

## Editorial--It Might Be Your Child Next

As the pictures here indicate there were two wrecks last week within a stone's throw of Harvey School and unhappily in each there was a serious injury suffered by a school child.

Perhaps it is enough to say that the conscience of those involved, and at fault has punished them sufficiently. We do not pretend to sit in judgment. That is not our duty.

But we do feel that our duty as a small public voice, includes constant reminders on the subject of extreme caution around any and all schools, and at all times.

We know very well that no one of these who was at fault in

these wrecks would have had the children hurt for all the treasures in the world. But for nothing, except trouble, the children are hurt.

Blind corners, such as that which may have contributed to one of these accidents, are to a degree guilty. But the driver knew it was a blind corner and should have given it the respect that it demands.

Through November of this year 260 such traffic accidents have been investigated by the Kinston Police Department. By far the majority of these have come by beating somebody else across an intersection. They have not only lost hours of time

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## Two Harvey School Students Badly Hurt in Intersection Wrecks Last Week

but thousands of dollars.

Let's be a little more intelligent, and courteous about this driving business.



These are east and west views of the wreckage left last Wednesday morning at the corner of Harding and College streets when cars driven by Mrs. Larry (Elizabeth) French of Kinston route one and Herbert Pate, local furniture dealer-auctioneer, collided. The light-colored car belonged to Mrs. French who was driving east on Harding. Pate was driving north on College.

When the Pate car was struck in the left rear by the French car it skidded across the street and into an oak tree on the northeast corner. The force of the blow against the tree knocked the front right door of the Pate car open and six-year old

Bill Pate, and 10-year old Judy Pate were thrown from the car.

Bill suffered a fractured skull and a punctured lung, the later coming from a chromium strip ripped loose inside the car. Pate and Daughter Judy also received emergency treatment and Pate later in the day returned to the hospital for a 24-hour period when an acute pain developed in the area of his right kidney.

Mrs. French was indicted for speeding and failing to yield the right of way by Traffic Officer Harold Potter. She had just taken her children to Harvey School and Pate was headed in that direction. (Polaroid photos-in-a-minute by Jack Rider)



## Sentenced Back To Hoover Days

Patrolman Marvin Thomas Tuesday testified that the car of Franklin Roosevelt Berry of Pollocksville route one travelled a total of 514 feet after it hit a low shoulder and finally wound up a total loss. Extremely high speed was the trouble, Thomas asserted. Judge Henry Grady said, "We got to get these murderers off our highways. Let the defendant have 18 months on the roads, sentence suspended on the condition that he remain on probation for five years, and NOT drive ANY vehicle on the highways for that same period. One onlooker, P. L. Foy, commented, "He sentenced him clean back to the Hoover Administration". And if you don't know what Foy was talking about you aren't old enough to remember 1930-31-32.

## Attending Convention

Four Jones Countians are among the North Carolina delegation attending the annual convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation which is being held this week in New York. Jones Bureau President Mr. and Mrs. Rom Mallard are Charlie Davis, Z. A. Koonce and the quartet. Mrs. Mallard is also representing the federated women of North Carolina at this annual get together.



be on the book shelves of every person who has any interest in the background from which the county and City of Kinston have grown.



In two days last week two serious accidents took place on the approaches to Harvey School, the largest elementary school in Kinston. This pictures the last of the pair in which 10-year old Donna Adler suffered a broken

jaw. She was riding North on College Street in the dark car here which her mother, Mrs. Edna P. Adler of 2301 Briarfield Road, was driving. At the intersection of Rountree and College streets the light car

Ann Spence of 1206 North Queen Street, which was travelling west on Rountree contested the intersection, with the results partially pictured here. The young girl is reported to be recuperating satisfactorily from her painful injury.

## History of Lenoir County and Kinston Is Released

Last week the first detailed and documented history of Lenoir County and Kinston went on sale. It has been very warmly received by all who have so far had an opportunity to read it. Compiled and written by Dr. T. C. Johnson and Charles R. Holloman this first history covers the entire span of local history from the first white man's appearance in what is now Lenoir County.

Dr. Johnson was for many years pastor of the First Baptist Church in Kinston. Holloman was born in Hookerton but spent a good part of his youth in Kinston and both have long had an interest in putting together all the facts that could be documented about the county and its county seat.

Of particular interest is the chapter on Richard Caswell, the county's most illustrious citizen

and the first governor of free North Carolina.

Over a year was spent by the two scholars in compiling this book and although they do not claim it to be a full history of the county, it does contain far more documented and readable history of the county than ever before assembled between two covers.

The book is beautifully printed, well illustrated and it ought to



Here are the Gralinger High Singers who will present their annual Christmas concert Thursday night (December 16) at 8 in the school auditorium. The program this year is titled, "Christmas 1954". To be featured in ad-

dition to the singers are the Glee Club and the combined varsity choruses. Among the soloists to be featured are Carolyn Howard, C. L. Hardy, Wilbur Mosings, and Poe Rochelle. Special interpretive dances will be presented by Betty Sue Jones

and others. Accompanists will be Harriett Herring, Carolyn Montgomery and Bobby Steelman. Dr. Clinton Bradshaw will serve as narrator for the entire program. Jim Hall, director of choral music, will supervise the concert.