

### Auto Collision Rates To Go Up For N. C. Drivers

#### Fire and Theft Rates To Drop 50 Per Cent According To Commissioner

The cost of collision insurance for North Carolina drivers will go up immediately from 19 to 22 per cent, but the cost of automobile fire and theft insurance is to drop as much as 50 per cent, it was announced by State Insurance Commissioner William P. Hodges.

Collision insurance is that carried by car and truck owners to cover losses incurred by damage to their own vehicles. No change, however, has been announced in liability insurance rates for car and truck owners.

Commissioner Hodges' office said no calculation had been made to determine what the increase would cost car and truck owners in dollars and cents, or how much would be saved on the new fire and theft rates.

Hodges has approved a new schedule of rates on these two forms of insurance, and the schedule becomes effective tomorrow.

Commercial car fire insurance rates under the change will be reduced approximately 25 per cent and the theft rates about 33 1/2 per cent when written on an average cash value or stated amount basis. Approval also was given for a reduction of 50 per cent for fire and theft rates affecting drivers' rates for rent, automobile when conversion endorsement and recreation coverages are excluded. The rates on certain types of dealers' cars having riot and civil commotion coverage were reduced approximately 50 per cent.

The cost of collision insurance on private passenger cars is increased about 22 per cent, and on commercial cars about 10 per cent. The increases are the result of statistical data which shows the cost of repairs has gone up. Hodges said approximately one-third over the cost of 1941. At the same time, the rate of automobile accidents has increased over 22 per cent in 1945 over 1944, and over 60 per cent for the first three months of 1946 over the 1945 figure.

### Jobless Problem Grows In Egypt

CAIRO—Egypt is facing a serious unemployment problem. After a five years' war boom, the country is, according to some economists, on the verge of economic and social crisis.

It is estimated that more than 300,000 skilled and unskilled workers from Allied military workshops are now unemployed. Calls are made almost daily in Parliament and in the press for immediate action to avert a serious economic situation similar to that which arose in Syria following evacuation of British and French troops.

Premier Ismail Sidky Pasha, advocate of the development of local industry, has several schemes in addition to national works. Protectionist rather than a free-trader, he is determined to save industry, provides work for Egyptians and generally raise the standard of living in the country. But while the army of unemployed increases every day, the Premier is busy with the Anglo-Egyptian treaty negotiations.

### "Yes, We Have No Bananas" Will Be News For A Long Time

"Yes, we have no bananas" is something we'll still be hearing for some time. The Department of Agriculture says the supply of that fruit will not equal the world demand for several years to come. Export of bananas to world ports dropped seriously during the war years due to the shortage of transportation and restoration of banana plantations to their former high production level will take from one to three years. The United States imported 55,000,000 bunches annually before the war.

### Trains To Be Known Soon By Their Colors

CHICAGO, Ill.—Colors rivaling the hues of the rainbow will soon come flashing at you from the nation's railroads, and like your favorite college or university, you'll know your post-war trains by their colors. Brightly colored train exteriors came into vogue when streamliners made their debut in the 30's, and the modern trend of the railroads continues away from the drab colors that passengers have known for so long.

One of the nation's largest builders of passenger equipment—Pullman Standard Car Manufacturing Company, Chicago—has a special department under the direction of Ralph Haman, engineer of color and design, to help railroads work out color schemes of entire trains.

LOCKS THIEVES OUT OF JAIL. LAUREL, Mont.—When thieves entered the police station recently and took three pencils and two dime store notebooks, Police Chief James Bare went into action. Now he locks and bolts the station to keep thieves out.

## Training The Child In Safety Habits

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

THE kitchen is a very interesting but dangerous place for the toddler. Yet many a little child spends considerable time there. He wants to be where his mother is. The mother should be very careful, of course, to keep the handles of all cooking utensils on the stove turned back and knives and anything else he might reach for tucked from the edge of the kitchen table or table; also to make sure that there are no sharp materials on the stove area, when possible, on the floor. The cleaning materials, too, should be beyond the young tot's reach.

**Training Tot**  
No matter how careful the adults there may be, the toddler is a natural safety problem in the kitchen. The biggest item is the training of the tot to avoid certain things and places there. This should be done effectively and be as simple as possible. Not discouraged easily in the unambiguous meaning of "No," the toddler constantly faces dangers in the kitchen. No matter how careful the adults there may be.

While a certain mother's back was turned her two-year-old child climbed to the kitchen cupboard, swallowed many cathartics and died several hours afterwards. That could not have happened if the child had been sufficiently trained to avoid automatically certain dangers in the kitchen.

