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Surely A Better Way
The movement for cheaper automobile licenses in North Carolina is gaining rapid headway and the present legislature will no doubt thrash the matter out and more than likely will let the matter stand as it is with the argument that the state cannot afford to lose revenue.

We are heartily in favor of cutting the tag price to a flat five dollars or cutting the present charges on weight in half, if this can be done without disrupting the financial status of the state.

We realize that the state must find a vast amount of money to meet payment on its indebtedness, care for the present roads, construct new ones, run the schools and carry out the general objectives of state government. We do not have at hand figures on just how much revenue the state would lose in cutting the price of tags in half or how much of the amount lost would be gained back in gasoline taxes by the additional number of cars that would be placed on the highways.

Even if the present high charges must be maintained, and we believe that a substantial reduction is in order, some arrangement should be made that would make it easier for the struggling motorists and make it possible for him to drive his car all the year. It is difficult to raise the money right at the time when holiday shopping has drained our purses.

The Cleveland Star suggests:

"Create a period of ten days grace after January 1. Then, when that period expires, levy a penalty of 25c a day on all owners who do not procure their tags. If they persist in driving with old tags, hail them into court and fine them.

"But give them a chance. Do not force the motorists to buy their tags in advance, for fear of arrest, because it is impossible for them to buy them on the day when the tax is legally due."

Other newspapers have suggested changing the expiration date to June 30 instead of December 31. That might help. It seems that it is little less than an outrage to keep thousands of cars from using gasoline just because the owners cannot raise a considerable lump sum for the tags on or before January 1.

Prevent Accidents

Realizing that the almost 1,000 people killed on the highways of North Carolina last year represents an alarming danger, we are glad to clip from the University News Letter the following traffic precautions and pass them on to our readers:

1. Never pass a car when nearing the top of a hill or approaching a curve.
2. Always watch the other car; make allowances for the other fellow's poor or careless driving.
3. Drive carefully in traffic and avoid cutting in and out of traffic lanes.
4. Signal with your arm before you make a turn.
5. Look both ways before pulling away from the side of the road or a curb.
6. Come to a stop at all blind crossings.
7. Don't be afraid to use your horn.
8. Keep a car's length between your front bumper and the car ahead of you.
9. Have your brakes tested regularly. Be sure that your stop light is working.
10. Don't throw out your clutch when slowing up on wet pavement; apply the brakes cautiously.
11. Never pass a car on a railroad crossing—wait until the car ahead is across.
12. Decrease speed on a railroad crossing—Stop-Look-Listen.
13. Remember that the car coming from the right has the right-of-way, unless approaching a through highway.
14. Observe all traffic signals and stop signs.

Err on the side of caution. Look out for the other fellow. Think a minute and save a life. Don't leave anything to chance. Keep your car in good mechanical condition.

You will note that the rules take into consideration the other fellow's carelessness and places the responsibility for his safety on you as well as your own. If these precautions were taken we would be safe in saying that the number of automobile fatalities would be reduced to a minimum.

Tapping The Market

Statistics recently revealed show that the retail trade in Wilkes county for 1934 fell just a little short of two million dollars. Did you as a merchant or business house get your share?

The enterprising merchant knows his market possibilities and taps that market to the fullest of his ability by newspaper advertising, letting the people know what he has and creating a desire to buy at his store.

Some merchants and business men make the mistake of thinking that there is only a certain amount of trade and that he will naturally get his share. Has he ever stopped to think that advertising increases trade by creating a desire to buy?

Many people read advertisements and they find that something is advertised that they want. It is quite possible that before they read the advertisement they had no desire to buy the article.

Results of advertisers have destroyed whatever argument may be produced against it. The advertisers are the leaders in retail trade.

Borrowed Comment

THE CHRONIC GROUCH
(Twin-City Sentinel)

It takes every kind of person to make up a world. But for the life of us we can't see why it is necessary to have to put up with a chronic grouch. There may be anything wrong with him, from hookworm to just not knowing any better, but whatever it is, something should be done with him.

We would advocate an institution. We have institutions for the treatment of the simple minded, for the insane, for the criminal, and for the drunkard. Then why not one to cure, if possible, the chronic grouch?

The grouch does everything possible to "run down" those who are doing something, but never a thing has he to say about any good that is being done. And neither does he ever offer a solution for the problem at hand. He can always tell the other man he is doing wrong but can't tell the other man what to do to make things right.

It is a great world, but improvement and prosperity have no place for a grouch. Something should be done about it.

A seven-year-old Brooklyn boy is reported to have an intelligence quotient of 230, but a batting average around .375 will get him more money when he grows up.—Rockford Register-Tribune.

Japan Ready to Finance Big Navy.—Headline. This means, naturally, she has the yen for it.—Nashville Tennessean.

The Book the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible," and which contains four great treasures.

By BRUCE BARTON

ABRAHAM

Most of the pioneers since the world began have lived and died and left no memory of their deeds. They blazed the trails which those who followed trod to paths, and by the time that these had become macadamized highways it was too late to find the record of him whose adventurous feet had first passed that way. Edward Everett Hale found himself profoundly moved by his contemplation of the nameless saints whose heroism we have inherited:

What was his name? I do not know his name; I only know he heard God's voice and came. Ni pealing trumpet thunders for his fame:

He lived, he died: I do not know his name. But a few of the heroic adventurers left authentic records that defy the effects of oblivion. Prince of the pioneers is Abraham. He lived, as his ancestors had lived, in the fertile valley of Mesopotamia, a great landowner and shepherd.

Lot, his nephew, was also rich. And there was strife between the herdmen of Abraham's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle.

