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## NORTH CAROLINA AUTO SAFETY INSPECTION

Our State has begun the New Year with one of the most constructive government programs undertaken since our highways were rebuilt. This is seen in the inspection of all vehicles that are licensed to travel the highways and registered in North Carolina. With so many accidents occurring on the State's highways, this periodic inspection of all automobiles and trucks as to mechanical safety and other features of safety in driving, the State highway commission is trying to cut down the number of persons rushing around—just accidents on their way to happen. The inspection will doubtless cause many persons inconvenience as automobiles will have to be put in proper order before permission to drive them on North Carolina Highways is given; however, so far everyone is welcoming this program with a great deal of enthusiasm and hearty cooperation. It is cheap insurance, both life and liability. Get your car inspected soon—then drive within the speed limits set and drive safely—the life you save may be your own.

## OPEN LETTER TO A DRIVER WHO SPEEDS

The world is a great mirror. It reflects back to you what you are. If you are loving, if you are friendly, if you are helpful, the world will prove loving and friendly and helpful to you. The world is what you are.

I saw you barely miss a little boy on a tricycle this afternoon and heard you yell, "Get the H— out of the way! Don't you know any better than to ride in the street?" He didn't answer because he hasn't learned to talk very well yet, so I'm going to answer for him.

No, the little boy doesn't know any better than to ride his tricycle in the street. He has been warned not to, but little boys don't always heed warnings. Some adults don't either, especially traffic warnings: for example, the one limiting the speed of automobiles.

I'm going to tell you something about that little boy. He has a mother who endured considerable inconveniences, anxiety and suffering to bring him into the world. He has a father who has worked hard and made many sacrifices to make him healthy and happy. The supreme purpose of their lives is to have their little boy grow up to be a useful man.

Now stop a minute and think. If you should kill a child how would you feel facing his parents? What excuse could you give them for having robbed them of their dearest possession? More important what excuse could you possibly offer Him whose Kingdom is made up of little children?

Children, my hasty friend, were here long before you or your automobile were thought of. All the automobiles on earth are not worth the life of one little boy. We don't know what that little boy may some day be, but we can't spare a single little boy on this street.  
—A DAD.

The quickest way to wipe out a friendship is to sponge on it.

Government Bonds offer the safest of all investments and a liberal income return.

Books are the true levelers. They give to all who faithfully use them the society, the spiritual presence, of the best and the greatest of our race.—W. E. Channing

I never work better than when I am inspired by anger. When I am angry I can write, pray, and preach well; for then my whole temperament is quickened, my understanding sharpened, and all mundane vexations and temptations depart.—Luther

Pay as little attention to discouragement as possible. Plough ahead as a steamer, does, rough or smooth, rain or shine. To carry your cargo and make your port is the point.—Malthie D. Babcock

## WHILE YOU SPEAK!

If you make a 10-minute safety speech—3 persons probably will be accidentally killed and 200 injured while you talk. Costs will amount to \$120,000. The nation's 1946 accident totals can be figured at the following approximate rates (\* denotes civilians only):

Class of Accident	One Every	Per Hour	Per Day	Per Week	The Year 1946
<b>All Accidents</b>					
Deaths	5½ Minutes	11	270	1,900	99,000
Injuries	3 Seconds	1,190	28,500	200,000	10,400,000
<b>Motor Vehicle</b>					
Deaths	15½ Minutes	4	90	650	33,700
Injuries	26 Seconds	137	3,300	23,100	1,200,000
<b>Occupational</b>					
Deaths	32 Minutes	2	45	320	16,500
Injuries	15 Seconds	234	5,600	39,400	2,050,000
<b>Workers Off-Job*</b>					
Deaths	14½ Minutes	4	100	690	36,000
Injuries	10 Seconds	371	8,900	62,500	3,250,000
<b>Home*</b>					
Deaths	16 Minutes	4	90	635	33,000
Injuries	6 Seconds	565	13,600	92,200	4,950,000
<b>Public Non-Motor Vehicle</b>					
Deaths	21 Minutes	2	47	330	17,000
Injuries	15 Seconds	246	5,800	40,400	2,100,000

**DO YOU KNOW WHO THIS YOUNG LADY IS?** Is she still working in the Cooleemee Plant today? She was working here a few years ago. She is the mystery lady of THE CHATTER for January. Her identity will be revealed next month.

