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## A CHILD KILLED EVERY 24 HOURS

"Child Deaths Are Increasing" is a grim headline. "One Killed or Hurt Every 21 Hours in North Carolina Since January 1st" is an appalling statement to see before you in print. Child deaths are increasing says Ronald Hocutt, director of the State Highway Safety Division. Since January 1st, we have killed or injured in our state one child every 21 hours. A total of 44 under 15 were killed and 157 were hurt during the first six months of this year.

In spite of our efforts to improve road conditions and educate the people in a variety of safety methods our accident totals pile up and the indifferent slaughter goes merrily on. Mowing down children on the highways should be looked on as an outrageous crime just as any other bloody massacre would arouse fighting emotions.

From a review of America's automobile accidents put out by the Travelers Insurance Company the following is copied:

"Blame it on their innocence on the one hand and their infirmities on the other if you will, but the very young and the very old play the saddest roles in America's traffic tragedy. When a baby under four or an elderly person over 65 is killed by an automobile, the chances are about seven out of ten it will be a case of being struck down by a modern jehu. True, death strikes often in every age group and a death is a death whether it occurs in a car or under its speeding wheels; but the horrendous picture of this slaughter of usually innocent pedestrians is one to make right-thinking persons pause.

"Let us grant little children should not be allowed to play in the streets. Let us grant that the aged, when their senses dim and their footstep falter, should stay out of the No Man's Land of speeding traffic. Yes, let us grant these things and then soberly realize that they will be there whether we wish it or not and that humanity demands that their safety become our responsibility."

North Carolina is a huge task on its hands if it is going to do anything about saving its children. —H.K.B.

## SPENDING HAS FLOPPED

Apparently the only protection the nation has against further sizable increases in the staggering national debt lies in the reluctance of Congress to again raise the legal debt limit. That limit is now set at \$45,000,000,000. And the current debt comes uncomfortably close to that mark.

The recent proposed plan whereby the government's lending powers would be increased almost \$4,000,000,000, which would appear neither in the budget nor the debt, is designed to eliminate the protection of the debt limit. No plan ever devised could do more to promote eventual national bankruptcy. It is proposed that this money be spent for all manner of purposes—roads and bridges, rural electrification, waterworks, etc. If it is sound to use trick book-keeping methods to spend \$4,000,000,000 in these ways, why not spend ten, twenty, fifty, a hundred billion? It wouldn't appear in the debt.

Isn't it about time, instead of proposing schemes to get around the debt limit law, that our legislators considered paring, not increasing, expenses—and balancing, not further distorting, an inflated budget? Spend-

# THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE



ing for spending's sake has been a flop—and one of the most costly flops in world history. Let's try economy—it certainly couldn't produce any worse results.

## "FROM RAGTIME TO SWINGTIME"

Isidore Whitmark, of the old-time House of Whitmark, has written an autobiography, "From Ragtime to Swingtime," which encompasses folklore of modern popular music.

It may seem like a far-fetched theory to presume that melodious music results from reasonably sound, happy economic conditions in a nation, and that harsh music is an expression of disturbed mental conditions and national unrest.

But when one listens to the melodies of the late Victor Herbert and other composers of his time whose compositions Whitmark published, one wonders whether a more or less contented era of our nation is not reflected in such music. Particularly does this thought grow when one listens to the modern "swing" music with its raucous notes and seeming discords. Modern music such as "swing" seems to base its excuse for existence on rhythm, but most of the "swing" rhythm has the monotony of the jungle tom toms.

In reading Whitmark's book, one is impressed with the individuality of the composers of that era. They did not all play alike or look alike. There was individuality in their music, as there was in their lives. That is something that is lacking in most of the music and orchestra leaders today—music is just big business to them, ground out at so much per grind over the radio on in the night club. The world trend toward regimentation in human affairs seems to be reflected in the field of modern popular music.

Mr. Whitmark's book covers an era of individuality in music as definite in this nation as the era which saw the great play of individuality which built the railroads and developed the West.

## MILK FOR HEALTH AND PROSPERITY

The solution to the dairy problem seems, simply enough increased milk consumption. According to the Dairymen's League News of New York, if everyone over five years old drank an extra glass of milk each day, the farmers' annual cash milk income would increase by more than \$500,000,000, or 36 per cent.

## WILL OF MARY J. CONDIT LEAVES ESTATE TO NIECE

A copy of the will of the late Mary J. Condit of Roseland, N. J., has been filed for probate in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Moore county. The estate, which included property in and near Southern Pines, was willed to a niece, Hattie May Condit, of Roseland, N. J.

## Grains of Sand

A notice from the Department of Agriculture says North Carolina ranks second in the raising of sweet potatoes, with Georgia taking first place.

If the dollar heads further along the road towards inflation, salvaging the juicy sweet potato should come as a comforting note to Carolinians.

The melon and peach season, have delayed some vacationists in their travels. Who wants to leave the Sandhills when watermelons, canteloupes and Georgia Belles are on the market?

