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"If the choice were left to me whether to have a free press or a free government, I would choose a free press."—Thomas Jefferson.

### Condemned For Life

Condemned for life will be the fate of many automobiles after January first, in North Carolina and as a result of such a sentence, many lives may be saved.

When the rigid inspection law included in the safety measure passed by the last legislature is activated January first, highway safety should be greatly increased; for it will necessitate that cars either be kept in a safe driving condition or be taken off of the highways.

Motorists will be given plenty of warning. If a motor vehicle fails to meet the safe driving requirements and is given a "rejection" sticker, it is then up to the driver to take it to a garage or repair shop to have it put in good running condition.

Garages too, will have their responsibilities; for they will be furnished with a complete index of regulations worked out by the department of highway safety and will know how to bring any vehicle in question up to the state's minimum requirements. If a rejected car is repaired in the allotted time and is returned to an inspection station with the defects corrected, its owner will be given an "approval" sticker. This should put garages on their mettle and make all work guaranteed. An individual, who knows his life is threatened by some disease would never go to a doctor, of whom he was not sure. But the toll of many lives on the highway has been greatly increased by motorists who took their cars to garages where needed repairs were supposed to have been made. Inspection will take out the guesswork and eliminate the unsafe doctors of motor vehicles. Motorists will not continue to patronize garages whose work will not pass safety inspection.

Under the new regulation, the motorist, who is given a "rejection slip" will not be allowed to get by, unless he has the necessary work done on his car, within the specified time and returns to an inspection station for another examination, he is at the mercy of the law. And it is well that he should be; for if he is allowed to continue to operate a vehicle on the highway, the lives of many he comes in contact with are at his mercy. The law will track him down and his windshield will be tagged with a large yellow sticker labeling the vehicle "condemned." Printed on the label will be these words: "This vehicle is unsafe and must not be operated or parked on roadways or public space . . ."

Official reports show that 65 per cent of all vehicles are found to be unsafe if their upkeep is left to the individual. And statistics further reveal that 17 per cent of all accidents are traceable to faulty equipment. The condemnation of unsafe motor vehicles is certain to mean that death and destruction on the highways will be lessened.

### Arts Of Peace

Not all of the scientific energies of the time are being devoted to the production of atomic bombs, guided missiles and other instruments of world destruction. There are still laboratories which are concerned with the arts of peace, and with developing products which will contribute to the well-being and living standards of all the people.

Present experiments in producing oil from coal promise something of an in-

dustrial miracle. The enormous and virtually limitless demand for oil products of hundreds of kinds has caused an acceleration of this work. As long ago as 1910 a German scientist worked on a process of hydro-generation of coal into oil. Important progress in this direction was made by German and British scientists between World Wars I and II. However, in all of the methods developed, the cost of the product was several times greater than the cost of producing gasoline from petroleum.

Now, however, recent American research and engineering developments make it appear that within a few years synthetic gasoline will be produced from coal at a cost very close to that of production from petroleum or natural gas. An exploratory program has been completed, and the next step is to be large-scale pilot plant program. The purpose of pilot plants is two-fold, first, to obtain design data for commercial plants and, second, to work out operating factors and engineering methods that cannot be investigated within the limitations imposed by a laboratory. Commercial production is the final stage.

This is an example of how American industry prepares for the future. One characteristic of free enterprise is that it never is content to stand still. It always looks far ahead.

### Building Increases

In the first 9 months of 1947, construction in place totaled more than \$9 billion, as compared with less than \$7 billion for the same period of 1946.

The U. S. Commerce Department predicts that the industry will produce an even greater volume of work than the \$12 billion total now estimated for 1947.

The mounting strength of the demand for construction in the face of the current price level has amazed those who had predicted a recession in building. Leaders of the industry say that present prices will hold for some time, being based upon wage rates and material costs which are relatively inflexible.

Apparently any improvement must come from greater efficiency and technical advances in the art, both of which are long-term developments.

### Are Your Clothes Safe?

"Be careful what you wear and when you wear it," Dr. W. E. Coughlin, Ph. D., Director of the Good Housekeeping Textile Laboratory warns in an article in the September issue of Good Housekeeping magazine. "All ordinary fabrics will burn. Most of them burn rather slowly, so the flame can be extinguished or the garment removed before any great harm is done.

"On the other hand some fabrics ignite easily and flame furiously because of their fibres or construction, or a combination of these factors. You should learn to recognize these fabrics and garments made from them, so you can be careful when you are wearing them."

