

AROUND THE DISTRICT

By George Vitas, U. S. Forest Ranger

Have you ever been the first to arrive at the scene of a serious automobile accident? Have you ever rushed down a highway embankment to find an overturned sedan, crumpled like an accordion, the smell of hot rubber still strong in the air—the wheels crazily pawing at the sky? Have you ever hurtled an embankment wondering what sort of bloody carnage would greet your eyes while at the same time, through your mind raced the elements of Army First Aid training—"stop the bleeding—be careful of moving folks with fractured bones—treat them for shock—?" And have you ever searched through a mangled automobile, wondering whether you would find one human or six—whether they would be dead or alive? And have you ever experienced the shock of seeing a gray-haired mother, her married son, his wife and their three year old boy, all grotesquely wedged in the back end of a car—one upon the other—mangled and bleeding with cuts abrasions, and multiple fractures of bones; still alive, moaning

Orthopedic Clinic

The monthly orthopedic clinic for the Tri-County area will be held in the Spruce Pine office of the District Health Department on Wednesday, September 20. These clinics are held on the third Wednesday morning of each month by Dr. James H. Cherry of Asheville. They are primarily for those who are unable to afford visits to a specialists office, but a few private patients can also be seen if they will so indicate at the time they register. Patients should be at the health office, in the Spruce Pine town hall, not later than 11 a. m. September 20.

with pain, but completely helpless—unable to shift the weight of their own crumpled bodies as much as one inch from their suffering loved ones? Well, we did—last Saturday afternoon, on Highway 70, about half-way between Black Mountain and Asheville. It was the result of a head-on collision between two cars. It has left an impression on us that will last forever—an automobile is a lethal weapon and must be handled accordingly! It makes us shudder to think that it might have been us, or—it could have been you!

LABOR DAY WRECKS ANALYZED

An analysis of wreck reports over the Labor Day week-end revealed four causes for the 11 accidents which killed 13 persons over the holiday, the N. C. Department of Motor vehicles reported.

Reckless driving was responsible for five accidents, speeding for four, driving intoxicated, one, and walking intoxicated, one. Four charges of manslaughter were brought in the accidents.

Three persons were killed in one wreck and the remaining 10 involved one

fatality each. The three-fatality accident occurred in Lee County and one person was killed in each of the following counties: Craven, Nash, Carteret, Northampton, Pitt, Cumberland, Harnett, Cabarrus Buncombe and Lincolnton.

Only one person was killed in a town. Eleven met death in rural areas and one on a federal parkway.

Farmers were drivers of more vehicles implicated in fatal accidents than any other occupational group, with four accidents. Occupations of drivers of other death vehicles were 3 laborers, 2 textile workers 1 mechanic, 1 truck driver,

"The town's a gem," the tourist cried, "But where, oh where is Civic Pride. With papers thick upon the street, Appearance surely is not neat".

—Contributed

and 1 U. S. Marine. One driver's occupation was unknown.

Predictions of the Highway Department were that 24 persons would die, but because of the safety drive conducted by the Highway Patrol the toll was held down. Over Labor Day last year, twenty-one were killed.

N. C. P. H. A. Meeting

The annual meeting of the N. C. Public Health Association, held at Winston-Salem, September 7-9, was attended by the following members of the local health department: Dr. C. F. McRae, district health officer; Mrs. Louise P. Cornett, Avery county public health nurse; and Miss Wanda Greene, who has recently assumed the duties of health educator.

Turkey growers are reminded that most flocks should be moved at this time of the year to prevent blackhead disease.

NOTICE

The North Carolina Utilities Commission has directed that a hearing be held on Thursday, September 28, 1950, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Court House in Marion, North Carolina, for the purpose of considering and passing upon the application of Carolina Mountain Telephone Company for an increase in its exchange rates at Burnsville, North Carolina, and other exchanges throughout its system.

The undersigned company has applied for increases at the Burnsville Exchange varying from 50c in the monthly rental rates for Rural Residence Service to \$1.00 for Private Line Business Service, the amount of the intermediate increases being dependent upon the classes of service.

