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Bloody Tragedy

The automobile-truck collision at Millers Creek Saturday was not greatly different from many other highway accidents except that it took a toll of three lives.

Like many other accidents, there was no excuse for it and if due caution had been exercised by the parties concerned three would be alive today instead of dead.

The accident happened at noon and of course in broad daylight. There was nothing to mar visibility on the part of the drivers involved.

The scene was the intersection of the much traveled highways and there was plenty of room.

Before one reaches the intersection there is a highway sign which tells that a junction is ahead. A driver should proceed cautiously after passing a sign of that kind.

On the road over which the car was entering the intersection is a highway sign which says "STOP" in letters big enough to be read from a considerable distance.

Thus it would seem that the accident which took the lives of a woman, an elderly man and a small boy was not the fault of the highways, which were in good condition and were properly marked.

It is not our desire to try to place blame for the tragedy other than to point out that it, like practically all others which have killed more people than lost their lives in all the wars in which this country has participated, could easily have been avoided.

Good Riddance

When thousands of WPA workers quit last week because of longer hours the government should have passed it off with an exclamation of "good riddance."

The workers were working on jobs which did not have to be done. They were created by a benevolent and paternalistic government in order to give them a chance to earn enough to eke out an existence.

And what happens? When the government decides a little retrenchment is necessary if any progress is ever made toward solution of the WPA problem and a balanced budget to save the financial structure of the whole economic system and raises the number of hours per month for some of the workers, they quit.

If the workers on WPA can afford to quit for that reason then it is time that they remain off the government payroll and thus provide just a little relief for the tax payer.

Statisticians have figured out that an average person who has four in his family is really supporting five. The extra one is on the government payroll. If that extra person you are supporting happens to be one of the WPA workers on strike, you are going to raise a howl and not without just cause.

The American people want their government to see that no one starves, but red blooded Americans who are already tax ridden do not want to pay their earnings to keep up those who have decided to make a career out of getting their livelihood off the public.

Those on WPA should be grateful for their jobs but we cannot see any appreciation manifested in the attitude many have taken toward more work hours per month.

Danger To Pedestrians

Persons who do not drive automobiles but who walk along highways do not understand the difficulty a driver faces in weaving in and out among them.

Those who are not familiar with the handling of a car do not know how to judge the speed of an oncoming vehicle are apt to try to cross the highway or street when there is danger of being run over.

Some of them do not know that many of the highways are only wide enough for two cars and that when cars meet each other there is no room for walkers on the pavement.

Others do not know that it is next to impossible for a driver when meeting another car to see a person walking on the road.

Some are ignorant of the fact that a person walking on the road and wearing dark clothes is inviting the undertaker to take charge of his soon-to-be-mangled body. It is extremely difficult to recognize the outline of a pedestrian wearing dark clothes on a dark night.

Never having driven an automobile on a wet or foggy night, many walkers do not know how difficult it is for a driver to see clearly through a wet or foggy windshield. Each year many pedestrians are killed

or injured through no fault of their own by careless drivers. But in many cases pedestrians would be more careful if they knew what the driver was up against. Too often the pedestrian who is also a motorist is inclined to let the driver beware. Behind the wheel himself, he's "agin" the pedestrian; but afoot, he blames all drivers. Let's have a little more fair play and a little more mutual understand between drivers and pedestrians. It will help reduce accidents.

Borrowed Comment

THE BEST PLACE TO LIVE

(Statesville Record)
Compared with any other country on the face of the globe the United States is the best place to live.

For instance, in the matter of automobiles, France shows one car to 25 persons, England shows one to 25, Germany one to 55, Italy one to 109, and the United States one to every five persons.

We in this country own 60 per cent of the telephones in the world.

We own 44 per cent of the radios. We have twice as many homes per thousand of population as compared to the most cultured countries in the world.

The amount of insurance we have in force in our country is double that of the rest of the world.

With only 6 per cent of the world's area and only 7 per cent of its population we consume 48 per cent of the world's coffee, 53 per cent of its tin, 56 per cent of its rubber, 21 per cent of its sugar, 72 per cent of its silk, 36 per cent of its coal, 42 per cent of its pig iron, 47 per cent of its copper and 70 per cent of its petroleum.

These facts and figures argue more strongly for the American system than the eloquence of the most silver-tongued Fourth-of-July orator.

