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Some Say Life is Dear

The number of highway tragedies in our county within the past week makes one pause and ponder.

We read that the Labor Day weekend death toll set a new record, but reports like that are seldom meaningful unless the Grim Reaper has swung his scythe in our corner of the field.

Why this horrible, terrifying death on the highway? Safety engineers, traffic specialists, highway patrolmen, members of state motor vehicle divisions, automobile clubs, all of them seek the cause, and wage extensive campaigns to make motor travel safe.

One of the biggest tragedies to occur in this state was the elimination of the motor vehicle inspection program. It has been proved that a startling percentage of accidents result from defective motor vehicles. On that basis the state started the motor vehicle inspection program.

On route 101 in Carteret county Sunday a driver was injured because a tie rod end flew off the running gear of his truck.

Perhaps such a weakness may not have been detected during an inspection, yet if the owner would have had to take the car to a garage before being able to pass inspection, who knows?

We met some out-of-state people the other day who attributed North Carolina's high accident rate to liquor. They were not prohibitionists, but they declared the fact that taking one drink at a supper club or similar place is impossible.

"You've got to buy a whole bottle," the woman said, "and no one will take half of it home. They think they have to drink it all that night. And these little Marines," she added, "do just that!"

The "little" Marines and many others don't stop at one bottle. And after one bottle, who can remember that liquor traffic and motor traffic don't mix?

Death causes suffering but needless death brings added hurt and anguish. When violent death is caused, the innocent suffer. In many highway accidents, the person responsible for the tragedy frequently walks away unscathed.

As a result of the crash near Bogue Tuesday morning three young children are left without a mother or father.

It looks to us as though life is cheap. Poets and others may talk of it as being dear but they could not, possibly, be facing reality in this age.

Sou'easter

By Captain Henry

Have you seen all those yellow butterflies flitting giddily about this past week? And you know what? All of them, every one, are flying east. The wind isn't blowing from the west either. We went for a ride down-east the other day. When the road ran north, the butterflies flew across in front of us from left to right. When the road ran eastward, the flutterbys were ahead of us, bobbing up and down for all they were worth.

burglar. On the latest call Carlton was told that it's just the beginning. Tale No. 2: Mr. Cooch's grave was the only one disturbed by vandals in the cemetery Saturday night. Tale No. 3: Fingerprints taken at one of the break-in sites tally with a prominent Beaufort citizen.

They say an oil tank fell off its supports up on Gordon street Saturday night and that's all it took to get the constabulary, bloodhounds, and everyone else out beating the bushes. I'm telling you, the wild stories that are flying around this town are enough to put members of the International Liars Club to shame.

It could be that there's some truth in that stuff, but I know for a fact that Tale No. 2 is water-haul. Whereas in years past kids could not take shorthand and typing or bookkeeping until after they got their high school diploma, now they can take those subjects at our school as regular courses. And they don't have to travel a total of five miles a day to do it. I'm not sure, but I'm willing to bet the overall cost is much less, too.

Just to mention one or two: "Carlton Garner has been getting anonymous phone calls from the

Hurricanes are one up on Aycock Brown. They are uncovering the waterfront.

In The Good Old Days

THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS AGO

Delegates chosen by the Mace Jones faction of the Republican party were E. C. Duncan, A. L. Wilson, James L. Edwards, J. F. Duncan, C. D. Jones, James Murphy, S. F. Harris, O. B. Willis, Cleveland Willis and W. A. Mace. Alternates were W. S. Robinson, W. W. Roberts, D. M. McCain, James L. Noe, R. T. Murphy, J. B. Sawyer, T. L. Piver, Raymond Dickinson, William Hill, Jr. and Charles S. Davis.

food shortages had occurred as yet, but prices on commodities had risen.

Beaufort Rotary club sponsored a regatta on Sunday. The Goldsboro Drum and Bugle corps were present at the races and presented drills and musical entertainment.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

At a special meeting of the town commissioners it was decided to buy a fire truck for the town. Seth Gibbs and T. M. Thomas brought in the first deer of the season. It weighed 118 pounds and was on display on Front st.

FIVE YEARS AGO Bayard Taylor, Mayor pro tem since the resignation of Grayden Paul on July 1 was appointed mayor as of July 1 at the September meeting, the first held since the July meeting of the town board of commissioners.

