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THE REAL KILLER

Far be it from The Mirror to find fault with an automobile inspection law for North Carolina. Unpopular though it may be, such legislation will uncover dangerous mechanical defects that motorists ought to know about.

However, it will be a great mistake if officials of the Old North State, with their emphasis on inspection, give Tar Heels the foolish notion that highway deaths result chiefly from vehicles in need of overhauling.

This editor doesn't qualify as an expert, but a third of a century covering hundreds of fatal accidents has convinced us that the vast majority of those who die on the road are victims of speed, intoxication, or a combination of both.

Neither super highways nor periodic safety checks can be counted on to reduce the slaughter to a considerable extent. North Carolina will continue to have more than a thousand travelers killed annually until something is done to get at the true source of this needless destruction.

There can be recklessness without speed, and some of the most dangerous drivers are cold sober. Even so, of the hundreds of highway deaths we have covered on our news beat at least three fourths resulted from fast or drunken driving.

If you doubt the percentage we have arrived at, you're invited to join us in the none too pleasant job of checking traffic fatalities first hand. In due time you'll undoubtedly come up with a percentage very much like ours.

What North Carolina needs above everything else, if it hopes to reduce the slaughter, are juries who will convict the guilty and judges who will make punishment severe enough.

Only then can we expect less blood letting. Too many abiding citizens lack the courage or conscience to do their duty when they find themselves in the jury box. To say the situation is a disgrace is putting it mildly.

Here again, if you doubt what we're saying you need only to attend a few sessions of court. Then, and only then, will you realize how many drunken drivers are allowed to continue their pattern of behavior until they kill themselves or more often someone else.

Yes, safety checks are fine, but let's stop kidding ourselves and face the real problem. If we ever do, a lot of folks will live longer.

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Historical Gleanings

—By—
ELIZABETH MOORE

PLOTS & DIVISIONS, CRAVEN COUNTY

State of North Carolina, Craven County. In obedience to an order of the Superior Court held for the District of New Bern, January Term 1802, to us the subscribers, directed us to divide the real estate of Millus Broome, deceased, among his legal representatives.

No. 1 to James Broome, beginning at a black jack on the run of the East prong of Ned's Branch, &c to the edge of the Pocason, &c to a pine called Diggins' corner, &c to William Darden's line &c including part of the manor plantation.

No. 2, lying in the County of Greene, beginning at a black gum &c to Ned's Branch, &c to beginning, including all the orchard and houses, and part of the manor plantation, to Mary Broome.

No. 3 to Mellus Broome. Beginning at Ned's Branch &c to Titus Carr's line, &c to the head of Pole Catt Pocason, &c, including all cleared ground on the West side of the West prong of Ned's Branch.

No. 4 to John Broome. Beginning at a water oak in Pole Catt Swamp it being the fourth and last corner of a patent granted to James Roberts, &c Allgood Olds' line, &c to Raccoon Pond, including nearly half the Pole Catt land.

No. 5 to Hannah Broome, beginning at a post oak Ephraim Spivey's corner, thence West along Allgood Olds' line, &c including all the improvements made on the Pole Catt Land.

S/Sherwood Hines, Surveyor, Dennis Cannon, Com. J. Rountree, John Bryant, Wm. Forrest. 22 June, 1802.

In obedience to an order of the Superior Court of Law for the District of New Bern, January Term 1802, to us the subscribers directed, requesting us to lay off and divide the real estate of Mellus Broome, deceased, among his legal representatives &c.

No. 1, Lying in County of Pitt, to William Broome. Beginning at a post oak, &c to line of a patent granted to John Hover, &c to a stake in Thomas Ringgold's line, &c to Jenny's Branch, to a pond called the Blue Pond, &c to the beginning.

No. 2, to Nancy Broome. Lying in Pitt County, beginning at a small black oak the beginning corner of a patent formerly granted to Benjamin Warner, &c to a stake crossing the marsh and Hencoop Swamp thence along James Powell's line, &c to John Jackson's line, &c to the beginning, including a patent granted to Benjamin Warner, for 50 acres, also part of the other two patents granted to the said Warner, and one half of the old plantation.

No. 3 to Spyers Broome, land in Pitt County. Beginning at a small post oak on the edge of the Little Branch, &c to the marsh and Hencoop Swamp, &c to the beginning, including one half the old plantation, and

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More than that, you're doubly blessed.

—JGMcD.

all the back lands toward the
Poiney Pocason.

Given under our hands the
22 June 1802.

S/Sherwood Hines, Surveyor,
Dennis Cannon, Com. J. Rountree,
John Bryant, Wm. Forrest.

Pursuant to the annexed Writ
of Partition we the Commissioners
appointed to allot off agreeable to
the last Will and Testament of
Valentine Richardson, late of
Craven County, to his widow,
Elizabeth Richardson, now the
wife of Graves Fonvielle, &c.

Beginning at the mouth of
Bee Tree Branch and running
&c to a stake Fonvielle's and
Richardson's corner, &c
Richardson's and Herritaye's
corner, and down the said road
to Jumping Run &c William
Palmer's.

Given under our hands the

13 day of Dec. 1823.

s/Claborne Ivey, John J. Brock,
Christopher Brock, John Green,
Attest. Andrew H. Richardson.


(Plots and Divisions, Craven
County, N. C. P. 84-96.)


Water Leak

If you find a leak in your piping,
shut off the water to that line
and wrap the spot with electrical
tape until the plumbing contractor
arrives.

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