DEPOSIT INSURANCE AT WORK

(Lenoir News-Topic)

In the middle of June, a bank in an Eastern State closed its doors and eleven days later, agents of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation began to pay 21,000 depositors the \$2,750,000 that represented their insured claims.

This is a remarkable demonstration of the value of the insurance of bank deposits. Incidentally, the FDIC has made a considerable profit during its operations. The fees collected for deposit insurance have been more than enough to make good the losses sustained.

While critics of deposit insurance insist that a general depression, involving the closing of many banks might break down the insurance system, it is obvious that barring such a catastrophe, the system is sound and contributes to the confidence of people in banking institutions and to the security of small depositors.

"Russians Sitting Tight," says a headline. We had no idea that the soviet scheme to popularize champagne would have such immediate success.—Boston Herald.

Diogenes has hung up his lantern for the summer. There is no quest so vain as his in the fishing season.—Los Angeles Times.

Sunday School Lesson

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

Rehoboam: A Man Who Made A Foolish Choice

Lesson for July 16: 1 Kings 12:1-20 Golden Text: Proverbs 29:23.

Rehoboam, Solomon's son and successor, was short-sighted enough to adopt a foolish policy which led at once to the disruption of the Hebrew empire. Before accepting him as their ruler, the tribes of the north asked him to give definite assurance that he would not maintain the heavy taxes and forced labor of his father's reign.

Bluntly Rehoboam, rejecting the counsel of his oldest and most competent advisers, declared that he would rule as an absolute despot. "My father," he said, "made you yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions."

As a result Rehoboam was obliged to hasten back to Jerusalem in ignominious flight, where he found himself king only of Judah and little Benjamin.

Today we are harried by dictators who copy the tyranny of Rehoboam. It is a comfort to recollect that despotism seldom lasts.

Cromwell's absolute rule disappeared with Cromwell, Napoleon failed to establish a dynasty. Hitler is unmarried, and is not likely to leave a natural heir. To be sure, Caesar perpetuated his power, but even the rule of the Caesars came to an end.

The lesson of history is plain. No tyrant can lord it over his subjects for long. The resentment of the people becomes too vocal. This is why democracy, with all of its faults, has such profound survival value.

It is a striking fact that no nation which has given democracy a thorough trial has ever permitted a return to the arbitrary power of autocrats. Dr. Rosenberg, the militant Nazi leader, has said that democracy is doomed. But all signs point to a renaissance of democratic principles.

What is needed most is to make democracy serviceable. It must serve the people efficiently and well. In other words, it must be made Christian, for the Christian gospel is committed to service. Jesus, the great democrat, the generous lover of mankind, came not to be ministered unto, but to minister.

Union Grove Route 2 News

Rev. W. T. Comer filled his regular appointment at Mt. Pisgah Baptist church Saturday and Sunday, July 8th and 9th.

The writer of this news was present at a birthday dinner Sunday, July 9th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Starnie Sloan. The dinner was given in honor of Mrs. Sloan's 53rd birthday. The table was very beautifully spread out under the shade trees and as Mrs. Sloan approached the table the crowd sang, "Happy Birthday To You." A large white and lavender birthday cake with 53 candles on it centered the table. Rev. W. T. Comer of Stony Point, made a short talk and graced the table. Everyone seemed to enjoy the dinner and wished for Mrs. Sloan many more happy birthdays.

UNCLE JIM SAYS—

According to W. D. Lee, soil conservationist of the State College Extension Service, the practical farmer should know that plowing up and down a slope just digs a bunch of little ditches that will carry off some of his top soil every time it rains.

The Meadowlark probably would become the American National Bird should the eagle ever be forced to abdicate its throne.

In the United States its requires about eight years and \$15,000 to develop one acre of date palms to the point where the grower begins reaping returns.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Last Will and Testament of S. T. Johnston, deceased, late of Wilkes county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said decedent to exhibit same to the undersigned executor at Union Grove, N. C., on or before the 10th day of July, A. D. 1940, or this notice will be plead in bar of their right to recover.

All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment. This the 10th day of July, A. D. 1939.

