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THOUGHTS FOR SERIOUS MOMENTS

To be in the weakest camp is to be in the strongest school.—Chesterton.
There is nothing an honest man should fear more than getting and spending more than he deserves.—Stephenson.
Few men make themselves masters of the things they write or speak.—Selden.
Beware the fury of a patient man.—Dryden.
Music, the greatest good that mortals know, and all of heaven we have below.—Addison.
Youth is to be brought into subjection by reason, not by force.—Publius Syrus.

ALL MEANT FOR THE OTHER FELLOW

One of the most discussed topics of the day is "Drive Safely." While newspapers are devoting column after column in support of the campaign, and speakers on thousands of platforms point to the horrors that result from reckless driving, the average motorist still fails to see the point, thinking all the time that the warnings that are issued are for the other fellow.

We dare say, that it would be impossible to find in the State of North Carolina one person who would admit that he or she were a reckless driver, but anyone could easily point out fifty persons whom they term reckless.

That is just the point. All these safety campaigns have been meant for the other fellow—yet someone must have been reckless or there would have been over 36,000 people alive today in America that were killed by automobiles last year.

On every hand we hear criticism of the traffic on Main Street here, especially the condition on Saturday night, yet there is not a person who uses Main Street that will admit that they add to the present condition—it is all the fault of the other fellow.

This country is known for its "buck-passing" and there is perhaps more of it done regarding reckless driving than in any other one thing.

The truth of the matter is, we all believe in the other fellow being a good driver, keeping to his side of the road, driving slow, and obeying all traffic laws, but we want the privilege of doing as we darn please when we get under the wheel, and let the rest of the motorists look out for themselves. Now, truthfully, isn't that the whole thing in a nut shell?

Not so long ago, a certain speaker in this community addressed an audience in safe driving. He made an impressive address—and yet when he drove away from that place of meeting, he was called down by an officer for violating a traffic law, and instead of appreciating the fact that he had been called down, he raised all manner of sand, and had quite a bit to say about the affair. In short, he was willing to tell in glowing terms what others should do, but he was exempt.

In the eyes of the world, every person who gets under the wheel is a reckless driver, and the only way to prove that such an impression is not true is to drive carefully.

A DESERVING LEADER

During 1935, no three people gave more time or thought to the Chamber of Commerce, and the general needs of this community than did the president, Charles Ray. As a result, more was accomplished last year than in any like period in a number of years.

Mr. Ray has been re-elected president of the organization for 1936, and while it will mean a sacrifice on his part again this year, the community is indeed fortunate in having a man of his ability, the foresight and leadership to again serve as president.

We sincerely feel that there is a determination on the part of the community to support him and the work more this year than ever, and certainly under his guidance, we are assured of a successful year.

COMBATING DANGERS

A splendid piece of work just completed, was the erection of an iron rail in front of the former basement of the livery stable on Church Street. For several months that was one of the most dangerous places in town for pedestrians, because one step off the sidewalk would have meant a tumble of about ten feet.

Such improvements indicate that someone is on the job.

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP IN HARD TIMES

There are men who have traveled through the depression annoyed, stung, and embittered by every mental upset and every financial loss. One cannot blame them, perhaps, but one pities them. There are other men who, having adopted the philosophy that this is a revolution, set up certain reserves, like Emerson's friend, "to be robbed of," and in so doing are able to see things more calmly and to make wiser decisions for themselves and for their businesses.

Apart from the philosophy of the thing, it seems to me that for many of us it ought to be a matter of good sportsmanship to go through troublous times in reasonably good humor. After all, we who are in the middle years had ten very sweet years from 1920 to 1929. We had our innings; we can't expect to be at bat all the time. Money flowed in to us. We made a lot of it. To be sure we lost most of it. But we had fun. And thank the Lord, we didn't lose it all.

We didn't lose what we spent. Our extravagances were our really gilt-edged investments. The trips we took with our families that we really couldn't afford. The antiques we bought; the automobiles; the jewelry for our wives. God be thanked that we didn't try to save all our money. Our richest possession from the boom is our happy memories. We have those good memories. We had our good times. Surely we ought to take what follows like men.—Bruce Barton in the Rotarian Magazine.

THEN AND NOW—

According to the "Living Church," High Church Episcopal weekly George Washington could not be elected president today.

