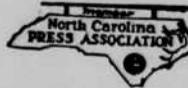


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Auto Industry TestThe real test for the automobile industry,
at least during the year 1956, will come in a
few weeks.Traditionally sales begin to pick up in
the spring, as a seasonal factor, and they
should also pick up this year. It is almost
imperative that sales increase, since the in-
ventory situation has not improved much
since January 1st.On that date, it was estimated that there
were some 800,000 new automobiles in the
showrooms of dealers across the country.One of the factors in recent years which
has accounted for the high sales picture in
the low priced field is the hot battle between
Ford and Chevrolet for first place in the
nation's automobile sales. When Ford failed
to out-sell Chevrolet in 1954, another major
effort was made in 1955, but Ford missed
its mark again by about 75,000 units.This battle, between the two largest selling
cars in the country, is expected to continue
and will pace the automobile industry
again this year. Whether the industry will
make a creditable showing or not—though
down considerably from 1955—or whether it
will have a really rough year will be decided
in the next few weeks—in part when sales
begin to pick up and the trend will become
more visible.**An Extra Lion**Walter Ekola recently complained to the
police in Long Beach, California. He was
starting out to work one morning, but found
that a lion was in the way.Not that there were any lions in his neighbor-
hood, but, this particular morning, Ekola
found a lion cub in the front seat of a car
parked in his driveway. Naturally, he did not
care to stick his head in the window and ask
the lion to move, or drive away.Ekola took the easy way out. He complained
to police. Police responded to his call and
came to investigate. They found the lion
waking up on the front seat of a car owned by
John Shinners. Shinners, it seems, had also been
asleep in the car and was the owner of
the lion cub.Police asked Shinners where he lived and
he said he lived no place in particular, especially
since the Los Angeles Animal Regulation
Commission had asked him to keep the cub
out of their city. He honed Long Beach with
his and his lion cub's company. He decided
to drive into Ekola's driveway and take a
snooze.Two thoughts come to mind in appraising
this unusual event. Shinners is a brave man,
and probably a poor insurance risk. As the
lion cub grows up, he runs a great danger
of being disconnected at the joints, unexpected-
edly—if the cub, after it becomes a
lion, wakes up hungry first one morning.
We also wonder if Shinners can teach the
lion to drive. In this connection, we wonder
what Shinners would do if the lion suddenly
decided to become playful while he was traveling
through downtown traffic at rush hour.
There are all sorts of possibilities involved in
this story, and none of them are good.**About The Moon**If you, dear reader, have ever wondered
why, occasionally, there are two full moons
in a month, it is because the average time
from perigee to perigee is twenty-seven days,
thirteen hours, eighteen minutes and twenty-
three seconds.This time is known as the anomalistic
month. In simple terms, this means it would
take twenty-seven days, plus, for the moon to
complete a circuit around the earth's circum-
ference.Because both the moon and earth are in
rotation around the sun, the duration of the
lunar month is actually twenty-nine days,

1. When was gold first discovered in California?
 2. What is Mickey Rooney's real name?
 3. How old is General Douglas MacArthur?
 4. Which of England's queens was known as "Bloody Mary"?
 5. For what is the Alaskan island of Kodiak known?
 6. Where is Dartmouth College located?
 7. When was the state of Kansas admitted to the Union?
 8. Who wrote, "Twenty-Thousands League under the Sea?"
 9. What well known song did Julia Ward Howe write?
 10. What famous movie actress wrote a book entitled: "Why Not Try God?"
- (See "Answers" at Bottom of Column)

A Few SMILES**Lesson Learned**"What happens when we cast our bread
upon the waters?" a Sunday school teacher
hopefully asked her class.

"It get soggy," piped up a bright little girl.

