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About These Machine Tools

The public demands utmost speed from government and industry in their current job of providing this country with sufficient equipment to meet its national defense needs. When the public hears reasons advanced for delay, it wants to know the facts. And it's entitled to them.

On that account, having heard frequent mention of the problem our national defense industries are having with "machine tools," we decided it would be a good idea to find out more about this matter.

This seems to be the story:

Of course vast numbers of machines are needed to make tanks and guns and airplanes. But did you ever consider that, before the armaments are produced, "super-machines" must be put to work to make these vast numbers of regular machines? It's the opposite of Dean Swift's little verse about the little fleas who

... have smaller still to bit 'em,
And so proceed ad infinitum!"

The super-machines in question are known as "machine tools." Most of these huge machines that can cut metal like butter and shape it to desired form are enormously complicated and expensive. Machine tools can't be made in a day under any circumstances; and the increased demand for them because of the national defense emergency has made the problem of production even more complicated.

That's why there's nothing hypocritical connected with industry's statement that machine tools are causing a lot of delay and defense headaches. These delays are being cleared up as rapidly as possible. In the meantime, public understanding of the difficulties involved will be a real contribution to progress.

Sound Talk From The Past

P. T. Barnum may have had some of the weaknesses generally credited to showmen, but he was highly successful and he ran a good circus where you generally got your money's worth. A word of advice from the man who operated the "Greatest Show on Earth" is therefore apropos at the present time.

Here's a very pithy declaration from Barnum's own lips:

"Advertise, or the chances are that the sheriff will do it for you."

The Great Showman's estimate of the value of advertising is surely worth the attention of certain individuals, even some in high places, who are inclined to view it with contempt. Those who argue that advertising is a waste of money forget that it sells goods widely, helps to make mass production possible, and thus in the end leads to far lower prices for the average consumer.

Barnum understood these matters. It was perhaps when he ran into folks with a contrary view that he made a second famous remark: "There's one born every minute!"

Drinking Drivers

Calling attention to the fact that 117 persons were killed last year in this state as a result of drinking and driving, Ronald Hocutt, Director of the Highway Safety Division, recently termed the drinking driver as the most dangerous if not the most numerous type of offender on our highways today.

"Drinking and driving do not mix," Hocutt said. "Even one drink can so effect a driver's reaction time as to make him a potentially dangerous driver. The Highway Safety Division advises anyone who does any drinking to let someone else do their driving for them."

Truck Drivers

In the matter of safe driving, the average truck driver comes closer to being his brother's keeper than does the average passenger car operator, Ronald Hocutt, director of the Highway Safety Division, declared this week.

Hocutt said accident records on file with the safety division indicate that truck drivers as a whole have a better safety record than drivers of private passenger cars.

During the first six months of this year, 4,841 passenger cars in this state were involved in traffic accidents, and 828 trucks were involved in accidents during the same period. This is a ratio of approximately six passenger car accidents to every truck accident. Truck and passenger car registrations in the state run at about the same ratio, there being approximately 80,000 trucks and 480,000 passenger cars registered in the state.

"At first glance," Hocutt said, "it would appear from these figures that the safety record of the passenger car operators and that of truck drivers is about on a par, but this does not take into consideration the fact that the mileage of the average passenger car is considerable lower than the mileage of the average truck. Trucks are driven many more miles and are on the road many more hours than passenger cars."

The safety director told of the oil transport driver who recently was awarded a certificate for driving five years without an accident.

"It took a h— of a lot of dodging to get this," commented the driver.

Hocutt said most truck drivers practice "defensive driving," which consists not only of keeping themselves out of trouble, but also of not forcing other drivers into situations that result in accidents.

"Truck drivers generally are more courteous and more considerate of other traffic than the average passenger car operator," Hocutt stated. "Many of them stop their trucks to assist drivers of passenger cars who encounter trouble. Most of them dim their lights at night when meeting other cars, and they blink their lights to let cars coming from behind know that it is safe to pass. In general, the truck drivers of this state are a pretty courteous and careful group of drivers."

"Many passenger car operators who are prone to cuss truck drivers should examine their own driving faults," Hocutt added.

Borrowed Comment

WHILE HITLER RANTS

(Statesville Landmark)

Hitler answers the British complaint that he is off schedule in his announced invasion, and tells Britons to be patient: that in spite of General Revolution, General Winter and General Hunger, he will be seeing them in London; declares that he alone will set the date of his official visit, will set the date for war's end and himself announce the terms of peace.

It's the first time for a long while that der fuehrer has elected to get funny, and he admits that it is because of Britain's air raids on Germany. It was a definite bid for them to stop it pronto. "For three months," he declared, "I have waited for the British to cease the nuisance of these nightly, planless bomb-throwing. Now we will give answer, night after night." To admit that the royal air force has become a nuisance is something. He had to take note of it, for here was something that couldn't be censored. So he employs the usual Nazi technique and bolsters the morale of his own people with threats that are meant to bring fear and trembling to Britain.

