

## SAYS NEWSPAPERS MUST PRESS DRIVE

Traffic Chiefs Praise Cooperation and Campaign of N. C. Press

Daily Dispatch Bureau, in The Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, March 27—The newspapers of the State have been the best allies

which the state highway patrol and safety division have had in their efforts to reduce highway accidents, and the only hope of reducing the accident record is for the newspapers to continue their safety campaign, Captain Charles D. Farmer of the State Highway Patrol said today.

"Without the help and support of the newspapers of the State, the highway patrol would be greatly hampered and rendered almost powerless in doing any constructive work towards reducing accidents in the State," Captain Farmer said. "For unless the light of publicity on drunken and reckless drivers and by keeping the people informed concerning the light penalties imposed by some courts, we

would not be able to accomplish much. The patrolmen can continue to arrest drivers who violate the law, unless the judges convict these arrested and impose penalties that hurt, the arrests mean nothing. In the final analysis it is the judges rather than the patrolmen who enforce the laws."

**Gives Credit To Press**

If it were not for the fact that the newspapers have taken a fearless stand favoring the enforcement of the highway laws and the record would now be going up instead of down, Farmer said. There would also be many more judges who would consent to change the charges in warrants sworn out by patrolmen than at present, as did the judge of the recorder's court in Tarboro this week, when he allowed a man arrested for drunken driving to plead guilty to reckless driving instead, so he would not lose his driver's license for a year.

"There are still a few judges who permit warrants to be changed to less serious offenses and in whose courts it is very difficult for patrolmen to get convictions, but not many," Captain Farmer said. "The reason so few try to do this is because they know the newspapers will not hesitate to print the facts and that the public opinion will react against them. But if it were not for this fact, it would be very difficult to get convictions for drunken and reckless driving. That is why we need the continued support of the newspapers and their safety campaigns."

**On Right Track**

North Carolina is at least on the right track and making real progress in reducing the number of automobile and highway accidents, B. R. Stroup, field representative of the National Safety Council in the southeastern states, and director A. W. Boland, of the motor vehicle division of the South Carolina Highway Commission, said in the course of a visit here Thursday. They paid especial attention to the new driver's license law and the manner in which it is being administered by the Division of Highway Safety of the Department of Revenue.

"The North Carolina driver's license law is one of the best in the country and one that has real teeth in it," Stroup, who was formerly director of the South Carolina motor vehicle division, said. "Drivers in other states are already finding out about it and are realizing that it is not safe to take any chances in North Carolina. The provision in the law under which those who are convicted of drunken driving immediately lose their driving permits for one year and for an additional year on a second offense, are splendid. I wish more states had the same type of law."

**Comments Newspapers**

"I wish you could tell us how you get the newspapers of the State to cooperate and especially to print the names of those convicted of drunken driving whose licenses are revoked," Director Boland said. "We revoke the licenses of those convicted of drunken driving in South Carolina for 60 days on the first conviction and 120 days on a second. Our law would be much more effective if we could revoke the driving permits for one year, as you do here in North Carolina, however. We are also hampered by the fact that we have to try most of our cases in magistrates courts and that we frequently change the charges in warrants to a lesser offense that does not carry automatic revocation of the driver's license."

Director Arthur Fulk of the North Carolina Highway Safety Division, told Director Boland of the South Carolina Motor Vehicle Division that the newspapers in the State have been backing up the safety division 100 percent both in its highway safety campaign and in giving publicity to the names of those whose driving permits are revoked for drunken driving.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT BE HELD SHORTLY

Al Johnson, Pro, Plans to Run Off Tourney at West End in Two Weeks

Spring golf tournament will get underway over West End Country Club links with the membership taking part within the next two weeks, according to Al Johnson, pro at the local club.

Johnson plans a number of contests and tourneys among the members during the spring and summer, and is just waiting for a break in the weather before beginning the activities there.

A number of golfers have been taking advantage of weather breaks for the past few weeks, limbering up over the course.

Club championship match will come later in the year with J. H. Brodie, defending champion having to look to his laurels when that is run off. He won the title last year in a thrilling match with C. O. Seifert in the finals, coming from behind near the end of the 36 hole grind, winning in the final holes.

## Golf Expert Will Play at Louisburg Sunday Afternoon

Announcement was made here today of the demonstration in fancy golfing to be given on the links near Louisburg next Sunday afternoon by Joe Ezar, nationally known golfer. Ezar is now at Pinehurst, and will come to Louisburg from there on Sunday. An invitation was extended to Henderson golfers and any others in this section to attend Ezar's demonstration. He will be on the Louisburg links at 2 p. m. Sunday to play 18 holes.

## TWO ROBBERIES ARE REPORTED TO POLICE

Beard's store on College street was entered last night by thieves who took \$25 in cash, cigarettes, a pistol and some checks, according to a report made to police.

Eight bed spreads and 11 window shades, property of J. M. Gains, of Rocky Mount, were stolen Wednesday night from an automobile in front of the Virginia Dare hotel, the police blotter disclosed.

Officers are working on the thefts, hoping to uncover some clue.

## THREE DEFENDANTS BEFORE RECORDER

Three defendants were given hearings in recorder's court today before Recorder R. E. Clements.

F. E. Emery was convicted of failing to pay board bill at Virginia Dare hotel. He was required to pay the \$14

bill and costs of court.

