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### Slaughter Of Children

Appeals to North Carolina parents to drill to their children the dangers of running to the street or highway was voiced this week by Ronald Hocutt, Director of the Highway Safety Division.

Noting that the May traffic fatality report showed an increase in child pedestrian deaths in this state and also that several children were killed in traffic accidents on North Carolina streets and highways the first two weeks of June, the safety director said:

"The fact that ten or more children in our state have died in the past thirty days as a result of playing in the street or running into the street or highway should point a lesson to every mother and father in North Carolina.

"Children are not as well acquainted with traffic hazards as their parents are, and it is the duty and responsibility of parents to pass on to their children the benefits of their knowledge and experience in coping with traffic.

"And not only must parents impress upon their children the danger of playing in the street or running into the street or highway, but they must go farther and provide safe places for their children to play away from traffic.

"Our children deserve every protection we can afford them. Let's all work together to stop this slaughter of the innocent on our streets and highways."

### Dangerous Riding

Three fatal accidents in North Carolina last month called attention to the danger of riding on the back of a truck, Ronald Hocutt, Director of the Highway Safety Division, reported this week.

Accident records for June show that a 33-year-old woman, a 36-year-old man and a 15-year-old boy were killed during the month as a result of falling off or being thrown out of trucks on the rear of which they were riding.

"Riding on the back end of trucks and on the running boards of passenger vehicles is a practice which should be discouraged by every driver in North Carolina," said Ronald Hocutt, Director of the Highway Safety Division.

"The danger of someone falling off or being thrown off a moving vehicle if they are riding on the running board or outside the cab when the vehicle strikes a hard bump or swerves unexpectedly is obvious," he added, "and the most effective means of combatting this highly dangerous practice is for every motor vehicle driver to refuse to carry any passengers for whom they cannot find a seat 'side."

"Drivers who permit passengers to ride on the outside of their cars or trucks are at least morally responsible if persons so riding should suffer some mishap."

### Borrowed Comment

FIFTY YEARS OF PROGRESS (Winston-Salem Journal)

North Wilkesboro newspapers, always alert, progressive, have out-done themselves in the publication of attractive, well-written, informative special editions detailing the history and progress of their community and enumerating the advantages of town and county. And no wonder.

North Wilkesboro is celebrating its 50th anniversary this week. The town had its beginning when a railroad running out of Winston-Salem reached a point at or near the site of the modern little city back in 1890. Today it has 4,501 inside its corporate limits and 12,000 people live within a radius of three miles from its center. The rapid development of the com-

munity, once a path of commerce was opened to the section in which it was located, testifies to the fact that the greatest need of our Piedmont and mountain areas has been that of transportation opportunity. This has been emphasized both through the remarkable growth of previously slow-moving communities upon the establishment of railroad lines and also by the progress of towns and counties "opened to the world" by new and modern highways.

In a new dispensation which now features air transportation as a new facility of commerce, air line facilities for cities and towns still crippled by inadequate facilities of other types may bring about even more outstanding growth.

### "THE EARTH SHALL ENDURE"

(By Susan Trayer)

These are the days when the earth calls to us all, as she shows forth her never-failing richness in flowers and developing fruits under the blue June skies.

We want to shut the door on routine household chores and go out to work in the ground; to dig and hoe and weed so that we feel we have a part in this miracle of growth which appears every spring. Some urge, deep within each one of us, is satisfied only as we work with Nature, tending the plants through which the earth "shall yield her increase."

But this year the earth means more to us than ever before. It means not only the plenty promised by the swelling pods—developing wheat heads and the beauty of bushes in riotous bloom. It means assurance and confidence, especially to those of us fortunate enough to live in the United States. For our earth is calm these days, undisturbed by the events that are shaking the world of men,—responsive only to the age-old stimulus of sun and rain. And as each day brings more luxuriant growth to fields and gardens, we can find comfort.

Here is all that we really need. This is the basis of all that we call civilization. The earth with its gifts of food, minerals and forests was all this continent had to offer the settlers who began coming here less than 400 years ago and look what has been achieved! Although we have sometimes wasted her bounty the earth continues to furnish us with almost unlimited supplies, so that we need not fear for this America of ours, as long as we keep our belief in Liberty which John Stuart Mill defines as "the essential condition for the growth of individuality in the richest diversity" and our faith in government "of the people, for the people and by the people." For these are the things which have made it possible for us to create the great nation we have from nothing but the raw materials furnished by the earth.

It is not the fault of the "good earth" that people have gone hungry, homeless or ragged in any land but the fault of men who have mis-used her largess and only in the United States have we even begun to realize the plenty that is possible for every human being in this country were we to couple our genius for production and distribution under our free enterprise system with the bounty which the millions of acres of the United States pours forth. As long as we develop in "the American way" with our characteristics regard for the rights and the welfare of the individual, we shall progress. For the earth—the mother of us all—will continue to endure, and to produce according to our will.

