

### Farmers Urged To Plant '56 Peanuts Within Allotments

#### "Reporters" Hired to Check Number of Acres Planted

The fact that the state allotment for Virginia type peanuts has been increased considerably over last year is just another reason why farmers should carefully plant within their acreage allotments this year, according to H. D. Godfrey, administrative officer for the state ASC committee.

Godfrey says that 3,500, "reporters" have already been hired and trained by local ASC county offices. They will visit every farm in the state and every field on the farm to determine acreage planted to allotment crops, thus virtually eliminating the possibility of over-planting a peanut allotment and escaping the prescribed penalty.

Another reason why farmers should carefully stay within their peanut allotment is the fact that peanuts of this type are the only commodity not in over-supply, Godfrey adds. He explains that with price support available in 1956 at 86 per cent of parity, prospects are good for this year's crop. Prices were favorable last year because of a shortage. With allotments increased in 1956 and with favorable weather conditions, the supply situation can be changed very quickly and as the supply changes, producers can expect a change in price.

This change in price will make price support eligibility even more important to the producer, he concludes.

There were 1,380 drivers involved in fatal automobile accidents in North Carolina last year. A study of the State Department of Motor Vehicles shows that drivers in the 25-34 age bracket were involved most frequently. In that bracket, 372 drivers were at the wheel at the time of the fatal accident. Other age groups showed up like this: 16-19, 166; 20-24, 308; 35-44, 261; 45-54, 177; 55-64, 68; 65-74, 34; and over 75, six. Age was not stated in 44 reports.

### Edenton Police Make 55 Arrests In April

Chief of Police George I. Dail reports that during April Edenton police made a total of 55 arrests, with every defendant found guilty as charged. Miscellaneous traffic arrests led the list at 14, followed by 10 for drunkenness.

Of those arrested 35 were white males, one white female, 17 colored males and two colored females.

Fines amounted to \$740 and costs \$510.15, for a total of \$1,250.15, of which \$259.40 representing officers' fees was turned back to the town.

During the month police answered 45 calls, investigated seven accidents, recovered one stolen automobile, worked two funerals, reported 39 street lights out, extended 16 courtesies, found 21 doors unlocked, made 15 investigations, answered two fire calls and issued 582 traffic citations. The police made 917 radio calls and were on the air one hour, 16 minutes and 23 seconds.

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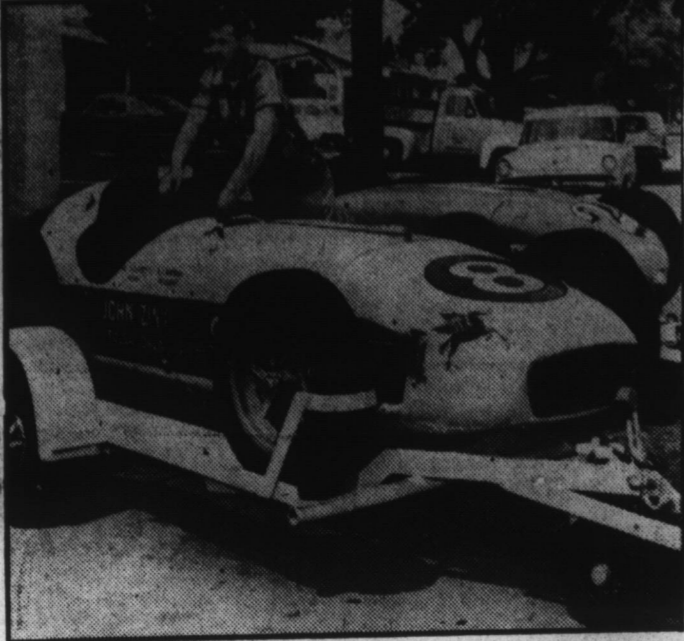
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**HE TUNES WINNERS**—Mechanic A. J. Watson, of Glendale, Calif., buttons up what he hopes will be the winning car in the annual 500-mile Memorial Day classic of motordom at Indianapolis, Ind. Last year's winning car, also prepared for the track by Watson, is directly behind the "8-ball." The vehicles are sisters under the hood. Each is powered by a 270-cubic-inch, four-cylinder engine. Both cars will be entered in this year's race.