Good for the SoulA politician was being interviewed by a re-
porter. "Do you feel you have influenced pub-
lic opinion, sir?" asked the member of the
fourth estate."No," was the politico's reply. "Public opinion
is something like a mule I once owned.
In order to keep up the appearance of being
the driver, I had to watch the way he was going
and follow closely."**High Overhead**A newspaper reporter had been sent to in-
terview a rancher who was reputed to own a
talking horse. During the interview, the rancher
explained that the horse was not only cap-
able of talking but was also a first rate com-
edian. "That horse has a wonderful collect-
ion of jokes," said the rancher, "and I value
him at \$5,000. However, I own a mule that
is worth twice as much.""Why is the mule so valuable?" asked the
reporter. "Who do you think writes the horse's
material?" the rancher answered.**Once Too Often**In a village election in Republican Vermont,
one Democrat's vote was discovered before the
tabulation had been completed. Election of-
ficials stopped to ponder this marvel, then de-
cided to complete the count. Another Demo-
cratic vote turned up."That settles it," said one official. "That
bad burned food voted twice."**The ANSWERS**

1. January 24, 1848.
2. Joe Yule, Jr.
3. He celebrated his 76th birthday on Jan-
uary 26th.
4. Mary I, daughter of Henry VIII and
Katherine of Aragon.
5. Its huge bears.
6. Hanover, N. H.
7. On January 29, 1861.
8. Jules Verne.
9. The Battle Hymn of the Republic.
10. Mary Pickford.

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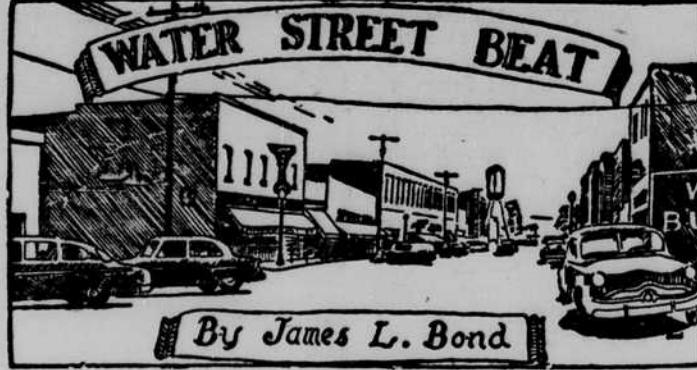
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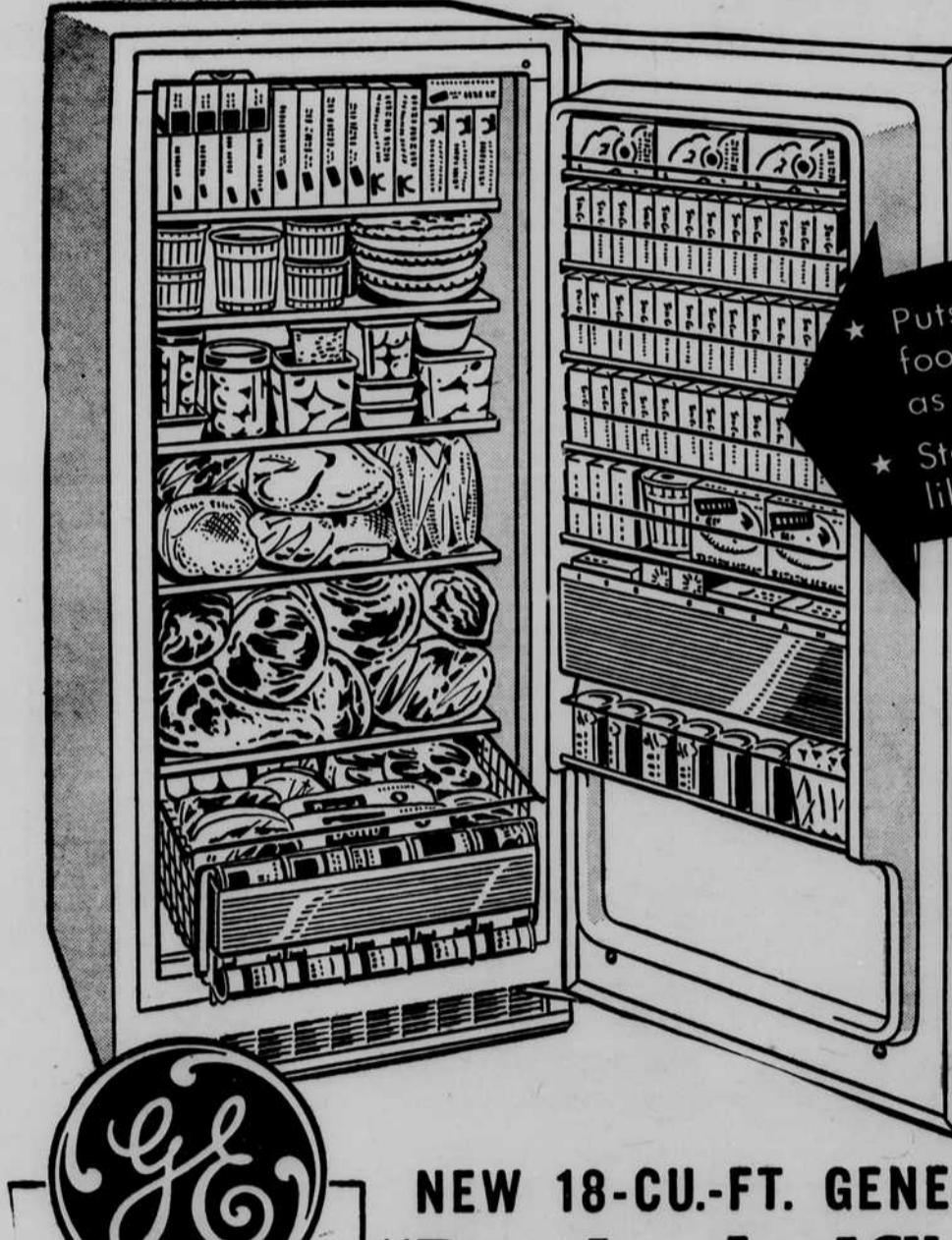
By James L. Bond

