



MISS PHILLIPS IS ENGAGED

The engagement of Miss Patricia Louisa Phillips, of Franklin and Asheville, to Frank Richardson Meech, of Columbia, S. C., and Arden, has been announced. She is the daughter of Mrs. Louis B. Phillips and the late Mr. Phillips. Mr. Meech is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. G. Meech, of Columbia. A June wedding is planned.

DRIVER TRAINING — How Is That \$1 Used In Schools?

By JOHN COREY
 (EDITOR'S NOTE: Macon's three high schools have driver training programs. A full-time man is employed at Franklin. Part-time teachers instruct at Nantahala and Highlands. Cars are donated by Burrell Motor Company and Conley Motor Company.)

By mid-February, better than a million Tar Heel auto owners had plomped down an extra \$1 to get their '59 license tags. The dollars finance driver education in schools.

Many wonder: Is the training a frill? Does it actually take 30 hours classroom instruction and six hours practice

training for 10 years, observed first-hand over 100 programs operating in the United States.

Driver education emphasizes how to drive but its sharpest accent centers on developing sensible driving attitudes among youngsters, says Dr. Tinnell.

He names this the key to reducing accidents, which took a heavy death toll in North Carolina last year.

The accident rate can be sliced in half by proper driver training in high school, predicts the professor. The forecast is based on his own teaching experience and a Cleveland, Ohio, study of 1,700 students who took driver training and 1,700 who didn't.

The 1,700 who didn't had twice the accidents of those who did.

Most school administrators in North Carolina seem to agree.

Eighty-one percent — or 693 high schools — of the schools this year offer driver education to approximately 37,000 students, or 58 per cent of high schoolers reaching legal licensing age.

Each local school administrative unit receives \$5.25 for each high schooler enrolled. Local conditions determine the exact time when courses begin in various schools.

Lack of qualified instructors has posed a roadblock. Only 18 per cent of schools had the program in 1957. The obstacle is rapidly being removed as revealed by the 81 per cent now having it.

Dr. Tinnell, for instance, is currently conducting in Burke County an extension course for 15 prospective driver education teachers. He'll teach a similar course on the Appalachian campus this summer.

Youngsters should take driver training just prior to reaching licensing age, states the professor. In North Carolina, most attain the minimum legal driving age during the tenth school year.

The course is not forced upon the student. It's an elective.

In some schools the course is driving to learn to operate a car? Some boast they learned in an hour.

Will the training reduce highway fatalities, the State's number one accident killer of youths between the age four and twenty-five, larger than all other accident categories combined?

Dr. Benjamin C. Tinnell, a professor at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, N. C., thinks it will.

He's taught and studied driver training during regular school hours. At others it's afterward or during summer. Dr. Tinnell ventures that best results come during regular school hours because practice driving and classroom instruction can run concurrently.

Required for driver training are text-books, psycho-physical testing devices and automobiles with dual controls for both student and instructor.



TWO MACON STUDENTS ELECTED AT PFEIFFER

Miss Laura Cabe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl P. Cabe, and Miss Edith Christy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Christy, have been elected to offices at Pfeiffer College. Miss Cabe is fellowship chairman for the Methodist Student Fellowship, and Miss Christy has been named editor of the STEEPLE LIGHT, a publication of the fellowship. Officers pictured are (L to R) front row, Miss Dot Chance, of Lumberton, president; Fred Falls, of Kings Mountain, vice-president; Miss Elaine Frick, of Richfield, secretary; Miss Christy; Miss Cabe; and Jerry Ann Meachum, of Rockingham, freshman counselor; back row, Joe Rhinehart, of Webster, District 11 chairman; Max Davis, of Gastonia, treasurer; Miss Julia Lee, of Lawndale, publicity chairman; and Eddie Ramsey, of Gastonia, freshman counselor. (Pfeiffer College Photo)

SOME ARE LISTED — Postmaster Warns Patrons To Watch Out For Schemes

Postmaster Zeb Meadows has announced he has been advised that all United States attorneys have been alerted to a growing number of schemes victimizing the public, and have been instructed to press prosecution action whenever violations of federal criminal statutes have been disclosed.

In publicly disseminated statements, Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield and Attorney General William P. Rogers have indicated concern with this problem, Mr. Meadows said.

He added that both the United States attorneys and postal inspectors will coordinate their efforts under the guidance of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice.

Among the schemes that may be of special interest to members of the Franklin community, as outlined by the head of the Criminal Division, are these:

OFFERS TO ACT AS AGENTS: FRAUDULENT OBTAINING OF ADVANCE FEES: The gist of these schemes is the swindler's offer to perform impressive services which will aid the victim in his attempts to negotiate a particular transaction. Performance of the services is always contingent upon payment of an advance fee; once the fee is paid, however, no services of appreciable value are ever rendered.

