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PEACE AND TAXES

The friends of world peace are the best friends of tax reduction as well. The cost of war—past, present and future—is the major item in the operating cost of every great power. In this country, 72 per cent of all federal funds go for war debts, war veterans and the army and navy.

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TEACH SAFE DRIVING IN HIGH SCHOOLS

The automobile driver of tomorrow is the high school student of today. This driver of the future should be a careful, courteous and conscientious motorist, mindful of the rights of all others and thoroughly informed as to traffic laws and regulations.

That is why high school motor clubs are multiplying rapidly in the United States. Several hundred such organizations are actively at work.

High school automobile clubs have three basic functions: First, the teaching of safe driving principles; second, accurate mechanical information; and third, education in state, local and municipal laws and ordinances. In this program police departments, automobile manufacturers, insurance companies and all others interested in traffic safety, are always ready to lend a hand to provide demonstrations, speakers, lecture courses, booklets, pamphlets and other material.

Statistics for 1932 show that 11,960 drivers under 18 were involved in accidents, although few states permit youngsters of that age to handle a car alone in public.

There is no place to instill the principles of any subject than in a school. Carpentry is taught in schools, but more boys will drive automobiles than will work at a bench. Girls will drive more frequently than they will cook, but cooking is taught in modern schools.

The high school automobile club provides safety education. It is no expense to the schools. Nothing is spent but the willingly contributed time of the safety agencies.

School authorities planning for their fall courses would do well to investigate the motor driving club plan, and encourage its establishment. If further information is desired, the National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters, One Park Avenue, New York City, offers to supply it.

INSPIRATION

A century ago, America had no adequate means of taking care of her artistic and literary creators so that Longfellow and Lowell were teachers, Hawthorne drugged in the custom house and those who tried to earn their living by their special talents faced poverty and discomfort. Today, colored Americans as a group are in the same relative position and suffering the same handicaps. By this way of compensation any conspicuous achievement of an individual reflects credit upon his whole people and opens doors for others so that colored people should support their own talent.

A struggling minority group is apt to be too much impressed by the opinions of its more powerful neighbors. For example, Abraham Cahan once asked by a reporter for a large salary on his paper and he said, "You deserve it but I can't afford to give it to you. Write some articles for the gentle papers and make a name for yourself and come back." Americans reacted in the same way in the days when it was scornfully asked, "Who reads an American book?" In literature the Negro has been and still is too much swayed by outsiders. It has always been easier for a minority group to make its first economic wedge through amusements as is shown by the cases of the Jews and the Gypsies. In music and dancing and acting the colored race has won its laurels which can never be taken away.

William C. Handy has utilized distinctive themes which no other group can claim and his acknowledged success is one which is pleasing and flattering to every American, but it should be especially gratifying to his own race. The effort Mr. Handy is making to help other colored musicians should be supported by his own people. It is similar to what Carter Woodson is doing with the Associated Publishers.

—Joe Gould

WITH OUR 1933 LEGISLATURE

By SENATOR ASHEY C. DICKSON

It will be my pleasure to write a few articles for this splendid newspaper concerning some of the activities and explaining some of the measures that were introduced at the recent session of the legislature and I will commence this series by discussion of the Old Age Pension act.

Three hundred years ago somebody thought of the poorhouse. Since then we have found better ways of doing everything people did back in 1600. We have exchanged the quill pen for the printing press; the candle for the electric light, the horse for the railroad, the automobile and the airplane; the slow footed messenger for the telegraph that circles the globe in four minutes.

But we still tolerate the poor house! We cure tobacco by the most modern scientific processes but we care for our needy, aged, by methods that even

very good law and after it has operated for a year or so we will learn its defects and remedy such as may be found at the next session of the legislature.

Our law provides that the board of county commissioners of Multnomah County and the county courts of all other counties shall be designated the Old Age Pension Commission and shall serve as such without additional compensation.

Every person, man or woman, married or single, while residing in the state of Oregon subject to the restrictions of the law, may qualify for a pension.

The amount of pension shall be fixed with due regard to the conditions in each case, but in no event shall any pensioner be allowed more than 30 dollars in any one month.

The applicant must have attained the age of seventy years, been a citizen of the United States for 15 years and of the state of Oregon 10 years, and a resident of the county at least 2 years immediately preceding the making of the application.

Absence from the state in the service of the state or the United States when the total absence from the state is not more than two years during the ten years preceding the filing of the application, will not interfere with the applicant's rights.

If the applicant has been convicted of any criminal offense involving moral turpitude during the 25 years immediately preceding the filing of his application, he will not be eligible, or if the applicant—a husband—has deserted his wife or failed to provide adequate support for her and has failed to support his minor children under the age of 15 years, he will not be eligible for a pension. If a wife has deserted her husband or any of her minor children, she will likewise be denied a pension.

If the applicant has been a professional beggar or tramp during the year immediately preceding the filing of his application for a pension, he cannot qualify under the law; if the applicant has a child or children able to support him or her, such applicant cannot qualify.

An old age pension shall not be granted to a person if the value of his or her property exceeds \$3,000 or if husband and wife living together have property together, the value of which exceeds \$3,000.

