

Superstitions to Work To Help Drivers Be Safer

"Find a pin and pick it up
All day long you'll have good
luck."

Popular beliefs, or superstitions, have intrigued men for centuries. Many "backwoods" legends are gospel to some, primitive and sophisticated alike, and to some degree impart a strong if unexplained influence over their lives.

Superstition, according to the experts, can be a ruler; it exerts a commanding force on believers which, in some instances, is good.

Not wishing to overlook any factor which might influence better driving habits among the state's two million licensed drivers, the author here puts a 20th Century interpretation on some obscure, some familiar, superstitions and popular beliefs which, who knows, may exert a "commanding force."

The items are taken from Volume VI of North Carolina FOLKLORE, each with an applicable truth (when slightly revised) to modern day highway travel. For example:

Item: If your initials spell a word, you'll be lucky.
Revised: When driving be sure they don't mean DOA.
Item: If you count your teeth they will fall out.
Revised: Careless drivers often count their teeth--after they are out.

Item: If two people say the

same thing at the same time, the first one to make a wish will get it.

Revised: If two drivers make a mistake at the same time, chances are both of them will get it.

Item: If your foot itches it's a sign you're going to get a whipping.

Revised: If it's your accelerator foot that's itching it's a sign you're going to get a ticket.

Item: If you sneeze seven times and make the same wish

each time, it will come to pass.

Revised: If you sneeze seven times let's hope someone else is driving.

Item: It is bad luck to point at anything.

Revised: It is extremely bad luck not to point (straight out) when making a left turn.

Item: Every frog you kill makes your life shorter.

Revised: Every drink you kill (before driving) ditto.

Item: Stepping continuously in another's footprints will cause severe headache.

Revised: Following another car's "footprints" too closely will get you an even bigger headache.

Item: Rub a person in meal to get rid of a rash.

Revised: Rash drivers aren't often rubbed in meal--just rubbed out.

Item: If you kiss a mile on the nose you'll never have scarlet fever.

Revised: If you kiss a train at a grade crossing, you'll never have scarlet fever--you'll be dead.

Item: To cure snake bits, drink all the whisky you can, the more the better.

Revised: Don't get snake bit in your car.

Item: Spinning a chair around on one leg promises seven years of bad luck.

Revised: Spinning a car around on two wheels promises much more than bad luck.

Item: If you get out of bed from the backside you'll be cross all day.

Revised: Which might have been what was wrong with the 100,000 drivers who had accidents last year.

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Babylon--and thy sons they shall take away," II Kings, 20.

"The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces." I Samuel 2:10.

Wake up America! For now, what was once considered a Christian Nation, Jesus, or any reference to God can not be taught in our schools. We are fast digging our won graves, for an easy burial as they have promised us.

We must stand firm "Under God." We should not associate in any manner with atheistic governments except to recognize them for their treacherous plans, and to head them off. We should break off all negotiations, all conferences, all talks, all relations. We should absolutely stop all business relations--shut off all help in any manner, regardless of what it may be. All should be deported from our shores and they should be allowed to fester, and erupt in their own corruption.

Never in History has a nation under God been able to do business with an atheistic government without disaster. Right and wrong will not mix--Nor can you bargain with the devil.

We must return our nation to "God" and adhere to His guidance. We must take action, positively and firmly in His name, for if we fall Him now His wrath could well be turned against us. "Therefore, was the wrath of the Lord kindled against His people, and He gave them into the hands of the heathen," Psalm, 106:40. I wonder if the destruction of Cuba by the hurricane was a happenstance?

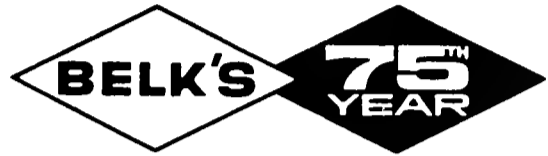
Is there still time? Are we feeding them wheat and financing them through the United Nations; the house that Hiss built, (a convicted traitor and communist?) A place where our voice is reduced to that of a few head-hunters now made into a nation? Have we sold our birthright for a mess of Pottage? Wake up America, before it is too late!!!

The stoical schemes of supplying our wants by lopping off our desires, is like cutting off our feet when we want shoes.--Jonathan Swift

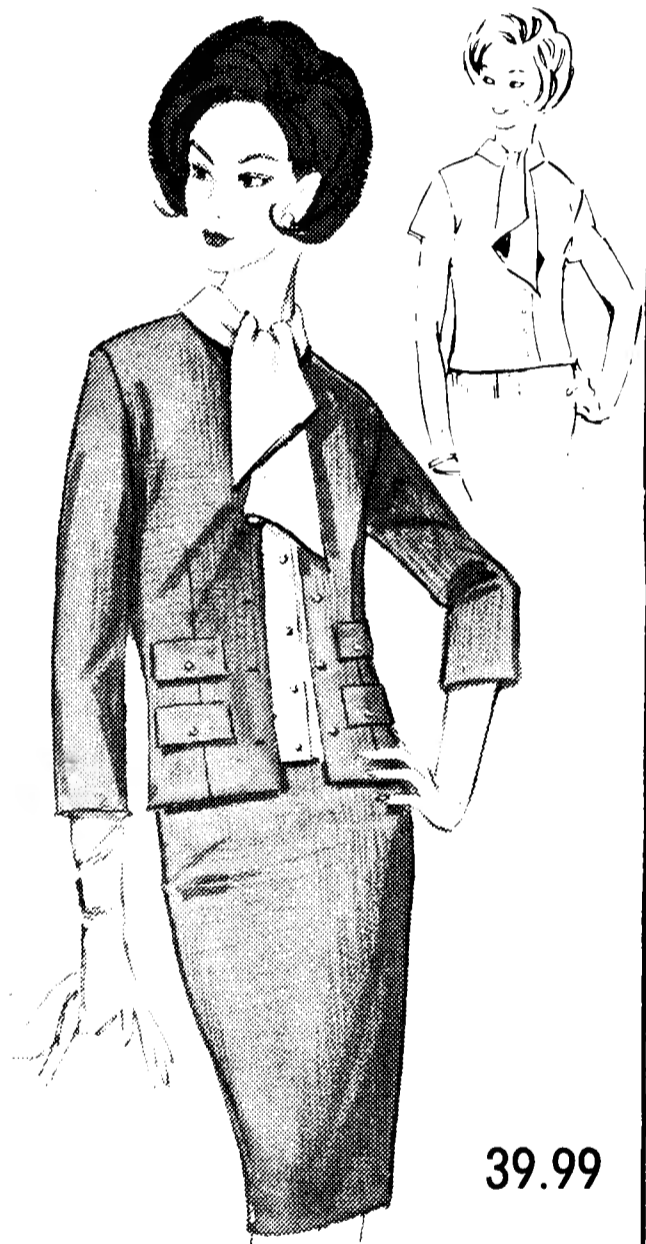
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