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## Deplorable Incidents In Highway Patrol

Recently there have been some deplorable incidents in the highway patrol in North Carolina, but as a whole the patrol is a highly efficient organization.

The patrol is in process of expanding, but it is necessary to add many men to the patrol to get the required strength. It is inevitable that of the number being added some will not be of the calibre necessary to make the patrol what it should be and what the public expects of it.

In one instance an escaped convict who was captured was flogged by patrolmen, which at this distance seems to be a very unnecessary procedure on the part of the highway officers.

A patrolman who elects to take the law into his own hands and deal out punishment has no business being an officer. Of course, the patrolmen are often disgusted because violators they captured are turned loose by the courts. But in this land of government by law and not by men it is necessary that the officers leave the matter of punishment to the courts. No one man under our system of government has the right to judge without trial and to punish, and that is as it should be.

Patrolmen often are assaulted by persons they are trying to arrest. Sometimes a driver will try to run over a patrolman, and of course an officer whose life has been endangered will have the very natural impulse to give the prisoner a "going over." There is the test of a good officer. If he gives in to his desires he is beneath the dignity of a law enforcement officer, because punishment belongs to the courts.

Here is some interesting editorial comment on this subject from The Charlotte Observer:

The State Highway Patrol of North Carolina should not be condemned on the basis of recent deplorable incidents involving some of its personnel. If there be any who are disposed to criticize severely this valuable and efficient agency of law enforcement, they should remember the excellent record the patrol has maintained during the many years since it was created. Patrolmen are and have been selected with great care.

"The killing of the Cherryville chief of police by a patrolman in Cleveland county a few days ago and the alleged flogging of an escaped convict by three patrolmen in Halifax county about the same time were incidents of a character virtually or quite unknown to the highway patrol during all the years of its history.

"In view of its long past record of good conduct and efficient service on the part of its personnel, the highway patrol is not likely to be condemned by fair minded people for the regrettable and sensational affairs of recent days. The killing of the Cherryville police chief, it should be remembered, occurred under circumstances that prompted a coroner's jury and Colonel H. J. Hatcher, head of the patrol, to exonerate Patrolman Dayton and classify the tragedy as a "justifiable homicide." The patrolman bore a knife wound as evidence that he was being attacked by a man whom he was attempting to arrest, for alleged gross violation of the law.

"In the case of the flogging of the escaped prisoner by three patrolmen, there apparently were no extenuating circumstances, but prompt action by Governor

Cherry, Commissioner Rosser of the Motor Vehicles department, Colonel Hatcher and Solicitor Tyler resulted in their immediate resignations and official steps to prosecute them for assault.

"In 'manhandling' the prisoner, as admitted in their signed confession, they committed acts which the State Highway Patrol has never tolerated."

## Borrowed Comment

### SOFTENING SERGEANTS (Reidsville Review)

Leadership instead of bullying is the aim of new army regulations just announced by General Devers, army ground forces commander.

Men who by virtue of their authority over private soldiers have used tactics approaching sadism in enforcing discipline are going to have to change their tune. The success of the experimental training methods tried out at Ft. Knox has made it seem advisable to apply them universally. Respect and liking for a superior officer are more effective as motivating forces than are fear and grudging obedience, though they are harder to earn.

The old-time, hard-boiled, profane top-sergeant will have to work much harder under the new rules. He will need almost super-human self-control to enable him to close his mouth and impose a demerit upon a green recruit instead of blowing top and relieving his feelings.

Maybe that "International Brigade" which was invading Greece but never actually showed up whizzed away in those flying saucers which also disappeared suddenly.—Greensboro Daily News.

## LIFE'S BETTER WAY

WALTER E. ISENHOUR  
Hiddenite, N. C.

