

Editorial And Opinion

Value Of The Interstate System

Last year 40,000 persons lost their lives in traffic accidents. An additional 1,350,000 were injured with some 100,000 suffering some kind of permanent physical impairment. According to the National Safety Council, some \$5 billion dollars worth of property was damaged.

If the giant network of Interstate Highways had been completed before 1956, experts estimate 3,500 lives would have been saved.

The Interstate system will serve North Carolina and the nation in many other ways but its principle asset will be greater safety to the motoring public.

Imagine driving from Hillsboro to Asheville and beyond without a single stop sign or stop light and without the danger of someone pulling off a side road in your path. Imagine driving from Hillsboro to Los Angeles without a single delay point on your route. Impossible? Not under the expansive, far-reaching road plans on the drawing boards, as well as under construction across the country for the nation's first coordinated and planned transportation system—the Interstate Highway System.

Construction of the vital Interstate system promises to bring automobility back to the open road and uncork some of the traffic bottlenecks now strangling many of our towns.

Hillsboro and this section of Orange County, aside from individual inconveniences which we hope will be adequately compensated for, stand to reap untold benefits as the years go by from the segment of the Interstate system through our boundaries. Closeness to a modern, limited access highway is of particular benefit and a definite encouragement for industrial development, according to the long range planners. The sites around the traffic interchange areas where crossing roads enter the Interstate route will be in greater demand for new industries, housing developments, shopping and service centers.

Axe Again Will Not Fall

Recently much local opposition was expressed over announcement of plans to withdraw the northern bypass segment of Highway 70 from consideration as part of the Interstate system and build the four-lane road to the south of town. The belief that this relocation will result in a drastic loss of business for firms on the old bypass we believe to be wholly unwarranted.

Of necessity, many of the Interstate locations will bypass or skirt cities and towns. However, the old notion that a controlled access bypass was injurious to the bypassed community has been repudiated. After a four-laned partially-controlled access highway was built several years ago in the Piedmont, and opened to traffic, the manager of the local chamber of commerce recently commented, "Property values in town and along the bypass have increased considerably. None of the businesses in the affected area has re-located. There has been an increase in the number of stores in the downtown area, and there has also been an increase in new businesses along the bypass. The bypass relieved congestion in the downtown business district by routing the through traffic around the city. At the same time, it increased local traffic in the downtown area, thus helping retail businesses. Retail sales have greatly increased because residents from the surrounding area can now get to the downtown businesses easier and quicker. Traffic accidents have materially decreased, due primarily to the lack of congestion in this area."

In recent years, California which is a national leader in building limited access expressways, has made over 20 different detailed studies concerning the economic impact of such highways on various urban and rural communities, both large and small. The studies document the same conclusion reached by the Tar Heel city in the Piedmont—the limited access highway provides superior transportation service resulting in great economic advantage to the communities involved.

Land values near the expressways more than doubled, even tripled, in value.

Local citizens screamed when the first bypass swung around the community, but the axe of doom never descended. The results were beneficial to the overall community. As a new era approaches, again the axe will not fall.

Eating And Dining

It was once said that most of us eat and some of us dine. In a sense, there is a lot to that statement.

What is points to is the fact that some of us appreciate foods, proper cooking and seasoning, and so on, more than others. All of us have to eat to live whether we are happy with plain food, prepared with little effort, or whether we are gourmets, appreciating the fine points of taste and seasoning.

It is probably true that those who study the world's best recipes and know something about the dishes of the great chefs and the great restaurants, and who appreciate the varied possibilities in food preparation enjoy meals more than those who have little time to give to this trend of thought.

In other words, those who are interested in the subject get something out of it and add to their enjoyment in life. It is also true that we, in the United States, do not have our share of fine restaurants. In Europe, for example, where the preparation of food has been a family pursuit for a number of generations in many cases, the culinary arts and fine cuisine are greatly respected and admired. One can get superb service and attention to most minute details and near-perfection in many of the fine restaurants of Europe.

Americans are too prone to eat in a hurry, swallow it down and get on to work or some other pursuit. Europeans, on the other hand, will take from an hour to an hour and a half, ending up a splendid meal of several courses with cheese and wine, or cheese and fruit.

