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Correspondent Writes of the Automobile in the Legislature

The automobile has gotten into legislation. At present the auto owner pays a federal tax on his car when purchased. Then he pays an additional federal tax on accessories for his car. The state legislature then taxes his car with a general property tax as on other property. If the car owner lives in town he pays a town property tax on the same car. In addition to these taxes, the state charges him a license to run his car on the public roads. This tax has been more than doubled for 1925. Then as if the state were not satisfied with taxing the automobile it lays an additional tax on the gasoline used to run it. If the present scale of taxation on cars is kept up, they will be taxed out of existence.

The pressing question of taxation is outdistanced by the fact that the average owner of a car takes his life in his hands every time he goes out on a highway. It is a rare newspaper that doesn't tell of cars damaged and lost on South Carolina highways. Let the average legislator can see an automobile nothing but a source of taxation. To him it is the goose that lays the golden egg, and nothing more. Before a man can practice law, medicine, pharmacy, accountancy, engineering, surveying, and even embalming, the state tests his fitness, because he might damage somebody's life, property or sensibilities. It indirectly believes that men placed in charge of locomotives and street cars should have their fitness tested. When it comes to an automobile, the legislature overlooks the fact of its dangerous possibilities, and asks only that its owner pay taxes on it. The automobile is of such tremendous possibilities for damage to property, to limb and life that it should not be permitted on highways, except in care of those competent to handle it. This means more than ability to stop, start or steer a car. It means that the representatives of the people in the legislature should protect the lives and properties of its citizens by divorcing from car driving, those whose years or judgment are immature.

South Carolina has the experience gained in other states and their legislation to guide them in needed legislation. They have also the statistics gathered by our highway department as to the number and causes of accidents on our highways. These official statistics indicate the needed type of legislation. Certain factors must be banished from the public highways. Among these the first is the driver who cares nothing for human life, whether his own or others. This can be done by licensing drivers as well as cars. The man who aspires to driving a car on the public roads should show that he not only knows how to manage his own car, but that he knows that others have rights there as well as his own. Attach a sufficient penalty to driving on the public roads without a driver's license, just as we now have for hunting without a license. Whenever a licensed driver feels that the taxpayers have built a public highway solely for his use, and that others have only such rights there as his drink muddled, or bare brained faculties can grant, that driver can be judicially warned, or as a more severe penalty, have his driver's license suspended or recalled. It is a paramount duty of the legislature to make its public highways safe for those who have a right to use them. They should see that on the highways there shall be equal rights for all, and special privileges for none.

The legislation needed will not be passed at a single session of the legislature. That body can however take some needed action to provide against property losses, and damage to life and limb. Too often there is no redress for the man whose car is damaged, or whose family is endangered by the reckless driver of another car. This need is met in some states by the recommendation to the legislature that before a license be issued for a car that its applicant take out

REAL WINTER WEATHER REACHED BARNWELL AS PREDICTED SATURDAY

After several days of Summer-like warmth, the icy breath of old King Cold swept over this section Saturday night, bringing the coldest weather of the winter, thermometers in Barnwell registering several degrees below the freezing point Sunday morning and again Monday morning. The weather was cloudy Sunday and that night rain and sleet began to fall. Monday morning trees and housetops were covered with a coating of ice.

Extremely cold weather has prevailed throughout the entire country for several days, the weather bureau stating that it is the worst freeze in a number of years.

Reception for Miss Atkinson.

An affair of Christmas cheer was the shower given at the spacious home of Mrs. J. E. Harley, on Monday afternoon, December 15th, by the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, in honor of Miss Johnnie Atkinson, whose marriage to Mr. Cordie Page took place December 16th.

The guests were received by Mrs. A. C. Matthews and Mrs. J. Norman Dicks, while the bride's book was superintended by little Miss Stillwell, niece of the bride.

After the guests had assembled, Miss Carrie Holman played Chamade's "Air de Ballet," following which, Miss Harriet Licious and Mrs. P. A. Price sang "Until To-morrow," a Mexican Love Song.

At this time Mrs. J. W. Patterson requested Miss Atkinson to read a notice she had received, which was a summons to appear at "Cupid's Court." This was arranged in the dining room, where stood on the center table a glorious Christmas tree, resplendent with colored lights, and having at its base an array of substantial gifts, the profusion of which well attest to the bride-elect's many friends.

