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A Deadly Practice

Mounting slaughter on our highways is causing growing concern to lawmakers and the general public and is hitting the pocketbooks of law abiding motorists as insurance figures stretch towards a prohibitive figure.

The concern of the public is reflected in Legislative action to see that safer highways are built, the traffic lanes are marked, that more patrolmen are employed and that more stringent penalties are placed on the law books. And still the slaughter grows.

The State of North Carolina spends thousands of dollars each year to reduce speeding and the public reaction is to keep a closer look on the rear-view mirror to see if any patrolmen are in sight in order to determine if it is safe to ignore the traffic laws concerning speeding, and the slaughter continues.

The State of North Carolina spends thousands of dollars to mark lanes on the highways and to erect signs warning motorists not to pass when the yellow lines are in their driving lanes. But one is impressed by the utter disregard of these warnings by many motorists, and one reads daily of multiple killings in head-on collisions daily caused by motorists disregarding the warnings and the death toll mounts and the insurance rates rise.

Much is said about the drunk driver and if caught he is heavily fined, his license is revoked, and sometimes he is sent to the roads. Drunk drivers should not be permitted on the highways, but actually the drunk driver plays a small part in highway fatalities. While it is true that his reflexes are dulled, he often leans over backwards as he creeps -- and sometimes weaves -- down the road to keep

from being detected. The real menace here is not the drunk driver, but the drinking driver, with his false confidence and his willingness to take a chance.

Speeding is a recognized cause of deaths on our highways and speeding plays a part in many highway accidents as is borne out by newspaper accounts of drivers losing control of their cars and running off the roads or crashing into bridge abutments. No doubt defective automobiles play some part in motor vehicle accidents, but one is impressed by the wreckers pulling smashed cars from the highways and by the fact that almost invariably the smashed cars are late models and presumably in good mechanical condition at the time of the impact.

We can talk about drunk drivers, speeding the need for mechanical inspection of motor vehicles, and well we may, but we talk in vain if we ignore the principal cause of highway fatalities -- the ignoring of yellow lines in traffic lanes. This is the principal cause of the real nightmare of driving, the fear of the careful driver of being hit head-on by a racing automobile as he crests a hill.

Because we are convinced that ignoring yellow lines in traffic lanes is the prime culprit in highway deaths, we would like to see enforcement efforts and higher penalties increased for this violation of traffic laws. We would like to see the penalty for crossing a traffic lane when the yellow lines are in such lane the same as are now in force for the drunk driver. If one thinks this is drastic, we challenge him to take a 100-mile drive on country roads or superhighways without having to slam on his car brakes to prevent a smashup by some driver passing across a yellowline, many times when the yellow line is across the top of a hill.

The practice is senseless, unnecessary, and violators should be severely punished by having their cars removed from the highways.

Other People's Business

The Christian Science Monitor

Just when President Johnson is being compared with Alexander Hamilton as a centralized-government man, he moves in the other direction. It may be that when he is tagged with the label of moderation this means not that every act will be on a dead center but that he will step to left or right as he deems necessary. And the average thrust of his zigs and zags will leave us somewhere between Hamilton and Jefferson.

There is, of course, the celebrated element of consensus politics. If this is sought through offering sops here and there, we secede from the consensus. We would prefer to see the President express boldly and candidly what he considers best for the country, to alter his course if he cannot summon a consensus -- instead of risking the impression of being all things to all men in advance.

Yet we do not cynically doubt the report that Mr. Johnson considers one of his recent turnings-to-the-right a matter of principle. This is the effort to reduce government enterprises in competition with private industry.

We wish a faster review had been ordered. It hardly seems that government agencies will need a full three years to determine which of their activities can be closed in the interest of private business.

The Eisenhower administration undertook a long-term study of the problem. But when a review was ordered, results--though modest--began to take place within the year.

Of course, the interests of private business are not the only ones to consider. National security, for example, must often be of overriding concern. And comparative costs--taking account of differing tax situations, accounting methods, etc.--cannot be the main criterion.

But for the good of the democratic system, as well as for the good of industry, the government should respond with vigor to the President's leadership in getting out of other people's business.

The Old Professor says that President Johnson is making it mighty tough for his critics by taking care of little things like settling the railroad strike so amicably.

NEWS OF FIVE, TEN, 25 YEARS AGO

Looking Backward Into The Record

March 25, 1960

The Warrenton Woman's Club will sponsor a fashion show and dinner at the Warrenton Armory on April 1.

James H. Hundley, Warren County dairyman, was re-elected president of North Carolina Milk Producers Association at a meeting at Greensboro last Friday.

