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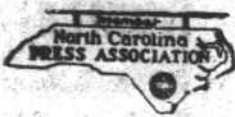
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## Speeding and Reckless Driving Increases

T. S. Kenerly, who recently took office as mayor of North Wilkesboro, stated here Monday that he is receiving many telephone calls relative to speeding and reckless driving in North Wilkesboro.

And A. H. Clark, highway patrol sergeant for a five-county district, stated that speeding and reckless driving on the highways are definitely increasing.

On July 1 this year the new highway safety laws in North Carolina will go into effect, and the new laws have been fitted with a new set of teeth to make those guilty of speeding and reckless driving feel the full force of the law. Not only will penalties for speeding and reckless driving go up, but provisions are made in the law for taking driving license and banishing from the highways those who disregard the lives and property of others by speeding and other dangerous driving habits.

Two serious accidents occurred in Wilkes during the past week, which officers said were caused by the deadly combination of intoxicated drivers and speeding automobiles.

With driving habits growing worse day by day, the public may expect the highways and streets to take a larger toll of lives.

Speed zones are posted on sections of highways in this community where normal speeds are considered dangerous. But the speed zones mean absolutely nothing to the wilful speeder. The driver who will drive at 75 miles per hour by a sign which says 35 is the lawful speed limit deserves no consideration when he faces the court on a charge of speeding. A second such offense should surely bar him from the privilege of using the highways.

The law abiding North Carolina public is up in arms about highway traffic dangers, as shown by the action of the legislature this year. Speeders, reckless drivers and those who drive drunk may as well make up their minds to mend their ways or get off the road.

## Forest Fires Destroy Future Resources

Obtaining evidence on who lets destructive forest fires get out in our woods is the one big need to help reduce heavy losses in the future, it is stated in an announcement sent here by the Southern States Forestfire Commission, Inc., who are helping furnish some forest education material to some of our schools in connection with an annual spring fire prevention program.

"Education is helping, but one family in each 1,000 here is yet helping to burn up the young timber and wild life nesting areas, and one family on windy dry days can undo the work of a thousand, with one cigarette lighted butt, or one blaze from a fire under a wash pot near the edge of the sage grass, or one blaze from a turnip patch or tobacco bed being burnt off", the bulletin says, and adds:

"Lately we learned of instances where firebrands put a match in a lighted cigarette butt so the fire would not show up for sometime, ran away, and within an hour or so the match ignited from the cigarette butt, and the smoke began to rise, and a big acreage of pretty young timber swept over like a dust bowl."

"May the Creator forbid that we ever have another world war, but right now

if we got into one we would have to go to Canada and Mexico, and South America for lumber due to firebrands ruining two-thirds of our young timber each year; "Our southland produces only fifteen billion board feet of lumber each year, but would produce nearly fifty billion were it not for forest fires—we have 42 per cent of Uncle Sam's forest areas down here in our thirteen southern states, but we have 90 per cent of all the woods fires of the nation. Down here we have more dry days, pine needles with more resin to increase hazards of fire, so we are losing on the advantage of our climate and moisture which enables us to grow two to five hundred board feet of lumber each year, if fires do not kill out the pine and oak seeds, and the young sprouts of trees;

The Southern Commission and associate groups call on all good sports in this area to be forest minute men and grab a brush and run to any smoke in anyone's woodlands any time, and help save those little rabbit nests, quail nests, those blackberry and blueberry bushes, save those muskies that will be ripe and juicy this Fall, save that pretty young timber, and help save our Nation from want."

The Washington telephone strike has been settled. But there is no indication that Congressmen are overjoyed that their constituents can now call them again.—Greensboro Daily News.

Two years after V-E Day, there are 19,000,000 men under arms and 40 nations are spending \$27,000,000,000 a year of their maintenance. This is the peace which passes the average man's understanding.—Greensboro Daily News.

## - THE - EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

By Rev. Herbert Spaug, D. D.



Again the question of a Christian's participation in secular amusements, such as dancing, card playing and the movies, is raised by a correspondent. This time it is by a young man. He has been told that participation in such things is sinful, that he should not engage in such recreation.

Periodically this question comes up. Again I say that there is no hard and fast rule on these matters. Each individual has to make his own decision in the light of the teaching of his church, or by his own interpretation of the teachings of the Bible as they apply to his particular case.

St. Paul, in his Epistle to the young man Titus, wrote, "unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. They profess they know God; but in works they deny Him, being abominable and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate." As a man thinks in his heart, so is he. Rotten fruit is enjoyable food to worms but not to man. Water seeks its own level, and a man's character is reflected in his actions. So a man's conduct is a reflection of his inner life.

