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The Average Accident

A statistical study by the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles of accidents for the year 1947 compiles all the data from investigating reports. By studying the cause of accidents, as with a bodily disease, a more intelligent approach can be taken towards preventing them.

The driver is male, white, and between 25 and 34 years of age. He resides in an urban area and the accident occurs within 25 miles of his home. He has had 11 years or more driving experience. Before the accident his car was travelling between 21 and 30 miles per hour. He had not been drinking (in 94 per cent of cases studied), and apparently was in normal physical condition.

The average accident occurred on a medium level hard-surfaced road, during dry weather conditions, with road defects rarely a contributing factor. Chances were highest that it occurred on a Saturday or Sunday (the lowest happened on Tuesdays), and between the hours of 5 and 7 p.m. (4 to 6 a.m. are found the 'safest' hours).

The most likely traffic regulation that was violated was in driving on the wrong side of the road—not in passing another vehicle. Other major violations were exceeding speed limit, driving ahead without having the right-of-way, and failure to signal or by giving improper signal.

As to the number and results of accidents on public roads, the study reports that there were 836 persons killed and 6,524 injured, as the result of 12,511 accidents on the streets and highways of North Carolina. This record is not good, but we take some satisfaction in the fact that it is better than it was last year, (1946), while the traffic accidents show a 22 per cent increase. There was a 19 per cent drop in fatalities. The increase in the total accidents for the State during 1947 was due to a 31 per cent increase in accidents pertaining to property damage, while the non-fatal accidents increased 17 per cent.

Haywood, with eight deaths, ranked 38th among the 100 counties in the number of traffic fatalities for the year.

New Money

It had never occurred to us but that the business of making money at the U. S. mints and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing was almost all clear profit. Of course, we knew that the government couldn't just run its money presses and pay its expenses. That has been tried from time to time in some other countries and it has never worked. But we had never thought making money as costing some of the same stuff.

We were brought up short on the lack of reflection by the request of President Truman for about \$2,000,000 for making two billions of dollars in new currency.

The special paper which the government uses for making money has risen 7 1/2 cents a pound and it will take \$361,000 to buy the necessary supply. In addition it will take \$1,650,000 to pay for the printing costs. This, too, involves higher costs of plates, presses and pressmen.

So it goes. The old high cost of living grinds on us from every angle. Uncle Sam cannot even make us a new dollar bill without billing us, for a few extra charges.—Shelby Daily Star.

It's Spring Again

Saturday, the sun, on its annual march northward, crossed the equator, an event that marks the end of one season and the beginning of another. Whatever the weather may be, by the calendar it will be spring. It is spring in minds and hearts, too. For, whether the mountains be gilded by sunshine or the earth be white and icicles hang from caves, all of us will know that there can't be much more winter—that spring, in fact, is just around the corner.

And just around the corner with it are existing, and contradictory, things: the beauty of the first spring flowers—and the disillusionment of icy rains; the delights—and backaches—of gardening the thrills—and harmless lies—of the fishing season. And who hasn't experienced the mental and physical contradictions of spring? It stimulates our minds to ambitious plans for what we'll grow—and paralyzes our bodies with the most pleasant of all diseases, spring fever, the fellow who thought nothing was so rare as a day in June surely never had tried just being lazy on a day in late April or early May.—The Franklin Press.

The Same Opinion Still

The affects of the coal strike have hit here, and perhaps the most noticeable thus far was the removal of the passenger train on the Murphy Branch on Sunday.

As will be recalled, the Southern attempted last year to get the North Carolina Utilities Commission to permit the railroad to discontinue operation of the trains. The communities along the Murphy Branch issued formal protest at the hearing held by the commission, but to date no decision has been handed down by the commission as far as we know. Yet the action of the railroad to include the Murphy Branch train among the 25 per cent curtailment of coal burning trains, as ordered by the government, leads one to think that the railroad still considers the local passenger train service as "among those not too essential."

This newspaper has argued all the time that the area served by the railroad and the communities would lose jointly when the train was discontinued. Of course, we are not critical of the action taken by the Southern during this coal emergency.

The railroad's action, however, proves without a doubt, just where they still stand, and their feelings in the matter.

Universal Training

Last Wednesday President Truman called for universal military training as one of his three proposals to preparing this nation against the present international crisis.

This newspaper feels that military training for all young men would be of much benefit to both the men and the nation, provided the training could be given in high schools, and not take the young fellows off to Army camps.

The training given in high schools would give military men an opportunity to "screen" the young men, classify them as to their natural trends and in what phase of military life they would best be suited.

Every young man can derive much benefit from the discipline demanded in military training. He would learn to cooperate, he would learn to take orders, respect superiors. Such a program could easily be tied in with the present school courses.

The training given in high schools would afford the young men the advantage of military training and also the home life which they need at that age.

Poll Tax Query Answered

A recent editorial in the Raleigh News and Observer gives what we feel is a timely explanation of North Carolina's poll tax as compared with other Southern states. The Raleigh newspaper's article was prompted by a number of inquiries as to why North Carolinians have to pay poll tax when the state is not a "poll tax state."

