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Car Drivers and Accidents

Safety Committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce is launching a safety program in Wilkes county.

Object of the program is to reduce the terrible toll of life on highways in Wilkes county.

Did you know that for 1946 Wilkes has one of the bloodiest records on the highways of North Carolina?

One of the main phases of the traffic safety program will be a check of the cars on the highways during the week of September 23 to 28.

It is true that defective cars cause many accidents. Faulty brakes, bad lights, bad steering connections, low visibility windshields and many other defects can cause accidents.

It is the object of the car check to find those visible defects and force the operators of those cars to have them corrected or take the vehicles off the roads.

All of which is well and good.

But it is our opinion, based on reporting automobile accidents over many years, that 90 per cent of the accidents are caused by drivers.

Greatest single cause of automobile accidents, in our opinion, is excessive speed. A high speeding car is involved in almost every accident.

Second on our list of causes of accidents are intoxicated drivers.

If defective cars can be removed from the road, some accidents will be prevented.

But if an when defective drivers are removed before accidents happen, we really will have accomplished something.

There are primary and contributing causes of accidents.

An old car with mechanical defects perhaps could be operated with a reasonable degree of safety at 35 miles per hour, but would be a veritable death trap at 60. In fact, it would be a deadly weapon.

Admiral Percy Foote, native of Wilkes who once headed the Pennsylvania state police, says that North Carolina needs more stringent laws to remove speeding and reckless drivers from the highways.

Excessive speeding and reckless driving are terribly dangerous, as the accident statistics will show, but the courts look upon those offenses as petty misdemeanors in North Carolina. There certainly should be more stringent punishment for second offenders on those charges.

Someday, after blood of more victims stain our highways, the public is going to demand better traffic laws and more stringent enforcement by the courts.

Religious Education Week Significant

Prime responsibility for teaching children to obey the laws of civilization lies with the parents, J. Edgar Hoover, director of the F. B. I., pointed out in giving his endorsement to the 16th annual observance of Religious Education Week, Sept. 29-Oct. 6, in churches and communities of rural and urban areas of the continent, under the auspices of the International Council of Religious Education.

"Juvenile offenders result when adults have fallen down on their responsibilities as educators," Mr. Hoover declared. "Often times youths have been lured into crime because adults have failed to provide proper outlets and upbringing. Too many cases of young offenders reflect laxity in early discipline, indifference on the part of parents, and neglect by the community."

Pointing out the sharp rise in crime since the end of the war, Mr. Hoover re-

ported that during 1945 a total of 1,565-541 major crimes were committed, an increase of 12.4 per cent over 1944. "Forty-nine per cent of the burglars, 61 per cent of the car thieves, 80 per cent of the rapists, 35 per cent of the robbers, and more than 33 per cent of the thieves were youngsters under voting age," he stated.

Eric Johnston, president of Motion Picture Association of America, Inc., expressed his belief that "material things are without value unless things of the spirit walk with them hand in hand," in this statement endorsing Religious Education week.

"This is a time of vast unrest and reckless social strife for which there is but one cure: a practical application of the faith of our fathers," Mr. Johnston said. "In this hour we need to hear again and to observe the lessons of charity, tolerance, understanding and respect for the dignity of man. We are strong materially as perhaps never before. But spiritually, we are a shadow of what we ought to be."

The International Council of Religious Education, sponsor of the observance, is the cooperative agency through which 40 Protestant denominations and 173 state, city and provincial councils of churches and religious education of the United States and Canada work in the field of Christian education. President of the Council is the Hon. Harold E. Stassen, St. Paul, and treasurer is James L. Kraft, Chicago.

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EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

By Rev. Herbert Spaug, D. D.



Why spend a dollar digging a hole then put a 25c plant in it? That sounds silly, yet figuratively speaking, it is common practice. I have seen many a church buy an expensive pipe-organ, then employ a cheap organist to play it, while its finance board is unwilling to spend any money to maintain it. A pipe-organ is no better than the organist who plays it. I happen to be an organist myself, and know that. Many a church is getting \$1,000 value out of a \$10,000 organ, simply because they won't spend enough money to employ a good organist and maintain the instrument in good condition.

We do the same thing with the houses we build. We scrimp, save, go into debt for a period of years to buy a nice house and furnish it. Then the family spends very little time in it. Try to find them in the daytime and they are either at work or play away from home. In the evening they crowd the picture shows, places of entertainment, the highways. Ask the minister who tries to make pastoral calls. He will tell you of the small percentage of people he finds in these homes. The finer they are, the more difficult it is to find the occupants. They are putting a 25c plant in a \$1 hole.