But St. Peter knew that it is easier for most of us to progress downward in our conduct than upward, so he wrote, "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation."

Conduct goes further and reflects our own characters. It may, and often does, prove a stumbling block to others. Things which we may be able to do, even in moderations, they may not be able to do without harm. St. Paul wrote of such when he said, "Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend."

The whole matter can be summed up in these words, again from St. Paul, "Whatsoever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord he shall receive the reward of the inheritance. . . ." Here is the final status—if we engage in any form of recreation or activity, "as to the Lord," we ought to feel perfectly free about it. If there is a question about it in your mind, then leave it alone.

## ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES



By  
DWIGHT  
NICHOLS  
et al

### BORROWING AGAIN—

This time we succumb to late spring fever and clip from the current issue of Duke Power magazine Miss Helen Lottes' article about North Wilkesboro:

I had better make our news short so you can read on the run, because like the rest of us, you are running in order to keep this traffic out of your hair. Right here on the main street of this scenic wonderland some of these fish-eyed drivers, signal for a right turn, go to the left, and then, back up! We Duke Power employees have lovely dispositions, but when a shirt tail flapping "hot-rod" engineer flips an animated junk pile around a corner on hope and two wheels and when this thing just about skins the south 1-2 of the N. E. 1-4 of our Southern exposure, we're disturbed—just plain mad, and words are about as futile as evening slippers on a hippopotamus. They simply don't cover enough! To add to the confusion, the Town of North Wilkesboro is adding parking meters, and being so out of the ordinary in these parts, most folks predict it will be next Christmas before most of us find out they don't pay off for slot machines.

In this fair city a place to live is the "\$64.?" If you see someone slink into a telephone booth along about sun-down, chances are you won't see him again until breakfast. Everyone is building something or trying to. A

closet with a worn out moth ball is called a furnished room. An abandoned chicken coop is called an apartment. Two rooms are called a house. Landlords are called everything. I am reminded of the time a ghost chased Pat through the graveyard. Gasping they sat down on a tombstone. "Well, we were going some, weren't we?" asked the ghost. "Yes, and we'll go some more as soon as I get my breath," answered Pat. Yes, things are moving fast around here. Joe N. Howard was caught without night clothes in his recent snow-bound episode in Winston-Salem. When he came out attired in ladies green pajamas, I think just about everything stopped. Things are really getting bad when we see green pajamas instead of pink elephants. . . . especially with Joe N. Howard in them.

But here we go, running along like a dripping faucet—when I started this I wondered if my ribbon would hold out, now I am wondering if you will hold out.

### INDICATION PLAIN—

Teacher: "Johnnie, do you want to leave the room?"

Johnnie: "You don't think I'm standing here hitch-hikin', do ya?"

### FAST THINKER—

George: "You're a sweet thing, Anna—"

Helen: "But my name is Helen."

George: "Yes, Helen, and as I was saying, you're a sweet thing, Anna love you with all my heart."

### FAST FOR LEAKS—

The barber had cut him, nicked him and gashed him. "Give me a glass of water, please," gasped the victim.

"You aren't going to faint, I hope?" asked the barber in alarm.

"No," replied the victim, "I just want to see if my mouth still holds water."—Journeyman Barber.

### INDICATION OF AGE—

You're getting old when you worry about the morning after the night before.

### JUST HIS TYPE—

"Now that I've told you about my past, do you want to marry me?"

"Sure thing."

"And I suppose you'll expect me to live it down?"

"No, baby. I'll expect you to live up to it!"

### QUICK SHIFT—

Billy: "Have you ever been in love?"

Lily: "That's my business."

Billy: "All right, then—how's business?"

### NOW WE KNOW—

Dumb Dora: "Why do they always refer to sailboats as 'she'?"

Don: "Because they make their best showing in the wind."

### FOOLIN' NOBODY—

Little Marian, 4 years old, was busy ironing her dolly's new gown on the Sunday after Christmas. Her nurse remonstrated, "Don't you know it's a sin any work to begin on the Sabbath?"

Marian looked up and calmly answered, "Now, don't you suppose the Good Lord knows that this little iron ain't hot?"

### TOO FAST—

Lawyer (to gorgeous witness): "Answer Yes or No!"

Witness: "Fast worker, aren't you?"

### CARD OF THANKS

We, the family of C. C. Kilby, wish to thank in this manner, our host of friends who extended to us their sympathy and kindness, in so many ways during our bereavement.

