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Appeal For Safety

Liberty weekly is publishing a series of brief articles on the proper way to drive an automobile to avoid accidents.

A few days ago, the article was on 'one-arm drivers.' Judging from the number of persons who believe they can drive just as safely in this manner, the subject is appropriate.

The article says:

"The one-armed wonder is another species of chiseler. You meet him often. He's an expert in lighting cigarettes while driving fifty miles an hour.

"Also, he's mighty clever in using both hands to light up the old pipe in a breeze. Good at cuddling his sweetie, too, as he sails along under a romantic moon.

"This gent feels that one hand is plenty on the steering wheel. He speeds along, apparently unmindful of the fact that a sudden jolt may throw his car clear out of control. A blow-out, for instance; an unseen hole in the pavement; or an unnoticed obstacle in the street.

"These are the things that make one-armed driving so hazardous—the unforeseen emergencies which requires the full strength of both arms. Common sense pleads with the motorist to keep both hands on the steering wheel. Two handfuls of safety are indefinitely better than one."

But dear Liberty we expect little results from your articles on safety in automobile driving just as we expect little from this editorial. Something stronger than a mere appeal to the common-sense of the road hogs will be necessary. Until we quit reporting "unavoidable accidents" (there ain't no sich animule) and letting those involved go serenely on their way to another collision, our death rate from automobiles will continue to mount. Just because no one is injured in an accident or no one is involved except the owner of the car, is no reason the speeding, foolish motorist should not be arrested and given severe justice. Then and not until then shall there be an effective drive in the interest of safety.

The Party Is Challenged

The Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel used double-column editorial space Sunday to say what The Journal-Patriot has been saying repeatedly regarding the election laws of North Carolina.

The Twin City paper, always fearless and courageous, again demonstrates the liberalism which has characterized its service to the state.

It takes the same position we have taken with reference to continuance of the primary. Abolishing the primary plan would not remedy the evils. Journal-Patriot readers will recall our recent stand on this point.

"Shall the people rule?" is the caption of the editorial. In the opinion of the Winston-Salem paper, they cannot rule unless the absentee ballot law is repealed. We have said that more than once.

It denounces the corrupt use of markers. We have also done that. We believe The Journal-Patriot was first in the state to take a stand in opposition to this feature of the election law which is obviously a breeder of corruption.

Significant excerpts from the Winston-Salem paper's editorial are:

"People who corrupt our primaries and elections ought to spend some time in the penitentiary or on the public roads."

"North Carolina has reached a low stage of degradation and debasement in the conduct of its primaries and elections. It needs a purification."

"The time has come to call a halt."

"Upon the Democratic party of this state rests the responsibility for a reformation. For the good of that party, it cannot come too quickly and it cannot be too thorough."

"We ought to have a real Australian ballot law."

The Twin City publication is right. The sincerity of the majority party in its efforts to give the citizenship of the state an honest government and preserve the franchise for which blood has been spilled is challenged.

Our election laws look like a sieve designed to permit fraud and corruption to

seep through. They deserve nothing better than a thorough cleansing. That alone will satisfy an intelligent citizenship which looks with shame upon practices which are nauseating in the extreme.

A Stalwart Passes

Wilkes citizens learned of the death of John W. Lambeth, father of Congressman Walter Lambeth, with sincere regret. While not so well known here as the younger Lambeth, he nevertheless had quite a number of friends throughout this section.

