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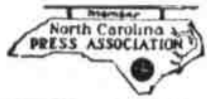
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BIBLE THOUGHT

NATURE TEACHES WISDOM: Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provide her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.—Proverbs 6:6-8.

STARTING FROM THE BOTTOM

Pennsylvania has opened a series of state-operated driver schools where new drivers will receive an intensive 40-hour training course before they are licensed to drive. Twenty hours of class-room and 30 of actual road driving will be required. This method is calculated to overcome hit-or-miss methods of learning whereby drivers who, perhaps, were far from expert themselves. Heretofore, these novices have inherited the weakness of their instructors and have graduated to high speed cars badly trained. With approximately 300,000 new drivers being added to the state's roster every year, Pennsylvania's insistence upon uniform training is the best approach yet to a difficult situation.

POLITICAL HOT AIR

Those credulous and unsophisticated souls who take the speeches of their Senators and Congressmen seriously may have been rudely jarred if they read a statement once made by Senator Glass of Virginia, who said:

"In all my experience of more than 30 years in Congress, I have never known a speech to change a vote."

While this is a rather broad assertion, it is practically true. A large percentage of the speeches printed in the Congressional Record are just so much hot air. Many of them are never delivered at all but are written out and printed for distribution "back home," for the purpose of impressing the voters with the great statesmanship of their authors.

Aside from a few notable exceptions, the sole aim in life of Senators and Congressmen is to get re-elected. Every utterance and every vote is directed to that end.

Therefore, oratory of colleagues does not influence them very much. They are thinking always about what their constituents will say, and they vote accordingly, regardless of anybody's speech.—Exchange.

ABSENTEE EPIDEMIC

Columnist Bost allows that there was a lot of sickness in Lexington around the day of the primary and that other sections were all visited by illness in an alarming way. He bases his observation upon the number of absentee ballots attested by reputable physicians, 730 such ballots having been cast in Lexington alone.

The absentee ballot has been in disrepute for some time, and the 1938 primaries have not helped its reputation. The next legislature will have plenty of evidence to convict voting "in absentia" and we hope the penalty will be abolition of the practice.—Smithfield Herald.

PERHAPS ALMOST CONTENTED

News coming out of Washington says that Brevard is to get \$75,000 for a post office. The people in the county seat of Transylvania have been wailing and lamenting a long time over the fact that had no suitable post office.

Since work has started on their two million dollar paper mill, and the new post office assured it seems that our neighbor to the south should be about contented for 1938; or should we add, the completion of Highway No. 284 would complete the contentment?

Punishment for kidnapers will not be adequate until the law devises some means of inflicting upon kidnapers suffering and mental anguish equal in every way to that suffered by parents of kidnaped children. The electric chair is an easy escape for a captured kidnaper.

SEEK EASIEST METHOD

Governor Clyde R. Hoey has intimated that he will ask the next General Assembly to adopt the electric chair as a means of taking life on the part of the state, when that is to be done. The electric chair was used for many years following the old system of hanging those sentenced to death in payment for crime committed.

Those who witnessed the electrocution of criminals thought that too cruel and that brought about the change a few years ago to the lethal gas chamber. Now those who have witnessed killings both ways are inclined to think that electrocution is the quickest and easiest manner of taking life by the state.

While all we know of the manner of killing by either method is from what we read in the papers, we are inclined to agree with the Governor. One day recently when two white men—Bill Payne and Wash Turner—were killed in the gas chamber and a Negro was electrocuted in the electric chair, it was noted that the "end" came for the man electrocuted much quicker than for the two men who were "gassed" to death.

It goes without saying that no easy or painless means for taking life can be devised by man, and yet if life is to be taken on the part of the state, the least cruel method possible should be employed.—Sampson Independent.

AN UNNECESSARY WASTE

During the last two years, when employment was one of the things most desired, a total of 42,000,000 days' work was left undone by those engaged to do it, by reasons of strikes and lockouts.

That's a lot of time lost. It adds up to 115,000 years of 365 days each. It represents not only unemployment, but actual employment to be had, thrown away by those supposed to do the work, or by those who wanted work done.

All this represents work and wages lost. Neither can ever be reclaimed. It further represents a considerable shrinkage in the productive output of our industrial system.

As far advanced as we as a nation are in most things, we should be able to devise some way whereby capital and labor could settle their differences without so many wasted days, so much loss in production. We are too progressive to be caught in such a backwash of medievalism. Here is challenge for both capital and labor to bring themselves up to date in this important matter.—Reidsville Review.

BIBLE KISSING NOT NECESSARY

The state association of Superior Court Clerks took a sensible stand last week in Charlotte when they voted to request the legislature to repeal the law which calls for witnesses to "kiss the Book" when taking an oath.

Kissing of the Bible is useless in sealing an oath. A man who will swear "to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth" will do so as readily after holding his hand up as he will after kissing a Bible.

The Times believes that the Holy Writ should be regarded something above reproach, and desecration of the Symbol of Truth is repulsive to those who have witnessed people place their hands on the Bible, then go on the stand and tell a tale that is unfounded, without vestige of truth and wrongfully injurious to another person on trial.

A person who will tell the truth after placing his hand on the Bible and promising so to do, will tell the truth when he stands before his fellowman and promises.—Transylvania Times.

When a young man proposes to a girl and then acts like a fish out of the water he knows he has been caught.

We note where one of the movie stars gets her bending exercise by throwing a deck of cards into the air and picking them up one at a time. A local woman with three daughters and a husband at home tells us that she gets the same results picking up after her family.

