



Den Three -- Den of the Month.

Awards Presented Pack 406 Cubs

Awards were presented and a film strip on North Carolina Indians was shown at the recent meeting of Cub Pack 406.

Shelby Miller showed the film and was an award winner, receiving a Six Year Pin.

The other award winners and their awards were: Brenda Floyd -- Four Year Pin; Tom Scarborough -- Scholar award; Jason Flowers -- Artist and Showman awards; Jody Elkins -- Engineer; Trampas Bennett -- Forester and Naturalist, and Traveler; Jeff Semones -- Aquanaut; Ron Parson -- Showman; Scott McGinnis -- Webelos, Naturalist, and Showman.

Bobby Jones -- One Year Pin and Recruiter; John Booker, Josh Witherspoon, Shayne McDonald, Matthew Warren, Jason King, Ryan Clark, and Stephen Ashley -- Bobcat; Dusty Wilson, Artist, Athlete, and Citizen.

Michael Jacobs, Venson Grace, Craig Harris, and Chad Jones -- Athlete; Britt Bernhardt, Patrick Furmage, and Barbara Lippard -- One Year Pin; John Furmage -- One Year Pin and Wolf badge; and Darlene Clark -- Three Year Pin.

Den Three was announced as the choice for Den of the Month. Den One Webelos won the Attendance award.



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"Things That Matter"

by Lucien Coleman

WHY DOES IT HAPPEN TO ME?

After pondering the matter for some time now, I've come to the conclusion that there is a mysterious force operative in this universe, the sole purpose of which is to keep folks like you and me humble.

How else can you explain the fact that the car in front of you always runs out of gas just after you switch to the fast-moving lane in rush-hour traffic? And why does the girl at the check-out put up that "THIS LANE CLOSED" sign after you've waited in line for 12 minutes?

And, speaking of check-outs, why does the lady in front of you always use one hand to empty her bulging basket, instead of laying her cigarette down so she can use both hands? And why does she always remember that she forgot the dishwashing detergent after the clerk has rung up everything else?

Have you ever noticed that the information you need is always in the bottom drawer of the card catalog at the library, and that the office copying machine always runs out of paper after the ninth copy when you need ten copies in a hurry?

Why does that early morning rain always come after your newspaper carrier tosses your paper on the front step, before you have time to go out and pick it up? And why does the city sanitation truck arrive early to pick up garbage only when you forgot to put out the cans the night before?

And I'll bet you young parents have often wondered why all three kids suddenly develop an urgent need to go to the restroom just as the waitress delivers the food, hot from the kitchen, after a 25 minute wait.

Why will a button cling to a shirt for months, then drop off on the very morning you're late to work? And why does your ballpoint pen always run out of ink just as a customer is ready to sign the biggest deal you've made recently?

Why does it happen, when I switch from the long line to the short one at the airport ticket counter, the guy in front of me asks the agent to rewrite tickets and change all the baggage tags for six senior citizens headed for Europe?

And what about the emergency case that always come into your family doctor's office just before it's your turn to see him?

Actually, I had managed to put these nagging questions out of mind for a long while. But they all came rushing to the surface the other day when my glasses (without which I'm as blind as a bat) disintegrated right in the middle of a public presentation.

Maybe I'm wrong about that mysterious force. If you have any alternative hypotheses, I'd appreciate your writing Things That Matter, P.O. Box 6015, Louisville, Ky. 40207.



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By State Motor Club

22 N.C. Road Deaths Forecast For Holiday

The N.C. State Motor Club has estimated that approximately 22 persons will die in North Carolina traffic accidents over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Official observance of the holiday will be over a 102-hour period that lasts from 6 p.m. Wednesday, November 25, through midnight Sunday, November 29.

Last year during a similar period 25 deaths occurred.

Speeding was a factor in 10 of these deaths, DUI/alcohol was a factor in seven, while carelessness at the wheel resulted in the deaths of the remaining eight. Drivers are cautioned to help eliminate these dreadful statistics this year.

"We hope our predictions will remind motorists to stay alert," John G. Frazier, III, president of the statewide motor club, said. "Stay on your guard while driving."

don't relax until you reach your destination. Driving is a full time job and demands complete concentration," Frazier pointed out.

If you want to be in control of your own fate on the highway, slow down. Fast driving removes control from your hands, making it humanly impossible to prevent collisions.

Get belted in..If everybody fastened the belts that are in cars today we would just about cut the number of traffic fatalities in half. The need for seat belts is not just on long trips but all the time. Most people injured in auto crashes are within 30 miles of home.

Drunk driving continues to be one of our most serious public health and safety problems. Statistics show that some 50 per cent of

all drivers killed have blood alcohol levels in excess of the legal limit. Don't drive and drink -- and help others who have had too much to drink so they do not get behind the wheel of a car.

Total fatalities reported to date this year now stand at 1,257.

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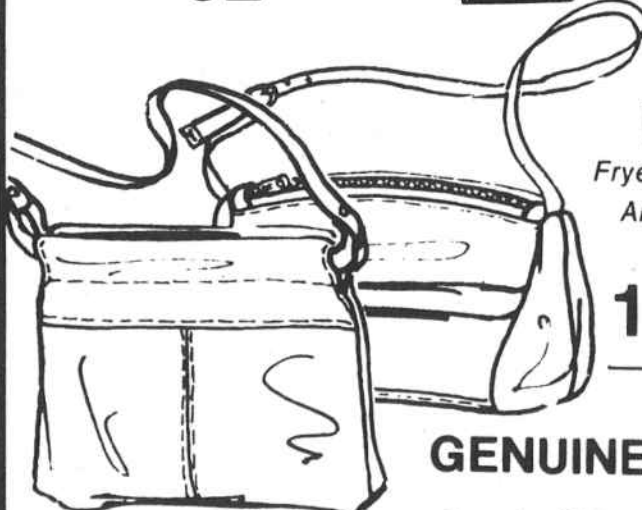
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