

WHAT PRICE FOR YOUR TOES?

Three Employees Testify To Value Of Safety Shoes

Ask a group of men or women how large the payment of money would have to be before they consent to have a heavy weight purposely dropped on their toes—a weight that would make sure of even a temporary fracture or mangling. Would you accept \$116, the average indemnity, or \$1,000, 10,000 or 100,000? At what point would you consider the return worth the pain and probable loss of toes?

There are a few who might be money-minded enough to consider some high price for their toes, but it is doubtful whether much enthusiasm could be worked up for such an offer. Even if one agreed to have his toes

crushed for a consideration, if given a little time to think it over, it is pretty certain he would back out before the day of execution.

Studies have proved that the majority of painful, disabling toe injuries need never to have happened, if the victim had been wearing safety shoes at the time of the accident.

There are three employees here who are especially enthusiastic in their praise of safety shoes. Jeff Galloway, Ralph Moten and Vernon Martin narrowly escaped pain and injury because they were wearing safety shoes at the time an accident occurred to each of them.



A ROTARY LAWN MOWER last summer jumped at Jeff Galloway, Carding, but the blade didn't cut through the steel plate in his safety shoe. Here demonstrated is the unsafe practice leading to the accident which could have been serious.



A 350-POUND DRUM of oil slipped from an overhead hoist and fell on a foot belonging to Ralph Moten, supply clerk. Because he had been careful enough to purchase and wear his safety shoes, he came away from the accident with no ill effects.



A LOOM CRANKSHAFT of heavy steel slipped and landed on the toe of Supply Clerk Vernon Martin's shoe. Thanks to the safety feature of the footwear, Martin came away from the incident unharmed and more experienced in safe working practices.

SAFETY TIPS IN USING THE ELEVATOR



Safety around elevators pays off. Here are a few tips to help prevent accidents in elevators:

- Operate elevators only if you have been authorized to do so.
- Be sure to shut all elevator gates before leaving the landing.
- Always get in after the load—don't pull it in after you.
- Report defects.

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Driver Attitude A Safety Factor

The State Department of Motor Vehicles in North Carolina has put into use a new manual for driver license applicants.

The text of the publication emphasizes proper driving attitude. Unchanged from a former edition is the four essential tests for beginning drivers—eyesight, sign recognition, written test and road test.

The manual points out for beginning drivers that knowledge and skill alone will not make a proficient driver. Careful study of the text will reveal for the applicant that proper attitude while driving a motor vehicle is of the utmost importance for safety.

Laura Conrad

Mrs. Laura Belle Conrad, 81, died January 6, after a brief illness. Born in Catawba County, December 22, 1874, she was the daughter of Gilbert and Rebecca Hoke Gilbert. George Franklin Conrad, her husband, preceded her in death. She had lived in Gastonia since 1902.

The funeral was held at West Avenue Presbyterian Church, where she was a member. Officiating was the Rev. Charles Hedgepath, pastor of Firestone Wesleyan Methodist Church. Interment was in the Salem Lutheran Church Cemetery in Lincoln County.

Surviving Mrs. Conrad are two daughters, Mrs. Minnie Frances Johnson, Spinning; and Mrs. Lucy Bell Phillips, Spinning; a son, Russell E. Conrad, overseer in Rayon Weaving; and two sisters, Ralph Johnson, Director of Recreation; Roland Conrad, Rayon Weaving; Earl Conrad, SYC Weaving; Clara Conrad, Rayon Weaving; Clyde Phillips, Rayon Weaving; Louise Lytton, Rayon Twisting; and Mary Johnson, Rayon Weaving are grandchildren of Mrs. Conrad.

Walter L. Wood of Salem, S. C., died December 23, last year. A sister, Mrs. Pearl Chastain, is a battery hand in SYC Weaving here.

If You Have Moved

Please be sure to notify your department head of your new address. If the Firestone News is mailed to you at your old address, the postman does not make delivery.

Ten Million Goal Set For UCP

The campaign goal for United Cerebral Palsy in 1956 will be \$10,000,000, Stanley C. Hope, campaign chairman, has announced. Hope, president of Esso Standard Oil Company, is serving with Roger S. Firestone, who this year is Executive Vice

President of United Cerebral Palsy.

Mr. Firestone, President of Firestone Plastics Company, Pottstown, Pa., was national campaign chairman for UCP last year, when receipts for that organization amounted to \$7,500,000. For his services in the 1955 UCP campaign Mr. Firestone received the United Cerebral Palsy Distinguished Service Award.

Signs Of Spring To Be Seen In Mid-South During February

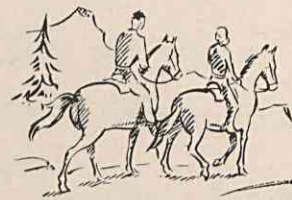
During February, warm sunshine in the Mid-South resorts and along the Southeastern Coast make golf, riding and sightseeing pleasant for travelers in North Carolina. In the Wilmington area and in the Sandhills, camellias are beginning to bloom, heralding the spring flower season which reaches its best in late March and early April with the blossoming of dogwood, azaleas, wisteria, cherry trees and bulb flowers.

TRADITIONAL and 20th century-style methods of pursuing that ever-wary animal, the fox, are enjoyed in North Carolina during February. At Nags Head on the coast, the annual Valentine Season Foxhunt is scheduled for February 16-18. Here the field follows the hounds across the sand dunes and through the "sould side" woods in jeeps and automobiles. Fur-

semi-finalists will receive awards, and the educational grants will number more than 400.

Scholarship winners will be announced around the month of April.

ther inland, North Carolina's three organized fox hunts are enjoying good sport, with riders in formal hunting attire surging across the Sandhills, Piedmont



and Appalachian foothills. At Southern Pines the Moore County Hounds go out Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The Tryon Hounds also go out on those days; Sedgfield Hunt goes out Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Moore County Hounds hunter trials will be held February 18.

GADDY'S GOOSE REFUGE, near Ansonville on Highway 52, is the winter home of some 10 to 15 thousand wild geese and a winter mecca for visitors from all over the country. Visitors can feed and photograph the geese, which become quite tame during their sojourn at this unusual privately-owned wildlife haven.

EMPLOYEE'S DAUGHTER

Peggy Davis In Semi-Finals For Merit Scholarship Award

Miss Peggy Davis, senior honor student at Lincoln High School, is one of the semi-finalists in the nationwide Merit Scholarship contests this year. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davis of Lincoln. Her mother is a battery hand in SYC Weaving here. Announcement of Miss Davis' selection came in a letter to Principal F. D. Kiser from John M. Stalaker, president of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation of Evanston, Ill. Six senior Lincoln students entered the contest.

LINCOLN will be represented by Miss Davis in competition with semi-finalists from

other high schools throughout the nation in the scholarship contests. Value of the first prize scholarship in the contest is estimated to be around \$3,000.

Miss Davis took the scholastic aptitude test of the College Entrance Board on January 14. The winners of four-year Merit scholarships and of Certificates of Merit, awarded to runners-up, will be selected from the group of semi-finalists. Scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test and an evaluation of the data in the School Information Form—to be filled out by the competing school and student—will be the basis of selection.

Approximately half of the