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## OLD TIMER PUTS AUTO SAFETY IN PERSPECTIVE

Old Timer has a way of popping in to put things in proper perspective. The other day he came in to set us straight on this business of auto safety.

Looks like, he said, we're on a witch hunt in the auto field. You'd think, he said, the manufacturers hadn't done a thing to make cars safer. That fellow, Ralph Nedler, is looking at the dark side.

"Course, I'm not saying more couldn't be done to make cars safer," he opined, as he plopped himself down in a chair already overloaded with newspapers. "But let's look at the record," he added and went on:

"Take tires. I can remember when, if you went on a trip of a hundred miles if you didn't have two or three blowouts you were lucky. Usually you carried two or three spares with you and changed 'em right there on the spot. And a task it was. You just didn't switch wheels. You didn't have a spare wheel. You jacked up the car, pulled the tire off the wheel, you patched it and then you pumped and pumped and pumped. Why in those days every car came equipped with a hand pump and you wouldn't be caught out on the road without one. Today punctures and blowouts are rare; that's an improvement, a big one in safety."

Some cars today are equipped with safety rims. If a tire blows out at high speed the tire remains on the rim just as fast as if it had 30 pounds of air in it. Another improvement!

"Know what a running board is, sonny?" he asked. They talk about safety door latches not being safe today. Push! Back in the days of the running boards and touring cars there was no telling when a door would fly open. You put kids in the back seat and told them to stay put because you knew not when a door would fly open. You don't have that today. And how the kids just loved to ride the running boards!"

And he continued:

"Wasn't unusual a few years ago to turn over a car. Today, just look at the wrecks. You don't see many cars overturned. They're better engineered today. It's hard to turn one over," he continued.

And another thing, he said, it is usual today to drive a car 300 or 400 miles a day at 60-70 miles per hour on the freeways.

"Years ago you'd burn up a car putting it through the paces we put 'em today. We're overlooking something else the manufacturers have done, too. Safety glass all around. Just a few years ago glass would splatter from hither to yonder.

"And oh yes, brakes. You got four-wheel brakes today. Few years ago you had only rear wheel brakes. You got power brakes today, too. And remember when every car had what was known as the emergency brake there in the middle of the floor. That was to be used if the foot pedal brake was not sufficient. Today it's called a parking brake. The foot brakes do the job of stopping cars better than the old emergency brake," he continued.

Let's have constructive criticism sure, he said, and let's encourage manufacturers to make cars safe but also let's give credit where credit is due.

And so Old Timer lit up his corn cob pipe and settled back to read the office copy of the Congressional Record, which he says is the only fiction publication out today.

## REV. CURRIE SPEAKS TO MONTREAT STUDENTS

As you continue your higher education or enter into the business or theological world, go about heralding the fact you are children in the family of God, the Rev. David M. Currie, of Durham, urged the 50 receiving diplomas at Montreat-Anderson College May 29.

Mr. Currie, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Durham, earlier delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating students.

Mr. Currie went on to say that many feel in the present day that man has mastered the controls, and that God is technologically unemployed — that God used to be a giver of knowledge, but that men are now disseminating information — that man feels he is all but creating life, and some would term God as a blacksmith — that he was useful in His day.

Mr. Currie reminded his hearers that God is not technologically unemployed; that he created this universe, and Man is His tenant on earth — not to be profiteer nor proprietor.

## IT NEVER FAILS



## A PERFECT DAY IN JUNE

Walking in the golden sunlight

Of a perfect day in June,  
Nature sweetly smiles around me

With the Infinite in tune,  
Till my heart is thrilled and raptured

At the beauty that I see,  
And the thought that God in Heaven

Made it all for you and me.

Many kinds of flowers blooming

Through the valleys, o'er the hills,

Greet the sunshine in their splendor

While the air their fragrance fills,

Thus inspiring nature lovers  
Who admire God's charming art,

Giving poets theme for writing

Poems that may joy import

Music from the many songsters—

Birds that fill from tree to tree—

Is a pleasant part of nature

That for ev'ryone is free.