C. L. COMER, Executor of the Last Will and Testament of S. T. Johnston, deceased. 8-16-4t (t)

ORDER OF SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

By virtue of authority conferred on the undersigned Commissioner in a certain order of the Superior Court of Wilkes County, made in the special proceedings entitled, "In the matter of Bettie James, Guardian of Rachel Reeves McEwen, Incompetent," and dated the 26th day of June, 1939, the undersigned Commissioner will on Monday, the 31st day of July, 1939, at the courthouse door in Wilkesboro, N. C., sell for cash to the highest bidder the following described real estate:

BEGINNING AT a stake in James Bumgarner's line and running South 119 poles to a line of a certain tract or parcel of land bought from James Bumgarner and beginning in said James Bumgarner's line and running a Southeast course 9 poles less 3 1-2 feet to a stake 1 pole North of a large persimmon tree; thence in a West course crossing Barker's branch 14 poles less 4 feet to a persimmon tree on the South side of a little branch; thence a Southwest course to a stake on the bluff West of the branch; thence a Southeast course 18 1-2 poles to a stake in the North and South line above named on the east side of Barker's branch 12 feet North of the branch; thence North with said line 32 1-2 poles to the beginning, said to enclose 1 3-4 acres in above named boundary; thence connecting with main tract and running South to the McEwen line; thence East with the McEwen line 61 poles to a stake corner of McEwen and Perry tracts; thence North with Mrs. Perry's line 119 poles to a stake corner; thence Westwardly to the beginning corner, containing approximately 51 acres more or less. See deed from R. C. Milam and wife to J. F. Goodman dated December 6th, 1910 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Wilkes County, book 83 page 521, also Deed from H. L. Greene and wife to R. C. Milam, dated August 20,

Raddy Remarks



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1934 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Wilkes County, in Book 80, page 116. This the 26th day of June, 1939. J. H. WICKER, Jr., Commissioner. 7-29-4t.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Miss Nell Rousseau, late of Wilkes county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, whose address is North Wilkesboro, N. C., duly verified, on or before the 22nd day of June, 1940, or this notice will be plead in bar of their right to recover. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 22nd day of June, 1939. J. ROGAN ROUSSEAU, Administrator of the estate of Miss Nell Rousseau, dec'd. 7-27-6t (t)

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE Having qualified as administrator of the estate of A. F. Phillips, late of Wilkes county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, whose address is North Wilkesboro, N. C., duly verified, on or before the 28th day of June, 1940, or this notice will be plead in bar of their right to recover. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 28th day of June, 1939. G. W. PHILLIPS, Administrator of the estate of A. F. Phillips, dec'd. 8-3-6t (t)

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Furches Pruitt, late of Wilkes county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, whose address is North Wilkesboro, N. C., duly verified, on or before the 27th day of June, 1940, or this notice will be plead in bar of their right to recover. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 27th day of June, 1939. JOHNSON SANDERS, Administrator of estate of Furches Pruitt, dec'd. 8-3-6t. (t)

NOTICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION North Carolina Wilkes County. In The Superior Court Before The Clerk, Wilkes County, Vs. Elizabeth Minton, Jessie Minton, Jordan, Noon Foster, Fayette Church, Della Church, Tom Minton and Ella Minton. The defendants above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Wilkes County, North Carolina, (for the purpose of foreclosing a tax certificate and sale of land), and it appearing that the said

within 30 days from this date answer the said complaint as required by law or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the said complaint. C. C. HAYES, Clerk of Superior Court. This the 5th day of July, 1939. 7-27-4t.

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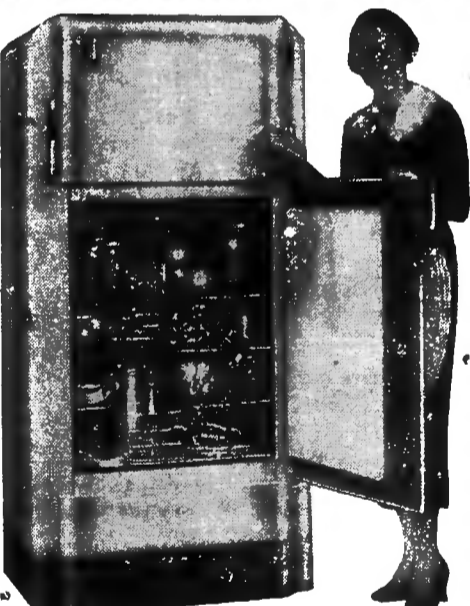
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