OPENING THOUGHT — None
think the great unhappy but the
great.—Edward Young.JUST A PIKER — Charles
Cotesworth Pinckney, who said,
"Millions for defense, but not
one cent for tribute," was ob-
viously a piker. He couldn't
think in billions. — Richmond
Times-Dispatch.SIGN OF THE TIMES — Lettered
on the back of an automobile
the words: "Dimit! Damit!" This
brings to mind a facet of the
courtesy of the road which is often
overlooked. It can really be annoy-
ing while driving along the high-
way at night to have some thought-
less driver close behind in the line
of traffic remain on your heels and
keep his headlights on the high
beam. I recall a bus trip I took to
Florida some years ago during
which an inconsiderate night driver
stayed on the heels of the bus for a
long stretch with high beams on.
The bus driver experienced con-
siderable difficulty because the
lights from the rear were being
reflected in the large rear-view
mirror on the left of the driver.
Such can be practically blinding if
kept up for any length of time.Consideration for others is a
mark of gentility which makes it
self known on the highways as well
as in all other avenues of life.
You can spot a boor by his
manners anywhere, anytime.
Next time you are out driving at
night, remember that it is just as
much a part of the code of the
road to dim your headlights for
the fellow you are closely following
as it is to dim them for on-
coming traffic.TODAY'S CHUCKLE — The
following story is making the
rounds in Aberdeen, Scotland:
An Aberdonian who tossed a bad
shilling into the cap of a pavement
artist was reprimanded sharply by his wife. She scolded,
"A bad sixpence would ha' been
enough."

MULE TROUBLE — "I have had

**Completes Course
Fort Bliss, Texas**Fort Bliss, Texas.—Pvt. Lue G.
Clifton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul
Clifton, Route 1, Creswell, N. C.,recently completed eight weeks
training with automatic antiair-
craft artillery weapons at Fort
Bliss, Texas.

Clifton was trained as a can-

noneer on the M-42 tank, the M-16
halftrack and the Army's self-pro-
pelled 40 mm. antiaircraft gun.Clifton entered the Army last
February and completed basic
training at Fort Jackson, S. C. He
attended Creswell High School.The Dutch have overcome the
problem of storing surplus butter
by freezing cream and making but-
ter from it when needed. They re-
port it tastes like fresh butter and
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