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SECOND SECTION

w Governing Reports n Traffic Accidents Is ted By N.C. Patrol Head

requirements for reporting accidents will be completeged from the present sysbeginning January 1, when Carolina's new Safety Reability Law goes into effect, Vehicles Commissioner Ed Scheidt has announced.

orists involved in accidents ay only be required to make eports instead of one, as at n, but the method of reportbe places where reports are ed, and the amount of propdamage involved will also be ntly different.

order to correct any confuor misunderstanding, Comer Scheidt issued the tolg step-by-step explanation of e new reporting system will on and after January 1:

e first thing to understand a reportable accident under w Motor Vehicle Safety Reility Law is one in which a has been killed or even y injured, or the total approperty damage is $100 or There are a number of imt things that call for brief ation right here.

e first is that the amount of rty damage involved is ined from $25, as at present, to The second is that the word means all property dambmbined, not just the damage e car or other property of one n. If one car, for instance, ms $35 damage and another n the eyes of the law the toamage is $115 and the accimost certainly is reportable.

otorists should also be carenot to under-estimate the nt of property damage. Motor e repairs are costly these and that should be taken into eration. In addition, damagthing, damage to fences or ngs, broken eyeglasses and other things must be includthe calculations. If there is oubt about the amount of ty damage, my advice is to both reports and be safe. are stern penalties for wilure to report or fraudulent ng.

e next thing to remember is he driver of every car in in a reportable accident file two reports, regardless lt. Even if one driver asall blame and offers to take of the damage through his nce; or if a pedestrian who htly injured refuses medical nation and says forget the thing, go right ahead and th reports. The law says this be done—and, furthermore, sometimes change their after thinking things over.

w a word about the two acreports, and here we find l vital changes in the law. sent, motorists are required port only once and it need e written. Beginning Januhey must make two reports, o a different place, and one n must be written and on an l form. The time for filing changed.

der the new law, the first must be made immediately the quickest means of comtion. Thus, this one does not be written. If the accident ed in a municipality, the reust be made to the local police. If it occurred outside of a municipality, it must be made to the State Highway Patrol, the sheriff, or any other qualified rural police of the county in which it occurred.

"The second report must be filed within 24 hours with the State Department of Motor Vehicles. This one must be written and the new official form must be used. A supply of these forms has been deposited with all State Highway Patrol stations, the Department of Motor Vehicles, all police departments and all sheriff's offices. Any motorist can obtain one of these forms at any time without cost. It would be helpful to get one now, study it, and keep it on hand in case of ill luck.

"This report calls for answers to many questions. They must be answered accurately and adequately. The information sought is for the protection of the person making the report quite as much as the rest of the people. Take the questions about insurance, for instance. If they aren't answered the Department will assume the car or driver was uninsured and will proceed against him under the security provisions of the new law. Yet, if he had insurance, he was exempt from the remaining provisions of the new law after having filed his report.

"Most certainly motorists who do not understand the new system will have difficulty if they learn about it for the first time in the midst of an accident. Those who do understand it, however, will find it both simple and protective. That is the reason this statement is being issued."

TEEN TALK

BY VIVIAN BROWN

Dear Judy:

You can make some of your own Christmas gifts and charm the family with your ingenuity. But start early. A last minute rush will take the edge off your own holiday fun.

First, make your gift list. But don't be too ambitious. Give to friends and family and if there is time, energy and cash — spread your gift cheer to others. Here are some suggestions:

FOR MOM . . . Crocket or knit a nice warm stole — either a colorful one for early summer or a dark one for drafty winter evenings. A white one might be threaded with metallic yarn for special evening glamor if Mom is the type who likes to gad about. If you don't have a favorite crochet or knit stitch, a local shop where you purchase yarn should be glad to furnish you with simple free directions.

FOR LITTLE SIS . . . Big brother should give you a hand with this project at the start. Take a small nail keg (12 to 14 inches high), remove one-half of one side of the keg to provide a cradle shape. Scrap wood may be glued or nailed to the bottom of the cradle to make small rockers.

Pad the interior of the cradle with cotton batting. Then line it with old plastic shower curtain material or sheeting. Either or both may be tinted with all-purpose dye to an attractive decorator color. Make a flounce of the same tinted sheeting and thumb-tack it to the cradle in draped folds. Put a ruffle of sheeting across the top. Little rosettes of ribbon may be added to make a doll bed any little girl will love.

