



Mary (left) and Peggy Kilpatrick are shown with the Ecusta String Band. They gave a spectacular clogging performance at the Square Dance on March 18. They will travel with the Ecusta

Square Dance Team this year as mascots. Members of the Band are, l. to r., Blaine Emory, Lester Brown, Gene Corn, Paul Patterson and Carl Patterson, all skilled musicians.

WATCH YOUR CAR

You'd better keep a sharp watch on your car warned W. E. Koonce of the Motor Vehicles Department's Auto Theft Bureau today.

Increased activity among the nation's auto pilferers was reported to Koonce recently by officials of the National Auto Theft Bureau. NATB figures showed a 25-per-cent increase in auto thefts for the first quarter of the fiscal year. In North Carolina—where thieves cop autos at a rate of from 90 to 100 a month—the number of thefts in January jumped sharply. Last month there were 153 auto thefts reported to investigators of the Theft Bureau. Agents regularly recover about 90 per cent and restore them to their owners. However the increased pilfering has Koonce and the men of his bureau alarmed. As a public service they have compiled a list of tips in cooperation with NATB on how to avoid having your car and its accessories stolen.

Their suggestions are as follows:

1. Record all tire and radio numbers and mark accessories not numbered. Date such reports, as this information may be required when thieves are apprehended.

2. Keep unattended cars off the streets at night.

3. Lock your car at all times, particularly the rear deck.

4. Do not park in a public garage without insisting on a claim check. Without documentary evidence you cannot prove your car was entrusted

to the attendant's care.

5. Report all suspicious cases of tire changing to the police.

6. If your car is kept in a private garage, see that locks are strong and that hinges cannot be taken off with a screw driver. Time gained in delaying a theft is an important factor and may discourage thieves.

7. Never leave your registration or driver's license in your car. Thieves frequently escape arrest by presenting owner's credentials when stopped by police officers. Thieves may also present owner's registration card and driver's license when attempting to sell stolen cars.

8. Watch and protect your car as never before. Take no chances, as it is one of your most valuable possessions.

Blessed are they who were not satisfied to let well enough alone. All progress that the world has made we owe to them.—*Franklin Field*

When God made man he didn't arrange the joints of his bones so he could pat himself on the back.

The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but to be able to hold your tongue in one language is priceless.

Even if you're on the right track, you'll be run over if you sit down too long.