W. E. Perry, Jr., Warrenton businessman, has been chosen to direct the 1960 Cancer Crusade in Warren County.

Chess players from North Carolina and Virginia held a tournament at Hotel Warren over the weekend.

March 25, 1955

John Graham High School opens its 1955 baseball season on its own diamond this afternoon when it plays a Weldon High School nine.

General Claude T. Ewers was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Warrenton Rotary Club on Tuesday night.

The annual Red Cross membership drive is now underway in Warren County with W. B. Terrell serving as fund chairman.

The Central Prison Variety Show will be presented at the Littleton High School on Saturday night, March 26.

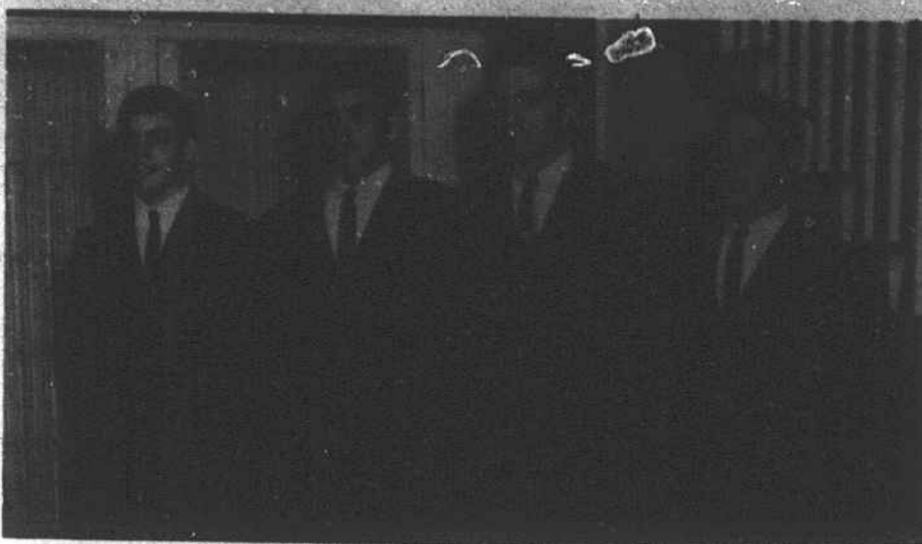
March 22, 1940

"The Old Maid's Convention" will be presented at Macon on Tuesday night, March 26, under the auspices of the Macon Woman's Club.

S. M. Gardner, manager of Warrenton Insurance Agency, is attending an insurance school at the University of North Carolina this week.

Business houses of Warrenton will be closed Monday in observance of the Easter holiday.

The Singing Class of the Oxford Orphanage will give a free concert at the John Graham school auditorium on Monday night.



Members of the Boy's Home Quartet, which performed at a meeting of the Warrenton Woman's Club at Colonial Lodge last Thursday, are pictured, left to right: Tommy Thomas, Jimmy Boone, Charlie Wooten and Curtis Powell.

Boys Home Quartet Presents Program At Warrenton Woman's Club Meeting

A quartet from "Boy's Home of North Carolina, Inc.," provided the program for the March meeting of the Warrenton Woman's Club held at the Colonial Lodge on Thursday evening of last week.

The boys, dressed in bright red blazers and dark gray trousers, presented an attractive picture as they sang four groups of popular and well-known songs to an attentive group of club women and invited guests from the Lions Club.

Prior to the singing, Mrs. H. W. White, program chairman, introduced Mrs. McCrary, wife of the director of "Boy's Home" at Lake Waccamaw, who gave an interesting talk on the activities and responsibilities of the boys at the home. She then presented the boys, who ranged in age from sixteen to eighteen, and were from Roanoke Rapids, Gibsonville, Fayetteville and Laurinburg, respectively.

Following the serving of dinner, Mrs. R. B. Butler, president, recognized Mrs. Leonard Daniel, Crafts Chairman, who discussed the Crafts exhibit

held during the afternoon and introduced the judges, Mrs. J. Boyd Davis and Miss Emily Burt Person, who announced the following blue ribbon winners in the Crafts contest; Mrs. R. B. Butler, needlecraft; Mrs. M. S. Martin, weaving; Mrs. F. P. Whitley, Woodwork; Mrs. Leonard Daniel, miscellaneous, and Mrs. W. A. Graham, novice. The winning entries will be taken to the District XIV Crafts Contest to be held in Lenoir on March 27.

