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## REGULATING THE AUTOMOBILE

Slaughter by the automobile keeps climbing up until a mild demand arises that steps should be taken to correct the recklessness on the highway. What can be done nobody yet has any idea. The chief difficulty is with the people who are not willing to submit to restrictive laws. From time to time demands are made to stop reckless driving. These demands are always aimed at the other fellow. Each driver knows that he is a careful and safe and blameless agent. No matter how fast he drives he can handle his car. If he bumps somebody on the road the other fellow should not have been in the way. If he hits a telephone pole, the pole has no business to be there. Public sentiment is not very much in action in demanding safety because public sentiment must be turned toward the driver himself and not always to somebody else if any action is to be gained.

The Governor and the State officials are asking for safety on the highways. They will get safety to the extent the people will sanction the laws that exist or may be made. Every man who drives the road knows that whether he looks out for his own carelessness or not he must constantly bear in mind that the other fellow is possibly a bigger fool than he is. He knows that pedestrians are too careless. He knows that every driver he meets is a possible danger and every driver he meets knows that he is.

We can not have safety on the highway until we have laws we keep, and somebody to enforce the laws. The men to draft the highway safety laws should be composed of a body of railroad officials. They manage to secure safety. For railroad accidents are so few along side of automobile accidents that there is no comparison. If the railroads killed and injured people like the automobiles do we would tear up the tracks and throw their rolling stock into the harbor. The difference is that the railroads belong to a corporation and automobiles belong to individuals. The railroad has no large body of persons to defend it, but every automobile has an individual behind it to protest against any restrictions. Governor Ehringhaus and the Legislature have a job on their hands. There is no excuse whatever for not taking positive step toward making the highway safe. Whether they can do it or not remains to be seen. But until they have made some desperate effort in trying, no excuse they can offer will be worth any more than any other excuse. Probably this is the biggest issue before the State of North Carolina today. Beside it all other things are children's play.

## A CAPABLE STATE DOCUMENT

The President's message to Congress at the opening of the session must be regarded as a capable state document. It very well fits the changing conditions of the country and a close study of it finds little to criticize from a logical viewpoint. It may be set down as a further exposition of experiment for it could not very well be anything else. From the beginning of his administration Mr. Roosevelt has stated definitely that his work must be experimental. So radical a change as this country has encountered could not be made without a great deal of experiment and no man will argue that we are sufficiently able to read the future as to know what

to do except by trying the new projects.

Considerable criticism of Mr. Roosevelt's methods have been offered. He has himself, turned his back on some of the things that he tried out and found unsatisfactory. No doubt he will drop other things that are on trial, for the country is still undergoing revolution, and one that no man can see the course or the end of. Too many influences are at work, too many varying opinions of men who are thinkers and too much influence exerted by too many men who are not thinkers. The President has an extremely unstable situation with which to contend, but it must be conceded that he makes a fairly intelligent analysis of the situation and that he offers solutions that seem reasonably workable if the people will go with him.

Many other factors than politics are crowding the changes that are in the making. Many of the influences are world wide. It is impossible for our nation to be isolated from the rest of the world. That being the case we cannot say emphatically what our relations with foreign people shall be. In all mutual transactions the parties we deal with have as much right of expression as we have. Two persons or two nations cannot trade or make a mutual bargain unless both are satisfied. It is impossible for us to isolate ourselves as a country and a people. That close relationship has a decided influence on our industries and commerce which affects our entire industrial, social, and financial status.

American industry is affected by our foreign relations, by our domestic conditions, and by the temperament of our people. Many conditions work together in this respect. In some sections we have exhausted our natural resources, as for instance our lumber, our coal, our oil supplies, while in other sections these things have increased. The textile trade has moved largely from the New England states to the South. The development of water power has stimulated manufacture in new quarters. The machine shop has brought implements to the farm which have revolutionized agriculture. Nearly everything is in the state of transition. From being skilled mechanics large numbers of workers have become merely machine tenders. All this has revolutionized our industrial and social atmosphere. A wild wave of credit has involved the whole country, which has disturbed the financial status.

All these things Mr. Roosevelt has to face, and it seems that he takes a pretty fair viewpoint of the necessities that rise before him. Possibly it is safe to say that his message is a moral and logical and favorable note than some quarters anticipated. Probably Mr. Roosevelt with the issue of this document has the actual confidence of the substantial people of the country to a greater extent than at any time during his administration. This does not have reference to his political followers who run with the machine, but to the whole people who are concerned in the sound success of the nation and the maintenance of our affairs on a sound political and social basis.

## VALUE OF SEED CATALOGS

This is the month when the garden annuals are coming in from the big seed houses all over the country, from fancy books of many pages, illustrated with colored pictures, down to pamphlets of lesser pretention, all with boundless information that we could all do well to profit by. They are practically a school of floral culture, full of intelligent information every reader can digest with benefit. Our Sandhills are by no means a barren land in spring time or summer, or later when fall drifts around. But we could all help to make them even a much gayer place to live in by careful thought and planning. These books have been called by some the most important "Book of the Month." They should be to every resident of Moore county.

When some flower enthusiast sees a gay bed of blooming tulips he makes a mental note to hurry home and plant some tulips, not knowing that tulips should have been planted in the fall before. Another admires the poppies, the early blooming

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corn flowers of a neighbor's garden, larkspur, pansies, and English daisies in bloom in April, and decides to include them in the seed order, to plant in a few weeks after frost is over. A carefully read garden book will tell you you should have planted them in August or November or what ever month is natural for this location. But with the spring months ahead a great variety and number of things can go into our gardens here that will be thrifty and adapt themselves to our summers of heat and dry weather and survive and be happy. Your seed books will give you all the information.