Washington, says The Living Church, would be opposed by the following elements:

"—by the American Legion, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Liberty League, because he was a known radical of revolutionary tendencies;

"—by William Randolph Hearst, for the above reasons, and also because he was born an Englishman;

"—by President Roosevelt and the New Dealers, because he believed in the Constitution and in rugged individualism;

"—by Bishop Cannon and the Methodist Board of Prohibition, Temperance, and Public Morals, because he believed in life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and kept the best cellar in Virginia;

"—by the Roman Catholics and Missouri Synod Lutherans, because he was a Mason;

"—by the Atheist Society, because he was a churchman;

"—by the Negroes and the Civil Liberties Union, because he kept slaves;

"—by the Communists and other radicals, because he was an aristocrat and a capitalist;

"—by the aristocrats and capitalists, because he believed in democracy and the rights of the common man;

"—by the League of Nations Association and the internationalists, because he warned of entangling foreign alliances;

"by the isolationists and hundred-per-centers, because he entered into a treaty of alliance with France, and welcomed Lafayette, Von Steuben and Kosciusko as his allies;

"—by the conservationists and the Amalgated Fruit Growers of America, because he cut down the cherry-tree."

NO WONDER

Cap'n Charlie Farmer, head of the State Highway Patrol, had not been unaware of all the criticism from those who say they never see a Patrolman on the highways. So Cap'n Farmer called in the newspaper boys and showed them some figures. The figures showed:

That members of the Patrol averaged 14 hours of duty a working day, during February; that they traveled an average of 2,426 miles each in that month, or 100 miles a day; that there are 11,000 miles of primary roads and 46,000 miles of secondary roads in North Carolina, with only 114 men to ride them.

This would seem to indicate that the patrol really is, in spite of invisibility, on the job. On the other hand, it shows that the patrol is on pretty much of a stationary job. To spend an average of 14 hours a day covering an average of only 100 miles would be to make an average speed of but seven miles per hour. And to patrol 57,000 miles of roads at seven miles per hour would take a regiment of patrolmen.—Charlotte News.

THE OLD HOME TOWN by STANLEY



STATION AGENT DAD KEYES DECIDED TO CRACK THE VIOLIN TODAY WHEN HE BECAME HOPELESSLY ENTANGLED IN THE INSTRUMENT

Random SIDE GLANCES By W. CURTIS RUSS

I almost go nuts at having to listen to the same yarn told over and over by the same person. There is one man in town who insists on repeating the same story, and now I can stay a full sentence ahead of him.

Things we could do without—tough envelopes, that are too hard to open. Also people who blow their nose in public without a handkerchief—

Add to pitiful sights—girls without stockings with bruised or scratched legs.

Can you imagine the feeling Alvin Ward had when he was mistaken for me the other day. A lady met him on Main street and cheerfully said: "Good morning, Mr. Russ." What he said or thought is not on record.

Paul Martin comes forth and shows that he has an ample stock of the little gadgets which fasten on light switches and can be easily seen at night, and also that none had been seen lately. Yes, sir, Martin Electric has plenty of them now.

One of these first days, when George Platt gets over campaigning for sheriff, I'm going to corner him and get about five yards of war yarns from him. He can tell one after the other, and with as much enthusiasm as if they happened yesterday.

He told one about a Haywood man, while in France, during an inspection which was being made by General Pershing, which proved that Haywood men are plain spoken when they want to be. This man in question was slightly beside himself that particular morning, as the result of too much French "joy-water." General Pershing asked the man how the food was, whereupon the cook replied: "Dem cats we had for dinner was terrible, hick."

Of course, the general did not understand what the cook meant by cats, and when asked for further information, took the general to the door and pointed to the skins of Australian rabbits.

From that day on, no rabbit was served.

One of the best of the week: Judge: "Guilty or not guilty?" Rastus: "Not guilty, sub" Judge: "Have you ever been in jail?"

Rastus: "No, sub, I never stole nuttin' before."

And that yarn brings to mind this one:

"Folks," said the colored preacher, "the subject of my sermon this evening am 'Liars'."

"How many of you all in de congregation has done read the 69th chapter of Matthews?"

Every hand in the audience went up. "Dat's right. Ise glad to see dat, 'cause you is just de folks I wants to preach to. Dere ain't no 69th chapter of Matthews."

And speaking of liars, and preachers, brings to my mind an incident of last week, L. N. Davis and I were confabing, when up walked Dr. R. S. Truesdale, pastor of the Methodists, looking to L. N., he said: "You know Mr. Davis, the two best liars I know of anywhere are Curtis Russ and William Medford. They can lie with the straightest face, and with the most convincing language of any two fellows on earth."

