

Christmas Warning On Traffic Safety

death take your holi- Christmas warning by ment of Motor Vehicles off slogan of the De- safety program that upper holiday season with fewer traffic deaths.

Motorist Urged To Get Licenses By December 31

The time is fast running out for E, F, and G drivers, the Motor Vehicle Department announced today.

All drivers with last names beginning with either E, F, or G are required to take an examination for a new driver's license by December 31, as a part of the Highway Safety Act passed by the 1947 General Assembly. The Department reported that this group of drivers had been very slow to report, and that if they procrastinated much longer, it would mean they would have to wait in long lines to take their tests during the last few days of December.

Department officials also announced that the 100 examining stations located throughout the State would be closed several days around Christmas, and that motorists who put off their tests might find it impossible to get them later. There will be absolutely no extension to the deadline, the Department said, for E, F, and G motorists have had since last July to get these examinations.

Beginning January 1, 1949, persons with last names beginning with H, I, J, and K will begin taking their tests.

Taking drivers, in alphabetical grouping, the re-examination program will be completed June 30, 1951.

The Department reported that any E, F, or G driver caught driving on an old license after January 1 will be found guilty of a misdemeanor and will be subject to a fine of not less than \$25, or 30 days imprisonment, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Gob Says Destroyer Was Jinxed Ship

SPENCER, Ia. (UP)—The accidental firing of a torpedo at a battleship carrying the late President Roosevelt was only one of the "jinx" incidents that plagued the destroyer William D. Porter, a former sailor here recalls.

Jim Smith, a Navy torpedoman, said he was assigned to the ship a few days after the torpedo incident described in a magazine article by Robert E. Sherwood. Sherwood did not identify the William D. Porter.

It seldom was smooth sailing for

the Porter, Smith said. On her maiden voyage, she was tossed by a hurricane into several smaller craft.

Two of her seamen were lost at sea. Japanese snipers killed several members of a Porter beach party on a pleasure jaunt ashore.

Smith said a Japanese suicide pilot sank the destroyer June 10, 1945, in the Okinawa harbor.

P. Huber Hanes of Winston-Salem has the foundation of one of the top herds of Polled Hereford beef cattle east of the Mississippi River, according to L. I. Case of the State College Extension Service.

HIS NAME'S HIS AT LAST

ALBANY, N. Y. (UP)—William Ladislaus Thomas Wisniewski told the judge it took registration for the World War I draft for him to learn that his real name was not Walter DeBerry. The judge granted his plea for a change of name when he explained that his parents had intended to name him Walter and he had been known as DeBerry all his life except on two occasions—when he signed up for the 1917 draft and in 1925 when he was married.

The metal osmium is 22.5 as heavy as water while lithium is about half the weight of water.

Bad Luck Ranch Becomes U. S. Bird Sanctuary

ALAMO, Tex. (UP.)—The old Santa Ana ranch, reportedly jinxed, is now a bird refuge, maintained by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

According to legend, it once was sold for a fiddle and a new suit of clothes. Until Uncle Sam took it over in 1943, it brought only bad luck to its owners.

Starch was made commercially from corn for the first time in this country in 1842.

Sylva Newsmen Begins Research On New Book

John Parris, Sylva newspaperman and former United Press staffer, began research Thursday on a novel set in the Charleston of 1879-86 and Western North Carolina, according to a recent dispatch.

Featuring the life of a country doctor in the Carolina mountains, Parris said the book will be titled "How Far The Stars".

About 99 per cent of the earth's atmosphere is nitrogen and oxygen.

Capital Letters

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should know about North Carolina, such as: outstanding scenic attractions, hunting and fishing, good places to eat, odd facts about N. C. educational progress, population figures, the textile industry, odd names of towns and cities, etc.

In lots of ten or more you can virtually get it wholesale—75 cents per copy. Goerch has been referred to as "Carolina Chatterer," aviator, general gadabout, and what have you. Most of all, however, he seems to be an A-1 salesman.

December holiday pointed out, "traffic tally reach the highest of the year. The national for December of last 190. In North Carolina persons lost their lives in December of last 1909. Rosser said that factors which combine this high death toll in- creased visibility because of at fall and more hours adequate traction because of ice and snow. drinking during the holidays. aid that while no spee- are available on at- to Christmas holi- ments, the 1947 state re- significant. They showed 19 per cent of the driv- in fatal accidents had ing, and so had 24 per adult pedestrians killed vehicle accidents. to the severe weather often encountered during holiday season. Commis- sioner urged motorists to windshield wipers, de- and lights to be sure they working order. He also ed using tire chains streets are snowy and

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More than one-third of the bars are within 1,000 feet of a public school, the Fenn College sociology department showed.

The area surveyed is a six square-mile segment enclosing the city's heavily-populated near-downtown region. Church attendance at the 115 places of worship within the area was found to be irregular, but more than 82 per cent of the children attend one or more motion pictures a week.

One-Armed Man Builds Own Complete House

TACOMA, Wash. (UP)—Oscar Sundin, 35, built his own house with one hand. Sundin lost his left arm in an industrial accident in 1941.

"The hardest part of building his house was handling 45-pound cement blocks with just one arm. But he handled nails and a saw with surprising ease.

He did all the work himself except putting up rafters and installing some of the plumbing. His son-in-law and neighbors pitched in and gave him a hand there.

The house has four rooms, bath and an unfinished attic.

