Editorial And Opinion

KIDD BREWER'S

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point where public opinion is

now such that it is probably go-

ing to work to the detriment of

the entire program of the State Department of Motor Vehicles

at the hands of the 1955 session

TROUBLE FOR WHAMMY ...

As predicted here a couple of

weeks ago, a bill is now before

the Legislature to clip the wings

of the whammy. There is also

sentiment to require that all pa-

trol cars be painted the same

identifying colors rather than to

have some of them carrying the

usual civilian color and using

regular license tags rather than

BEST? . . . There is a differ-

ence of opinion as to whether the best approach to safety is

through detection and arrests, or

through good public relations

The idea of attempting to

achieve results through fear of consequences or through en-

couragement to play the game fairly in cooperation with our

fellowmen is something which

These are the two approaches

and the sides are drawn. Which

of the two ideas will emerge

ENTIRE PROGRAM . . . Un-

fortunately, the entire program

of the Motor Vehicles Depart-

result of bad public relations-

or the simple act of making mo-

torist uneasy, uncomfortable

The people as represented by

the General Assembly seem to

feel that they are as qualified

on the subject of highway safe-

ty as the Commissioner of Mo-

tor Vehicles, Edward Scheidt-

and to bear this out they point

to the fact that his background

WHO IS RIGHT? . . . Whether

the Legislature is right or wrong

It reminds me of one of my

college professors. One of the

students asked him: "Professor,

you say one thing about this and

the text book says another.

The professor said, "Well, of

course, you will be technically

correct if you give either of the

answers but I believe that-un-

der the circumstances-if I were

in your place, I'd humor me, be-

cause I'm going to be grading

you. The author of the textbook

LEGISLATURE GRADES .

Commissioner Scheidt may or

may not be right, but the Legis-

lature is going to be passing out

the grades-in the form of ap-

propriations and laws under

which the Motor Vehicles De-

partment must operate for the

Whether Commissioner Scheiot

decides to stick to the book or

humor the professor will deter-

mine to a great extent his fu-

ture. It is not an enviable posi-

next two years .

answer should we use?"

won't be grading you!"

is the FBI-and not safety.

is beside the point

and angry unnecessarily.

victorious remains to be seen.

of the Legislature.

the State type.

and advertisement.

must soon be decided.

lay Off The 'Whammies'

We heartily agree with the writer of a recent Public Pulse letter that "topping the list of the What's-Drong-With-The-World-Today-Department" is the bill introduced in Raleigh by Reps. White and Turner, aimed at restricting the use of a device designed to cut down on traffic violations: and fatalities on our highways. We have never heard of anyone making love to a Whammy, but if the device does a speedretarding job legally or psychologically, why destroy its purpose by emasculation?

If the representatives sponsoring this believe that the Whammies are not properly installed, in good condition, or operated by skillful personnel, it appears that this is a matter for Highway Patrol administration, rather than reducing the effective function of the Whammy itself.

I. for one, don't feel repulsed at the idea of highway the relation to the last with the are at times of the legislators?) I have traveled U. S. 29-70 daily for over live years, and would judge that the incidence of semi-hidden patrol equipment to be about 5 per cent-the same percentage Reps. White and Turner ask for Whammy "tolerance."

It would seem that there are more important merit badges to be earned in the General Assembly session than those being aspired to by a two-man anti-Whammy faction.

The Whammies are saving lives in North Carolina, hidden, partially hidden or in plain view. We say, "Leave em

Help protect a child from polio TOMORROW!

This We Can Do Without

Senator Ralph Scott's bill to guarantee profits for the milk industry, come what may, is bad any way you look atit. T1: sooner it is sent finally to the grave, the better satisfied we'll be. Things being what they are, if Dairyman Ralph had introduced a bill to guarantee newspaper profits it would have been somewhat more becoming, but hardly more

Do the people of North Carolina want to be compelled by statute to pay more than is necessary for their milk? We

We are told that in Virginia a milk bill similar to the one proposed for North Carolina is now in effect. A half gallon of milk is available to the North Carolina public for 37-38-39 cents. In Virginia 49 cents is the absolute minimum that a half gallon may be sold.