## MISS AMY CRAWFORD ENTERTAINS

Miss Amy Crawford entertained Club Vameh Jel with two tables of bridge at her home on January 12.

After five progressions of bridge were played, a high score prize was awarded to Jean DeWeese, with Mrs. Bobby Hoyle winning consolation.

Delicious pineapple cake with whipped cream and hot coffee was served at the end of the evening to Misses Dolly Davis, Mariola Crawford, Dorothy Helsabeck, Jean DeWeese and Amy Crawford and Mesdames Jimmy Payne, Bobby Hoyle, Early Stewart, Ralph Sinclair and Edgar Dickinson.

A brief business session was held in which it was decided to change the meeting from Tuesday nights to the 1st and 3rd Thursday nights of each month.

## COOLEEMEE PTA HOLDS MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Cooleemee P.T.A. was held on Monday night, January 19, at 7:30 o'clock in the school auditorium. Mrs. S. A. Carnes, president presented a program on citizenship.

The talk on the meaning of good citizenship was followed by a movie titled "America the Beautiful." Those who have heard Mrs. Carnes give this talk at another meeting report that it is both interesting and informative. The movie is in Technicolor and is filled with beautiful scenic shots of America from coast to coast.

This is the movie which the women from the United States took to the convention in Amsterdam to represent this country in the meeting of women from all over the world.

## Baptists Let Contract For New Building

The members of the Cooleemee Baptist Church voted this month to let a contract for the Auditorium section of the new church building. Actual construction is expected to begin within two months. The low bidder is L. S. Bradshaw and Sons of Salisbury with a bid of \$59,000.00.



**KARLYSS WALLER** is the cute little miss in the picture. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Walker. Her grandmother works in the Spinning Room.

## YOUR REPORTERS SAY...



## MAIN OFFICE

Reporters: Haliene Beck, Elizabeth Hartley and Irene H. Young

Mr. Pegram spent a few days recently in Asheville and Virginia.

We are very glad indeed that Mr. DeWeese is able to be back at work, after being out sick for several weeks. Take it easy, DeWeese.

Miss "Chick" Hartley spent a recent Sunday visiting friends in Winston-Salem, N. C.

Everyone reports a very nice Christmas with the exception of Mr. Pegram, and he was sick with a cold. It really gave you the spirit when it started snowing Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Grier Waller have moved to Duntown. Helen says she likes it fine, but thinks she will like it much better when she gets things more orderly. They are painting, sanding, and varnishing floors now.

We are all beginning to wonder why Mr. Walters is buying new hats and suits. Come on, Mr. Walters, let us in on the secret.

I guess everyone has noticed the knot on Mr. Walters' head. Was it a he or a she that gave it to you?

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. James spent the Christmas Holidays in Star, N. C. visiting relatives.

Miss Margaret Kirk spent the holidays in New York City and Albany, N. Y. visiting her uncle, John Kirk.

Dr. and Mrs. Dick Fewell and daughter are visiting Mrs. Fewell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McNeely. Mrs. Fewell was the former Miss Mary White McNeely and an employee of the Standards Department.

Miss Margaret Fleming of Raleigh, Miss Elizabeth Fleming of Atlanta, and Mrs. C. H. Swink of Salisbury spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Swink at their home in Woodleaf. On Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. Swink entertained with a family Christmas dinner.

Mrs. Hattie E. Moore spent Christmas in Charlotte with her son, Lloyd E. Moore and family, and in Rock Hill with her daughter, Mrs. Arnold Marshall and family.

