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SUBSCRIPTION RATES In Burke County One Year \$1.50 Six Months 1.00 Outside Burke County One Year \$2.00 Six Months 1.25

FROZEN CHRISTMAS TREES Los Angeles—Like a frozen tree this Christmas? See sculptor Tommy Sherbloom. He's taking orders. Sherbloom, who chisels ice instead of stone, hangs ornaments and electric lights on a tree then freezes it within a block of ice. He trims the ice to the exact shape of the tree, plugs in the lights, and behold—a sparkling crystal decorations. Such trees last six to 10 hours.

NEW HARDY ALFALFA A new type of alfalfa that resists the dwarf disease has been developed by the University of California.

The disease is caused by a virus and has affected about one-third of the producing areas in this state. It causes rapid thinning in the second and third season of growth, the College of Agriculture reports.

Seeds of the new plant will be allocated to growers in the affected areas.

CAN THEATRE BE REVIVED? The campus theater may be the most promising answer to the decline of the professional stage, says a California critic.

The college and university playhouse offers a chance for new plays and writers because it has less box office pressure to think about, says Theodore Hatlen, chairman of the Department of Speech at Santa Barbara College.

ENGINEERING FRATERNITY Clarence D. Turner and Charles A. Turner, engineering students at the University of Tennessee, were elected to Tau Beta Pi, a national engineering honor fraternity. Clarence D. Turner was also elected to Chi Epsilon, the civil engineering honor fraternity.

They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Turner of Morganton.

HE SAID BLANKETY—BLANK Washington — A housebreaker drew three blanks at the home of the Rev. Clarence Dawson—two of them from the minister's target pistol. The third blank was loot. He left everything behind in flight.

DOMINATING FACTOR

(A Short Story)

By RICHARD HILL WILKINSON

"There's an old adage," Titus Quale was saying, "that you never can tell what a mob will do. That's silly, because you can tell in a minute, if you stop to analyze the dominating factor. The ability to identify and analyze this factor is just one more of the many steps made in modern crime apprehension."

"Mobs are made up of a bunch of people all of whom have the same fundamental principles or traits or personalities. If one of their number deviates in the slightest from this characterization, he becomes the leader of the mob, or the dominating factor."

"Of course the 14 people who were on the bus on the run from Montreal the night Silas Perry was murdered didn't make much of a mob, but the elements were there."

"The murder took place on a lonely stretch of road just south of the Vermont line. A fuse in the bus' lighting apparatus blew out and the driver stopped to make repairs. It was a cloudy night, and the interior of the bus was inky black. Suddenly out of that blackness came an ear-splitting scream, followed by a thud and a groaning gasp. Pandemonium broke loose inside the bus."

"The driver, a man named Otis Quimet, kept his head. From beneath his seat he procured a flashlight, and by its rays saw Silas Perry slumped in a chair halfway down the aisle, his shirt front covered with blood. Others saw it too. One woman fainted, the others screamed, the men of the party cursed."

"Quimet admitted later that he himself was scared, but he did the only thing possible. He handed the flashlight to the nearest man and went about the business of inserting another fuse in the box. Presently the bus lights came on. Quimet approached the man who held the flashlight. This man's name was Lester Neal, a big, forceful type, seemingly quite calm."

"We're miles from anywhere," the driver explained. "Best thing to do, I guess, is go on to the next station."

"Lester Neal agreed, but he had a suggestion to make. 'No one has left this bus since the man was killed. No windows have been opened. Obviously the victim was knifed. That means the knife must be on the bus—either in someone's pocket or baggage. If you drive on to a station the murderer will have a chance to dispose of his weapon.'"

"Quimet agreed. He was glad to have someone to talk to who wasn't excited or upset. With Lester Neal's help every passenger on

the bus was searched, every piece of baggage examined. But no knife was revealed. This was strange, and Quimet thought about it. It occurred to him that Lester Neal hadn't been searched. He hated the idea of suggesting that the big man submit to this indignity—Neal had been more than helpful, proving a steady influence on the driver's—the more he thought about it, the more it looked to him as though Neal were playing a rather shrewd game.

"Eventually the driver hit upon a plan. He would drive on to the next station. He would ask Neal to accompany him to the local police station, making sure not to give the big man an opportunity to dispose of his weapon, and turn the matter over to them."

