

"Code Of The Road" Is Urged To Curtail Highway Accidents

Many Wrecks Are Attributed to Lack of Courtesy

"Driving or walking, don't be the cause of an accident."

Major C. A. Speed, Director of the Motor Vehicles Department's Highway Safety Division, makes this plea to the people of North Carolina.

Speed was speaking in connection with the "Code of the Road" traffic safety program which the Motor Vehicles Department and cooperating local agencies are sponsoring.

"Not only now, but in months and years ahead we will need support from everyone in keeping alive the 'Code of the Road' principle of courtesy."

He pointed out that many accidents on our streets and highways are caused by lack of courtesy on the part of pedestrians and motorists.

"Such actions as failure to dim headlights, to give proper signals for stops and turns and to yield the right of way are breaches of good manners as well as violations of the law," he said.

"And of course the most obviously discourteous, and sometimes the dangerous driver," Speed continued, "is the one who insists on taking his half of the road out of the middle."

Pedestrians who dash out in the street without regard for cars also are disregarding courtesy, he explained. They never stop to think how unfair they are being to careful drivers who try to avoid hitting them.

Anyone who sincerely is interested in avoiding accidents will do well to pledge themselves to the "Code of the Road."

In part the pledge reads:

"I WILL . . .

"share the road by driving in the proper lane.

"allow ample clearance when passing.

"yield the right of way to other drivers . . . to pedestrians.

"give proper signals for turns and stops.

"dim my headlights when meeting or following vehicles.

"respect traffic laws, signs, signals and road markings.

"adjust my driving to road, traffic and weather conditions."

The best general advice on safe walking and driving, Speed said, is

Henry's First



As spring plowing gets underway on farms across the nation, none of the more than 4 million farm tractors in use will resemble this one. Henry Ford's first farm tractor, built in 1907, long since has been retired to a place of honor in the Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn, Mich. The 24-horsepower vehicle, which Mr. Ford called his "Automobile Plow," sports an engine with copper water jackets. Its rear wheels were taken from a binder. Despite its early vintage, it still runs.

Organized Marketing Stressed At Meeting

The Governor's Vegetable Marketing Committee met with several Alameda vegetable growers recently at Elizabeth City, when Chairman J. V. Whitfield explained that it is the purpose of this committee to find out what the problems are and get suggestions on solving them.

Mr. Whitfield stated that one year lettuce growers in the Wilmington area were plowing under excellent lettuce while a carload of California lettuce was shipped into Wilmington for sale in North Carolina. He cited an instance where a carload of lettuce was purchased on the New York market by the Armed Forces and shipped to a camp in the Wilmington area. Upon investigation it was found that this lettuce was produced in the Wilmington area and shipped to New York. The reason the Army didn't buy direct from the Wilmington area was because the market was not properly organized.

It was generally admitted that vegetable growers in this area are not packing the type pack and quality demanded by the markets. Growers do not have a well organized marketing system. Marketing is entirely too haphazard. Too much poor quality produce is sent to market to compete with good quality; the poor quality is mostly the grower's fault in harvesting, handling and packaging. These

were some of the problems brought before the committee.

New Bern Will Hold Garden Tour April 1-2

New Bern will hold "open house" April 1 and 2 when the New Bern Garden Club sponsors a tour of gardens and historic homes.

Tour dates are planned to coincide with the peak blooming season for azaleas, wisteria, Japanese cherry and other spring flowers in New Bern, which was settled in 1710 and became the first colonial capital of North Carolina. Thirteen privately owned gardens and a score of homes and public buildings dating back to the 18th Century will be opened to visitors, who will be welcomed by ladies in colonial costumes.

Headquarters for the tour will be the Woman's Club building at Union Point, where the town's Swiss founder, Baron Christopher de Graffenried, built "government house" in 1710. The homes and gardens will be opened between 10 A. M., and 12:30 P. M., and from 2 P. M., until 5 P. M. Tour guests are invited to tea at the clubhouse from 4:30 to 6 P. M.