### GRATITUDE

Whate'er the kindness may have been  
Which you have shown to me,  
That's helped me on in life to win  
Some blessed victory;  
Or helped me bless another's heart  
And bring him sunny days,  
I want to thank you for your part  
And add a word of praise.  
Perhaps you've prayed that I might live  
And be a burning light,  
And of my best to others give  
And help them do the right;  
And maybe with your money, too,  
You've helped me through the years  
To be a useful man and true,  
And warn the world with tears.  
Therefore accept my thanks today  
For every kindness shown,  
And in return for you I'll pray  
That God upon His throne  
May bless your life with sunshine bright  
And crown you with His best,  
And lead you on the road to light  
To heaven's blessed rest.

In thinking across the years of my ministry as pastor, evangelist and writer, it is with a grateful heart that I acknowledge the many kindnesses shown me by God's people. If it had not been for their help, their prayers, their words of encouragement, and the financial support they have given me, I could not have accomplished what I have for the Master. Of course He always puts it into the hearts of our fellowmen to stand by us as we serve and worship Him. Praise His holy name.

It is so wonderful and uplifting to God's servants to know that we are doing good, although sometimes the enemy tells us that we are failures. Of course this is the business of Satan to discourage us and get us to quit. Here is a quotation from a letter written me recently by Mrs. Ada Laws of Moravian Falls, N. C.: "Your articles always make me think of how my mother used to read every one she found, and then clip them out and put them with her keepsakes. She has been gone on several years, but her love for the better things of life still lingers in my heart."

God would have us be grateful for every blessing He bestows upon us. These blessings come to us in a large measure through each other. A prayer breathed earnestly for someone, an encouraging word, a friendly greeting and a sunny smile, a helping hand, a financial gift, etc., all contribute to our uplift in life, our work for the Master, our success and our final entrance into the heavenly Kingdom.

## ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By DWIGHT NICHOLS et al

### JOBBS AND JOBS

During the past summer we had the hard job of being softball commissioner for the North Wilkesboro district, which didn't have a softball team in the association of amateur softball until the final days of the season. In other words, we were a commissioner without a commission, which is pretty soft.

Last year we had the self-designated title of sidewalk superintendent for erection of Liberty theatre.

Now we are a sidewalk superintendent for erection of lights on Memorial Park athletic field. In other words, we are a sidewalk superintendent without a sidewalk.

Personally, we are content to let the workmen go ahead with putting up 80-foot poles without any advice from us. In fact, the task has us stumped. We don't even know enough about it to criticize.

Another thing we'll let the workmen do is the work atop the poles. The atmosphere up there looks awfully rarified to us and with too much distance from there to terra firma. For us, we like to stick to terra firma, and the firmer the better.

### LENGTH OF SKIRTS

Women are "raising Cain" about the change in style from short to long dresses. Some of them, of course, don't want the change because it means buying too many new dresses in order to conform to the new pattern

in length, and others just want to continue to display such portions of their lower extremities as they consider attractive.

Personally, we think that the logical solution would be for every woman to wear whatever length of dress she darn pleases.

### BILL TOO BIG

Butcher: I can't give you any more credit. Your bill is bigger now than it should be.

Customer: I know it. Make it what it should be and I'll pay it.

### GOOD ANSWER

Customer: Who was Homer?

Johnny: He was the guy Babe Ruth made famous.

### HADN'T ARRIVED

A pink elephant, a green rat and a yellow snake strolled into a bar. "You're a little early, boys," said the bartender. "He ain't here yet."

### WHY NOT

"Won't you join me in a cup of coffee?"

"You get in first."

### SAVING MONEY

And then there was the Scotchman who took his wife to the country to have her baby, because he heard about rural free delivery.

### WORTH SOMETHING

Two race horses were gossiping over their stalls before the Kentucky Derby. One horse said to the other, "I'm going to win the Derby."

"How do you know?" asked his pal.

"A little while ago my master whispered in my ear that if I won the Derby he would give me two extra bales of hay," replied the first horse, "and, brother, that ain't money!"