During the unwrapping of the last package, "O Promise Me" was sung by Mrs. Moseley, and throughout the afternoon many other musical numbers were given.

A delightful ice course was served by Miss Pauline Richardson and Mrs. Lonnie Richardson. Delicious green and white mints were served by little Miss Clara Sue Matthews. In bidding farewell, the bride-elect, in gracious and pleasant manner, thanked her friends for their thoughtfulness, which was but a reminder that they should all miss her greatly. About fifty ladies, many of whom were from Blackville enjoyed the afternoon's festivity, which attested to the popularity of Miss Atkinson. Contributed.

Boy Shot While Hunting.

Leighton Morris, the twelve-year old son of the late Mr. Charlie Morris, accidentally shot himself in the foot while possum hunting on the night of Dec. 11th in company with Ruby Delk and McCoy Morris. The boys were standing around a fire near Ray's crossing over the Salkehatchie. Leighton stood with the gun barrel resting on his foot. In some manner the weapon was discharged, one toe being shot off and another injured by the load.

bonds sufficient to cover any loss of property, limb, or life occasioned by his car. The damages are to be recovered through ordinary channels of the courts.

When the body of safe and sane car drivers refuse to support with their votes their representatives who will not provide the needed legislation, then the highways will be safe. At present they are almost as dangerous as the front-line trenches in the World War. This legislation will come eventually, why not now?

An Automobile Owner.



HANDSOME HOME BURNS TO GROUND.

The above is a reproduction of the beautiful Marlboro Avenue residence which was completely destroyed by fire Saturday night.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Blackville, S. C. Dec. 9, 1924.—Dear Santa: I will write and tell you what I want you to bring me this Christmas. I am a little girl only 11 years old. I know times is hard but I want you not to bring me so much. I want a large white ball, a good story book, a pencil box with pencils and other things in it, and a box of chocolate candy. Hoping you a merry Xmas and a happy New Year. Your little girl, Adelle Blume.

P. S. Please don't forget to bring me some tinsel and 3 candles and bring me a little piano too.

Blackville, S. C. Dec. 9, 1924.—Dear Santa: I am a little girl only 9 years old. I want to let you know what I want for Christmas—suppose you bring me a big doll, a little doll carriage, and a lunch box and lots of tinsel and 3 candles and some fruits and sparkles; hoping you a merry Xmas and a happy New Year. Your little girl, Estelle Blume.

Blackville, S. C. Dec. 9, 1924.—Dear Santa: I am a little boy only 2 years old and I am going to get my sister to write for me. I want a little wagon to pull, a shovel and bucket and a little boy doll. Hoping you a Merry Xmas and a happy New Year, Your little baby, Lennie Blume.

P. S. Please don't forget me, Santa, and bring me some candy and fruits too.

Blackville, S. C. Dec. 9, 1924.—Dear Santa: I am going to write and tell you what I want for Xmas. I am a little boy only 5 years old, I want a pistol and some caps, a knife, a lot of fireworks, sparkles and some fruits. Hoping you a Merry Xmas. Your little boy, Marigan Blume.

Blackville, S. C. Dec. 9, 1924.—Dear Santa: How is you and Mrs. Santa getting on this Xmas. fine I hope. I am going to tell you what I want for Xmas. I want a pistol and some caps, a knife, a lot of fireworks, sparkles, and some fruits. Hoping you a Merry Xmas. Your little boy, Aaron Blume.

Blackville S C Dec 10 1924.—Dear old Santie: I am a little girl only 7 year old I am in the second grade Christmas is almost here and I want you to bring a doll set of dishes doll carriage and lots of fruit that all I am going to ask for as I no you have other little children to go to see, sincerely Lella Still.

Blackville S C Dec 10 1924.—Dear Sandie: I am a little boy six years old and Christmas is almost here I want you to remember me I want some fire crackers shot gun lots of shells to hunt during the holidays and lots of fruit also Will not ask for much for times are so hard. Fondly, Harold Still.

Hilda S C Dec 4, 1924.—Dear Santa Christmas is nery hear and I thot I lines to let you hear from me, I want a rifle and all so I want a Boz of candy a Baby doll and I want a fut bill and I want a tricycle and all so I want

a rubber dog Well I think I will close for this time. From Mr. D. A. Dyches.

