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DON'T RIDE ON RUNNING BOARDS

Three fatal accidents in North Carolina last month called attention to the danger of riding on the back of a truck, Ronald Houghton, Director of the Highway Safety Division, reported this week.

Accident records for June show that a 33-year-old woman, a 36-year-old man and a 15-year-old boy were killed during the month as a result of falling off or being thrown out of trucks on the rear of which they were riding.

"Riding on the back end of trucks and on the running boards of passenger vehicles is a practice which should be discouraged by every driver in North Carolina," said Mr. Houghton.

"The danger of someone falling off or being thrown off a moving vehicle if they are riding on the running board or outside the cab when the vehicle strikes a hard bump or swerves unexpectedly is obvious," he added, "and the most effective means of combatting this highly dangerous practice is for every motor vehicle driver to refuse to carry any passenger for whom they cannot find a seat inside."

"Drivers who permit passengers to ride on the outside of their cars or trucks are at least morally responsible if persons so riding should suffer some mishap."

THE IMPORTANCE OF A FREE PRESS

"Nowhere in all the world does a free press exist today except in our own land of America. In every other nation the brutal grip of dictatorship or the clumsy hand of the censor throttles the freedom of the press as well as freedom of speech. Thanks to a spirit of liberty manifested chiefly by our early North Carolina leadership, a free press, as well as other essentials of democracy, is guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States." These were the words of J. M. Broughton, Democratic nominee for Governor, at the North Carolina Press Association convention last week.

"Democracy is not only being challenged today; it is being overthrown," said Mr. Broughton. "The first step in the process of dictatorship as we have witnessed it in these recent tragic years has been the emasculating of the press. Dictators and tyrants cannot exist for long where the press is truly free. In the editorial rooms of one of our leading North Carolina papers is this appropriate quotation from that great apostle of democracy, Thomas Jefferson:

"If the choice were left to me whether to have a free press or a free government, I would choose a free press."

"The preservation of a free press depends not alone upon Constitutional guarantees. A press to remain truly free must continue to show itself worthy of freedom. Whenever an otherwise free press permits itself to be used for purposes of propaganda or prejudice, or suffers itself to become subservient to political pressure or commercial domination, it impeaches its own right to be free.

"Criticism and denunciation are the legitimate weapons of a free press. But a free press cannot exist upon these alone. Constructive comment, affirmative advocacy of things worth while, devoted adherence to sound principles of government and a burning zeal for civic righteousness and political morality are

THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE



Grains of Sand

One W. W. guided the nation through the last war. Will another serve during this one?

More than 1,000 additional troops have arrived at Fort Bragg during the past week.

The offering for the Building Fund at the recent memorial service honoring the late Dr. Marcus Brownson's birthday netted \$262, and the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church hopes to be able to complete its interior decoration and furnishing this fall.

The folks began to feel the Hitler pinch on Monday. With the arrival of July came the new taxes on such things as cigarettes and gasoline, two items affecting most people. When you fork out ten or 15 cents now for a pack of cigarettes you must produce another penny. Five gallons of gas, long \$1.05, now cost \$1.10. Well, it costs upwards of \$40,000 to build one anti-aircraft gun and the Navy placed orders for 45 new warships last Monday. Cost: \$500,000,000.

Stanley Dunn of the Southern Pines Nursery has on display in his home on Young's Road an oak leaf measuring 14 inches by 14 inches. The leaf was found on the grounds of the nursery, and anyone wishing to see it is cordially invited by Mr. Dunn.

Four Boy Scouts of Southern Pines did their daily good deed in true Scout fashion the other day. Tramping through the Manley Springs section Yates Poe, Drake Skull, Delmar Mann and Drennan Mann saw smoke curling into the distant air. They started a search and found a fire well under way. Grabbing pine boughs they tried to extinguish it, but finding this impossible they raced to the Fire house.

Forest rangers were notified and rushed to the scene, the boys returning to aid them in extinguishing what might have proved a widespread and serious fire.

the influences by which a free press may shape the destiny of a great state or nation.

"Those who are charged with the responsibility for leadership in State affairs for the next four years will welcome criticism and even denunciation where merited; but it will be anticipated that the press of North Carolina, the freest of the free, shall continue to exert a constructive influence upon the progress of the State. Particularly is it to be hoped that the press of the state will give earnest consideration to the many vital problems that will need to be solved by our State government in the next several years. The exact nature of these problems cannot be predicted, but that many of them will be new and difficult is a certainty."