If a pension is allowed to a person having property, the county will, on the death of the pensioner, collect from the estate the amount of money advanced for a pension plus 3 per cent interest before the estate is distributed to the heirs of the pensioner.

Any applicant who deprives himself directly or indirectly of any property for the purpose of qualifying for old age relief will be denied the benefits of the law.

I shall be glad to answer any questions that may be asked on this subject if the readers will write their questions out and send them to this paper, enclosing a self addressed and stamped envelope.



ASHBY C. DICKSON

savages would not employ. Where human relationships are concerned, we are horse-and-buggy thinkers.

Circumstances are fast forcing us to cease our straggling in the march of progress. Medical science is constantly lengthening man's span of life; he lives twenty years longer now than he did in 1850. Technical science is simultaneously shortening man's working period. Machines demand young, sure-handed operators. Machines likewise are taking men's jobs from them faster than new inventions are creating employment. Recent exhaustive surveys show that if even every plant were today to return to the peak production of 1929, there would still be nearly 5,000,000 persons without jobs.

A man has today more workless years to provide for and fewer years in which to do it, than ever before in history. The result is increasing dependency of the aged.

Now, after three years of hard times the problem is acute. The depression has wiped out the savings of thousands of old people who had providently looked after their future, cut short the earning period of millions more, and sunk them so hopelessly in debt that they cannot free themselves in their lifetime. Their older sons and daughters, minus jobs, cannot help. The younger generation are starting life handicapped. They may never be able to accumulate enough to provide for their own old age, much less the last years of their parents. Depression, like war, leaves its toll for future generations to pay.

How shall we provide for these aged dependents, present and future? Extravagantly and cruelly in the poorhouse? Or economically and humanely with pensions?

Private charity has broken down under the extra load of 12,000,000 jobless Americans. We cannot as in the past, leave the poor to the care of some chance samaritan; there are not enough samaritans now. Nor can we continue to send the needy and aged to the poorhouse. Taxpayers are revolting against constantly and worn-out methods of conducting public functions. The times demand that the poorhouse must go.

During the last ten or twelve years, eighteen states, including Oregon have stepped into the march of progress and adopted old age pension laws. This new form of social protection is a great step forward and it will not be long till the poorhouse will be a thing of the past.

Our proposed law met with some opposition in both the House and the Senate, but we were successful in rallying enough votes in both houses to insure its enactment. We have a

PROGRESS IN RACIAL AMITY
 (By LOUIS G. GREGORY)
 Portsmouth, N. H.

(Continued from last week)

An Amity Motor Thrill

Joined by an Australian friend who has long resided in America and is Arayan by race, we recently took an automobile trip of three months into the South. This was planned as an inter-racial journey of peace and good will. We passed through New England, leaving behind its wintry snows, and even "little old New York" with its ceaseless bustle without mishap, perhaps a feat for two inexperienced motorists. In New Jersey we lost our way. Thereupon an Argus-eyed officer of the law discovered us on the wrong side of the road. Our friend was driving and this was quite natural for one of English descent, as in England passing traffic goes to the left. The officer ordered us to stop and told us quite sternly of our grievous error with the assurance that we should have time through Jersey in just a few minutes.

"Have a heart, Mr. Cop, we are new in this business and mean no harm."

"No compassion is due; you ought to have known better!"

"Where is your license?" he demanded. Quite meekly we showed him our papers.

"That is your license," he said, "but you are not driving. Where is that man's license?"

"He has none. He is with me."

"How the thunder!" roared the officer. Do you mean to say that you are driving through Jersey without a license? That will be a twenty-five dollar fine for him and a hundred dollar fine for you! Pull up on the other side of the road while I consult my superior officer."

We obeyed him who thought the plot had thickened. Thoughts of jail were not alluring. As for the alternative of a heavy fine at such a time, shadows of bankruptcy and the poorhouse loomed. Seeing there was a hard man to deal with we talked with God about the whole matter. Presently the officer returned and in the politest manner imaginable asked,

"What work are you gentlemen doing?"

"Then you ought to have heard us!" He was told of the mobile color organ, an instrument which does for organs what a pipe organ or an orchestra does for tones; of its invention by Dr. Green A. Shook, of Wheaton College, and its use as a show in improving race relations; of our friendliness with all races. Thereupon the officer in a gentle kindly way told us that this was a little organ and in the event of having a party should be put in jail if it would delay our journey. He further advised us not to get caught in Jersey driving without a license, saying that California was the only state that allows one to drive on the license of another. This he said, but we did not argue, but expressed the wish for him of a happy birthday and that Heaven might be his home. In Jersey stringent rules are necessary in view of heavy traffic. We were happy soon to reach old Virginia where traffic officers appear not to molest motorists barring accidents; even then they are told in the most courteous manner.

An estimate of the number of motor cars in America is one for about every five or six people, which fixes the aggregate at more than twenty million cars. Upward of thirty thousand deaths occur annually as a result of accidents. A wisecracker of Virginia advised new motorists to expect any of three things happening: Spending money, going to jail and death.

