

# FREE WHEELING

By Bill Carway

**CAR SICKNESS** — Science now knows what causes motion sickness, that queasy-in-the-stomach feeling you sometimes have on long motor trips. The trouble comes from the type of food eaten, kind of clothing, and boredom.

Children are especially susceptible. Which leads Free Wheeling to advise a simple diet (no pastries, mayonnaise, fish) for youngsters during a trip. Also loose, comfortable clothes, and a favorite toy or coloring book to occupy the small fry's attention.

As a further diversion, when children get restless, the Smithfield Herald suggests some simple game like seeing which one can scream the loudest.

**HOT CARS** — Tom Secret, assistant head of the Motor Vehicles Department's Auto Theft Bureau, is the car thief's worst occupational hazard. The former highway patrolman turned sleuth uses chemistry, clerking and checking in upsetting the plans of auto and truck pilferers who find the practice of their trade high yielding in North Carolina.

Tom doesn't low rate the professional auto thief. He relishes matching wits with the pros who, for the most part, are the ones who keep him in business.

"Kids who snatch cars temporarily for joy riding seldom keep them more than a few hours," he says. "An others eventually abandon stolen cars after impulsive, and usually foolish, journeys. It's the professional who displays real cunning at stealing cars and trying to cash in on them."

To try and sell a stolen vehicle in North Carolina is risky business. Despite new paint jobs, seat covers, extra accessories and the like which the professionals employ to disguise a hot car, Tom and his inspectors can spot them with frustrating (for the thief) regularity. Grinding off engine numbers is a standard trick to thwart officials. Tom doesn't have X-ray eyes but he can even read such vanished figures. Chemistry does it.

A secret formula dabbed on an obliterated engine number brings it back with Houdini like mysteriousness. Fake engine numbers, often substituted after grinding, are detected with equal facility by investigators.

A battery of clerks train sharp eyes on title applications, comparing them daily against a mimeographed list of stolen cars. When they detect a queer transaction, as they did only recently, Tom detains the applicant for investigation.

He has peace officer powers as the unhappy applicant learned when FBI men arrived to take him in tow.

Tom's inspectors in the field (plain-clothesmen with badges) work hand in glove with other specialists of the National Auto Theft Bureau. Together they spoil one business North Carolina doesn't want.

**VETERANS ALL** — Ten charter members of the State Highway Patrol are still reporting 10-8 (back in service) this month. Each is starting his 25th year of continuous duty. Congratulations to: Col. James H. Smith, Major D. T. Lambert, Major W. B. Lentz and T/Sgt. B. S. Harris, all of Raleigh.

Capt. A. W. Welch, and T/Sgt. W. W. Stone of Greensboro, Capt. D. G. Lewis of Asheville, Capt. E. H. Mitchell of Greenville, Lt. B. D. Moore of Salisbury and Sgt. G. E. Dorman of North Wilkesboro.

**NIGHT WALKERS** — When at night we're told below to wear

light colored clothes or carry a flashlight. An short, it's safer for pedestrians to be lit up at night. But let's also make it plain that the glow we mean comes from the outside. Last year 17 victims of pedestrian accidents were known to have been drinking when death struck them down.

**RECKLESS ROLLER** — The man didn't say a word when the highway crew ran over his cat with a steam roller. He just stood there with a long pass.

## Corn Hybrids Plentiful For State Growers

North Carolina corn producers will be able to plant approximately 50,000 acres of N. C. 46 yellow hybrid corn next year, states John Rice, director of the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association.

This new, mid-season, yellow hybrid was available only in limited quantities during the 1956 growing season. Rice reports that this hybrid is adapted to most of the areas of the state.

In 1956, says Rice, there were only two growers who produced N. C. 46 on 35 acres. This year, however, 14 producers grew this hybrid on 301 acres.

Rice states that this hybrid has excellent stalk strength, showing only 3 per cent lodging in the N.

C. 46a hybrid variety test for short season crop. The average lodging percentage of the other corns was 13 per cent. According to Rice, N. C. 46 was the best of 17 commercial and station hybrids in the per cent of erect plants in the 1956 Georgia Official Variety Tests.

N. C. 46 matures 4 to 5 days earlier than U. S. 282, and the ear height is less than U. S. 282. It has good weevil resistance and a low percentage of exposed ear tips. The grain quality is excellent, and yield has been equal to U. S. 282, adds Rice.

For full season demand, says Rice, the regular N. C. hybrids are being produced again this year. The hybrid which has been most popular within the state, N. C. 27, is being grown on 2,500 acres. Dixie 82 is being grown on 2,000 acres; Dixie 18 on 1,800 acres; and N. C. 42 on 1,100 acres. Rice points out that each of the above four hybrids is a full season corn with high yield and good grain quality.

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All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This the 25th day of August, 1957  
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HUGHES AND ARBUTT  
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