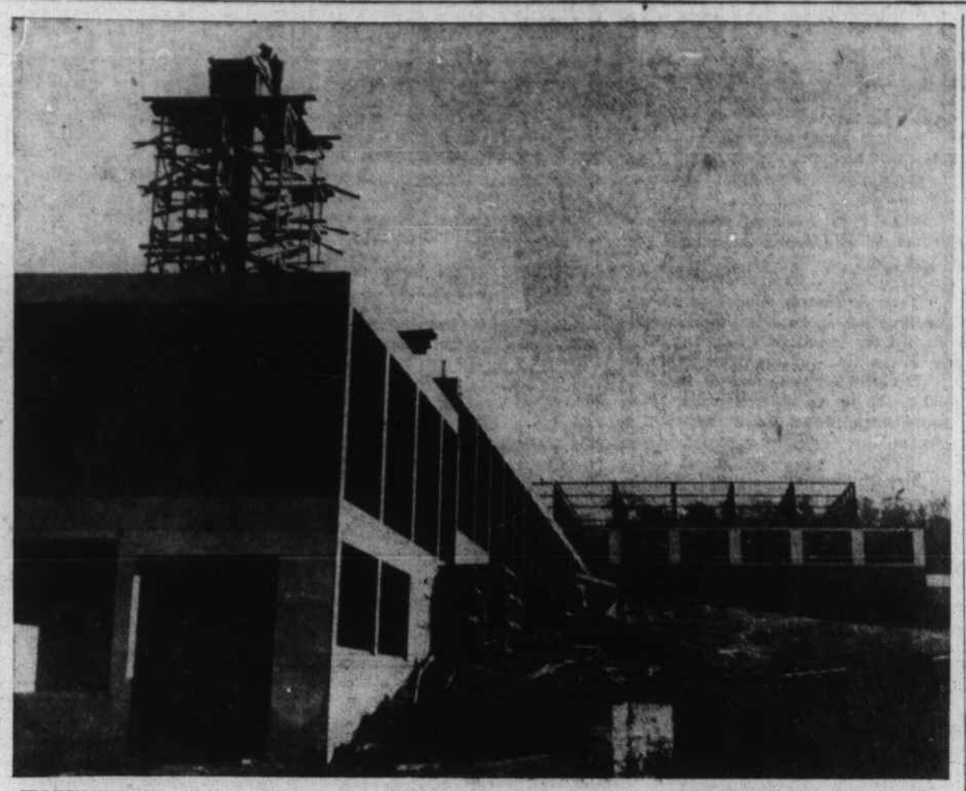
FOR DAD . . . At the 10-cent store or department store you can find interesting glasses — cocktail, beer or highball glasses which Dad uses for special parties. Ordinary household twine in its natural color (or dyed) or raffia make interestting base decorations. For small glasses start up the glass about 1½ inches, larger glasses may be twine-wound 3 inches from the base.

Take ordinary household cement, apply it to starting point of twine or raffia to hold it in place, wind around glass applying more cement to twine if it shows a tendency to slip. Tuck ends in at bottom row and anchor with cement. Spray clear plastic over twine or raffia for a glossy finish. If you dye either twine or raffia use an all-purpose dye for an all-over tinting job.

FOR BROTHER . . . Knitted socks are the only homemade things that will go over with most young gentlemen. They can be kept happy also by a subscription to a science magazine, tickets for a show or sports event, hobby books or games.

FOR TEACHER . . . A thoughtful gift for teacher, a favorite neighbor or your best pal's mother is a homemade Christmas wreath or spray for the door. For the wreath make a circle of 10-gauge wire (or use wire hanger formed into a circle). Attach Christmas tree branches or other evergreens to the wire circle until you have a nice bushy wreath. Fasten holly berries, eucalyptus berries, red pepper berries or pine cones if they are available in your locality at several points on the wreath.

Vivian



WORKMEN are shown putting the finishing touches on the tall chimney at the new high school building. Part of the steel framework can be seen in the background. The picture was made from the sidewalk of Brown Avenue. (Mountaineer Photo).

Gold Dinner Service At W. House Known By Dates

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON — Pieces that make up the White House's gold dinner service carry the dates of their purchase, not serial numbers, as some one observed at a recent formal dinner. Some of the forks go back to the late '80s.

The handsome gilded bronze centerpiece used at every state dinner was sold to the government by President Monroe, who purchased it with other fine table pieces, linen, crystal and furnishings during his years abroad as a U. S. minister. The centerpiece consists of a mirror plateau, 13½ feet long and two feet wide, with matching elaborate candelabra and fruit baskets. Designed by Paris artisans, it features figures of Bacchus and Bacchante, with 16 small figures around the mirror holding wreaths. Either 32 candles or 32 small vases of flowers may be placed in the wreaths.

Once after a White House reception during the Wilson Administration, when more than 400 pieces of silver were reported to have been lost, Mrs. Wilson began using tin spoons for such functions. She bought them herself at a downtown hardware store. A White House usher told me that at a reception several years ago, he was a bit suspicious of one of the gentlemen guests whom he saw edging up to a flock of silver laid out on the buffet table in the state dining room.

"I just jostled up against him later in the throng," he told me, "the silver jangled in his pocket, and we got it back."