Dear Santa—Please bring me a toy wagon some fruit an also a ball an a little horse a horn an a little drum an please remember little hazel She wants a doll a little ring an Some fruit to an remember my sister Irene She wants a pear of vases an some fruit to an also remember by cousin Ethel She wants a pear of pretty vases to an some fruit From Briggs Dyches. Also remember my little Brother Dorris Dyches Bring him something.

Blackville S C Dec 10 1924.—Dear old Santie: I am a little Boy two years old and want you to Bring me a billie wagon and a climb monkey and also Bring me lots of fruit of all kind for times is so hard and I cant get any money, and please don't forget my little _____, W. P. Junior Still

Hilda S C. Dec. 4, 1924.—Dear Santa Clause: I am going to write you a few lines telling you what I want for Christmas as it is almost here. I want a air rifle a foot ball and lots of Fruit. I am not going to ask for much as there is so many children, please remember my Brothers an sisters.—From Wilber Dyches.

Barnwell, S. S. Dec. 16 1924.—Dear Santa—I am going to tell you what I want for Xmas I want a doll and a tea set fruit and candy fire works dont forget my brother Cullis he wants a wagon and fire works. Your little girl—Myrtle Still.

Hilda, S. C. Dec. 9.—Dear Santa, Please bring me a doll and fruit and anything else that you want me to have and please do not forget my teacher Miss Rosa Odum and bring her something I am only 6 years old and am going to school and like it fine. We are going to have a Xmas tree besure and come. Your little girl—Bessie Mae Hutto.

Vance, S. C. Nov 28 1924.—Dear Santa I am a little girl nine years old. I wish you wood bring me a mama doll, and som fire works and fruit and some candy. I have a little niece six month old, and her name is Joyze Parker. I wish you would bring her a rubber doll, and I have a little sister seven years old and she said to tell you to bring her a mama doll like mine, and a rubber ball and some fire work and fruit and candy and her name is Christine Hutto. from Carline Hutto.

Blackville, S. C. Dec 15 1924.—Dear Santa Claus—I am not asking for much this time you can bring toys fruits and fire works along with you for me I am the age of 3 years old I hope it does not snow so you can visit all the little girls and boys home please bring what I ask for dont forget my mother and father.—Yours truly—Willie E. Owens.

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Handsome Barnwell Residence Completely Destroyed by Fire

ANNOUNCING THE PRIZE WINNERS IN BOYS CLUB WORK IN THIS COUNTY

Considering all things, the Boy's Club Work in Barnwell County has been very successful; that is, more interest taken by the boys, better club meetings and better reports made.

In arriving at the ones that won prizes, there was a number of points to take in to consideration; with the crops the largest yield counted so many points, the cheapness of the cost of making, the best exhibit and the best record made, all counting so much each.

The winners are as follows:—
Corn—First prize, \$10.00 cash, won by Cecil Weimortz, of Elko, who made a yield of 84 bushels and 20 pounds of corn on one acre.

Second—\$7.00 cash, won by Ruby Creech, of Olar, R. F. D., yield 69 3-4 bushels.

Third—\$5.00 cash, won by Jack C. Morris, of Olar, R. F. D., yield 59 bushels.

Best ten ear exhibit—\$4.00 cash, George Harley, of Barnwell.

Cotton Club.
First prize—\$10.00 cash, won by Byrnes Huggins, of Barnwell.

Second—\$5.00 cash, won by Bernice Still, of Barnwell.

Best record of work done for the year—Perry Jowers, of Williston, \$5.

Pig Club.
First prize—\$10.00 cash, Freddy McKerley, of Elko.

Second—\$6.00 cash, Ruby Creech, of Barnwell.

Third—\$4.00 cash, William McKerley, of Elko.

Prize money was donated as follows: \$25.00 by Home Bank of Barnwell; Western Carolina Banks of Barnwell and Blackville, Bank of Kline, and Bank of Williston donated \$10.00 each. We thank them.—H. G. Bolyston, County Agent.

From Far Away Wisconsin.

One of the nicest letters received by The People this Christmas was from Miss Martha Ann Green, the eleven-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Furman U. Green, of Milwaukee, Wis., and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Judson Green, of Dunbarton. Enclosed therewith were a photograph of this very pretty young lady and a money order to renew her daddy's subscription. Miss Green wrote the editor the following interesting letter:

Dear Sir: Enclosed you will find \$1.00. Will you please renew my Daddy's subscription for The Barnwell People? For my Daddy likes to have his Home Paper every week and is pleased to get it.