The unrestrained tot can easily climb up and seize a knife or pull down on himself a vessel of hot liquid. Also, he can easily turn on the gas jet. The other day a mother who said she did not believe in spanking admitted she did spank her younger, three-year-old, "He made me so angry for he turned off the gas and ruined my cake!"

**Budget Time**  
I suggested to her that if she cares about the safety of that child

she budget her time so as to make sure she will be right near him every time he is near a gas jet, and always when he is about to reach for it she smack him soundly on his bare bottom making sure it really hurts.

The wise mother is never too busy to train the tot consistently to avoid all specific, known constant dangers in the kitchen. Every time he reaches above himself for anything on the kitchen table and the like he will get instant pain. There must be no exceptions. Then he will be comparatively safe in the kitchen. My bulletin, "How Teach Tot Meaning of No" may be had in a stamped addressed envelope.

Let the young child play only in the safest place in the kitchen and have lots of pans, lids and food containers to enjoy. Fine if he can have a box or drawer or low shelf or cupboard full of them to get at as he likes. No better toys for a tot.

**Stand on Box**  
Also, find time to let him stand beside you on a solid box or chair to watch and help you wash vegetables or the dishes and mix dough and the like. Wonderful when he also can have some dough to knead or water to pour through a funnel into bottles at the kitchen sink. This takes time and patience but wins his co-operation and helps him learn all the faster through necessary pain to avoid the few known hazards.

Let me add that the toddler who has learned through pain consistently applied to avoid a few specific constant perils acquires an attitude of caution toward unexpected dangers. If, for example, he automatically avoids the gas jet and reaching above himself in the kitchen, he will be more likely to pause and merely look with amazement at a vessel of hot water left on the floor by a careless person, without touching it. As you know, caution is the basis of safety at any age.

### Rising Living Costs Continues; Higher Sugar Prices Expected

WASHINGTON—The Office of Price Administration is planning to cap a higher price on another market basket item, sugar.

And the cost of coffee may be increased 3 to 5 cents a pound soon. With price hikes authorized or already in effect for milk, bread, butter, cheese, and some cereals, an OPA official disclosed that housewives will have to pay more for sugar shortly.

This official told a reporter privately that the increase at retail will be about a fifth of a cent a pound a penny on a five-pound package. The price will be raised, he said, to offset wage increases granted to sugar refinery workers. In other developments on sugar, OPA announced recently that because rationing are being cut, the company is to reduce output of bread-consuming pastries and thus probably store flour for bread.

The cut, effective from July 1 through September, will give commercial bakers only 60 per cent as much sugar as they used during the corresponding period of 1941. Their present ration is 70 per cent.

OPA also announced that a second home rationing stamp, good for five pounds of sugar, will become valid July 1. The coupon square stamp 10 in family ration books, will be good through Oct. 31.

### GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. Robt. G. Tatam, rector Church school at 9:30 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon at 11 a. m. with the pastor who has been confined to his home by illness for some time, in charge. Young People's service league and Crusaders at 6:30 p. m.

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### Collection Of Bugs Given to Museum

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Schumann, recently discharged Army captain, collected the 500 insects and animals in all parts of the world.

In making the presentation, Schumann said: "Since coming to North Carolina, I have been tremendously impressed with the fine educational work being done by your museum, and this collection will render a greater service here than if kept in my home."

Director Harry Davis said the collection probably is the most valuable of its kind ever received by the museum.

Included is a fer-de-lance, a deadly poisonous snake which frequently reaches eight feet in length.

The collection will be placed on display in the main exhibit hall of the museum on Wednesday morning.

Catawba County Agent Earl Brumhall of the State College Extension Service reports that alfalfa in his county has increased from 271 acres in 1929 to 2,500 acres this year.

### A 142-Year-Old Ban On Hymn Singing Broken

The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church's 142-year-old ban on hymn singing has been removed by a vote of 198 to 97. In the future the singing of hymns and psalms will be optional in churches of the denomination. It was announced at the 142nd annual session of the General Synod of the church.

The new ruling will permit churches to adopt a book with a portion of hymns and a portion of psalms for use in worship services.

The ban on the singing of hymns by the Associated Reformed Church is one of the principal differences between the A.R.C. and the Presbyterian Church, U.S. church leader said.


### Sixty Years Wrong But Dean Likes It

DENVER, Colo.—Farrington R. Carpenter, Director of Development for the University of Denver, rides a bicycle to work and wears a cap while riding. Recently he called at the Police Department basement where in a stark room bicycle licenses are dispensed. The man behind the counter took the application, issued Mr. Carpenter a card, and said: "Here. But don't forget to give this to your parent!"

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