

## State Auto Licenses Sales Pass Million

### Drivers Cautioned to Remove 1951 Plates From Cars

New license tag sales have perked up over the entire state the Department of Motor Vehicles reports.

The department's registration division said that 1952 tag sales had passed the one million mark, while remembering that last year only 925,288 had been issued as of the same date.

Department licensing officials praised North Carolina motorists for securing their new plate promptly.

They also cautioned driver's against leaving their old 1951 front tag attached to their car. Violators are subject to prosecution, they said, and the old tag should be removed at once.

### TWO-TIMER



A double-duty winter cotton ensemble by Tina Leser answers fashion needs of both day and night. A tiny velvet jacket is worn over a dress in wrinkle-resistant menswear cotton suiting. Minus the jacket, the scoop-necked, short-sleeved top is perfect for evening occasions, National Cotton Council fashionists note.

rise to fame began.

For four exciting years he was in the thick of all the fighting. Once he had two horses shot from under him in 15 minutes. At 24 he was made a brigadier general. When the war ended a lot of heroes disappeared into obscurity of civil life. Not Custer. He was commissioned lieutenant colonel and assigned to the Seventh Cavalry which was being organized for duty in the West. It suited him perfectly, for it was the one spot left in America that still offered plenty of opportunity for heroes.

We won't go into the pro's and

## This Week's Poem

By WILBORNE HARRELL

### GENESIS OF LIBERTY

The God of worlds that are to be took chaos in His hands, And molded mountains, breaking sea, and fashioned desert sands; And then in space of Eden's fields, blue skies, and streams and wood, Created lasting peace for men—and then He called it, "Good". He gave dominion o'er the land and all that swam the sea, And courage, too, He gave to man, a soul to make him free; The heritage of liberty, to call this soul his own, The things he earns by sweat of brow, the things his lands have grown. And man has loved this precious gift bestowed on him by God, And nurtured well for those less swift the freedom of the sod, Of mountaintop, the wind and rain, the eagle on the wing— O land where faith and justice reign, of thee this song I sing.

### MASSSES SUNDAY IN EDENTON CHURCH AND MARINE CHAPEL

Quinquagesima Sunday, February 24, The Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at 7 and 11 A. M., in St. Ann's Catholic Church, Edenton, and at 9 A. M., in Marine Air Station Chapel, near Edenton, each mass including sermon on "The Holy Sacrament of Matrimony," Holy Communion, followed by Rosary for Peace, Sunday School, with confessions for half hour before each service and Saturdays 7 to 7:30 P. M., and 8:30 to 9 P. M., in church, stated Father F. J. McCourt, pastor and Auxiliary Chaplain. Week-days mass in church at 7 A. M. Thursdays study, discussion classes meet 7:30 to 8:30 P. M., in rectory. Choir practice Saturdays 7:30 P. M., at church.

con's of his military defeat at the Little Big Horn. He was the only one of the 211 dead cavalymen on the field who had been unscalped and un mutilated by the Sioux—a sign of their respect for him. So instead of thinking of it as disaster let's remember it as the last gallant stand of a superb American fighting man.

## 1,500,000 Veterans Under GI Training

### Drop Of Only 16 Per Cent Shown Than Previous Year

Nearly 1,500,000 World War II veterans were training under the GI Bill at the close of 1951—a drop of only 16 per cent below the 1,700,000 total of a year ago, a Veterans Administration survey disclosed.

The decline was appreciably less than that which occurred from 1949 to 1950, VA said. End-of-year enrollments in 1950 were 26 per cent under the 1949 figure of 2,300,000.

The peak of the huge veterans' training program came at the end of 1947, when more than 2,500,000 veterans were enrolled in schools, on-the-farm or on-the-job. The on-the-job training total dropped below the 100,000 mark for the

first time since January, 1946, VA said.

If veterans continue to complete their GI Bill training at the same rate as they have in the past, VA predicted, future enrollments will take much sharper drops.

### EGG PRODUCTION HIGH

North Carolina farm flocks produced 103 million eggs in January. The estimated 9,422,000 layers in farm flocks during the month produced an average of 1,156 eggs per 100. Weather conditions during January were generally favorable to egg production with above normal temperatures prevailing throughout most of the month.

### How He Knew

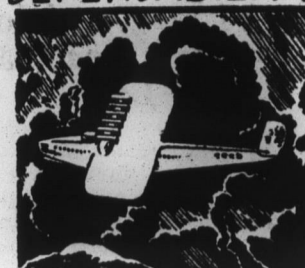
A man fell into a coma and it was several days before he awoke. Later he spoke of his experience to a party of friends.

"Oh, yes," the young man said in reply to a question. "I knew all the time what was going on, and I also knew that I wasn't dead, because my feet were cold and I was hungry." "I see," said one of his friends thoughtfully. "But how did that

make you think you were still alive?"

"Well," answered the man, "I knew that if I were in Heaven I wouldn't be hungry, and that if I were anywhere else my feet wouldn't be cold."

