

Farmers Warned Of Dangers From Heavy Traffic On Highways

Raleigh, Aug. 12—Already confronted with the worst traffic conditions in the State's history, state officials who are interested in the highway safety problem view with apprehension the opening of the tobacco markets this year.

"In normal years, the marketing of the tobacco crop causes abnormal traffic conditions resulting in many accidents, but with traffic already at an all-time peak, the 1941 tobacco season is liable to result in a bumper crop of traffic accidents," said Ronald Hocutt, director of the Highway Safety Division.

Our principal tobacco-producing section is Eastern North Carolina where most of the defense activity in the state is concentrated. This will mean that certain highways will be jammed these next few months with military vehicles, private cars of defense workers, and tobacco-hauling vehicles. For this reason it is all the more important this year that those who have tobacco to haul to market should take every precaution to see that their hauling is done in the safest possible manner."

Hocutt pointed out that the opening of the tobacco markets usually brings forth upon the highways a vast array of nondescript vehicles which stay in the farm yard or under a shelter most of the year and which, for the most part, lack a lot of being in the safest mechanical condition.

These vehicles can create serious hazards on our highways. The safety director said, "and motorists should recognize these hazards and compensate for them by increasing their alertness and caution when driving on roads where tobacco-haulers are operating."

By way of suggestions to tobacco growers, Hocutt stressed the importance of proper loading, so as to give even weight distribution, and of careful inspection of tires, brakes and trailer couplings. Inasmuch as much tobacco is hauled during hours of darkness, he also urged the importance of careful inspections of running lights and clearance lights before each trip to market. He also suggested that tobacco-haulers carry flags and flares for use in case of break-downs necessitating emergency repairs on the highway.

Still another thing about which Hocutt warned is the practice of carrying passengers on the rear of trucks or trailers. In the past seasons, he said, he has observed that many drivers on their way back home after selling their tobacco make a habit of loading the back of their trucks with neighbors looking for a ride home. Several persons have been killed in the state this summer as a result of falling off or being bounced off the rear end of trucks, he said.

"Getting your tobacco to market is important," he added, "but the really important thing is that the vehicle hauling your tobacco gets to market and back to the farm without endangering the lives of your drivers and helpers or other people on the highway."

Science Facts

Cold hands may be a sign of a warm heart, but in nine out of ten people they indicate tension and anxiety, according to a study made at Cornell and New York Hospital. Other temperatures being normal, normal finger temperatures are in the low 90's. Research shows that in moments of anxiety and tension finger temperatures may drop from 10 to 24 degrees. Tendons from kangaroo tails are now being used instead of catgut by some surgeons in certain operations. Kangaroo tendons have been found to be stronger than catgut—which is obtained from sheep. A bad sunburn may be suffered from sitting in the sun while the body is still wet after bathing: the drops act as magnifying lenses for the sun's rays. The absorption area of the lungs, the inner surface through which the body takes in oxygen, is about 50 times the external area of the body.

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By MABEL HENRY

While the House of Congress last week were discussing the length of the draftees, it was apparent that we should really get the opinion of what the draftees want.

In Leesville, La., a private wrote: "I cannot see how the army will be weakened by sending us draftees home after our year is up. We can be recalled and outfitted in three days—and meanwhile other men can be trained in our places."

In Fort McClellan, Ala., several soldiers write: "If we, the 27th Division New Yorkers have to stay in the Army more than a year, at least they could pull us out of this hole and transfer us to some camp where we could have some fun."

In Montreal, Quebec: How does Hitler hope to win this war when the so-called mighty Luftwaffe can't even beat one R.A.F.? The damn fool has now gone after two R.A.F.'s—the Royal Air Force and the Russian Air Force.

Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.: Persons in high places have made statements recently that a majority of National Guardsmen on active duty have expressed willingness to stay more than a year. There are 140 men in company, of whom 139 want to go home and one has no home to go to.