We do the same thing with the home itself. The home is an institution, not simply a house. Many a man has spared no expense which he could possibly afford, to secure the woman of his choice as his wife. Women are doing the same thing these days if we are to judge by the number of articles written telling women how to secure husbands. Then they go to the marriage altar and think they will live happily everafter without doing anything much more about it. They build a marriage then do little to maintain it. It is much harder to hold a marriage together happily than it is to make it. The nearest perfection we find in marriage, is a perfect willingness to "give and take." That is what too few married couples are willing to do. They are putting a 25c plant in a \$1 hole.

The same thing is done in a home when children come. I have been with many fathers and mothers when the first child came. They were willing to spare no expense for this first arrival. The husband goes with his wife to the hospital for the first baby, feverishly paces up and down while she is in the delivery-room, rejoices enthusiastically when the baby arrives, then goes out to tell all of his friends about it. But when that baby grows up into a child who always craves first the companionship of his parents, they are busy at other things. Another case of a 25c plant in a \$1 hole.

All of this doesn't make sense, but most of us do it. The trouble is we don't stop to think.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By DWIGHT NICHOLS et al

MORE FALL BREEZES—

It is not so much the number of hours put in, as what you put in the hours . . . We have been accused of being hard boiled. Perhaps it is from being so much in hot water . . . Suppose we have more one-way streets, and then we could get bumped only in the rear . . . Many self-made men knocked off work too soon . . . And here's another typographical error that's a gem: "The bride was given in marriage by her father, who was dressed in white satin and marquise gown with a sweetheart neckline, fitted bodice and full train" . . . Relative to driving habits, we are made to wonder where some of the cracked idiots who drive local streets ever got the idea they had the right while making left turns to run over pedestrians walking across on the green light . . . One of the wise guys said he wanted to show us a Truman dime. It turned out to be what is known as a dollar bill . . . We just heard another wise guy say his new job is terrible, that he has to get up at six o'clock; right in the middle of the night . . . And here's another slip that passed in the night: "Flags of the United Nations hang from the walls. In the center of the room was a long food table, presided over by Mrs. Deborah Fullbright, all in white, and filled with luscious fruit, pies and cakes." C. R. Church, of Wilbar, says he has been a subscriber to The Journal-Patriot for a long time, and he proves it. He sent in a date line of the paper of February 22, 1945. He also said that Columbus beat him over here only a couple of years . . . Every time we write something about football with teams here and in Wilkesboro we get caught in the cross fire from both sides . . . The height of optimism was the man who rode a bus to Lenoir to attend a ball game and car lottery, expecting to drive the car back . . . Heads do not begin to swell until the brains stop growing . . . You may fool some of the people all the time, and all of the people some of the time, but the rest of the time they will make fools of themselves.

STORK DID IT ALL—
Jimmy was assigned by his teacher to write a composition about his origin. He questioned his mother.
"Mom, where did Grandma come from?"
"The stork brought her."
"Well, where did you come from?"
"The stork brought me, and you, too, dear."
So the young modern wrote the introduction to his composition. "There have been no natural births in our family for three generations."
THE CHIGGER—
Diminutive Voracious chigger
I thank my stars thou art no bigger
And that thy keen relentless digger
Stops at the bone.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE
Having qualified as executor of the estate of Belle Johnson, 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 Joynes, N. C., duly verified, on or before the 27th day of August, 1947, 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 August, 1946.
J. FOSTER YALE,
Executor of the estate of Belle Johnson, dec'd. 10-3-6T

ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE
Having qualified as administrators of estate of W. E. Colvard, 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 West Jefferson, N. C., duly verified, on or before the 27th day of August, 1947, 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 August, 1946.
MRS. VIRGINIA McMILLAN,
R. W. COLVARD,
Admsrs. of the estate of W. E. Colvard, dec'd. 10-3-6T

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Envoys Start Sharp Debate Over Germany

Washington. — Diplomatic officials hooked up in sharp debate today over whether Secretary of State Byrnes' speech at Stuttgart will help establish one world or two.

The lineup generally is the same as it was when the big argument was whether the Allies should impose a "hard" or "soft" peace on Germany.

The debate also pits those who favor patience and conciliation toward Russia against those who believe a working basis with

(Verse one was written many years ago.)
Alas more thoughts refuse to hatch
My wife, she says, I stopped to scratch

However that—but for this patch Rhyme left undone.
(Last two verses written years later).

Tenacious little clever devil, Thou diggest in sands a spade or shovel
With pick alone—and on the level

Where hast thou gone? The books proclaim identity Of all things, insect, bird and tree

No mistake, however that may be, Thou and I are one!

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Moscow—if possible at all—can be achieved only by bold diplomacy.
The one-time "hard" peace advocates are sharply critical of the Byrnes speech. So are those who favor a conciliatory attitude toward Russia.
J. B. was a kind and loving husband, and leaves a host of friends to mourn his loss.—Contributed.

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