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## The Annual Slaughter

The Lind, Washington, Leader defines: "Americanism: Doing the daily dozen for health and trying to pass another car on a blind curve an hour later."

That is something more than a witticism. The recklessness of driving in this country amounts to a national tragedy. It is a constant menace to the lives of us all. It touches every pocketbook in a dozen different ways. And, in spite of aggressive and well-directed efforts to lessen highway accidents, the toll grows.

Passing on curves is one phase. So is disregarding signal lights and warning signs. So is driving at high speeds where conditions call for caution. So is one of the most fundamental and deep-rooted of driving ills—simple discourtesy.

Some time ago an insurance magazine carried a vivid editorial concerning a "Roman holiday" that was to take place. Thirty thousand people, of all ages and classes, were to be gathered in a field. Motor vehicles—private cars and trucks and taxis and buses—would drive in and roar about the field until all its occupants had been killed. The public would look on disinterestedly.

The only difference between that horrid event and the annual automobile accident toll is that we kill the thirty thousand people during 365 days instead of one, and in ten thousand different places instead of the single field. The result is identically the same. And it is going to occur this year and the next and every year after that until the average motorist awakens to his responsibility.

Remember that "Roman holiday." It will be worth thinking about next time you contemplate passing on a curve, or doing any of the scores of things that may lead to death, injury and destruction.

## An Era Changes

Out of the bewilderment which has beclouded the world for the last four years has emerged a realization that an era has definitely passed and a new one has arrived.

Gone is the day when business could sit around the stove and whittle while waiting for customers to come in. Gone, for the present at least, is the comfortable ease of the swivel chair. Into the world has come a new driving force, a broader vision of our interdependence rather than our independence, a more alert social consciousness.

The procession is moving on and the price of slothfulness will be extinction. Those of us who hope to keep up with the parade must attack our daily problems with a new keenness, a new energy, a new zest.

But withal there is a spirit of bright hopefulness abroad. Surely out of this world-wide economic upheaval will come something vastly better than anything we have had before. We are reaching for a higher level of life, with an inevitable refinement of civilization.

Our national works program has been gathering way slowly—but then it is an undertaking so huge that it could not move with the rapidity of a plan less ambitious. It is gaining momentum, and business, which has already felt the effects of its first activity, should be preparing to follow the oncoming swing of its full benefits. Jobs for approximately 148,000 men will be furnished by public works roads projects already approved by the Federal Government, according to a press dispatch from Washington on September 26th.

There are many millions of dollars to be spent this fall and winter in all sections of our country on those construction projects that will be backed by Federal money. Do not be skeptical; do not relax your vigilance. Prepare to do your part in carrying the program along and to get your share of the business which will accompany its fulfillment.

Meanwhile, don't wait. Be filling in your time with soliciting all those lines which awakening business requires. Don't be disheartened by sales resistance. Hammer through it to success.

Get into the spirit of this new era. If you stand on the sidelines the parade will pass you by.

## Fire Prevention Week

This week the nation observes "Fire Prevention Week" and as citizens of a great timber producing county we should pause to consider our part in this prevention movement.

For the first eight months of 1933 the national board of fire underwriters estimates the national fire loss at \$224,904,141, or almost a quarter of a billion dollars. The same period last year showed a loss of \$310,078,321. The reduction was a little more than 86 million dollars.

With such a start on reduction of fire losses for the year, Fire Prevention Week, October 8 to 14 inclusive, should give added impetus to the prevention movement and encourage the making of a record year for low fire losses. This should be a blessing to the nation in its recovery struggle.

Fire causes the loss of thousands of lives annually. Men lose jobs and wages, and government collects no taxes on burned buildings. It is estimated that 43 per cent of business houses which burn annually, do not resume operations.

Insurance costs are based on fire losses—whether your own property burns or not, you pay insurance because it is part of the cost of operation in all business.

Let every man and woman be their own fire inspector—look at the heating plant, clean up the basement, take trash out of the attack, dispose of oil or paint covered rags, keep hot ashes out of combustible containers, fix wiring connections and check a hundred things they can do to prevent fire. Be careful of matches and smoking.

Timber prices are going up and we should pause this week to consider ways and means of preventing our forests from going up in flames. Millions of dollars are burned each fall when fire sweeps over our mountain timber lands. Every precaution possible should be taken to avoid these forest fires. The dry fall months are the dangerous ones.

While this week is designated as Fire Prevention Week, every week should be so observed. Our activities in this respect should continue throughout the year.

Fire destroys life, property, progress and prosperity and this useless waste should be limited to that which cannot reasonably be avoided.

## BRUCE BARTON WRITES

### FACING DEFEAT

When Jesus and his mother reached the door of the synagogue on his first return to Nazareth a crowd was waiting outside. They returned his greeting with a mixture of regard and curiosity, and pushed promptly through the door behind him, filling the little room full. There was much whispering and craning of necks. He made his way to the front of the room, picked up the roll of the prophet Isaiah, turned around toward them and smiled.