Except in emergencies we are opposed to setting prices for the people for the benefits of a very few privileged distributors of the most necessary food product sold?

The American way of life has always been based on competition and the cornerstone of free enterprise.

Each senator and representative should figure the cost to him personally and then multiply by the number of North Carolinians that this bill will effect and then vote on this bill according to his own conscience. The outcome, given these conditions, is a foregone conclusion.

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All These Things, These Moods

What Is North Carolina?

The Charlotte News

What is North Carolina? she asked. Is it a 'cropper's house on the edge of a field? Is it the rusty cough of a 'lint head'? Is it Jim Crow hiding in the rear of a bus? Is it crowded prisons and road gangs and murder in Harnett? Is it a 'Gastonia incident'. Is it the homeless, and the hungry and the cold?

Her voice mingled with the heavy metallic black satin ribbon of highway, rolling and tumbling westward from Raleigh.

The sky was yellow with sunset and she squinted into it, all the time talking of leaving the South and going home to the North. It had been a revisit to Raleigh which now lay miles behind her. Off to the left were the Sandhills, to the right a rise called Chapel Hill. Ahead were Lib_ erty and Asheboro and Concord and Charlotte.

Is North Carolina these things? she, questioned.

Yes, she was told, they are North Carolina

But North Carolina is also Virginia Dare and Kings Mountain, the Courthouse at Hillsboro, Reconstruction, Buck Duke and Billy Graham, Green and Odum, and Kay Kyser. It is the folk music in the mountains and the rollicking chanties of the Outer Banks.

It is the hum and the whir of looms, the pun-

gent odor of tobacco, the bent fields of grain, a harvest of strawberries, factory smoke and honking horns, a Bible class at Gardner-Webb and an atom smasher at State College.

It is a sociologist explaining away our foibles and a professor discussing ESP, it is vast medical centers and a horse doctor, it is muddy springroads of orange and hot, brown summer days.

It is a debutante ball and a barefooted boy steaming factories and abconditioned offices, it is a pot-bellied stove in a one-room school house and a sprawling school plant in a large city.

It is an orator from Buncombe, a barber from the east in the Assembly, it is a high school girls' basketball team and a national champion, a prizewinning poet and great illiteracy, it is a novelist and a songwriter and 30,000 people singing on the side of a mountain.

It is fancy cloths of synthetic yarns, an apron from a flour sack. It is a highway heavy with people to see the scenery and a '32 Ford twisted with six dead.

It is a mind-a troubled, restless, unhappy mind fighting for life. It, too, is a confident, hardworking, happy mind.

All these things, all these moods-all of this is North Carolina.

evening was still and red.

And she said, I see, I see.

Then the sun fell behind a distant hill and the

MORE IMPELLING THAN EVER



In Small Places

At 6 o'clock we left the house ment may suffer as the direct for evening services at our church. My wife held a covered dish in her hands, and each of the girls held some other item A covered dish supper at church means hour of the finest kind of

That is just what happened Several were present when we arrived. The ladies were busy arranging the food on the tablesmeats first, then vegetables, followed by sandwiches, salads, cookies, cakes, pies and drinks. The men gathered in little groups to talk over our life and times. Children were in groups, picking at each other and talking and laughing.

It dawned on me, even before time for prayer meeting, that the Christmas in New Testament times set-this example for us. They gathered for suppers once a week in some of the early churches. The first miracle of our Lord was at a wedding party. Fellowship is a vital part of life, and some of the finest fellowship we enjoy is at mealtime. There is no better place to break bread together than at church.

We served paper plates while filing by the table in a single ent in the soil or on the seed. file. Six small boys and five girls about their size sat around the table next to me. They enjoyed themselves immensely.

As soon as we finished our pie and cake the paper plates and cups were collected and placed in garbage cans. The near-empty dishes were placed on a singletable to be picked up later in the evening by the housewives who brought them.

Each age group went to a different place in the church for prayer and special study. Our pastor talked to the adults about special services to be conducted

He called for announcements. There would be a meeting of the men of the church next Monday in the school cafeteria. Blotters were passed out, bearing an announcement about the revival services. We were told about a civic musical program. A basketball game was announced. The pastor commended his people for the fine spirit of community cooeration with respect to the coming revival. Then, in an impressive way he called attention to our need for fresh commitmen and loyal devotion to our Lord and His church.

