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**AUTO DRIVER—LOOK AT YOURSELF.**

It is time the automobile driver took a good look at himself.

Personal traits and characteristics are as much to blame for our appalling highway death rate as are incompetence and ignorance. The driver who passes on hills and curves, who operates his car at excessive speeds, who hogs the road and drives on the wrong side of the highway, who "weaves" and cuts in and out, is the driver who, no matter how great his skill, causes a large share of the 35,000 deaths each year.

The most encouraging sign at present is the wide public interest in highway safety—an interest which has grown amazingly the last year or two. Traffic laws are being studied. Surveys of accident statistics are being made. There is less theorizing and more dealing with honest facts.

Every state should have laws in accord with modern conditions. One of the most necessary steps is more drastic supervision of youthful drivers—it has been found that drivers under 20 have a 39 per cent worse record than the average, while those between 40 and 50 have a record 29 per cent better than the average. Automobiles should be periodically inspected in the matter of brakes, steering, lights, etc. Examinations of applicants for drivers' licenses should be conducted with extreme care.

The automobile death rate can and must be lowered. There is no place for the reckless, the incompetent, and the mentally or physically defective on our streets and highways. Sixty-five thousand deaths in two years is mute testimony to the need for quick and decisive action.

**MUST FORCE TAX REDUCTION**

One of the most encouraging phases of the late campaign was the attitude taken by the majority of candidates for public office toward the cost of government and the need for tax reduction. President-elect Roosevelt has stated that a 25 per cent cut is essential and has pledged his efforts toward achieving that. Those elected with him have echoed his views.

If such a reduction made it will have an amazingly fine effect on the country—not only in the money that will be saved, but in psychological result. There is no question but what the specter of still higher taxes frightens thousands of investors and shoves money into safe-deposit vaults and tea pots; that it prevents business from going ahead and expanding; that it discourages home building and savings; that, in this time of unemployment, it creates more unemployment, more hardship, more distress.

Every citizen should demand a sound program to lower taxes. We can do this by not asking for expenditures that touch only a small part of the country at the expense of the whole; by taking the broad, rather than the local, view. We can follow up federal reductions by forcing state county and municipal governments—which are the most expensive of all—and public officials, to observe the example. In short, the time and the opportunity for tax reduction are here—and it must be had.

**RADIO IN PROPHECY**

This is to be the subject of the lecture delivered by Dr. C. F. Wimberly, at the Baptist church, Wednesday night, 30th. This invitation comes from Rev. J. B. Caston, the pastor. Dr. Wimberly has been a close student of prophecy for many years, and has written two or three books on prophetic themes, and has gone into this newest and most wonderful of all modern discoveries, and sees in it, the marvelous development to a great climax, and the public is most cordially urged to hear this address, which has been given in more than a dozen states of the Union. All denominations are invited to join with Rev. Mr. Caston and his people for this new and unusual lecture.

Remember the date, Wednesday night, Dec. 7, at 7:30.

**Like Their Women Fall**  
All native women in North Africa want to be stout and their husbands take real pride in them if their weight reaches several hundred pounds.

**ECONOMIC SELF PRESERVATION**

So far as the farmer is concerned, cooperation is simply another name for economic self-preservation. For more years than one cares to count the average farmer was vitally at the mercy of the buyer. He took whatever price was offered him for his produce, or lost a sale.

Then came the beginning of the cooperative movement. Thousands of farmers joined together and created selling organizations as large and as powerful as the buying organizations. The middleman was no longer talking to a single farmer—he was talking to the authorized representative of a multitude. They met on equal terms.

All over the county cooperative organizations have been making good progress in time of depression. More and more farmers have discovered that cooperation is the eventual solution for suicidal price and chaotic agricultural conditions. As a result, the cooperatives are on a firmer foundation today than ever before, and their chances for complete success in the future are better. But—every farmer should think of this—the more unorganized farmers there are, the longer that success will be in coming.

**COMPETING WITH TAXPAYERS**

Why should Uncle Sam sell a commodity or service such as printing in competition with local, privately owned, tax-paying printing plants?

Why should 15,000 post offices be used as order takers for a service that is not an essential function of the Post Office department or a necessary service in handling the mails?

The reason for raising these questions is that Uncle Sam offers to print return cards on stamped envelopes. With a "local dealer," or sales agency in the United States post office located in every center of population in the land Uncle Sam does a volume of printing business that enables him to offer customers a ridiculously low price. The orders for printed stamped envelopes total a billion and a half a year—over 4,000,000 for each of the 365 days in the year!

