

Vandalism To Highway Signs Costs State \$100,000 Annually

The sharp clang of a rock smashing into a metal sign—the zing of a well-aimed bullet that finds its mark—the would-be artist who has found that a 3 in 35 can be changed very simply, to an 8. These are some of the problems facing traffic engineers and sign supervisors in what has been termed an annual \$100,000 disgrace in North Carolina, according to Highway Department officials.

R. A. Burch, State Traffic Engineer, estimates that each year \$100,000 is spent to replace roadside signs which have suffered severe damage at the hands of some unthinking youngster or older person who regards highway markers as nothing more than an object for target practice.

Annually the various sign departments estimate they replace about a quarter of a million highway signs, 20% of which have been damaged beyond repair by rocks, bullets or bottles or by bending, stealing, breaking or painting.

Missing signs pose the most serious problem for sign men because it is easy to overlook a spot where a sign should be and for this reason the marker

even rarer. Highway officials feel about the only way to minimize sign damage is through education and appeals to the common decency of individuals responsible. In the main, persons who get a kick out of damaging a roadside sign probably don't realize just how much damage they and their kind are doing.

To the men responsible for maintenance of roadside signs it seems a horrible waste of money, manpower and time when vandals take aim and fire away at expensive State property, but the \$100,000 disgrace will continue until a method of getting through to the vandals is found. With schools starting across the state, children will be walking or riding by a great many roadside signs. Parents are urged to remind children that there are plenty of worthless targets just as good as a highway sign where they can test their accuracy.

That highway sign is too expensive and too important to the safety of North Carolina drivers to be damaged beyond repair simply at the whim of a thoughtless person. Leave it where it is doing the job it was meant to perform—directing people to where they're going and showing them the safest way to get there.

Moses advanced a nation to the worship of God in Spirit instead of matter, and illustrated the grand human capacities of being bestowed by immortal Mind."



Sponsored by the North Carolina Rural Safety Council Bill Jones stumbled on a mop which he'd left lying in his shop. He landed on a running saw. Poor Bill no longer has a jaw. Clear your shop and keep it clean. Practice care with each machine. Says Safety Sam, "It's quite a shock To die upon a stumbling-block."

Lunch Room Menu

Menus at John A. Holmes High School lunch room for the week of September 18-22 will be as follows:
Monday: Grilled beef patties with gravy, creamed potatoes, hot biscuits, apple sauce, garden peas, butter, milk.
Tuesday: Fish sticks, cole slaw, peach halves, milk, cornbread, cornfield peas, butter.
Wednesday: Fried chicken, green string beans, ice cream, butter, potato salad, hot rolls, milk.
Thursday: Grilled bologna, buttered potatoes, chocolate block cake, milk, bread, garden peas, butter.
Friday: Stew beef with potatoes and gravy, turnip greens, cup cakes with raisins, butter, hot biscuits, milk.

116 Receive Old Age Assistance In August

Mrs. J. H. McMullan, superintendent of public welfare, reports that 116 persons in Chowan County received old age assistance during August, with \$4,339 being distributed. There were 23 cases of aid to dependent children who received \$1,629. Forty-six cases of aid to permanently and totally disabled received \$2,252 and 10 aid to blind cases received \$350. There were six emergency assistance cases for which \$87.33 was expended. Nine persons were hospitalized in the county costing \$1,213.24, of which the county's part was \$416. Three cases hospitalized outside the county cost \$55.80.

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Mary Nixon Bride Of William S. Perry



MRS. WILLIAM STANFORD PERRY

Miss Mary Vaughan Nixon, daughter of Mrs. Thomas E. Nixon and the late Mr. Nixon of Hobbville, became the bride of William Stanford Perry of Suffolk, Va., in a ceremony solemnized at the Sandy Cross Baptist Church Wednesday afternoon, August 20, at 5 o'clock with the Rev. J. Leonard Gerald officiating. Mr. Perry is the son of Mrs. William F. Perry of Edenton and the late Mr. Perry.

