



Teen-Age Driving

Last week near Knightdale three automobiles filled with Wakelon students started around a curve in the road one after the other, and one after the other rolled as the drivers lost control of their vehicles. This is just one more example of teen-age recklessness on the highways and one more reason why we must never rest in our efforts to end this type of conduct.

It is interesting to learn that only the day before the three cars careened off the road, the occupants had been subjected to a lecture of safety. Every day a barrage of publicity on safety is aimed at youthful drivers. Patrolmen cruise the highways hoping to head off an accident before it happens. Yet the teen-agers manage to wreck their cars and themselves.

How the carnage of the highways can be stopped in a problem we seem incapable of solving. The young drivers are given examinations which show them to be qualified through skill, and then smash themselves to bits because they are not gifted with common sense.

Though our efforts to promote highway safety seem futile, we cannot afford to relax, because while the toll of death and wounded is great, it certainly would be much worse were it not for work by everyone to reduce it.

Silver Bullets

Highway patrol cars, we understand, soon will be painted silver so that they can be easily spotted as they travel the highways of North Carolina. The reason, legislators say, is that the sight of a patrol car tends to hold speeding in check. In addition, some report, it is downright sneaky for an unmarked patrol car to be on the highways ready to pounce on the unwary speeder or reckless driver.

It's all dependent on the point of view. We'll agree that a silver car will cause a driver to hesitate when he thinks of speeding. But we don't believe there's anything, at all wrong with catching a law-breaker on the highways, even if it requires an unmarked car to do it.

We've observed that folks just naturally travel faster if they believe no law enforcement officers are around. They get a little wild and a whole lot more dangerous. When all patrol cars are painted, and no "silver bullets" are in sight, then many drivers are going to open up and move.

It will be too late for those who will be killed because of speeders during the next two years, but when the Legislature meets in 1957, we hope it will be more realistic regarding law-breakers on the highways and more practical in the laws it enacts to control them.

NATIONAL FORESTS

There are over a million acres in North Carolina National Forest and over 8 million vacationists visited them in 1953. Pisgah and Nantahala forests (of which Joyce Kilmer is a part) are in the mountains. Croatan is on the coast and Uwharrie in the Piedmont.



FORESTS ARE VASTLY IMPORTANT TO NORTH CAROLINA. THEY COVER A THIRD OF LAND AREA AND SUPPLY RAW MATERIALS TO ITS GREAT INDUSTRIES. NORTH CAROLINA'S FORESTS ARE PROTECTED BY THE DEPT. OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

Earpsboro Scribblin's

Dropped in for an early morning chat with a neighbor some-time ago . . . the best time to observe human nature . . . in the morning they are themselves . . . as the day wears on personalities become changed and warped . . . she went about her preparations for dinner as we talked . . . ham bone in the pot to tender . . . cabbage readied . . . put in the sink split and fresh . . . dessert next . . . cookies . . . molasses . . . rolled on the table . . . into the oven . . . crisp, brown, spicy . . . then the announcement of the Salk polio vaccine discovery coming from the muffled voice of the radio . . . a stillness . . . broken by her child running in from play . . . a tyke, small, curly headed, beautiful . . . demanding a cookie . . . the cookie given . . . the vaccine rolling forth from the announcer's mouth dramatically . . . the mother

calm . . . listening . . . the words sinking deep into her mind . . . she reached down and took her child's hand . . . her eyes closed for a moment . . . in prayerful meditation . . . or to shut back happy tears . . . or thinking about her two other children . . . first and second graders . . . now safe from the scourage . . . protected from the pestilence . . . another second's closing of her eyes . . . and a tilting of her chin upward . . . heavenward . . . a sudden tug of her cookie-eating child against her hip . . . then back to her cookie dough . . . a special one for Johnny . . . a little bigger than the rest . . . he loves them so she said . . . and chocolate frosting on Susie's . . . with clown's eyes . . . her hands worked skillfully . . . creatively . . . lovingly . . . and her eyes shone . . . and her heart was a happy heart . . . the announcer's voice faded out . . .

music filled the loudspeaker . . . I left . . . and knew that God is in Heaven and all was right with the world.

A friend was telling the other day about naming his baby daughter . . . she was born during Hurricane Hazel . . . instead of tagging her Hazel they decided upon Gale . . . nobody calls her Gale . . . friends and relatives insist upon calling her Hazel.

They were standing close to the hearse . . . then decided to go closer and peer on the inside . . . and someone said that the big black omnibus thing gave him the creeps . . . and Mamie Creech ups and says that she wouldn't mind a ride in it . . . amending her statement quickly with "Of course I would want to be sitting in the front seat."