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## Weekly Devotional Column

By JAMES MACKENZIE

A few hours before I sat down to compose this column I received through the mail from a second-hand book store a set of very old and very rare volumes embracing the minutes of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States from its organization in 1789 until 1843. The volumes trace, in a statistical way, a trail of zeal and self-sacrifice almost unknown among ministers of today (one young pastor served a circuit of churches over seven-hundred miles long). Nor were these the "good old days" of Evangelical Christianity and piety we often think they were: There is constant reference to the prevailing sins of drunkenness, profanity and desecration of the Lord's Day. In 1798 the General Assembly sent out a letter to all Presbyterians in the United States (there were 206 Presbyterian Churches in the entire country at that time)

which may deserve reading in our day and age. The letter said, in part: "... we perceive a degree of supineness and inattention amongst too many of the ministers and professors of Christianity, which seems to threaten a dissolution of religious society. Formality and deadness, not to say hypocrisy; a contempt for vital godliness, and the spirit of fervent piety visibly pervade every part of the Church, and certain men have crept in amongst us who have de-

## NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

By order of the Town Council, on Monday, May 14, I will advertise for sale for taxes all property on which the 1955 tax and paving assessment has not been paid, the date of sale being Monday, June 11, 1956.

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## Tips on Touring

By Carol Lane

Pre-planning your next motor-vacation is as important as making sure you have air in the tires and gasoline in the tank. You'll want to include in these plans a "Checklist for Vacation Safety." Here are some suggestions from the National Safety Council on things to check before you start.

1. Make sure your car has a complete lubrication job and oil check.
  2. See that tires are in good condition — not "bald" or broken.
  3. Check to see that windshield wipers work efficiently.
- Other items to include in your checklist are emergency supplies — a first aid kit, permits, passes, identification papers, maps, flashlight, extra car keys, equipment for changing tires (including jack, wrench, emergency light, or flares) and, of course, a good spare tire.
- Once on the open road, you'll want to:

1. Time your schedule and itinerary to allow for a full night's rest, adequate meals and rest stops.
2. Concentrate on the road and traffic, leaving scenery to the passengers.
3. Obey all traffic signs and signals, and keep a sharp eye out for bicyclists and children.

On the road—as in the home—its safety first. A little thought and a "safety checklist" can be a big help in making your motor-vacation a happy time.

nied, or attempted to explain away the pure doctrines of the Gospel... The Lord's Day is horribly profaned, and family religion and instruction lamentably neglected.

Our ingratitude to God enhances our guilt. No people have been more highly favored in our original establishments, our increasing prosperity, but alas! we have basely forgotten our Benefactor. We have abused His favors and turned them into engines of opposition against Himself.

Profaneness, pride, luxury, injustice, intemperance, lewdness, and every species of debauchery and loose indulgence greatly abound. As surely as there is a righteous God, so surely will He visit us in His just displeasure, unless His grace prevent by awakening us to a sense of our guilt and recalling us to the practice of our duty. It is time to cease from man... and openly confess to the hand and agency and government of God in the world. Let Christians unite more cordially and openly in adhering to their Master's cause, and opposing infidelity in all its forms. Let the deepest humiliation and sincerest repentance mark our sense of national sins. Let the ministers of religion weep and intercede for themselves and a guilty people. Let us practice all righteousness! Let us be earnest and fervent in prayer, that God, for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ, would pour out His gracious Spirit upon ministers and people, and revive His work... amongst all denominations.

The prayers called for in the above, together with the prayers of other Christians were soon answered, for within a few short years our land was swept by one of the greatest revivals in the history of the Christian Church, and our nation was spared. I do not know whether the situation today is as bad as it was in 1798 or not, but it is bad enough. We certainly have

our share of profanity, drunkenness, and Sabbath-desecration. Today, too, we trust the hand of man too much, and claim not the security that is to be found in Him who said, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, and the people whom He hath chosen for His inheritance." The call to repentance, humility and intercessory prayer is no less urgent today than it was then, and it is yet possible for God's people to learn from personal experience that the arm of the Lord is not shortened, and the day of revival is not past. The issue is serious, and there is no time for Christians to waste in compromise, procrastination and sin. Our testimony to the saving grace of Christ means the difference between heaven and hell to the unsaved about us, and it may mean the difference between defeat or survival for our nation. Christian, you owe it to your God, your fellow men, your nation and yourself to consecrate to Him your life, your possessions, your abilities, your all. Be not sidetracked by the things of this world; the business of heaven is too urgent.

