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### The 1940 Record

Nine hundred and eighty persons were killed on the streets and highways of North Carolina in 1940, the State Highway Safety Division officially reported a few days ago. More than 15,000 automobile accidents were reported. Twenty-two of the 980 persons killed were little tots four years old or younger. Fifty-one of the 337 pedestrians killed were intoxicated. One out of every ten persons killed was driving drunk or had been drinking. Excessive speed accounted for 260 of the 980 deaths. Twenty-two per cent of those losing their lives in auto accidents were driving on the wrong side of the road. Forty-one disregarded signs and signals and paid with their lives. One out of every 44 registered vehicles was involved in an accident last year, on an average.

These facts, covering only a few of those recently released by the Safety Division, compare with those coming from the war-torn countries of Europe. While North Carolina is at peace with the world, it conducts a costly war of its own on the highways. Despite appeals directed in the printed columns, over the radio and from the speaker's platform, we have not yet realized the full meaning of the danger lurking on the highways. It would seem that the appeals are not striking home with their life-and-death meaning, and while the case may appear hopeless, the fight for life on our highways and streets must go on.

Already the death toll is mounting higher this year than last. Every person in North Carolina can well afford to enter into a state-wide movement to check the death trend and put it in reverse during the remainder of 1941.

### Just Idle Talk

"A constructive, forward-looking program, in keeping with the advancement being made in North Carolina in education, safety, labor conditions, health, security and general welfare, has been adopted and is being promoted by the state legislative council," the head of one of the many departmental agencies in Raleigh was quoted as saying in a public address in a North Carolina count last week.

It is to be admitted that some progress has been made in the various fields, but much of the talk coming from the agencies in Raleigh is nothing more than a lot of bosh.

It is a bit difficult to put your fingers on the pedagogues, and no argument about the progress in education will be advanced. But it must be said that vast numbers of people are of the opinion that the schools with modern advantages and multiplied opportunities are not accomplishing what they should accomplish.

Advance in safety? The official record just now shows that more people were killed on North Carolina highways last year than the year before.

And what about labor conditions? North Carolina's record as it relates to labor is enough to make one vomit. Turn back to the years of not so long ago when little children were literally chained to the machines in cotton mills and other industrial plants, many of the machines being owned in part by the fellows who made the laws. It was a long and hard fight, and to this day the federal child labor law has not been ratified by North Carolina. Conditions for the child have improved in the mills, not as the result of a thoughtful law, but because older labor became available in greater numbers and at rates little higher than those earned by the tot. Only last week the governor of North Carolina stated that this state, great as it may be and regardless of its leadership, is not quite ready for a wage and hour law. In a time when labor is fairly plentiful, work daughters and mothers not over 48 hours a week and sons and fathers not over 55 hours a week, but pay them what ever price you will. Industrial North Carolina cannot afford to pay 25 cents an hour to its workers, but the demands of modern living, including the bare necessities only, leave little or nothing for the protection of health and old-age security. The farmer and tenant are not even recognized in labor talk. They rate along with the serfs and slaves of old, and are told to enslave their wives and children, take what they can get and say nothing. North Carolina's labor politics and those of nearly every other state in this favored section of the world are crowding the old-age pension lists to capacity. Some, of course, squandered their savings, but the trouble is most of those crying for aid never were in a position to save.

The general health may be improved, but hospitalization costs are mounting for the taxpayer, and hospitals are being enlarged to care for increased demands.

North Carolina's security and welfare program, top-heavy and bent by endless supervision, would be little more than mockery if divorced from the strong hand of the federal government.

But the taxpayers are called upon to pay departmental heads to come around and tell them they have something that aint.

### Why Investors Are Timid

Labor.

For years we heard the cry that money was in hiding, that its owners would not invest it because they feared "government interference".

It never seemed to occur to those who made this plea that the timidity of investors might be due to the fact that they had lost faith in the leaders of American finance and industry and were no longer willing to entrust their savings to men and institutions that had ruthlessly robbed them in the past.