It is quite true, however, that the draftees feel very much discouraged about being away from home, but at the same time, we find that the boys in the Army and Navy came from farms and small towns—plus very little education. Naturally the camps are there to help your son and to learn the different trades of work that are given in various fields, but most of all, it helps to educate a boy in the manner of being a better active citizen in the service of his country, the United States of America.

RULES OF THE ROAD

Police And Fire Vehicles

Sec. 119, Motor Vehicle Laws of North Carolina: "(a) Upon the approach of any police or fire department giving audible signal by bell, siren or exhaust whistle, the driver of every other vehicle shall immediately drive the same to a position as near as possible and parallel to the right hand edge or curb, clear of any intersection of highways, and shall stop and remain in such position unless otherwise directed by a police or other traffic officer until the police or fire department vehicle shall have passed.

"(b) It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle other than one on official business to follow any fire apparatus traveling in response to a fire alarm closer than one block or to drive into or park such vehicle within one block of where fire apparatus has stopped in answer to a fire alarm."

North Carolina Youth Day To Be Observed At Manteo, Aug. 16-17

MANTEO, August 11—Boys and girls from throughout North Carolina will participate in the observance of North Carolina Youth Day here Saturday and Sunday, August 16-17, under the sponsorship of the National Youth Administration.

Speakers for the occasion will include Congressman Herbert Bonner of the First Congressional district, Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, and John A. Lang, State NYA Administrator.

The Youth Day will serve a dual purpose of enabling hundreds of our North Carolina boys and girls to visit Manteo and enjoy its recreational facilities and to see the production of the famous "The Lost Colony."

In addition to the addresses, other highlights of the day's activities will be a softball game between a team from the Raleigh resident center of the NYA and CCC Camp No. 436, an informal party for NYA officials and other guests, a fish fry, an amateur show featuring NYA youths, a sight-seeing trip on Roanoke Island, swimming, dancing, fishing and other recreation, and a special service Sunday morning, which will be conducted by Major Leon M. Hall, chaplain of the United States Army of Fort Bragg, who will speak on "The Influence of Sacred Places."

Arrangements have been made by the NYA to youths attending the event to receive special privileges for swimming, fishing, and other recreational features. Youths attending the annual Youth Day will pay a registration fee of \$1.35, which will include lodging, the fish fry, dancing at the casino, attendance at the production of "The Lost Colony," and other features of the event.

Arrangements have been made to station Red Cross lifeguards and a Coast Guard rescue squad on the beach during the periods used by the NYA group.

The Lively Old Millionaire's 10-Year Party. Louis Sobel, famous Broadway commentator, tells why the aging tycoon suddenly renounced business and set out to have the good time he thought everyone was entitled to, finally leaving to a bevy of beautiful girls "Everything," including legal headaches. In The American Weekly, with Sunday's Times-Herald, now on sale.

In other words, when a police car or fire truck approaches you with its bell or siren sounding, pull over to the right as far as you can and stop and wait for it to pass. If you are following a fire truck, stay at least a block behind it and park your vehicle at least a block away from where the fire apparatus stops.

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Welding Class At State College Is Postponed

There has been a two weeks' postponement of the welding class which was scheduled to open August 11, 1941, at State College. According to the present plans this class will begin August 25, at 7:30 a. m., and will last for nine weeks, during which forty hours training per week will be given free of charge. Classes will be held the first five days of the week from 7:30 a. m. until 3:30 p. m.

A tenth grade education or its

equivalent is necessary for admittance to this training, and a good physical condition with particular emphasis on eyesight and steadiness of hand. Person with physical handicaps which would not affect their training in welding or their performance in this trade after completion of the training, will be considered. However, their chances of employment will not be so great as persons without handicaps.

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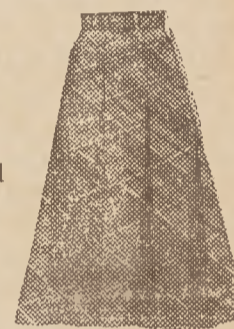
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