"Fate held the winning hand that night, for two state policemen were drinking coffee at the station restaurant when the bus drove up. One of them, a young chap named Ted Holbrook, just out of training school had emerged onto the platform. Lester Neal pointed him out to Quimet, and the driver cast a furtive look at the big man, and headed for the officer. From the corner of his eye he saw Lester Neal making his way toward the station rest rooms."

"Quimet explained to Holbrook, as rapidly as he could, what had happened. 'I searched the baggage and everyone on the bus,' he finished, 'everyone but that man there—the one heading for the rest rooms.'"

"Holbrook took in the situation in an instant. He yelled at Lester Neal, then poked his head inside the station door and called to his partner, Jim Inman. Inman came running out, grabbed Lester Neal and hustled him inside the station. Young Holbrook strode over to the bus and ordered everyone to stay inside. Then he closed the door and returned to the driver. Just at this point, Inman reported that he had searched Neal and found nothing. 'Probably,' he added, 'he disposed of the knife during the remainder of the drive.'"

"Well, it began to look as though the case would develop into one of those long drawn-out affairs, involving a long search for the knife. Young Holbrook prevented this. He took charge of things, and five minutes later had found the knife and wrung a confession from the murderer."

"You see, young Holbrook had just graduated from training school and he recognized the dominating figure in that small mob of people, the only one who wasn't running true to type. This was, of course, Otis Quimet, the driver. Quimet hadn't been searched, and the knife was found in his pocket. It developed later that he and Silas Perry had been having trouble over a woman, which established the motive, but that, of course, is another story."

WEINER LOSES WEIGHT Chapel Hill.—Art Weiner, North Carolina's great pass catching end and outstanding All-American candidate, is thinner than he has been in years, weighing well under 200. Art has been playing both offense and defense this season and the overwork has told on him. He has been bothered by stomach trouble, too.

TOPS CENTURY Austin, Tex.—Danax Bible, University of Texas athletic director, is a member of the Sports Trail Century Club, an organization which honors coaches who have won a hundred or more victories. Bible, in 34 years of coaching, won 209 games, lost 64 and tied 19.



COTTON CHASES COLD — It may be cold outside, but Baby won't know it when she is all wrapped up in a warm cotton corduroy coat. She can brave any weather in this all-purpose corduroy classic coat, for it is processed to shed snow and showers. This trim corduroy topper is a Sherbrooke design, the National Cotton Council reports.



YOUNG APLOMB—This glamor gal (junior size) shows what the well-dressed young miss is wearing this fall. She wears a colorful cotton frock with as much aplomb as a grown-up pin-up girl. Her vivid cotton plaid dress in gay red and blue shades is designed by Johnston of Dallas.

WOOD WORKERS HERE GET ABOVE AVERAGE PAY

Labor Department Says Pay In Local Area Shops Average Higher.

Workers in wood furniture manufacturing establishments of the Morganton-Lenoir area averaged more earnings per hour than did those in the Winston-Salem-High Point area or the Martinsville, Va., area in September of this year. This information has just been released by the U. S. Department of Labor.

Employees in all plant occupations during the month in the Morganton-Lenoir area average ninety-two cents per hour, whereas those in the Winston-Salem-

Simplest Gifts Can Be Exciting If They Are Wrapped With Personal Touch

One of the most important things in even the smallest of gifts doesn't cost a penny. It's a heap of heartful of the Christmas spirit as reflected in the personal attention given to wrapping, decorating, etc. Here are some suggestions for gifts that are different, as culled from the pages of Good Housekeeping magazine.

Tasty Touches. (Inexpensive!) A jar each—celery salt, garlic salt, onion salt. If you wish to get fancy, add shakers of the new smoky salt or monosodium glutamate. Wrap each in tissue paper; then tie in a red-checked napkin

High Point area averaged only eighty-eight cents per hour, and those in the Martinsville area averaged only ninety cents per hour. In the three areas nearly one-fourth of the workers earned one dollar or more per hour and only a little more than nine percent earned under seventy-five cents per hour.

NEW U N BUILDING The permanent Secretariat Building of the United Nations, now being erected on New York's east side, will be 39 stories high and have about 20 acres of floor space.

and sling on a stick—hobo fashion. American Tradition. Can of chicken fricassee; package of noodles, precooked rice, or biscuit mix; dill-pickle slices or spiced peaches. Wrap in comic section of Sunday paper, and tie the package with green ribbon.