When we left I was glad we could go to church on Wednesday night. Attention had been called to my place in the community and the church fellowship. Friends came together who seldom have an opportunity to see one another. Families came together.

I was a new person with a fresh outlook. Eating, talking, singing, praying, listening to the scriptures, and hearing a challenge from my pastor or did something to me on the inside. My soul was refreshed. My outlook was made brighter. My life

Garden Time

Robert Schmidt

mont North Carolina should be thinking about planting their early Irish potatoes. The land later than Cobbler, For those should be prepared as soon as who prefer red potatoes, the possible but planting may be Triumph variety is the best delayed until in March without any loss in earliness. Do not plant potatoes in poorly drained areas or the seed pieces may rot in the ground. The Irish potato requires heavy fertilization as guarante that the sed potatoes well as good soil. At least one to 1½ gallons of a 6-8-6 or 8-8-8 fertilizer mixture should be used per 100 ft. of row thoroughly they average from 11/4 to two mixed in the row soil about a ounces in, weight and should week before planting time. Commercial growers usually plant by machine which also puts down yields. Space the rows about the fertilizer in bands on each three feet apart and the seed side of the seed piece so that pieces 10 to 12 inches apart in there is no contact of seed piece the row. The usual planting depth and fertilizer. However, in the is about four inches. Contrary home garden potatoes are usually planted by hand and if the fertilizer is applied in the furrow at planting time there is danger that it will come into contact withthe seed piece and damage it

Do not apply lime to potato soils. Lime and fresh stable manure will promote the growth of potato scab disease if pres-Irish Cobbler is still the best early white potato for home gardens. Warba is also good and is

was made more complete. I was ready to confront the opportunities and problems ahead. Revival has already taken place in my life. This I need every Wednesday night and again on Sundays.

Gardeners in eastern and pied- very early, if you can find a source of seed. Essex, Sebago and Kennebec are good but are early. This is also called Red Bliss. For a later red variety,

Pontiac or LaSoda can be used. It is best to use certified seed if obtainable. Certification is a are practically free from the diseases. Seed serious most pieces should be cut so that contain at least one good eye. Small seed pieces will give lower to a common idea, there is no advantage in turing all the eyes up in planting the seed pieces.

MUST BE

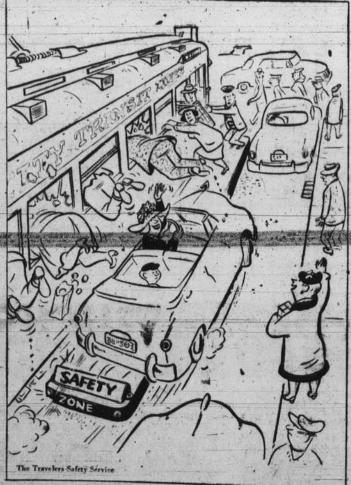
The average kid these days can simultaneously read a comic book and listen to a bloodcurdling story over the radio. He must be ambidextrous in the head .-Liveranali, Enquirer

EFFICIENT

When it wanted to have one of its own safes cracked, the Police Department couldn't find an unemployed safe-cracker who wasn't already occupied at Jefferson City. Some people are just too darned efficient St. Louis Post Dispatch

Lucky You

by Dick Shaw



Lucky you-you were careless but those in your

The Smithfield Herald Plugs

For Plain English

"Fine print" in insurance policies is pretty thinks the Charlotte News, but "far worse is the mass of semi-legal language setting out the teams of

We agree. Some policies could be set in 24 point tenham Bold Extended, which is a fairly readable headline size, but the policyholders wouldn't know a about the coverage they had or didn't have than the if the policies were set in five-point solid, which lettering even for "legal notices" in a newspaper.

Since this is "there ought to be a law" season i Carolina, we suggest that the legislators consider every insurance policy of any kind to carry, in a few words, a summary of the protection contained in the This, in addition, to the detailed wording of the or fine or large print.

