

### "Whammy" No Threat To Lawful Driver

Some tourists and some natives complain that it isn't cricket for patrolmen to hide their electric tailie tales. In North Carolina state law permits troopers to conceal the devices from public view. But their furtiveness is easily explained. Patrol officials say knowingly that if Whammy stations are put pointed, 70 mph speeders would have only to lift their foot a mile away and glide smoothly across at legal speed. The law abiding motorist, they say, gives not a hoot where the whammies are, or may be.

The hidden ball tactics occasion-



MEET Mr. Civil Defense, a spy little fellow with a serious mission. He was drawn by cartoonist Al Capp, creator of Li'l Abner, to be used as a symbol of the coordinated civil defense effort throughout the United States.

ally bring on speed trap complaints too, mostly from out of state motorclub patrons. Speed trap, a phrase abhorred by enforcement officials, seems a matter of definition to Tar Heel Motor Vehicle Commissioner Ed Scheidt. "It is not a speed trap," says Ex-FBI agent Scheidt, "unless an officer intentionally lures a motorist into a violation and then arrests him."

In the Tar Heel State no road—even lightly traveled ones—could be considered lures. All are conspicuously posted with caution signs reading "SPEED ELECTRICALLY TIMED." And few Tar Heel troopers have the time or the inclination to goad travelers into a violation. Charges of "arrest quotas" are complete fiction says patrol headquarters.

And that would seem to suggest some formula to avoid arrest—or losing face. Tar Heel safety authorities, to man, suggest: "Always drive at legal — and common sense — speeds."

The first sign of a whammy is a quarter-inch black rubber cable stretched across the highway and anchored at each end by a slab of wood. One hundred and thirty two feet down the highway (1/40 of a mile) is an identical cable. Link-in the two is an electric cord attached through mercury switches to a recording head located some distance from the set up. A black box, about the size of two cigar boxes, contains the whammy's brain. Set in the middle of the box is a stop watch and around the perimeter of the watch are gradations in miles per hour.

An approaching vehicle striking the first cable starts the watch ticking. When the vehicle strikes the second cable the watch is stopped. Its hand points to 50 mph, 63 mph, 90 mph or what have you

and troopers go into action if the hand is over 56 mph, the State's legal speed limit.

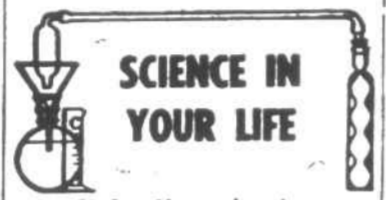
The watch's accuracy is unaffected by the weather. Where manufacturers permit variances of seven to 10 per cent in auto speedometers, the whammy is calibrated to within a fraction over one per cent accuracy. The stop-watch is inspected, cleaned and regulated once a month by a railroad watch inspector. Periodically, it is further checked by radio with the Bureau of Standards Master Time signal in Washington, D. C.

### Ritter Gets Fires Creek Sale By Transfer

Transfer of the Fires Creek timber sale to W. M. Ritter Lumber Company of Hayesville was approved by the U. S. Forest Service on May 2, Ranger W. E. Howell announced.

The transfer was made by the E. L. Welssinger Lumber Co. to Ritter, the Ranger, said.

Ritter has begun repair work on their Hayesville band mill and plan to begin full scale operations about the middle of June, Mr.



Now that spring cleaning time is here, families all over the nation, are breaking out lighter clothes, and putting their winter clothing away in moth balls or crystals.

While this cheerful process is going on, however, it is a good idea to keep the moth balls and the children strictly apart—for naphthalene, the substance from which most moth repellents are made is a dangerous poison.

Over 400 deaths a year occur in the United States in children under five as a result of accidental poisoning, according to Pfizer Spectran, the medical magazine.

Naphthalene or moth ball poisoning is especially important because the toxicity of the chemical is not widely appreciated; instead of seeing that it is always out of reach, parents often leave it around infants or small children pick it up, in the belief that it is candy.

The result can be a severe and rapidly worsening anemia caused by destruction of the red blood cells. By the time the child can be rushed to the hospital, it is usually so acutely ill as to be put at once on the emergency status.

Since the alarming symptoms do not occur until three to seven days after the moth balls have been eaten, the parents may have no idea what the cause of the trouble is, and even the doctor may be baffled. Treatment consists of repeated transfusions of whole blood.

