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## Respect For Traffic Hazards Is Good Sense

Being afraid of the dark isn't good common sense.

But having a reasonable respect for the traffic hazards that darkness brings is another story. The hazards you meet when you drive after dark are the object of statewide interest. And rightly so. It's Slow Down and Live Time.

Nights, of course, are much shorter during the summer when traffic accidents usually reach their peak, but the State Department of Motor Vehicles still thinks it's a good time to talk about nighttime traffic hazards.

To begin with, the nighttime hazards which prove so dangerous are actually no different than any other traffic hazard. The only difference is that we don't see them so well. So, in order to operate on the highway at all, we have to depend on artificial light. This creates additional hazards if it isn't used properly.

To give credit where credit is due, we must admit that our auto headlights are much more efficient today than they were years ago. In recent years we have also seen a tremendous improvement in street lighting. Nevertheless, artificial light at its best cannot be regarded as the equivalent of broad daylight. Although our car headlights make it possible for us to drive after dark with comparative safety, we must always be aware of the following deficiencies:

1. Artificial lights can illuminate only a limited area. We cannot see what dangers may lurk to the right or left, or just beyond our headlight penetration.

2. The stronger the headlight beam, and the better it is aimed and focussed to light up long stretches of the highway ahead, the greater the danger of blinding other drivers with headlight glare.

3. Artificial lights can burn out, short out, or otherwise fail just when you may be depending on them most.

These deficiencies must be compensated for in some way or another—or else the traffic death toll will continue high during hours of dusk and darkness. Limitations in headlight range must be compensated for by reduced speed. "Slow down at sundown" is a warning we've given before, but it's worth repeating. Experienced drivers will want to operate at speeds much lower than the designated speed limit. He definitely does not feel that he must always operate at maximum legal speeds to maintain his reputation as a driver. He takes all existing conditions into consideration when deciding upon his traveling speed. Conditions outside one's headlight range are unknown, but it is always best to be prepared for the worst. This is one case where what you don't know CAN

hurt you. The man who assumes that all is well out beyond his headlight range may be making a fatal mistake.

Therefore, one important rule for your safety on the highway is: Never drive so fast that you can't stop easily within the distance illuminated by your headlights. Remember that this stopping distance includes the distance covered while you are getting your foot on the brake plus the actual braking distance.

Strict observance of this important rule will mean that you will never exceed, and seldom take full advantage of, North Carolina's maximum speed limit of 55 miles per hour.

As for the glare factor in headlight illumination, protect your own eyes by keeping your windshield clean; protect the other fellow, which of course is just another way of protecting yourself, by making sure your lights are in adjustment, and by dimming them when meeting or following others on the highway.

Guard against light failure by checking your lights frequently, by keeping your battery in good condition, by replacing burned out lights right away.

Don't forget the pedestrian or the bicycle rider who will be much more difficult for you to see at night than during the day. They'll pop up when you least expect it, unless you have formed the important habit of watching for them.

Although there are many disadvantages in driving after dark, there is one advantage. The headlight glow from approaching cars can be seen from behind hills and around corners, before the cars themselves come into sight. Watch for this telltale glow and take advantage of it—and don't let other

## SPEAKING OF HOMEMAKING

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### PROFUSION OF PRESERVES FOR PERFECT SUNDAES

Have you ever considered how versatile jams and jellies really are? Of course, we all know that no breakfast is complete without at least one glowing dish of marmalade, jelly or jam; and the tea table is unthinkable without several kinds.

But the possibilities don't end there, not by a long shot; there are all sorts of desserts to be made with the sweet spreads from the grocers' shelves. And one of the most popular, as well as the quickest and easiest, is the sundae—the sundae made with ice cream and right-out-of-the-jar jam or jelly plus whipped cream, nuts and cherries; or the sundae crowned with a luscious hot topping made from your favorite jam or jelly. It's easy to keep hot toppings hot over a colorful candle-warmer so that everyone can come back for more and more.

As for the sundaes themselves, the service couldn't be simpler. All you need is a spoon to ladle the topping on the ice cream. The

combination possibilities are endless; almost any kind of ice cream tastes better with jam or jelly added. A sundae with the following topping is only the beginning; you take it from there.

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### MRS. SIMONS HOSTESS FOR CHURCH CIRCLE

Circle 2 of the Presbyterian church met Tuesday, June 7, with Mrs. Wilbur Simmons. Mrs. Ray Harrison served as co-hostess. Mrs. S. S. Cooley, chairman, presided during the business session. Mrs. Jones Earl Corwin opened the program with prayer followed by the devotional, "The Struggle of the Soul" given by Mrs. C. C. Dougherty, who took her text from the seventh chapter of Romans. Mrs. S. L. Woodward talked on "We Are Seven," general fund agencies.

During the social period refreshments were served by the hostesses. Those present were: Mrs. Cooley, Mrs. M. C. Burnett, Mrs. Corwin, Mrs. Rose Crawford, Mrs.

Fannie Fitzgerald, Mrs. Dougher. A. F. Tyson, Sr., Mrs. J. J. W. ty, Mrs. H. D. Crawford, Mrs. J. Mrs. J. O. Williams, Mrs. H. Gruber, Mrs. Frank Morrow, Tyson, Jr., Miss Lyde Wilson, Mrs. John McMillan, Mrs. E. H. Woodward, Mrs. Mary Hay Pearce, Mrs. Ernest Steele, Mrs. Mrs. Don Wright.

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Members voted to hold a bazar on Saturday, July 2, on the vacant lot outside of the Montreat gate. The sale will begin at 9 a. m. All members are urged to get their articles to Mrs. Ladd Joyner as soon as possible. Proceeds will go towards the building fund. The treasurer reported that \$2,319.41

had been raised on the building fund.

It was announced that the young couples of the church would start meeting each Friday night at the home of Mrs. Caroline Walbek. Miss Jose Woods presented the Bible study taken from the Book of Romans. A hour of fellowship was enjoyed following the meeting. Eleven members were present.

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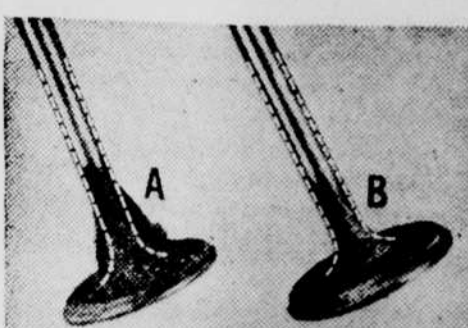
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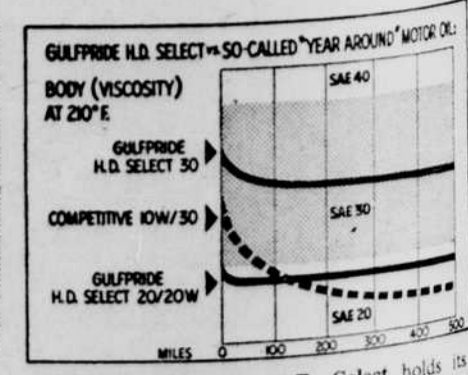


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