

Pedestrian Care, Feeding Is Concern of Motorists



When you drive, think of the pedestrian — when you're a pedestrian yourself, think like a driver.

In downtown city traffic, that simple rule can save a lot of grief. Traffic, these days, like matrimony, is a matter of give and take — especially for the pedestrian, who is somewhat more fragile than an automobile.

Most people have better manners than to push and shove, bawl at the tops of their voices to clear the way, otherwise make boors of themselves. But, strangely enough, many people forget those manners when they're driving — and the result is not good for the defenseless pedestrian.

Maybe you forget, too, that when you step out from behind that steering wheel, you're a pedestrian yourself. It may make a difference if you remember that.

For drivers: Don't depend on the pedestrian to do the right thing in a tight moment. Go out of your way to avoid trouble. A hospital bill or a manslaughter charge can give you little satisfaction, even if you're in the right. Always stop for pedestrians in crosswalks — lights or no lights.

For Pedestrians: Be alert — and think about your walking. Don't jaywalk or cross against the traffic signals. On the open road, walk on the left, facing traffic.

When you're driving, remember always to give a pedestrian the breaks — and the brakes.

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The brokers in the timber sale affirmed that \$50,000 was paid for the property, and the lumbermen say that they will make money on the deal, although lumber prices have dropped since the purchase was made.

The brokers say they received a \$5,000 commission on the sale, and Blake says he received \$16,000, which leaves \$29,000 of the purchase price, as shown by internal revenue stamps on the timber deed, unaccounted for.

Florida — Out for a Good Time

By Theo. B. Davis

When I was a boy 15 years old I had never been outside the little county of Graham over which today much of Lake Fontana flows. I was a man in years when I first saw Asheville at Christmas in 1898. I was never outside the State till I crossed into Va. to meet my future wife! And there were hundreds of other young fellows like me living in those mountains.

So I am sure my readers will understand my "urge" sometime ago to make a trip to Florida on a fruit truck. Of course I had traveled North and West across the country, but had never been farther South than north Ga. An unplanned vacation last summer had put some new ideas into my head about mental and other preparations for fully enjoying travel and quickly making friends of strangers.

Naturally fifty years as a minister made it difficult for me to forget that I was still a preacher though a retired one. So I decided that I would ignore if not forget my profession, but not the fact that I was still a Christian. Knowing God is always "tagging" along with one, I felt that if I could only keep conscious of His presence, I would not be led astray and ought to have a most enjoyable trip through Florida for two weeks. And I certainly did!

Another thing that in late years adds much to my zest in living is strikingly expressed on a postal from a good friend of mine in Kingston. Back in November she wrote: "Mr. Davis: I enjoyed seeing you. I think you look very young, and better still, you think young. Sincerely, Ann Daly." For a score of years I have been trying to practice a philosophy of life to stay in the current of living things, mixing into the stagnation of years the flow of new thought and ideas. Then, too I have tried in mind and heart to keep in sympathetic touch with the joy and strength of childhood and youth. Old people are old no more if they continue to grow mentally and associate with the young. Practicing this concept has taken away ten years of the last score I've lived! I have the weight of "passing years without the gloom and worry of their increment.

Thus I went to Florida and got all possible from every experience. I spent nearly a week with scores of truck drivers at their headquarters in Lakeland. Those robust, jolly, comrade-like fellows were a seeming care-free lot. The place was a wonderful school teaching patience. At first they thought I was just another driver. But when I told them I was an old retired Baptist preacher on a sort of vacation, they seemed surprised yet appreciative of that fact. They were especially nice to me. I slept and ate with them those days. We sat together long after the evening meal narrating experiences and telling jokes. Only one word of profanity was heard during those days and no vulgar joke was told. I thoroughly enjoyed their company and could easily for the time imagine myself just as another young trucker!

On that Florida trip I learned some things about life that if I had known them fifty years ago, my own life would have been happier and perhaps others might have been richer and better. The wrecks and losses of the passing

years lie all along the road we've traveled. Too late! As a poet said: "Of all sad words of tongue or pen, The saddest are these, it might have been!!" (To be continued next week)

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