Important advice on what to wear is proffered by Dr. Coughlin who states in part;

"Your chances of becoming a human torch are slim if you exercise ordinary care and common sense in wearing highly inflammable garments. Don't for example attempt to save a few minutes by slipping down to prepare breakfast in your dressing gown. The long, loose, flowing sleeves and dangling sashes of these garments and the sheer, napped, or pile fabrics from which they are made invite disaster when you are using your range. Also be careful how you light cigarettes when you are wearing a veil or dressing gown, and never stand close to an open fire. The same advice goes for flannelette nightgowns and robes, and long-napped materials.

"Hospital records show that most injuries to small children from burned clothing come from fabrics that ordinarily are not considered to be dangerously inflammable. The panic-stricken child's inability to extinguish the flame and to remove the burning garment usually is the reason. The answer here is keeping a watchful eye on very small children and teaching older ones to understand and avoid the hazards of playing with matches and bonfires. Children should be warned about the sheer dresses and veils worn on occasions such as church ceremonies, especially when lighted candles are carried or are standing near by," Dr. Coughlin concludes.

We believe these tips are worth considering. Any safety measure is cheap at any time, in comparison to loss.



After two weeks of rain on the home front, and flood waters raging as near as Galax, people of Alleghany county are indeed glad to see Ol' Man Sol again. The incessant rains had taken a lot of the brilliant hue from the hills, giving them a rust color instead of the gay orange, red and yellow of last week. Perhaps Indian summer will last a little longer before we take on Ol' Man Winter.

**PAY FOR WHAT YOU KNOW.** "Show me first your penny," is a policy sometimes used by individuals as well as business firms. It's good business too, if you received a card in the mail stating that upon receipt of 25 cents you would be sent a clipping concerning you, naturally you'd send the fee. It's human nature to have that much curiosity. The W. A. Woodruffs were well aware of the new arrival at their home, but they purchased the clipping which contained the birth announcement. (Incidentally, it was not the News office demanding a fee.)

**BEAST VS. MACHINE.** Mrs. R. V. Thompson had the misfortune of losing a young filly recently when it ran in front of a State highway department truck. The young animal became excited and the truck driver was unable to bring his vehicle to a stop before the deed was done.

**TRAVELING SHERIFF.** You never know when you'll run into Alleghany's sheriff of clerk of the court. They were visiting in West Jefferson Monday and denied all charges of "courting." They had attended court for Ashe county and also visited the office where the News is printed each week. Incidentally, for a man who's made 40 raids on stills in Alleghany county, the sheriff really gets around.

**LEAVES FOR WINTER.** Mrs. Ellen Parks has gone to Winston-Salem for the winter after spending sometime here at her apartment at the home of the Ervins. Not only will the News miss her cheerful notes and helpful hints, but she will be missed by her many friends.

**SCORING ACE.** Bill Reeves continue to lead the Yellow Jackets as their sting is felt by the Flat Rock team at Mount Airy last Saturday. Today the powerful Walkertown team will be able to test its strength against the hometown boys. More power to you, team!

**CHURCH WALLS MOUNT.** Alleghany Methodists, as well as interested spectators are pleased with the progress being made in the construction of Sparta's Methodist church. Although the work is moving slowly, the building may have its covering before cold weather actually strikes.

Work on the VFW clubhouse is now at a standstill until steel framework can be secured. Both

## SPARTA



SPECTACLES

## The Everyday Counselor

Rev. Herbert Spaugh, D. D.

Much of life's misery and unhappiness is caused by thinking about ourselves and our own troubles. The more we think, the worse we feel. Then comes some grave emergency which demands every ounce of thought and energy. When it is past, we suddenly discover that our despondency over our own troubles was gone.

It's surprising what effect bad thinking has on the body, producing bad feelings.

From Milwaukee, Wis., through the Associated Press comes the story of a man who was driving a car and was seized suddenly by a violent sneezing attack. A crash into a pole wire ended it. "Charles Brooks found out how to stop an attack of the sneezes. Driving along a city street he was seized with a sneezing spell so violent he lost control of his car. It climbed 10 feet up a telephone pole guy wire—and stayed there. Brooks eased himself out, brushed off his clothing and walked away to call a wrecker. He wasn't hurt—nor was he sneezing any more."

Who hasn't tried the old method of breaking up an attack of the hiccups in a child by startling them with a loud noise.

Most of us have to be jarred out of our pettiness if we grow mentally and spiritually. So many of us are emotionally immature. We walk around in adult bodies but with many attitudes which are even worse than those of children. How easily our feelings are hurt by someone else. Then we retire into a corner and lick our wounds, pity ourselves, and glare balefully at the one who injured us. It happens on every street, in every club, in every church. Then comes some crashing emergency which suddenly pulls us out of our little corner.