Rome had sewers in the Sixth Century B. C.

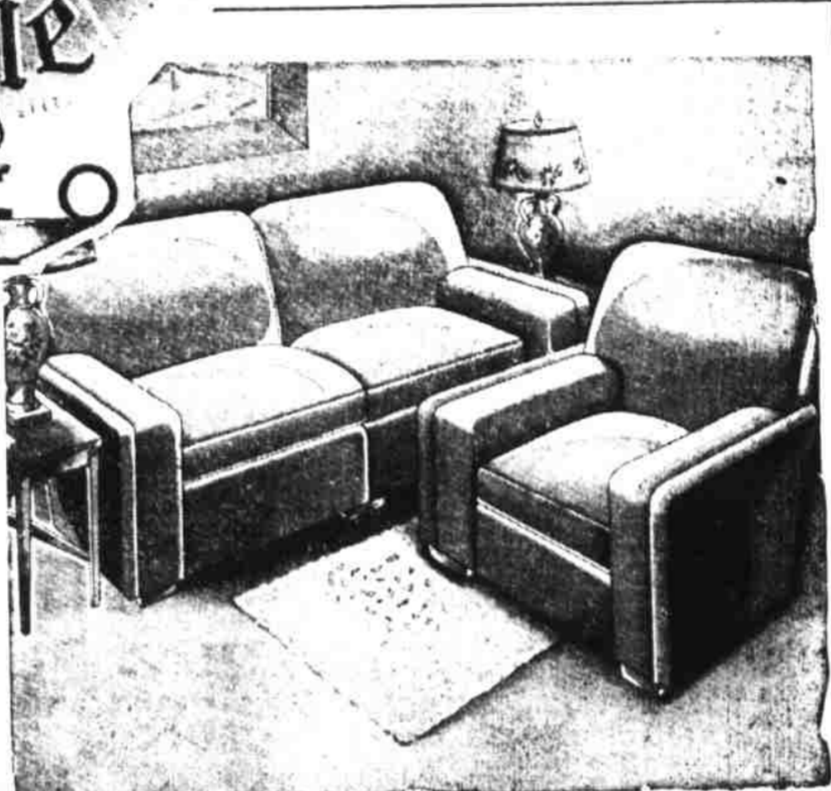


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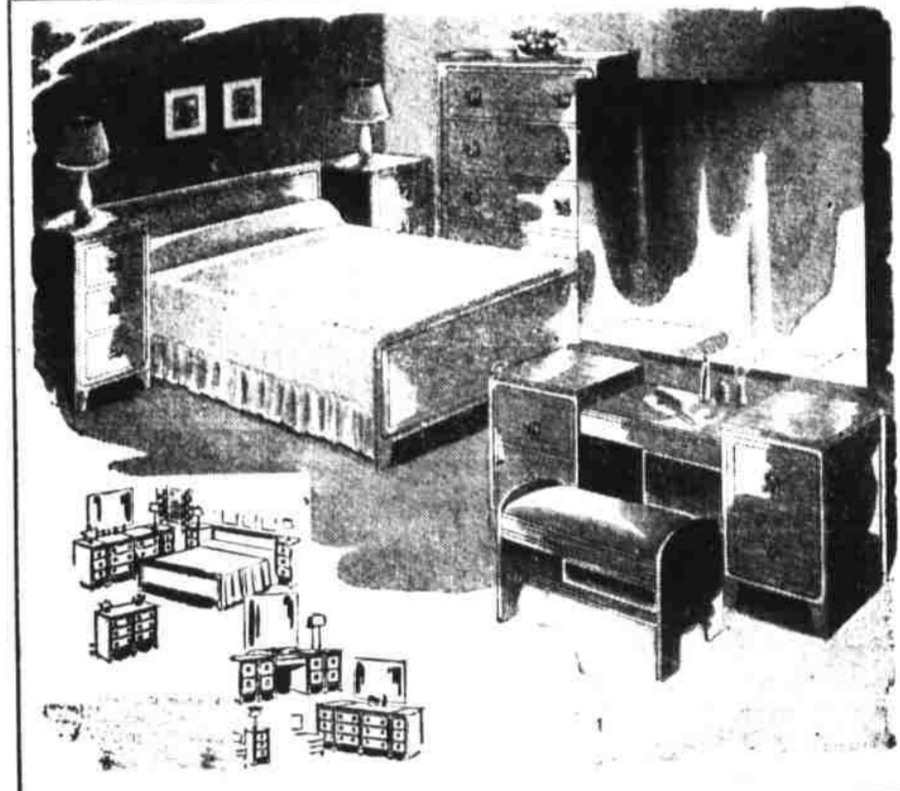
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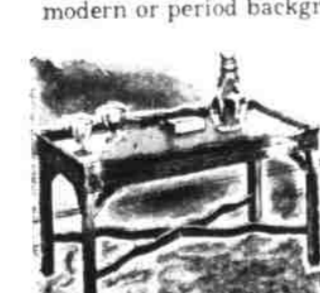
\$49⁹⁵



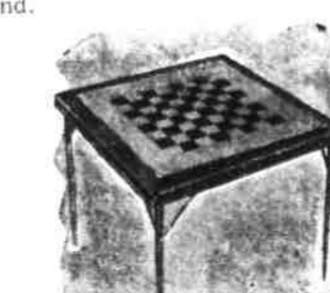
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