ATTITUDE OF DEFEATISM IN U. S. MUST BE ROUTED

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imply external organization. In my opinion that is not our real danger. The real danger lies in the state of mind, particularly among our younger generation, which has left them in a condition receptive to any ism or other progressive organizing. I doubt if there is one of you who does not know a number of young people recently out of school, who have never had a real job; who do not know the real meaning of work, and are merely drifting, waiting for that intangible something that must inevitably dispel their lethargy.

"Therefore, I propose that this organization, dedicated as it is, to serve toward mankind, put active support and backbone into those ideals, by doing its utmost, as an organization, and individually by each member of the organization, to do everything in our power to make available to the young people of this community what little experience and knowledge each of us has of our chosen profession and work, so that they may be aided in an intelligent and reasonably efficient selection of their work. In this project there can be no half-way measures. Anyone who is not 100 percent heart and soul for such a plan, is worse than a liability to its execution.

"This country has been shot through and through with defeatism and passive acceptance of a drifting, day to day, existence.

"We can and we will make Rotary in this community an aggressive agent of assistance and guidance to the next generation, if you will not just cooperate with me, but will fight with me to give the best that we have in us to the coming generation, in order that theirs may be the better world to live in."

CROWDED DOCKET WORKS RECORDER COURT OVERTIME

There were too many cases for a one-day session of Recorder's Court this week, and court reconvened on Tuesday morning for a half-day session. The cases were mostly assaults. Joe Richardson, West End, and Frank B. Tyner, Pinebluff, lost their drivers' license for one year for driving under the influence of liquor.

Lillie Mae Smith and Althea Monroe, Pinehurst colored girls, were before Judge Rowe accused of assaulting Mildred McLaughlin, and Lillie Mae drew a 30-day suspended sentence. Althea was found not guilty.

PRISONER ESCAPES CAMP; BLOODHOUNDS ON TRAIL

A prisoner escaped from the Moore county prison camp a few days ago, and bloodhounds from Lillington were called in to help locate him. They trailed for a mile or so to a blockade distillery, which was just about ready to be started up, and one of the dogs was seen to leave the still site several times and return, finally taking up a trail which led right to the door of a man's home. County officers were notified, but the man had fled before officers got there. However, they tore up the still. The prisoner's trail was not picked up again.

County Commission at Work on New Budget

Increased Demands for Appropriations Make Task A Difficult One

With all members of the Board present, the County Commissioners met Monday in regular session for the transaction of the county's business, the most absorbing single item of which, at present, is the compiling of the budget for the fiscal year.

Stretching the amount of tax money that the average taxpayer wants to pay so that it will cover all of the benefits which he hopes and expects to derive from it is a problem over which every county board has knitted its brow, but this year in Moore county the situation is perhaps a bit more puzzling than usual due to the increased demands being made by the schools. However, the Board is figuring overtime in an effort to decrease rather than increase the tax rate.

The Board voted to petition the State Highway Commission to take over, maintain and continue a road from a point on the county line near the property of G. D. Summers leading in an easterly direction to intersect with the Needham's Grove road at a point near E. L. Williamson's, a distance of a little over two miles. This road is badly needed as a bus route owing to the construction of a new school building in the section.

Mr. Currie was authorized to grant to the Randolph Electrical Membership Corporation an easement to enter upon and erect an electrical line across a tract of Dowdy land in Bensalem township upon which a tax foreclosure was had in the name of Jim Dowdy and deed of conveyance made to W. H. Currie, trustee for Moore county.

It was ordered that the tax supervisor locate and assess taxes for the year 1940 on all real property in the county owned by churches, charitable organizations and educational institutions, unless such property is used exclusively for religious, charitable or educational purposes.

TOBACCO MARKET OPENS IN ABERDEEN SEPT. 17

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Rocky Mount, recent candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, W. A. Goodson of Winston-Salem and A. B. Carrington, Jr., of Danville, Va., were elected vice-presidents. Several from the Sandhills attended the convention, among them Clarence Smith and Falk Carter, Aberdeen warehousemen, and "Judge" Avery, tobacco buyer.

Falk Carter will again operate the brick warehouse in Aberdeen this season, and Clarence Smith will again be at the Aberdeen warehouse, this year in cooperation with R. P. Wright of Reidsville.

Loss of Foreign Trade

In a speech to the association at White Sulphur, Mr. Ficklen, retiring president, said that growers of this country face the immediate prospect of losing "from two-thirds to three-fourths of our total tobacco exports."

"It is not known," he said, "whether exchange will be provided" for the 170,000,000 pounds of leaf which British firms hold under option.

"It is possible that a production quota may be put into effect restricting the output to a lower figure for the duration of the war. If credit arrangements can be made, and I hope this will be possible, whereby payment in the form of exchange is not required to take delivery of the tobacco under option it seems less likely that a quota will be invoked.

