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## Join The Red Cross

The annual Red Cross roll call will be in progress until Thanksgiving Day, ten more days in which to contribute to the World's Greatest Mother.

We believe that there are at least a thousand people in Wilkes county who did not join last year who feel that they should contribute a dollar each to this great humanitarian organization.

But unless they are approached by some Red Cross worker they are prone to neglect to send in their dollar by mail or personal call. Contributions from those who are not contacted may be given to some school principal or mailed to J. B. Williams, chairman of the Wilkes county chapter of the Red Cross, at North Wilkesboro. Membership card showing receipt of the money and a Red Cross button will be returned to the contributor.

It is interesting to note that several industrial plants have made special efforts at large memberships among employees, and some have already contributed 100 per cent. The response on the part of wage earners in industrial plants looks like a real challenge to business and professional men, retail store employees, school teachers and farmers, who collectively should at least equal the amount contributed by industrial wage earners.

## Carolina's Bloody Record

While we like to advertise and boast of the resources of our state and to tell others of the scenic beauty, there is one thing that we take no pride in—and that is the state's record of deaths on the highways.

It is a regrettable fact that North Carolina is one of the top states in number killed by automobiles and that it has a bloodier record on its roads than some of the more densely populated states.

However, it is something that should be known in the state by all the people because faults are not corrected until they are known. When the people of the state realize how careless and reckless they are, then will steps be taken to remedy the situation.

Without holding out any brief concerning the muddled liquor situation in the state, we say without fear of successful contradiction that drunken drivers are figuring in a very large per cent of the automobile accidents.

One municipal judge has adopted the policy of sentencing every one to the roads when convicted of driving drunk, regardless of wealth, politics or social position. He evidently takes the position that one drunken driver is as much a menace as another and that social position or influence has nothing to do with making him any less dangerous when driving drunk than the sot who has no money and few friends.

## Your Accident Bill

Accidents account for about 30 per cent of America's total motoring costs!

This is the estimate of National Safety Council statisticians. They figure that the expense of an average 100-mile driving trip is \$2.60, divided as follows: Gasoline, \$1.60; oil, 20 cents; tires, 19 cents; accidents, 71 cents.

The direct cost of last year's accidents, according to the same authorities, was \$1,640,000,000. That is enough money to build or pave 550,000 miles of road, at a cost of \$3,000 a mile—or to buy 1,640,000 automobiles worth \$1,000 each.

It is statistically impossible to accurately determine the indirect costs of automobile accidents. But all experts agree that they are substantially greater than even the vast direct costs.

Here is a gigantic, totally unnecessary

crisis on the nation's economic resources. And, bad as it is, it is nothing compared to the human waste that the reckless and incompetent driver causes. In 1936, traffic accidents killed almost 38,000 human beings. They injured 1,300,000 more—of whom a large number will eventually die as a result of the accidents. Blasted careers, parentless children, ruined homes—these are but three of the consequences of a heavy foot on the throttle, a drunk at the wheel, an incompetent in control of a lethal machine weighing thousands of pounds.

We are now entering the winter season, in which the accident rate has always risen in the past. The most dangerous driving days are just ahead, with rain, ice, snow and early darkness to add to the always-present hazards. Yet it is within our power to revoke precedent, and make winter a safe season. All that is needed is the cooperation of each motorist and pedestrian. Do your part!

## Sticking To Job

C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, C. O. McNeil, chairman of the board of education, the other members of the board and others interested are to be commended for their successful efforts to secure a school building in Wilkesboro.

With the funds on hand a WPA project was made up, but when the commissioners failed to make provisions in the county budget for the remainder necessary to carry out the project, WPA officials balked at starting something without being able to see it through.

While some would have folded their hands in defeat, they kept on working at the job and with assurance by the county commissioners that the project would be taken care of financially, the state WPA officials were persuaded to order the work begun.

Conditions at the Wilkesboro school are deplorable and we feel that as badly as some other school districts in the county need additional facilities, that none will begrudge the ten-room structure to be placed in Wilkesboro.

Some men who really know very little have the knack of appearing very profound.

## Borrowed Comment

### Fighting Tuberculosis (Shelby Daily Star)

North Carolina has made progress, as Governor Hoey said yesterday in his address dedicating Black Mountain sanatorium, in fighting tuberculosis through its sanatoriums, through county institutions devoted to the care of the sick and through educational efforts and examination of children in the schools. But if the fruits of these efforts is reaped the State must continue to combat the disease and to seek new means of bringing to the general public a more complete understanding of the hazards of tuberculosis and the comparative ease by which it may be escaped.