Snacker's Special. Assortment of special jams—seedless red raspberry or blackberry; damson plum; boysenberry or loganberry preserve; or comb honey. Place in breadbasket lined with red paper napkin. Tuck in a few pine cones.

For Bred Next Door. Buy assorted canned foods (fruits, vegetables, tomato sauce, beans) in the kitchenette size—about 8 oz. Place in a row on strip of heavy cardboard, cut to fit; top with another strip. Then you have a miniature pantry shelf. Cover with shelf paper, having one side exposed to show can labels. Wrap in cellophane tie with bow.

Christmas Bounty. Fill a cornucopia (or cone made of gold paper) with large walnuts. The recipient may wish to hang it on the door, so all who come can help themselves. (Christmas is the time to give.)



JOSH GOT RESULTS

Like Josh, the beer industry of our state knows it takes energetic planning and hard work to get results. That is why the job it is doing with the Malt Beverage Division of the North Carolina ABC Board is important to citizens who want to see North Carolina a better place in which to live.

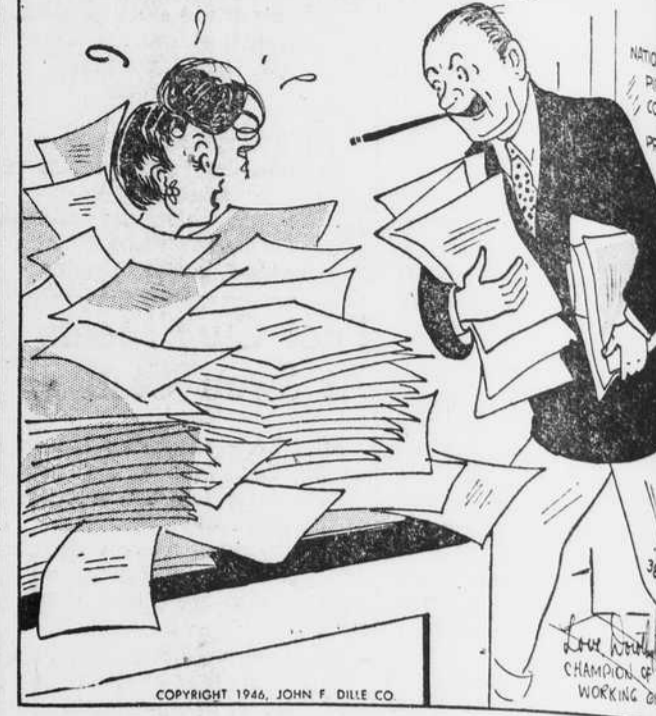
* * * NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION UNITED STATES BREWERS FOUNDATION, INC. Insurance Bldg., Raleigh, N. C.

Josh was bringing his last load of tobacco into town the other day and was all smiles when asked about the prices he had been getting. "They're good enough!" he grinned. "And y'know why? I'll tell ya—because I put everything I had into making this my best crop, and I got results!"

GARREEN Gives You...

The LADIES By Dorothy

MORALE BUSTERS—AFTER THE OLD SANTY CLAUS LOADS YOU UP WITH A PACK BIG ENOUGH TO KEEP YOU BUSY FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS THEN HE CAROLS—