Jews and Negroes

An inter-racial conference to discuss the subject: "What it means to be a Negro in Boston," was held at the Y. M. C. A. in that city last week. The principal speakers were Rabbi Harry Levi of Temple Israel; Dr. George E. Haynes, of the Inter-racial Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and Mr. George W. Goodman, secretary of the Boston Urban League. The learned rabbi told his auditors quite bluntly that the only hope of Jews and Negroes ever getting out of their holes was to pull themselves out by their own bootstraps. Dr. Haynes of course always speaks along cooperative lines and sees hope. Mr. Goodman told about the way Negroes are discriminated against when seeking employment even in so cultural a center as Boston. Even those who are best prepared by education feel such slights. Jews and Negroes, though of different races and religions, because both have been victimized by prejudices, often seem to understand each other's position better than majority groups understand either of them. Jews, however, can easily overcome all prejudices which hold them in Christian lands by acknowledging Jesus Christ, easily the greatest man their race has given the world. For Negroes, who revere Christ, it is not so easy. "Can the leopard change his spots or the Ethiopian his skin?" A liberal outpouring of Christian love would work wonders in aid of both Jews and Negroes.

(Continued next week)



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 Ans: I contact you with your daughter sometime this year although this does not appear to be any time soon.

A. S.—Tell me if my girl seventeen years old is living? I let a friend of mine take her when she was not quite a year old. I was not able to take care of her and my mother would not keep her. My friend took her and promised to always let me know where she would be at. Well, she didn't keep her promise. Please tell me where my baby is?
 Ans: Your baby is in Omaha, Nebraska. I believe that her name at the present time is Brooks. I cannot get a more pronounced contact in this case.

J. J.—Please tell me whether I will soon get out of trouble. I am in and how soon? Let this appear in the paper at once.
 Ans: Yes, but it will cost you plenty. Don't take such chances in the future.

H. F. E.—Mr. Abbe, I am in a little trouble. I heard that you could help me, if you can write right away. Please sir, from the widow's son, H. F. E.
 Ans: Your question is entirely to personal to print in the paper. May I suggest that you send for my New Astrological Reading? I will answer three questions by return mail privately.

C. D.—Does my husband go to see the woman he once went with for years?
 Ans: He most certainly does not. Your husband contributes to no woman's support other than yourself. I advise you to have a little more faith in him.

K. D.—Will I ever get out of this nasty old house and is B. B. a jinx to me?
 Ans: In July of this year you will move out of this nasty old house. B. B. is a pest but she happens to be the best friend that you have.

L. B. J.—Will my father ever find what he told me he would?
 Ans: Never. He is looking for a needle in the haystack. He might just as well give up as search will be fruitless.

M. P.—Will I get the other money?
 Ans: You will receive the money from an insurance company in connection with the death of your husband. Legal complications will delay this.

I. T.—Last summer my boy friend told me that he saw me down the Str. at a certain time and also described what I had on. I am positive I was home at that hour. Will you tell me what it is that he sees that resembles me?
 Ans: Don't believe him. He is just teasing you out. It is his idea of being funny. Pay no attention to him.

A. M. B.—Am I going to wair prettiness close this summer am I loved more than I am hated are hated more than I am loved?
 Ans: You will have pretty clothes to wear back to the country this summer. The girls in your little old home town will surely be jealous of you. You have no enemies.

B. R.—Please tell me if my husband has forsaken me forever?
 Ans: Yes, I do not believe you will ever live together again. It is just as well, however, as you two were not made for each other. Someone else will man more to you in future years.

Done at Random

By RALPH L. LESTER

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MANKIND

The men I know are in three distinct groups: those who like me, those who dislike me, and those who are indifferent to me. They have taught me the following: Those who like me have taught me kindness and brotherly love. Those who dislike me have taught me to be cautious. Those who are indifferent have taught me self-reliance.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

A short time ago I attended a meeting for the improvement and welfare of our community, especially for those of our group. The master of ceremonies at this meeting was a personal friend of mine, and has a way of calling on different ones to speak extemporaneously. (There goes one of my pet words!) That night in particular, I had a queer feeling that he was going to call on me. He didn't, yet I spent a very uncomfortable evening. I can address a large group of fraternal brothers, expound at length in locker rooms, and often burst forth in oratorical eloquence around the house, but a mixed audience stumps me. I never get beyond, "Unaccustomed as I am to public speaking, and my friends think it is splendid that I don't."

My choice for oratorical honors—Roscoe Conklin Simmons.

Philadelphia is the home of the only National Monthly Magazine, devoted to the interests of Colored Barbers and Hairdressers. It is known as the Barbers and Hairdressers Magazine. Joseph W. Venia, who is well known in the publishing world, is the Business Editor. S. L. Venia, is the Editor. Yours truly is listed among the contributors.

A very good short story: "The Fourth Man," by John Russell.

There is a group of young men around town as the "Tushogs," who gained no little notoriety for this bit of play. At one affair, when one of their numbers reaches the biotic state from over-indulging in the liquid refreshments, one of the "Tushogs" walks up to the tipsy one and clips him with a hard right or left to the chin. This usually results in the tipsy one being knocked out, cold. Now isn't that just too clever for words? The big brave, twentieth century hero-man.

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