### WHO PROFITS MOST?

(Duke Power Magazine)

Who profits most?  
 'Tis not the man  
 Who, grasping every coin he can  
 Unscrupulously crushes down  
 His weaker neighbor with a frown.  
 He is not worthy of his trust,  
 And, friendless, knows his gold is dust.  
 He loses what he sought to gain  
 And finds, instead of pleasure, pain.  
 Who profits most?  
 It is not he  
 Who shirks responsibility,  
 Who, hermit-like, himself withdraws  
 To live apart from human flaws  
 To scoff at mortal frailties.  
 He turns away, no vision sees  
 Of life's great opportunity.  
 He is not mourned—why should he be?

Who profits most?  
 It is the man  
 Who gives a boost where e'er he can,  
 Who's on the square in all that's done,  
 And trust and helps the others on;  
 Who puts his task above mere self  
 And values friends and counts them  
 wealth.  
 Who profits most? Is that your quest?  
 "It is the man who serves the best."

### Era Of Romance Makes Comeback



John Wayne and Claire Trevor co-starred in the thrilling New Republic hit film, "Dark Command"

### Heavy Defense Taxes In Effect

Washington, June 29.—The government, chalking up a deficit of \$3,700,000,000, will end one fiscal year tomorrow and start on a new one which, as a result of the new defense program, will be the costliest in peacetime history.

The expiring fiscal year produced a new spending record of about \$9,600,000,000, revenue totaled about \$5,900,000,000 leaving a deficit exceeded in peacetime only in 1936 when the soldiers bonus was paid. (Exact figures on income and outgo will not be known until the middle of next week after year-end reports are received from field offices).

At present, treasury officials are figuring on expenditures of approximately \$10,500,000,000 and income of about \$7,000,000,000 in the new year. If these estimates hold good, the deficit will be about \$2,800,000,000 because the treasury is figuring on getting about \$700,000,000 from a dozen government corporations which have been instructed to turn back part of their capital.

The new taxes are expected to bring in \$994,300,000 a year in the following four years. The first year's revenue from these levies will be less because persons who pay their income taxes in quarterly installments won't pay their third and fourth installments on 1940 income until the 1942 fiscal year (beginning July 1, 1941).

The new tax law provides for increases of 10 to 50 per cent in excise levies (taxes of cigarettes, gasoline, etc.), 10 per cent in estate and gift taxes, 10 per cent in individual income taxes, 16.1 to 18 per cent in corporation taxes, and a decrease of 20 per cent in basic income tax exemptions.

The decrease in income tax exemptions, from \$2,500 to \$2,000 for married couples and from \$1,000 to \$800 for single persons, is expected to add 2,200,000 income taxpayers to government rolls.

The estate and gift taxes went into effect last Tuesday when President Roosevelt signed the tax bill. Excise taxes are effective next Monday, and income taxes will be payable on 1940 income.

### Maxwell's Condition Reported Improved

Raleigh, June 29.—A J. Maxwell, state revenue commissioner and a candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in the last primary, is "much, much better," his wife said tonight.

"He improved more in the last 24 hours than at any time since he has been in the hospital," she added. "He is still weak and is not having any company, but is beginning to eat and is enjoying it. I believe they will let him come home next week."

Commissioner Maxwell suffered a stroke of paralysis two days before the May 25 primary, in which he finished third. Several weeks ago he was taken to Rex hospital when pneumonia developed.

### COMBINES

Johnston county farmers now have at work between 35 and 40 combines harvesting the small grain crop, reports R. M. Holder, assistant farm agent of the N. C. State College Extension Service.

### DEWBERRIES

A new market for dewberries has been opened in Atrypville, giving Sampson County growers a new outlet for their berry crop, says J. P. Stovall, assistant farm agent.

A hog cholera epidemic, caused by animals brought in from out-of-state markets, has gained considerable headway in Avery county, reports Farm Agent C. B. Baird.

Bureau Olive, and T. C. Keaton, after which his body was taken in charge and given a due Masonic burial, conducted by Bro. John Nichols, Dist. Deputy Grand Master, assisted by Wilkesboro Lodge No. 45 and North Wilkesboro Lodge No. 407, burial at Liberty Grove Church, Rock Creek township.

Now therefore be it Resolved by Traphill Lodge No. 483 A. F. and A. M. First that we bow in humble submission to Him who ruleth all things well and though we miss the presence of our brother in the lodge let us try to emulate his virtues.

Second that in the death of Bro. Hicks the State has lost a good citizen, the church a faith-

ful servant, the family a kind father, the fraternity a true member.

Third, that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and point them to the Grand Master of the Universe for Comfort.

Fourth, that the usual badge of mourning be worn for thirty days.  
Fifth, that these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, a copy be sent to the bereaved family and a copy to The Journal-Patriot with request to publish.  
This July 1, 1940.  
C. D. HOLBROOK,  
J. A. HOLBROOK,  
D. C. CASTEVENS,  
Committee.

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