Recent visitors from Durham include C. R. Harris, E. M. Holt, Glenn Penland, F. T. DeVyver, L. C. Thomas, R. H. Lewis, and Miss Louise Horner.

## MACHINE SHOP

Reporter: Ellen Tise

All the Shop Force reports that they had a fine time during the holidays. As far as the reporters could find out, all the men stayed around home and rested. They all enjoyed and appreciated the turkey from the Company very much.

Charles Owen, Roy Vickers, and A. T. Lewis are back at work after being out with the mumps. Frank Peninger is "enjoying" the same at his home on Watts Street at this writing.

Nelson Osborne has our deepest sympathy in the loss of his sister.

We are glad to have Marvin Helard back on the Shop Force. Marvin just received his discharge after serving two years with the Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Waller have moved to their new home at Duntown.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Benson have moved into one of the apartments where Dr. Byerly's home used to be. If many more Bensons move on that street, they'll have to change it to Benson Avenue instead of Church Street.

"Flip" Benson is still on the sick list. Hope you will soon be back, "Flip."

"Buck" Keller is the proud owner of a new Fleetline Chevrolet.

The Shop overseer and assistant overseers held a barbecue for all the shop force on Saturday before Christmas. This barbecue has been a custom in the shop for at least fifteen years and is looked forward to by the men each year.

Marvin Spry spent the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Spry.

Anyone interested in a good used car should visit the "J. T. Barnhardt Used Car Lot" at Pine Ridge.

Gilmer Overcash must be in the upper income bracket—he has a family car at home and has a small one that he drives to work.

## WEAVING

Reporters: Emma Hoffman and Emma Rae Spry

We are glad to have Margaret Brinegar back at work. She has been out sick quite some time now.

It seems that everyone had a Happy Christmas, and we wish to express our appreciation to all who helped to make our Christmas Party a success.

Some of our people were lucky to have all of their children home during Christmas. Mrs. Dewis Angell and Mrs. Mae Walker said all of theirs were home and that there were plenty of them, too.

The gift turkeys were enjoyed by all and we would like to say thank you very much to the Company.

Miss Betty Orrender spent Christmas in Birmingham, Alabama, and says she had a nice time.

## SPINNING

Reporters: Viola Garwood Thelma Gregory and Sadie Thompson

Miss Nellie Wofford of Washington, D. C. spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wofford.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Draughn—of Dobson, N. C. spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jordan.

Pvt. Frederick Gregory, who is stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C. recently spent an eight-day furlough at home with his mother, Mrs. Lawrence R. Spry.

Mrs. Mattie McCullah received word from Brooklyn, N. Y. that she is a grandmother. Little Janice is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McCullah.

Gilbert Mays spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mays.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kirkman of Washington, D. C. spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Jordan.

Cpl. Loman Jordan of Oliver General Hospital is now at home on furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Correll and children of Lynchburg, Va. visited his mother, Mrs. Vennie Correll during the holidays.

We are glad to have Bernice Owens on the first shift.

Mrs. James Summers of Mocksville is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. U. Myers, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Goss from Danville, Va. spent the Christmas holidays with W. L. Myers and family.

Cpl. Leroy Kerley and Sgt. Wayne Young ate Christmas dinner with Essie Kerley.

Lillie Ann Myers from Charlotte spent a week with her aunt, Miss Sarah Myers.

The Spinning Room wants to express their thanks and appreciation for the nice turkey the Company gave them for Christmas. Everyone enjoyed them very much.



**MRS. JESSE LEE JORDAN**, the former "Pat" Pharis of Salisbury and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Pharis of Salisbury, was married last month to Jesse Lee Jordan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Jordan of Cooleemee. The ceremony took place on December 31, 1947, at Elkton, Maryland. Mr. Jordan is an employee of the Weave Room.