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Good Points And Bad Points To Inspection Law

We are disappointed that the House of Representatives has not passed favorably on the bill to provide for inspection of motor vehicles. We realize, too, that the law is not perfect the first year of its adoption.

The recent law that requires all unsafe vehicles to be taken off the roads during the month of January... had faulty brakes, 14 had faulty steering and wheel bearings, and 23 out of every 100 had faulty lights.

Another interesting fact is that the number of accidents were fewer than the previous year... the fact that there were 1,400 fewer vehicle registrations in 1948.

All Will Have A Part

Under the present law, the county cannot participate in the project which is close to the hearts of Haywood citizens—the Memorial Plot in the Memorial Park.

Haywood has been successful in constructing a suitable memorial for the men and women of the county who served in service. The plan as is being proposed will make a beautiful memorial to the service men who gave their own all.

We Favor Passage Of The Bill

Rep. Grover C. Davis has introduced a bill in the House of the General Assembly which would prohibit carnivals, gambling, immoral shows and fortune telling within Haywood.

The stand of this newspaper on carnivals is well known. We have always been against them. We have seen large ones here, and to this date have not seen where they were worthwhile.

We have always felt that the county will be far better off not to have such places of amusement, if they can be termed that, to operate in our county.

This newspaper hopes that Mr. Davis' bill passes both the House and Senate and becomes a law.

Haywood An Average County

Haywood county has often been referred to as the "average North Carolina county." This is more fact than fiction, according to the recent reports coming from Raleigh.

That makes the figuring easy for Haywood residents in trying to study pending legislation. Out of every \$100 spent for state-wide projects, Haywood on the average gets \$1.

Being, on average county, it is easy to tell at a glance just what the share will be in dollars and cents.

Drunken Drivers

We heartily agree with Judge Dan K. Moore in his charge to the grand jury, when he pointed out the necessity of upholding our highway patrolmen in enforcing the laws.

We further agree that we have five good patrolmen in Haywood, and records show that drunken drivers are being reduced to a minimum, but then even a minimum is too many.

Those who travel Haywood highways while under influence of liquor might as well realize now that if one of the five patrolmen catch them, and they go before Judge Moore, they will get to pay the penalty of the law.

We have often said that the maximum penalty of any law yet written is not too severe for the person who drives while under the influence of intoxicants.

A Rich Feeling

Uncle Sam has on his records, the names of Haywood citizens who own more than six millions of Savings Bonds. That is the report just issued by the treasury department.

Many of these bonds were bought during the war, and are still intact. Others have been cashed, and yet hundreds of thousands of dollars have been put into bonds during the past year.

This six millions is a good backlog for the day when perhaps the money will be needed worse than right now.

The sum owned, and the thriftiness of Haywood is encouraging.

They'll Do It Every Time

POOR OLD JOE KALSOWINE—HE AGED TEN YEARS, MIXING JUST THE RIGHT COLOR FOR THE INSIDE OF THE DIMBULB BOOKCASE.