Music was presented by Mrs. Elton Trotman, organist, and Mrs. Merritt A. Hooper, Jr., soloist of Elizabeth City, sister of the bridegroom.

The bride, given in marriage by her cousin, Marvin S. Wiggins, wore a wedding gown of white Chantilly lace, fashioned with portrait neckline edged in pearls and sequins, long sleeves, pointed over the hands and basque bodice. The bouffant skirt scalloped at the hemline, was accented in the back by a bustle effect and formed a chapel length train. Her finger tip veil of silk illusion was arranged from a double crown. She carried a bouquet of white rosebuds centered with white orchids.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Kenneth M. Stolley of Suffolk, Va., and maid of honor was Miss Doris Jean Stallings of Belvidere. They wore full length gowns in azalea silk organza, styled with scooped necklines, short sleeves, folded midriff and full skirt with tiered back. They wore matching crowns arranged with a circular veil, and carried bouquets of azalea rosebuds.

Bridesmaids were Miss Gloria Hoffer, Miss Loretta Benton, Miss Carolyn Hollowell and Mrs. Clinton Hollowell, Jr., all of Hobbville. They wore full length gowns in peacock styled like that of the honor attendants and wore matching crowns. They carried bouquets identical to those of the honor attendants.

Junior bridesmaids were Miss Cindy Walke of Portsmouth, Va., and Miss Judy Rountree of Hobbville.

Miss Dena Wiggins of Hobbville was flower girl and Scottie Sawyer of Elizabeth City, nephew of the bridegroom was ring bearer.

Calvin Keeter of Elizabeth City was best man. Groomsmen were Tommy McCoy, Jr., of Portsmouth, Va., and Marvin Gregory of Richmond, Va., cousins of the bride, Raymond McClenny, Walter Ward, Jr., and John Lockwood, Jr., of Suffolk, Va.

The bride's mother wore a blue lace dress with matching accessories and an orchid corsage.

The bridegroom's mother wore a pink lace dress with matching accessories and an orchid corsage.

Honorary bridesmaids were Miss Annie Marie Riddick, Miss Brenda Vee Stallings, Miss Beth Rountree, Miss Ann Overman of Hobbville, Miss Betty Ralph of Corapeake and Mrs. Claude Sawyer of Elizabeth City. They wore gowns in pastel shades with matching wrist corsages.

Mistresses of ceremonies were Mrs. Marvin Wiggins of Hobbville and Mrs. Calvin Keeter of Elizabeth City, sister of the

her bouquet. On their return they will be at home at 122½ Park Road, Suffolk, Va.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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dom that God can be trusted even though we cannot understand his ways, and that fellowship with him in suffering is better than existence in comfort without him. Paul, in 2 Corinthians 12:7-10, expressed his ideas concerning the way to accept physical suffering, when he referred to his disability; his was a long and difficult battle, entailing much physical pain, which undoubtedly handicapped him greatly in his work. Like any human being, Paul first feared and loathed his disability. He besought God to take it from him, and God did give him deliverance far greater than he had asked for. Thus Paul learned, as did Titus and other early Christians who shared their experiences with Christ that any trouble, any difficult and painful errand that honor may require, can be a highway for the coming of God's strength. It can be a spur for growth and attainment, a key to resources and powers which otherwise never could be gained.

This was the battle Titus saw Paul win. Apparently this was the victory that Titus also won. As we live out our allotted span on this earth we find that trouble often comes like a thief in the night. Worst of all, much of it is not our fault. Often cherished hopes and careful plans must be abandoned. Security is lost in chaos. Comfort is stolen by travail. Anguish is our wages; pain our reward. This is a world in

which innocent and helpless people may be driven from their homes in squalor, starvation and terror. In this world there is injustice. The innocent suffer. Love is betrayed. Righteousness goes unrewarded. Truth is persecuted. Prophets are scorned. Saints are slain. All this is a part of God's great plan to make us men, and this we must accept, humbly and gratefully, as did those great Christians who have gone before us, emerging better and finer personages because of it. As Christians we must realize that it takes trouble to weaken us, to make us reach out for God's mighty and saving hand. And that hand is always there!

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