

Youth Award To Be Given For Kind Deed To Animals

Nominations Will Be Received Until May 1

National honors and a valuable prize are in store for some boy or girl who has performed an outstanding act of kindness to animals.

The kind deed may be a rescue, a special project for the benefit of animals, or a written work, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association, which sponsors the award each year.

Anyone who knows of a boy or girl not over 18 years old who might qualify is invited to submit a nomination.

Deeds on behalf of dogs and cats have predominated in the winning column since start of the award in 1911, but the committee in charge of the project emphasizes that kindness to live-stock and wild animals is just as acceptable in determining the winner.

Nominations should be sent not later than May 1, 1955 to the American Veterinary Medical Association, 600 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago 5, Illinois.

The winner will be announced at the AVMA national convention at Minneapolis, Minn., in August. The award consists of a framed certificate describing the act of kindness and a \$100 U. S. Savings Bond.

Last year's winner was a high school student who advocated the use of maternity pens as a means of combating calfhood disease and calf injuries at birth. Among other winners in the past have been a boy who rescued a dog trapped in a 200-foot deep canyon, a boy who built a bumper device to protect a blind dog that had been his childhood pet, a girl who captured a rabid dog, and a boy who rescued some valuable show horses from a burning barn.

Car Registrations In North Carolina Pass Million Mark

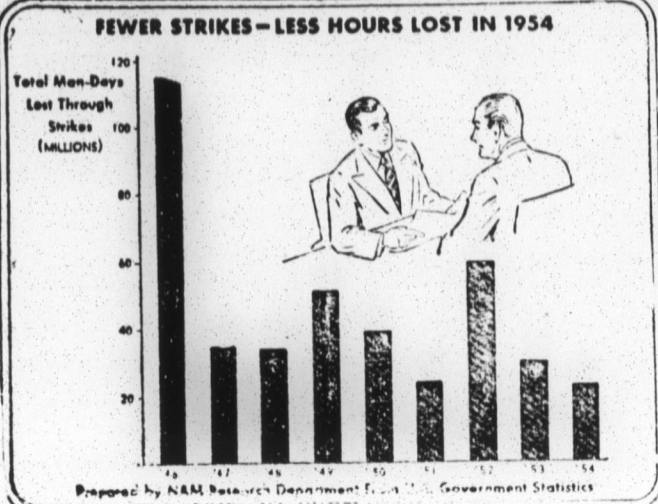
Tar Heels own or operate 1,437,323 motor vehicles according to a report of 1954 registrations released by the State Department of Motor Vehicles.

Private passenger car registrations exceeded one million for the first time in the department's history and the State climbed to 15th place in national registration standings.

Broken down the year's total represents: 1,028,180 passenger cars, 335,354 trucks and trailers, 35,229 dealers, 29,295 public owned, 7,730 buses, and 1,735 motorcycles.

The state's fleet of 7,200 school buses is included in the public owned or permanent tag classification.

Private vehicle registrations in Chowan County were 3,894.



Strikes are a costly way of settling labor-management disputes since they involve a loss of earnings to the workers involved, a loss of potential profits to their employers, and a loss of production to the economy as a whole. Some satisfaction can be taken from the fact that in 1954 the total number of man-days lost through such work stoppages reached its lowest point since World War II.

During the entire year 1954 a total of 22,000,000 man-days of idleness resulted directly from labor-management disputes. Although this may seem a substantial loss, it is actually only two-tenths of one per cent of the total working time of all employees in American business. It does not, however, take account of cessations of production which occur as a secondary result of strikes—for example, shutdowns in the plants of suppliers or customers of the striking plant.

The record of comparative indus-

trial peace in 1954 results from a combination of several factors. First, there were fewer strikes in 1954 than in any other post-war year except 1948, in which the number was only slightly lower. Second there were, on the average, fewer workers involved in each strike than in the earlier years. Finally, the 1954 strikes were of comparatively short duration, averaging only 14.7 days lost per worker involved.

The peak years for work stoppages were 1946 and 1952. In both years the totals were swollen by prolonged strikes in basic industries. By contrast, most of the strikes in 1954 were localized and were settled in a short time.

It is interesting to note that in 1953 and 1954, under a national administration which was making an effort to be neutral in labor-management disputes, the record was a good one. This suggests that pro-labor partisanship by the government ferments more disputes than it solves.

The School Custodian Job Demanding And Responsible

By K. J. EYER, Sanitarian

School housing has become an important factor and, in fact, an integral part of the child's education. He lives in the school building for many months throughout his youth. A sanitary environment in attractive school buildings should help children become accustomed to, and perhaps aid them in developing ideals of sanitary environment that will affect their later lives. Recently and in some instances in this Health District at present, pupils are assembled in buildings which do not provide essential environment factors conducive to the protection and preservation of pupil health and sense of well being.

The community or State which requires the presence of children in the classroom has the responsibility of and an obligation to provide a healthful environment for such children.

Schools generally provide for children initial experience in group living outside the home. To them, the school room is a teaching device. Suitable sanitary environments help a child develop ideas, patterns, and habits which will affect his future living. The attrac-

tive, sanitary school room can help create an environment which a child will long remember as a pleasant school home.

