

**WPA Eliminates Bad Curves on Mt. Airy-Elkin Highway**



The transport of supplies, troops, material, farm produce, has been made safer, easier on many roads by WPA and the sponsoring State Highway Department, eliminating 201 miles of bad curves in North Carolina's road system. The curves, hazardous to ordinary traffic, in day before yesterday's roads, have been receiving attention. The WPA and the sponsor are concentrating on this type of work since the Nation's tempo has been stepped up for National Defense. The curve shown above, eliminated by WPA, is on U. S. Route 601 in Surry county between Mt. Airy, Dobson and Elkin. On this particular route, 26 bad kinks have been "ironed out."

**THE DOCTOR Tells the Story**  
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**THE COUNTRY DOCTOR**

A physician can often parry the scythe of death and even slow the flow of the sand in the hourglass of life. To be a good surgeon one needs a hawk's eye; a lion's heart and the delicate hand of a lady. When life hangs in the balance the doctor becomes a hero and when he saves one from going over the brink into eternity he is a demigod. The country doctor usually has more brains at his command to do wonderful work than any fifty of the greatest industrialists of the world—and he makes less fuss about it and gets less publicity.

The country practitioner is a surgeon, a physician, a specialist, a pharmacist and a friend and advisor to his clientele. Many of them are forced to maintain small drug stores in their offices where they may compound prescriptions.

Dr. Edmund Russell lived and practiced medicine in Lewistown, Maine, for fifty years and in 1882 did the first appendicitis operation in that state, the patient being a wealthy sportsman who had gone to the Rangley Lakes to shoot moose. In the early winter Dr. Russell was called to the home of a guide in Rangley, distance of 75 miles and told to come immediately as a man was there very ill.

The weather was below zero, the ground covered with snow so deeply that even the fence post tops could not be seen. Hitching his two horses tandem to his sleigh he drove with his son, also a doctor, and arrived at the patient's bedside in 24 hours. The patient was placed on the kitchen table and immediately operated upon, a badly diseased appendix being removed.

Leaving his son to attend the sufferer, the elder physician started for home immediately because he was expecting the arrival of several new citizens that week. He recalls reaching Farmington, Maine, where he had changed horses previously and left his own mares to rest. Bundled in furs he went to sleep knowing that his own fresh horses would bring him home.

His wife heard the sleigh approach and when it stopped at the barn found the doctor almost frozen and unconscious. Taking her husband into the house, where he was revived, she opened the barn, admitted the horses and fed them after giving them a good rub down. Next morning, Kit, the lead horse, was found dead in her stall. The exertion had been too much for her. The doctor, however, went about town attending his patients the next day.

A month later, a city man walked into the physician's office and asked for his bill saying: "I am the man whose appendix you removed at Rangley. What do I owe you?" "That is up to you," answered the doctor, whereupon the man handed the medical practitioner \$500 and departed, profuse in his thanks.

"That was the only fee of more than \$100 I ever received in my fifty years at medicine," commented the elderly doctor, "for most of my patients paid me in cord wood, hogs, beef, calves, vegetables, chickens and eggs. But," he concluded with a smile, "if I had my life to live over again I'd be a doctor."

About 700 deaths occurred last year in collisions between bicycles and motor vehicles.

**Man Steals His Own Stove; Meanest Thief, Says Superintendent Welfare**

Winston-Salem — Superintendent of Welfare A. W. Cline thinks the search for the "meanest thief" should for all time be ended.

Cline thinks he has found him. It happened this way: Back before the city-county welfare units were co-ordinated, Associated Charities bought a first-class cook stove for a man and his wife who had been more or less on the bare-subsistence edge of the rocks.

Everything went along swell with the family for a while, what with relief food and a relief stove to cook it on.

In the county-city welfare change the family was put on the books of the county department

—and things still went along all right for a while.

Then the wife went visiting for a few days. When she came back she noticed that the relief stove was gone. A little further investigation proved that her husband also was gone.

Still further inquiry led to the fact that the husband had sold the stove for cash and had left his wife on relief without even a stove.

The net result is that the welfare agency is going to have to fork over money for a new stove. Cline is sure the search should be ended.

"Money I can understand," he says, "but any man who would steal his own stove!"

