

Editorial and Opinion

Garden Time

If You Need Help
 In Entering A Hospital
 Or Paying Your Bills
 See Me Before It Happens
Walter Wrenn
 Hillsboro

Opportunity For Fame

A view widely held is that public apathy toward highway safety and the enforcement of traffic laws in North Carolina is in large degree responsible for the disgraceful accident record on our highways.

While this may be true, this newspaper is strongly disposed to suggest that such apathy may result from frustration engendered by the operation of the State courts in this field. If somebody can devise a way to keep the Superior Court in Orange County in session for more than 2 1/2 to three days for the trial of criminal cases, he will have rendered a service of such inestimable worth as to entitle him to eternal fame.

Faced with the trial of 25 alleged drunken and reckless drivers last week, the court shut up shop on Wednesday afternoon after disposing of six such cases and left eighteen defendants to prowl the highways another three months. A check of the records reveals that practically all cases on the calendar originated in 1950 and many of them in 1949.

Is there any wonder that the rank and file of citizenry should become apathetic toward traffic law enforcement when by the simple expedient of hiring a lawyer adept at devising pretexts for continuation he can stall trial for at least a year without half trying.

There are plenty of indications through the operations of its local courts, the courage and zeal of its law enforcement officials, and through actions of its juries that Orange County is alert to the problem of highway law enforcement. The higher court should not continue to drag its feet lest this fine spirit be permanently damaged.

June-Spoon-Tune-Moon

When the poet asked, "What is so rare as a day in June?" we think he wanted to know what could be rarer than just a plain, common-or-garden day not dedicated to something-or-other.

The entire month, for example, is claimed by the milk-buttermilk-eggs people as "Dairy Month." It is also "National Ragweed Control Month." Personally, we are all for dairy products, when we can afford them; and our sympathy for hay-fever sufferers is acute. Thus, if it were possible to breed a strain of cows that would prefer ragweed above all other provender, both causes would be well served, and perhaps under the spur of the June publicity, something may be done about it.

We do not believe, however, that the fact that June 16th was "Expectant Fathers' Day," or the 17th plain, ordinary "Fathers' Day" will have much impact on vital statistics. As for "National Swim-for-Health Week" June 25 to 30, we doubt whether many dunkers are seeking health, or even so, that five days of it would develop a super-man (or woman). Swimming is a fine thing, however, for anybody... if HE LIKES to swim, or if SHE has a new bathing suit.

You may make your own plans for "National Bow Tie Week." Personally, we suspect it will be a good week for going without a tie. But we commend June 22: First Day of Summer! Isn't that what we've been waiting for?

A Matter Of Taste

"Eating corn on the cob with lip stick is considered bad taste."

The above quotation was recently seen in a national magazine commenting on the latest and up to date methods and practices of social etiquette. This new ruling handed down by the high court on do's and don'ts raises a few questions, which will probably have to be settled in a test case.

From what we have been able to gather in years of experimenting, all lip stick tastes alike. As a matter of fact it has very little taste, except for a lingering aroma and feel of grease, and one brand be it "Innocence" or "Nuit naughtie" is just as hard to get off.

As a substitute for salt, pepper, and butter, we don't recommend it either.

Inflationary Problem

Government economists in commenting on the current inflation, report that \$1,000 saved in 1939 is now worth less than half of that amount on the consumer market.

If this is true, then in the reverse situation a profit should be made. For example, if one can stash away \$500 now, then in a period of deflation this amount should purchase \$1000 worth of goods on the consumer market.

There is one little problem with this scheme to double your investment. Where does one get the \$500.

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PRESS COMMENT

Forego Beef, Beat Inflation

(Christian Science Monitor)

Price controls, back in 1946, hit the Great Beefsteak Reef and floundered. When the ship went down, food prices climbed from an index of 139 to one of 210.

Controls once more are striving to navigate the same barrier, and this time they must not be allowed to go down. For the price of beef is a major factor in the price of food; the price of meat makes up the largest fraction of the price of food; the price of food is a crucial element in the cost of living; and the cost of living will pretty much determine whether or not even a flexible wage line can be held.

All together, they add up to whether Americans will fight back inflation on the defensive fronts or whether they will abandon the field to a devil-take-the-hind-most rush. That could put everybody through the wringer until the economy adjusts itself at some Himalayan altitude or is brought down through intolerable distress into some Dead Sea of monetary revaluation.

As we see it from here, the beef producers have not made a case either for their exemption from controls or for abandonment of the whole control system. They argue that production is the cure, and that they cannot boost production under the roll-back.

Yet the price of beef is at 152 per cent of parity. There may be some inequities to be ironed out between the way the roll-back may affect the rancher, the feeder, and the packer. But 52 per cent above what is supposed to be the point of fair relationship between what the cattle raiser gets for the beef he sells and what he pays for the things he buys makes a pretty wide margin, above hardship.