The Black Mountain institution, ideally situated, will enlarge the facilities of North Carolina tremendously in caring for patients urgently in need of the care. Likewise, it is another center from which will come an organized effort to expand the program for preventing tuberculosis.

In recent years the death toll from the disease has declined gradually. But the present rate is higher than it should be and will be in the years to come if North Carolina does not become lax in stressing prevention.

Later in the year civic organizations here doubtless will offer for sale tuberculosis seals for Christmas mail. They will be attractive, and embellish packages and letters. Funds from the sale of the seals will go to the prevention and cure of tuberculosis and every man has a chance to contribute to the worthy cause.

## SPENDERS

(New York World-Telegram)

Some figures worth thinking about: The total of all internal revenue tax collections by the federal government from 1863 through the last fiscal year was \$74,000,000,000.

The gross national debt today is \$37,000,000,000.

So, we as a nation owe today just exactly half as much as we as a nation have taken in during the last sixty-four years.

## Let Them Care For Thousands

Raleigh, Nov. 10.—Dr. J. Wallace Nygard, director of the Division of Institutions and Corrections of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, released a report today which showed that as of September 30, 1937, there were 17,781 persons confined to penal, correctional and charitable institutions of the state.

Of that number, the statement said, 7,082 were patients in the four mental hospitals maintained by the state of North Carolina, while 9,889 were inmates of the state prisons and prison farms.

A total of 1,374 were in institutions for men and women, and 50 were inmates of the homes for Confederate veterans and women.

On September 30 there were 1,370 persons confined in 78 county jails of the state, either awaiting trial or serving sentences, the report showed, while 115 insane persons were in 44 jails. The latter number included 18 under 25 years of age. There also were 143 children under 16 years of age in 37 county jails during the month.

The report also disclosed that on September 30 there were 2,492 inmates of 85 county homes, including 82 children of less than 16 years of age.

"There are now many applicants awaiting entrance in all of our state mental institutions," Dr. Nygard said.

"The recent Governor's Commission of the Study of the Care of the Insane and Mental Defectives," he continued, "estimates that there are 1,700 white feeble-minded children and 700 Negro feeble-minded children who need long-time state institutional care and treatment."

"Caswell Training School has a capacity of 675 feeble-minded whites, while the Goldsboro unit for the feeble-minded Negroes has a capacity of 100."

"We do not have any recent estimate on the number of insane in county homes, private institutions or private homes, but during the fiscal year 1936-37 there were 1,527 listed in the county jails reporting to this division."

"The Governor's Commission report points out that all but seven states in the nation have provided more state hospital provisions per population than North Carolina."

"To alleviate these conditions the next legislature will probably consider the report of the North Carolina Commission for the Study of the Care of the Insane and Mental Defectives, which recommends:

"A second training school for mental defectives and another state hospital for the care of the insane."

"It is thought that there is a possibility of serving both whites and Negroes in each of these recommended institutions by having two distinctly separate divisions under the same management."

## Poison Drug Claims Victim In Rocky Mt.

The first death listed in North Carolina from the use of elixir of sulfanilamide, the drug which has been given so much publicity of late due to its deadly power, was that of James Thomas Tanner, of Rocky Mount, who died after six days of illness resulting from use of the mixture.

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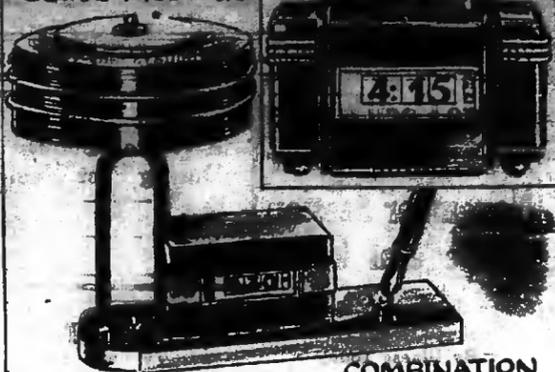
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## CRAZY MAN KILLED

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 9.—A man who authorities said walked several blocks in a downtown business district brandishing a gun died today in a gun fight with two policemen. Desk Lieutenant Edward Frydriek said a pistol permit found in the man's pocket bore the name of Freeman Martin, 48, of Wallington. Patrolman

Thomas J. Wright and another policeman first saw the man in a store from which police had received a call to investigate a suspicious customer. Wright said the man appeared to be mentally ill.

The Pan American Union formerly was known as the International Bureau of the American Republics.

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