More pasture was needed for their flocks, and to their neighbors that was a sufficient explanation of their migration: just as many historians regard "economic pressure" as the whole explanation of the journey of the Pilgrim Fathers and of so many other important movements in history.

Now the Lord said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee.

And he went out, not knowing whither he went.

In those two sentences, one from the Old Testament, the other from the New, you have the real story of Abraham's migration. He was already on the way when the message came to him.

God changed the name of Abram to Abraham.

Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

He was given children when more than ninety years old, and he lived to be a hundred and seventy-five, "an old man and full of years." Among many elements which combined to make him great, one is particularly worthy of remembrance—he was the real head of his own household. God said:

Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed by him.

Why? For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment.

If leaders were chosen in our day on the basis of their proved power to govern their own families in righteousness, how many would qualify?

South Honors Lee and Jackson

Dixie Pays Tribute to Great Leaders on Their Birthday Anniversary

By NANCY M. WELLSBORN—Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, two of the greatest military leaders of the Civil War, were honored throughout Dixie this month, since the calendar month of January contains the birth dates of both these good and illustrious men, Lee's birthday falling on January 19, and Jackson's on the 21st.

Lee's career as the leader of the War of Secession was told again. Duty with him was the greatest word in the English language. He ever did his duty as he saw it. In 1861, when the quarrel between the North and the South came to a crisis, he threw in his forces with his own people, saying, "right or wrong my people still."

A great warrior and a great general was Lee, but it was Lee the educator and public servant whom we most love and admire. He contributed much to education as president of Washington college, an institution which after his death was known as Washington-Lee University.

Lee is truly the idol of the South, whose upright and almost perfect character is admired alike by the people of the entire nation. After the surrender at Appomattox he held no animosity toward the victor, but set his face toward uniting and rebuilding his own beloved and almost devastated southland. It has been said of Lee that he was greater in defeat than in victory.

We all know Thomas Jackson as "Stonewall" Jackson, and recall that it was at the battle of Bull Run, when some of the Confederates were thrown in confusion, one of the generals called out: "There stands Jackson like a stone wall; rally behind the Virginians!" The rally was taken up and ever afterwards Stonewall was the name by which he was known.

Though he stood like a stone wall in battle his fame as a general rests chiefly on the rapidity with which he could march his men from one place to another and strike the enemy when they were least expecting.

He was a tower of strength in the Civil War, and rendered Lee invaluable aid.

After winning a great victory at Chancellorsville, destroying almost a full regiment, at 9 o'clock of the same night, while returning to camp after a reconnoitering expedition, he was accidentally shot by one of his own men. His loss was a severe blow to the Confederacy. When Jackson fell mortally wounded, Lee said he had lost his strong right arm. From that time on the Confederate cause began to wane.

While we remember Jackson as an outstanding general, it is especially as an earnest upright man that we admire him.

On the march he always carried his Bible and Napoleon's Maxims of War. To his study of "The Little Corporal's" maxims, he probably owed his success as a general; to his study of the Bible his success as a man.

It is said that he interpreted the Bible almost literally, and observed the injunction to pray without ceasing. Even on the battle field his lips were often seen moving in prayer.

The Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau announces the offer of 300 and 200 pounds of Chilean nitrate as first and second prizes for corn club members in each county of the State in 1935. District and State prizes also are offered.

GET THE JUMP ON "COLDS" THIS YEAR

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These tempting chocolate-coated tablets bring you an abundance of vitamins A and D. A helps you resist infection. D furnishes the extra "sunshine" your body craves in winter.

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Ferguson High School and Community News

FERGUSON, Jan. 26.—Ferguson high school carried the play, "The Poor Married Man," to Boomer last Friday night. On account of the inclemency of the weather the crowd was not very large, but the actors departed themselves creditably and everybody enjoyed the play very much.

On Friday night, January 11, folks of the Boomer and Little Rock vicinities gave the play, "Closed Lips," at the Ferguson high school building. The proceeds went for the benefit of Little Rock and Beaver Creek Baptist churches.

The faculty of Ferguson school wish to express its appreciation for being invited to a special supper at Messrs. T. W. Ferguson's just before the holidays and at Mr. Hall's a week ago. The testimony of those who prepared such splendid suppers the teachers enjoyed the repasts is stronger than any statement that the teacher can make, so we let it stand at that.

A Parent-Teacher meeting will be held at the school building Wednesday night, January 30, at 7:00 o'clock, for the purpose of attending to some particular business. The following program will be rendered: Song "He Keeps Me Singing"; devotional, Mr. Rash; business meeting; talk, "What I Expect the Teacher to Do for my Child," Mr. W. A. Proffitt; solo, Mrs. Tom Ferguson; talk, "What I Expect From the Parents," C. M. Dickson; music, James and Magdalene Barlow. It is hoped that new curtains and stage scenery will be ready to put up by this time. Refreshments will be served. All patrons are cordially invited to attend.

It is reported that the Millers Creek basketball teams did not come to Ferguson last Friday on account of an epidemic of flu.

At the beginning of the spring session, the classes in English are taking up Literature and Life, but occasional lessons will be given in the most essential parts of technical grammar.

VACCINATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA PROPOSED

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—Every child in North Carolina between the ages of six and 12 months would have to be given vaccination against diphtheria if the bill introduced in the state senate this morning by Senator Griffin is written into law.

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ARCHITECT. (Below) "When I feel lousy, a Camel restores my energy," says W. R. Rallard. "I can smoke all the Camels I want, without having the slightest suggestion of ruffled nerves."

PRO SQUASH CHAMP. (Above) John L. Summers, Squash Racquets Champion of the U. S., says: "I often fight my way through a tournament—come out exhausted. Then—a Camel. My energy is brimming again."

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