The most common use of this scheme is where a small businessman desires to sell his business. In a variation of this scheme, businessmen desiring loans are induced to employ the swindlers to obtain financing. In another variation, persons owning real estate in a state other than that of their residence are induced to employ a swindler to aid in the sale of the real estate.

There is another type of scheme involving sales of accounting services. In the main, the services are of little if any, value. Some instances are reported where the swindlers, having gained access to the books of their client, utilize the information for blackmail.

Local auto dealers usually loan schools new vehicles for driving practice. Manufacturers give dealers \$125 off list price. Both benefit from obvious advertising received.

Some manufacturers believe that 75 per cent of the people will buy the make of car in which they first learned to drive, says Dr. Tinnell.

Driver education standardizes driving techniques. This eliminates parents possessing poor driving habits from passing them on to their children.

It also teaches drivers how to save money. For example, many clutch their car in high gear before putting on brakes. "Apply footbrake before applying clutch pedal" advises Dr. Tinnell. "It'll enable the driver to stop the car in less distance and save wear and tear on expensive brake shoes."

West's Mill News Items

Mr. and Mrs. Dent Simonds and small daughter, of Norfolk, Va., recently visited relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. McLean, of Whittier, were recent visitors here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Burgess and small son, of Waynesville, spent last Sunday with relatives.

Mrs. Ruth West Ramsey, who teaches in Tryon, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. West, recently.

Miss Pallie Allen, of Bryson City, was here on business recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Owens and children, of Enka, spent the week end with Mr. Owen's mother, Mrs. Clara Owens.

Q. How did the value of farm products sold in North Carolina in 1958 compare with those sold in 1957?

A. There was a sizable increase. The total value in 1958 reached \$1,082 million as compared with \$821 million for 1957. Of the \$261 million increase last year, crops accounted for \$192 million and livestock products accounted for \$69 million.

WORK AT HOME SCHEMES: The general approach of this type of scheme is to create the belief that there is a ready and substantial market for certain goods which can be produced at home. The swindler, of course, sells the machine and produces these goods. The victim is convincingly persuaded to purchase the machine by the swindler's assurances that he will purchase and resell any goods produced. In reality, payment for the machine assures only the disappearance of the swindler. This scheme is particularly vicious because it is most appealing to those who can earn a livelihood only at home, e.g., the aged or infirm.

EASY-TO-WIN CONTESTS: The general format of these contests usually consists of an open invitation to the public to win a "prize" by the performance of a relatively simple task. For example, an advertisement shows a woman attired in a polka dot dress; a cash prize is to be awarded to the person who correctly counts the number of polka dots, a feat requiring no more than a mastery of elementary arithmetic. All entrants, of course, are winners and are told to call for their prizes at the business address of the advertiser. The winner then learns that his "cash prize" can be obtained only as a credit against the purchase price of merchandise sold by the advertiser. In spite of the credit, the price actually paid is usually more than the cost of the merchandise if purchased elsewhere, and the merchandise offered is often of an inferior quality. It should be noted that this type of scheme injures not only the gullible consumer but also reliable businessmen through loss of sales and injury to reputation.

Q. The needles on some pines in our vicinity are turning brown. Are the trees dying?

A. Not necessarily. A fungus disease called needle rust attacks pine needles during this time of year and makes sections of the needle turn brown. This disease does not kill the pines. In a few weeks the trees will regain their green color with no apparent ill effects, although there may be some loss of growth. There is no practical control for this disease.

A Helpful Hint

READY FOR SUMMER?—It's a good idea to start planning for the activities that summer will bring. This, for the most part, means getting ready for outdoor living.

If last year's chairs and tables seem shabby and run-down, a little imagination, energy and a can of paint will make them look like new. Color outdoors contributes to the over-all mood and atmosphere just as it does indoors in the family or recreation room.

It is a good idea to itemize the various things which need repairing and repainting. It might be the breezeway, retainer walls or fences, lawn decorations, chairs, tables and benches, flower pots and flower boxes. If the list looks extensive, you'd be wise to rely on an experienced painter. However, if only a few items need painting you and your family could do it.

YOUR PAINT JOB—The first step in any paint job is to clean the surface. If old paint is in a powdery condition, use a wire brush on the surface.

An easy way to paint metal furniture is to use a spray enamel packaged in its own spray can. Such a spray enamel can be applied to wood, wrought iron, and even wicker and straw furniture.

BAKE SALE SET
 The Women's Auxiliary of St. Agnes Episcopal Church will hold a bake sale Friday of this week at 9 o'clock at the Children's Shop.

North Carolina cotton allotments have decreased from 960,000 acres to 470,000 acres in the last 10 years.

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