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Mrs. Heinze Krekeler, pretty blond wife of the German ambassador, missed her first White House reception because of one of Washington's strict protocol rulings. It happened that her husband was in Canada. When a chief of mission leaves the country to which he is accredited, the next person in rank at the embassy becomes the charge d'affairs or acting head of mission. Thus Dr. George Federer and Mrs. Federer were to be received first by the President and Mrs. Eisenhower, and Mrs. Krekler did the correct thing. She stayed home. The Federers went to the party.

The Wright brothers' first plane was damaged after its fourth flight and never flew again.

'Anteaters' In Washington Dine On Unusual Dishes

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON—I don't have a long snout or bushy tail, but I can charge anything from an apple to a mink in local shops and enter most circles simply by identifying myself as an anteater.

Where other folks bring out driver's licenses, bank books and White House passes, I simply bring forth my membership card for the Anteaters Association and everything is jake. People don't even ask whether I eat ants.

There are several hundred two-legged Anteaters in the Capital. They are mostly business and professional people who belong to an association which indulges in large, rich wild game lunches once a week this season of the year. The organization, formed several years ago by Dr. William Mann, director of the National Zoological Gardens, has no officers, no bylaws, no politics, no dues. Members just gather round the zoo restaurant to eat.

I had potted buffalo steak at the association's 80th game lunch. The buffalo, just arrived from the Oklahoma Wildlife Refuge, not from the Zoo as you might have thought, was prepared by the restaurant's gourmet-minded chef, who first grilled the meal, then put it in the oven in a covered casserole with the gravy. The meal began with buffalo broth with barley and also had baked potato, escalloped tomato, wild rice, currant jelly, a delicious green salad flavored with dill, and apple turnover.

This lunch cost $4.50. If I had wanted to fork over $7.50 I could have had the Everglades Hunter's Special — alligator soup with diamond rattlesnake meat supreme.

The association also offers, with a straight face, a "special deluxe" luncheon for only $17.85. Appetizers on the "de luxe" include such items as crocodile tears, cream of scorpion soup and kippered octopus sweetbreads. Entrees include charcoal broiled king cobra hips, boiled lizard tongues with prickly pear and—of all insults—anteater stew with poison ivy salad. I have yet to see anybody go for this gag, however.

All this of course, comes under the association's motto of "Good Food, Good Eating and Good Fun."

Next time, however, if I survive a half dozen cocktail parties, a lavish buffet at a Cuban embassy reception and some home-cooked dishes of hot milk with dry toast, I'm going to settle for bear with a dessert of liederkranz cheese or neapolitan ice cream.

Maybe I can get the gentleman I saw at the last luncheon to loan me the book I saw sticking out of his pocket. It was entitled "How to Eat".

East Meets West

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — William R. East and Robert H. West, University of Oklahoma freshmen, are roommates. East's bed is on the east side of the room and West's opposite. They plan to be married next summer to high school sweethearts in a double-wedding.

Lifeguard To The Rescue

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)—The minute Jim Gilmour came home he heard his son's cry for help. He grabbed tools and twisted pipes to rescue the gold fish that had slipped into the kitchen sink drain. Rescues are Gilmour's business. He's a lieutenant of city beach lifeguards.

Father, Or Mouse?

CINCINNATI (AP) — Misguided parents are blamed by Traffic Court Judge Frank M. Gusweiler for many traffic violations by teenagers.

"Rather than deny children's demands for the family car, these weak-kneed parents permit them to tear over our highways," he said. "The old-fashioned father who told his children what they could do has been succeeded by yes men bearing a distinct resemblance to a mouse."

Curtis Promoted To Captain By Army In Germany

Charles Curtis, Jr., son of Mrs. Mary Curtis of Allens Creek, has been promoted to captain in the U. S. Army while serving with the 28th Infantry Division in Munich, Germany.

Capt. Curtis, now commanding Company "H" of the 109th Infantry Regiment, is a veteran of World War II and served for 11 months in Korea. He has a total of 12 years in service and has been in Germany since last September.

The captain is married to the former Edna Carver, daughter of M. D. Carver of Waynesville, Route 2. Mrs. Curtis and children, Terry, 10; Ronnie, 8, and Harold Dean, 2, will join Capt. Curtis in Germany sometime in January.

Graduation Politics Assailed

CHELSEA, Mass. (AP) — The School Board would take "politics" out of Junior High School graduation exercises.

Politicians — even members of the board — would be banned from speakig at the exercises under a resolution being studied by the resort. Successful business and professional men would be substituted.

The Shepherd

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Isaiah 61:3

St. Boniface to England came . . . To preach the gospel in Christ's name . . . And there he found the Teuton folk . . . Who worshipped pagan Odin's oak . . . The Saint adorned and decorated . . . That tree and it was consecrated . . . Unto the Christ-child on His day . . . And had his converts sing and pray . . . Around it and their gifts bestow . . . And that's the "Christmas Tree" we know.

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