"How much of this lost business will eventually be regained depends entirely upon the outcome of the war. An ultimate loss seems inevitable. It is purely a question of the extent of the loss."

Ficklin said that "if it develops that neither Great Britain nor the countries now occupied by Germany can import any of the 1940 crop, which seems likely, and the other countries of the world do not increase their purchases, and it seems unlikely that they will—China being a possible exception—our total exports will drop to approximately 120,000,000 pounds, of which other types will account for 50,000,000 pounds and flue-cured 70,000,000 pounds.

WILLING WORKERS TO MEET

The Junior Willing Workers will meet Monday night, July 8, at eight o'clock with Mrs. C. R. Mills at her home in Pinedene. Heart sisters will be revealed at this meeting.

NEW KIWANIAN

Dante Montessanti was welcomed to the Sandhills Kiwanis Club as a new member at Wednesday's meeting.

Pinehurst Paragraphs

Jesse Cole and Jack Taylor are spending the week in New Bern visiting Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Daniels.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwin MacLeod, of Swampscott, Mass., Frank J. McManus and daughter Ann of Beverly, Mass., and George Eastman and Mr. Harriman of Boston have gone home after their annual June stay in Pinehurst.

Miss Mildred Burns spent the week-end with her mother in Dunn.

Dr. L. J. Pegram is in Watts Hospital, Durham where he is receiving treatment.

Mrs. W. H. Boze and daughters, Miss Lena and Miss Compson Boze, Sherry Boze and Everette Roberts of McKenney, Va., were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Barrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ewing and daughter, Miss Peggy Ewing have gone to Roaring Gap to spend the summer.

J. F. Taylor, J. W. Harbison, A. B. Sally and H. Bingham Ballou spent the week-end on the coast.

Mrs. Alec Innes and Roderick Innes have gone to West Orange, N. J., where they will spend two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Cathal Innes, Miss Mary MacLong accompanied them and will continue to New Hampshire for two months stay.

Mrs. A. D. Spivey of Ellerbe has arrived to spend several months with her daughter, Mrs. Robert Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Menzel and children, Janet and Jimmy have left to spend a month in New York and New Jersey.

Miss Mary Curlee is a patient in the Moore County Hospital, having undergone an emergency operation for appendicitis on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Johnson announce the birth of a son on Friday, June 28th at the Moore County Hospital.

Miss Nancy Sledge is home for the summer from Devereaux school in Berwyn, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Vail and sons, Duncan and Jimmie have returned from Wrightsville Beach where they had a cottage for the month of June.

Miss Sara Stewart of Fayetteville en route Charlotte was a recent guest of Miss Katherine Sledge. Miss Stewart spent the past two weeks with Miss Catherine Howe in Utica, N. Y.

Mrs. Joe Montesanti, Miss Lorene Montesanti, Eilis Fields and Bill Viall spent the week-end at Chapel Hill with Joe Montesanti, Jr., who is attending summer school at the University.

Miss Nancy Richardson is attending a house party at the home of Miss Sara West Davis in Weldon. All members of the party are Greensboro College students.

Mrs. Worth Faircloth and daughter Phyllis left Sunday to join Mr. Faircloth in Portsmouth, N. H.

Mrs. Blanche Wescott and daughter Dorothy are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Hawley in Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe McClintock of Vero Beach, Fla., have arrived for the peach season.

George T. Dunlap, Sr., of New York was here Saturday on business.

John Graham returned to his home Sunday from Duke Hospital and is much improved.

Mrs. Rosser Jones and little Miss Kay Hampton Coffey are visiting relatives in Wake Forest.

Mrs. W. I. Barbour and Mrs. Lella Seagraves have returned from a trip to Blowing Rock and Statesville where they were guests of Mrs. Flo Miller.

Master Charles Swaringen celebrated his fourth birthday with a party at his home Friday afternoon.

Kate McKelway accompanied Mrs. E. F. Montgomery to her home in Lake City, Fla., the first of the week and will enter a camp there for the month of July.

Mrs. A. Burkner has returned to her home in Baltimore after spending a week with her son, Lee Burkner and family, who are here for the peach season and are occupying the Black Jack cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie Smith announce the marriage of their daughter, Blanche Rowan, to Carson Phillip Ellis of Rangeley, Me., on Friday, May 31st, in the First Baptist Church of Baltimore. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis are at home at 4230 Woodlee avenue, Baltimore.

MOTHER OF P. E. KENNEDY DIES IN WESTMINSTER, MD.

