

## Christmas Season More Dangerous For Pedestrians

### Umbrellas and Packages Contribute to Accidents

A concealing umbrella or an armful of Christmas packages are named by Jeff B. Wilson, director of the Highway Safety Division of the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, as two of the common reasons why December's pedestrian death rate mounts during the month.

"Probably the commonest sight in the city at this time of year," Wilson said, "is the frantic Christmas shopper dashing from curb to curb with packages stacked from the crook of her arm to the bridge of her nose. With the view cut off in this manner, is it any wonder that one-third of the persons killed last December were pedestrians?"

This high pedestrian rate is one of the targets of the Department's program of traffic safety education, being conducted this month.

"Pedestrians too often forget that cloudy weather, snow, sleet and rain make visibility just a fraction of what it is under favorable conditions," Wilson said. "This reduction in visibility is dangerous to the pedestrian, not because approaching cars are appreciably harder for him to see, but because the motorist may not see a pedestrian until he is practically on top of him. Pedestrians forget, too, that icy or snow-laden streets may make it impossible for the motorist to stop as quickly as usual even when he does spot them."

The Department spokesman also pointed out that the hours of darkness in December are so long that the morning and evening peak hours of traffic fall during these periods of sharply reduced visibility. In 1948, Wilson reported that 79 per cent of the pedestrians killed in December were killed during the hours of darkness.

"Darkness, normally bad winter visibility factors, Christmas shopping and poor braking traction all combine to help sky-rocket December's toll of pedestrian deaths and injuries each year," Wilson said.

"How many shopping days are there until Christmas for you?" Wilson asked. "That depends on how alert and careful you are in trying to avoid

Christmas shopping accidents?"

## Farm Income Tax Law Is Changed

### Two Important Changes Made During Past Year

Income tax time will soon roll around again for the nation's farmers, reminds C. Brice Ratchford, in charge of farm management extension at State College.

Two important changes in laws relating to filing returns and paying tax on farm income have been made during the past year, says Ratchford. He explains these changes as follows:

In past years farmers have been requested to file an estimate of their income by January 15, pay on the basis this estimate by the same date, and make final return and payment by March 15. They still will be able to do this for the current income year.

If they prefer, however, they may wait until January 31, making final return and payment at that time.

Another change is that if the farmer's business year does not end on December 31, he may file his return and pay his tax any time within 31 days after the close of his business year, or he may file an estimate within 15 days and make the final return and payment any time within two and half months.

The latter change, however, will not affect most North Carolina farmers, since a majority of them close their business year at the end of the calendar year.

Ratchford points out that everyone whose 1949 income was more than \$600 before expenses were deducted, must file a return regardless of whether he has to pay any tax.

Necessary forms may be obtained from the nearest collector of internal revenue or the local bank or post office. Forms needed are 1040-F and 1040, 1040-ES for filing estimated returns, and Schedule D for listing gains and losses from sale of property. An instruction pamphlet also is available.

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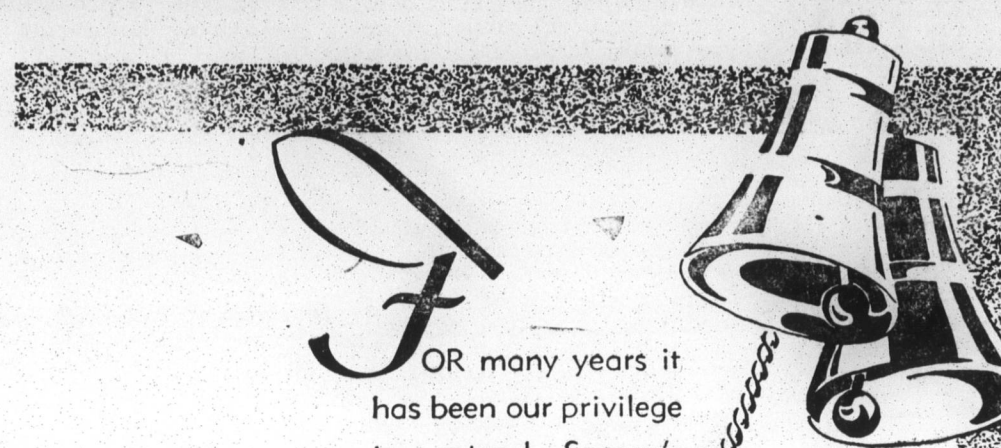
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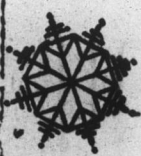


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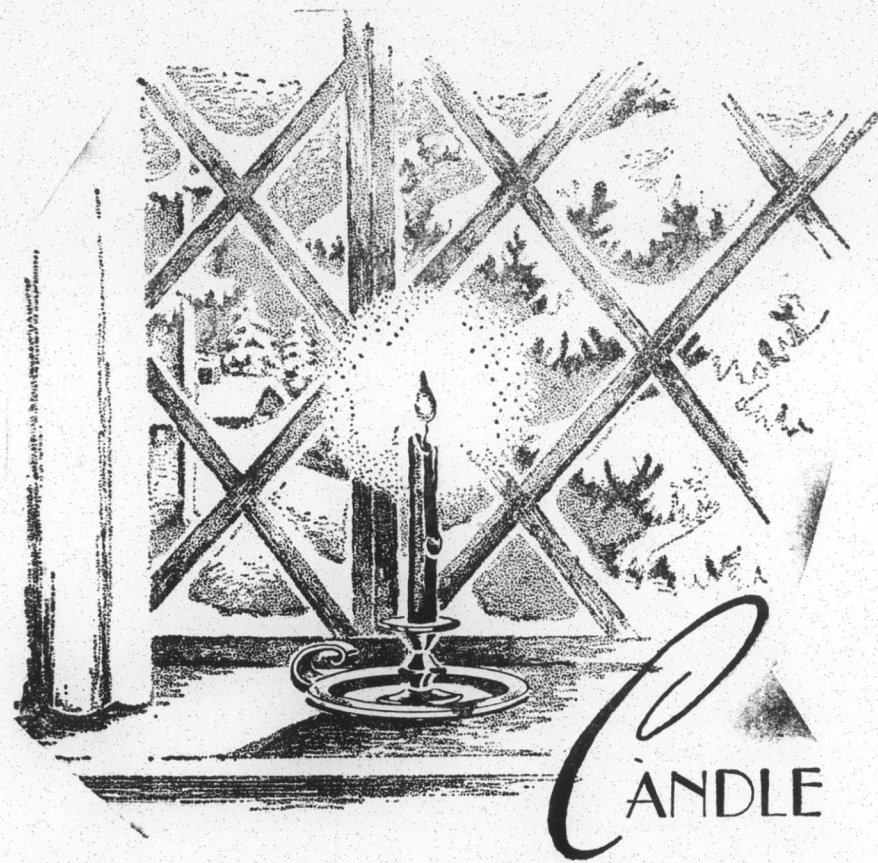
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## MERRY CHRISTMAS



May the deeper meaning of the Christmas Season be strengthened by the memories it will recall. May it bring to you a genuine happiness that will add to the pleasure of this glorious time of the year.

While you are enjoying the pleasant moments the occasion affords, we trust you will pause a moment to accept our kindest wishes and sincere greeting of the Season.



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