

The Roundup

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TIDBITS—Commercials on radio and TV is the comedy relief in an otherwise delightful entertainment. I get a laugh out of 'em. Let's don't abolish commercials. I'm for 'em. . . We shoot a rocket to the moon and it falls short of its objective. But the missile-men and the scientists claim the shoot was a success because it proved something or other about outer space. That's like saying that the operation was a success but the patient died. . . Have you ever noticed how the author's name appears in small type on advertising of movies? Why? The producer, the director, the costumers, the technicians and

anyone who has the slightest hand in making the picture is billed and advertised in such a way as to completely overshadow the poor author—without whose novel or story there would be no movie. As a writer of sorts in a small way I resent that. In my opinion the creator or writer of a book or story from which a movie is made should be billed above anyone else.

STREET SCENE—Snow, b'gosh There's been a lot of words spilled about snow, its beauty, its scenic value, in prose and in verse. I admit snow does mak

a pretty picture. A Christmas card without a touch of snow seems odd, as all tradition links the Yule-tide season with snow. But, nevertheless, the pretty white flakes are killers, they disrupt all manner of transportation, bring many hardships and cause many deaths. Its beauty and loveliness is discounted by all the misery and death it brings, and when it is dying and crawling away in gutters and ditches, what is uglier? Despite its siren call of esthetic values, snow cannot coerce or seduce me to worship at its shrine.

You can't trust Russia. its own system of disposing of motor vehicle cases, designed by local officials to meet current local needs, and there is little uniformity and often little similarity in the treatment of the motorist and the procedures used.

What is the nature of the motor vehicle cases tried in the courts? In the Superior Courts one out of every eight cases is a drunk driving case. Speeding offenses account for 7 per cent of the total criminal cases and reckless driving cases are 4 per cent of the total.

In the inferior courts 3.5 of the total criminal cases are drunk driving cases. Speeding accounts for 27 per cent of the total criminal cases in the lower courts, with reckless driving 4 per cent.

What percentage of the motor vehicle cases in the Superior Court get there on appeal from a lower court?

About 53% of the motor vehicle cases in the Superior Court come there on appeal from the lower courts.

Who is the complainant or person responsible for the bringing of motor vehicle cases in the inferior courts?

An analysis of the motor vehicle cases in the inferior courts indicates that the complainant was a

state highway patrolman in 52 per cent of the cases, a municipal policeman in 40% of the cases, a member of the county police in 3% of the cases, a sheriff or deputy sheriff in 1 per cent of the cases, a private individual in less than 1 per cent of the cases, etc.

To what extent do the defendants in traffic cases never appear in court?

In 29 per cent of the motor vehicle cases in the inferior courts the defendants waive their appearances or post a cash bond and then forfeit it.

The inferior courts have devised systems of waiver of appearance in an effort to dispose of the heavy flow of traffic cases through their courts. The legality of many of these systems of appearance has been questioned. Nevertheless, the inferior courts are continuing to use them.

Weekly Devotional Column By JAMES MacKENZIE

This week's column continues an excellent, scholarly, original sermon by sixteen-year old

It is of no thanks to men that

we have the Bible today. Everything that could be done by its clever enemy, Satan, his treacherous manipulation of religion, so-called-science, history, philosophy, "reason", and art has been used to stamp out the Bible. He raised up men like the leaders of the Roman Empire, the wicked, religious leaders of the Middle Ages, and many others to fight against the Bible. Every statement, every sentence, every word has been tested to the limit. In one century 150,000 of the finest Christians who ever lived were butchered because they believed and loved the Bible. For eighteen long centuries every satanic power known has been directed against it to blot it from the face of the earth, but this very minute it is falling from the presses like autumn leaves. Voltaire said that one-hundred years after his death the Bible would be a forgotten book, to be found only in museums. Voltaire died in 1778. The very house where he lived is today packed with Bibles, for it is the depot for the Geneva Bible Society. For all that modern-day demons like Voltaire, Bolingbroke, Hume and others have done to discredit the Bible has

been to no avail. The British and American Bible Societies alone put out a Bible every five seconds, 750 every hour, 17,280 each day, and an estimated ten-million copies a year in over six-hundred different languages. Over all that Satan and his followers could possibly do, it is still here today, live and powerful (Hebrews 4:12). We read in Psalm 2:2-4: "But He that sitteth in his silent heaven laughed; Jehovah had them in derision." They have found that God fights an unlosing battle. The Bible is still the enemy of sin, and, of course, will be fought by the sinful. Even today we infidel college professor and the modernist in the pulpit are attacking it with new weapons and new sly tricks—but it will endure as it has. "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my Word shall not pass away."

