

Students Redeeming Past Accident Records

Fewer accidents are occurring in Bailey school this year than any other year since she has been in charge of first aid, reports Mrs. J. P. Underwood. In years past Bailey has been leading all other Nash County Schools in accidents.

This year's record is a result, Mrs. Underwood says, of the concerted efforts of students and teachers to "redeem" their past.

IN CHARGE

Mrs. Underwood has charge of accidents that occur in the lower grades; and, if a high school student has a serious accident, she takes care of that also.

Miss Edith Farmer has a first-aid kit in high school to take care of any small cuts that students might get.

SUPPLIES

The county furnishes all first-aid supplies for the school. Among these are merthiolate, iodine, vaseline, unguentine, band-aids, ammonia, sterilized cotton, cotton-tipped applicators, alcohol, adhesive tape, oil of cloves, ear ache medicine, boric acid, antiseptic soap, various sizes of sterile gauze for bandages, hot water bottle, and an ice bag.

These supplies are distributed to all teachers in the grammar grades, but Mrs. Underwood keeps the sterile bandages in the office.

Mrs. Underwood is also in charge of the sick room.

Motorists To Face New Law, 1954

On January 1, Tar Heels will come under the jurisdiction of a new law which was enacted by the 1953 General Assembly.

Entitled the "Motor Vehicles Safety Responsibility Act," it insists that every individual who operates a motor vehicle be prepared to pay for any damages he or she may cause--or else surrender his or her right to drive.

THE LAW

The new North Carolina law (which is already in force in 43 other states) provides the following:

1. The required filing of two reports following every wreck which results in damages exceeding \$100 or where there has been a death or injury--one report going to the local police agency and the other to the State Department of Motor Vehicles.
2. The posting of security to cover damages within 60 days--if the driver

does not have the customary liability insurance to meet damage claims up to \$11,000.

3. Loss of one's driving privileges at the end of 60 days if there is no such liability insurance and if the necessary security is not posted, such suspension to continue until the requirements of the law have been satisfied.

There are those who affirm that "there is no question about the new North Carolina law being a good one; that it's only fault is that it was so long in coming. The problem now," they say, "is encouraging Tar Heels to inform themselves as to its provision."

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