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**if you're like me...**  
 Says the Barrister

You're a party to many legal contracts every day, and most of the time you don't realize it. You and I, we've average, run-of-the-mill, honest citizens. If you're like me you're proud to say that you live up to your promises, or "keep your word," or to put it another way—you fulfill your part of a contract. We don't like to "weish" on anything. Yet, when we talk about contracts, we usually think of a formal piece of paper written in rather fancy language, which we look over carefully, and to which we sign our names with a great flourish.

It's TRUE that a written contract is the best-known type and the safest, and in certain instances (like the transfer of real estate) the terms must be in writing. When it comes right down to the most common contracts, though, they're seldom in writing and we make new ones day in and day out, hardly giving them a second thought.

Actually a contract is merely an agreement in which you and another person (or any two or more persons, companies, or organizations) bind themselves to do—or not to do—certain acts. In doing so, each acquires a right to have the other person keep his promise. So it's really a contract when you accept a job, charge a new suit at the clothing store, agree to say the boy next door a dollar to mow your lawn, or tell the milkman to leave three quarts each day and collect at the end of the month.

I'VE BEEN stung a time or two. Not badly, but enough to make me learn a little about contracts.

I've found out that, in the eyes of the law, there are certain elements which go into making any promise a legal contract. There must be a "mutual assent," which usually means that one party accepts a definite offer made by the other, and both parties must be "competent" ( sane and, under most circumstances, of legal age). The agreement must be for a lawful purpose. There must be a "consideration," which in most instances is the payment of a certain sum of money.

WHILE contracts made by word-of-mouth are legal and binding, for the most part, they are, of course, more difficult to prove if any questions arise. So it's usually best, on anything of importance, to demand that the terms be written out in detail. An exchange of letters, or a signed memorandum, may constitute a written contract.

I've adopted one rule now that should be a "must" with everyone before placing his signature on any sort of agreement. It's simple, but still not closely followed by everyone: Read every word before you sign, and be sure you understand what those words mean! Saying later, "I didn't know what it meant," is no excuse.

IN EVERYDAY life, this is most important in signing anything which is called a " chattel mortgage," or "conditional sales contract," or time payment plan" or "installment credit".

These are your acceptance of certain terms in the purchase of an automobile, or washing machine, or storm windows, or some other necessity; and you want to make sure you'll be able to fulfill your part and not lose the money you've put into it.

Once you've put your name on a legal contract, it's the law, and the duty of the courts to see that you keep your word! Chances are you can't back out.

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**Marine Transferred To School in Tenn.**

Richard W. Cutts receives his warrant of promotion to Marine Pfc. upon graduating as honor man from the Airman Preparatory school at the Naval Air Technical Training Center at Jacksonville.

Cutts is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Cutts of Creston street. He will be transferred to the Aviation Electronics School at Memphis, Tenn., for further training.

Before entering the service in December 1934 he was graduated from Troy High school.

**Courtesy, Caution Urged by Moxley To Halt Accidents**

This month, as in the past several months, two types of traffic violations led the list of those which resulted in accidents here, according to Birmingham Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley.

The two violations are "Following Too Closely," and "Right of Way" and were responsible for 15 and 8 accidents respectively, during August.

Last month was well ahead of Aug., 1934 total of 20 accidents, with a total of 50 personal injury accidents. There were seven more accidents last month than occurred in July, 1935.

CHIEF MOXLEY said the leading cause of accidents, listed above, have been present in 172 of 350 accidents investigated to date this year.

We again point out that "Following too Closely" is often the result of speeding or failing to have car under control at traffic signals and stop signs. Rear end accidents are often the result of these errors in driving," Moxley said.

"Right of Way" violations are the result of failing to observe stop signs, pulling into traffic from parked positions, alleys, and side streets without using due care and caution. We strongly stress courtesy and caution as the vital ingredients of any safe driving policy to be followed by a motorist," Moxley concluded.

Chiefly would afford the city an opportunity to recognize its employees with long service records.

**Community House Has Annual Meet**

Introduction of new board members and president's report are on the agenda for the annual meeting of the Community House Monday at 8 p.m. at the house.

The CH senior activities group meets Monday at 7:30 p.m. for games and refreshments. The group of senior citizens meetings is held twice monthly and has opened a membership.

Senior workshop, another Community House group, meets each Friday at 10:30 a.m. to do Red Cross and hospital projects, and sewing, have luncheon and play cards. Open to all senior women. It is sponsored by the Junior League and the CH.

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