Lockwood Phillips, of Jersey City, was a business visitor in Beaufort.

The American Museum of Natural History, New York, houses the largest study collection of birds in the world, numbering 750,000 specimens.

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WELL-IT STILL RUNS



MORRIS

Raleigh Roundup
By Eula Nixon Greenwood

SETTLING DOWN... Word comes from out the Capitol that the Scott administration is now in the process of "settling down to the business of running the State.

There have been quarrels, back-biting, investigations, and general confusion—and some little items that would make your hair curl just to read them—but there is work to do and it will be done.

STILL NEWSWORTHY... However, Kerr Scott will always be a good copy. There will be few dull days during his administration. If there is no natural news flowing, he will make some with a left-handed comment. He is going to keep something going on; don't forget that.

CLAP... During dull, dark days of winter when things were quiet in the State Agriculture Department, Scott, as Commissioner of Agriculture, would walk down the hall and slap his hands together in such a way that the clap they made sounded like rifle fire. Stenographers would stick their heads outside their office doors only to see their boss striding up and down the corridors like a lion in his cage. Why did he walk that way and why did he disturb the peace? Nobody ever knew. "The Commissioner's a character," the employees would say. That seemed to be the only answer.

THE HAM... On one occasion, the late F. E. Miller, then head of the Test Farms Division of the Agriculture Department, was given a ham from one of the farms. It was nice, sugar-cured, weighed about 34-40 pounds. Another employee of the Agriculture Department happened to be with Miller when he received the fine present. All the way back to Raleigh he pleaded with the Test Farms head for a rasher—"Just a slice or two" of that ham. Nothing doing.

The employee had done some special personal favors for Scott without remuneration. The next morning he received a call from the commissioner, who informed him he had something nice for him in his car back of the building. You are so right. He looked in the car—and there was the ham, which Miller had given Scott and which Scott passed on to the employee. Until this day, the giver was of the opinion that the employee virtually knew the ham was produced on that old Scott farm on Back Creek in Alamance county. Scott's gifts were many, but he seldom kept any of them.

NOTES... State employees want to work longer hours on Monday through Friday and stay off work on Saturday... Gov. Scott says he thinks it will not work out, but will "go along" with the committee now working hard on the study. What do you think the committee's recommendations will be—in view of Scott's statement? The State Supreme Court may be requested for a ruling on

Smile Awhile
A grocer passed away. He rapped on the gates of Hades asking permission to enter. "What do you want to come in here for?" inquired Satan. "I want to collect some bills from some of my customers who died before I did." "What makes you think they are here?" asked Satan. "Because every time I tried to collect from them, 'this is where they told me to go.'"

HOLLYWOOD... by Gene Handwerker

HOLLYWOOD—Harold Lloyd is planning another movie. He'll wear his famous horned-rimmed, glassless glasses and co-direct, as of yore. Whether he'll produce it independently hasn't been decided. He'll get into some nutty situations as he used to but as an adult, not as an adolescent. "I've lost a generation," Harold observes. "The kids from 20 on down don't know Harold Lloyd except as a name." If the present re-release of his early talkie, "Movie Crazy," shows sufficient interest, others like "Grandma's Boy" and "Safety Last" will be reissued.

The new movie will come after Lloyd finishes his present busy year, recently started, as Imperial Potentate of the Shrine. This playground of the Masons supports 17 crippled children's hospitals. Harold plans to visit more than 100 Shrine temples during his year in office. It's a year so active that he has had to drop nearly all the hobbies which give him, he says, his remarkable pep. In his 20's he was "nuts about

Don't Miss
On this page Tuesday our Here and There columnist's Journey Jottings written from Cody, Wyoming. Mr. F. C. Salisbury is en route to the West, vacationing with Mrs. Salisbury.
rose garden one day and found a bee caught in a spider web. "All cramped up like this." He clasped his knees to his chest with his arms. He freed the bee and it almost stretched its legs and said, "Thank you." Harold leaned back on his davenport and illustrated with legs and arms.
Once he took four ants from an anthill and carried them 10 feet to another anthill. "Just to see what would happen." There was a battle. When a defender clamped a jaw on an invader's leg, Harold could stand no more. He took a piece of cardboard and transported the invaders back home.

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