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The influence of weekly newspapers on public opinion exceeds that of all other publications in the country.—Arthur Brisbane.



1934 TIPS FOR DRIVERS

As 1933 ends, early reports indicate that there was an increase in motor vehicle fatalities and injuries over 1932 in spite of the fact that fewer cars were operating during the year. The last quarter was especially bad.

Predictions are that fatalities will approach 30,000 and injuries 1,000,000. This is a record that certainly should not be repeated.

A set of New Year's resolutions for the motorist, prepared by the National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters, is a good starting point for a safe 1934:

1. Drive at speeds suited to traffic conditions; slowly, in the city, moderately, on the open highway.
2. Use better judgment in passing. Wait until there is 500 feet of clear distance before attempting to maneuver.
3. Slow down at intersections.
4. Obey all traffic signals.
5. Watch out for pedestrians.

These are the five most neglected rules of the road. Obedience to them would have saved a majority of the lives and limbs lost during 1933. Remember them in 1934.

STABILITY THROUGH COOPERATION

In a brief address to the Association of Life Insurance Presidents, Frances V. Keesling, President of the American Life Convention, said: "Cooperation, as I conceive it, relates to efforts to assure stability in our own business, and includes cooperation to insure the stability of all other business . . . Only the most superficial consideration of the subject demonstrates that insurance is vitally related to business generally. In fact, real business stability demands that the business executive be concerned not only with the problems of other executives in his own line but as well must have a sympathetic and very positive interest in the troubles of executives in other lines of business."

Mr. Keesling's conception of life insurance is very progressive. Now, with the seeds of recovery sown, the value of life insurance working with other industries to promote sound business and governmental practice, becomes doubly important.

The American people have great faith in life insurance and listen eagerly to what men high in industry say. As Mr. Keesling intimates, life insurance is and will be one of the greatest tools in building and maintaining stability.

MAKING THE BANKS SAFE
Every bank account of \$2,500 or less in the United States, except, of course, those in banks which have not been reopened because of unsoundness, is now insured against loss to the depositor. How this will work out for the banks is as

yet uncertain. Some people think it will make bankers careless with other people's money, since they have the nation-wide insurance fund to fall back on in case they make mistakes. Our idea is that t, among other things, will make banks a great deal more careful than many of them were up to a year ago. When ten thousand out of thirty thousand banks fail or temporarily have to close down because they have been involved, directly or indirectly, in careless or risky use of their deposits, there isn't much to brag about in the matter of careful banking in the past.

We believe that the banks of the nation, generally speaking, are in sounder position than they have been for many years. We know that there is no risk to any small depositor now in placing his money in any bank which the Government allows to stay open. We think there is still a god deal to be done before the banking system of the United States can function in all respects as efficiently as it ought to. There are still too many small banks, insufficiently capitalized to meet the needs of their communities. We do not believe there are many deliberate crooks in control of banks any longer, but we are not sure that every set of bank officials is as competent and filled with the sense of responsibility as they ought to be.

What has shaken public confidence in banks and bankers is not only the thousands of failures of small banks but the shocking disclosures in the Senate Committee investigation, of the way in which the heads of some of the big banks enriched themselves at the expense of the public. We realize that a sound banking system is essential to the conduct of business, and we do not think that bankers generally are in a good position to protest against being regulated and restricted.

THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS

The situation in Washington, in which the Congress of the United States has abandoned its Constitutional functions and seems to be content to leave the entire direction of the Nation's affairs, legislative as well as executive, in the hands of the President, is not without parallel in our political history. Three times before has Congress abdicated, in effect. Andrew Jackson was the first to take its powers away from it, which he did with threat and violence rather than by persuasion or consent. In the war between the states Congress was, as now substantially all of one political party, and President Lincoln had his own way as far as war measures were concerned. And in the Great War Congress like the rest of the United States, was content to leave leadership to President Wilson.