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## SPORTS AFIELD

By Ted Kesting

George Armstrong Custer belongs to the great company of adventurers who gave us the West—early trail blazers like Kit Carson and Jim Bridger, and the soldiers who came afterward and wrested it from the Indians.

However, he was far from being the tough backwoodsman like Carson and Bridger. He was as at home in New York and Washington drawing rooms as on the frontier. As a hunter he took part in those fabulous shooting raids on big game. His letters to his wife were filled with accounts of these trips.

Writing of the Army's expedition on the Yellowstone, he said: "I killed and brought into camp 41 antelope, four buffalo, four elk, seven deer—also captured alive a wildcat and a porcupine, amiable creatures I still possess." He was an amateur taxidermist and enjoyed supplying naturalist societies with animal specimens.

Custer was born in 1839 at New Rumley, Ohio. His father was a farmer and had his heart set on George becoming a minister. But the boy's head was filled with ideas of outdoor sport and dreams of glory. When he graduated from school at first he tried teaching. Then he secured an appointment at the U. S. Military Academy.

His record there, according to Moran Tudury, one of his biographers, was far from impressive. He was lively rather than studious. When he graduated it was without any honors at all. He was last in a class of 34.

But three days after he left West Point he found himself up to his neck in the Civil War. His first engagement was a complete route for the Federal Army but Custer was one of the few men who distinguished himself by his cool behavior. Now his

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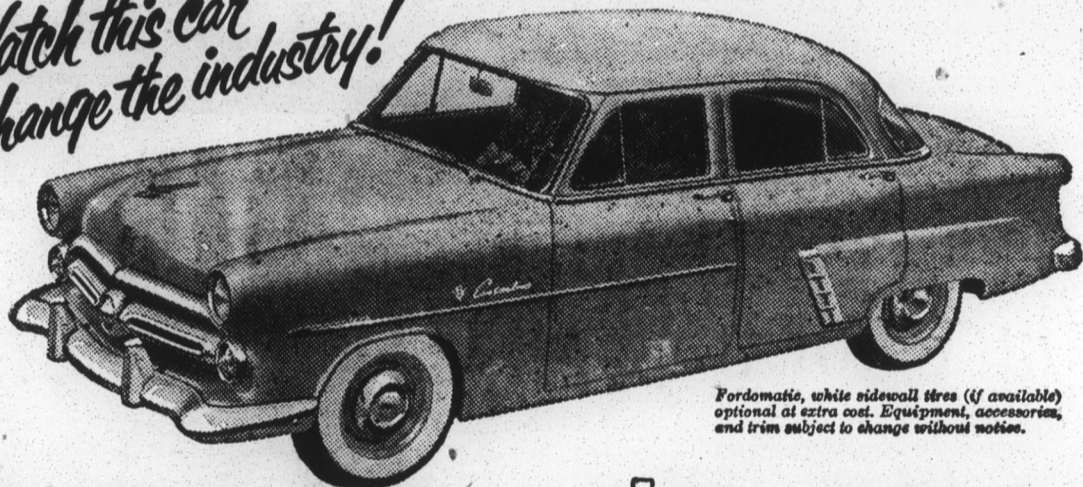


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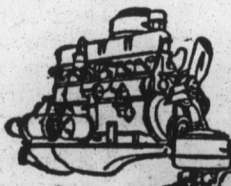
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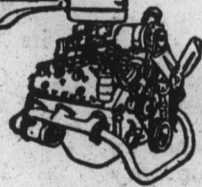
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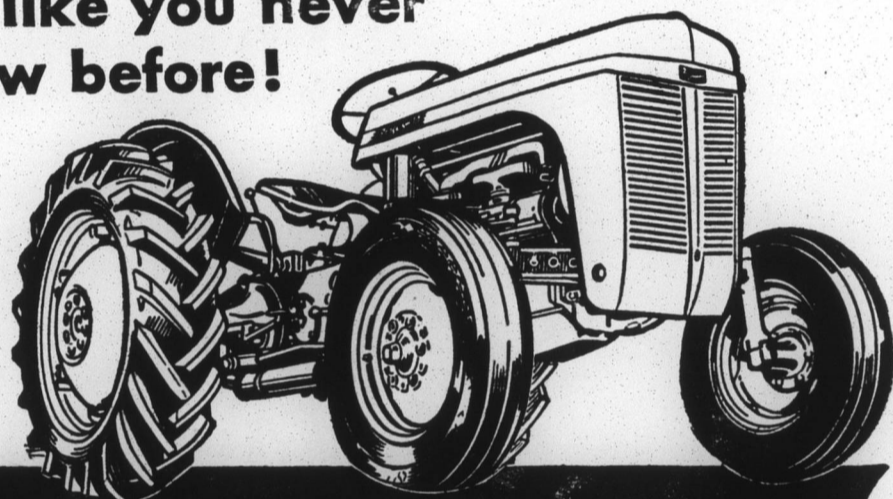
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