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SAFTEY FIRST

Three Months

There are many ways in which a town can be famous. Evanston, Illinois, has chosen a way which might well be copied by other towns. It is known as the city where they have fewer automobile accidents than anywhere else in the country. The mayor of Evanston, the police, and the citizens have cooperated to attain this enviable reputation. The driving laws are carefully framed, the police-force is adand public action necessary for dents accounted for the total. the successful enforcement of amination of all cars, strict li-cracker casualties. cense requirements and sensible speed and traffic laws, the obvious neccessities, as most peo-When there is an accident, the needs some overhauling. policeman acts on the theory that one driver is always refenders punished.

not been popular in the past. Then even lose his job. Or, take another the people one knew had been in drive slowly on it. case, if tourists driving through a motor accidents, in those days when The speed limit of our town must town broke a traffic regulation and motoring was a pleasure and not a be enforced. That is true not only of paying a fine, they were likely to be dangerous terror, that story was typ- the highway but of all the other pretty mad. That was poor business ical of much that went on. It seemed streets across whose intersection cars for the local cop. It got the town in then a pretty fair way of dealing and delivery trucks speed recklessly. wrong, gave folks a bad impression. with such an affair-a crash where It may be that our police force is not Public opinion was against the police- no one was hurt, where both parties adequate: we may need more traffic man instead of with him. The result were in the wrong. Probably ten years was that, instead of making arrests, ago public opinion would have back- We, as the citizens of Southern the aim of every policeman was to ed up such a lack of action on the Pines, must be ready to back up our avoid making them. If a crash oc- part of the police. We submit that police and our mayor to the limit in cured between two cars, the police- that is not true today. Here was a enforcing the law. man appeared in the role of mediator. clear case of wrong doing on the

bring charges, Mister. Just be more punished though, obviously, the pun- adoxically, perhaps the most difficareful how you drive next time." A ishment of the driver responsible for cult. There is a curious neurosis hangfriendly grin, and off they go to drive the crash should have been by far the ing over motorists; not one in a hununtil the next crash comes.

their two months old baby, Sam, and lice. straightened out, a car came up be- Pines: Safety. hind them, hit them and knocked crashed. The policeman came and necessarily, half street, half highway, the delivery boy who will be made a thorough investigation. He unsatisfactory and unsafe as either. bawled out at the store if he doesn't listened to both stories; he measur- Cars must be parked in front of finish his delivers on time-it matters where the brakes had been applied. entrances; traffic to and from town kindness have no place in this cam-He estimated that it was going at must cross it constantly. The stop paign. The friend must be remonstraleast sixty miles an hour, which tal- signs along it are perhaps a legal ted with and the proprietor of the lied with Mr. A.'s and his wife's story. necessity but unfortunately they sel- store owning the truck must be seen. He conferred with both drivers. It was dom serve their purpose. The towns- In this connection there is no doubt plain that the second car was exceed- people, of course, know of the road's ing the speed limit; Mr. A. had a existence and the danger of crossing could do it a real service by laying clear case of damage. But unfortun- it blindly. Stop signs are of little use down strict rules against speeding ately Mr. A. was in a fix. He had to them, and to the passing motorist, for their drivers. No matter who it is sent for his driver's license, but for they are too often a signal that it is if necessary, the offender must be resome reason it had not come. He was sefe for him to speed. To counteract ported and appeared against in court, driving without a license. Here then this impression there should be more was a case where both participants speed limit signs on the road. The were legally in the wrong. What did planting which adds so much to the going people. We like to be good nathe policeman do? He warned Mr. A. attraction of the highway also makes tured; but in this case it is well to that he would be wiser not to sue, and for some extremely dangerous corners. remember that this casualness and he warned Mr. B. that he had better It should be thinned out and with good nature is costing America go slower net time. Mr. B. drove gay- care this could be done effectively 36,000 lives a year. ly on with a passing thought of grat- without destroying its beauty. The itude to the slowness of license is- little turning knobs that look at night regulations and we must obey them suers, and Mr. A. and his wife sadly like manholes to Hades have perhaps and back up our police in enforcing called the wrecking crew and then the scare value of all unknown obwent home to Sam. They gazed at jects lying in a road. They mystify a worthy lead, that of Evanston. We him, one may imagine, with a slight and therefore sometimes slow up the will be working towards the proud

CARO-GRAPHICS --- by

Murray Jones, Jr.



DID YOU KNOW THAT IN 1759 GOV. DOBBS WANTED THE STATE TO HAVE 2 CAPITOLS. EDENTON AND WILMINGTON? THE PLAN FAILED BECAUSE OF JEALOUSY BETWEEN THE TWO SECTIONS, AND NEW BERN WAS

SELECTED !

IN 1862, WILMINGTON WAS VICTIM OF A YELLOW FEVER EPIDEMK WITHIN 3 MONTHY APP 20% OF THE POP DIED

ONE OF M.C. DELEGATES TO THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS WAS THE FIRST ONE TO BRING UP THE PROPOSITION OF INDEPENDENCE

MD YOU KNOW THAT

liojeph hughes of edenton

THE COITORS OF CARO-GRAPHICS INVITE YOU TO SEND IN INTERESTING MACIS ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY

GRAINS OF SAND

Five killed, 14 injured,

equate, and the citizens give North Carolina. An airplane crash, a that backing of public opinion drowning and four automobile acci-

The nation's celebration of its 160th quickly. any legal measure. As a result birthday took the heaviest toll in five Evanston is a safe town. The years, no less than 251 persons paying measures by which it has enter- with their lives for the holiday. Motor ed this blessed state are not un- accidents and drowning were accountusual. They comprise regular ex- able for most. Few were the fire- county and H. L. Ingram of Ran- have cast their ballots.