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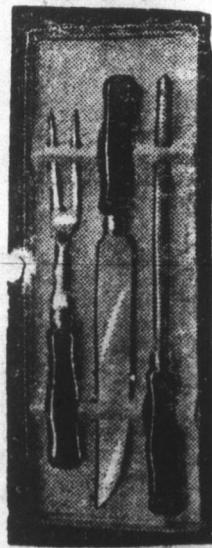
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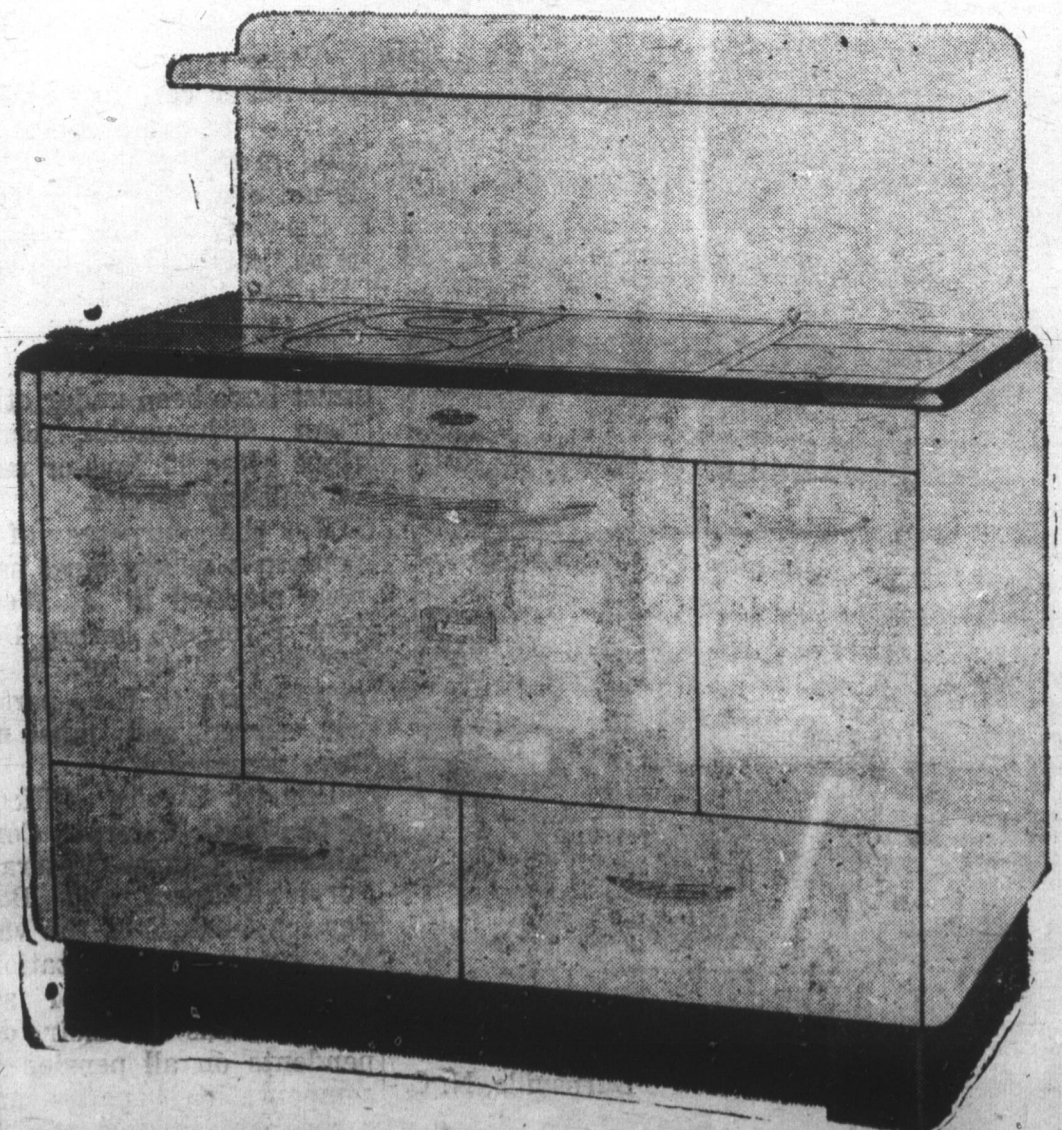
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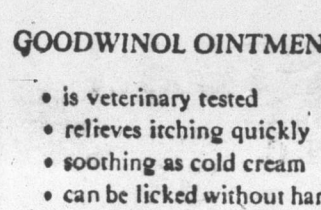
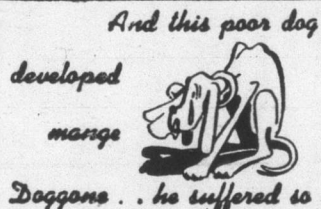
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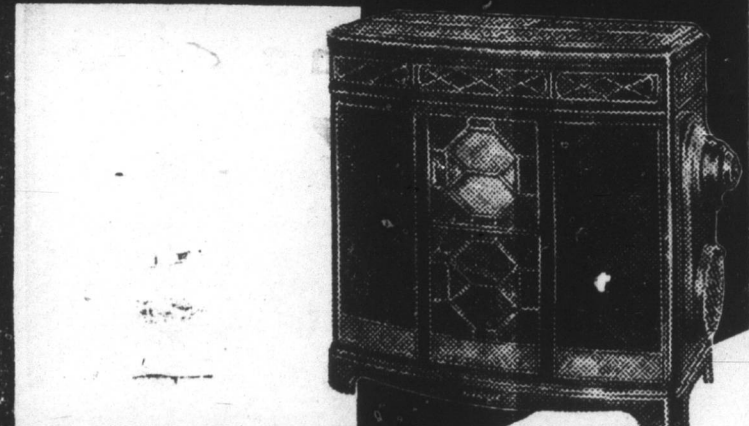
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