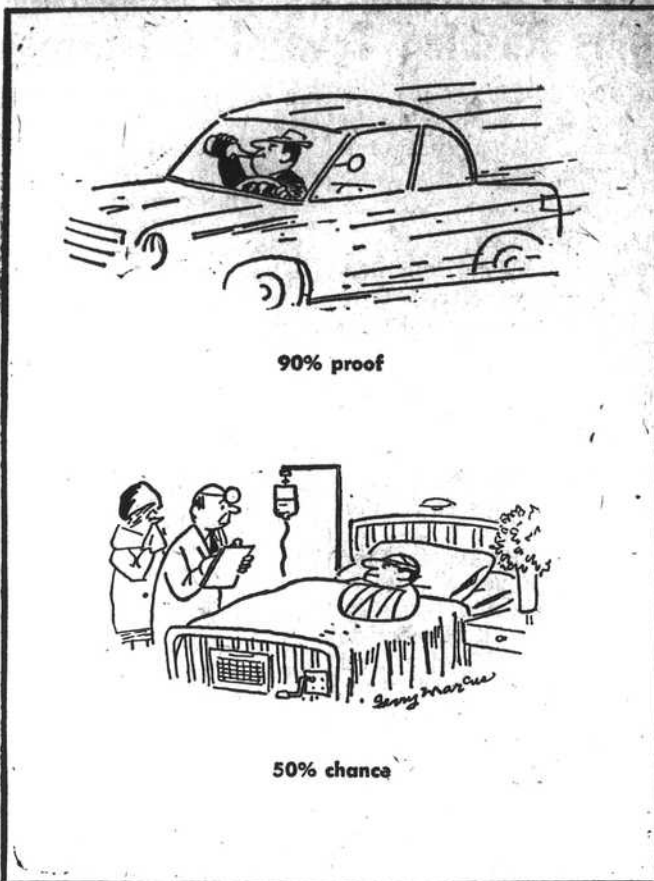


Alcoholocaust

Jerry Marcus



The use of alcohol by drivers and pedestrians results in about 25,000 deaths per year.

Telephone Company Unionized Price of Service Will Shortly Move Upward

A union contract between Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company and Communications Workers of America (AFL-CIO) was ratified by a vote of the eligible employees Monday. The vote was 1,028 in favor and 96 against. Contract negotiations began in November, 1968.

The contract, the first in Carolina Telephone's 69-year history, was effective May 5, 1969, and covered a period of two years. Eligible Plant Department employees voted 649 to 585 in favor of a union last July, while those in the Traffic Department voted 721 to 490 for the union in September, 1968.

Although the union will represent craft and clerical employees in only these two departments, the wage increases and other benefits will affect employees of all other departments.

Generally, the starting pay for clerical employees, including operators, will be increased \$3.50 per week, and the maximum raised by \$8.00 per week in the contract year 1969.

The starting rate for most skilled craft employees will rise \$5.00 and top pay will be increased \$8.00 to \$10.00 weekly for the first year of the contract.

Included in increased benefits are one additional holiday in 1969 (Memorial Day - May 30) and three weeks vacation for employees with 10 years service in 1969. Previously, employees with 15 years service were granted three weeks vacation.

Other benefits are liberalization of the company's sickness and benefit plan, increased differential payments for night work, and 1/4 premium for employee dependent coverage for hospitalization insurance. The company has been paying for several years the premium for employees hospitalization.

The total cost of the wage increase and improved benefits will amount to about \$1,450,000 the first year. Salaries and wages to be paid by Carolina Telephone in 1969 will total nearly \$21,000,000.

Veterans Corner

Q — I have been discharged from military service after two years active duty and want to enter college. How do I get permission from VA to enter as

a G. I. student?

A — Write, call or visit your nearest Veterans Administration office and request an application form. Complete this form and return it to the VA which will then provide you with a Certificate of Eligibility that will permit you to enter school under the G. I. Bill, provided the school and courses are approved for this program.

Q — Recently I applied for an increase in my service-connected disability rating from the Veterans Administration. When I was discharged from service two years ago and originally rated service disability by VA I did not apply for the National Service Life Insurance available to veterans with service-connected disabilities. Will an increased rating entitle me to apply for this NSLI coverage?

