

# Editorial and Opinion

## Ports Development A Must

Almost every citizen of North Carolina—farmers, merchants, industrialists, bankers, laborers; in fact, all classifications of North Carolina's economic and social structure—is losing a share of the millions of dollars which are being diverted every year from this state to South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Virginia, Alabama, and other Atlantic and Gulf Coast states, because those areas are so far ahead of North Carolina in the development and expansion of their ports, Col. George W. Gillette, executive director of the North Carolina State Ports Authority, said in a recent public statement.

And the most deplorable fact, Col. Gillette emphasized, is that "these millions could be kept within the boundaries of North Carolina for the benefit of all our people, in every town, every city, every county, and every township—and even more millions would eventually follow—if the people of the state as a whole can and will realize and comprehend the almost incalculable advantages to be obtained by the proper expenditure of time, thought, energy and money on the development and expansion of North Carolina's superlative natural port facilities, which are unexcelled on either the Atlantic, Pacific or Gulf Coasts."

This newspaper believes the citizens of North Carolina should support any reasonable measures to improve the seaports and the shipping facilities of the state. This and every other section would benefit by a vigorous and comprehensive shipping trade through North Carolina ports. We are not familiar with the scope, the aims and the extent of authority of the Ports Authority directed by Colonel Gillette, but we recognize the need which he cites. This newspaper will welcome any information or any program with a chance of success which is designed to accomplish this much needed development.

## Dim Those Lights

"Don't dazzle 'em . . . DIM 'em!"

Motorists are thus urged to use their dimmers for safety's sake on the highways and on city streets, in the traffic safety program of the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles and State Highway Patrol.

"Blinding an oncoming driver with your headlights is one of the most foolish and unnecessary things a motorist can do," Colonel H. J. Hatcher, Patrol Commander, said. "You are threatening your own life when you fail to lower your headlights for an approaching car. Only a few seconds of light blindness can result in tragedy.

"It's not only good manners to dim your lights when meeting another car. It's often a matter of self-preservation. And it's safer and more courteous, too, to use the lower beam when overtaking cars. Lights glaring into a driver's eyes from the rear-view mirror can dazzle almost as readily as when they are head-on."

Here are some pointers Colonel Hatcher gave for safer use of headlights and dimmers:

- 1.—Dim lights well ahead when meeting a car on a level road.
- 2.—Dim before a car coming over a rise or around a bend in the road catches the full force of your bright lights.
- 3.—Dim when overtaking to avoid blinding the driver through the reflection in his rear-view mirror.
- 4.—Use city beam (dimmers) on heavily traveled two-lane highways and in lighted areas of settled communities.
- 5.—Check the level and aim of your headlights frequently and see that they are correctly beamed at all times.

The special emphasis program on night traffic is part of a continuing safety education program coordinated by the Department of Motor Vehicles and sponsored nationally by the National Safety Council.

## Give Inspection "Fair Trial"

Considerable criticism has been leveled toward the state's embryonic inspection program and some car owners have claimed undue hardship as result of it. It deserves a "fair trial" in North Carolina, however, because it has proved so beneficial and successful in other states.

The Department of Motor Vehicles realizes that the program has not operated as smoothly and as efficiently as had been hoped and is bending every effort to improve the procedure and the facilities. If properly presented in the true light of its purpose—the reduction of accidents and fatalities—we are convinced the majority would be overwhelmingly in favor of it.

It is believed that this past year has been the hardest one that the inspection program will have to survive because it was new and untried in the State. The public has not yet been fully educated to the benefits to be derived from periodic inspections. During 1948 most of the minor defects will be repaired so that in 1949 vehicles should have little or no trouble in passing through the inspection lanes and receiving approved stickers.

The program should not be condemned until it has been given a fair trial. All car owners can cooperate with this program and work together for the common goal of reducing highway slaughter. Your life or the life of one of your family may be saved by this very program!

### PRESS COMMENT

## Open Fireplace Season Arrives

Sandhill Citizen

The season has arrived when the open fireplace and the burning wood is inviting.

And speaking of this subject we read a full column in the Sunday issue of the New York Times about wood warming in open fireplaces. Let's give you a couple of paragraphs from the Times' article on wood warming. We believe you will agree that this man must have slung an axe at one time:

The firewood is being put in now, against the winter. It is stacked along the side of the house, the overflow half cord resting between two trees in the yard. Once again the memory rustles the leaves of familiar old phrases, to find that one about the warmth of the hearth. It goes somewhat to the effect that wood warms twice—once in the cutting and once in the burning. The wise man, however, will settle for less than this. The wise man is he who glances casually from his window to see a group of total strangers stacking his wood along the house, piling the overflow between two trees. Let those who sell wood take the first heat and be welcome, for it can be dispensed with easily, and the second will be that much warmer. No philosopher ever cuts his own firewood if he can help it. Philosophy, save of the morbid school, is an enemy of the axe.

The true philosopher of the winter evening sits comfortably before his fire. Conditions must be exactly right or he does not philosophize. This does not mean that his feet must be on a stool, to bring them on the level of his head, although that helps. It does mean, however, that the philosopher must have no worries. It will be required that the day's shrill voices will have died and the rattle of the dinner dishes. Above all, it is

necessary that the firewood be impersonal. No man can think deep thoughts if one part of his mind considers the rapidity with which his fire burns. Philosophy ends at the very second the mind first admits it takes less time to burn a log than to cut it.

