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AUTO-TRAIN COLLISIONS

"If the present trend in automobile-train collisions continues throughout the year, more than a hundred persons will be killed in railroad crossing crashes in North Carolina in 1941," Ronald Hocutt, director of the Highway Safety Division, said this week.

Records of the safety division show that 15 persons were killed in crossing accidents during the first 60 days of 1941. Since January and February fatalities ordinarily run below the yearly average, it is apparent that a continuation of the present trend will mean that 100 or more people will be killed at railroad crossings in this state this year. Only 35 persons were killed in accidents of this type last year, according to records of the safety division.

Since it costs approximately \$150,000 to construct an overpass, the railroad crossing accident problem in North Carolina is not likely to be solved for many years to come through the elimination of grade crossings.

A majority of the more dangerous crossings in the state are equipped with automatic warning devices, but this doesn't seem to solve the problem, either, as records show that a number of drivers in this state last year either drove right into the path of trains or ran into the side of trains at crossings where automatic signal devices were functioning. Also most of the crossings afford unobstructed views.

"Apparently, drivers who run into trains or directly in front of trains must be dozing at the wheel, must not have their minds on their driving, or must be deliberately taking a chance on beating the train to the crossing," said Director Hocutt. "What to do about accidents of this type is just another of the many headaches faced by those of us who are seeking to reduce accidents on North Carolina streets and highways."

THREE PARTNERS IN DEFENSE PROGRAM

The defense program will furnish the acid test of our government, our industries and our workers. There can be no alibi for failure. There can be no excuse for waste of time and effort. This year, which is perhaps the most critical year in our history as a democracy, may tell whether free individual enterprise is to survive—or whether it is to be replaced by another system, in which government is the dominant factor in all our lives.

In the problem our nation faces, there are three partners. Each has vast responsibilities for failure of either could destroy the others. One partner is industry, to which we turn for the means of defense and the implements of peace—the factories, farms and mines, the power plants which motivate the machines, the transportation systems which haul the raw materials and the finished goods—these are the backbone of America. Private industry must do a greater job than it ever did before to demonstrate its production and service superiority as its reason for its existence.

The second partner is labor—the men who operate the machines and build the weapons of defense and the necessities of peace. The responsibility of labor is crystal clear: It must

Frances Wimberley of Aberdeen Bride of Artist in Charlotte

Ceremony Performed Last Sunday in Second Presbyterian Church by Dr. Redhead

Miss Frances Katherine Wimberley of Aberdeen and Wadesboro and Samuel Sharp Ryburn of Charlotte were united in marriage last Sunday afternoon in the Second Presbyterian church in Charlotte. Dr. John A. Redhead, Jr., pastor of the church, performing the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Jesse O. Wimberley of Aberdeen and had as her only attendant her sister, Mrs. Joseph Ingram Chandler, Jr., of Greensboro. William O. Ryburn, Jr., of Salisbury accompanied his brother as best man. The ushers included Harry Wimberley, brother of the bride, Emmett Shackelford and Irvin Bailey, all of Charlotte, and Russell Kerr of Winston-Salem.

Palms, and floor baskets filled with Easter lilies and white gladioli, and white wrought-iron candelabra holding cathedral tapers formed the background for the vows. Irvin Bailey and Emmett Shackelford lighted the candles just before the ceremony.

The bride wore a handsome gown of white organza with yoke, collar and girdle of Chantilly lace. It was trimmed in small buttons from the neck to below the waistline in the back, and had a long full train. The veil was worn with a Chantilly lace cap outlined with seed pearls and a tiara of lace. The illusion veil trimmed in Chantilly lace extended to the end of the train. She carried a bouquet of roses, lilies of the valley, sweet peas and freesias.

Immediately after the ceremony, the young couple left for a trip through Florida. Soon after their return, they will make Charlotte their home.

Mrs. Ryburn is the accomplished daughter of the late Joseph Demarcus Wimberley and Mrs. Wimberley, of Aberdeen. She was graduated from Flora Macdonald College in Red Springs, class of 1939. While in college she received many honors among which was the editorship of her class yearbook. Since her graduation, she has held the responsible position of assistant home demonstration agent in Anson county. She is a pretty and attractive young girl and is admired by a host of friends in this state and South Carolina.

Mr. Ryburn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William O. Ryburn of Salisbury. He attended Davidson college where he received many honors. He was editor of Scripts 'N Pranks, college humor magazine, and was elected to Omicron Delta Kappa, national honorary leadership fraternity.

Mr. Ryburn also studied at the Art Students league and the Phoenix Art institute, both in New York. Since he was graduated from Davidson in 1938 he has been employed by the Herald Press, Inc., in Charlotte where he is now head of the art department.

work harder, and produce more. It must outlaw strikes and settle grievances between it and industry, over the arbitration table. It must put aside petty jealousies and internal differences for the duration of the emergency, if it wishes to hold public sympathy and good will.

The third partner is government. Its financial strength depends upon the taxes taken from the earnings of private industry. The duty of government now is to adopt a policy of friendly cooperation with industry, and thus help it meet the extraordinarily difficult problems it faces in order to supply the emergency needs of government.