Instantly all his illusions vanished. Instead of sympathetic understanding there was only cynicism on those faces. The old woman, his neighbor, whom he had planned to heal, was sitting prominently in front. She was willing to take a chance on anything, for she had been a long time sick; but her look was less a hope than a challenge. The substantial men of the town settled solidly in their appointed seats, and dared him with their hard eyes to try his tricks on them! "You may have caused a stir in Capernaum," they seemed to say, "but little old Nazareth isn't so slow. We know you. You're no prophet; you're just the son of Joseph the carpenter, and you can't fool us!"

Slowly he opened the roll and in tones that stirred them in spite of themselves he began to read:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me  
Because he anointed me to preach of good tidings to the poor,  
He hath sent me to proclaim release to the captives,  
And recovery of sight to the blind;  
To set at liberty them that are bruised,  
And proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

He closed the book and handed it back to the attendant. "This day hath this Scripture been fulfilled in your ears," he said simply. There was an ominous silence in the synagogue. "The eyes of all were fastened upon Him." He knew what they were thinking; they wanted him to do some mighty work such as he had done in Capernaum. But he knew also the uselessness of trying. The scorn, the ignorant self-sufficiency were miracle proof. They would never receive him; never be proud of him. They merely wanted him to exhibit himself and they hoped that he would fail.

"No prophet is acceptable in his own country," Jesus said to them sadly. "Elijah did his greatest works in a foreign city; Elisha could accomplish nothing big until he got beyond the borders of his home."

With a look of soul-weariness he turned to leave.

A detective magazine article says it is impossible for any man to disappear without leaving a trace of his whereabouts. Well, what about Jesus Garner?—Nashville Southern Lumberman.

## Deputy Collector Cites Tax Ruling

B. C. Clement Calls Attention Of Merchants To Matter Of Tax Payments

The attention of merchants is called to the provisions of the Sales Tax Act in a statement issued by B. C. Clement, deputy commissioner of revenue, who is stationed here. Mr. Clement's statement follows:

"Under the provisions of the Sales Tax Act, which went into effect on July 1st, 1933, merchants liable for the tax are required to make monthly reports if the tax during the month amounts to as much as \$10.00. If the tax did not amount to as much as \$10.00 per month, merchants are allowed to make quarterly returns.

"The first quarter under the Sales Tax Act ended on October 1st, and at that time reports were due to be filed. These reports are required on or before the 15th of October for all merchants in the state.

"All merchants who have not made monthly returns and those who have made monthly returns will make returns within those dates.

"It is going to be impossible for me to see every merchant in the territory to help them fill out their returns. The law requires that returns be made out by them and sent in with check for their tax liability before the 15th of October and merchants should not wait to make their returns until I see them, but should send them in themselves directly. If any merchant should find it impossible to make his returns out, if he will communicate with me at my office, the address of which is City Hall, North Wilkesboro, I will be glad to be of any help that I can.

"As the Sales Tax Law is now pretty well explained and understood by the merchants, it is expected that compliance with requirements for making returns will be made fully by our merchants. I very much appreciate the courtesy and cooperation shown me while I have been in this territory, and hereby advise the merchants if I can be of any help to them, I will be glad to do so."

## OAKWOODS NEWS

OAKWOODS, Oct. 6.—Rev. A. E. Watts filled his regular appointment at Oakwoods Baptist church, Sunday, at three o'clock. Taking as his text Galatians 6: 7, (Be Not Deceived, God is not Mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap.) He delivered a stirring sermon. He especially stressed the fact that we cannot sow without reaping, and though we may sow alone, someone (perhaps our own children) must help us reap the benefit, or folly, of our sowing. We should always be careful to sow good seed.

Mrs. W. T. Martin and family, of Ronda, visited friends here Sunday.

Misses Winnie and Annie Lee Ellis, Mr. Rex Stroud and Mr. Glenn Anderson spent Saturday in Greensboro as the guest of Miss Pansy Morrison and Miss Helen Johnson.

Mr. Charles Steelman left for Greenville, S. C. Monday, where he will attend court. Mr. Steelman formerly resided in Greenville and served as a prohibition officer.

Misses Evelyn and Mary Louise Jones spent Sunday afternoon as guests of Misses Alta, Annie Lee and Winnie Ellis.

Mr. Herman Johnson and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blevins during the week-end.

Mrs. Will Transeau and Mr. R. L. Ellis attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Sine Harrington, of Taylorsville, Sept. 25.

## PURLEAR NEWS

PURLEAR, Oct. 5.—While Miss Toyce Nichols was stealing a march on the people of this section by getting married at her home Saturday night a large crowd of young people were gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Eller to give Electa and Ernest a surprise birthday party. After spending some time playing games they were invited to the dining room and served ice cream and cake.