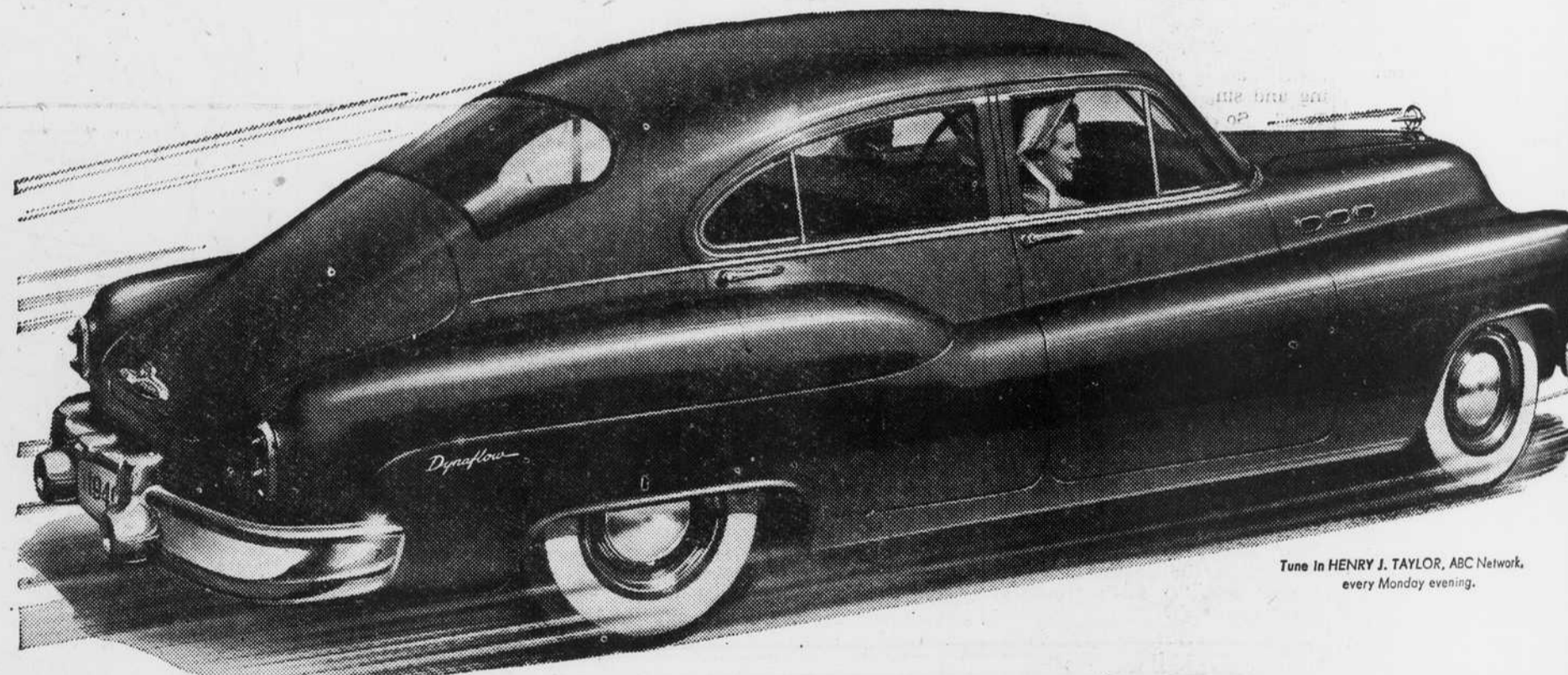
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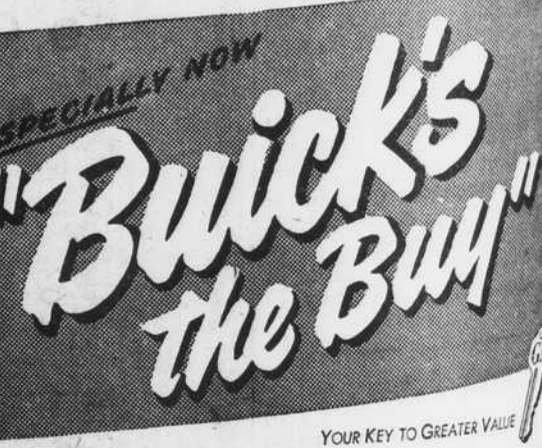
LOOKS like a Jet Plane TRAVELS the same way

YOU see it quick-stepping along the highway—and you can't miss the parallel. You glimpse a bold front end—sleek tapering fenders—flaring, streamlined roof lines—even to "double-bubble" tail-lights, here is the look of "the fastest thing that flies." Then you try one on the road, courtesy of your Buick dealer. Adjectives flock into mind—"agile"—"nimble"—"eager." You realize that here is action, swift and easy—action born of Fireball valve-in-head straight-eight power—action floated on soft coil springs that, for all their lightness, keep your grip on the road sure-footed and firm.

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even in many upkeep costs you can forget about—such as clutch troubles, transmission maintenance, even many engine servicing costs. Why not put yourself into one of these jet-lined beauties right now? It's more easily managed than you might imagine—as you'll see by talking to your Buick dealer.

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