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Judge R. A. Nunn, generally recognized as New Bern's Mr. Historian, not only knows every street in town, but in most instances can tell you how the older thoroughfares got their names.

For example, Pollock street derived its handle from Col. Thomas Pollock, who owned 250 acres of land subdivided into streets and lots and called New Bern. Hancock street honors William Hancock, the colonel's attorney. Incidentally, Pollock had more money than you could shake a stick at. He came to America in 1682 from Scotland, and first settled in Chowan county.

Bloomfield street is named for Robert Bloomfield, the pastoral poet who authored "The Farmer's Boy" and other exceptional works. As for Metcalf street, it originated with Caleb Metcalf, a merchant in this the first state capital.

It is rather common knowledge among native New Bernians that George street is named for King George III of England. It was established in 1771. However, we dare say that only a few citizens know that King street got its name from King George I of England, who was the first Hanoverian king of Great Britain. He succeeded Queen Anne as sovereign in 1714, and died June 10, 1727.

Some of New Bern's streets are named for presidents of the United States. Lincoln street honors Abraham Lincoln, and McKinley records similar recognition to William McKinley. It is a grim coincidence that both of these presidents were assassinated. Garfield is still another street in New Bern that is named for a president, and the Washington street you may never have seen or heard of pays tribute to the Father of our Country.

Eden street, which borders the Tryon Palace restoration, is so designated in recognition of Charles Eden, who was governor of the North Carolina Province from May 28, 1714, until his death on March 26, 1722. Johnson is named for Gabriel Johnson, who was governor from November 2, 1734 until July 17, 1752. Originally it was called Union street.

Like Johnson street, National Avenue saw a change in names too. Before it became National—bordered as it is by the National cemetery—it was known as Jack Smith's road or Whitford street. A nearby stream, crossing Oaks road, is still known as Jack Smith's creek.

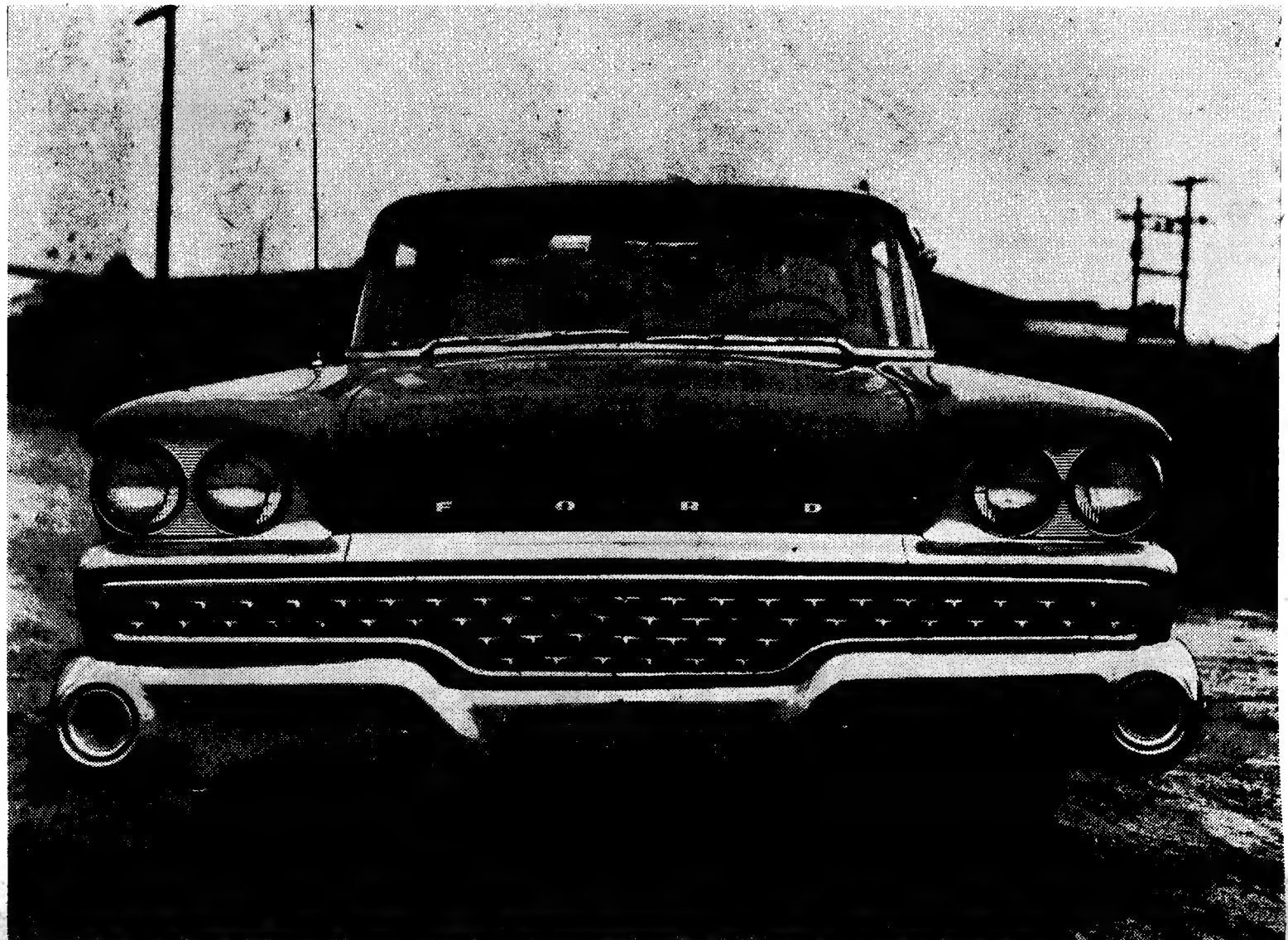
Queen street is named for Queen Anne of England. Since Queen Anne lane is also named for her, this feminine monarch has been doubly honored in our quaint and picturesque city on the banks of the Neuse and Trent.