### MISCONSTRUED

Father: Well, Son, what did you learn in Sunday School today? Anything new?

Son: Sure, Daddy. I learned all about a cross-eyed bear. His name was "Gladly." We sang a song about him—"Gladly the Cross I'd Bear."

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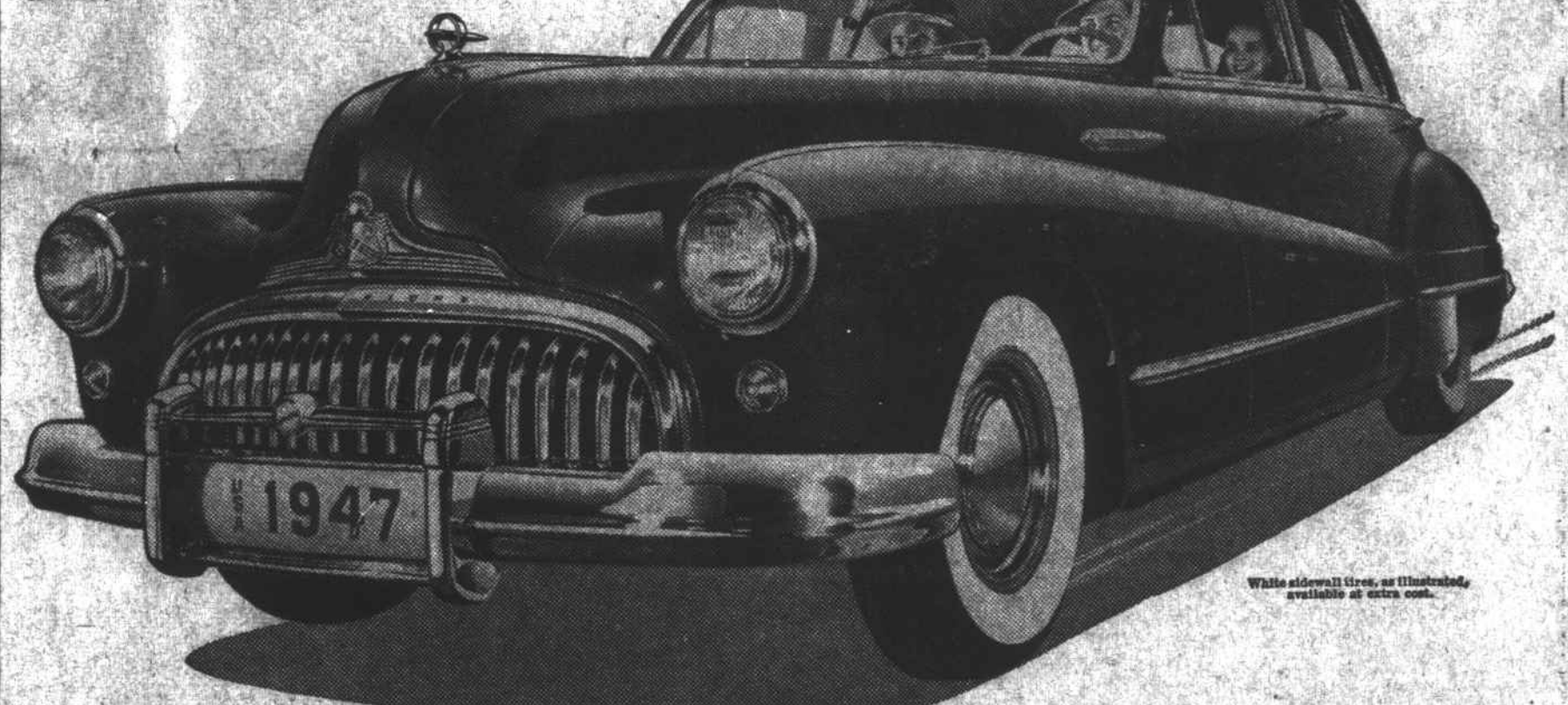
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