Moore county escaped.

This county gave Dr. McDonald a ple will agree, to safe driving. plurality in both primaries, 231 in The main thing that Evanston last Saturday's vote. There are aphas done, and the new thing, is parently 1.893 Democratic voters in to see that the laws are enforced. Moore who believe the State machine

sponsible; often that two are; are to be congratulated on their hand- ship. passersby are willing to testify; ling of the "bonus" bonds here in T. E. Johnson, commissioner, to those in public office and those aspirthe case is thoroughly invest- Southern Pines. The "boys" received Earl Martin, property in Moore counigated and the offender or of- their bonds in one mail, endorsed ty. them, handed them back to the post-

quarters, and had their money in the That was the Fourth of July toll in next mail back. It was quick work.

In case you do not know it, your dolph. Moore, one of four counties

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

M. G. Boyette, commissioner, to Frank Ritter, Harold Green and Nick Postmaster Buchan and his staff Repatas: property in Sandhills town-

George R. Ross and wife to Fred L. The enforcement of this type has cffice for despatch to Raleigh head- Blue and wife, property in Aberdeen.

the policeman who picked up a res- pened to Sam if the curb of the high- is no getting around the fact that the pectable citizen for fast driving was way had been a little higher or they road is a dangerous one to travel as apt to be bawled out by his chief. If had been a little slower in turning, well as to traverse. It is important, the citizen was big enough he might In the good old days before half for the safety of all, that cars should

route led out onto a highway. They ly patriotic; we are constantly point- and again, notorious speedsters or stopped as they neared it, then, as ing with pride to this or that; we try bad drivers complain of the other felthere was no car in sight, they turn- to think up town improvements that low's faults? In any safety campaign, ed slowly out and headed down the we can be proud of. I would like to control of one's own driving must road. Before they were entirely suggest a new aim for Southern come first and after that willingness

cops but there is more to it than that.

There are many ways in which we "Sure, I guess maybe you were going part of both parties: one was driv- can help and we must not blind oura bit too fast, but so was he. Well, ing recklessly, one was driving with- selves to the fact that self discipline nobody was hurt. You don't want to out a license. Both should have been is the most important. It is also, parmost severe. We believe that the peo- dred realizes or at least will admit An accident of this sort occurred a ple of that town would have applaud- his own faults. Who ever heard a man while ago. Mr. A. and his wife left ed such action on the part of the po- confess to being an absent-minded driver or a reckless one? And have drove down town to get the mail. Their We in Southern Pines are intense- we not all groaned to hear, again to report other offenders. Even if it There have been several close calls is your next door neighbor who goes them across the road. Both cars on Route 1 going through town. It is, charging across your path, or ed the tracks of the second car from houses, turn into and out of narrow not. Neighborliness and mistaken that the merchants of this town We don't like doing a thing like that. We are a friendly, kind-hearted, easy-

Southern Pines must have adequate clutch at the heart. Perhaps they approaching driver and to that ex- goal of being known as the safest wondered just what would have hap- tent are doubtless useful. But there town in North Carolina. K.L.B. Aberdeen

From State Press

A SERVICE TO THE STATE

To the victor belongs not only the spoils but the satisfaction of triumph. And some of the "boys" say the But even in his defeat on Saturday money disappeared just about as Dr. Ralph W. McDonald is entitled to the appreciation of the people of North Carolina, He deserves the thanks not only of those who had him Democratic candidates for the State as their leader but also of all the peo-Senate are Ryan McBryde of Hoke ple of the State however they may

North Carolina may neither need in the 12th Senatorial district is al- nor wish Dr. McDonald as Governor lowed a candidate of its own only of North Carolina. But it will be a every other election--which deprives dangerous time in this or any other Haines, have leased an office in the ition able and unafraid to point the office in the Patch Building. ing to it.

> When Dennis G. Brummit died the oss of the State lay not so much in the death of an able Attorney Gener- Hayes."

al as in the disappearance from public office of an official whose critical independence assured the people of revealing comment on the government of their State. Such a man is needed. Such men are needed. Intelligent opposition is the only safeguard of good government and the only corrective of bad government.

This is particularly true in North Carolina and other Southern States where one party government, necessary as it is, deprives the people of the safeguards which lie in the two party system. Rob the Democratic Party in North Carolina of division within the party and health within the party will disappear. Its strength, its character, its power lie in the fact that it's programs are shaped in conflict by men of diverse convictions.

It was a superficial comment which regretted the bitterness of the recent campaign. Undoubtedly now that the heat has passed Dr. McDonald regrets some of the epithets he flung at Mr. Hoey and undoubtedly, too, Mr. Hoey regrets some of the epithets he flung at Dr. McDonald. But both are men and neither had any business in politics if he lacked the hide to bear the blows. Men do not fight over their convictions with feathers. Orators use words to draw blood.

Much as the peaceful would prefer it, there is no other way. A democracy needs conflict to keep the blood of government from sluggishness and corruption. And the man who provides it-hate his ideas, hate his statements as we will-is entitled to our grat-

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LUMBER CONCERN OPENS OFFICES IN HART BUILDING

us of the service at Raleigh of Sena- democracy when there is no voice lift- Hart Building on Broad street and tor U. L. Spence this coming session. ed loud and strong in dissent. Every are operating a wholesale lumber thoughtful student of democratic gov- company, under the name of the G. ernment realizes this. Virtuous as W. Haines Sales Company. Mr. may be the party or the portion of a Haines was formerly associated party in power, the safety of the peo- with the Troy Lumber Buyers and ple depends upon a critical oppos- Sales Company, which firm has it's

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