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HOLIDAY DRIVING

Traffic authorities can name three specific traffic hazards that come with the Christmas season year after year.

They are: slippery streets, reduced vision and an increase in the consumption of alcoholic beverages.

All three add to the holiday traffic death and injury toll.

These specific hazards are further complicated by still another that presents a definite problem in itself and intensifies the danger of the other three.

This is a seasonal disability known as "holidayze." Holidayze is compounded of Christmas cheer, last minute shopping, splendid window displays, crowded streets, bundles and packages, sounds of carols, pedestrians and motorists hurrying to get home — all factors resulting in a kind of holiday heedlessness and all calculated to intensify the hazards that are a natural result of the winter season.

There are no real statistics on holidayze. But the heedlessness is still there. Therefore at the beginning of this Yule season we want to suggest a simple slogan: Don't let death take your holiday!

Remember, on foot or under the wheel, slippery roads multiply the driver's problems and lessen his control of his vehicle. They make pedestrian footing unsure, often precipitating walkers into dangerous traffic.

Darkness, too, is a holiday menace. Longer hours of darkness prevail throughout December, so much of the travel involved in getting to and from work, in shopping, in visiting, must be done in dusk or darkness. This adds to the accident toll.

Perhaps we should dwell on the theme "Peace Upon Earth to Men of Good Will," making it clear that good will should be practiced at all times — including time spent on the streets and highways.

Historical Gleanings

—By—
ELIZABETH MOORE

PARTITION OF THE LANDS OF JOHN COUNCIL BRYAN, DECEASED. 1811

Heirs are as follows: Mary Ann Bryan, Sally Bryan, Alice Bryan, Mary Bryan, Elizabeth Forbes, Heirs of Ann Bryan.

Plot shows: Thomas Norwood's 90 acres, Elliott's Patent, Mill Pond, Neuse Road, Widow's Dower, Bank's Patent, Savannah Patent line, Road to New Bern, Neuse Road.

Mentions: Stephen B. Forbes, husband of Elizabeth Forbes; land conveyed by John C. Bryan by Benjamin Smith in 1785, Trent Road, Neale's Branch, John S. West's line, Heritage line, McCafferty conveyance to John C. Bryan in 1792; 7 acres of land adjoining the town of New Bern and Dryborough conveyed to John C. Bryan by Benjamin Smith and wife. Land conveyed by William and John Gray Blount in 1790. And the following lots in New Bern: Nos. 382, Pollock Street, #46 Front Street, 365 Narrow Street, 370 on Queen and Bryan Street; 364 on Narrow and Jones Streets, 52 on Front Street, Lot No. 16 on Front Street, No. 366 on Narrow Street; Nos. 581 Pollock Street, 233 Dirty Lane, 367 Norwood Street, Lot 360 on Pollock Street, 409 on Front and Bryan Streets, 510 on Broad and Queen, except 27 feet owned at this time by Wallace Moore, 362 on Pollock Street, Lot No. 284 on Broad Street, 51 on Front Street, a clayhole, 2-1/4 acres of marsh, No. 9, and No. 332 on Johnston Street.

Dated: 7th December 1811. Commissioners: Wm. Shepard, Francis Hawks, Wm. Good, John Sears.

Estate of Justina Smith divided between Mrs. Armistead, Mrs. Croom, Miss Henrietta B. Smith and N. Smith.

Lots Nos. 12, 75, 247, with improvements &c.

Elizabeth Armistead, Francis Croom, wife of Hardy B. Croom; Henrietta B. Smith and Nathan Smith, heirs at law.

Dated 13 Feb. 1827. Signed by Commissioners: Jacob Gooding, Stephen B. Forbes, Joseph Nelson, Joseph Oliver and Samuel Simpson.

Division of land of William Hampton, deceased, willed to his son, Daniel Hampton, which is divided between: John Williams and wife, Abijah Davie and wife and William Hampton, heirs of Daniel Hampton.

Plot shows land on Cow Hold Branch. Dated 6 December 1811. Commissioners: D. Hatch, John Tolson, James Dickson, and Henry Black, Jno. Austin.

Commissioners to divide the lands in Dryborough, Lots Nos. 24, 25, 26, 27, 38 and 39, 40 and 41, between William Hollister, and Francis and Sarah Vail in severalty.

Dated Sept. 1, 1821. Commissioners: Francis Hawks, Stephen B. Forbes, John Franklin, Jeremiah Brown, certified by Edw. C. King, J. P.

A Parcel of land divided be-

Village Verses

IT'S UP TO THEM

Wisdom and experience
That's what old age brings,
But progress always will depend
On a youthful heart that sings.
Old timers look back on their trail,
With mingled bitter sweet;
While youngsters blaze a new one
For eager, willing feet.
So if we have a right to hope
For better days ahead,
If we can dream of peace on earth—
A world that has no dread,
We won't depend on oldsters
For our faith in future things,
We'll rally to a leader
With a youthful heart that sings.
—JGMcd.

tween Nancy Hartly and John Pittman, patented by John Bedcott, location not shown. February Term, 1826. Commissioners: F. P. Latham, Wm. Barrington, Jesse Barrington, John Brinson, Andrew Morgan.

Mary Tindal's lot, Dated 4th September, 1800. Commissioners: Philippe Neale, John S. Nelson, Archabald Wallace.

(Plots and Dvisions of Craven County, Pages 122, 136. Office of Clerk of Court, Craven County).

Land on Abram Harper, deceased, divided among his heirs, towit: Eliza Horsens, Nancy Harper, Susannah Harper, William Harper, Sameul Harper, Eliza Harper, Feb. 15, 1813. Commissioners: Benjamin Brinson, Surveyor, Issac Pipkin, Joseph Simkins, James Mills, Francis Vendrick.

Division of James Houston's real estate. Plot shows: Neuse River, Westernmost Branch, Herring Pond and Easternmost Branch.

Heirs as follows: Mary Sharp, Catharine Houston, Margaret Houston, Nancy Houston. Plot shows: Peggy Houston, Catharine Houston, Mary Tindal, Nancy Houston with house on

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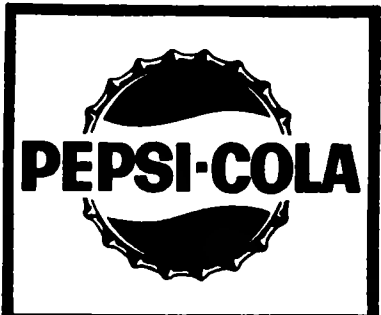
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The Lord looks down with pity on
Those who are sore distressed,
And comforts them with words of hope—
And thus cures the oppressed.

All anxious care He drives away
And things that cause distrust;
He seeks to draw us to Himself—
Away from the unjust.

He yearns to cure our every ill.
To heal our aches and woes,
To fill our souls with such delight
That we shall fear no foes.

Such joy is not felt here on earth
By other than God's own,
Who have a foretaste of the bliss
That's found 'round heaven's throne.

Blessed is the man whom God doth shield,
Whom He gives strength to bear
The burdens and the yokes of life,
Which are found everywhere.

—Selected.

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