### YOU MIGHT TRY THIS

Elkin Tribune

Usually, when a highway patrolman catches a motorist in the act of breaking a traffic law, the next step is court, but now and then a quick-thinking driver has been able to talk his way to freedom.

Some highway patrolmen, so the story goes, were discussing their experiences. One officer related the following incident: He was cruising along the highway when suddenly a high-powered car whizzed by him at an outlandish rate of speed. Naturally he gave chase, and after some fifteen miles of nip and tuck driving at speeds which would turn the ordinary motorist's hair gray, overhauled him, siren wailing.

The moment the siren blared, the speeding driver threw on his brakes, pulled to the side of the road, jumped out of his car, and ran to the patrol car. "Thank God!" he said. "I've been driving like mad for 30 miles hunting a highway patrolman. There has been a terrible accident about 30 miles back on the highway, and an officer is needed at once."

Noting the man's excitement, the patrolman immediately jumped into his car and headed swiftly in the opposite direction. And he said that although he drove not 30 miles, but 50, he never did find any accident.

Which all goes to show that a quick thinker can often extricate himself from a tight spot.

## OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

### LEARNING TO WORK TOGETHER



OUR REPUBLIC WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1789, UNDER THE CONSTITUTION. BUT IT TOOK FAITH AND COURAGE AND PATIENCE AND TIME TO MAKE IT WORK. OUR INDIVIDUAL STATES HAD TO LEARN HOW TO WORK TOGETHER. AND IN THAT PROCESS THE CONSTITUTION ITSELF WAS STRENGTHENED BY A SERIES OF AMENDMENTS KNOWN AS THE BILL OF RIGHTS.



THREE YEARS AGO, THE UNITED NATIONS, EMBODYING THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD, CAME INTO BEING . . . BECAUSE MEMBER COUNTRIES MUST LEARN TO WORK TOGETHER, BECAUSE THE ORGANIZATION MUST NECESSARILY UNDERGO A PERIOD OF TRIAL AND ERROR, WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT FAITH AND COURAGE AND PATIENCE AND TIME WILL BE NEEDED FOR THE UNITED NATIONS TO ACHIEVE ITS HIGH AIM OF FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOM FOR ALL PEOPLES—AND LASTING PEACE. UNITED NATIONS WEEK — OCTOBER 17-24

## 4-H Clubbers Have Outstanding Year

National 4-H Achievement Week, November 1-7, offers North Carolinians in all walks of life an opportunity to recognize the many accomplishments of the state's 105,000 club members during the past year, according to L. R. Harrill, state 4-H Club leader.

Mr. Harrill expressed the hope that parents in every community will understand and appreciate what their own boys and girls have accomplished in 4-H Club work and that recognition will be given to group as well as individual achievement.

According to the state leader, North Carolina members have completed more than 141,000 projects in agriculture and homemaking during the past year. They have tended more than 17,000 acres of food and feed crops and more than 6,000 acres of garden. They have managed poultry flocks involving more than 53,000 chickens, and their livestock projects have involved more than 20,000 animals.

Four-H girls in North Carolina have planned and served more than a half million meals, conserved nearly a million quarts of food, made approximately 100,000 garments, and conducted more than 7,000 room improvement projects.

Health improvement and physical development have been promoted in many ways. Achievements in the social phase of the program included the teaching of proper ideals and attitudes for wholesome relationships in the

home, neighborhood, and community.

Spiritual growth has been attained through daily vesper programs at 4-H camp and state-wide observance of 4-H Church Sunday. One thousand such Sunday programs were presented with approximately 20,000 members participating.

A special achievement this year was the sending of a North Carolina club member to Europe in the International Farm Youth Exchange project and, in return, providing for the entertainment for an exchange farm boy from France, further typifying the 1948 slogan, "Creating Better Homes for a More Responsible Citizenship Tomorrow."

## Few N. C. Vets Seek Allowances For Unemployment

Raleigh.—Less than two per cent, actually 1.76 per cent, of approximately 400,000 veterans of World War II, who have returned to North Carolina and are normally eligible for unemployment allowances when involuntarily unemployed, were actually seeking unemployment allowances under the G. I. Bill of Rights in June of this year, Chairman Henry A. Kendall of the Employment Security Commission reveals.

While employment in North Carolina increases from an average of 606,451 in June of last year to 641,004 in June this year, the last month for which this figure is available, only 7,055 war veterans were seeking allowances last June, as compared with 11,000 in June of last year. On a percentage basis, the number of veterans seeking allowances represented only 1.1 per cent of 641,004, the total average employment last June. These figures do not include veterans drawing self-employed allowances, since these allowances are paid to veterans who have jobs in self employment and the allowances only supplement their income, up to \$100 a month.

The average number of veterans filing claims for unemployment allowances has continued to drop since June, but only a small percentage of the reduction results from exhaustion of allowances to which veterans were entitled potentially. In fact, only about 2.5 per cent of the veterans potentially eligible for allowances had exhausted their benefit rights through June and only 45 per cent of the approximately 400,000 veterans in the state had sought any unemployment allowances through last June.

Soon after the bulk of veterans had been demobilized following the end of the war, claims for the employment allowances by veterans reached a point higher than twice the number seeking unemployment benefits under the regular State Unemployment Compensation program. The veterans' claims have dropped rapidly in proportion until they are down to less than half of the number seeking benefits under the regular program. This indicates, Chairman Kendall said, that employment of veterans in steady work has been greater in post-war years than employment of non-veterans.

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