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Help Slow Down Fast Drivers

The Plant City (Fla.) Courier, published by A. P. Cooke, president of the Florida Press Association, recently won the Florida Safety Council Award for an editorial entitled, "Happpen To Me? Oh, No!" We believe it is the kind of editorial which might really make people think about safety on the highways. The text of the editorial follows:

They have carried Jimmy Howell off the field again . . . for the last time.

The other times, many of them, came when the whistle blew for time out on the sprawling white-lined gridiron as the big, little guy with the short-cropped hair, wearing No. 13 on his football jersey, limped away from the scrimmage line for a rest on the bench after playing the game hard.

When that happened, the girls in the swirling skirts lined up and gave a cheer and eager younger helpers rushed out from the bench with water bucket, sponge and towel.

But not this time. And there was no cheering from the stand.

Nevertheless, they have carried Jimmy Howell off the field again. This time, instead of two, it took six husky team-mates, including his two captains.

The reason his team mates carried him so gently, so silently, so caressingly in a casket is because they were carrying Jimmy off the playing field to a grave he didn't want, hadn't expected, and no one else wanted him to have. Seventeen is such an unfair age to have to leave this world.

Yes, they carried Jimmy Howell off the field—and undeserving, innocent victim of what can happen when an automobile goes too fast at the wrong time; and can't stop at the right time, and you are a frenzied, paralyzed, helpless passenger in the back seat.

Helplessly, you find yourself in an uncontrolled swerving of the mad vehicle, as you see the headlights of the car ahead of you become brighter and bore deeper into your terrified soul. You take a deep breath—perhaps your last—awaiting that wrenching, agonizing sound as steel challenges steel—and one crumbles. The lights that were so bright become black and the sounds that you expected to be so noisome suddenly dim out. The rest, it seems, is silence.

It is rather futile now to tell Jimmy's family how sorry you are. That can't bring him back to his parents or his brothers or neighbors or team-mates. No, Jimmy has gone. Six of his pall-bearing friends can well attest to that.

Will anything, you ask, stop these tragic happenings? Who knows? Boys will continue to drive their own cars or their families' cars as long as their parents will let them; sometimes carefully, sometimes not. Boys, and some girls, it seems, are like that.

But some day, if they ponder it, let them seriously ask any one of those six boys who carried Jimmy Howell to his grave just what each one was thinking at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of Sunday, May, 15, A. D. 1949.

Should Use Services Of The Service Officer

Recently Wilkes county, in cooperation with the North Carolina Veterans Commission, appointed a service officer.

Coyd M. Elledge, a veteran and well known to the people of the county, was appointed to that office and has office in

the Wilkes county court house.

It is the service officer's duty to aid veterans of the county in any way possible to get the benefits provided them by law.

A survey made several months ago revealed that according to the number of veterans in Wilkes, the total in veterans benefits was below average for the nation, due in part to the fact that many were not getting benefits provided them because of lack of knowledge of benefits to which they are entitled.

Since tax money is provided for veterans' benefits, and because everybody who spends a dollar pays federal taxes, veterans should get what is provided for them, and veterans in Wilkes have the same lawful right to benefits as those in other places.

Mr. Elledge will be glad to serve veterans in helping them secure their benefits. He has blanks on hand and information relative to filling out any kind of forms. Veterans should not hesitate to call on him at any time when they need information or assistance in their service-connected problems.

Recently a veteran who enlisted in another state and now resides in Wilkes saw in this newspaper that the Wilkes service officer had blanks for making application for a bonus provided by his former state. It was the first knowledge that the veteran had that his state of former residence was paying a bonus.

The Easter Holidays, beginning the afternoon of April 7 and ending at midnight, April 10, claimed twenty-eight lives in North Carolina motor accidents.

Safe driving pins and certificates will be presented school bus drivers who have a minimum of 120 days of safe driving to their credit and no record of unsafe driving practices or accidents.

• LIFE'S BETTER WAY •
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I'D LIKE TO SPEAK IN POETRY
I'd like to speak in poetry
Some great and mighty truth
To help the aged folks along
And bless our noble youth,
By helping each to value high
His life and soul and time,
And give himself to God's great cause
And prove himself sublime.

Regardless of your youth or age,
Or place in life you fill,
There's room for every sincere man
Still higher up life's hill;
For God would have us go up-grade,
And never, never down,
Until we enter heaven's gates
And there receive a crown.

No one in heart and life and soul
Is foreordained to fail;
For this is wonderful, priceless truth
That all should gladly hail;
Therefore look up and trust God,
Aim high and widely plan,
And then go forth with purpose great
And show yourself a man.