## A GRATIFYING ACHIEVEMENT

"Old Sam Simons and Young Sam Simons.  
Old Sam Simons' son—  
Young Sam Simons will be Sam Simons  
When Old Sam Simons is gone."

The announcement that Henry A. Page, third of the name, has been selected by a committee of able educators as a Rhodes scholar at Oxford University in England is of more than ordinary interest. When Cecil Rhodes established a fund before his death for the purpose of educating at his expense a limited number of American young men in one of the most famous European colleges he made the entrance requirements rigid because his desire was to cull out a group of fitting young chaps who could be brought into an acquaintance with the constantly developing touch of the two great English nations with each other that would have far reaching effect on the future of the two countries. Cecil Rhodes was building for the future of civilization. In his plans he prescribed requirements that would choose young fellows capable of rendering the mutual services he had in his mind.

It is hard to imagine any draft that might be made on a college aspirant that could afford greater satisfaction. This thing is not a game that plays favorites. Its one purpose is to cull the crop of young Americans and pick the best that can be found. And the selection is left wholly to outstanding American educators. That a youth from the Sandhills is selected is a matter of community congratulation. If this youth meets all the requirements and carries to Oxford the name of an honored student, admitted wholly on his qualifications, it will not be the first time that the name of Page of Moore county, North Carolina, has been heard in England.

## BABY STILL CAPTURED; MAKES HALF A GALLON

From time to time this paper has reported the capture of distilleries ranging from medium size to large, but the baby still was taken on Wednesday, a tiny little outfit not as large as the milk cans which are commonly seen around dairies. It is made of copper, though, the same as the best of the large outfits are constructed of, but it is capable of holding only four and a half gallons of mash which would turn out a "run" of one-half gallon of liquor. The little plant was in full operation, and had been for some little time, for there was a gallon and a half of manufactured liquor there. It was located near Spies. Two white men made a get-away.

The Pilot is read by some 10,000 persons each week. Regular advertising would drive your message home to these prospects.

## Grains of Sand

We glean from the December issue of the Bulletin of the North Carolina Hospital Association this congratulatory item:

"Moore County Hospital, Pinehurst, gets out probably the most attractive and the annual report with the strongest appeal in North Carolina. The story of the year 1933 is extremely well told. The fact that Struthers Burt, famous author, was chairman of the board, may account for this. That the story told by the hospital was effective is evidenced by \$27,956.72 in contribution for operating purposes during the year."

In addition to Mr. Burt, credit for the report referred to should also go to S. Donald Sherrerd of Pinehurst, under whose direction, as chairman of the hospital's publicity committee, the booklet was prepared. And, Treasurer Paul Dana writes us, "to The Pilot for the good job it did in turning out such a fine looking booklet."

Governor Ehringhaus was reminiscent last Friday, January 4. That was the 23rd anniversary of his marriage to Miss Matilda Haughton. It was also the second anniversary of his moving his family to the Governor's Mansion in Raleigh, to be inaugurated Governor on the next day. It will be about the fourth anniversary two years from now when he will vacate the mansion on Blount street for his successor.

When Governor Ehringhaus went to Raleigh two years ago, he was a sick man and had come from a sick bed to be inaugurated. Now he is the picture of health and his doctors give his physical condition a strong OK. He is ready for the hard grind of two months, or maybe four months, of the General Assembly which convened this week for its 1935 session. The Governor has been in his office each morning as usual, but during the afternoons for a week or more he has been in seclusion at the Mansion, preparing his biennial message for the General Assembly.

Sales of automobile license plates are forging ahead of those of the same date last year, the Motor Vehicle Bureau reports, showing that up to Friday night in the Raleigh office and Thursday night in the branch offices, 222,178 plates had been sold, or 16,548 more than the 205,630 sold on the same date in 1934. The officials are pleased and expect the year 1935 to reach 500,000, or near the banner year. Sales of 1934 tags went slightly above 470,000.

Sheriff C. J. McDonald has been learning things in 1935. He had always thought of the "flu" as something to a bad cold, but when he was forced to stay in with it for a week ending last Monday, he came out a wiser man. Perhaps the flu would not have made such an unfavorable impression on the sheriff if it had not been for the staying in bed part, but he had never been confined to his bed but three days before the flu laid hands on him, and had not taken more than fifty cents' worth of medicine in the last twenty years.

However, the sheriff was not talking for publication, so don't pester him with requests for his health rules.

## MANY NEW BOOKS IN PINEBLUFF LIBRARY

The Pinebluff Library Association reports the following new books on its shelves:

While Rome Burns, Forty Days of Musa Dagh, River Supreme, The American, Dusk at the Grove, Rable in Arms, Captain Caution, Pitcairn's Island, Sails Over Ice, America's Trag' Jy, Casino Murder Case, Native's Return, British Agent, Mary Peters, The Peel Trait, The Jasmine Farm, Code of the West, Goodbye Mr. Chips, Lust for Life, This Little

World, The Folks, The Son of Marie Antoinette, So Red The Rose, Retreat From Glory.

There are also nine books for juveniles including Minute Biographies and Minute Stories from the Bible. The list for adults includes new books by the popular Joseph C. Lincoln, Zane Grey and S. S. Van Dine. Pitcairn's Island, the latest book by Nordoff and Hall, tells of the experience of the mutineers of the Bounty and should prove very popular.

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