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Lower Speeds Save Lives And Money

Here's how you can cut the high cost of living — and enjoy it, too!

Just drive a little more slowly — around town and when you go on trips.

You will save gasoline, oil, wear and tear on your tires, and most important of all, some of the risk of an accident to your car, yourself, your passengers, and other folk who use the streets, according to L. R. Fisher, acting head of the Highway Safety Division of the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles.

"The trite old saying that haste makes waste is especially true when we drive our cars," Fisher said.

"Not only does speed — that is, haste — increase the risk of an accident, it actually costs more in dollars and cents to drive at high speeds. You'll use about one-third more gasoline cruising at a top speed of 60 miles an hour as compared to a top speed of 40. You'll use about four times as much oil, and your tires will wear out two and a half times as fast. That's how fast haste can make waste."

"And what do you gain? An average of about 15 miles an hour — plus the greatly increased risk of an accident that might cast a big repair bill, painful and expensive injuries — or your life."

Fisher gave these figures in connection with the campaign for safer speeds, this month's Operation Safety program, sponsored during June by the Department as a part of its continuing traffic safety program.

Specialist Offers Hot Weather Hints

Farm families can make summer living safer and more enjoyable by taking time out to do a number of odd jobs around the farm before the arrival of hot weather, say agricultural engineers of the State College Extension Service.

Anti-freeze solutions should be drained from tractor, truck, and automobile radiators, points out H. M. Ellis, in charge of extension agricultural engineering. For best service, he says, a radiator should be flushed and cleaned thoroughly twice a year. A sal-soda or washing soda solution is very satisfactory. For a badly corroded cooling system a commercial radiator cleaning compound is recommended. After cleaning, an anti-rust compound should be added.

Ellis says if openings in the foundation (curtain) wall under the house were plugged up last fall, they should be opened now. Ventilation and light are needed under the house in hot weather to discourage termites.

Other "hot weather hints" offered by Ellis:

Repair screens.

Check ventilation in laying houses.

See that there is adequate shade in the hog lot.

Extend water system to provide plenty of water for livestock.

Take salt tablets in extremely hot weather.

Kill off poison oak by spraying with weed killer. Don't burn these plants — susceptible persons may be poisoned by the smoke.

Complete that spring cleaning before the children start going barefooted.

Take first aid kit along on picnics and other outings.

Practice safe living.

Baptists To Raise Hospital Fund Sunday

Baptists of North Carolina have designated Sunday, June 25, as the date for a special offering to raise \$700,000 to go with available funds to erect a wing of 150 additional beds to the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem.

To preserve the principle of separation of church and state the Baptists turned down an offer of \$700,000 government money and propose to raise the funds and own and control their hospital without government aid or restrictions.

In view of the desperate need for the additional space in the Baptist institution it is expected that Baptists all over the state will respond liberally to the appeal and will raise the money. The hospital addition is badly needed to care for patients who are now being turned away, and the addition will also be of great help to Bowman Gray School of Medicine, which as a part of Wake Forest College is a Baptist institution of growing prestige and influence.

Why couldn't the nations promote peace by agreeing not to have any new wars until the old ones have been paid for? — Greensboro Daily News.

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By Rev. Herbert Spaugh, D. D.



Each recurring Spring and Summer causes those of us who look at the handiwork of Mother Nature with the eyes of the soil to gasp in wonder and amazement. Where in this great universe can you go and see more wonderful evidence of the handiwork of God. Mother Nature has some wonderful and beautiful lesson for us if we would take time to learn them.

Some weeks ago I was driving through the mountains of Western North Carolina. At one sharp turn I saw something which caused me to stop and look more closely. Growing out between the ledges of a rock on a great cliff were several small evergreen trees. At first it looked as though they were growing out of the rock itself. Then further examination revealed that they were growing out of cracks in the rock. Apparently the roots reached down into Mother Earth underneath the rock. Gradually as the trees had grown the cracks widened.