BECAUSE THE MASTER LOVES ME SO

I want to do the right each day
And travel in the narrow way;
I want to speak the blessed truth
And help the aged and the youth;
I want to be both kind and meek
And help the strong and bless the weak;
I want my life to shine and glow
Because the Master loves me so.

I want to warn and win the lost
Who do not count the awful cost
Of going down sin's dangerous road
That leads to Satan's dark abode;
I want to use my tongue and pen
To lift and bless my fellowmen;
I want my life for God to show
Because my Master loves me so.

I want to give my best in work
And not a single duty shirk;
I want to cheer the heart that's sad
And love the good and win the bad;
I want to help the saints of earth
Go forth and prove their mighty worth;
I want to live the best I know
Because the Master loves me so.

I want to help by word and deed
Those round about me to succeed;
I want to help the downcast rise
And seek a home beyond the skies;
I want to live that others may
Obtain and wear a crown some day;
I want to bless the earth below
Because the Master loves me so.

USE OF FISH IN SCHOOL LUNCHES TO BE DEMONSTRATED HERE 24

The Fish and Wildlife Service, U. S. Department of the Interior, is sponsoring a series of fish cookery demonstrations in the interest of the school lunch program throughout North Carolina. This work is being carried out in cooperation with the National School Lunch Program which is under the direction of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the State Department of Education, Division of School Lunch.

Primarily, the aim of these seafood demonstrations is to stimulate wider use of fish in the school lunchrooms. Fish is not only an economical food but one rich in proteins, minerals, and vitamins so essential to good growth and health. This demonstration will show how easily fish can be prepared and served in school lunches. The recipes used have all been carefully selected and tested in the test kitchen of the Fish and Wildlife Service laboratory at College Park, Md.

The next demonstration, under the arrangement of Mr. Robert Seifert, Fishery Marketing Specialist for the South East, will be given at North Wilkesboro, School Cafeteria, April 24, 1950, at 3:30 p. m. This demonstration is being made possible under the assistance of: Robin N. Wooten, High school principal, and Mrs. Claude Gentry, Cafeteria manager. Miss Jean Burtis, Home Economist, College Park laboratory will conduct the demonstration.

All school lunch personnel, dietitians, nutritionists, food economists, institutional users and fish dealers, and others who may be interested are cordially invited and urged to attend. Assurance is given that much worthwhile and useful information on fish will be in store for all.

Pores Knob Club In April Meeting

Twenty members were present at the Pores Knob Community House on Friday, April 14, two p. m. for the regular meeting. The vice-president, Mrs. D. S. Broyhill, called the meeting to order and Mrs. N. C. Craven led in the singing of "Hail Club Women, Crowned Thru Service." The president, Mrs. M. B. Lowe, presided during the business period. Mrs. H. M. Broyhill and Mrs. J. M. Bentley gave the devotionals. Mrs. Russell Brookshire read the last minutes and called the roll, which the members answered by telling more yard improvements that they had done since the last meeting. This included a lot of tree and shrub setting and lawn sowing. Mrs. Roy Parlier gave the financial report and we notice we are getting pretty low in finances. Mrs. P. M. Lowe reported that flowers had been sent to one bereaved member during the month. Several birthday funds were turned in to the flower committee and it was decided that we sell grab bags at the May meeting to add to our flower funds.

Mrs. B. M. Broyhill gave a short report on "Home Beautification." The Home Management leader, Mrs. C. P. Brock, gave helpful material on "Household Pest and Termite Control," and

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
Having qualified as administrator of the estate of W. L. Wyatt, late of Wilkes County, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned at Halls Mills, N. C., one year from date of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons owing said estate will please settle at once.
This 3rd day of April, 1950.
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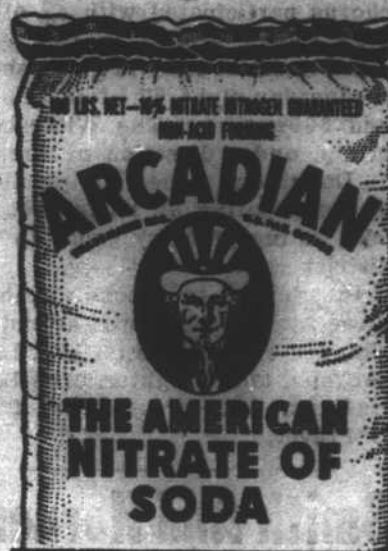
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