Mrs. Selina A. Kennedy, 72, of Norfolk, Va., widow of Philip P. C. Kennedy, died Friday morning at Westminster, Md. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Robert M. Hughes, Jr., of Norfolk, and a son, Philip E. Kennedy of Southern Pines.

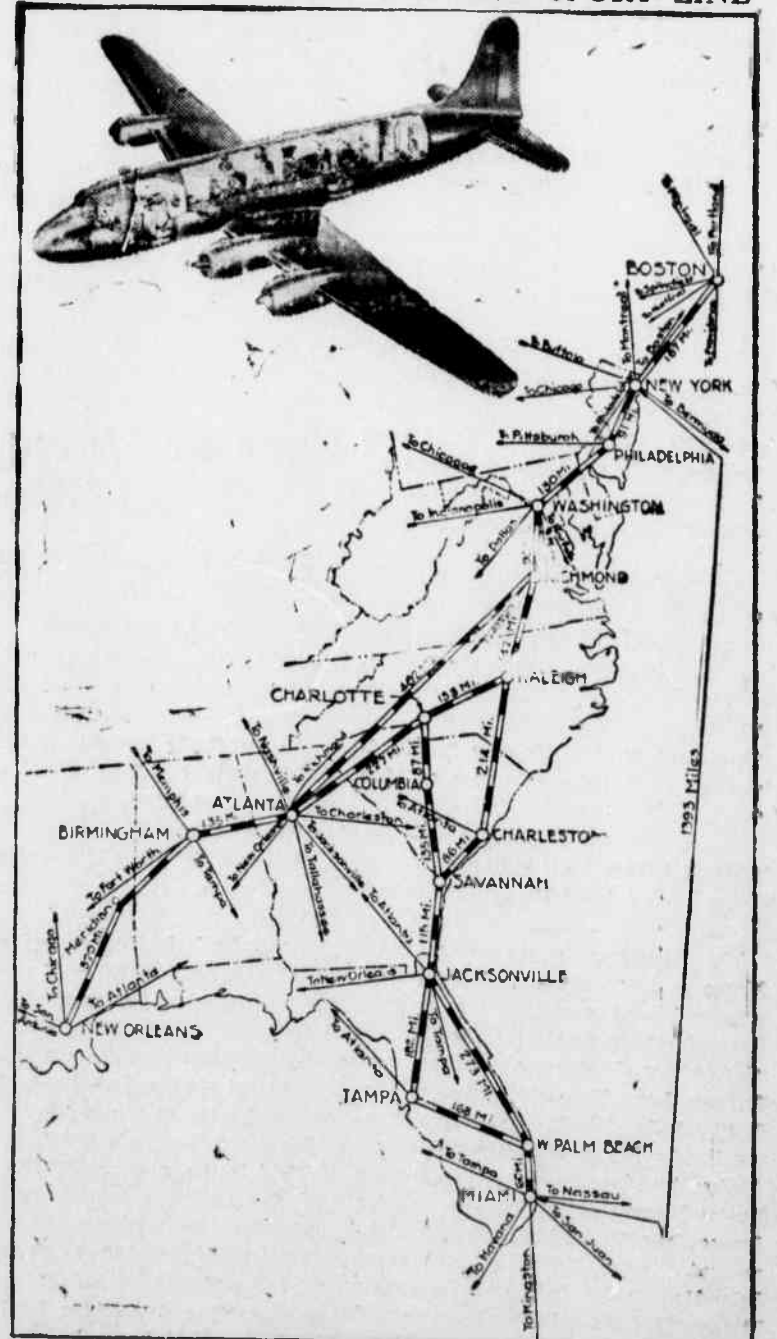
Mrs. Kennedy visited her son here but a short time ago and the news of her sudden death saddened many of her acquaintances.

N. Y. NATIONAL GUARDSMEN 1,000 STRONG, AT FT. BRAGG

Approximately one thousand men, comprising the 258th Field Artillery Regiment, New York National Guard, arrived at Fort Bragg Sunday by rail to train with the 36th Field Artillery.

The New York guardsmen are under the command of Col. Lavail and they will undergo intensive training in the use of 150 mm. guns on the Fort Bragg range until July 20.

SEABOARD RAILWAY PROPOSES NEW AIR TRANSPORT LINE



SEABOARD RAILWAY has made application to operate a new air transportation service between Boston, Miami and Boston, New Orleans, Douglas DC-3 and DC-4 planes carrying 21 and 42 passengers respectively are to be used. Above map shows direct and alternate lines. This unprecedented move by the pioneer southern line, is another forward step by the Seaboard to provide greater transportation facilities north and south.