I have been walking over a more wonderful example of that each day in front of my office at the Little Church on the Lane. There was a low place in the cement in front of the steps where water gathered after a rain and would run off. We drilled a small hole through the concrete in the center of this low place. This permitted the water to seep away slowly. Along with the water apparently a few seeds of grass washed in and now for many weeks I have been walking over several vigorous green blades of grass which having found a root in the earth beneath the concrete have sought sunlight and warmth through this small hole.

As I walk over this spot day after day and see these few blades of grass growing up out of the hard surroundings of man-made concrete, I have ever been reminded of what God can do if only given a chance — even a small chance.

There are many lives which are just as hard as the concrete in front of my office door. In their hearts, apparently nothing grows. Their minds think only of self and the things they want and don't have. Hear them talk, and they are always thinking about what they dislike and what they want for themselves.

But these hard hearts can be penetrated just as we penetrated this concrete sidewalk. We can drill a hole into them by prayer, plant a seed, keep the hole open by prayer that God's power may reach down. If I had put the seed for a tree in that hole instead of grass seed washing in, in due course, I would probably see what I saw up on the mountain top.

If your life is hard and barren, drill a hole in it with prayer and ask God to let something worthwhile grow out of it. If you have some friend whom you would like to help whose life is hard, try drilling a hole in it with prayer. If you want to get along a little faster, get some close friend who believes in prayer to join with you. Continue in prayer daily, be patient, and you will be amazed at the results.

Why don't you give God a chance with your life, your home, your business, your friends?

Rita Radiates



DOING HER BIT for charity, American film actress Rita Hayworth attempts to raise the bid for her autograph as she attends the annual charity sale of the 2nd French Armored Division in the Tuilleries Gardens, Paris. More than 300,000 packed the Gardens to see Rita and other film stars. (International)

Our County And Social Security

By LOUIS H. CLEMENT,
Manager

Today an actual case. One which might very easily be your own.

An elderly man, whom I will call Mr. Watson, came to our office with this problem. He had owned a business and did well. During the depression he lost his business. He tried to find a job, for although he had a small income, he knew it would last only a few years. Everywhere it was the same story. "Sorry, we want younger men," or "Sorry, no vacancies." Finally, he had to move to another town and make his home with his only child, a son. Mr. Watson's wife had died several years before.

Six months ago, Mr. Watson's son died leaving him with no support. I asked him why he had not inquired earlier about possible benefit. He said that he did not want to ask for charity. I explained to him, that if his son had worked long enough under Social Security to be insured and that if he, Mr. Watson, met the requirements for entitlement, any benefits he would receive would not be from charity because his son had worked under Social Security and had contributed to the Social Security fund.

Mr. Watson then wanted to know what requirements he would have to meet to get benefits. I told him that his son would have to have been insured under the Act at the time of his death; not be survived by a widow or any children under eighteen years of age; that he would have to prove that he was chiefly dependent upon his son at the time of his son's death; that he would have to prove that he was sixty-five years old or older; and that he would have to file an application for benefits. Well, to make a long story short, Mr. Watson met all requirements and filed his application for benefits.

Mr. Watson will receive \$20.00 a month as long as he lives provided he does not work in covered employment and earn over \$14.99 a month. For those months in which he does work, he cannot

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receive his Social Security checks. His monthly payment will start again after he stops work. But, he can work in employment not covered by the Social Security Act and still get the check from the Government. I told him if he did return to work and was not sure whether or not the employment was covered, to come in to see me for there is a penalty for not notifying the Social Security Administration about returning to work in covered employment. A representative of this office will be in North Wilkesboro at the Town Hall on Thursday at 9:45 a.m.

Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, L. C. Rosser, Coleman W. Roberts of Charlotte, president of the Carolina Motor Club, and Albert Coates of Chapel Hill, director of the Institute of Government, also will participate.

OFFICIAL HOARDING

The extent to which surplus inventories of stock are built up by

some Federal Agencies was recently pointed out to the House Appropriations Committee by Jess Larson, General Services Administrator. He said one agency had a supply of tracing cloth which would last them 9 years, enough fluorescent light tubes to last 93 years, sufficient ruled filler paper to last 168 years and a stock of loose leaf binders which would last them 247 years.

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