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## The Moose Conclave

One of the biggest conventions in the history of North Wilkesboro will open here on August 30 when the Carolina Moose Association has its annual conclave.

It is an honor and a privilege for North Wilkesboro to be host to so many good people from so many communities.

The manner in which North Wilkesboro receives the several hundred who will attend will determine the impression they receive of North Wilkesboro and its people.

It will be a grand opportunity for North Wilkesboro and the people of this city should begin now laying their plans to demonstrate the hospitality and goodwill that have characterized the people of this community throughout its history.

## Mainspring

"For the first time in years," writes William R. Kuhns, in Banking, "the butcher, baker, and candlestick maker, their sisters, cousins and aunts are beginning to discover what a fine assortment of useful and unsuspected items their bank has for sale."

Many of us used to think of banks as institutions which were only interested in "big money" operations, and which had little to offer the ordinary man. Today, the typical bank is actively seeking accounts of all sizes—and it offers as cordial welcome to the legitimate borrower who needs a few hundred dollars as it does to the borrower who needs tens of thousands. It finances the purchaser of automobiles and homes.

Today the banks are carrying on still another big job—the sale of defense loan securities. It is estimated that more than \$100,000,000 worth of these bonds and stamps must be sold to the public each week if the Treasury is to avoid further inflationary sales of government securities to the banks. Private banking is again proving that it is one of the mainsprings that keep this country going.

## One Car Fatal

Anyone who thinks it takes two motor vehicles to make an accident would be greatly disillusioned by the Highway Safety Division's traffic accident summary for the first six months of this year.

This summary, completed this week, reveals that only 129 of the 545 traffic fatalities on North Carolina streets and highways the first half of this year involved collisions between two motor vehicles. The other 413 fatalities were distributed as follows: 159 involved collisions between motor vehicles and pedestrians, 116 involved motor vehicles that ran off the roadway due to excessive speed, 29 resulted from collisions between motor vehicles and railroad trains, 35 involved cars that overturned on the roadway, 20 resulted from collisions between motor vehicles that struck fixed objects such as bridge abutments, 5 resulted from collisions between motor vehicles and animal-drawn vehicles, and 17 were non-collision accidents such as when someone falls off a moving vehicle.

In other words, it doesn't take two cars to have an accident. If there's only one car on a highway and that car is driven improperly, at an excessive rate of speed or in a careless and reckless manner, that car can soon kill someone very quickly. It isn't "the other fellow" who causes an automobile to be hit by a train; it isn't "the other fellow" who causes automobiles to land upside down in a cornfield after failing to straighten out a curve. In four out of five fatal accidents, there is only one motor vehicle involved, and the driver of that vehicle generally is at fault.

Another striking fact disclosed in the accident summary was that 211 of the 545 persons killed were under 25 years of age.

Safety divisions records shows a decided upward trend in fatal accidents involving young drivers.

## Planned Ahead

A newspaper interviewer recently asked an executive of a leading oil company this highly significant question: "If an enemy air bombing force were able to reach Southern California and attack the thousands of oil wells located there; is it likely that the supply of petroleum for our army and navy should be seriously lessened?"

The executive's answer was an emphatic "No!" There are 20,000 oil wells in California alone, spread over a tremendous territory. If an enemy could destroy half of these wells—which is obviously a ridiculous assumption—the remaining 10,000 wells could double their production.

That isn't all. For example, oil storage tanks offer good targets for enemy bombers. Therefore, the oil industry, with commendable foresight, has long made it a policy to build these tanks sufficiently far apart so that if one were hit its neighbor would not be ignited. On top of that, the oil industry makes full use of the safest storage of all—the underground pools, provided by nature, where oil is found.

The oil industry, to sum up, is one of the many private industries which planned ahead for just such an emergency as we are facing now. Private enterprise made this country great. And private enterprise is today making this country secure.

Citizens of Kingston, Jamaica, have shown concern over the possibility that the fireflies which infest the city may betray it to enemy raiders. A recent letter to a Kingston newspaper suggests that a campaign to exterminate fireflies get underway immediately.—The Nation.

## Borrowed Comment

### HITLERITIS

(Winston-Salem Journal)

Hitler is the direct cause of thousands of deaths in Europe. His orders have sent bombs crashing down upon men, women and children and tanks crushing the soldiery before them.

But his death dealing is not confined to Europe. He is the indirect cause of many injuries and deaths in America, according to Col. John W. Bosworth, state police superintendent of West Virginia who sees a direct connection between Hitler's activities and highway accidents. With the feeling of uncertainty and insecurity engendered by Hitler's movements in Europe, people grow careless and reckless. They read and hear of the tremendous loss of life in Europe's titanic struggle and become indifferent and apathetic, or they are nervous and edgy. They drive carelessly or recklessly.