Windows have been set in the new Brownson Memorial Church. Doors have been hung and slate is going on the roof. When the members of the congregation gathered for the morning service last Sunday they were surprised to see the majority of their crude temporary benches replaced by rows of comfortable seats set in position. The gift came through Charlie Picquet who donated a block of 84 chairs from his theater building. In the future when permanent pews take the place of the chairs, Mr. Picquet's gift will be installed in the Sunday school rooms. An appreciative lot of people spoke in grateful terms as they left their seats with a benison for their friend and well-wisher.

A young woman spending the summer with her mother at a seaside resort was in town a couple of days last week. The errand that brought her back was illness in the household. She had with her a patient for the home doctor, a four-legged patient, canis familiaris, and it was a case in the beast as in the man, no doctor like your own.

It's the old story again of Homo and Ursus. They were, if you remember, fast friends and their dispositions tallied. Courteously subordinate as we recall from the story of long ago, was Canis. Conditions haven't changed much through the years, unless it is to see the bonds strengthen in the remarkable attachment. It isn't all a one-sided affair as the answer is seen in the threadbare yarn of "What makes the lamb love Mary go—Why Homo loves the dog you know."

Two in a household isn't a very big family. A little dog rounds out a trinity that is about perfect. So when he or she happens to need a little expert clinical work done, Dr. Neal and a rest in the nice new veterinary hospital solve the troubled problem. Whether its the wire-haired from the beach or the German Shepherd in for a nose operation or the little Sealyham for heat exhaustion Doc Neal restores the trio or four—some or what ever the member happens to be in the home circle and the sun shines once more as the vade mecum, or constant companion, whirlwinds up the path into a joyous household and home.

Scanning further the Register of the Officers and Agents, Civil, Military and Naval, of the United States in 1833, published in '34, the old book which "Bob" Hayes discovered in his attic, one of the interesting things we find is the list of postoffices which

## NIAGARA

Miss Lillie Lowe is spending some time in Rockingham. Miss Pearl Moore has returned from a weeks visit with homefolks near Carthage.

J. L. Hicks and family of Raleigh spent a few days last week at the home of J. L. Godfrey.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wilson have returned from a two weeks stay in New York state.

The Rev. Carl Steward of Kenmore, N. Y., was a recent guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Rhodes. Mr. Steward, who is pastor of Kenmore Baptist church is now attending the Baptist World Congress at Atlanta, Ga.

Miss Margaret Godfrey, who has been quite ill, is much better.

earned the maximum salary, \$2,000, for their postmasters. It reveals the changes in the country over a period of 106 years.

Here's the list:

Albany, N. Y., Augusta, Ga., Baltimore, Md., Boston, Mass., Buffalo, N. Y., Charleston S. C., Cincinnati, O., Fayetteville, N. C., Harrisburg, Pa., Hartford, Conn., Huntsville, Ala., Maysville, Ky., Mobile, Ala., Montgomery Ala., Nashville, Tenn., Natchez, Miss., New Bedford, Mass., New Haven, Conn., New Orleans, La., New York, Norfolk, Va., Philadelphia, Pa., Petersburg, Va., Pittsburgh, Pa., Portland, Me., Portsmouth, N. H., Providence, R. I., Richmond, Va., Rochester, N. Y., Savannah, Ga., St. Louis, Mo., Troy, N. Y., Vincennes, Ind., Washington, Pa., Washington, D. C. and Zanesville, O.

And look what we also found in the book: The postmaster of the village of One Leg, Ohio, was James Boyd.

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## RELIANCE CLUB SUPPER IN CHURCH GARDEN AUGUST 2

The Reliance Club will give a supper in the garden at the Church of Wide Fellowship on Wednesday evening, August 2, at 6:30. Of course if it rains, the supper will be in the assembly room; but there will still be chicken pie and salad and rolls and apple pie and ice cream. Everyone will be most welcome, and is urged to attend just to prove what a lot of people there still are in Southern Pines right in the middle of the summer. Mrs. Tyler Overton is in charge of arrangements. No fixed charge is made for Reliance Club suppers, but you will find a basket in which contributions may be placed.

## LEE THOMAS ON PROGRAM AT RIDGECREST CONFERENCE

County Superintendent H. Lee Thomas attended a conference of county and city school superintendents at Ridgecrest on Wednesday,

Thursday and Friday of this week. Mr. Thomas was on today's program for a talk on "Some Administrative Problems and How They Were Met."

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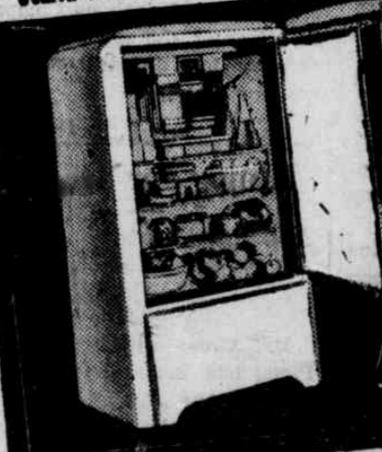


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