A — An increased rating for service-connected disability originally rated more than a year ago will not entitle you to apply for NSLI coverage. However, you could become entitled if service-connection is allowed by the VA for the first time for a different disability. You would then have a year from the rating of the different disability to apply for this special NSLI policy.

Q — My son will soon be discharged from the Army after two years of service. He received his college education under the War Orphans Education Assistance program. Will he be entitled to any additional educational assistance under the G.I. Bill?

A — Yes. A recent law increased the aggregate amount of Veterans Administration educational assistance which a veteran may receive under two or more programs from 36 to 48 months. Assuming your son received 36 months of VA benefits under the War Orphans program, he will be entitled to 12

John William Rouse Descendants Hold Seventh Reunion Sunday Near Grifton

Descendants of John William Rouse and his first two wives, Winifred Ann Pridgen Rouse and Bettie John Dail Rouse, will hold their seventh family reunion in the Riverside Christian Church on Grifton, Route 1 on Sunday according to Egbert T. Rouse of Jacksonville, president of the reunion.

Members of the Clan are urged to meet at the church at Noon. A picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds at 12:30 and a business meeting will be held in the church at 1:30 o'clock.

John William Rouse was the fifth-born son of Benjamin Rouse and Mary (Polly) Dawson Rouse of the LaGrange section of Lenoir County. He was born in 1836, served in the Civil War, was married four times and died in Craven County in 1916.

His first wife was Winifred Ann Pridgen of Greene County and they had two sons, Egbert Parrott Rouse and Edward Everett Rouse.

When his first wife died, he married Bettie John Dail of the Wheat Swamp section of Lenoir County and they were the parents of Lula Gustave Rouse, Franklin Leamon Benjamin

Rouse, Mollie Dail Pridgen Rouse, Missouri Virginia Rouse, Walter Wolley Rouse, Winifred Ann Rouse, Isaac Daniel Rouse and Ruth Magdaline Rouse.

Following the death of his second wife, he married Pearce Smith and Sarah Haddock, but there were no children by his third and fourth wives.

Efforts are being made to compile a history of the Rouse family since its arrival in America about 1674.

Lenoir County's first John Rouse, the great grandfather of John William Rouse, was granted 1,260 acres of land between 1739 and 1748, by King George II of England. This land adjoining that of Richard Caswell and was in the immediate vicinity of Caswell Center, west of Kinston.

The sixth John William Rouse reunion was attended by 234 people last June.

At that time the following officers were re-elected: Egbert T. Rouse of Jacksonville, president; Mrs. Sallie Rouse Johnson of Grifton, vice-president; and Mrs. Eliza Walters Magill of Goldsboro, secretary-treasurer.



months of additional aid under the G.I. Bill. He should make application for a Certificate of Eligibility from the VA regional office where his veteran records will be on file.



BARRUS READY MIXED CONCRETE COMPANY

Free Estimates — New Bern Highway, Kinston, N. C.

No Mess — No Waiting — Our Ready-Mixed Concrete is on the job when you need it. Also Sand, Gravel and Crushed Stone.

JARMAN FUNERAL HOME

... Where Your Trust Is Sacred
And Your Wishes Cared For ...

Dial JA 3-5143

Kinston, N. C.

DON'T SACRIFICE LIVES WITH WORN-SLICK TIRES

ALL SIZES! COMPLETE SELECTION!

**C. A. BATTLE & SONS**

P. O. BOX 246 — COMFORT, N. C.
"A Complete Tire Recapping Center"
Phone Richlands Ext. 324-4234
Kinston Swansboro
1406 Richlands Road Hwy. 24
Phone 523-5015 Phone 326-8929



Farm and Home Requirements Of Petroleum Products

HODGES-BELL OIL CO., INC.

Phone JA 2-2338

P. O. Box 666

U. S. 70 East of Kinston, N. C.

Stanley Job Master Power Tools

SAWS

ROUTERS

1/4 & 3/8 VARIABLE SPEED

SABER SAWS

SANDERS

DRILLS

Close 1 p.m. Saturdays

Pollock - Johnson

Hardware, Inc.

Directly in Front of Courthouse
131 S. Queen Street Kinston Dial JA 3-4061
— FREE PARKING BACK OF STORE —