

THE JUDGE'S RACE

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"What a name for a Jumbo of a man — HASTY. Why he could not be hasty in leaving a burning building. He couldn't run downhill!"

So some people might have said when they first saw the ponderous probate judge walking along Main Street in his home community, his huge form swaying from side to side as he warmly greeted all he met. But if any one thought Judge Hasty's size interfered where politics was concerned, he was greatly mistaken. For a generation, he had been elected to the political office he desired. He seemed to know human nature and politics as he knew the palm of his hand. His philosophy as a candidate was often quoted: "During the campaign, whip your opponent to a frazzle. Then, when it's over, be his friend."

Now, mellowing with age, he was running once more.

But he had strong opposition. The rival candidate, young and attractive, was trying to convince the voters it was time for a change, and that they needed a younger man in the office. How would the Judge meet his plausible arguments? The veteran politician had a fine record of service, and many acts of kindness to his credit — as his sending scores of young people through college. But would he win now? The old-timers were still confident. "You wait and see," they said; "Judge Hasty could put that young candidate in his vest pocket."

Two weeks before the election the town was suddenly agog with news that a circus was coming. Youngsters could talk of nothing

but clowns and acrobats, lions and elephants. Every boy and girl planned how to get the necessary dollar. But in some families, where the children were numerous, the chances for them all to see the show were slim.

The day before the circus, excitement at the school rose hourly. When chapel exercises were conducted, the principal announced that the pupils would be dismissed at noon next day in order that they might attend the afternoon show. Hundreds of faces beamed at the announcement, but some faces were suddenly sad.

Then the principal introduced "a visitor who has a brief word for us." It was Judge Hasty.

The huge man looked over the crowd, his broad face covered with a smile that bespoke a genuine love of humanity.

"Boys and girls," he said, "I'm not here to make a speech. I just want to ask you a question: 'How many of you would like to go to the circus tomorrow?'"

A forest of hands shot up. "All right," he continued, "I want all of you to go as my guests. I have talked with the manager of the show and he will let you all in free tomorrow afternoon. Go home and tell your parents. I will be at the circus myself and I want to see every one of you." He stepped down from the platform and left the building amidst a torrent of applause.

That night five hundred youngsters took home the great news and a host of boys and girls told their parents whom they must vote for in the coming election.

The day after the election, the

opposition candidate walked into an office in the court-house marked "Probate Judge". An enormous man rose from a well-worn chair and greeted him warmly.

"Judge," said the youthful visitor, "put me in your vest pocket."

"Son," replied the veteran politician, "I'll put you in the pocket right next to my heart."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Today's demand for practical application of the spiritual truths taught and practiced by Christ Jesus will be emphasized at Christian Science services this Sunday.

The topic of the Lesson-Sermon is "Doctrine of Atonement."

The Apostle Peter's directive, "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is

written, Be ye holy; for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:15, 16) will be included in the Bible readings.

From "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy the following will be read (7:16-17, 22-25):

"When will Jesus' professed followers learn to emulate him in all his ways and to imitate his mighty works? . . . It is possible—yea, it is the duty and privilege of every child, man, and woman—to follow in some degree the example of the Master by the demonstration of Truth and Life, of health and holiness."

Those Cynical Orientals

Times of India—When he is in trouble a man always goes to a woman—and gets into more trouble.

Plenty Of Occasions

Smith—I'm, not thin-skinned. I'm the first to laugh at my own foolishness.

Smart—What a merry life you must lead.

With Farm Women

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Automotive Project Improves Safety Perquimans County Assistant

Home Demonstration Agent Ila Grey McIlwain reports that the Automotive project, a part of the 4-H Health and Safety program, has accomplished a great deal in improving safety in the county.

With the help of automobile dealers, service stations, highway patrol and other civic leaders; interesting programs have been held for project members, one of which was a "highway hazard hunt."

As a result, there are signs of many improvements in the county such as repairs on broken pavement, overcoming hidden curves by chopping down obstruc-

tive foliage, putting up signs in needed places. Mowing the shoulders of the roads has also improved the beauty of the roadsides.

—Henry David Thoreau.

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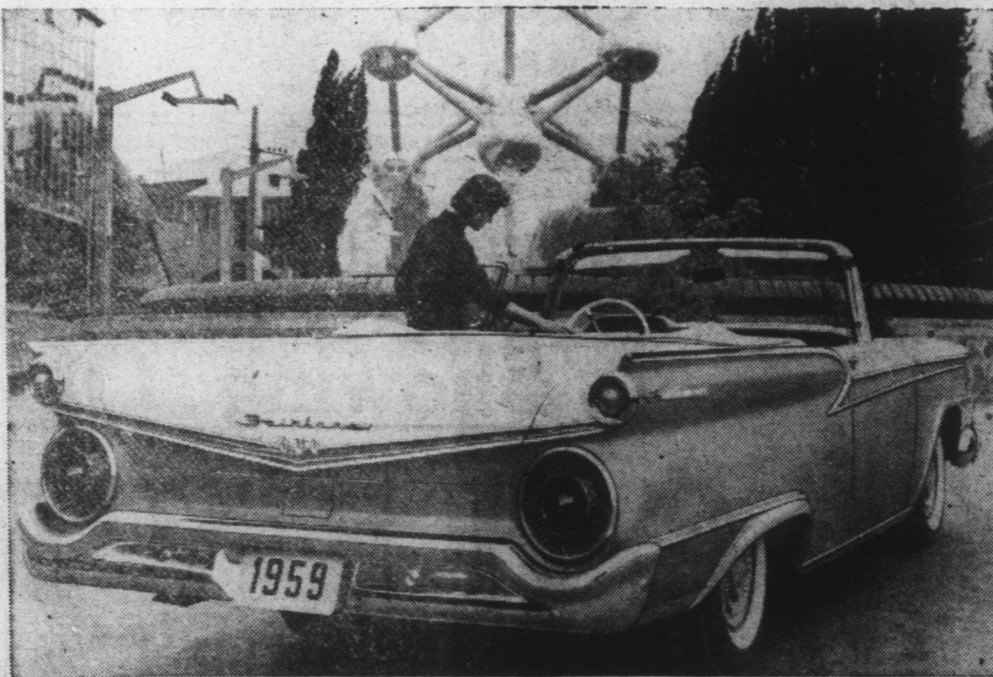
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