Here is what the Raleigh paper has to say: North Carolina, along with approximately 20 other states, does have a poll tax, sometimes called a capitation tax. North Carolina is not one of the seven states still having a poll tax as a prerequisite to voting. Prior to 1920 there were 11 such states, all of them in the South. North Carolina was the first of the 11 to repeal the requirement. In addition to removing the poll tax from any connection with voting, the constitutional amendment adopted in 1920 limits the state poll tax to two dollars and that of cities and towns to one dollar. The state tax, under a statute, actually goes to the counties.

Since 1920 the poll tax as a requirement to voting has been repealed, by Louisiana, Florida and Georgia. Payment of the tax (usually for a period of six months or more before the election) is still a requirement for voting in Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.—Morganton News-Herald.



Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News Picked Up By Members—Of The Mountaineer Staff—

Just as we passed, we saw—a very embarrassed lady telling her sister companion that her slip was showing only to be informed that it was the "new look and meant to be that way."
... a charming young lady taking a huge bite of apple and really enjoying it... just as the telephone on her desk rang loudly.
... voluminous slacks encasing the limbs of a north-bound tourist flapping inconspicuously above a pair of high-heeled sandals.
... a solicitous lady hurrying to the telephone to assist a traveler running for the bus, didn't wait for the operator but spoke directly into the phone as she lifted the receiver: "Please hold the bus about five minutes." The operator understood the predicament and helped matters instantly.



FILIPINOS HAVE THE NEW LOOK, BUT ENGLISH IS NOT NEW
By JANE EADS
WASHINGTON—Pretty Trophy Ocampo of the Philippines Embassy is astonished and not a bit amused at how little most people here know of her country.
She says she's always running into folks who are amazed because Filipinos speak English. Until the Philippines gained their independence in July 1946, they had been under American influence for nearly a half century.
Even at the big diplomatic balls and official receptions Trophy meets capital dowagers who exclaim: "My Dear, wherever did you learn to speak our language so well? How long have you been here?"
When she informs them she came to the city four months ago to serve as assistant press attaché at the embassy, they are even more amazed.
"Many think Manila is the capital of Cuba," Trophy says.
"Lots of the GIs got a surprise when they came to the Philippines. I'm sure they expected the natives to be dangling from the trees by their tails."
"They'd say 'Spikka da English!' Then I'd bowl 'em over with 'What do you expect, Bud-dy?'"
Trophy, 26, is the convent-educated daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Ocampo, both of whom are lawyers in Manila. She says the "O" in Ocampo must stand for some Irish in her and that her slanting oriental eyes must have (Continued on Page Three)

Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO
Employees of the Suncrest Lumber Company hold farewell party. W. A. Bradley is master of ceremonies.
Congressman Weaver believes Roosevelt's plan to put several hundred unemployed men to work in national forests and government parks would be of great benefit to Western North Carolina.
Mass meeting is scheduled to discuss District Chamber of Commerce.
Miss Helen Medford, Freshman at Woman's College, is invited to join the Playmaker's Club of the college.
10 YEARS AGO
Haywood County Ministerial Association completes plans to stage an active campaign against establishment of liquor stores in Haywood County.
Three inch snow falls in county on Monday, thermometer drops to 12 degrees.
Lillian Wyatt, student at Western Carolina Teachers College, is winner in Better Speakers Contest.
Mrs. J. R. Boyd is given birthday party by her six daughters.
5 YEARS AGO
Aux. Nell Campbell is now stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss.
Carmel Hollingsworth, member of senior class of the high school, is chosen to enter Lenoir-Rhyne contest in modern oration.
Howard Clapp tells Woman's Club of Victory Gardens.
The following attended the spring dances at Davidson College: Miss Carroll Louise Bell, student at Salem College, Lester Burgin, student at Mars Hill, Dick Bradley, and Charles Isley.
Mrs. Hub Pressley and sister, Mrs. Hobert Duckett are spending some time with Mrs. Duckett's husband in California.

They'll Do It Every Time



MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Should married people interrupt each other?
Answer: No—especially in public. There is no more common—or more justifiably engaging—form of rudeness than the habit which so many wives and husbands have of finishing one another's sentences or of breaking in on each other's stories. Back of this lies an unconscious jealousy not often recognized—rage at another person getting more attention than you. Only one thing warrants interruption between married partners, and this should be understood beforehand—your remembering that the story has been told before to the same people.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Do you think Congress should enact the laws to revise Selective Service and start Universal Military Training?
Charles Underwood: "Yes I think they should. In face of the Russian situation, we should be prepared; and I don't think it would hurt any young man to have a year or two of military training."
J. T. Noland: "Yes, I certainly do."
Joe Cline: "I think the United States should be prepared for any emergency, and this is the only way to prepare for it."
R. L. Burgin, Jr.: "Ordinarily I am opposed to a peacetime draft and military training, but under present conditions I think it is the best thing."
William Medford: "I think in a time of crisis, Congress should uphold the President."
Sebe Bryson: "Sure, I certainly approve of Congress passing this."

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