Mrs. F. P. Whitley, Easter Seal Chairman, announced that

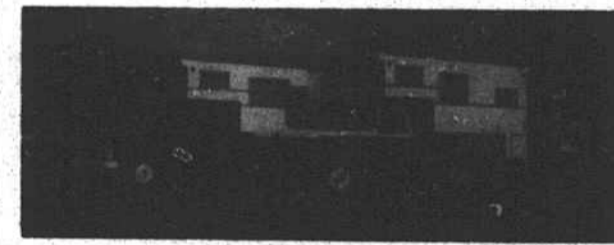
the envelopes had been sent to Warren County citizens and the campaign would continue through Easter Sunday.

Mrs. Butler discussed the "World Affairs Conference" at Chapel Hill which she attended in the interests of the club and announced that the Executive Committee had voted to contribute \$5.00 to the project, "Korean Village."

The dining room and tables were beautifully decorated in the St. Patrick's Day theme by the hostesses, Mrs. Leonard Daniel and Mrs. F. P. Whitley.

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Daniel Is Speaker At Ruritan Meeting

Leonard S. Daniel, chairman of the Advancement Committee of the Van-Warco District of Boy Scouts, was guest speaker at the Wise-Paschall Ruritan Club on Thursday night and stressed adult leadership for youth of the county.

Daniel defined youth, told of their likes and dislikes and told of the education for youth. He pointed out that adults had an obligation to youth, which could partly be fulfilled through volunteer service in various phases of well organized recreation programs. He told the Ruritans they had an opportunity to serve through a summer recreation program in their community.

The fire Department Committee reported work was already in progress on the building and plans were underway for raising funds to have the project completed. The first fund-raising event will take place at the club building on Friday night, April 16, with a Brunswick stew being sold at 75¢ per tray with tea or coffee, or at \$1.00 per quart. Bingo will be played later in the evening.

The meeting was held in the club building with the Paschall Home Demonstration Club serving the meal.

Tant Rites Are Held At Baptist Church

Littleton -- Funeral services for Mrs. Minnie Lewis Tant, 77, who died Friday, were conducted Sunday at 3 p. m. at the Littleton Baptist Church by the Rev. John Stealy. Burial was in Sunset Hills Cemetery. She was a member of the Littleton Baptist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Hobbs of Littleton and Mrs. Roland Fields of Lakeland, Fla.; three sons, Oliver and Jack of Littleton, and Bernard of Rocky Mount; two sisters, Mrs. C. B. Marcom of Raleigh, and Mrs. Virginia Stealy of Jacksonville, Fla.; two brothers, B. E. Lewis of Zebulon and Sonny Lewis of Spring Hope; 20 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

ICE CAPADES

Raleigh -- The all-new 1965 edition of Ice Capades opens its annual engagement here April 7 at the Reynolds Coliseum. The limited four-day run will close Saturday night, April 10.

Boyd Funeral Is Held On Monday

Henderson -- Miss Annie Elizabeth Boyd, 72, of the Williamsboro community, died at six o'clock Sunday morning in Maria Parham Hospital, where she had been a patient several weeks.

She was born in Vance County March 14, 1868, daughter of the late Nathaniel B. and Judith Bullock Boyd, and was a lifelong member of Nutbush Presbyterian Church in Townsville.

Funeral services were held in Nutbush Church Monday afternoon at three o'clock with interment in the cemetery of St. John's Episcopal Church at Williamsboro. Officiating were Rev. Gerald Wilson, Nutbush pastor, and Rev. James B.

Storey, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Henderson.

Survivors are eight sisters, Mrs. Henry B. White of Macon, Mrs. C. U. Sanford of Townsville, Mrs. George A. Harris of Henderson, Mrs. A. F. Lynn of Columbia, S. C., Mrs. Sarah Boyd of the home, Mrs. W. E. Bowman of Colfax, Mrs. C. C. Carrington of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. J. R. Harper of Fayetteville; one brother, W. D. Boyd of Greensboro, and nephews and nieces.

Today's average farmer uses about 70 per cent of his gross farm income for the goods, materials and services for farm production, compared with 60 per cent in 1952.

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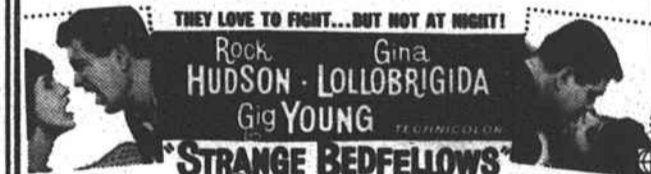
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