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## Going Up

### *Morganton's Costs Zoom Upward To Cover Needs*

Times are not good with the thousands of mental patients in North Carolina's State Hospital system, and at the moment officials are powerless to cope with a situation which has become acute. At Morganton, for example, the loss of two physicians from an overtaxed staff has left the 2,715 patients with but three full-time and one part-time doctors. The situation, said Superintendent Dr. J. R. Saunders in his last report, is desperate, and it has been impossible to procure additional personnel.

But in another field, in which benefits to patients are not immediate, there is great change and bright promise. Morganton's Board will place its estimates for the 1945-47 biennium before the Budget Commission next month — and its requests will set a breath-taking record. The Commission, advised in advance of Morganton's pressing needs, will not be startled by the request, but it faces quite a task in finding the money, in view of generally increased demands from all sides.

At Morganton alone, the Board will ask for total appropriations of $3,177,040 for the biennium, almost double that of the 1943-45 period. And the chief items are repairs and alterations, set at $87,000 (more than twice present figures) and equipment, amounting to more than $180,000 (roughly 15 times present figures).

And none of this is to be regarded as related to a long-range program of future needs. These requests are based upon immediate, emergency needs, and does not take into account the advanced program of expansion at each of our four hospitals.

These figures, of course, are remote from the relief colony of the report into the hands of Commissioner Ellington, who proposes to use the mentally ill patients as guinea pigs for experiments in electroshock treatment. But they are immediate to all those who believe that the care of our mentally ill should be a matter of concern to a State which has had its share of the wealth of war.

Some of these needs, we feel that the Budget Commission will be sympathetic. We feel that the Commission will be sympathetic to the plea of Morganton for a start on the long road back. We feel that the Commission will be sympathetic to the plea that the State Hospital system be given a chance to do the job for which it was created, and that the Commission will be sympathetic to the plea that the State Hospital system be given a chance to do the job for which it was created, and that the Commission will be sympathetic to the plea that the State Hospital system be given a chance to do the job for which it was created.

## Rescuers

### *City Failure To Provide Recreation Is Amended*

The failure of Charlotte's municipal government to provide adequate recreational facilities is perennial. We do not weary of reminding that our budget for this purpose is that of an average town of 25,000 people. We have found none to blame—it is a sort of general apathy which has not been overcome even by the determined efforts of the Parks and Recreation Commission under the aggressive leadership of Charles H. Stone.

And in this state of affairs volunteer groups of citizens have entered with admirable spirit. Seeing our feeble attempts fall for want of money, a number of civic clubs have set out to provide supplementary funds, and to fill in some of the missing parts. Of late, these volunteer efforts have become a movement. Whether or not it is to be deplored that the City Government cannot assume responsibility and control, these groups are making, and have made, vital contributions to community life. There are these examples:

1. The Lions Club has undertaken the building of a 110-acre park and recreational center off East Boulevard.

2. The Civitan Club, having made a going concern of its Red Shield Boys' Club and successfully promoted its Negro Boys Club, has turned to a teen-age center at Alexander Graham Junior High School.

3. The Rotary Club plans a Red Shield Club for girls.

4. The Optimist Club now announces that it is ready to set up a recreational center for teen-age boys in the Belmont section, where the need is great.

These are considerable additions to a good deal already done, and we are assured from the records of these groups that the new enterprises will be carried on through reconstruction. But there remains a great deal to be done, and it is to be hoped that the City Government will be able to carry its share of the load. We feel that the City Government will be able to carry its share of the load. We feel that the City Government will be able to carry its share of the load. We feel that the City Government will be able to carry its share of the load.

The City Government has a good start in the Cecil Boulevard Park, and we feel that it should be able to carry its share of the load. We feel that the City Government will be able to carry its share of the load. We feel that the City Government will be able to carry its share of the load. We feel that the City Government will be able to carry its share of the load.

We have not been doing very much better in the field of film distribution, for Mr. Nelson Rockefeller's Office of Inter-American Affairs has been unable to find a film about Russia. To tell the Russians all about themselves, instead of all about ourselves, is an enterprise which falls somewhat short of the loftiest standards of major-league information work. The Russians certainly would not dream of sending us pictures to explain to us what the Iowa farmer is all about.