One will find that with small effort, each day can be made a little more interesting, and a great deal of variety can be added to the daily routine. If you don't know how to start, buy a couple of cookbooks, preferably one or two describing foreign dishes, and begin by preparing several of the recipes yourself.



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He lost an eye. But the Caldwell's still provide the Grange with as vigorous leadership as that provided any Grange in the nation. Hard work, night hours, night visits, night traveling, and back to work betimes the next morning, has taken its toll among our fine farm leadership in North Carolina during 1957.

IN THE FAMILY . . . The papers haven't said so, but the spokesman, Robert Josey of Roanoke Rapids, for the five-man group now undertaking to move out Dr. Harold W. Tribble as president of Wake Forest College, is a cousin of Dr. Walton Kitchen, most outspoken Tribble opponent.

Josey's mother was a Kitchen, a niece of the late Dr. Thurman Kitchen, former Wake Forest president. Mrs. Josey for many years was prominent in Democratic circles in this State and, if memory serves correctly, assisted in the ill-fated gubernatorial campaign of the late W. P. Horton in 1940—and with various others, since.

Never having been one, we wouldn't know for sure. But it must be interesting to be a Baptist—particularly in North Carolina.

BASKETBALL . . . When alumni get it in for a president, it's rough on him and everybody else connected with the school. Even little things are noticed. Four years ago, when there was another attack on the WF president, we were attending a State-WF basketball game. This certain player lost the ball several times when officials ruled he mishandled it.

A Tribble-supporting Deacon alumnus near us said: "Yes, even that double-dribble could mean trouble for Tribble."

CHOICE . . . The talk around Raleigh last week was that Luther Hodges could this day name his choice for a successor, it would be none other than Edwin Gill, State Treasurer, former Revenue Commissioner, former representative from Scotland County, and the only true left-over from the Gardner regime. He was Governor Gardner's Good Man Friday.

As mentioned here some time back, he is a trusted Hodges advisor. Although mostly an appointee governmental servant, he can run like a rabbit if necessary. You know, he was appointed by the late W. B. Umstead to succeed retired Treasurer Brandon Hodges.

Well, Mr. Scott Stewart Josh James decided he wanted to be State Treasurer. Everybody thought that would be a race, for sure. Edwin Gill ate him up. Now James is back in Wilmington, where he came from, practicing law. Gill enjoyed that no end, for Kerr Scott's election as Governor in 1948 and forced him out as State Revenue Commissioner.

DOLLAR . . . When Fayetteville's Terry Sanford showed up for the Kerr Scott dinner here the other evening, our U. S. Senator dropped a dollar into Sanford's gubernatorial campaign hat. Significant. Now if Sanford can get about \$299,999 more, he will be ready to go.

BANK ROBBERY
Daddy: "And what did you see while you were in the country, Dear?"
Little Peggy: "We saw a lot of little piggy-banks robbing a big piggy-bank."
—N. C. Education



C. R. Daniel for The News

Autumn's Annual Show

With only about four weeks of Autumn left, and with the last weeks of Autumn likely to be somewhat cold, we suggest to our readers that they take advantage of the beautiful scenery which Nature has provided for them outdoors and enjoy it now at its prettiest.

To us Autumn is the prettiest season. It is true that Autumn heralds the coming of Winter with its bitterly cold weather, but the weather of Autumn itself is often very pleasant and it usually brings with it less rain than the other seasons.

Its greatest offering, however, is the spectacular panorama to be found in the woods and fields along the highways as we see the changes of color performed on the dying foliage all around us. A cycle of life is ending and the dormant season is setting in.

Moreover, the year is drawing to an end and Autumn seems to be the time for sizing up the accomplishments of the year, its results and maybe even one's life, and the direction it is taking. In doing this, it is well to be outdoors, near Nature and in full view of the miracle and inspiration of the earth and all its beauty and mystery.

Though the medical books do not admit it, many a tortured soul and many an ailing body and mind can be cured by outdoor exercise and a return to Nature. If you are overweight and your health is not what it should be, or if life's problems seem to get you down and your outlook on life is turning sour, take our advice and go for regular walks in the woods, or make it a point to take time off regularly for hunting or fishing, or some other outdoor pursuit. The invigoration, stimulation and therapy to be derived from the free outdoors is real and highly enjoyable.