Nice People Live All Around

Some cousins of mine came down from Virginia last week looking for tobacco plants. They knew from the Zebulon Record that folks around here are helpful when somebody is in need. The spring freeze had killed quite a few of their tobacco plants, and they needed some more bad.

We headed over to Zeb Corbetts, and he was busy replanting his tobacco; but he told us about some folks down around Emit who could help.

Down at Emit the Wilders provided all the plants needed, taking time out to show my cousins to the plant beds. Nice people.

That's the way people are around here, though. On Thursday another batch of cousins showed up needing plants, and Rex Tippet took them to his plant beds and told them to help themselves. No charge, he said. On Monday, he told us, there were forty people

busy pulling plants from his beds because they'd run short.

We're getting more organized at our home now. It's only a couple of times a day that we find it necessary to go all the way to the other end of the house to get something we need, and Judy says she's getting all the drawers and cabinets filled — only she can't remember what each drawer and cabinet is filled with.

The process of organization includes my polishing my shoes and boots in the utility room instead of the bathroom. It seems that Judy got downright tired of scrubbing up the shoe polish I managed to get on the tile. Wives can be rather forceful at times.

Helen Screws gave us a big leaf sent her from Florida which now is filled with wax replicas of fruit.

The problem of legs for the dried leaf was supposed to be mine, but while I pondered over whether to use polished wood or some other complicated thing to make, Judy hunted up some thumb tacks and corks and now the leaf has simple, good-looking, quite modern legs.

However, that proves I'm developing into a typical husband. When the wife assigns a task to me, I've found that Judy will tire of my tarrying and dilly-dallying, and she finally will go ahead and do the job. I don't admit it when she's around, but usually it's done a whole lot better than I'd do it.

This column, by the way, is not meant for the ladies to read.

Maybe I'm too optimistic, however, that anyone reads it.

It's the Law in Carolina

By Robert E. Lee

Liens For Repairs

Smith takes his automobile to the Jones Motor Company for repairs. If the bill for the agreed services is not paid, may the Jones Motor Company continue to keep the automobile?

Yes. The Jones Motor Company has what is called a "possessory lien." A lien signifies the hold which one person has upon the property of another.

The particular lien may be created without an agreement of the parties. It arises by operation of law, out of a custom which arose many years ago and has been made a part of our common law.

If a worker or artisan has in his possession the personal property of another on which he has performed requested services, he has a right to retain the property as a security for the payment of his services.

White requested Black to come to his home and repair some furniture. The furniture was repaired on White's premises. Does Black have a lien on the furniture for his services?

No. The furniture was not in the possession of Black at the time the services were rendered. Black has

a claim, but not a lien, for services rendered.

If Black had taken the furniture to his place of business for the repairs, he would have acquired on it a lien for work done or materials added.

Adams took his truck to the Lincoln Motor Company in January for a repair job totaling two hundred dollars. The truck was returned to Adams when the work was completed. Adams has never paid for the repairs. In October Adams redelivered the truck for minor repairs totaling ten dollars. The Lincoln Motor Company has informed Adams that he cannot get his truck until he has paid the bill for the January and October repairs or a total of two hundred and ten dollars. May Adams get his truck by tendering ten dollars?

Yes. The possessory lien of a repairman is said to be "specific." It extends only to the specific property upon which the particular service was rendered. It does not cover debts for services on other property or even services on the particular property previously rendered.

The Lincoln Motor Company lost its January lien by voluntarily surrendering possession of the truck to Adams. Continued posses-

sion is absolutely essential to the existence of a specific lien. If the holder of a specific possessory lien, after an intentional and permanent surrender of the subject of the lien, subsequently regains possession thereof, his lien is not restored.

The Lincoln Motor Company has a claim for two hundred and ten dollars, but a lien for only ten dollars. Upon a tender of ten dollars, Adams becomes entitled to the truck. If the tendered payment of ten dollars is refused, Adams may either in a claim and delivery proceeding get back his truck or in an action of conversion recover in damages the money value of his truck.

The Lincoln Motor Company must sue for the January repair bill of two hundred dollars as an ordinary unsecured creditor.

A repairman may by special contract create a general lien covering the balance of a general account between the parties. A general lien is an enlargement of the specific lien. It secures claims arising out of a series of transactions. A few garages, for example, have entered into such special contracts with their customers.

Today, 8½ million American farm workers produce more than 13½ million did 30 years ago.