So it's up to the three partners now. Walter Lippman recently wrote, "American industry will not fail in the test . . . The world will see this year the proof that this young continent possesses the energy which, throttled down in these ten years of depression and confusion, will pour forth to astound the world."

The Census Bureau says that almost twice as many people die from motor-vehicle accidents as from the following causes of death put together: typhoid and paratyphoid fever, measles, scarlet fever, whooping cough, diphtheria, epidemic cerebrospinal meningitis, and malaria.

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Grains of Sand

James Boyd is a good writer but a poor penman. He sent a letter up to Raleigh to be read before the Assembly committee considering the question of a State-wide liquor referendum. Fortunately, the local delegation which took the letter looked it over before the hearing. They had quite a time deciphering it, and to make it readily readable they printed out the words on top of those the local author had penned. It was a good letter when translated.

Jonathan Daniels says he once came down to the Sandhills to get in some quiet, uninterrupted work on one of his books.

"But they showed me such a good time. I couldn't get anything done. That's why I haven't been back more often."

Scribner's has just published a novel by John Weld, who spent last summer in Southern Pines and is now living in South Laguna Beach, Cal. The title is "The Partners," a story of the forgotten California mining camps of the 1850's, a tale of "rich humor, forthright romance, sudden tragedy and unceasing dramatic action," according to the publishers. Mr. Weld's previous novel, "Don't You Cry For Me," was greatly enjoyed by many here who read it.

North Carolina's beer industry provides jobs for 13,420 persons with an annual payroll of \$11,928,500, according to figures compiled by the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors committee.

Charlie Picquet has led the singing in the Kiwanis Club for years. At this week's meeting he was told he was "fired." A new leader called for a song, "Happy Birthday To You." It was Charlie's umpteenth anniversary.

Then he was reinstated as leader. The North Carolina Central Press Association members are giving Fort Bragg the once-over tomorrow, Saturday. They will be shown around the post by Army officers, after which they are invited to take a trip down the Cape Fear river on Oscar Breece's yacht, with supper aboard. Several of the press boys from the Sandhills are going.

Because Mary Short of Pinehurst wasn't at the Aberdeen movies Wednesday, she is Short \$140. Her name was called, but Mary was elsewhere.

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PINEBLUFF

Mrs. J. C. Millwood, Miss Mary Demmen and Misses Nellie and Anna Smith of Brooklyn, N. Y., Mrs. Agnes Monronval of East Orange, N. J. are spending some time at Gregory's.

Mrs. W. D. Shannon left Sunday for Wilmington where she has taken an apartment. Mr. Shannon is working at Holly Ridge.

Mrs. Lawton Foushee and children of Durham spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lamp-ley.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Flackbart of Bronx, N. Y., are spending some time at Mrs. A. B. Shank's.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas David and children spent Sunday in Columbia, S. C., with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Becker of Syracuse, N. Y., were visitors Monday of Capt. and Mrs. Walter Zion enroute to Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Van Boskirk of Norwood spent the week-end in town with relatives.

Mrs. Earl Lampley and daughter are spending several days this week in Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gelsler of Fillmore, N. Y., arrived in town Saturday and have rented the Remington cottage for several weeks.

Dan Mangrum left Saturday for Roanoke, Va., where he has been transferred.

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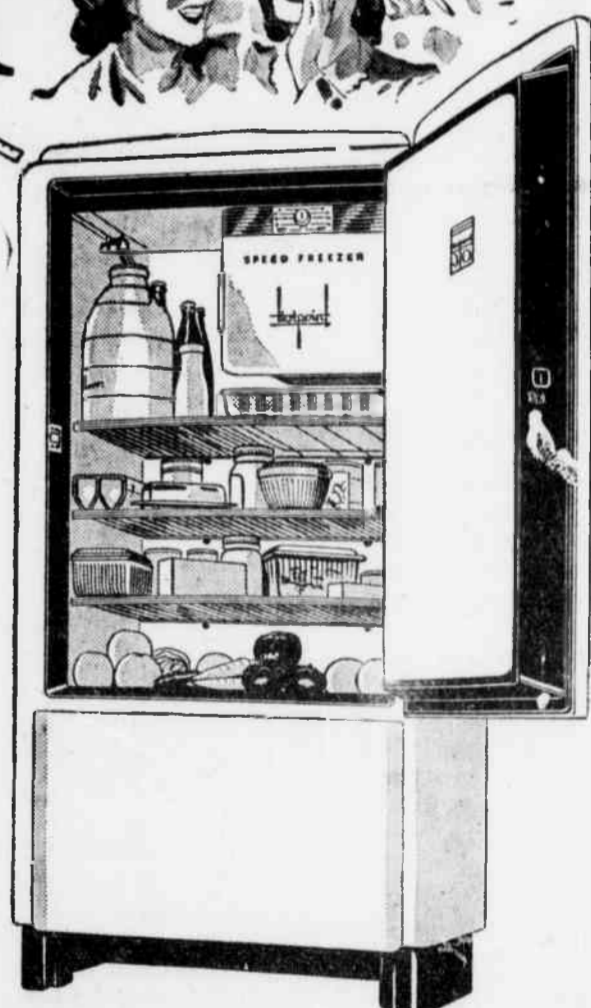
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