

TODAY and TOMORROW

TRAILERS homes

Now that Spring is here and Summer is close at hand, the people who keep tab on such things are predicting that there will be twice as many trailers on the roads of the nation this year as last.

Something like 400,000 people will spend a lot of time seeing America first and dragging their homes behind them, and a lot of them will find spots where they would like to stay and will stay there, with no other home than the trailer.

A lot of people, including President Roosevelt, are worried about the growth in the trailer population. California is especially distressed about the increasing number of people who come there in trailers and stay, without buying or renting a house.

The President told Representative Elliott of California that the Federal government was studying that situation and would do something about it. He thought the trailer folk ought to have permanent homes.

What Californians fear is that a lot of these nomads will become public charges. But I don't see in that any reason for blaming the trailer.

GYPSIES nomads

In the year 1417 a strange, dark-skinned people, moving in small bands from place to place and settling down nowhere, first began to flock into Western Europe. Because people took them for Egyptians, they came to be known as "Gypsies."

They were really from India, and the strange language they spoke, and their descendants still speak all over the world, was a dialect of the ancient Sanskrit, the mother language of almost all European and Indian tongues.

Gypsies got a bad reputation because of their ability to get the better of simple folk in horse-trades, and because they fooled silly women into believing they had the power to foretell the future.

And because the Gypsies had no fixed homes, travelled in covered wagons or caravans and lived in the open "respectable" people came to look with suspicion upon anybody of any race who chose to roam instead of "staying put."

I think that almost everybody still has in his spirit something of the urge to move from place to place, an urge inherited from our ancestors of ten thousand years ago, who were all nomads.

ROAMERS liberty

As a people, we Americans have always been roamers. The spirit of adventure is in our blood. Stop and think that every American is descended from ancestors who came from somewhere else. Even the Indians came to America from Asia.

Before automobiles were dreamed of, Americans were always moving on from the places where they were reared to other parts of the country, and a high proportion kept on moving, never staying long enough in one place to establish themselves permanently.

I think that national restlessness, the urge to be on the move, had a good deal to do with making this country the kind of place it is. Nowhere else in the world could men move so freely over such a wide area as in America.

MIGRATION census

In Washington a short time ago I sat in a conference of a hundred or more people who-discussed for two days what sort of questions are to be asked of the American people in the Census of 1940.

I was most impressed by the insistence by the majority of the group that everybody should be required to tell where he or she lived ten years ago. The purpose is, of course, to find out whether people are still crowding into cities or moving back to the country.

From what I learned from the experts there, I was glad to find that the old roving spirit of America still persists. The problem of internal migration is a baffling one for those who would like to see every American citizen planted in a fixed spot.

It was interesting, too, to learn

that the swing of population is definitely away from the cities and back to the country. More Americans than in years are seeking security for their families by whole time or part time subsistence farming.

But watch those families start roving as soon as they are old enough to go out on their own. They wouldn't be Americans if they didn't.

POPULATION ageing

By getting the reports from every state of the number of babies born and the number of people who die, and checking up on immigration from abroad and emigration back to their fatherlands of foreign-born residents, the Census Office keeps a constant tab on the rate at which the nation is growing.

More foreigners are leaving every year than are coming in. People are living longer, so the death-rate is declining. But fewer babies are being born; so that the total population of America is increasing at a very much slower rate than at any time in our history.

The statistical experts I talked with in the Census Bureau say that, unless something happens to change the picture, by 1970 our population will be stationary, at about 142 millions. There will be fewer children and young people, many more old folks.

If that is so, there will be room for everybody to roam and live as he or she pleases without fear of being crowded out by newcomers. But with a people averaging fifteen or twenty years older than now, there may not be so much inclination to ramble. The smaller proportion of youngsters will have, it seems to me, a better chance.

PROFITABLE PIGS
Ninety-four Columbus County farmers sold 409 fat hogs through their small cooperative association last Friday. The hogs weighed 77,460 pounds and brought \$4,588.84. The buying company held back \$774.60 for soft and oily hogs but will return this as soon as the questionable hogs are killed and inspected, says the farm agent.

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HISTORICAL

By REV. E. H. DAVIS

One would not think that the very attractive place on Main Street immediately opposite the Baptist Church is one of the old landmarks of this historic town.

Not in its present shape of course with its up-to-date improvements which it has taken on but recently since coming into the possession of Mrs. J. W. King and modernized under the skillful touch of J. W. Pruitt. My acquaintance with it began more than 70 years ago soon after the Civil war, owned I know not by whom but occupied as a residence by Mr. Patrick Henry Smith, the solitary village undertaker, whose solemn duty began immediately on notice of a death when hurrying to the bereaved home with tape-line and yard stick he took his measurements much as a present day tailor would and then returned to his shop to construct or build a coffin accordingly. Mind you a coffin and the material pine, or poplar or black walnut—in value just in the order named, with only the more opulent affording the last mentioned. But farther back than he—much farther back just how much I do not know, it was the home of Grandma Shines—called Grandma even by those not thus related to her. Her maiden name was Sarah Richmond, a daughter of William Richmond and Anne Millikan. Married first to Gabriel Long. Their children were (1) Mary, married to Green Hill grandson of the first Green Hill. He was Public Register in this county for a number of years and his peculiar signature with P. R. following may be seen on our oldest official documents. He was also first cousin to Rev. Major Green Hill.