This is theorizing, but it is not an illogical theory. If it is correct, Americans should be on guard against succumbing to Hitleritis. Hitler has capitalized on the psychological weaknesses of mankind, by the war of nerves strategy. The people of the United States have become thoroughly familiar with his game by now and should be hardened to it, but not to the point of carelessness and recklessness.

## LIFE'S BETTER WAY

WALTER E. ISENHOUR, Hiddenite, N. C.

### WHEN LIFE'S WAY IS ROUGH AND RUGGED

When life's way is rough and rugged And your heart is almost sick, And your feet are well nigh slipping, Though you've done your best to stick, Don't despair, dear fellow-pilgrim, If your eyes with tears are dim, Just remember God is living, Then put all your trust in Him.

He has never failed His people Through the ages of the past, Though they had to suffer, suffer, And in prison some were cast; Yet the furnace of affliction Brought them out as purest gold, Made like gems and jewels precious, Polished for the Master's fold.

Do you think your life is harder, And your road is rougher, too, Than the saintly pilgrim fathers Who have made the journey through; For the way that you are going Is the way their feet have trod, But it ends in heavenly glory In the presence of our God.

Oh, the struggle in the battle May seem fearful to your soul, As the forces of the devil Strive to keep you from your goal; But be faithful, calm and patient, Watch and pray and don't despair; Keep your heart and soul on Heaven And you'll soon be over there!

# Abnormal Absurdities

By DWIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

### UNPOPULAR ADVISER

We reiterate for emphasis that a self-styled adviser is the world's most unpopular animal. But with full knowledge of the aforesaid fact and with comprehensive realization of the consequences, we rush right in where angels fear to tread and start advising again.

### NEWS AND PROMPTNESS

The primary objective of a reporter is to gather news. The newer the news the better, because it does not improve with age.

But this is not intended merely as shop talk. We are actually trying to be helpful, believe it or not.

When you have something that you would like to see in the newspaper, be sure that the newspaper gets all the facts as early as possible. Often someone will call and inform us that they have something for the paper. After giving the above information they almost invariably ask "When do you go to press?" and "What is the latest minute I can get something in the paper?"

If a paper goes to press at one p. m. that means that all the time after the previous issue has been spent in building that paper. During the last couple of hours before press time the front page is built according to some kind of plan. A last minute news story, unless it be of great interest, cannot get the position and display that it might have received earlier.

So please remember that when you have something to get in the paper that it will receive more attention if it is sent in as early as possible. It is easier to report something soon after it happens.

### WE MAY WAIT

Often newspaper write hurried accounts of deaths and later relatives bring in long obituaries and accounts that are no longer news because so much time has elapsed. It is a hardship on newspapers to publish those late and long accounts which have long since lost whatever news value they once possessed. On the other hand, it would be mutually advantageous to all concerned to report happenings early.

### A MEAN TRICK

We see by the papers that a rattlesnake played a mean trick on a trapper in a western state. He had been taught that the best thing to do just after being bitten by a rattler was to press his teeth firmly around the wound made by the snake and suck the poison out. He was bitten the day after he had all his teeth pulled.

### WRECKS HARD TO REPORT

One of the most difficult types of news for any reporter to get fully is accounts of automobile accidents. Few people want to know anything about it because they are afraid they might be haled into court as witnesses. Another difficulty is that many look upon accidents as the usual happening and pay little attention to details unless as many as two are killed.

### WATT THE DEUCE!

First Mechanic—Have we any four-volt two-watt bulbs?  
Second Ditto—For what?  
First—No, two.  
Second—Two what?  
First—Yes.

### NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

This daylight saving time is fine to quit by but not so good to start work by. How about having daylight wasting time in the morning and daylight saving time in the evening?

### CHASED OR COTCHED

In the early days of the existence of the State of Louisiana, one of the constituents from a

remote parish had occasion to be in the Capital while the legislature was in session. On returning home he related his experience to a neighbor.

"You know Benny while I was there they was acting on a bill to punish seducing people and there was considerable arguing and wangling. Well sir, that was one feller I noticed who didn't say anything, but he listened to everything that went on mighty interested like and when the speaker was reading a passage from the bill that went like this—and any person who shall by false promise seduce any chaste female—well when this feller heard this he raised up and said, Mr. Speaker, I make a motion to amend that there passage by adding the words "an cotched" after chased female because it stands to reason that anybody can chase a female all day and if he don't catch her, there ain't no harm done. Well Benny, they set up the "arnulest ruckus I ever heard and so I left."

### SHOWED HIS PRESS CARD

We learn from a reliable source that the writer of this column recently went to a revival meeting and on entering the door showed his press card to one of the ushers

and asked for admittance.—The Line Operator.

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Recruit—Something you put on grass to make it green, sir.

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