**ADAMS REUNION IS HELD AT UNION CROSS**

The annual reunion of the Adams family will be held at Union Cross Friends church next Sunday and a special invitation is extended to all members and friends of the family to attend.

There will be preaching services at the church by Rev. Mrs. E. G. Key at 11 o'clock, it being her regular appointment, after which dinner will be served in the grove surrounding the church.

Mr. J. T. Reece, Yadkinville attorney, will be present and will make a talk before the noon meal is served. Rev. E. G. Key will have charge of the program following Mr. Reece.

After the dinner there will be special singing by the Sunbeam quartette, composed of four small girls of the Harmony Grove Sunday school class, and other singers are being invited.

**ALEX HUDSPETH TAKEN BY FEDERAL OFFICERS**

Alex Hudspeth, operator of a filling station in North Elkin, was arrested Tuesday by Federal officers after a quantity of whisky, of the moonshine variety, was found.

Hudspeth was placed under \$300 bond to await hearing in Federal court. His younger brother, Sid Hudspeth, Jr., was also said to have been taken into custody, but it is understood that he was released and was not placed under bond.

The whisky which caused the arrest was not tax-paid liquor, Federal men being unconcerned about the sale of such liquors upon which federal tax has been paid.

**THOMAS W. SWAIM CLAIMED BY DEATH**

Thomas William Swaim, 75, died Tuesday morning at his home in the Swan Creek community following an illness from paralysis. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jack Swaim. His wife died several years ago.

Survivors include two sons, R. M. Swaim and Lytle Swaim, both of Swan Creek, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock from the Swan Creek Baptist church. The rites were in charge of Rev. E. K. Wooten. Interment was in the family plot in the church cemetery.

**EVANGELISTIC SERVICES AT JONESVILLE CHURCH**

Rev. Wade Starling, of Goldsboro, is continuing a series of evangelistic services at the Jonesville Church of God. Much interest is being shown in the meeting and it will continue for several days. All denominations are cordially invited to attend the services.

**SEVERAL ARE INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE WRECKS**

Automobile accidents Friday sent three Yadkin county people to the hospital here. Lee Mathis, 65, a farmer of the Brooks Cross Roads community, sustained a fractured skull Friday morning when an automobile in which he was riding crashed into another machine which was said to have stopped suddenly.

The accident occurred in Arlington.

An accident late Friday night sent Miss Mary Holcomb, of Arlington, and Donald Walker, of Yadkinville, to the hospital suffering from cuts and bruises. The accident occurred near Yadkinville, when the car in which they were riding collided with an automobile driven by Dick Wooten, also of Yadkinville, at a road intersection.

All of the parties have recovered sufficiently to be dismissed from the hospital.

**YOUNG DEMOCRATS TO HOLD IMPORTANT MEET**

An important meeting of the Young Democrats club of Surry county will be held in the county court house at Dobson on Friday evening, August 30, at 8 o'clock, according to George Royall, of this city, president of the group. Officers will be elected for the coming year and delegates appointed to the state convention to be held in Raleigh September 12-14, and other important business will be transacted.

All members are urged to attend.

**JIM BALL NOW WITH LOVILL'S WAREHOUSE**

Jim Ball, of Mount Airy, well-known tobacco auctioneer, is now with Lovill's Warehouse, Pine street at Postoffice, Mount Airy, he announced Wednesday. Mr. Ball was formerly with Simmons Warehouse, and the Virginia-Carolina Warehouse.

Lovill's warehouse, a modern new structure, is located on the site of the old Lovill's warehouse, and contains 23,000 feet of floor space, plus good lighting and convenient entrances and exits, it was said.

**BURGISS IS TO HOLD ARLINGTON REVIVAL**

A revival, to feature two services daily, will start at the Arlington Baptist church, in Arlington, Sunday, September 1.

Rev. Grady Burgess, of Greensboro, will conduct the services. Rev. Mr. Burgess, formerly of Elkin, was formerly pastor of the Arlington church, having had a large share in the work which created the handsome new church building some years ago. The public is cordially invited to attend each service.

**BAPTISTS INVITE PUBLIC TO S. S.**

A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend services at the First Baptist church Sunday. Sunday school will be held at 9:45 and the morning hour of worship at 11 o'clock.

