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NEWSPAPER MEMBER NO. 1817.
IS THE GAS TAX "PAINLESS?"

Good Roads Save More in Tires Than Amount of Levy, Claimed.

(By National Highway Association.)

A set of tires costing one hundred and fifty dollars may run for ten thousand miles on average roads. The same set will run double the mileage on improved highways. The average car travels ten thousand miles per year. Therefore, the average tire cost, supposing average size and quality of tires are purchased, is \$150 per year on dirt roads and \$75 on fine roads.

Ten thousand miles of running, at an average of 15 miles to the gallon, requires 66 2/3 gallons of gas. If gas is taxed 2 cents a gallon, the average runner of ten thousand miles pays \$13.33 per year in gas tax. In a state where there are 100,000 automobiles, (which is less than the average, California, for instance, has about a million), the net income from the gas tax above outlined, would be \$1,333,000.00.

At twenty-five thousand dollars per mile, that sum will build fifty-three miles of improved highways. If there are a million cars, five hundred and thirty miles of improved highways could be built a year from the tax.

If the gas tax was 4 cents, 100 or 1,060 miles a year, respectively, could be built.

Where the roads are unimproved, the 100,000 car owners spend \$7,500,000 a year on tires, which they otherwise would save. The million car owners would spend \$75,000,000 on tires they otherwise would save.

Proponents of the argument say that a tax on gasoline, spent on roads is the one and only "painless tax."

* QUERY DEPARTMENT. *
* Answers by John *

Why are members of the legislature called solons? Eddie Z. Pittsboro.

Ans.—To make them feel big, of course.

What is an heirloom? Sam J., Moncure.

Ans.—An heirloom, my boy, is what a father hands down to his son. For instance his worn out pants.

What is meant by the chosen few? Bob., Gulf, N. C.

Ans.—It is hard to explain in print but if you will move to Pittsboro we can show you a demonstration.

What is meant by suspended on good behavior? Eddie, Rt. 2.

Ans.—From observation we learn it is a privilege given folks to do as they darn please.

How can I remove grass stains? Miss Lucy B., Bynum.

Ans.—If the stains are on your dress take a pair of scissors and neatly cut the stains out—that's one way.

What is Fox-fire? Am a little boy ten years old and have heard father talking about it. Johnnie T. Colon, N. C.

Ans.—Johnnie, Fox-fire is caused by foxes rubbing their teeth against rotten wood trying to clean them.

Who should speak first, a lady or a gentleman? John O'B., Moncure.

Ans.—Well, John, it's a matter of prudence sometimes. If the lady is of large stature, has red hair and a sharp tongue and is mad with you, we'd advise you to cross over to the other side of the street and let the lady do the talking.

FIFTY-FOUR PER CENT NORMAL.
Heavy Rains East of Mississippi Has Caused Cotton Damage.

(Savannah Cotton Factorage Co.) Savannah, Ga., Sept. 1.—The Government's Condition Report as of August 25th was published Friday morning, showing 54.1 per cent of normal, against 57 per cent last year, 49.3 per cent in 1921 and 67.5 per cent in 1920. The condition declined 13.1 points from July 25th to August 25th, 1923.

The condition of the crop in this section of the belt was given as follows:

Georgia 42 per cent, a loss of 6 points during the month.
South Carolina 57 per cent, a loss of 7 points during the month.
North Carolina 71 per cent, a loss of 11 points during the month.
Florida 30 per cent, a loss of 22 points during the month.
Alabama 52 per cent, a loss of 14 points during the month.
Texas lost 16 points.

From August 25th to date heavy rains have continued to fall east of the Mississippi, causing much damage from shedding, army worms and weevils. Even the best sections of North and South Carolina have been damaged much more than it was thought possible two weeks ago.

It is interesting to note that the condition of the crop as of August 25th, 1923, is of 10 points lower than the ten year average, and 29 points lower than the condition as of August 25th, 1922 when less than 10,000,000 bales were ginned. In view of the figures given we do not see how anyone can expect this year's crop to be 10,788,000 bales, as estimated by the Government on Friday last.

It looks like another good year to hold cotton for higher prices.

Some men have their heroism recognized and others go shopping with their wives.

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of J. E. Burke, deceased, late of Chatham county, this is to notify all persons holding claims against the said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of August, 1923, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

All persons owing the said estate will please make prompt settlement. This 30th day of August, 1923.

W. H. BURKE, Administrator.

LONG & BELL, Attorneys.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Having qualified as the executors of the last will and testament of the late G. M. Cheek, this is to notify all creditors to present all claims against said estate within one year from date hereof, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the said estate will please settle at once. This 25th day of July, 1923.

CYNTHIA KIMBALL, H. McD. KIMBALL, SILER & BARBER, Attys. Sep 13.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of J. Roy Hal Pipkin, deceased, late of Chatham county, this is to notify all persons holding claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of August, 1924, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

All persons owing the said estate please make prompt settlement. This 2nd day of August, 1923.

V. R. JOHNSON, A. J. PIPKIN, Administrators.

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