### Little Pine News

Several attended church service last week end at Little Pine church. It was conducted by Rev. Coye Anders, of Hanes and he was assisted by Rev. Don Richardson, of Ennice.

Miss Nellie Murphy, of Ennice, is taking nurse's training at the Martin Memorial hospital in Mt. Airy.

Miss Attoree Greene had as her week end guests recently Misses Wilma and Wanda Anders, of Hanes.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Murphy last Saturday night were Rev. and Mrs. Coye Anders, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Anders, all of Hanes.

Don Richard Cheeks, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cheeks, who has been ill, is improving.

Mr. Lawrence Johnson spent last Saturday night with Dale Greene.

A young peoples' meeting is being held at Little Pine church each Friday night. All young people are invited to attend.

building projects are still in a receptive mood for contributions.

and crash. Then we wake up, perhaps call a wrecker, and if we have good sense we ask Almighty God to forgive us for our foolishness, and go our way perhaps sadder, but wiser.

Unfortunately, some people require more than one crash to teach them sensible living.

The best way to drive safely down the highway of life is to keep your eyes on the road, and avoid, if possible, attacks of "egoitis."

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## Auction Sale

75 Acre Farm

Known As G. R. Wagoner Farm

ALSO PERSONAL PROPERTY

On Wed., October 29

At 10:00 A. M.

I Will Offer For Sale

75 acres of valuable farming and grazing land, located in Piney Creek township, about 9 miles west of Sparta, and 4 miles northeast of Piney Creek high school. Property has large well constructed frame dwelling house, 2 good barns, other out-buildings. Farm situated on good gravel road, leading to Sparta-Piney Creek hard-surfaced road, 1½ miles distance; property has electric lights, daily RFD mail service, on school bus route to Piney Creek, two churches and large store nearby. Farm now in high state of cultivation, has valuable grazing land, well watered, has good orchard, about 10 acres of young timber. Title to this property is gilt-edged, no encumbrances.

Having disposed of cattle, will also offer for sale 2 good milk cows, one fresh; one calf; 1 9-month-old colt (filly); 1 300 lb. hog; several hay stacks; corn and fodder; about 2,000 ft. of lumber; a large slab pile, (slabs from 100,000 ft. of oak lumber and in good condition; farming tools; furniture and many other items too numerous to mention.

Terms: Cash On Day Of Sale

for personal property; on real estate, half the purchase price to be paid on day of sale; remainder in installments to suit purchaser, deferred payments to be secured by interest, bearing notes.

Mrs. G. R. Wagoner, Owner  
Luther Davis, Auctioneer

## Auction Sale

I Will Sell At My Farm

On Saturday, October 25

At 10:00 P. M.

To The Highest Bidder For Cash.

- 11 Good milk cows, Guernsey and Jersey.
- 1 Four-can milk cooler.
- 2 Heifer calves, 3 months old.
- 9 Pigs, 8 weeks old.
- 1 Poland China brood sow.
- 1 Good team of horses.
- 115 Rhode Island Red pullets, just laying good.
- 11 Young turkeys.
- 16 Hay Stacks.
- 1 Oat mound in chaff.
- About 5 or 6 hundred bushels of corn and some fodder.
- 1 Good Case mowing machine.
- 1 New Hay Rake.
- 1 Farm Wagon.
- 3 Riding cultivator plows.
- 2 No. 40 Oliver plows.
- 1 3-foot cultivator.
- 1 Fertilizer distributor.
- 1 Bean Sprayer.
- 1 Electric fence.
- 1 2-row corn planter.
- 1 Spring tooth harrow.
- 1 Wood-saw and power unit.
- 1 '42 model Chevrolet four-door sedan.

Household and kitchen furniture and many other things too numerous to mention.

L. V. Sheets Farm  
Near W. R. McNeill Store

Laurel Springs, N. C.

BEER—America's Beverage of Moderation.

## This Program Speaks for Temperance

This Committee's chief aim is to maintain wholesome conditions in places where legal beer is sold.

This is accomplished by educating beer dealers and checking conditions in retail beer outlets . . . and by assisting authorities to maintain high standards of law observance.

This program of Self-Regulation, in operation since 1939, has had the noteworthy effect of weeding out most of those who abuse their license privileges.

The beer industry's Self-Regulation Program encourages law observance. It is a program which definitely speaks for temperance.

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