Nevertheless, we trust Mr. Di-Salle and the administration will sit tight. For if beef is so costly to produce, it may be that Americans around the dinner table will need also to sit tight and manage to get by with eating a little less meat for a while. Otherwise, they may wake up to find they have sold much of their birthright to the fruits of their earnings for a plate of roast beef, medium.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Someone made the remark the other day that has become a truism, we hear it so often, "It costs money to do anything these days." We all are aware of this fact adding that it keeps costing more money than it used to. For instance look at our community recreational program. Two years ago people in Hillsboro enjoyed softball "under-the-lights" to the point that they dug down in their pockets and purses when the pan was passed around. The program paid its way and took a big slice out of the debt on the lights. Last year it was the same good story so the program has been enlarged to include midget baseball teams. The ground fees are more, the light bill the same, but when the pan goes around the contributions are only little in excess of the ground fees. The program costs about \$12.00 a night and \$5.00 has been a good income for a collection.

The real rub comes, though, where the failure to pay our bills on the softball may make it necessary to eliminate the fuller program and the director of recreation who has been hired to carry that program on.

Softball is good for those who play and entertaining to those who watch but the fact remains we can't have it for nothing. Those pans need to clink with coins or it will be curtains for the whole program.

I. E. Birdseye

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By Robert Schmidt

While we are between crops, in a sense, we should be thinking of ways to improve our garden soils. Much needed organic matter may be added through the use of stable manures or summer and fall green crops to be turned under. These materials will make heavy soils easier to work and will give sandy soils a better water-holding capacity and along with that, there is the added fertility. But what I wish to talk about is soil acidity and the use of lime. Many gardeners do not understand the proper use of lime because they do not know the needs of the individual crops. Also, they do not know how acid their soil is. It is foolish to add lime to soil if you do not know that it needs lime or that the crops to be grown require more lime.

Lime reduces soil acidity. Most vegetable crops will thrive in slightly acid (pH 6 to 6.7) soils but there are a number of them that will not thrive at all in very acid (pH 4.5 to 5.0) soils. These are asparagus, spinach, onions, celery, lettuce, beets, muskmelons, cauliflower, broccoli, parsnips, okra, and salsify. Crops such as beans, cucumbers, watermelons, corn, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes and tomatoes are quite tolerant of very acid soils -- in fact, it is desirable for watermelons. It is also desirable to grow Irish potatoes on quite acid soils to prevent the development of potato scab, a serious disease which is made worse by liming the soil.

The soil testing laboratory of the N. C. Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, will test your soil free of charge and tell you how much lime to use. That leaves no excuse for not knowing the correct acidity of your soil. Take samples by slicing the soil with a spade or trowel to a depth of four to six inches which will give you soil from the top as well as lower down. Thoroughly mix and

BRIDGE PROJECT

The State Highway Commission will ask for bids on a road project in Orange County at its letting on June 26.

The project calls for a structure over Eno River on a county road west of Cedar Grove.

Low bids received at the letting will be reviewed by the Commission at its next meeting on July 6.

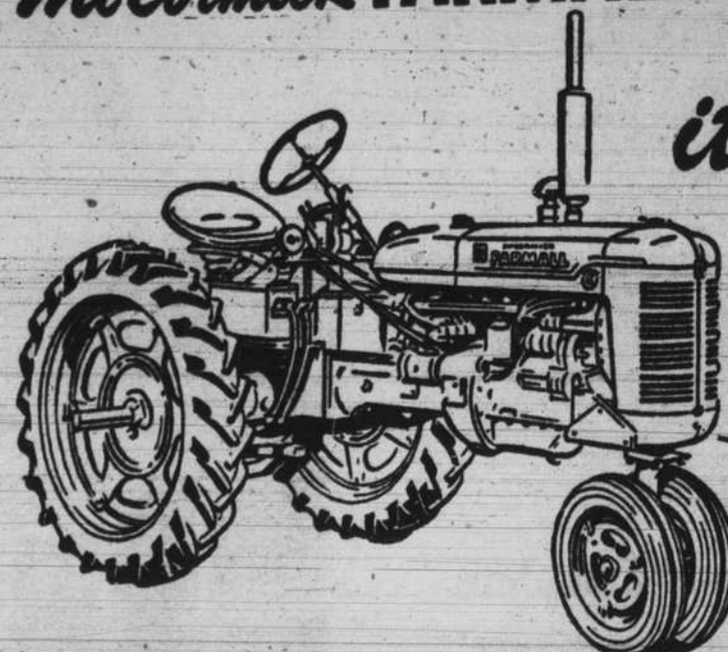
Experiments by agricultural scientists in Guatemala have demonstrated that ripe bananas, including skins, can replace the carbohydrates of corn in rations for growing and fattening pigs in that country.

send about one pint to the laboratory. If your garden is large take samples from more than one location. It is possible that your county agent has equipment for making simple soil tests.

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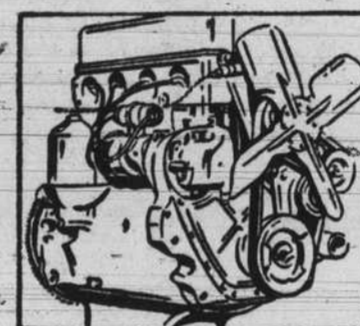
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