

**COMMENTS ON MEN AND THINGS**

By Spectator

What is the matter with us? The newspapers tell us day by day of scares and alarms and crimes. Have we become so bad or so nervous that calm and repose are impossible? Or, is it that everything is now played up by the papers and radio commentators?

Almost every day I rejoice in my citizenship in South Carolina. Here we are far from the "madding crowd's ignoble strife," as Shakespeare says. But just as I feel the pride of my Carolina background and present, and foreground, too... I hear something unwholesome about this State. We have no big bosses who can issue orders to their underlings, but we have developed a legislative condition which should be corrected. Without indulging in names, we have such a state of affairs that an Administrative Board or Commission of the State will fail to act on public matters because a member of the Legislature passes the word that he wants the petition denied, or wishes such delay as may be prejudicial to the interest of a petitioner.

Much has been said of the evil of legislators practicing as lawyers before the Boards and Commissions of the State. It is a bad practice because the legislator has undue influence since he may cast a vote for or against the officer or officers, if the choice be by the Legislature; or he may have something to do with the fixing of the pay of public officials. The men who prepared the Constitution thought they had made State officials, including Judges, independent of the Legislature. They thought they had done that by stipulating that a salary might not be increased or reduced during the term for which the officer, or Judge was elected. That was easily evaded in recent years by providing expense accounts and travel funds. Most of the State officials have been granted increases by subterfuge, or legislative disregard for the Constitution. I do not say that they are overpaid; I am referring only to the method adopted for increasing the pay. Now, if the Legislative whim or favor may increase pay by subterfuge, it may just as easily reduce the pay. Do you imagine that the Legislature loses or gains in influence by proceeding as it does?

Practicing law, as it is called, before the State Boards is one thing, and should be stopped, but passing the word in private to one's beneficiary on a Board or Commission is a practice which is not open and subject to public hearing. For example, if a legislator practices as a lawyer before a State body we can assume that the whole proceeding is a public record and open to public hearing and public inspection. But if one merely passes the word on the quiet, that is a practice which makes the State Government the plaything, the private instrumentality, of someone acting in the dark. There are many rumors of that, with names and dates and places. We have full control of the Counties, by legislators by which the nod of the lawmaker is the royal sign of consent or denial.

In local matters, the General Assembly bows to the Senator and Representatives of a county as though the so-called county delegation were a legislative body. Almost no county supply bill is passed which does not contain provisions in complete disregard of mandatory provisions of the State Constitution. Sometimes this may be due to ignorance of the Constitution, but one hesitates to suggest that any legislator is ignorant. If not a matter of ignorance, then what? Is it just indifference to the Constitution? Are they assuming that if no one challenges the act in court it will be the law of the land? And that is true.

The greatest failure of our National and State Governments is the wide-open break in our law.

What is the law? We, a people under a government of law, do not know what the law is; and the courts are frequently so far at sea that the law changes with the judges.

If one would study our government, government throughout the United States, including the National government, he would wonder why we had not found how to have laws which are clear and beyond dispute. Haziness of the law, however, is not the reason for the state's ignoring the Constitution.

The most dangerous trend in America is not the attitude personified by Mr. Truman; or the weak spirit of Congress in playing me-too politics with the President; we expect politics in the executive and legislative branches of the government—although a brand of politics of distinctly higher practice; but we did not expect the courts to play me-too politics with the President, as though the courts were merely a part of his Administration and bound to do his bidding. The attitude of the federal judiciary is the most dangerous development in our land.

You and I would like to think that a man is a judge because of his thorough grounding in the law, in the law, and because of his character and temperament; and because of his commonsense; and we find our free institutions without a champion when courts merely echo the whims of a voteseeking politician.

**Dale Carnegie**  
Author of "HOW TO WIN FRIENDS and INFLUENCE PEOPLE"

**A Garden of Annuities**

HERE'S an odd but true story.

Harry Forbes was a foundry salesman, working out of New York City, and things were hunky-dory. He saved up \$10,000 and put it into a business proposition. Just then the golden apple of luck fell in front of him and he picked it up. He inherited \$20,000 more. Well, he was sitting pretty.



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Then a panic came along and wiped out everything he had in the world. That was a pretty hard blow.

But at the age of 40 he made a most unusual decision. He decided he would put all the money he could save—not into a business—but into life insurance annuities. He thought this up himself. No salesman got him by the lapel and gave him the ancient mariner look.

And so he began planting everything he could into the annuity garden. He was earning money at his old trade—foundry salesman.

He did fairly well at it; he kept planting.

But he took a strange angle. He paid for a lot of small annuities with different companies.

Everybody said he was foolish. But he had an idea and he tucked it like a cocklebur on a Missouri mule's tail.

At the age of 60 he stopped work. He had put 20 years of his money-earning life into an idea. But it paid off. He had arranged so that a check would reach him every day! That is exactly what I mean—a check every working day of the year. Some were small, some were healthy. But every morning, when the postman knocked once, there would be a check.