(2) Anna, married to Jordan Thomas. Mrs. Mary Penn, Mrs. Jones Fuller afterwards Mrs. Dr. King. Joel Thomas and Gabriel John Thomas were the children of

this Union. (3) Martha, married Joel King. (4) Rebecca, married Chas. Applewhite Hill. I remember well the two last mentioned and attended the funeral of each. (5) One son, Nicholas, married a sister of Jordan Thomas. These were the children of Sarah Richmond Long, who after Long's death married the Rev. Daniel Shines and thus acquired the name by which she was more widely known—Grandma Shines. From the tenor of her letters many of which are in the hands of her descendants today she must have been a real help-mate to her preacher husband. He was one of the pioneers of Methodism in this part of the country and her correspondence indicates that she was his frequent if not constant companion as he traveled the extensive circuits. She touched upon in many sections and everywhere the impression was of the same sort. People knew her to be a woman of culture, of ability and of deep piety. There are many letters extant here from people out South, Miss. Tenn., Alabama, former Carolina folk making inquiry of or sending regards to Grandma or Mother Shines. Being such a person as indicated, the wife of a preacher and well might one herself it seems a little strange that she should have had the experience with the circus and the elephant that is part of the history of this house now so well appointed and up-to-date. While she lived there a circus with at least one elephant came to town. The beast, it must have been a small one, some how or other became refractory and eluding his keeper was finally chased into the basement of Mother Shines' house and there captured. Whether or not this incident had anything to do with the supposed hostility of the pulpit towards the circus I am not able to say. Mr. Blake Nicholson, of Halifax, an old gentleman to whom I was pastor more than 40 years ago told me that before the Civil war he attended John Robinson's circus at Ransom's Bridge and he added this interest-

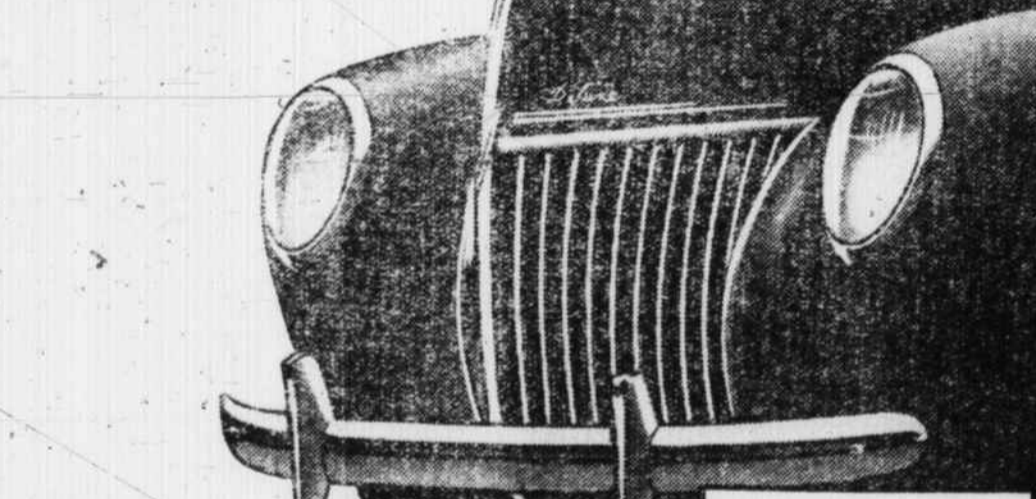
ing statement which may have been an exaggeration. That one might have climbed a tree at any time during the day and he would have seen a dozen fights going on. I remember John Robinson's circus coming to Louisburg in the late 60's, through the country from Warrenton. They stopped for rest, for feeding and for lining up in what was then my father's grove, just where the beautiful residences of Messrs. Tonkel and Yarboro now stand. The tent was spread in a flat South of the river and to the left as you crossed the bridge going South. The bridge was a narrow single track affair with high abutments at each end. The elephant as he mounted the abutment next to town and put his big foot on the floor of the bridge and looked down did not like the look of things and refused to go. No amount of urging would induce him to change his mind. He absolutely reneged—if you understand what I mean. Being still of that mind he was carried around or driven through the river. Getting him into it was easy enough but getting him out was quite another matter. He seemed to want to spend the rest of the day right there and by his behavior in it, indicated that he had not had such a time since he left his kinkles in Asia.

Have you ever noticed that before we were found out we care a lot about our neighbors think, and when found out we figure it is none of their business?

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