

Boy's Father Writes Of His Reaction To Wreck

Editor's Note—On the night of March 17 an automobile driven by the 16-year-old son of City Representative Councilman Bill Myers went out of control at high speed. One high school student was killed and five were hurt. At the request of the Tampa Times Myers wrote his reactions, both as a father and a city official in the interest of public safety. His story has been condensed for the Associated Press.

By W. E. (BILL) MYERS

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—It was a wholesale tragedy. We realize that Tommy must face the fact that the boy lost his life in the car Tommy was driving.

There is nothing in the world to compensate for the loss of a life. If I could, I would give my own life for that boy's. I surely would. I feel that with all my heart.

Whatever charge they place against Tommy he is going to have to take it. He was wrong. I'll stand by him as a father, but not as a public official.

In Operating Room

If every parent of a teen-ager who drives could stand by helplessly in a hospital operating room and see their children lying on an operating table, wondering if they will live or die, I'm sure they would wish that the automobile had never been invented.

Yet you realize you can't lock your children in the house and tell them they can't be a part of society. And you can't be with them every minute.

So what is the answer?

I know that much of the problem is centered around speed. Ever since we have had a television set in our home, all I can remember seeing, on automobile ads is power, speed, pickup.

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Home economists from schools and colleges and utility companies and home demonstration agents in Haywood, Buncombe, Jackson, Henderson, and Transylvania counties have been invited to see the Colorama kitchen by Walter-Martin, Inc., General Electric distributor, and the Garrett Furniture Co.

Easter Is A Moveable Date

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Easter is early this year—April 1—but it has been, and will be, earlier.

In 1913, for instance, it was on March 23, the earliest in the 20th century. The next time it will fall that early is the year 2008, if you care to make a note of it.

Unlike Christmas, which always falls on Dec. 25, Easter is a movable religious feast day that can occur on any date between March 22 and April 25.

The date changes because it is tied into the timetable of the lunar year and the Vernal Equinox, the official first day of spring. The method of choosing it was worked out in the early days of Christianity so that pilgrims bound for religious shrines would have the aid of moonlight on their travels.

The last time Easter fell on its earliest date, March 22, was in 1818. It will be on that date next in 2285.

The last time it occurred on its latest possible date, April 25, was in 1943. It will return to that date again in 2038.

Some early Easters to come include March 26 in 1967, 1978 and 1989; March 29 in 1959, 1964 and 1970, and March 30 in 1975, 1986 and 1997.

drive fast, not to exceed the speed limit, to be careful and look out for the other fellow.

One of the problems confronting me now is whether to let him drive again.

About Driving Again

Frankly, I don't know if I'll ever let Tommy drive until he's 18, but it will be a long time before I have to make that decision due to the extent of his injuries.

I think that except in extreme cases, a boy probably should not be permitted to drive until he is 18. That two-year difference between 16 and 18 will give him much more maturity and common sense.

The law gives a child 16 years old the right to drive. But I feel that each parent should examine his own child as an individual and determine whether the child is fit from the standpoint of maturity and common sense to operate a lethal weapon such as the modern car.

Only then can the decision be made. And when it is made, parents and child alike should stop and think and put themselves in the hospital operating room and see themselves as I saw my young son and his friends.

Then, perhaps, the point will be driven home with all the impact it deserves.



PARK RANGERS in Waynesville Friday for a showing of color slides on "Mission 66", the 10-year plan to improve facilities in National Parks, were Art A. Henderson of Soco Gap, Robert E. Howe of Asheville, district ranger, and Stanley C. Kowalkowski of Asheville. The color slides will be shown here again to the public at 8 o'clock tonight at the courthouse.

(Mountaineer Photo.)

Burley Allotment Notices Will Be Mailed Friday

Burley tobacco allotment notices for 1956 will be mailed out by the Haywood County ASC office, it has been announced.

The majority of county burley growers will have the same allotments they had last year, it was explained. In some instances, allotments will be combined and in others they will be divided.

The federal government announced late last year that burley allotments would be cut an average of 15 per cent for 1956, but the reduction was later restored by Congress.

Haywood County's relationship adjustment this year was 1.14 acre, which was divided among the various communities on the basis of sizes of allotments.

Measurement of burley plots by the ASC will begin the last of May or the first of June.

Cherokee Women Give Program At Rockwood

On Thursday evening, March 22, two members of the Cherokee Methodist Church, had charge of the program of W.S.C.S. at Rockwood Methodist Church. Mrs. Jessie Fuller gave an interesting talk on "Cherokee Life". Mrs. Isreal Hornbuckle sang a solo, then they sang "Amazing Grace" in Cherokee. One lady was heard to remark: "Your music was the most beautiful I have ever heard. Your tones were so soft."