Mr. John and Wayne Vannoy, Mr. Roby Greer and others left Sunday morning for Detroit, Mich., to drive some new cars here from the factory.

Miss Electa Eller spent Sunday night with Miss Cline Hayes.

The C. C. C. boys of Marion and the C. C. C. boys of Camp James tied in their boxing game Friday night. Several of the boys from Camp James went home for the week-end.

There is being lots of molasses made at Mr. R. C. Cooper's. He has a mill stationed there and several families are hauling cans there to "make up."

Porous ebonite, made from latex, may be used in the manufacture of light rubber board for step-ladders.

## ASHE CITIZENS CLUB ENDORSES HIGHWAY NO. 16

Goes On Record In Favor Of Movement To Secure Federal Number For Route

Ashe county citizens, through the Ashe County Citizens Club, have manifested their interest in securing a federal highway number for Highway No. 16 by passing a resolution which has been forwarded to the State Highway commission.

Following is the resolution: "Be it resolved by the Ashe County Citizens Club in regular session assembled on the 28th day of September, 1933:

"That this Club go on record unanimously as favoring and urging the immediate construction of the portions of Highway Number 16 now unimproved between Millers Creek and Glendale Springs and between Warransville and the Tennessee line;

"That since Highway Number 16 is an important interstate highway, making important connections in Chester, South Carolina, and running through York, South Carolina, Gastonia, Lenoir, Newton, Taylorsville, North Wilkesboro, Jefferson and Warrenton, North Carolina, and connecting at the Tennessee line with a fine highway leading northward and southward through the states of Virginia and Tennessee, we favor and urge that said Highway be given a through Federal Highway number and made a Federal Highway; that copies of this resolution be furnished the Skyland Post, West Jefferson, North Carolina and The Journal-Patriot, North Wilkesboro, for publication and that copies be sent to Civic Clubs in the cities mentioned, and a copy be sent to the State Highway Commission.

"JOHN F. REEVES,  
"GWYN GAMBILL,  
"IRA T. JOHNSON,  
"Committee."

### Pair Convicted

Dallas, Tex., Oct. 5.—A federal court jury late today convicted Thomas L. Manion, former Dallas jaller, and Grover C. Beville, butcher, on charges of assisting Harvey Bailey, outlaw, to escape from the Dallas county jail Labor day.

Only one person in 175,000 is ever struck by lightning.

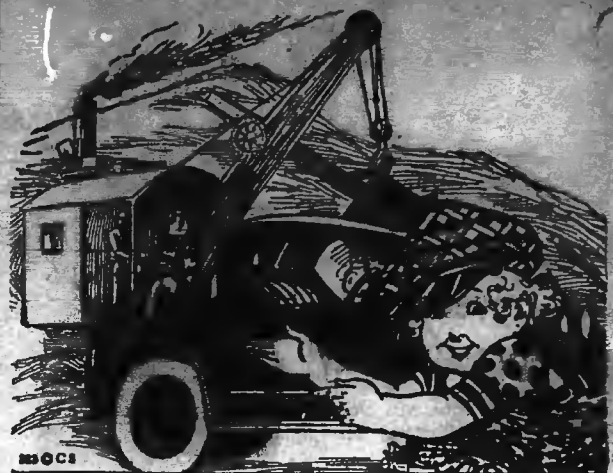


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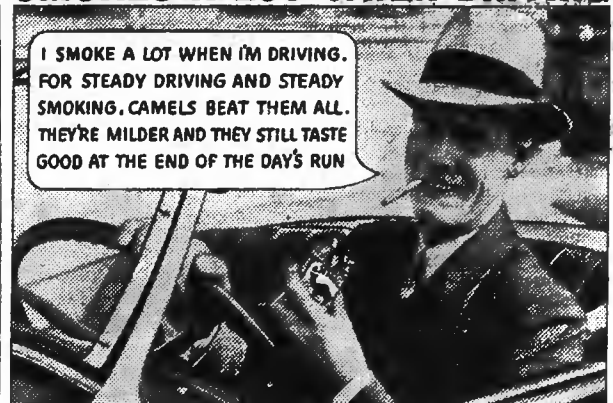
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North Wilkesboro, N. C.

## SMOKES A LOT WHEN DRIVING

I SMOKE A LOT WHEN I'M DRIVING. FOR STEADY DRIVING AND STEADY SMOKING, CAMELS BEAT THEM ALL. THEY'RE MILD AND THEY STILL TASTE GOOD AT THE END OF THE DAY'S RUN



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# A NATION

Calls Upon You TO PROTECT

# Your Forest and Timber

Today thousands of men are employed in reforestation work . . . planting trees that this great national wealth shall not be lost . . . But many years will pass before we will realize anything from this work. However, every year many thousands of acres of valuable timber lands are destroyed by needless fires which could easily have been prevented if only a little care had been taken. See that your lands are protected before it is too late. . . And, too, the prices are higher and are still rising.

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