So, for safety's sake, put those moth balls on a high shelf where you're through with them — and when you're using them, don't let them out of your sight. The alternative may be tragic.

### Civic Clubs To Sponsor Pig Raising

Lions, Civitan and Kiwanis clubs of Murphy will sponsor the raising of 10 to 12 pigs for the new type ham being sponsored by the agriculture council of the Murphy Chamber of Commerce.

The pigs will be placed with Four-H Club members and the hams will be cured according to specifications from the N. C. extension service hog specialist. The hams, when cured according to these specifications, will compete in flavor with the famous Smithfield hams of Virginia.

The pigs will be exhibited at the Cherokee County Fair in the fall and prizes will be offered.

Wayne Holland is chairman of the agriculture council with Paul Nave as co-chairman.

Next year Sears and Roebuck will sponsor dams for breeding the pigs, it was announced.

### Six New Films Are Available

The six new films available from the Murphy Library May 21 to June 8 are:

Man and His Culture, Peru, Poster Making-Design and Technique, President, Romance of Transportation and Snakes are interesting.

Howell said. The opening of the sawmill will employ about 100 workers in the mill and woods operations, the Ranger asserted.

It is expected that Ritter will cut some 4,500,000 board feet of timber per year on Fires Creek. At this rate of cutting, the sale will be completed in from four to five years, the Ranger concluded.

### Adams 66 Station Opens In Andrews

Allison and Duncan Oil Company of Murphy and Waynesville this week announced the opening of a new Phillips 66 service station, Adams 66 Station, on Main Street in Andrews.

Gudger Adams, who formerly operated filling stations in Asheville, is owner of the station. John Raxetr is employed with the new service station.

The new station is one of the most modern service stations in Western North Carolina and is equipped with all new tools and other equipment, tile restrooms, and central heating, a spokesman said.

The opening of this station marks the third new station opened by Allison and Duncan since they began handling Phillips 66 products.

Three other stations — at Murphy, Franklin and Soco Gap — are now under construction.

### Mrs. Almond Installs R'ville PTA Officers

Mrs. Gerald Almond, president of the Andrews PTSA was the installing officer for the new slate of officers of the Robbinsville PTA at the final meeting held Monday May 14, in the new Robbinsville High School.

Officers installed were: Dr. Nettie Parrette, president; Mrs. L. W. Wilson, vice president; Mrs. J. B. Crisp secretary and Mrs. Joe Carver, treasurer. Guy Sutton is principal of the school. Mrs. Almond was presented a corsage.

### Veach-May-Wilson Is High Bidder

Veach-May-Wilson, Inc., was successful bidder for the boundary of timber located in the Western end of Cherokee County on National Forest land, Ranger, W. E. Howell said today.

The company, with a bid of \$60,800, submitted the higher of the two bids received, the Ranger said.

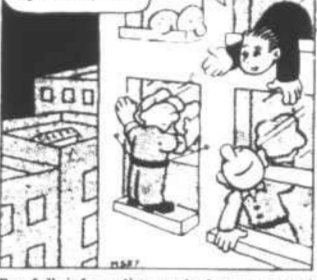
The boundary, containing about two million board feet of timber, is located on Brush Creek and Shuler Creek drainages near the Tennessee State line.

The sale contains 16,652 marked trees and is divided into 10 payments units.

The operator is required to build 3 1/2 miles of road on Forest Service location and the road through the middle of the sale area will connect with state roads on both ends, Mr. Howell said.

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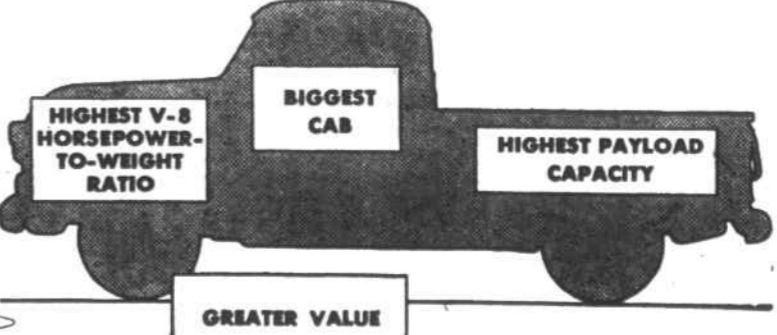
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