Gilt Edged

BALTIMORE (AP) — There is only one name listed under "Assayers" in the Baltimore classified directory. He assays gold and silver, of course. His name—Mogul.

135 Towns Enter Finer Carolina Competition

A total of 135 Carolina communities have entered the fifth annual "Finer Carolina" contest.

Beautification projects such as paint-up, fix-up and landscaping seem to be favorite undertakings, according to E. N. Pope, who directs the contest for Carolina Power & Light Company. Other favorites are industrial development, street improvements, swimming pools, parks and developments of a religious or cultural nature.

THIS WEEK'S BEST SELLERS

FICTION

Ten North Frederick, John O'Hara, Andersonville, MacKinlay Kantor.

Marjorie Morningstar, Herman Wouk.

Auntie Mame, Patrick Dennis.

Cash McCall, Cameron Hawley.

NONFICTION

Gift From The Sea, Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

The Search For Bridey Murphy, Morye Bernstein.

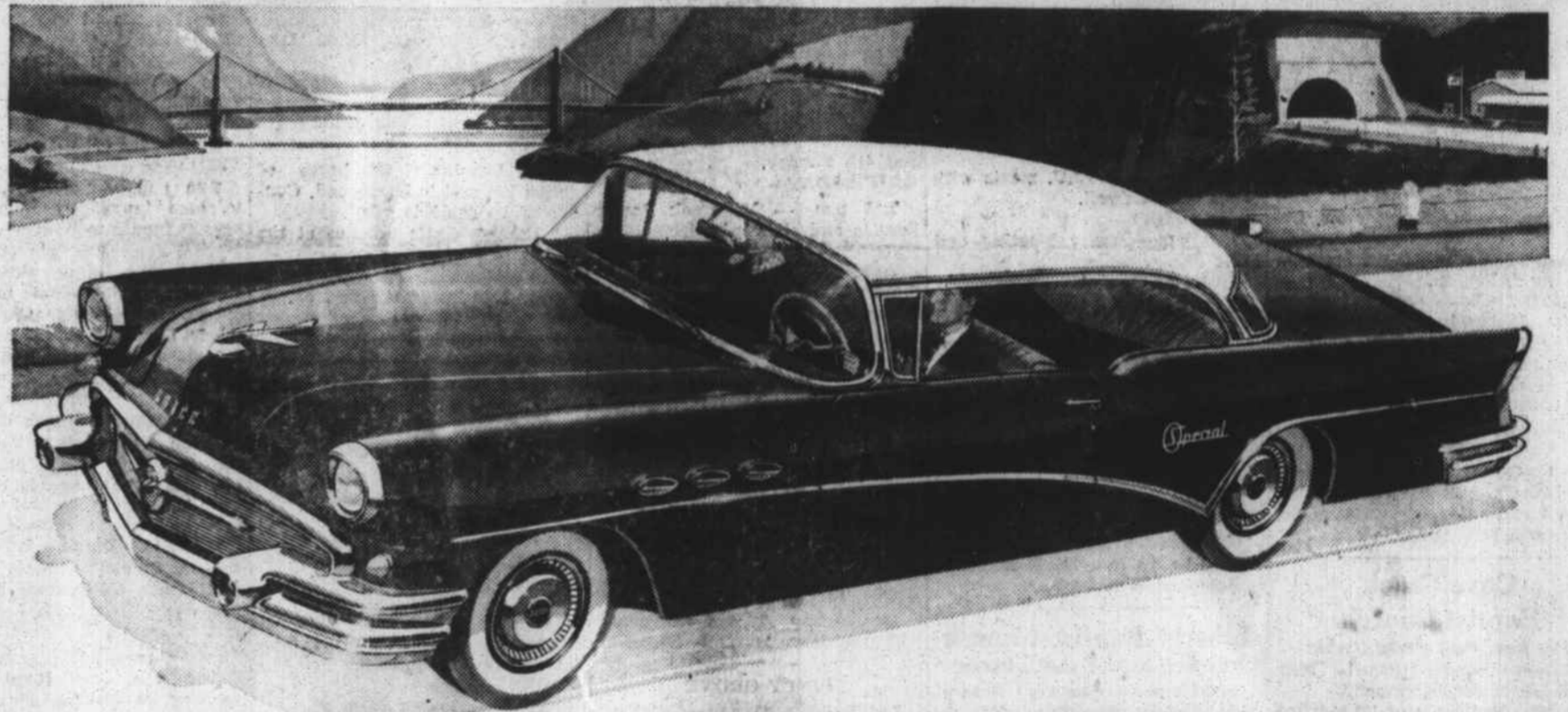
A Night To Remember, Walter Lord.

The Scrolls From The Dead Sea, Edmund Wilson.

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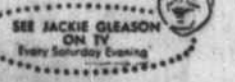
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