Yet it is significant that it didn't bring fear and trembling. On the contrary British fliers gave answer to his warning in more extensive and more emphatic bombing of German bases. Now it is up to Adolf to make good his promises to eat an early dinner in Britain, and be served with food that is denied the German people.

Herr Hitler's bluff doesn't work, and his threat doesn't click when directed against a people with the will to defend themselves to the last. He may keep his promise to invade England, but it will be the most expensive indulgence of his successful life since he left off paper-hanging for the more fruitful avocation of pillage.

Some of the farm mothers of the long ago would be astonished to know how valuable some of their home-made secretaries, "cupboards" and beds have become as "antiques."—Winston-Salem Journal

Woman's Club Activities

Report of Club For 1939-40

The purpose of the Club is to form a recognized center for social and mental culture, to promote the educational, intellectual, domestic, and civic betterment of the City of North Wilkesboro, to aid by organized effort worthy philanthropic causes and to foster a generous public spirit in the community. And to this purpose each officer, chairman, committee, and members have worked very untiringly. They have not only been loyal, but straightforward and unafraid to tackle big things and faith to carry them through. The president looks back on these years as pleasant memories in her life. All working in the simple way with one goal in mind, service to humanity.

Trogdon Memorial Park seems to stand out as "Miracle Park" to the club members. It was lovely of Mrs. Sherrill to give the Woman's Club this valuable piece of property for a park.

We are greatly indebted to Mrs. C. E. Jenkins, Sr., Mrs. J. C. Reins and Mrs. A. B. Johnston for their untiring efforts in getting park cleared and planted.

Little did we think that we would have the club house so soon, but Mrs. A. B. Johnston, with her committee pushed the work through and July 24, 1939 an Open House was held in our new Club House.

We will always remember the citizens of the town for their donations and furnishings of the building, and to all those who have helped in any way to make these projects a success, we are greatly indebted. Thanking you one and all.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. F. C. FORESTER.

Accomplishments of Woman's Club

Looking back over the most outstanding accomplishments of the Woman's Club during the last five years in the development of the Trogdon Park, building and furnishing of club house and making of an out door theatre.

The officers for the past two years were Mrs. Floyd C. Forester, president; Mrs. W. E. Jones, first vice president; Mrs. A. B. Johnston, second vice president; Mrs. J. C. Reins, secretary; Mrs. C. G. Poindexter, treasurer, and Mrs. J. D. Schafer, correspondence secretary. All these officers have been very faithful and efficient in all their duties. Mrs. Ivey Moore was chairman of the finance committee. The committee composed of Mrs. Frank Tomlinson, Mrs. J. D. Moore, Sr., Mrs. C. G. Poindexter, Mrs. J. M. Crawford, Mrs. Ralph Duncan and Mrs. Hoyle Hutchins.

Mrs. C. O. McNeil was chairman of the Garden Department and has done most outstanding work. We won our Verner Cup about two years ago and last year we won a cup for the most outstanding Civic work.

Mrs. Frank Tomlinson has been chairman of the American Home for the past year. Programs were given during the year which were very interesting and helpful in home making.

Chairman of Christmas Lighting: Mrs. R. P. Casey and Mrs.

NOTICE OF RE-SALE OF REAL ESTATE

North Carolina, Wilkes County: PURSUANT to an order of the Superior Court, directing the undersigned commissioner to re-advertise and re-sell the lands as hereinafter described, I will on the 14th day of October, 1940, at two o'clock, P. M., at the courthouse door in Wilkesboro, offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described land:

A CERTAIN tract of land containing 6 acres, more or less, in the town of Ronda, N. C., setting in a northeast direction from the Ronda Railroad Station, the same being the homestead and residence of N. E. Parlier, and since the death of N. E. Parlier, said boundary of land measuring 350 feet, more or less, on the Northern boundary; 700 feet, more or less on the Eastern boundary; 375 feet, more or less on the Western boundary, and 700 feet, more or less on the Western boundary, same being bounded on the North by the lands of E. M. Blackburn, on the East by the Ronda Cotton Mills Company, on the South by the Public Highway leading to Elkin, and on the West by the lands of the old Choate estate property.

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Mrs. A. F. Kilby, chairman of the Music Department, and Mrs. Frank Johnson have put on programs in the past year which were very interesting and successful. The art department was promoted by Mrs. Ralph Reins and Mrs. W. H. Cooper. They have put on several programs in the Art Department and have given a hand painted picture to be sold for the department.

House Committee: Mrs. Ralph Duncan, chairman; Mrs. A. B. Johnston, Mrs. R. T. McNeil, Mrs. J. J. Hayes, Mrs. Edd Gardner, Mrs. Quincy Adams, and Mrs. Hoyle Hutchins. They have performed their duties in looking after the house and getting the hostesses for each meeting.

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