The purchasers of this service offered by Uncle Sam are not the "common people," some of whom address letters improperly and thereby contribute to the cost of maintaining the dead letter office. Banks, retail merchants, professional men manufacturers, the public schools, colleges, fraternal organizations—all dependent upon prosperous towns, home trade, local pay rolls, taxpayers able to pay their taxes—these constitute the customers who take advantage of Uncle Sam's bargain price on printed envelopes.

If it's O. K. for Uncle Sam to sell printing, why not extend a good thing and insist that he add to his line and thus serve a much larger number of post office patrons? Why not add a grocer's apron to the printer's apron Uncle Sam now wears? Why not sell breakfast food, evaporated milk, butter, shoes, drugs, dry goods, clothing, etcetera, over the post office counter?

Unless Uncle Sam quits the printing business, printers should obtain signatures from post office patrons to a petition demanding that the Post Office department sell not only printing—that accommodates only a limited number of customers—but other products. Think of the saving in price that would be possible through enormous volume and frequent turnovers! And Uncle Sam is lucky; he doesn't have to pay taxes.—Magdalena (N. M.) News.

**MUG-BOOK SCHEMES**

One amusing observation easily made in any community is the way men fall for schemes.

Take advertising. Some business men, while they ignore the well established local paper, bite for any dangling bait that puts the promise of their names in print.

Mug-books, that print men's pictures and biographies—programs, that are never consulted—coupon books, that tempt with profits—all in the name of advertising.

Only when local business men have first exhausted legitimate advertising media are they justified in pitching dollars into the sea.—Clayton Rard, publisher, Gulfport (Miss.) Guide.

**Long Held in Esteem**

A Portuguese writer has said about the lychee, "It is the most beautiful fruit that God has created in the universe." No fruit, in fact, has inspired more poets and artists than the lychee. Literary references have been traced back years and years, even before the time of Christ.

**FARM INCOME FOR 1932**

What can be done to stimulate agriculture that great industry and insure the producer some margin of profit from the sweat of his brow, as well as peace of mind that his land will not be seized and he displaced; that he can look forward to a better day when the life of slavish toil and debt and destitution will give way to a chance to make a real living in keeping with reasonable American standards—that is one of the biggest of all problems waiting solution. That fact is recognized by the thinkers and students of today. Special articles by authorities and experts are given liberal space in the country's most widely circulated periodicals and papers bearing on the subject. The theories and relief measures advanced are different and divergent, these specialists are of no more accord than a group of doctors in the diagnosis of a noted case. One gets a glimpse, however, of just what condition agriculture is in by the statistics of the Federal Department of Agriculture, which show that the gross income from farm production in the United States for 1932 is estimated at \$5,240,000,000—a reduction of \$1,715,000,000 for last year \$4,153,000,000 under 1930, and \$6,710,000,000 less than for 1929. The largest reduction this year was in the livestock industry, which was placed at \$2,958,000,000, compared with \$4,191,000,000 in 1931. Among the crops cotton and the cottonseed industry showed the largest reduction.

The gross income from cotton and cottonseed is estimated at \$397,000,000 for 1932 as contrasted with \$529,000,000 for 1931. There were reductions in all lines and they are ascribed largely to national and world-wide changes in financial and economic conditions, which have shrunk demand, vanished purchasing power, and brought about lower price levels curtailing demand for what the farmer produces in both the domestic and foreign markets. The department estimates that incomes from farms for 1932 were about 42 per cent of those for 1929. The shrinkage has been far greater from major crops than has the income from minor crops. It is obvious that something should be done to rehabilitate the nation's basic industry.—Spartanburg Journal.

**LIVES 100 YEARS ON SNAILS**

Intra, Italy.—Snails washed down by generous potions of white wine is Giovannia Tonetti's recipe for longevity. He ought to know what he is talking about, for he has just reached the ripe old age of 100 years. "I never ate anything else but snails in all my life," Tonetti told his interviewers on his hundredth birthday. "And once a week, with my Sunday dinner of 'escargots a la Bourgogne' I get what you Americans call 'zig-zag'."

**RAIN DROP PROVES FATAL**

Paris.—A single rain drop here was responsible for the loss of one life and injuries to several persons. It all happened when it splashed straight down upon the nose of a snoozing and well oiled patron at a sidewalk cafe. Jumping up as if socked by a fistic artist, he knocked down a table, which rolled out on the street straight in the path of an automobile. The latter swerved, and crashed into a street car, turned turtle, causing the fatality and injuries.