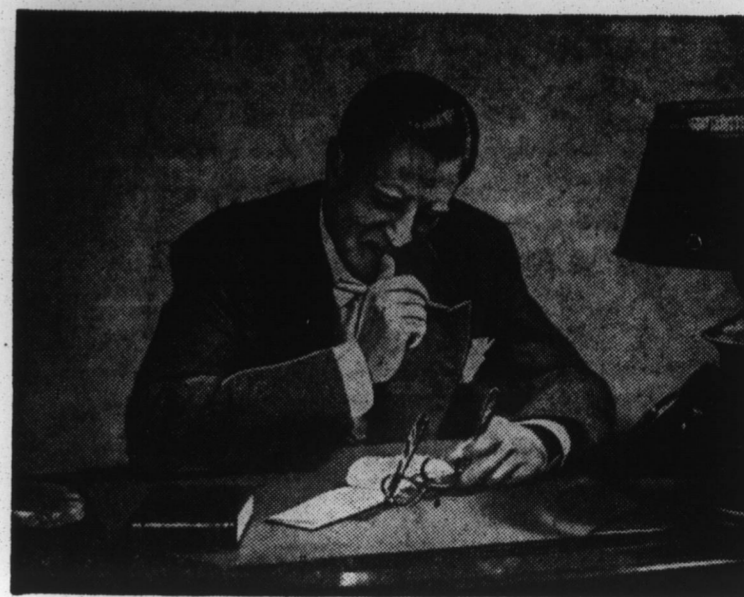
Safety Congress Displays Cotton

A washable, flameproof, cotton, said to be capable of resisting temperatures up to 4500 degrees Fahrenheit was recently exhibited at the National Safety Congress in Chicago, Linen Supply News reports.

The material already has been used in safety garments for steel mill workers. It is claimed that the flameproof garments will withstand washing for the life of the garment.

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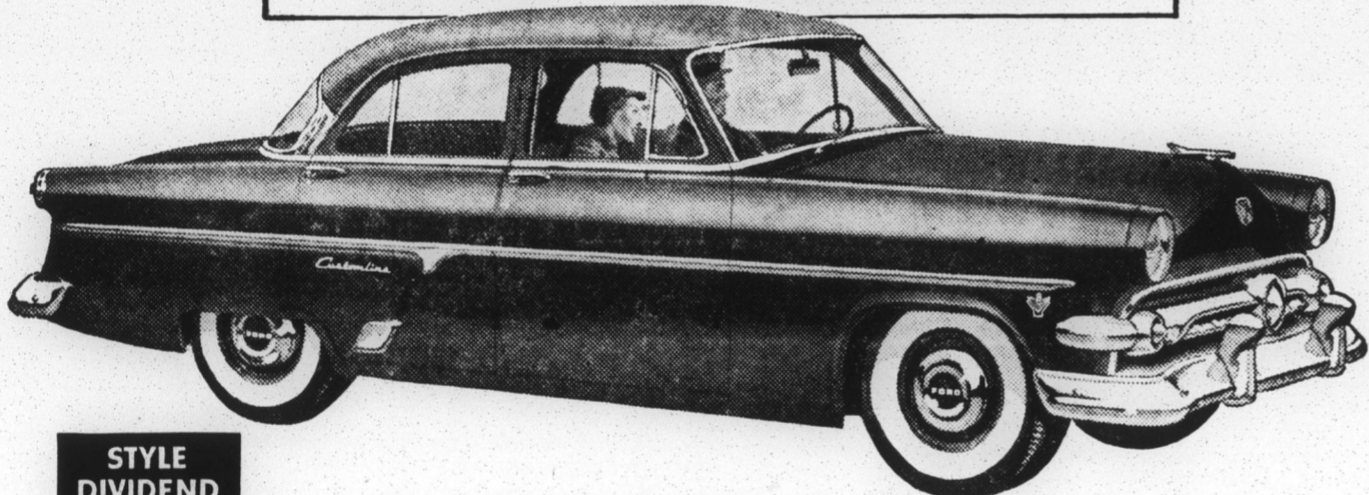
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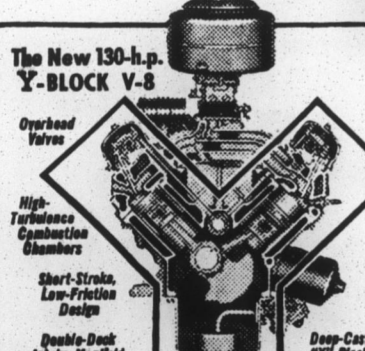


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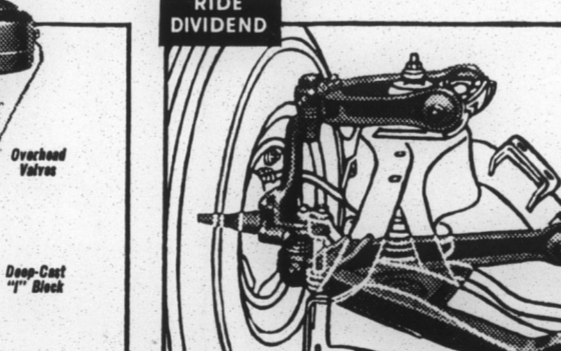
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