If an insurance agent weren't allowed to use wo own in explaining the terms of policies, but was rem explain policies only by the reading the legal phrase policies, he would make few sales and would soon be jobs or applying for relief at the welfare office. The ance salesman, of course, interprets. He tells a p buyer of insurance in plain English what he is asked

If the insurance agent can interpret in making why can't the insurance company interpret, in writing face of each policy it issues, the terms of the contract by the lawyers? A brief interpretation, clearly written prevent much misunderstanding on the part of a police concerning the protection he has bought.

A two-fold purpose could be served:

(1) Misrepresentations by an unscrupulous agent could be readily detected upon delivery of a

(2) By reference to a "policy interpretation," a holder could quickly refresh his memory from time concerning the protection he has,

We are all for insurance-in understandable la

SENATOR SAM ERVIN * SAYS *



WASHINGTON -- The National Park Service has announced its purpose to charge a fee for the use of the Blue Ridge Parkway by automobiles beginning on May 1, 1955. In common with the entire North Carolina delegain the Congress, I am strongly opposed to converting the Blue Ridge parkway, into a toll road.

Opposed to Tolls As a matter of principle, I am

opposed to the Federal Government raising revenue by charging people for the privilege of Almighty God. Despite all protestations to the contrary, the plan of the National Park Service is a revenue raising measure mum proposed fee, i.e., for all tolls collected are to be "paid into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts." And even apart from the matter of principle, the plan is indefensible in that it is, in substance, an endeavor to collect revenue upon a gift made to the Federal Government by private individuals and foundations and the States of North Carolina and Tennes-

The Blue Ridge Parkway and its counterpart in Virginia, the skyline Drive, connect the Shenandoah Nation Park on the north and the Smoky National Park on the south.

A Difference When the Yellowstone National

Park and the other National National Parks of the west were established, they were created out o land areas already owned by the Fedral Govenment. The lands embraced in the Smoky National Perk were purchased by private individuals and foundations and the States of Tennessee and North Carolina at a cost of approximately 10 million dollars and donated to the Federal Government for the enjoyment of all the people. I am advised by those active in the acquisition and donation of these lands that it was never contemplated that

those visiting the Smoky National Park. Moreover, all of the right-of-way of the Blue Ridge Parkway other than that situated within the National Forests was acquired by the State of North Carolina at a cost of approximately \$2,260,000 and conveyed without charge by the State of North Carolina to the Federal Goevrnment. Since the State of North Carolina has steadfastly refused to exact a toll of any person for the use of its bridges and highways, I am satisfied that the State of North Carolina would never have made these valuable gifts to the Federal Government if it had known that the Federal Government would pervert its gifts to the raising of revenue.

tempts to justify the the proposed tol ground that the toll i to defray the cost of

ing . the Shenandoah l'ark, the Skyline I Blue Ridge Parkway, the Smoky National Par totals \$545,000 amuall have already pointed tolls collected are to be into the general treasu Popular Parkway

During the past year, in the ufture, and the day" \$1.00 fee, from ead mobile, it will collect three the maintenance cost. called this significant fact attention o the National Service, I received the ing reply that only enou torists would be co pay the fee to raise the maintenance, and that all motorists would be permi use the Parkway without This would be, indeed, 1 practice in a country wh lieves in "equal justice the law."

It is to be remember the Federal Government collects two cents on each of gasoline consumed by mobiles using the parkwi that it would be just as to impose a toll on other hi constructed in part with funds as it is to impose the Blue Ridge Parkwal argument that the toll is fied for the Blue Ridge P because it is used for real purposes lacks validi other highways are used it measure for recreational

Abandon the Idea

The difficulties inheren administration alone ough duce the National Park to abandon its plan to proximately 500 diffe trances of one kind of to the Skyline Drive Blue Ridge Pakrway. As sequences, the National Service proposes to estat different stations for h lection of the toll. If the tions are placed at equal tances along the 325 m Parkway now completed motorist will have his the beauties of nature of by the revenue collecting cies of the Federal Gover In conclusion, it is W not that the National Park vice maintains several

roadways in other parts

impose any fee for their

country and does not pr