And there is a note of gladness

In the songs of merry birds

That the artist cannot picture.

Nor the writer paint it in words.

Farmers plowing, sowing,

reaping

Through the country far and wide,

Is a scene that greets the tourists

As they o'er the highways glide;

And the odor sweet from meadow

With its new-mown hay at noon

Meets us as we work or travel

On a perfect day in June.

Walter E. Isenhower, Minister, Taylorsville, N. C.

Mr. Currie urged the graduates to bring those with whom they are in contact into communion with Jesus Christ.

Miss Martha Guy of Newland, Bank Cashier, was presented the Distinguished Alumni Award of Montreat-Anderson College in an alumni luncheon at Assembly Inn on Saturday, the 28th. The award was in recognition of Christian service far-reaching beneficial influence and continuing loyalty to Montreat-Anderson College.

## Fighting Poverty In The Upper Brackets

### National News-Research

Washington — Millions of the poor are fed up with talk about an antipoverty war that never reaches them, says Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, Secretary-elect of the World Council of Churches and Stated Clerk of the United Presbyterian Church of America.

Commenting on a near-riot which occurred during a so-called "Poor Peoples Conference" here in Washington, Dr. Blake charged that "money comes into their areas, but they never see it and nothing happens to change their plight."

Rep. Bill Ayres, an Ohio Republican and an original supporter of the Federal Antipoverty war, has now come up with one reason why the poor never sees the poverty money that comes into their areas — top-heavy payrolls for the so-called poverty fighters.

Charging that there is "a fantastic leakage in funds intended to help the poor" Ayres cited the following figures:

—6,484 permanent Federal employees are budgeted to run the poverty war at a cost of 53.4 million dollars in salaries alone.

—1,557 Federal poverty employees will draw annual salaries of \$10,619, or more.

—25 Federal poverty fighters will be paid more than the base pay of General Westmoreland, who heads U. S. forces in Viet Nam.

36 Federal poverty bureaucrats will be paid more than Astronaut Neil Armstrong (a civilian employee) and 25 others will have the same salary grade rating as Armstrong.

—Five antipoverty workers will get more than the \$25,000 salary paid to the U. S. Commissioner of Education who operates programs twice the size of the war on poverty which is budgeted at 17 billion dollars.

"The word has gotten out among Civil Servants in Washington that 'the big money is in poverty' but few know how big it is" Ayres says.

Observers here in Washington were not surprised by Ayres' figures since the lavishness with which the poverty war administration

meets its payrolls has been the talk of the town for some months.

Last year Washington was shocked when it was leaked out of the Office of Economic Opportunity that numbered among the poverty fighters were quite a few reporters who were being paid upwards of 75 dollars a day as "consultants" in the war on poverty. What caused the raised eyebrows was the fact that a number of these newsmen were also writing stories about the "great successes" is the poverty war for the newspapers for which they were supposedly working full-time.

A number of Congressmen and Senators from both Parties have expressed deep concern over the entire situation. As one of them said privately recently "we've got an explosive situation on our hands. The real poor got their hopes up when the War on Poverty was first launched. Now a couple of years have gone by and nobody but the bureaucrats in the OEO seem to have gotten a penny out of the program. Something has got to give and give soon."

Shortly after he made this statement the blow-up at the Poor Peoples Conference which upset Dr. Blake took place thus confirming his fears.

## Attends Open House

Reporter, Sharon Williams  
The Club toured the Glen Raven Silk Mills during their open house May 20th. Each member now has a better knowledge and understanding of the work carried on there, and would like to thank their guides, Mr. Ned Wilson and Mr. Bob Renfro for their information and courtesy.

The 4-H members of both Junior and Senior Clubs, who are members of Laurel Branch Baptist Church on Sunday, May 22nd, observed 4-H Sunday in the church with a special program. Those taking part were: Russell Wilson, Morris Byrd, Glenn Williams, Dwight Wilson, Cynthia Williams, Claudette Wilson, Vicki Styles, Susan Wilson and Sharon Williams.