The Charlotte Observer's tribute to the deceased follows:

The two brothers—Frank S. and John W. Lambeth—26 years ago made venture in Thomasville, their native town, that was viewed with skepticism by the natives, for they had established a chair factory, an enterprise of the kind was then regarded as a bold venture. Nevertheless, the brothers were better business men than they had been given credit for, and the factory proved a success from the start, later becoming known as the Standard Chair Factory. It was perhaps this initial venture in the manufacturing industry that gave impetus to the industrialism which made Thomasville famous. Colonel Frank Lambeth was called to his reward several years ago and now the brother follows, an active business and industrial career having been ended for John Lambeth Tuesday morning. The passing of these pioneer captains of industry robs Thomasville of two of its most progressive citizens, for they have record as actual "builders" of that town. Each brother was possessed of many private virtues. They were churchmen of prominence and Frank Lambeth was noted for his ability to give life to the old Methodist hymns. John Lambeth was the father of Congressman Walter Lambeth, and a nephew, Dr. W. A. Lambeth, pastor of the Wesley Memorial church, assisted the beloved Rev. Dwight Ware in conducting the ceremonies. Thus passes away two of the State's stalwarts and two of Thomasville's most resourceful citizens.

Dams And Damns

Deponent admits to no excessive use of that semi-vulgar or vulgar (as you please) word, "damn." Somehow or other, it never occurred to us to express our thoughts that-a-way.

Somebody recalled the other day the quaint custom of a clean-spoken gentleman who invariably referred to Beaver Dam as "Beaver Hill" to avoid even the remote suggestion of an oath.

Not so uncompromising as that, we are yet. Yet any school boy ought to be able to make a better cussword out of the hypotenuse of a right-triangle or a d-n Latin verb.

Speaking of the use of this sometimes-called cussword, George Beasley, Jr., writing in the Monroe Journal, says:

One of the best illustrations of the humorous and therefore more legitimate use of "damn" was provided by an old friend some years ago. He was taking a cow to graze. The weather wasn't exactly comfortable, and man and cow walked along utterly lacking in enthusiasm. The man, chain in hand, trailed behind the cow.

"Where you going?" asked some one who was loitering in the shade.

My friend's reply was so eloquent that damn, as he interpreted it, has remained a part of my vocabulary. He said, without smiling: "I'm just tagging along, to see where this damn cow is going."

Sunday School Lesson

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

GOD CARES FOR ELIJAH

Lesson for July 15th. 1 Kings 17 and 19. Golden Text: Matthew 6:32.

Elijah is the most individual and interesting of the early prophets. A rugged, desert figure of flaming zeal, who stood uncompromisingly for the primitive convictions of the fathers, he hurled defiant thunderbolts at all who departed from this simple, pioneer faith. He was peculiarly strong both in impulsiveness and in tenacity. The first part of the lesson reveals this strength. There we see him as the prophet of both judgment and mercy.

Yet Elijah was weak, too, as the latter part of our lesson makes clear. Behold him sitting under a juniper-tree in the wilderness asking the Lord to take his life! What was the matter with him?

In the first place he was tired. After the fearful strain of the contest with the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel he was completely exhausted. Now physical weariness often produces despondency.

Then, in the second place, he felt all alone, as though no one were sympathetic with him. "I, even I only, am left." We know the meaning of this, do we not? Loneliness and home-sickness are very common experiences.

Moreover, Elijah was idle. He had nothing now to occupy his attention and save him from introspection. Few become more gloomy or rebellious than the unemployed.

We have here a very personal problem. Elijah's worst foe was himself. He had won a spectacular victory, but now he sulks like a spoilt child. One is reminded of that searching declaration of Shakespeare's Cassius: "The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in ourselves." And it was D. L. Moody, famous evangelist, who said that he had had more trouble with himself than with any other man he had ever met.

The fact is that we are at war with ourselves. But God can deliver us from this inner conflict even as he saved Elijah.

This Week In Washington

Washington, July 10. (Auto-caster)—A piece of news which the cables carried the other day is causing more mental perturbation in Administration circles than even the unpaid war debts. That is the statement officially made that in Great Britain unemployment has been reduced to the point where it was five years ago. Recovery, according to the cables, began in Europe early in 1932 and has continued without serious interruption since. Whether it had not already started in America at the same time, and whether it might not have progressed as rapidly here as there if there had been no experimental efforts to stimulate it, is what is worrying some of the President's advisers.

