

Cutting Off the Nose To Spite the Face

Senate Bill 120, which proposes to take \$5,000,000 from the Highway Fund and distribute this money to the towns and cities according to the population of the municipalities, probably will receive a favorable committee report and will pass the Senate. If it does, it will be the tragic result of a small group of men, who determined to strike at Kerr Scott, and inflicted considerable harm to North Carolina's highway system. The Highway Fund, already inadequate for the work which should be done, cannot be stretched to cover the streets of our cities and towns without additional revenue being poured into the Fund.

It is interesting to examine approximate break-down of this \$5,000,000 according to population. Raleigh, with its vast network of streets, will gobble up over \$190,000. Zebulon and Wendell will be given just a little over \$4,000 each. Charlotte will receive over \$510,000 and Winston-Salem over \$324,000. These two cities will be appropriated nearly one-fifth of the total money given to the municipalities.

Small towns will be wise to follow the lead of the Greensboro City Council, which went on record over the protests of the Mayor of Greensboro, opposing the Powell Bill.

We believe that cities and towns are entitled to help in maintaining their streets. Autoists in towns pay a state gasoline tax, and yet this money does not help construct and maintain the streets which are not connecting links in the highway system. The present situation may be unfair; but to dig into the Highway Fund for money for the towns and cities without providing additional taxes to provide it is stupid business.

Cut the Loads

Everybody wants more roads and streets.
Nobody wants more taxes.

Clearly the only way was to have more funds for pavement at no more cost is to stop the destruction of streets and roads by huge and overloaded trucks.

Under such circumstances the most important bill now before the Legislature is that one which would roll back truck weights to the level which existed before the 1949 Legislature boosted them for the benefit of a few load hogs.

It is not easy to see how we could have the road system we want and more money for streets without any additional revenue. The additional of diversion to destruction, however, would not be conservatism but deliberate, first degree carelessness with the roads of North Carolina.—The News & Observer.

What About Sunday?

The Recreation Center proposed by the Teen-Agers and others in the community is an excellent idea, if it receives the cooperation of those for whom it is provided. We agree such a place is badly need in Zebulon, but we know it will be no cure-all for the problems of juvenile recreation.

Why?

The Methodist and Baptist Churches of Zebulon and the Baptist Church of Wakefield have excellent youth programs in operation every Sunday night. Attendance at meetings of these groups is discouragingly low. At the same time, Sunday night attendance by teen-agers at road houses, theatres, and in the woods is astonishingly high.

Will this be the situation if a recreation center is provided? Will the teen-agers look upon entertainment at such a center as "too tame" and continue to seek questionable recreation?

The final answer will not be found until the recreation center is an actuality, but an indication of the answer may be provided by the young people now in their conduct. If parents are lax in their discipline and if religious youth groups are too tame, the youth center will be a sad waste of time and effort.

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Seen and Heard

If you enjoy good answers, ask somebody why folks knew the Harry Patton's baby was going to be a girl long before she was born.

I have often wondered which is the hardest — work which requires lots of muscular exertion or work which requires lots of mental effort. Both of these lines of endeavor leave me completely tired out at the end of the day; but the mental work usually leaves a headache as well as aching muscles.

D'you think modern warfare is simple? Well, just one example of its complexity is the fact that from the beginning of World War II to the beginning of the Korean

conflict, the U. S. Army used an estimated 400 million maps. And some GI's still wonder why they have to study map-reading.

Then there was the secretary who did not mail out the circular letters because she could not find any round envelopes.