TWO MINUTE SERMON

BY THOMAS HASTWELL

EVERY MAN'S INHERITANCE

In the book of Joshua is found the story of Caleb and Joshua who brought back to Moses at Kadesh-barnea the true report of the land of Canaan. Caleb patiently bided his time for forty years and at the age of 85 came before Joshua with the request that he be permitted to take the country about Hebron that the Lord had promised him as an inheritance. Joshua blessed him and gave his permission, and Caleb and his tribe possessed the land. I like the lesson that the dauntless Caleb brings. I like his courage, his persistence, and above all his faith that God's promise to him would be fulfilled, if he but kept the faith and did his part. I like to think that God has promised to every man a heritage in this life, a heritage rich in opportunity and blessings, if he will but claim it. The heritage can only be possessed by those who have the courage, the persistence and faith in God and themselves, that, if they but do their part, God will do his part. Caleb's courage, and faith, and patience, and persistence won for him his inheritance in that day, and the same courage, and faith, and patience, and persistence will just as surely win for man today the inheritance that God has promised him.

OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. Curtis Russ

Truck drivers are taking pride in the careful manner in which they drive huge loaded trucks over the highways. Trucking companies are inaugurating campaigns to inform the public that their drivers are not only careful, but extend every courtesy of the highways to others.

Passing big trucks nearly always sends shivers up one's spine, yet when you know that the driver you are passing is not going to speed up just as you start to pass, it gives a degree of comfort and satisfaction.

If you will notice, a competent truck driver always gives the proper signals when making turns or stopping, and most of the time is aware of motorists back of them.

The same can be said of the average bus driver. They know the rules of the highway, and obey the laws of common sense along with them.

Talking to a bus driver recently, we learned that very few people give proper signals when stopping or turning. Often this means a crash.

This same driver says that drunken drivers are so few as compared with common careless type, who takes every unnecessary chance, and especially the speed fiend.

This driver passes thousands of cars a week. Covers hundreds of miles a month, and has come to the conclusion that the highways themselves are safe enough. But that the state is too lax in issuing driver's license. "Too many people are behind the steering wheels that don't know the first rule about highway safety and driving," this driver said.

Upon his suggestion, we watched passing cars for about 100 miles, and we came to the same conclusion.

People driving today are just not safety conscious. Their sole aim seems to be to get there, regardless of the damage done en route.

Less than one person in ten dim their lights.

Entirely too many drive along with their arm outside the car, thus keeping the drivers back of them in suspense of what to expect.

At one point on the highway, a group of children were playing on the sidewalk, and as a truck with a large trailer approached the children, the driver slowed down to a snail's pace, and lucky that he did, because a small child ran out into the highway in front of the truck, but the driver had it under control, and was expecting almost anything from a group of children. He stopped ten feet from the child, while others in the group turned their faces fearing a tragedy.

While we do not cherish the idea of passing large trucks, or busses, we do feel safer than when we pass much smaller vehicles, because we know that the driver of the trucks and busses are on the job.

And Nobody Came
ASTORIA, ORE.—Through the columns of the newspapers in this territory the Public Works Administration advertised an open meeting for municipalities, school districts, county government officers, or other official divisions of the territory to file requests for funds. Funds requested were to be used in the construction of public projects.

Your Horoscope

July 24—Cooking is your specialty, and you are an expert in this line. You go to the extreme in whatever you do, whether it is love or hate, and cannot stand unkindness or neglect on the part of one near and dear to you.

July 25—Though close in money matters you are generous and just in a certain way. You are quick tempered, intensively sensitive, but you are kind, loving and sympathetic.

July 26—It is impossible for you to do anything in a cheap way, consequently, though you try to invent a way to lower the cost of things you wish to improve, you do not succeed and your inventions are not put to general use. If a woman you are a splendid cook, but do not know the meaning of economy.

July 27—You make a most entertaining companion as you are cheerful, bright and attractive in your calmer moods, but you are very fiery, excitable and sometimes lost your

THIS WEEK in HISTORY

July 25—Officers of the American exploring expedition to the Pacific Ocean sacrificed by natives. 1846. Inauguration of Liberty Tree at Philadelphia, E. I. 1768.

July 26—Bernard Schaz, born, 1856. New York ratifies Constitution, 1788.

July 17—Completion of first permanently successful submarine telegraph cable by Cyrus W. Field, 1866.

July 28—Ponce, Porto Rico, was rendered to Gen. Miles, 1898. Signing of World War, 1914.

July 29—Benito Mussolini, Dictator, born, 1883. First almanac printed, 1472.

Henry Ford, manufacturer, born, 1863. First U. S. patent issued, 1790.

July 31—John Ericson, "The Navigator," born, 1803. Columbus lands at Trinidad, 1498.

head. You like to travel. July 28, 29—Your intentions are generally in the right direction and when you insist on your ideas being carried out, it is because you honestly think they are better. You are very affectionate to those you love and courteous to all.

July 30—You have much curiosity and inclined to be somewhat suspicious. You like travel and make a good traveling companion as you are refined and intelligent. Your love for your family knows no bounds.

The 1937 cash farm income of North Carolina farmers was exceeded four times since 1924, reports Chief Statisticians W. H. Rhodes, of the State Department of Agriculture.

Japanese beetles, enemies of more than 200 plants, prefer white flowers to colored flowers, said C. H. Braman, chief of the State Department of Agriculture entomology division.

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