Not that they admit there is anything to the idea, but they are terribly afraid that the Republicans will pick up the theory that the New Deal has hampered, instead of stimulated, economic recovery, and adduce so many facts in support of it as to make a convincing campaign argument out of it. And nobody in Washington forgets for a minute that this is a campaign year.

"Outs" Must Have Issue

In all fairness, it ought to be made clear that unless the Republicans do find some definite, positive issue between now and the beginning of the Congressional campaigns in September, they haven't any chance at all of capturing the lower house of Congress or the Senate. Their chance of an opposition majority is slight, at best; but if the only campaign arguments they are able to put forward are the stale pleas of the "outs" to be put back "in," based upon nothing constructive but merely upon dislike of the New Deal program, then they will capture mighty few seats in either house.

It would not be a novelty if they did even gain control of Congress. That has happened more than once in our political history—but never when there was as good a politician and popular personality as Mr. Roosevelt in the White House.

In 1890, for example, the greatest opposition landslide in our history occurred. Benjamin Harrison had been elected President in 1888, with a strong working majority in both houses of Congress behind him. But in 1890 the combined Democrats and Populists captured 85 Republican seats in the House of Representatives.

In Taft and Wilson Reigns

In 1910 President Taft had a Republican Congress, elected with him in 1908, turn sour on his hands and go Democratic. In Woodrow Wilson's second term, the Congress elected in 1918 was dominated by the Republican opposition. But in these and all the other instances of a mid-term upset in the complexion of Congress there was a definite issue before the people upon which they were thoroughly aroused. No such issue has as yet shaped itself. So while the President's friends conceded that they will probably lose some seats, they are not greatly scared of losing control of Congress. They have a feeling, which many old political observers with Republican leanings share, that there is not, at the present moment, enough political acumen and smart leadership in the Republican party to do much damage.

There is, however, a good deal of money on the Republican side. Campaign funds are going to count heavily this year in most districts. Here, again, the feeling in Washington is that the distribution of immense sums of Government money in various forms of welfare activity, such as the PWA, CWA, CCC, FERA and the farm benefits and bonuses will go a long way to make voters friendly to the Administration, and presumably to the Democratic party.

Congress Faces the Voters

Doubtless all the beneficiaries of Federal spending are grateful to Mr. Roosevelt—but Mr. Roosevelt is not running for re-

election this year. It is Congress that has to face the voters, and mingled with the feeling that Congress has been nothing more than a rubber stamp which the President used to make his personal actions legal and Constitutional, is a good deal of dissatisfaction in many agricultural sections over the way some of the recovery projects have worked out.

Farm prices in general have gone up, but prices of goods the farmers have to buy have gone up farther and faster. The NRA has done a better job in its field than has the AAA. That has caused a lot of disgruntlement. Nobody yet knows how far and how deep that kind of dissatisfaction extends.

Busy Political Summer

The drought has offset much if not most of the gains for the farmers as a whole—the most severe drought in all history, authorities say. Probably nobody seriously will blame the drought on the Government, but it has beyond doubt created an undercurrent of discontent which may express itself at the polls, in the states affected. And if it should result in a definite food shortage elsewhere, which seems not at all improbable, it may affect voters all over the country.

Then there is the great block of inflationist voters, lineal descendants of the Populists of 1890 who wrecked the Harrison administration and all but wrecked the Republican party. Some of these are sure to ask embarrassing questions of their Representatives as to why they let "Wall Street" stand in the way of monetary inflation, by either the silver or the green-back route, when they had the power in their hands.

Civil Service Examinations

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:

Junior agricultural statistician, \$2,000 to \$2,600 a year, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Department of Agriculture. Specified education and experience required. Closing date, July 24.

Associate veterinarian (disease affecting wild animal life), \$3,200 a year, Bureau of Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture. Specified education and experience required. Closing date, July 23.

Junior legal assistant (labor law), \$2,000 a year, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor. College or law school education, including labor law and allied subjects, required. Closing date, July 30.

All states except Iowa, Vermont, Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia have received less than their quota of appointments in the apportioned departmental service in Washington, D. C.

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