—and what the parson had in mind was the fact that he was one of those taking the "Boston negro" stunt at Rotary to heart.

Any way, thanks Dr. for putting me in a "best" class—even if its with "Slim" Medford.

Warship Bell in Canterbury Canterbury cathedral contains the bell of the British warship Canterbury and a model of the first H. M. S. Canterbury, built in 1744.

TRANSACTIONS IN Real Estate (As Recorded to Monday Noon of this Week).

- Beaverdam Township H. T. Tatham, et al, to T. C. Lowry, W. G. Duckett to James Lidford, Clyde Holtzclaw, Tr., to National Bondholders Corp. Annie Queen Bradley to Paul Medford. Dr. W. C. Johnson to George H. Johnson. George H. Johnson to Dr. W. C. Johnson. J. V. Smathers to Dr. W. C. Johnson. Clyde Township C. V. Jones to Troy W. Crawford. W. R. Thompson to Crawford Sanford. W. R. Thompson to Jarvis Thompson. W. T. Medford to A. F. Ralph, J. T. and Hilliard Smathers and Mrs. Daisy Smathers. Jonathan Creek Township C. M. Moody to Rosa Burgess. J. A. Henry to Mrs. Elizabeth Henry and other heirs of W. W. Rathbone. Vaughn Rhinehart, et al, to Walter Rathbone, et al. Pigeon Township C. E. Christopher to T. H. Wells. John P. Mann to O. C. Jones. Waynesville Township May Fowler to Leslie Moody. John P. Morrow, et al, to A. L. Ensley, Jr. Edward Glavich to May Fowler. M. H. Baldwin to J. M. Stamey. W. M. Roe to J. P. Scates. Pearl Russell to Ralph Prevost, Jr. W. C. Morrow to Edgar Morrow.

23 Years Ago in Haywood

(From the files of March 7, 1913)

Mrs. R. O. Covington spent Wednesday in Asheville. Mr. Dan Tompkins, of Sylva, was in town yesterday.

Mrs. R. H. Blackwell and son, Paul, have gone to Lenoir, N. C., to visit relatives.

Misses Nanette Jones, Alice Quilan, and Amelia McFayden went to Asheville Monday to see the "Spang Maid."

Mr. Clem Satterthwaite, who has been traveling South, is at home again on a visit.

Wednesday afternoon the bridge club met with Miss Nan Killian. Present were Mrs. Carraway, Mrs. Jan Killian, and Misses Lizzie Cole, W. Willis and Miss Young, of Seema, Ala.

Did not require an inaugural ball to attract. The crowd was larger by 70,000 than ever before in Washington for an inauguration.

It is stated that Josephus Daniels is the first cabinet officer to come from North Carolina in sixty years, the last one being James C. Dobbin, who held the same position.

Haywood county must meet Buncombe county on the road proposition for a through sandelay or macadam road from Asheville to Waynesville, and remember it is worth infinitely more to Haywood than it is to Buncombe.

While in Asheville this week one of the proprietors of the Langren, that mammoth, elegant hotel on North Main street, near Pack Square, said to the writer, "When are you going to complete your road from Canton to Waynesville? 'Do you know' he continued, 'if you Haywood people would finish that road and make it as good as it is from here to Canton, you would get hundreds and hundreds of people you don't get?'"

AFTER LAPSE OF NEARLY HALF CENTURY SOUTHERN-BORN MAN AGAIN SITS IN PRESIDENTIAL CHAIR—Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey, was inaugurated today as president of the United States, with Thomas R. Marshall, of Indiana, as vice president Democracy the vehicle of its destiny.

Wilson asks all "patriotic honor men to help him—Taft, the first to volunteer—Wilson, Bryan, Taft, a political picture beyond conception—March 4th, Washington, D. C.

Countries in World War

The countries that participated in the World war included: Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey, Bulgaria, Great Britain, Canada, India, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, France, Russia, Belgium, Serbia, Montenegro, Japan, Italy, Rumania, Portugal, Cuba, Panama, Greece, Liberia, China, San Marino, Siam, Brazil, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Haiti and the United States.

For Digestion's Sake—smoke Camels

The "Morrissey" (below) in a ticklish spot. Harold McCracken, leader, says: "In the Arctic, stomach upsets are a constant bother. I've discovered that smoking Camels at every meal and after helps digestion."

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