Broad street street got its name because it was the widest thoroughfare in New Bern's original plan, while Craven is named for the Earl of Craven, who was one of the Lords Proprietors. Our county is also named for the same gentleman.

Our idea for a Fleet street came from Fleet street in London, while Kilmarnock street, where New Bern's great fire on December 1, 1922, had its beginning, is named for a town in Ayrshire, Scotland.

End street, now renamed First street, was so designated because it marked the western boundary of the town when it was first established. German street, changed to Liberty street during the fervent anti-Kaiser days of World War I, wasn't named for the country at all, but was a family name—sometimes spelled German and sometimes spelled Jerman.

Other family names that turned into labels for streets here were Attmore, Armstrong, Avant, Bidle, Blades, Booker, Brown, Bryan, Burn, Carmer, Carroll, Cobb, Coart, Davis, Dillahunt, Dunn, Eubanks, Good, Graves, Green, Griffith, Gu-



ON THE JOB—Motorists in the New Bern area who get notions about driving recklessly during the Fourth of July holiday period are apt to be caught by this special car of the State Highway Patrol. Supervised by Corporal Arthur Fields, it has a camera that gets just about everything but

your phone number. Recorded on film is your traffic behavior, and the exact speed of your vehicle at the time the camera gives you the once over. You'll never talk yourself out of this kind of evidence.

Highway Patrol Preparing For a Real Busy July Fourth

New Bern motorists will not only have a pleasant Fourth of July, but live to enjoy Thanksgiving and Christmas too, if members of the State Highway Patrol can bring it about during the next few crucial days of dangerous traffic conditions.

Grimly mindful of past tragedies that have snuffed out hundreds of lives in the coastal region through the years, the Patrol intends to work around the clock in a determined effort to prevent you and your loved ones from becoming statistics in the terrific toll expected on the nation's teeming roads.

Always it is the same. Fed up with toiling in the midst of sultry weather that hovers over them, and anxious to get to the rippling waves and cooling breezes of North

Carolina's beaches, thousands of Tar Heels will be taking chances that never should be taken.

In most instances, there will be the inevitable late start, and a foolish rush to make up for lost time. Human nature being what it is, other tardy motorists will be speeding to their destination too.

There will be crowding of vehicles, and laughter and conversation. Participating in the pleasantries are going to be drivers who can't possibly give their attention to unexpected dangers while chatting with friends and relatives.

Since to many North Carolinians any sort of celebrating ties in with drinking alcoholic beverages, a disconcerting large number of the motorists will be under the influence. Even the most conservative imbibers are going to be a menace to himself and to other motorists who have the misfortune to be on his route.

A still greater menace, of course, is the driver who not only imbibes a beer—or maybe two—but indulges in swilling that invariably leads to maiming and killing. Ask any patrolman—and who would know better—and he'll tell you that drinking and speed will cause the majority of serious highway tragedies during the Fourth of July period.

Quite a few drivers, with the best of intentions, will refrain from drinking on their way to the beach, or en route to a well selected fishing spot. Once there, however, they will be less cautious. As a result, they start the trip back home with too much to drink un-

der their belt, and are doubly dangerous because they feel the supreme self-confidence that over-indulging brings on.

Even the driver who hasn't been drinking is mighty apt to be tired, and if he has picked up too much sunburn—which is likely—he is miserable and irritable. In such a frame of mind, he lacks the patience to drive properly. An impatient driver is inclined to pass on curves, hog the road, and dodge in and out of traffic.

All of which adds up to the perfect setting for horror on the highways. So persistent are North Carolinians and other Americans in their highway recklessness, that it is possible each year to predict well in advance the carnage that is bound to come.

It is one of the peculiar facets of human optimism that most motorists, while undoubtedly aware of the grim situation, take the attitude that someone else will be the victim. This may be soothing syrup for one's peace of mind, but it won't keep people from landing in hospitals and morgues, and even the optimist, if he takes chances, may have the law of averages catch up with him.

Assuming that you're the sort of driver who won't be speeding and won't be drinking, you still can't be complacent. Because a lot of other folks won't be as conservative, you'll not only have to drive carefully yourself, but be prepared for the recklessness of others.

Here in New Bern, for a number of years, there has been a trend toward staying at home on the Fourth of July. Seeing as how it's less than an hour's drive to the ocean, and there are plenty of other times during the summer to head for the seashore, it would appear that the stay-at-home line of reasoning is a sound one.

However, if you can't resist the urge to get out of town, at least see to it that you don't stack the cards in favor of the Grim Reaper. A lot of people will do just that, and the consequences are ghastly to contemplate.

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