

# Odds 'N' Ends

\* We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone.

*Ronald Reagan*

\* How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these.

*George Washington Carver*  
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## Police Emergency

This is the true story of George Phillips of Meridian, Mississippi, who was going to bed when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the shed. George opened the door to go turn off the light but saw there were people in the shed in the process of stealing things.

He immediately phoned the police, who asked "Is someone in your house?" And George said no and explained the situation. Then they explained that all patrols were busy, and that he should simply lock his door and an officer would be there when available.

George said, "Okay," hung up, counted to 30, and phoned the police again.

"Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people in my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I've just shot them all."

Then he hung up. Within five minutes three squad cars, an Armed Response unit, and an ambulance showed up. Of course, the police caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the policemen said to George: "I thought you said that you'd shot them!"

George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"

## Applied Technology: Tire Pressure Sensors

Some of the newer cars have been equipped with the tire pressure sensors for a number of years now.

The sensors are in essence, a transmitter/pressure gauge that sends data to the car's computer. They are not cheap, priced at between \$75 and \$150 each.

The projected life expectancy is 10 years of the built in battery life but some are known to have failed in as little as 4 years. The batteries cannot be taken out and replaced so the whole unit has to be replaced.

As if this is not bad enough, some of the sensor units are made of aluminium and break easily as a person tries to remove them in order to add more air into the tire. They are not repairable so a new sensor needs to be installed. It can be presumed that many motorists will consider the sensors as a bit of frivolous equipment but nowadays, the cars that are equipped with them are considered to have them built in as part of the safety system and operating a vehicle with one sensor missing is considered as circumventing the safety system. Not a good idea as viewed by law enforcement and the insurance underwriters.

In the case of a motorist deciding to purchase a new set of wheels for the winter tires, he would need to purchase sensors for each of the tires.

Apparently, a motorist did want to purchase a new set of tires and wheels for his car that was equipped with the sensors and did not want to purchase the sensors. The shop had the customer sign a liability waiver form. The car was later, involved in an accident and still, despite the motorist having signed the liability waiver, the court decided that the tire shop, operating as a business professional, should have known not to have equipped the wheels without the sensors and thereby circumventing the built in safety feature. It is said that the tire shop had to pay a hefty amount to satisfy the claim in court.

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*H. Jackson Brown, Jr.*

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