authorities. It was announced today following an inspection by W. E. McNeill, State food inspector, and Williams C. McIntire, city food inspector.

Quantities of cherries which failed to meet the requirements of the pure food and drug act were also confiscated. Inspectors pointed out the labeling of food products requires the name of manufacturer, distributor or packer, net weight, net volume, net weight, measure or count and where product is composed of two or more substances a list of ingredients must be placed on the label, which must be shown so that it can be easily read.

It was also explained that the brand at Midland closed last week known as the Cabarrus Meat Co. manufacturer of sausage, liverwurst, etc., is not a food product. It was ordered closed because of general insanitary conditions.

Lovely COTTON SLIP \$1.59

Let your next slip be fashionable - "Miss San" cotton! Pure for to wear - it makes you feel so feminine, so fresh, nice as Grandma's best. Four points in size, high count ransook with point of apron, lace edge embroidered with delicate, embroidery-refined skirt. Plus shadow panel, wide shoulder straps. Sanforized - shrunk, strong seams, wears, washes beautifully in Luz, White, Regular and Junior sizes.

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If You Are 5 Foot 4 or Shorter

Getting Up Nights Makes Many Feel Old

Do you feel older than you are or suffer from Getting Up Nights, Backache, Headaches, Leg Pains, Dizziness, Swollen Ankles, Rheumatic Pains, Burning Acidity or Frequent Discharge? If so, remember that your kidneys are vital to your health and that these symptoms may be due to non-operative kidney disease. CUREX is a physician's prescription usually five grains and not one for you to take. It is a natural, non-operative kidney treatment. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain by trying CUREX. An irrefutable guarantee states that each bottle contains enough to reduce your kidney returns of empty pockets unless your kidneys are diseased. Don't chance on any kidney medicine that is not guaranteed. CUREX is the guarantee of your health.

New Height-Giving, Youthfully Slenderizing Half-Size Corsetlets

Warner's LE GANT \$7.50

The clever designing details of this new foundation create a definite illusion of height. It is cut proportionately throughout, with a shorter, well defined waistline to fit the "half pint" figure and consequently alteration costs are eliminated or greatly reduced. Truly a boon to the little woman who has found alterations so costly in the past!

Nude batiste with comfortable Two-Way-Money stretch Laxtex back. Boned pad for abdominal support. Divided, uplift lace bust.

There are three types of short women and there's a Le Gant Half-Size for each!



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