President Roosevelt however, is the first to propose, in so many words, that Congress leave everything to him. In his message, delivered at the opening of the session, he said to Congress, in effect, that while the letter of the Constitution provides for a division of powers, as between the Legislative, the Executive and the Judicial branches of Government, "the impulse of a common purpose declares a union." And not a single voice, able to make itself heard, protested.

The President may be right. It may be that the people of the United States, represented in Congress, are unanimously with him in our understanding, however, that a Member of Congress represents everybody in his district, not those of his own party alone. How many of them, we wonder, have gone to the pains to find out whether their constituents agree that they should surrender their rights? No, we fear.

We wonder whether Congress is getting ready to abdicate.

One thing that is not conducive to the popularity of any administration is a lot of official inspectors going over the country looking at everybody's books.



IT'S A hard matter to figure out JUST WHAT the youngsters may BE THINKING about these days AND IT'S never safe to answer ONE QUESTION without KNOWING WHAT the next one WILL BE. Just the other day RIGHT HERE in Salisbury, one of THE LITTLE fellows said, "THE STORK BRINGS you babies DOESN'T IT, mother?" "OF COURSE," she answered IN THE affirmative. "And SANTA CLAUS brings me toys?" HE CONTINUED. Again his MOTHER SAID "yes". He PAUSED FOR a moment.

"WELL", HE said. "Then DADDY DOESN'T help us a bit DOES HE mother?" I THANK YOU.

THE ONLY CASE ON RECORD WHERE A RETRACTION CATCHES UP WITH SLANDER

Mr. McBride, who believed himself a good Democrat, offered for postmaster of his little city. He had endorsements and was sitting pretty, so he thought. But the powers had a way of digging into his record and they found that he voted against Al Smith in '28. But his wife had been a true Democrat, and so Mrs. McBride was named postmistress. She is on the job and making a good postmistress. She says her husband can continue to get his mail there.

—T. B. Laney at intervals in the Monroe Journal.

TESTIMONIAL

The effects of four years of depression on the health of the nation are being studied by the United States Public Health Service. So far as we are individually concerned, it has made us feel awful, inside and out.

—The Statesville Record

TEST OF THE OSMOSCOPE

We shall be more interested in the osmoscope, or mechanical smell er, perfected at Harvard when it can be had in domestic sizes and so gauged as to determine, between the hours of 11 P. M. and 2 A. M., whether something is burning



ARTH BARROWS IS A MIGHTY BROAD-MINDED MAN, WHEN IT COMES TO MATTERS THAT DO NOT CONCERN HIM...

downstairs without necessitating getting out of a warm bed.
—Christopher Billopp in the Baltimore Eve Sun.

FOR THE SUSPENSE FILE
Losses, if any, resulting from a housebreaking Monday night, will not be able to be determined until the occupant of the house returns from serving a term on the state highway.
—Item in the Wilmington Star.

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

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The purpose is to give every citizen more security in his employment, shorter working hours to earn the necessities of life, protection against exploitation by those who would swindle him out of his earnings, government work to turn to for employment if there is no chance to work for private employers, retirement on a pension after a given age or years of service, whether for public or private employers, controlled living costs, and an opportunity for independence on a self-sustaining rural home of his own if that is what he seeks.

There is no thought of guaranteeing to every citizen a "chicken in every pot" or two cars—or even one car—in every garage. There is a definite thought that poverty can be greatly reduced, and abolished entirely for those who are able and willing to work.

Those are the objectives, now made clear, to which President Roosevelt is looking in his plans for immense Government borrowings and spendings. And there is no question that he has his overwhelming party majority in Congress with him.

The President's plans will be carried out. Whether they will work out or not depends upon many factors, including human nature, concerning which it is difficult or impossible to make sure predictions. But there is a strong belief here that the economic corner has been turned, that business is definitely on the upturn and that as prosperity increases more and more people will find themselves falling into accord with the ideas of the New Deal.