The Hessians who were paid by the British to oppose the American army in the Revolutionary War had great regard for General Washington, according to "Progress", which quotes old letters and diaries which have recently come to light, judged light on the activities of the times. According to one such letter the war was caused by "English carelessness and American arrogance and stupidity," qualities which, we might add, have been the basis of more than one war.

**Spartan Lives to be 102 in Atlanta Home**

A member of one of the first Gentry families in Spartanburg County Thursday had something to be thankful for. That was excellent health which had enabled him to live to be 102 years old.

The Gentry being referred to is Mack Gentry, now living in Atlanta, who was born in Spartanburg County November 24, 1830. He moved to Georgia during the Civil War and served in the 14th Georgia Regiment.

The aged man said today in Atlanta that he hopes to live to be 110 years of age. His constant companion is an old briar pipe.—Spartanburg Journal.

**SUBSCRIBE TO THE WATEREE MESSENGER.**

**CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS**

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:

Senior Bricklayer, \$1,860 a year, Bricklayer, \$1,680 a year, Senior Stonemason, \$1,860 a year, Stonemason, \$1,680 a year, less a furlough deduction of 8 1-3 per cent and retirement deduction of 3 1-2 per cent; Departmental Service, Washington, D. C.

Principal Architect, (Hospital), \$5,600 a year, less a furlough deduction of 8 1-3 per cent and retirement deduction of 3 1-2 per cent; for intermittent service only, Freedmen's Hospital, Department of the Interior Washington, D. C.

Statistician (Medical - Social Service), \$2,600 a year, less a furlough deduction of 8 1-3 per cent and retirement deduction of 3 1-2 per cent; Veterans' Administration, Hines, Ill. Associate Physical Metallurgist (Welding), \$3,600 a year, less a furlough deduction of 8 1-3 per cent and retirement deduction of 3 1-2 per cent; temporary employment, Ordnance Department at large, Watertown Arsenal, Mass.

All states except Delaware, Iowa, Vermont, Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia have received less than their share of appointments in the apportioned departmental service at Washington, D. C.

Full information may be obtained from M. H. Moore, Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners, at the post office in this city.

**T. J. GREGORY DOING WELL FOLLOWING LEG AMPUTATION**

The Era last week mentioned that T. J. Gregory, manager of the Kershaw Mercantile & Banking Company's store, had gone to the Baptist Hospital in Columbia for treatment of an affected foot. Upon thorough examination by the hospital physicians it was decided that infection had made such headway as to render amputation necessary, and the lower part of the limb was taken off about halfway between the ankle and knee. The many friends of Mr. Gregory, while greatly regretting that amputation was necessary, will be more than pleased to learn that he stood the operation well and is doing just as well as could be expected, and they hope for him a speedy and thorough recovery.—Kershaw Era.

**STOP! LOOK! NOTICE!**

**All School Children Patronize DePASS' DRUG STORE**

Phone 10 Main Street

and get your Cut Rate School Tickets to Afternoon performance of

**Barnett Brothers Circus**  
Camden, Friday, December 2nd

**SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY**

Schedules from and to Camden, S. C.

Corrected to November 6, 1932

Arrive	Between	Depart.
11:27 A. M.	Eastern Cities—Florida	11:27 A. M.
10:17 P. M.	Eastern Cities—Florida	10:17 P. M.
4:03 P. M.	Florida—Eastern Cities	4:03 P. M.
7:24 P. M.	Florida—Eastern Cities	7:24 P. M.

**PULLMANS—COACHES—DINERS.**

For further information, tickets and reservations call on Ticket Agent.

**The Majestic Theatre**

Wednesday & Thursday, Nov. 30th-Dec. 1st  
Here's the biggest comedy-romance extravaganza of the picture world—

**"THE BIG BROADCAST"**

With Bing Crosby, Stuart Erwin, Kate Smith, Leila Hyams, Mills Bros., Boswell Sisters, Cab Calloway, Vincent Lopez, Arthur Tracy, Sharon Lynn, and dozens of the most popular radio entertainers on the air.

**Friday (Turkey Night) Dec. 2nd**

SALLY EILERS with BEN LYON in  
A smash picture—A depression Chaser—  
**"THE HAT CHECK GIRL"**

A picture jam-packed to the final frame with romance and thrills.  
Free Christmas Turkey to Holder of Lucky Number.

**Saturday, Dec. 3rd**

Straight from the land of sage brush and cactus comes this thrilling Western adventure picture  
**"BEYOND THE ROCKIES"**  
With Tom Keene, Ace of Western Stars. Also  
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