In the evening a special service will be held for young people who are going away to school this fall. The sermon subject will be "The Dangers of Going to College." A meeting of the Young People's organizations of the church will be held at 7:00 o'clock.

**PRESBYTERIANS TO HOLD SERVICE HERE**

Rev. O. V. Caudill, pastor of the Presbyterian church here, will preach at the evening service at the church Sunday, September 1, at 7:30. A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend.

**WITH THE SICK**

The following patients have been admitted to the local hospital during the past week: Claude Kent Berry, Granite Falls; Mrs. Ida Mae Carter, Elkin; Robert Reece, Greenville, S.C.; Billy Key, Benham; Autie Key, Benham; Nancy Mae Renegar, Jonesville; Franky Journey, Harmony; Lee Mathis, Hamptonville; Olive Pierce, Grassy Creek; Mrs. J. S. Hiatt, Elkin; Mary Holcomb, Jonesville; Donald Walker, Yadkinville; Stewart Maynard, Elkin; Mrs. Alta Brannock, Mt. Airy; Mickie Wagener, Elkin; J. A. Glenn, Gastonia; Walter Neaves, Crumpler; Clara Bryant, Boonville; Jack Harp, Cycle; E. W. McDaniel, Elkin; R. C. Davis, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Laura Stinson, Boonville; Charlie Frank Cheatam, Jr., Elkin; Bonnie Lee Tilley, Elkin; Ernest Luffman, Elkin; Betty Lou Shelton, Mt. Airy, Jas. M. Transou, Elkin.

Patients dismissed during the week were: Mrs. Louise Rauss, Ramseur; Mrs. Hazel Stanley, Dobson; Mrs. Stella Newman, Elkin; Rev. W. L. Hutchens, Waynesville; Glimmer Phillips, Elkin; Mrs. Gene Lewis, Elkin; Fred Day, Elkin; Howard Sparks, Elkin; Ralph Martin, Elkin; Mrs. Irene Parks, State Road; Dorothy Nichols, Dobson; Mrs. Susie Cockerham, Elkin; Mrs. Johnny Sears, Elkin; Chas. R. Darnell, Elkin; Mrs. Pearl Luffman, State Road; Tommy Hamby, Elkin; Forest Morrow, Troutman; Flora Jean Vestal, Elkin; Buddy James Vestal, Elkin; Jack Higgins, State Road; Albert Howell, Ronda; Leff Holloway, State Road; Paul Holloway, State Road; Mrs. Ruth Edwards, Whitehead; Clifford Adams, Elkin; Hilda Hanks, Benham; Mrs. Ethel Wellborn, State Road; Claude Kent Berry, State Road; Robert Reece, Greenville, S. C.; Billy Key, Benham; Autie Key, Benham; Frankie Mae Renegar, Jonesville; Nancy Journey, Harmony; Lee Mathis, Hamptonville; Mary Holcomb, Jonesville; Donald Walker, Yadkinville; Stewart Maynard, Elkin; Mickie Wagener, Elkin; Betty Jane Hall, East Bend.

**NUMBER OF TOBACCO BARN ARE BURNED**

Many losses from tobacco barn fires have been reported within the past few days. A. S. Speer of Boonville lost a new barn filled with tobacco on Saturday night. The tobacco was in the last stages of curing.

A barn filled with tobacco and belonging to Rev. Wade Adams was destroyed on Wednesday of last week. Arthur Saylor lost a barn on Friday, Monroe Angell also lost a barn on Saturday, and on Sunday a barn belonging to Benbow Wall was burned.

**Name Please!**

Kansas City—A couple appeared before James A. Kilmer, to obtain a marriage license. "We've been going together two years," explained the man, "and decided to get married." "What's the bride's name," asked Kilmer, getting down to brass tacks. The man flushed, turned to the girl and asked: "What is your last name, anyway?" The wedding was postponed indefinitely.

**The Installment Habit**

The husband came in and asked: "Any installments due today?"

Wife: "No, dear, I think not." "No payments due on the house, the radio, the furniture or the books?"

"No." "Splendid! I have \$10. What you say we buy ourselves a shiny new car?"

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