What is tending to hold back recovery in its completeness just now is the remaining uncertainty over the monetary situation. It can be set down for a fact that there will be no paper-money inflation, except as there was such inflation during the war by the creation of Federal Reserve notes against borrowing on Liberty bonds. There will be a revaluation of the gold dollar, and it looks now as if it would be at half its own gold value. And alongside of that there will be some provision about silver in the money system. Those things will be settled speedily, to clear the deck for the borrowing of the first installment of the new debt, and to encourage private capital to looser a up.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Having qualified as Administrator C. T. A. of the estate of T. L. Overcash, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said decedent to file an itemized, verified statement of same with the undersigned on or before the 19th day of January 1935, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. Persons indebted to said estate are notified to make prompt settlement.

This Jan. 17, 1934.
GEO. R. UZZELL, Admr. C. T. A.
T. L. Overcash.
R. Lee Wright, Atty.
Jan. 19—Feb. 23.

RUTH NOW IN FOLD

Babe Ruth, king of sluggers in baseball, has signed with Colonel Jacob Ruppert to play with the New York Yankees again. He is two months ahead of the usual schedule and had the signing minus the customary fanfare associated with the momentous event. A salary of about \$35,000 was agreed upon for the 40-year-old players' twenty-first season in the American League. Last year he got \$52,000.

POSTMASTER AT GREENSBORO

John William Coleman has been recommended by Congressman . . . instead for appointment as postmaster at Greensboro. Mr. Coleman is a sales representative of a wholesale hardware firm and has been a resident of Greensboro for nearly a score of years. He is said to be a good party worker. Walter M. Ridenhour, a native of Stanly county living in Greensboro for several years, was on the list of eligibles.

HERE'S HOW

By Albert T. Reid



CENTRAL ITEMS

Mrs. R. L. Barringer has returned home after spending a week in Edenton, N. C., with her daughter Mrs. Tulley Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Cauble took dinner with their daughter Mrs. James Patterson Friday, January 5. Mrs. C. L. Neel had as her guest at dinner, Mrs. Annie Slone and daughter, Fannie, of Mill Bridge, also Mrs. Jordon and Mrs. C. L. Cauble, Wednesday, Jan. 10th.

Mr. Henry Fraley is in the hospital in Baltimore, Md. He is responding to his treatments nicely and is expecting to return home next week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Neel gave a special six o'clock dinner, January 5th to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bernhardt, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Yeager, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Morris, all of Salisbury, and Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Cauble of the county.

Miss Rachel Cauble returned to A. S. T. school at Boone, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Cauble.

Miss Mollie Neel Barringer has returned to East Carolina College at Greenville, N. C., after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Barringer.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Cauble took dinner Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. E. C. Houck.

Mrs. Charlie Peeler is visiting her sister Mrs. A. G. Cauble.

Mr. Rector who has purchased the Jones' farm has remodeled his home and is expecting to move at an early date. His neighbors are glad to welcome him as a neighbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Locke Neal spent Christmas with Mrs. Neal's mother, Mrs. G. L. Lipe.

Mrs. E. C. Houck, teacher of Corriher school, reports her school is being painted both inside and out, which she is very proud as well as the community.

DRY VOTER GETS ROAD SENTENCE

Arthur Byrd is under sentence at Kingston for driving a car last November 7 while in an intoxicated condition. When apprehended, Byrd announced to the officer who did not like the behavior of a rickety car in its zig zag course that he was on his way to vote against repeal. He posted bond until sober enough to stand trial, but failed to appear until a few days ago he was located at one of his old haunts.

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Atlanta, Ga.—The Atlanta Sunday American announces that publication in its next three issues of a series of uncensored photographs of scenes of the World War. There will be from three to five full pages of these war pictures in each issue.

The original photographs were made under fire, during actual combat and the scenes they depict are almost unbelievable. They show war as it was—with all of its suffering and its horror. Every individual and every organization should see these remarkable pictures.

The first pictures will appear in the Atlanta Sunday American, dated January 21st. Others follow in the issues of Jan. 28th and Feb. 4th. Order the Atlanta Sunday American through your local agent or ask for it at your newsstand or drug store dealer.

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