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## CORN STOCKS UP

Combined stocks of corn on farms and in storage off farms in North Carolina as of April 1 amounted to 28,668,000 bushels, according to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service. This represents a 44 per cent above the 19,876,000 bushels in storage on April 1, 1955, and it is the heaviest April corn stocks carried since 1952.

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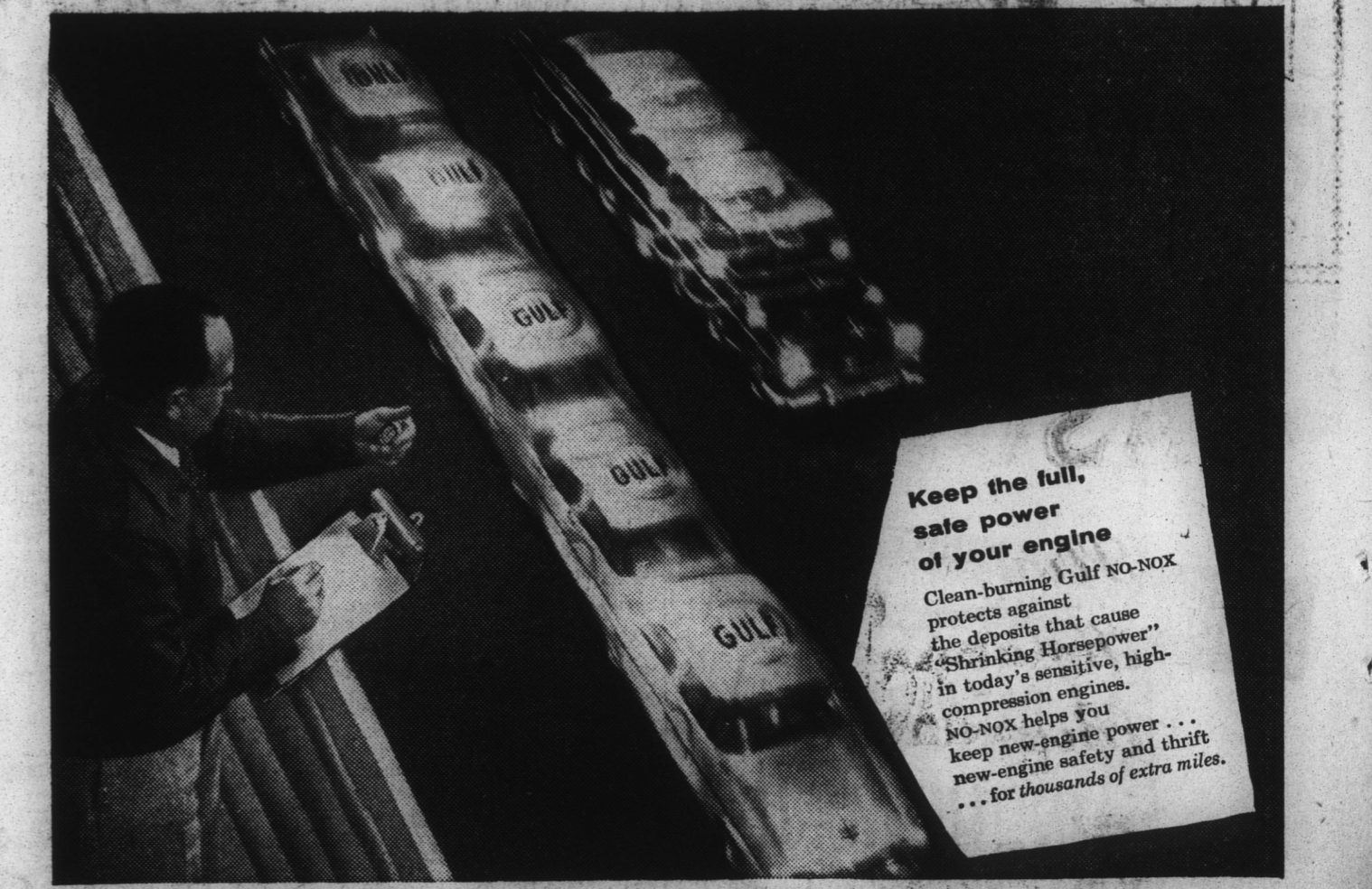
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