Gems Of Thought

HAPPINESS
Happiness is a butterfly, which when pursued is always just beyond your grasp, but which if you will sit down quietly will light upon you.—Hawthorne

I am more and more convinced that our happiness or unhappiness depends far more on the way we meet the events of life, than on the nature of those events themselves.—Humboldt

All who would win joy, must share it, happiness was born a twin.—Byron

It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness.—Charles Haddon Spurgeon

Garden Gossip

Only a few chrysanthemums are left blooming in my garden and these are in protected places. Just as soon as the last of these blooms are gone I will cut the stalks back to within a few inches of the ground. This cutting will encourage a growth of heavy shoots to appear in the spring. These shoots will make excellent cuttings for transplanting in the early summer. You have to think ahead constantly while gardening. Strip off the side shoots from feverfew and as you do so, you will notice a slight hairy growth on the stalks. This fuzz will quickly become a heavy root growth when the shoots are planted. So many gardeners speak of losing their favorite feverfew and the simple reason is that this plant has to be re-rooted each season. Also in this class are the marguerites which are a type of chrysanthemum, (*chrysanthemum frutescens*).

WANTED FOR MURDER all those people who go "hog wild" when they get a pair of pruning shears in their hands. Nice chinese hollies that are never permitted to fruit because of heavy pruning, beautiful sasanqua camellias which will never reach their peak of beauty, (the book says that for the good of the plant flowers really should be picked off and stems wired on) pyracanthas boxed off like hedges when their

They'd Better Take It Easy!



Walt Partymiller—York Gazette & Daily

Tar Heel PEOPLE & ISSUES

POSTMASTERS . . . Word is going around that the GOP Post Office Department in Washington is cracking down where ever possible on Democratic Postmasters to make room for deserving members of the Republican Party. However, this is not strange nor unusual for if the shoe were on the other foot, the Democrats would most likely be doing the same thing. Were it not for the fact that the Democrats have been in control of Congress for all except the first two years of the Eisenhower Administration, many more changes would probably have already been made. While the Republican Post Office Department can oust incumbent postmasters and name temporary ones to replace them, it is necessary to have Senate confirmation before a permanent postmaster can be named. The Senate is Democratic and W. Kerr Scott of North Carolina is a member of the Senate committees on Post Offices and Civil Service. Chairman of the Post Office Committee is Senator Olin D. Johnston of South Carolina. The Man from Haw River is not fast about permitting Republicans to be confirmed. And if the Democrats keep control of the Senate in 1958 as it now appears they will be able to do, and win the White House in 1960, a good many of the GOP postmaster hopefuls may never get the jobs, on a permanent basis.

It is true that postmasters are under civil service and are supposed to be appointed for life, or until they reach retirement age. But when the postmaster is of one party and the White House is of another party, it's mighty easy for the post office inspectors to find a dozen regulations which are being broken. When all are of one party it's easy to request that the house be put in order, but when the postmaster is of one party and the White House of another party, getting along together is not so easy.

APPOINTMENTS number of study given Governor Beatty's opportunity of naming and others to the commissions and picked good and women, representing various shades of public without saying these study groups wrote the Democratic Party ed them for their Gov. Hodges has 35 of the 100 eratic chairmen commissions. It will be recalled County Democrat Yander Linde (See People & Issues)

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS

WASHINGTON — Having taken note of the current world situation, the President has started to present his case to the American people.

While it is too early to appraise clearly his analysis and recommendations, I am convinced that the people are entitled to know what the Administration thinks and what steps are necessary to get out of our dilemma. To that extent I believe the President is right in taking the problem to the people. I am thoroughly in accord with his desire for strong defense. I only wish he had not waited until now to take up this urgent business which is so important to our survival as a free people.

Defense First

Before the full thesis of his program is known we will have to wait until his so-called pep talks to the country are completed. We will also require a careful enunciation of his recommendations to the Congress. The general interpretation of the Eisenhower approach thus far is that there will be "more defense and less butter" for the United States. The President says he wants some less urgent programs reduced, eliminated or postponed in order to accommodate the increased spending for defense.

This is where the rub comes. Now the promotion begins by the White House to put across their programs which may run counter to what the Congress and the people think. There is already a big build-up for foreign aid, indicating that this program will get priority by the Administration. There

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