

# Student Drivers Found To Be Efficient, Safe

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Operating a motor vehicle upon streets and highways while intoxicated is universally prohibited by law, yet accidents from this cause are on the increase. A driver who has been drinking is found to be involved in one out of every five fatal traffic accidents in the United States. Pedestrians, too, have contributed to this bad record. One out of every four adult pedestrians killed last year had been drinking.

That intoxication is now one of the leading causes of death and injury on the highway is unquestioned.

Control of the drinking driver problem has been complicated by a number of factors. First of all, enforcement is hampered because

it is difficult to identify drivers who are under the influence of alcohol until some error in driving has been committed or an accident occurs. Then, too, lack of public consciousness of the seriousness of the problem has delayed the establishment of effective countermeasures. Law enforcement which does not have substantial public backing has always failed in this country. The fact that only a very small percentage of the population, in all probability, is fully aware of the gravity of the intoxication problem in its relation to motor vehicle accidents has had a pronounced retarding effect upon the legislator, police officer, prosecutor, judge and jury.

Coupled with these basic problems are others of exceptional importance. The absence of needed legislation narrows the field of police investigation and necessarily limits the horizon of judicial decision. Again, loopholes in existing legislation permit the guilty to escape and, all too frequently, the innocent to suffer. Such a situation destroys police morale and nurtures antagonism between the police, the prosecution and the courts. This, in turn, engenders an unfavorable public attitude.

Many drivers still believe that the term "drunken driver" applies only to a person who is dead drunk or almost hopelessly disabled. Such is not the case, since persons who are very drunk are seldom able to drive at all. Investigations of accidents involving drinking drivers reveal that the greater menace is the individual who has drunk enough to have a false feeling of confidence. In reality, even a little alcohol slows down physical reactions to the extent of making a driver unsafe.

For example, a recent study revealed: first, that nearly half of the drivers involved in personal

injury accidents had been drinking to some degree, and, second, that the chances of such persons being involved in accidents increased so rapidly that the driver with an alcohol concentration of 15 percent or more in his blood was 55 times more likely to become involved in a personal injury accident than the non-drinking driver.

Correction of this situation rests with public acceptance of the principle that "alcohol and gasoline do not mix." Competent scientific research has shown that human coordination (ability to carry on several activities at once) and ability to judge distances are affected for the worse when exposed to only a relatively small amount of alcohol.

Every driver owes it to himself, to his family, to the occupants of his car and to the other users of the highway to refrain from driving after drinking.

## Suit

Mrs. Ivey Loudermilk and children of Isabella, Tenn., spent the past ten days with her mother Mrs. Tina Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Payne of Culberson visited Mrs. Payne's mother, Mrs. Lillie Crow, Sunday.

Ralph Pope of Oak Ridge, Tenn., spent his vacation with his mother, Mrs. Ida Pope.

The people of this community are asked to help clean the cemetery, Friday and Saturday July 23, 24.

Mrs. Cora McNabb is in the hospital at Ducktown, Tenn.

Mrs. Walter Martin has been on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Tinker of Knoxville, Tenn., visited Mrs. Tinker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Payne, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lakes Quinn of Gastonia, have been visiting Mrs. Quinn's mother, Mrs. Ida Pope.

# Dickey-Crain Tops All-Stars

**Dickey-Crain 11 All-Stars 10**  
On Monday, July 19, Dickey-Crain topped the All-Stars 11 to 10.

Though on both sides there was some splendid hitting, the game was full of errors.

The game started off with both sides getting three runs. Then the All-Stars got two runs just to be matched in the third with three runs by Dickey-Crain. Then the All-Stars knocked in three runs in 4th and two runs in the 6th. The game was theirs until the last of the seventh where after two were out, Dickey-Crain started knocking the cover off the ball to bring in four runs and to win the game.

R H E			
All-Stars	311	302	0
Dickey-Crain	303	001	4

Kenny to Craig  
Kephart to Sneed.

# Mountaineers Down Sylva

**Murphy 3 Sylva 0**  
On Sunday, July 20, the Murphy Mountaineers downed Sylva for the second time in a series of two games.

With Pittman pitching a three hitter and getting two for four hits, the Mountaineers shut out Sylva 3 - 0.

The outstanding hitter for Murphy was Beavers, getting two for three.

R H E			
Murphy	200	010	00
Sylva	000	000	00

Pittman to Cole  
Beams, Summer to Smith.

# Murphy Wins Saturday Game

On Saturday, July 17, the Murphy Mountaineers tackled Sylva here at Murphy to win 14 to 3.

Sylva came through with one run in the first inning but the Mountaineers came across with 9 runs in the second. It was Mountaineer's game from then on.

Beams for Sylva got a homer and a triple while Crawford for Murphy got a triple and a double.

R H E			
Sylva	100	000	020
Murphy	090	110	03x

Rector, Lee, Phillips to Cunningham, to Warren; Cunningham to Cole.

## RANGER

Mrs. Gene Nicholson and daughter, Billie Gene, of Akron, Ohio, are visiting her sisters, Mrs. L. A. Palmer and Mrs. Iduna Baitly and other relatives.

Mrs. C. B. Headrick and son, Jimmy, of Oak Ridge spent part of last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Sneed.

Pearly Hughes, of Lenoir City, Tenn., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Hughes and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Merritt of Murphy visited Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Sneed Saturday.

Mrs. Iduna Baitly spent a day last week in Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stevens, of Miami, Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. Rod McClean, of Elizabethtown, Tenn., spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hall.

Clara Hughes and Marcella Sneed spent Sunday afternoon with Emily Mauney.

Little Bobby Martin spent Saturday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Johnson.

The 4-H Pig Club program is making rapid progress in the western counties of the State.



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# Brasstown

Joe Myers visited his sister on Pinelog.

Mrs. Martha Owens, who is ill, reports not much improvement.

Mrs. Helen Nix of Ranger visited her mother, Mrs. Ora Turner, here last week-end.

Mrs. Martha Hogsd has been called to the beside of her son in Augusta, Ga., who is very sick.

Johnny Wayne, of Winder, Ga., was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hickory Reece.

A revival is going on at Little Brasstown church.

Mrs. Sarah Burns of Peachtree spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry McClure.

Little Gene Rogers of Ranger spent last week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Hickory Reece visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rich, last week.

Misses Annie Jo and Donnie Lou Garrett are spending this week with their sister, Mrs. Nara Rogers, on Cuff Cane.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Garrett enjoyed a visit by their children from Atlanta Saturday night.

Bird Everett of Coosa was a business visitor in our section last week.

# Vengeance Creek

Lonnie King and Junior Christopher both of Belmont spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Wylie King, Sr.

Leland and Jean Thompson spent the week-end in Robbinsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kephart

are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Arvil Kephart of Hayesville. There will be a Derberry reunion at the home of Wylie K. Derberry, the second Sunday in August. It is open to all singing classes and quartets. During World War II, farm tenancy increased in eastern North Carolina but declined sharply in the western part of the State. Meat production under Federal inspection for the week ended June 5 totaled 270 million pounds.

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