At the age of 60 he began to enjoy his check shower. He had read about Grenfell and his work in Labrador and he wanted to see that wild, snow-smothered country. He went there, hired a dogsled team and a guide and crossed it from one end to the other. At last, having seen the country that had intrigued him, he came back to New York—and there a whole flock of checks were smiling up at him.

He liked to go fly-fishing and he went. Upon returning home, there would be that lovely flock of checks.

He even went on an owl hunt, for he was fascinated by owls. When he got back there was a flock of checks.

Well, the old gentleman died a little less than two years ago at the age of 86. He always said that the reason he was living so long was because he didn't have anything to worry about.

**New '50 Oldsmobiles Now On Display Here By Timmerman**

The new 1950 Oldsmobile is now on display by Timmerman Motor company of this city.

The 1950 Oldsmobile "Futuramic fleet" is composed of 19 models in three new series. There are seven 6-cylinder series "76" models powered by the improved "big six" engine of 105 horsepower. There are seven 8-cylinder series "88" models, powered by the new high-compression "rocket" engine of 135 horsepower. The "rocket"-powered series "98" is offered in five models.

A new and exclusive "whirlaway" hydra-matic drive is being introduced to the motoring public on 1950 models by Oldsmobile, which pioneered the popular automatic transmission more than ten years ago. The advanced design will be offered as optional equipment at extra cost on all 19 models in the three series. For purchasers who do not order the new drive, Oldsmobile is making available two synchro-mesh transmissions as standard equipment—one for the "76" cars and one for the "88" and "98" cars.

Oldsmobile engineers developed the new "whirlaway" hydra-matic drive to team up with the new high-compression "rocket" engine. According to automotive writers who made preview tests, the result is a "power-package" that establishes new standards of performance. Thorough testing of the new "power-package" took place last year in the Oldsmobile engineering laboratories, on the General Motors proving ground, and on the highways and in congested traffic centers in many parts of the country.

New smoothness in forward speeds and faster shifting into reverse are the chief advantages of new drive. Engineers state that a demonstration ride in a new 1950 series "88" or "98" car immediately shows the marked improvements. There is a surging response from the 135 horsepower "rocket" engine at the traffic signal. On hills the new "whirlaway" feature instantly provides vast surplus power for acceleration and for passing slower vehicles.

Longer life is also brought by Oldsmobile's new "whirlaway" hydra-matic drive. The advantage was disclosed during thousands of miles of road testing.

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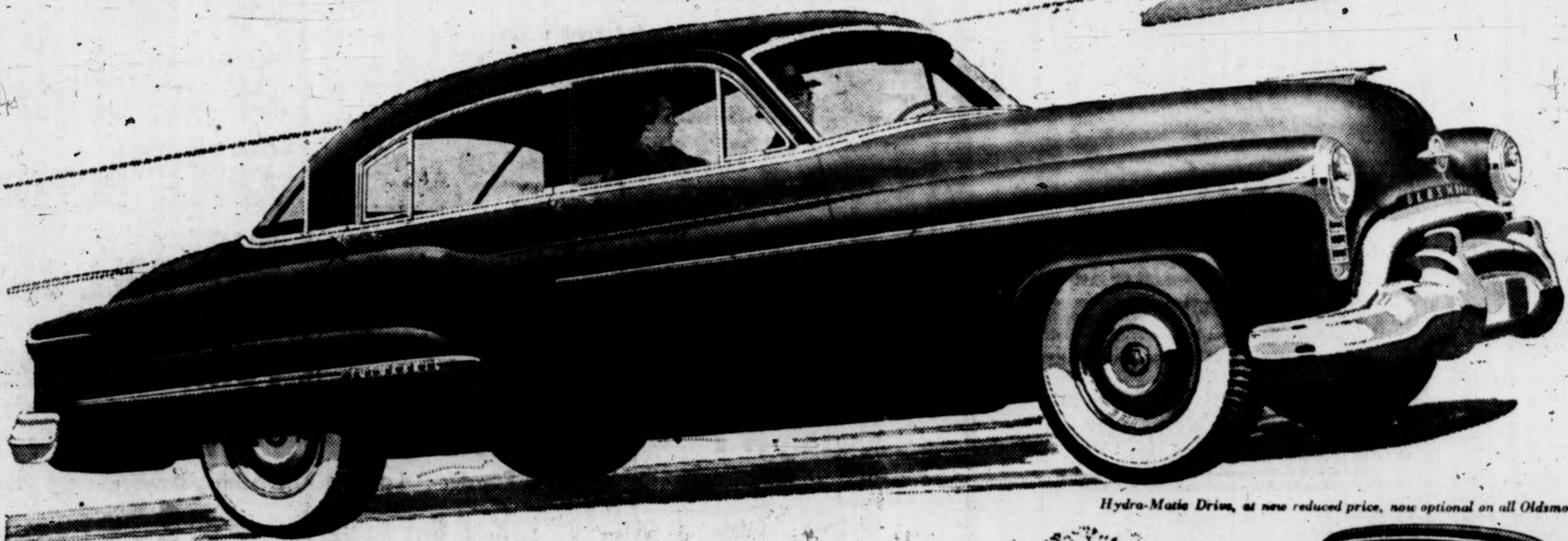
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