"My Grandpa fought in '68, my Daddy in '98; now I have joined the "Girl Scouts" to stand by the Flag they won."

Miss Green's photograph shows her in the girl scout uniform and holding the flag of which she is so proud. As far as the editor is able to judge, she is a true daughter of old Barnwell County, in spite of (or perhaps because of) the fact that she lives in the cold Northwest.

Honor Roll of Kline School.

First Grade—J. F. Ready, Mamie Sue Padgett, Henry Moody, Myrtle Creech.

Second Grade—Jack Sanders, Jessie Sanders, Hughlow Creech, Otis Sanders.

Third Grade—Lloyd Moody, Marie Sanders, Minnie Padgett, Lois Sanders.

Fourth Grade—Lucy Braxton, Irene Johnson, Thomas Hogg, Woodrow Sanders, Lonnie Stevenson.

Fifth Grade—Vergie Mae Moody, Oneda Moody, Elizabeth Sanders.

Sixth Grade—Billy Bradley, Mary Hogg, Louise Johnson, Mildred Lewis, Lucy Sanders, George Sanders.

Eighth Grade—Ben Harley, Mary Moody, Eugene Ready, Gladys Lee, Mildred Thomas, Melvin Moody.

Ninth Grade—Lily Mae Thomas.

The former home of the late Major P. J. Drew, of this city, was completely destroyed by fire of unknown origin late Saturday night. The blaze, which started in the second story, was discovered about 11 o'clock and in spite of the fact that the volunteer fire fighters soon had three streams of water playing on the burning building, the fire fanned by a high North wind, continued to spread from room to room until the entire house was a roaring inferno. The firemen were further handicapped in their efforts by rotten hose, which was unable to withstand the heavy pressure necessary to throw water to the top of the building. Sparks were showered on the roofs of houses in that section of the city, but fortunately they were damp from a rain earlier in the day and the loss was confined to the one residence.

This handsome home, which was one of the "show places" of Barnwell, was built about 35 years ago by the late Capt. J. W. Woodward for the late Attorney General G. Duncan Bellinger. After passing through the hands of several owners, it was purchased a number of years ago by Major Drew, who had it remodeled throughout. After his death, the property was sold to Mr. Willis Browning, who disposed of it a short time ago to Mr. S. E. Moore, of Snelling. The house was unoccupied at the time of the fire.

The fire alarm was sounded again about nine o'clock Sunday morning and it was found that the ruins, which had been smouldering all night, had broken out afresh.

It is not known at this time whether or not the present owner will rebuild.

Atkinson-Page.

An affair of much interest was the wedding of Miss Johnnie Atkinson, daughter of Rev. J. C. Atkinson, D. D., pastor of the Barnwell Methodist Church, to Hon. Cordie Page, the incoming Assistant Attorney General of South Carolina, which took place at 3 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, December 16th, at the Methodist church.

The church never looked lovelier, with its decorations of Southern Smilax, pine and holly and considerable taste was exercised here with crystal candelabrae and white tapers, simple, but elegant. It was under the competent supervision of Mrs. T. S. Lewis.

The light of the afternoon sun was excluded and the mellow light pervaded the sylvan decorations.

At a few minutes to 3 o'clock the ushers, Messrs. W. J. Lemon and C. Keys Sanders, lighted the candles in the chancel. Mrs. S. B. Moseley then sang "At Dawning," at the conclusion of which, Miss Amelia McNab played Lohengrin's Wedding March. Little Miss Jane Stillwell of Atlanta, Ga., niece of the bride, entered, bearing the ring in a white rosebud. The bride, bearing a gorgeous bouquet of white roses, entered on the arm of the groom. The bride's father, Dr. Atkinson, performed the ceremony, after which the couple left by automobile for a destination not revealed.

The bride never looked lovelier in a brown satin-back crepe dress, trimmed in brown fur, with a becoming spring hat to match, which only enhanced her beauty.

Little Miss Jane Stillwell was daintily attired in pink crepe and she was a veritable little cupid.

Miss Atkinson will be greatly missed in our community as her work in our midst and her influence was highly appreciated and her place will be hard to fill. She has a charming personality.

Mr. Page is the incoming Assistant Attorney General of South Carolina, has practiced law in Florence and Conway, and is a lawyer of ability. He also takes an active part in church affairs. They have the best wishes of their numerous friends.—Contributed.

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