J. E. Jones was tried on the same charge and was required to pay \$11 board bill and costs.

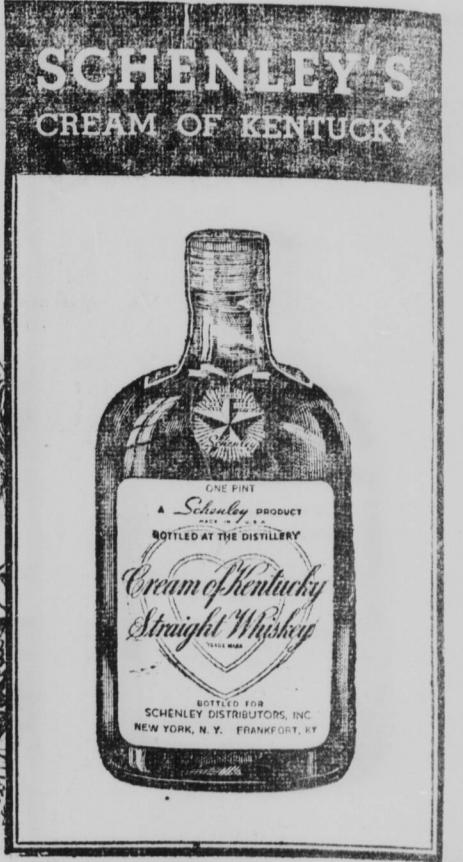
Guirth Day, Negro, was sent to the roads for six months when convicted of manufacturing whiskey. He appealed and his bond was set at \$100. He

was caught yesterday by E. A. Cottrell and E. F. Murphy, county officers, at a still site near Tar river in Kittrell township.



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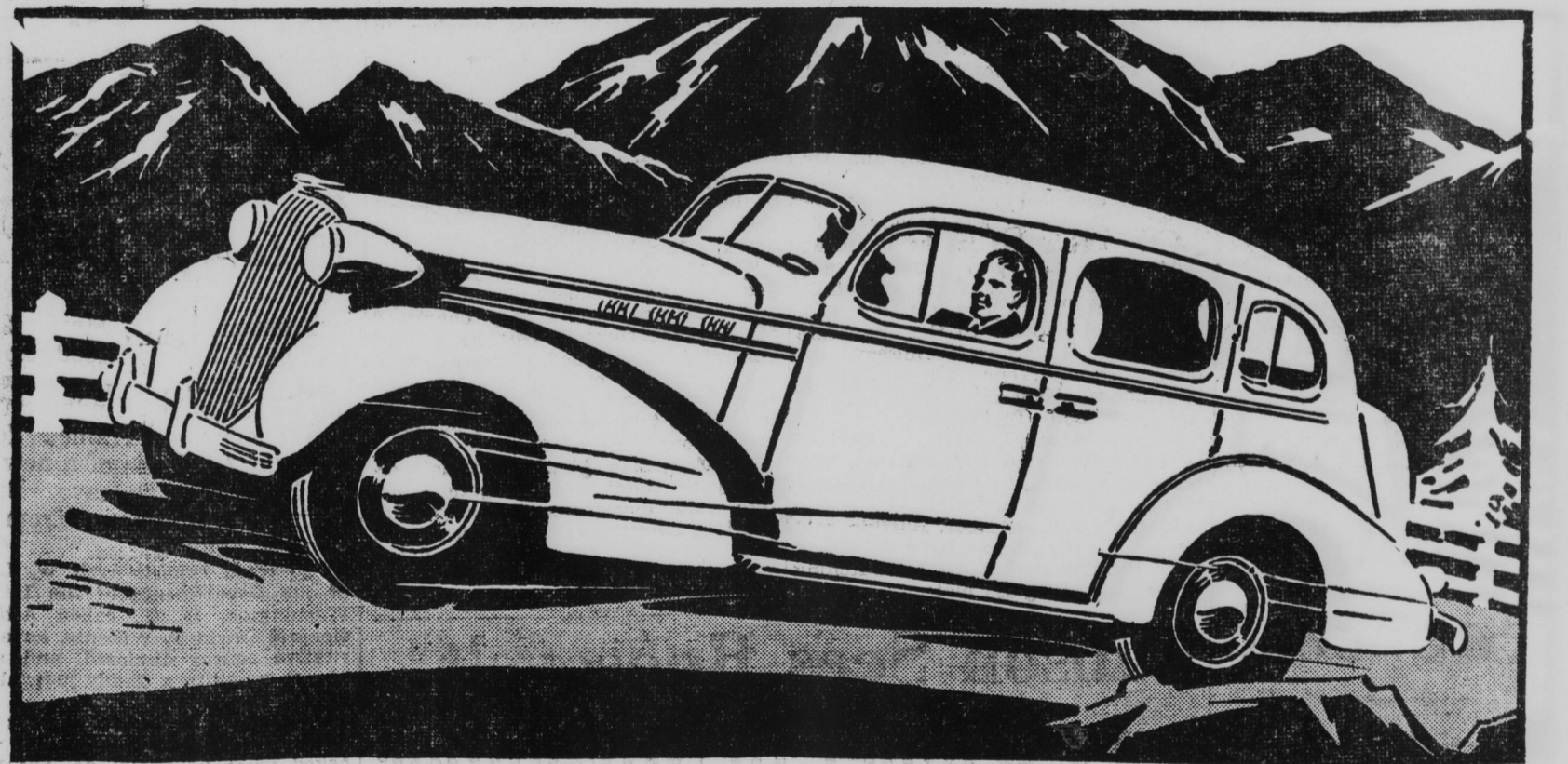
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