School building sanitation involves various custodial problems different from those in most buildings. The occupancy load is often high. These occupants are, in many cases, youngsters who may be quite susceptible to the effect of environment and are often not conscious of the importance or principles of school sanitation in protecting themselves and others. They are often careless in habits and may

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be prone to spread litter and waste throughout the building. At times these youngsters, coming from various homes may be either carriers or potential victims of childhood diseases. Cleanliness is a factor in the control of the spread of communicable diseases in schools.

It is the responsibility of the school custodian to carry out an satisfactory sanitation program in the school plant. The occupancy load of several hundred pupils per school is higher than for other types of custodial employees. Such services are for an active youth who probably will require more attention than would adults. Another important factor in custodial loading is that in many of the small school buildings he is the only custodial employee, and, as such, he may have to be responsible for many activities such as heating, caring for the plumbing, floor treatments, minor repair jobs, and sanitation. In some communities he starts in the morning to heat the building before school opens and remains in the evening and every body else is gone. In school plant sanitation one of the chief responsibilities for a school custodian is that he know what cleanliness means. He should recognize the relationship between good school sanitation and a better environment for youngsters.

Absolute acceptance of school sanitation is a goal we may never be privileged to reach but we know we must ever work toward that goal.

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PROSPECTIVE ACREAGE FOR SOYBEANS IS UNCHANGED

The 1955 prospective acreage for soybeans grown along for all purposes in North Carolina is 441,000 acres according to reports released by the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service. If this acreage is realized it will be the same as was planted in 1954, but 13 per cent above the 10-year (1944-53) average plantings of 390,000 acres.

INTENTIONS SHOW 5% DROP IN BLUE-CURED ACREAGE

Reports received through a recent sample survey of tobacco producers indicate that 653,000 acres

of the blue-cured crop will be planted in North Carolina in 1955. An acreage this size would be nearly 5 per cent smaller than the 686,000 acres harvested last year and nearly 7 per cent smaller than the 1944-53 average of 699,000 acres. The indicated decrease in the 1955 acreage closely parallels the cut in allotments.

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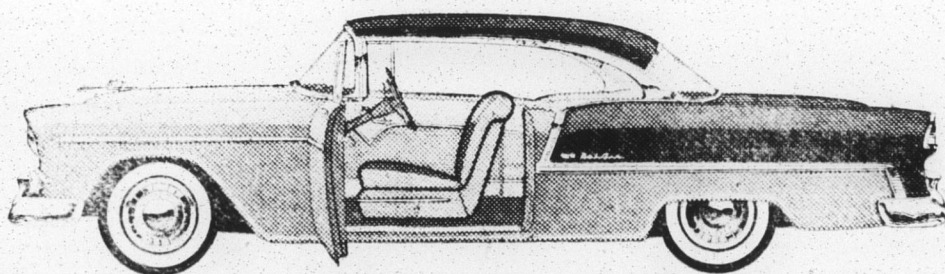
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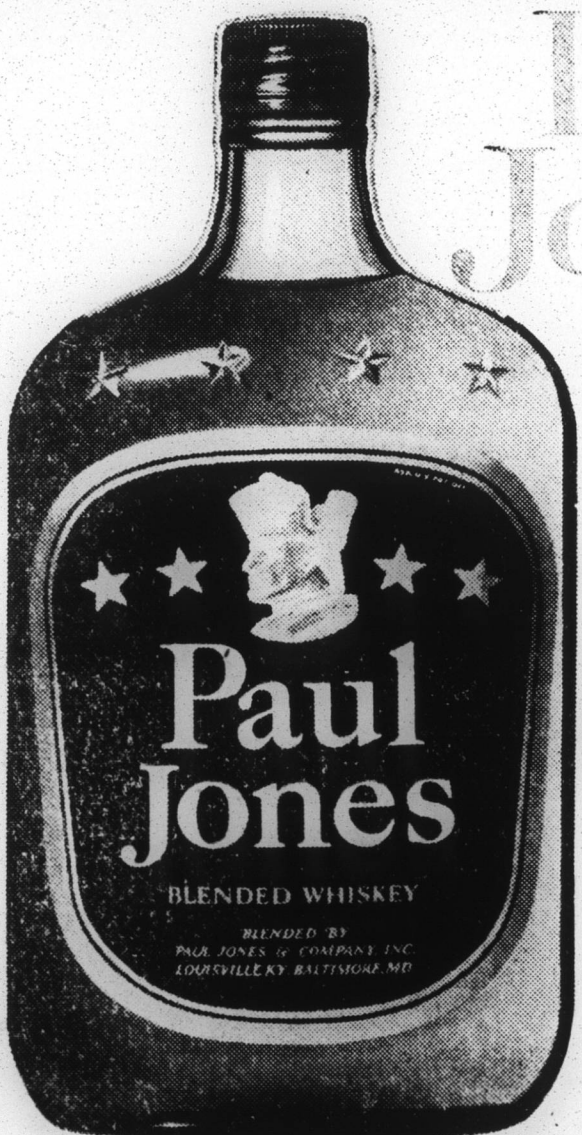
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