

Mother Of War Victim Praises Army For Work In Identifying Dead; Writes President

(Editor's note: A few months ago, Mrs. Lincoln Field Brownell, of 379 Chase Parkway, Waterbury, Conn., had certain doubts as to whether the remains of her son had been properly identified. She had been notified that he was interred in the United States Military Cemetery at Margraten, Holland.)

To satisfy these doubts, she made a special trip to Holland. There she talked with American Graves Registration Command Officers, saw her son's grave, and was told of identification work being done in connection with the care of America's World War II dead. Her letter to President Truman, used with permission of Mrs. Brownell and the White House, expresses her satisfaction at the work being done.)

Dear Mr. President: I have just returned from a visit to the U. S. Military Cemetery, Margraten, Holland, where my son—Robert T. H. Brownell, Plot 2, Row 10, Grave 250—lies.

Mr. President, I went over for some Peace of Mind, I have that peace now in the fact that I know that my son does lie beneath his cross. So many lurid stories float around—I have even heard nurses say that there is no way in the world to identify someone from a battlefield without a tag. Then there are the awful stories that just as there are two arms—two legs, etc. they consider that a body. Then there are the returned soldiers who at times were detailed to bury dead and they say they couldn't tell what or who they buried.

It is an awful thing for families

Under and by virtue of the powers and authority contained in that certain deed of trust from G. C. Williams and wife to Arthur B. Corey, Trustee, of record in Book K-24, page 602, Pitt County Registry, default having been made in the payment of indebtedness therein secured, the undersigned, will offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder, for cash, before the court house door in Pitt County, Greenville, North Carolina, at 12:00 o'clock Noon, on Monday, September 15, 1947, the following described lots or parcels of land: First Tract: Lying and being in the Town of Fardolus, and being Lots Nos. 17 and 18 in Block "H," of the plan of said town, and being same property described in conveyance of record in Pitt County Registry in Book H-12, page 162. Second Tract: Lying in the Town of Fardolus and being known as the store lot on which now stands a store building. A 10% deposit will be required of the high bidder. This 14th day of August, 1947. ARTHUR B. COREY, Trustee. 8-22-47

to hear Mr. President. But now I know differently. I was explained and shown your positive identification system the Army has. Col. Johnson, Major Lyle and the entire Command left no stone unturned—so I know when the Army puts a name and a number on a cross—that is that boy, and when they do not know, that grave is marked unknown.

That is what mothers and families want to be sure of—not just that the sky is blue, the grass is green, the scene is beautiful. They want to be certain beyond doubt that it is their son.

Mr. President—it would be only human to ease the doubts and mental suffering. Please publicize about the wonderful work the Army is doing—their identification system.

I'm going to bring my son home, but I had to go over to make certain.

I am so glad our Government is human and kind. I do not blame anyone. I do not even consider it in good taste to comment on whether anyone wishes to bring their beloved home or not. To each his own. I know what I must do.

Some say this, some say another. Thank God we live in America where there is a choice.

I made colored movies of Margraten. If you will send them back I will mail to you. They couldn't help but be beautiful.

I flew to Margraten. I only stayed in Maastricht 10 days. I left LaGuardia and was in Amsterdam in 19 hours. My flight back the same.

Now I can sleep. I know my son lies beneath his cross. I know—I know—I know.

Sincerely, Mrs. Lincoln Field Brownell.

Follow These Tips And You Won't Have Trouble In Passing Exams

(This is the final article in the four part series titled "What You Must Know To Obtain A Driver's License in North Carolina.") The safe driver is the practical driver. Driving skill can be acquired but it takes a practical person to combine the sound judgment that makes for safe driving with essential knowledge of road rules and regulations. The skillful driver must drive not only his own car but must be ever alert to the movements of vehicles near him. He must drive for himself and for the person in

Pioneer Merchant



J. H. HARRIS Typical of the high calibre men who own Farmville's business firms is J. H. Harris, whose firm is one of the town's oldest.

the other car. If you are involved in an accident, a written report must be made to the police department or to the Highway Safety Division within 24 hours. On your report tell exactly what happened and where the accident occurred. If anybody is hurt in an accident in which you are involved or are a witness, render all possible aid. If you damage another person's car while he is not present, the proper method is to leave your name and address in his car or stick a note under his windshield wiper giving details and your address so that you may be reached.