Oh, well, and alack-a-day; let us flash back now to our gay and giddy country, in which every politician has been wired for sound standard speech about how the United States, Great Britain, Russia and China must learn to live together. But not one politician in the opposition party, not one, I repeat, has made an issue of the situation outlined above. Quite the contrary, it is the Republican tendency to undergo a Russian whenever OWI is mentioned. This is curious, because while one could understand Republican opposition to foreign propaganda in America, this is American propaganda in foreign countries that is objected to; and if this is not a persistence of isolationist sentiment, I do not know what to call it.

# The Merry-Go-Round

*By Drew Pearson*

WASHINGTON

Army observers report that there is all the difference in the world between the way civilian population of France is being handled and the system employed in North Africa and Italy. They give credit for the operation to General de Gaulle. General Eisenhower arranged to turn things over to de Gaulle's provisional government immediately after the Allies captured a town or city. So in the wake of the Allied Armies, posters are tacked up which are brief and to the point.

They read: "All laws and decrees of the Vichy Government are hereby rescinded. The laws of the French Republic are hereby restored. The Provisional French Government will be in control until elections can be held."

General Eisenhower is also turning over all French collaborationists to de Gaulle's provisional government. He is not attempting to punish them himself, is even giving the Free French all Allied records on the pro-Nazi activities of Frenchmen.

This is in contrast to the occupation of North Africa, where State Department Diplomat Robert Murphy meddled incessantly, tried to protect certain Frenchmen, decreed what Frenchmen should run the government.

The efficient plan now operating in France is partially prompted by Ambassador William Phillips, political adviser to Eisenhower, whom the British forced out following his critical report on India. Now the same meddling Bob Murphy has been appointed to handle the political set-up in Germany.

### *Jones' Nephews*

Jesse Jones is complaining to friends that he is having nephew trouble. He says that his nephew, George Butler, got him into a lot of trouble when he was chairman of the Texas Democratic convention last May, which instructed its electors to vote against Roosevelt in the electoral college next November.

"And now," moans Jesse, "folks are saying that Herman Jones is my nephew."

Herman Jones is the law associate of Roosevelt leader Alvin Wirtz, and is just as strong for Roosevelt as George Butler is against. So when Jesse's remark reached Herman Jones, he asserted:

"If anyone says I'm Jesse Jones' nephew, I'll sue him for libel."

### *Showdown On Italy*

The men most responsible for Roosevelt's confidential showdown with Churchill at Quebec over more relief for Italy are Brig. Gen. Bill O'Dwyer, former Brooklyn prosecutor, and Generoso Pope, foremost Italo-American publisher.

General O'Dwyer, who was candidate for mayor of New York against La Guardia in 1942, was sent to Italy by Roosevelt to study the entire Italian civilian picture, brought back an urgent program which the President gave Churchill in Quebec.

Publisher Pope was among the first to organize the American Friends of Italian Democracy for relief to Italy, and has hammered home the right of Italo-Americans to help feed and clothe their friends in Italy. He has told the President that this could save money to the U. S. tax-payer, as well as encourage Democratic principles inside Italy. Army brass-hats, however, have wanted to handle the job—inadequately — themselves.

Publisher Pope, who came to this country as an orphan immigrant at the age of eight, was born in the village of Terranova, a community which up until 1928 never had electricity. But in 1928 Pope sent $28,000 to his brother, asking him to have electric current brought into the village. Later Pope went to Italy to participate in the ceremony of turning on the lights.

As he pulled the switch, lights brightened the streets. It was one of the greatest moments of his life. Later Pope learned that the village would not have the money to pay for the electric current, so he has been paying the bill ever since, until the war started.

## Right In The Thick Of It

—By Dorman Smith

## Telling The Russians

*By Samuel Grafton*

WASHINGTON

Hollywood is now making movies for Russia, movies which will show the Russians what we are like. Hollywood will show them how we live, how we work, how we fight, how we love, how we die. Hollywood will show them our factories, our farms, our cities, our people, our ideas, our ideals. Hollywood will show them our Bill of Rights, our Declaration of Independence, our Constitution, our Lincoln, our Washington, our Jefferson, our Franklin D. Roosevelt.

This is not the fault of the OWI, which has sent word and pictures to Hollywood to explain what it is all about. It