Here's an example of what we have in mind: Prior to 1929, "Sam" Insull was the mightiest of public utility magnates. He controlled a vast "empire" valued at billions of dollars. When he issued a stock or a bond it was supposed to be "gilt-edged".

Then came the crash and Insull, revealed as a ruthless pirate, fled the country.

This week a bankruptcy court in Chicago received a report on one of the Insull properties—Insull Utility Investments, Inc. Investors are to receive "an average maximum" of \$78.62 for each \$1,000 in securities. This in addition to about \$35 they were paid a year ago.

Thus 15,000 debenture holders in this one company stand to recover about 11 per cent of their investment after approximately ten years of litigation?

Is it any wonder that these investors hesitate to put their money into anything except government securities? "The burnt child dreads the fire."

### Ain't It So?

It isn't a will power that a girl needs nowadays. It's won't power.—U. S. S. Pennsylvania Keystone.

About the only people who seem to have any fear of the police or the courts are the law-abiding citizens who never get into trouble.—The Imperial Magazine.

## Accidents Cost More Than State Schools

Traffic accidents cost North Carolinians more money each year than it costs to operate the entire State-supported school system, Ronald Hocutt, director of the Highway Safety Division, stated this week.

"We are inclined to look upon the cost of highway accidents only in terms of human suffering, twisted limbs and horrible death, while overlooking the economic aspect of the accident picture," he said. "Last year, for example, the cost of traffic accidents in North Carolina reached upwards of \$25,000,000. This sum included all costs of hospitalization, doctors' bills, repairs and replacement of damaged vehicles, working time lost by accident victims, and an estimated valuation of \$5,000 placed on each life lost."

Traffic accidents cost North Carolina industries a pretty penny, too, Hocutt said, pointing out that the average compensation costs paid to industrial workers involved in traffic accidents in connection with their work is higher than that in any other type of accident in industry, and that the average number of days lost as a result of traffic accidents in industry is greater than that in any other type of accident.

"Yes, highway accidents cost more than human suffering, tears and anguish," the safety director stated. "Accidents cost North Carolinians many millions of dollars each year. And while it may be true that much of this cost is borne by insurance companies, we all know that these companies are not in business for their health, and the cost of these accidents ultimately must be borne by all policyholders."

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Buck Roberson, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them for payment on or before the 27th day of December, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 27th day of Dec., 1940.  
ASA J. HARDISON,  
Administrator of the estate of d31-6t Buck Roberson, deceased.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. Action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of James L. Coltrain, late of Martin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Williamston, N. C., on or before the 15th day of January, 1942, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 11th day of January, 1941.  
ROY C. COLTRAIN,  
Administrator of estate of James L. Coltrain. j14-6t  
Clarence Griffin, Atty.

### NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. In The Superior Court. Before the Clerk.

George F. Cordon and others vs. Rosannah Cordon and others. The defendants, Randolph Moore, Edward Cordon, Rebecca Little, Gattis Cordon, Cora Sykes, McKinley Marriner, Rosannah Cordon and Louis Marriner above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County, N. C., to sell a certain tract of land belonging to said petitioners and said defendants for the purposes of partition, and said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before E. B. Wynne, Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County, in his office at Williamston, N. C., within ten (10) days after completion of this service of publication by notice and answer or demur to the petition of the plaintiffs in this action, or the plaintiffs will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said petition. This the 31st day of Jan., 1941.  
L. B. WYNNE,  
Clerk Superior Court. 14-4t

### EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having this day qualified as executor of the estate of the late Mrs. Mollie Harris, deceased, of Williamston, Martin County, this is to notify all persons holding claims against the said estate to present them for payment on or before December 31, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This the 23rd day of Dec., 1940.  
GEORGE HARRIS,  
Executor of the estate of Mrs. Mollie Harris. j7-6t

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Mrs. Elizabeth C. Gurganus, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the third day of February, 1942, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 3rd day of February, 1941.  
S. A. MOBLEY,  
Administrator of estate of Mrs. Elizabeth C. Gurganus, deceased. 14-6t

### DR. V. H. MEWBORN

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