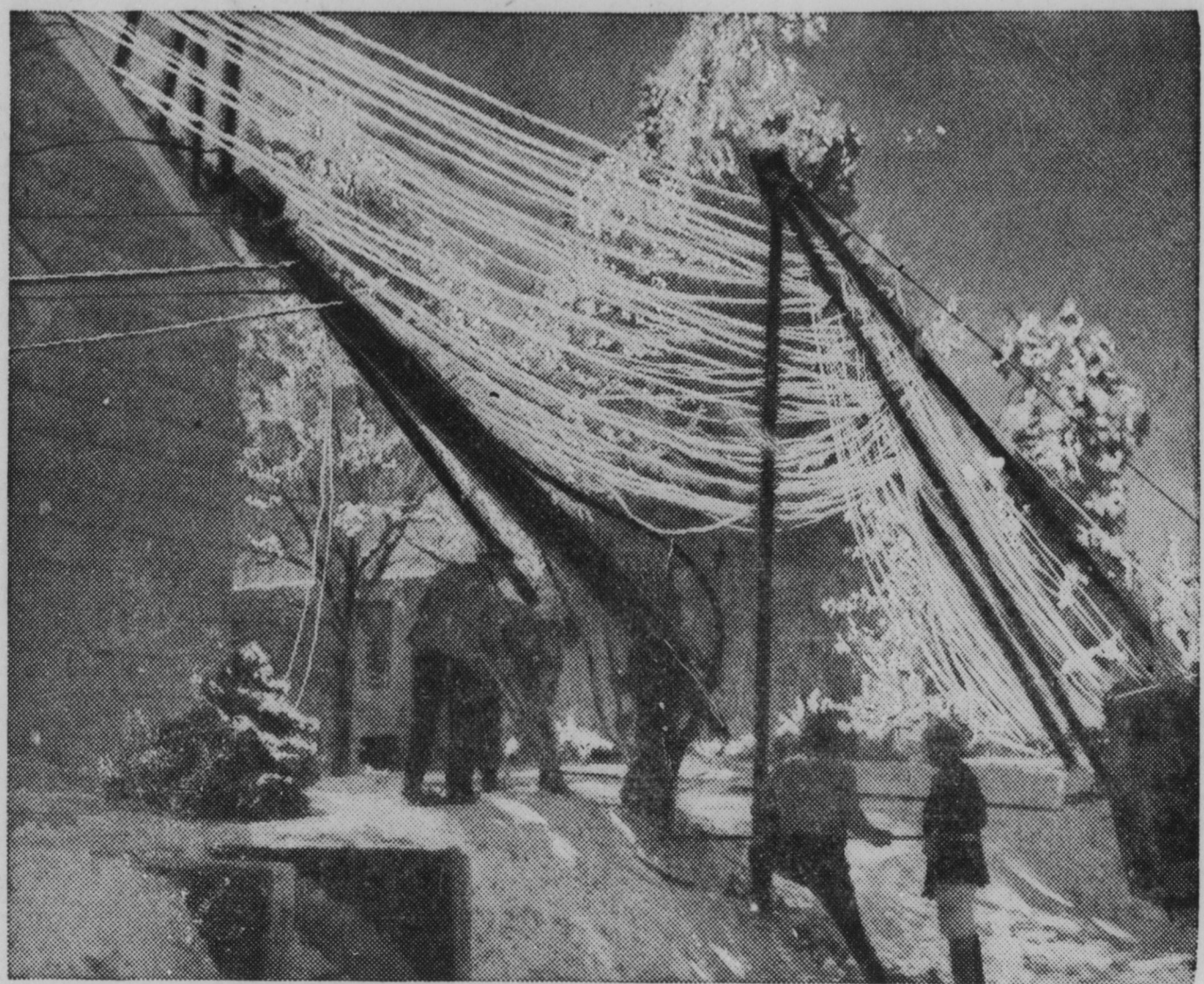
Vance Brown says that women's styles may change, but their designs remain the same.

Thomas Jefferson was the first president elected on the Republican ticket, but it seems that the Republican party of 1800 is the Democratic Party of today. Abraham Lincoln was the first president elected by the present Re-

publican Party. And if it were not for Mr. Arthur Ferrell's reminiscing, there are a lot of young people in this community who could not remember who the last Republican President was elected.

Do you know why a whale can never be cross-eyed? It's because it's eyes are on the sides of its head, and so one eye never can see what the other eye sees at the same time. Fact is, a whale can't move its eyes so it can not see forward and backward either.

The nice weather over the weekend was made all the more enjoyable by a memory of the bitter cold weather we have endured so much this winter.



WHEN STRENGTH IS PRICELESS

\$5,600,000 ice damage yielding to 9-state

Telephone Teamwork

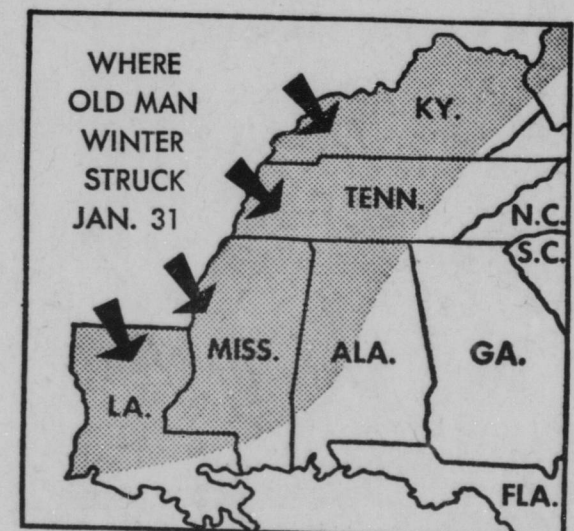
Wide areas of the South have learned first-hand what it means to have a strong Telephone Company when disaster strikes.

The recent ice storm dealt a giant blow to portions of five Southern states. For telephone facilities, it was the worst ice storm in history. Telephone poles and wires snapped under the weight of tons of glittering ice. Eighty-seven thousand telephones and 3,174 Long Distance circuits were knocked out, and 181 communities isolated.

While ice still sparkled on the magnolias, the Telephone team swung into action. From all nine Southern Bell states, repair crews, cable, wire and poles were swiftly assembled. By rail, truck and plane they came, as skilled Telephone repairmen worked around the clock.

That's the kind of resources and teamwork it takes when nature goes on the rampage. It cuts weeks off the time it takes to restore service. And that's mighty important as the Nation mobilizes for Defense.

It's good to know that whenever such disaster comes your way, an abundance of help—from other states if needed—won't be far behind. It's good, too, that regardless of where a Bell Telephone man comes from, the tools, the materials and methods he'll work with are the same as those he uses back home.



1700 Extra Men and Trainloads of Material

More than 1700 extra men from outside the affected areas were rushed in to help repair the damage. They took 225 trucks and other vehicles. Materials rushed in from Western Electric supply centers included 14,500 poles, 17,400 cross-arms and 48,700 miles of wire.

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