THE FAMILY.

The sport of pigeon-racing is most popular in Belgium, where nearly every village has its "Societe Columbophile" or pigeon club, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica. Pigeons belong to the family, Columbidae.

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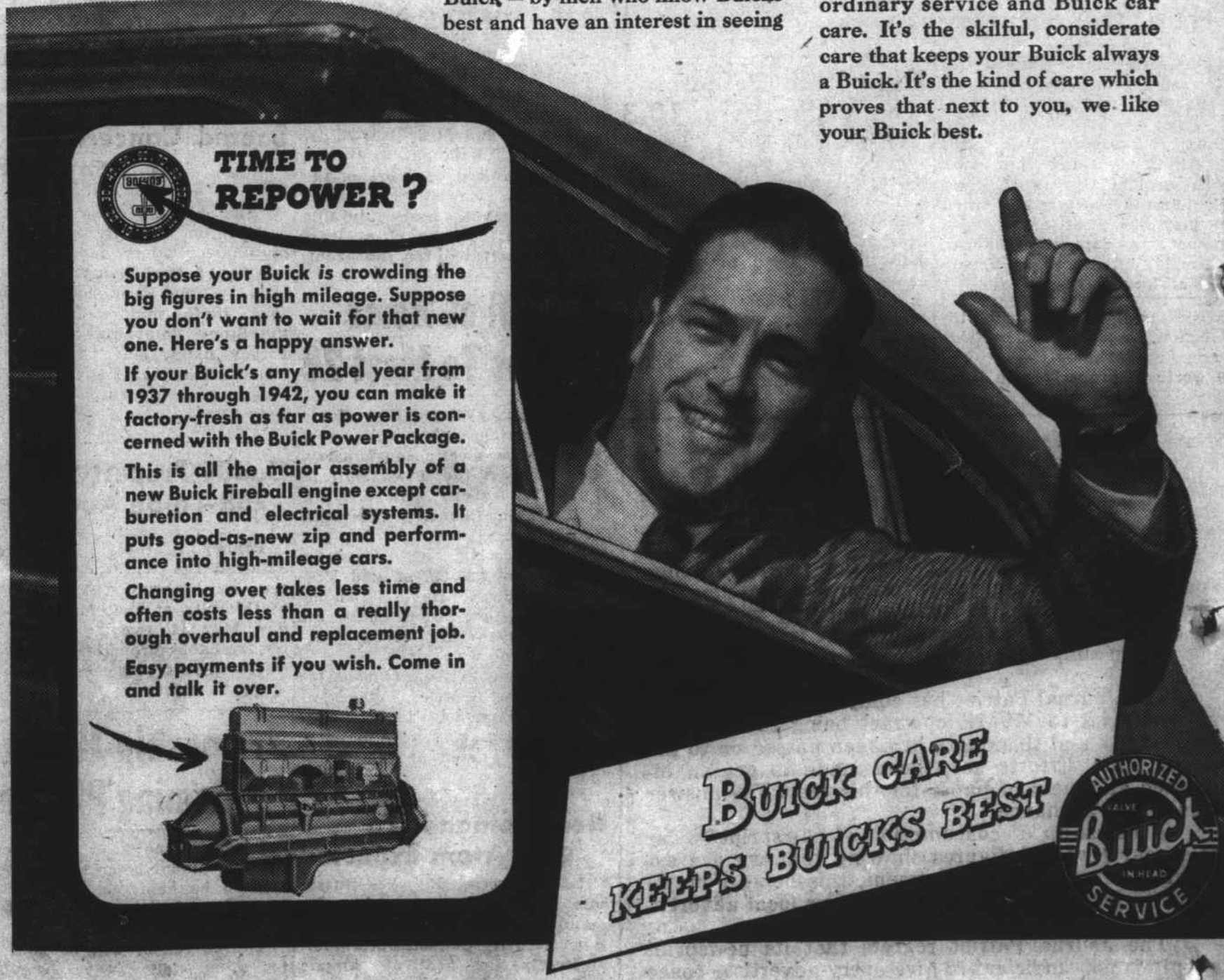
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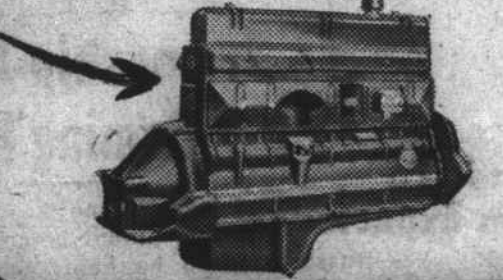
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