The Bible itself proves that it is real. What book could be written by at least forty different authors, in three different languages, ranging over a period of 1600 years, that could be so perfect in harmony and agreement as the Bible? Behind all these authors was One Great Author who knew what He wanted, for man could never have achieved such perfection. Surely we cannot help but confess it is God-written, and it is true.

Also, take the Bible for its literary value. Compare it with the cheap, nasty, filthy trash that is sold in any local bookstore today and see how it shines pure and radiant before men—and all this smut that is being printed falls away before its glory and truth. The Bible contains the greatest literature ever known to men. The Psalms, the story of Ruth, the New Testament, the beautiful account of Creation, and the exact history reports it gives.

Think of the morals the nasty movies and nastier books contain, and compare them if you must with the Bible. A great difference.

(to be concluded next week)

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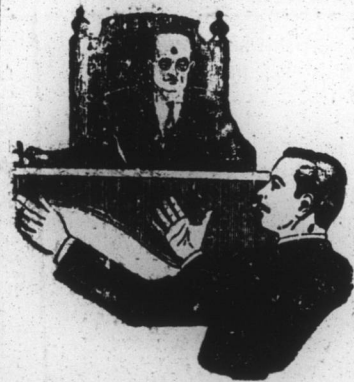
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TRAFFIC CASES

What percentage of the criminal cases in the courts of North Carolina involve motor vehicles? There is a heavy flow of traffic cases through the court system of this State. North Carolina has a mobile population. Motor vehicles are creating a congestion not only on our highways but also in our courts. Findings of a court study committee of the North Carolina Bar Association show that nearly one-third of all criminal cases in the Superior Court and nearly two-thirds of all cases in the inferior courts—twice as many as all other criminal cases combined—were motor vehicle cases. In some Superior Courts more than one-half of all cases disposed of involved traffic offenses, and in some inferior courts more than 90 per cent of all cases were traffic cases. This large number of traffic cases in the courts has had a profound effect upon the court system, and has led to the adoption of many devices and techniques to dispose of these cases. Each of the inferior courts has



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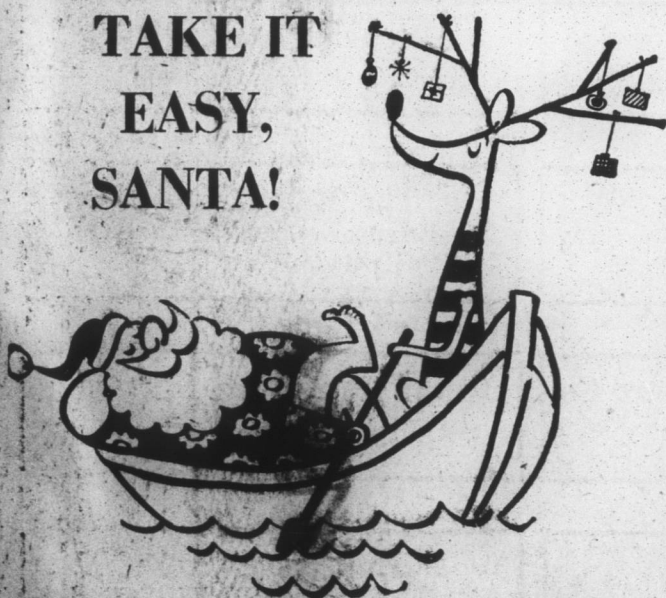
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Return buses leave the downtown Norfolk terminal at 5:45 P. M. and arrive in Edenton at 8:00. Do your shopping the EASY way this season . . .

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