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No Compulsory Auto Insurance Law To Be Advocated, Says Wade

Raleigh, Dec. 13. No compulsory automobile insurance law will be advocated by the state insurance department, according to Stacey W. Wade, commissioner, and if by any chance such a law should be proposed, it will be opposed by the department with every argument it can muster. But Mr. Wade will throw the entire influence of his department behind any move for the creation of a state highway police force, in the belief that such a force will do far more toward the prevention of automobile accidents than any compulsory insurance act could ever do. He is also strongly in favor of a statewide law making it compulsory for all vehicles to display a light at night.

In discussing the matter of compulsory liability insurance for automobile owners, Mr. Wade pointed out that so far Massachusetts is the only state to adopt such a law, and that this law does not go into effect, however, until January 1, so that no opportunity has been given as yet to judge it in actual operation. However, he said that the majority of liability insurance companies, despite the fact that such a law would increase carelessness on the part of automobile drivers, rather than decrease it. They argue that the psychological effect on the drivers would be: "Oh well, I am insured, and if anything happens, it won't cost me anything. Open'er up and let 'er go." And there is no doubt but that there is much logic to their contention, so that instead of cutting down the number of accidents, the law is more likely to increase them.

Such legislation is also opposed on the grounds that it is inequitable, in that it imposes an unnecessary burden on some people, by requiring to carry insurance or post a liability bond, and the National Association of Insurance Commissioners has come out unreservedly as opposed to any such legislation in any state.

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Meeting Of Missionary Society

The Women's Missionary Society held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. H. M. Joyce Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. J. S. Taylor opened the meeting with a Bible lesson, Mrs. Hackney leading with prayer. The program for the afternoon was as follows:

Readings from the book of prayer and Missions were given by Mrs. Hackney, Mrs. Roy King and Mrs. J. F. Martin. An interesting contest on books of the Bible was greatly enjoyed by all present, Mrs. M. O. Jones having the most correct answers was awarded the prize, a Christmas candle holder and candle. The hostess served a course of refreshments. Mrs. N. E. Penner and Mrs. J. D. Humphreys were appointed to arrange the program for the January meeting. All members and friends are invited to be present.

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WITH 1926 drawing rapidly to a close we can look back over its twelve months as they have passed in this community, and we find in them much that we will wish to remember, and but very little we will want to forget.

The Christmas season of 1926 brings to us a record of twelve months of community peace, of community good will, of community prosperity, and an increased community hope for the dawning year of 1927.

During 1926 we have enjoyed our neighbors, our friends; we have laughed with them in their hours of merriment, and we have grieved with them in their bereavements and consoled them as best we might. This is as it should be. It is such things that the spirit teaches us. It is the lesson brought to us by the Man of Gallilee nineteen hundred and twenty-six years ago.

During 1926 we have grown better individually and collectively; we have evinced a greater degree of tolerance, of human kindness, of love and faith, than in any previous year, and this is but an evidence of the increasing betterment of the race.

With a backward glance over the records of 1926 we find every good reason for believing this Christmas season is to be the best we have ever enjoyed. We know that those blessings, faith, hope, love, peace, that were brought to the race with dawn of the Christian era are with us today in greater degree than ever before. We know we will receive a greater number of hearty Christmas greetings, a greater number of friendly smiles, and what comes to us will come to each and every individual in our community, including our Merry Christmas to each and every one.

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