If you live in North Carolina and own a motor vehicle it must be registered and any officer of the law is entitled to examine the registration certificate which should be carried at all times when the car is in use. License certificate should also be carried when you are driving a motor vehicle.

The equipment on your car is vitally important to your safety. Required equipment, which must be inspected regularly, includes: brakes, lights, horn, muffler, mirror, windshield wiper, safety glass and good tires.

"All accidents," according to the Driver Manual issued by the Highway Safety Division of the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, "do not happen while vehicles are being driven. A parked vehicle may also cause an accident, kill someone or destroy property. Therefore, before leaving your vehicle, set the brakes and stop the motor. If your car breaks down, move it off the highway by towing or pushing."

Be careful when parking on an up-hill slope to turn your front wheels away from the curb and back up until they touch the curb, on a down-hill slope turn your front wheels toward the curb. It is also good policy to leave your car in gear. Do not park on the paved or traveled part of a highway and never on a hill or curve.

Driving too fast for conditions is a dangerous practice. On an icy road, exercise caution must be shown at all times, also in heavy traffic or a crowded pedestrian area such as a school zone.

If you want to live and be healthy, do not take your half of the open road in the middle and don't straddle lanes on a wide thoroughfare. Caution when passing is necessary at all times. Do not pass on hills, curves, at intersections, at railroad crossings, within 100 feet of a bridge or when another car is approaching. When you are being passed slow down a little and do not reach high speed until the other car is well forward.

Several rules should be followed when turning: get into the correct lane before turning and turn into the correct lane; give the hand signal at least 50 feet before you turn, look about to see that nothing is in the way, and slow down to safe speed before turning. Do not make a "turn-about" or "U" turn to go in the opposite direction on any curve or near the top of a hill where you cannot be seen from 500 feet away. The use of hand signals, of course, is a must when making a "turn-about" or "U" turn.

Right of way has been the basis of numerous arguments. There are important factors to remember: First, car into an intersection has the right of way, with no traffic signals of any kind, the car on your right has the right of way; a car, already in an intersection, should be allowed to make a left turn if he has signaled his intention; emergency vehicles always have the right of way; give pedestrians in crosswalks the right of way unless there are traffic signals or a police officer directing traffic at that point; give a pedestrian the right of way if he is crossing and the light changes while he is in the crosswalk and remember that a pedestrian always has right of way over a turning car when both are proceeding with a green light.

Six valuable miscellaneous rules to follow are: put on brakes gradually when you have a flat tire or blowout; if you run off the pavement ease back on by first plowing down; look back all the time when backing; watch out for bicycle riders and children at play; keep the front seat free of parcels and make sure a second train is not coming if you have waited for one to pass.

AT OUR FOUNTAIN You can always get a good drink — We Carry at All Times a Complete Line of — Nationally Advertised Brands of Sundries and Patent Medicines • TOILET ARTICLES FOR MEN AND WOMEN • Fountain Pens and Pencils, Leather Goods and Candies CITY DRUG COMPANY 103 S. MAIN ST. — PHONE 361-4 — FARMVILLE, N. C.

ELECTRICITY IS OUR HEAD MAN Electric Milkers Provide Waste-Free, Sanitary Milking of our Guernsey Herd of Over Forty Cows. The Milk is ELECTRICALLY Cooled, Bottled, Capped and placed in an Electric Refrigerator five minutes later, then Rushed by Truck to Our Customers. From the Cow to Your Table Untouched by Hand Pecan Grove Dairy • WE INVITE YOU TO SEE OUR MODERN PLANT • Dial 212-3 — Farmville, N. C. • For Grade 'A' Milk & Cream

Visit The WESTERN AUTO ASSOCIATE STORE — HEADQUARTERS FOR ALL KINDS OF AUTO ACCESSORIES — Tires, Tubes, Batteries, Radios, Bicycles and Sporting Goods. TRADE IN YOUR OLD BIKE! Liberal Allowance This Week ONLY! MORE-FOR-YOUR-MONEY WESTERN FLYERS ENJOY REAL BICYCLING PLEASURE! FAMOUS "FLYER" QUALITY & GUARANTEE. YOU PAY NO MORE WHEN YOU GET THE BEST! EASY TERMS All Steel, Handy BROOM RAKE Western Auto Associate Store C. H. JOYNER, Owner North Main Street Farmville, N. Carolina 4-BALL CROQUET SET \$7.85 \$9.75 Value