

A howl in the rear of your car may mean two things. You need grease in the differential — or you've just backed into someone. The National Safety Council asks drivers to look before they back, and not to depend on the rear view mirror.

For the first time in recent years, except when gasoline was gone to war, motor vehicles were deposed in 1947 as the champion accident killer. The National Safety Council's figures show home accidents took 33,500 lives, well ahead of the traffic toll of 32,000.

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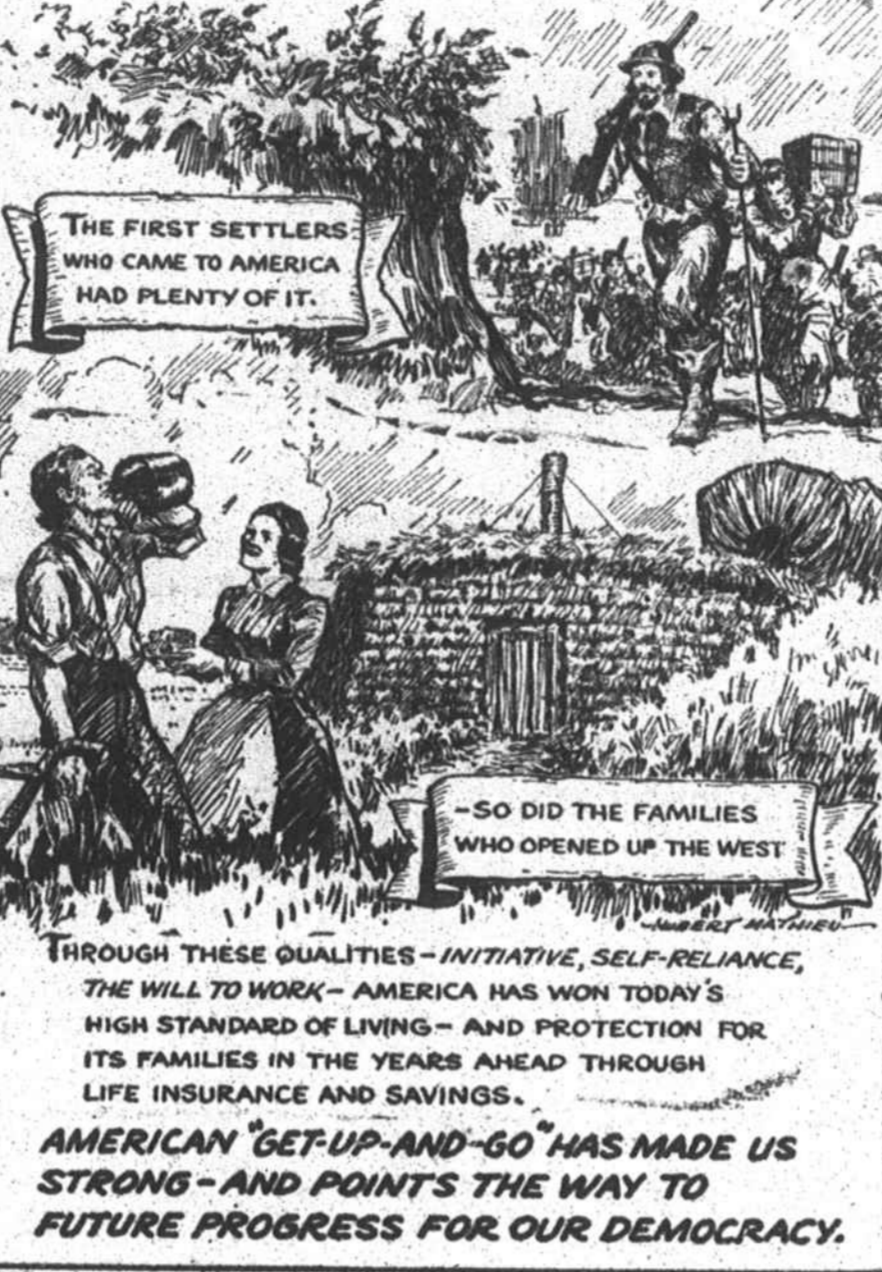
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PLENTY OF "GET-UP-AND-GO"

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AMERICAN "GET-UP-AND-GO" HAS MADE US STRONG—AND POINTS THE WAY TO FUTURE PROGRESS FOR OUR DEMOCRACY.

Plan Farm Program During Idle Hours

When weather conditions make it necessary for farmers to spend their time indoors, Moyle S. Williams, Farm Management specialist for the State College Extension service, says that one of the most profitable ways to spend this time would be to plan their farm program for the new year.

Practically all farmers do some kind of planning, Mr. Williams said but too often these plans are poorly planned. The best way to plan, he says, is to get the entire family together and spend a few hours on just what the family wants to accomplish for the year and how this can be done. These goals should be written down so the written plan can be used as a guide throughout the year. A few hours spent in making a farm plan will save several days of actual work in many cases, Mr. Williams declared.

A good farm plan should include livestock and crops to be produced, fertilizer to be used, farm woodland plan, labor requirements, expected crop and livestock disposal, estimated receipts and expenses and other items needed by the individual farmer. A good farm plan must also be flexible to meet conditions throughout the year.

Good planning means larger net income for the farm Mr. Williams said.

Accidents in 1947 caused 10,500,000 injuries, 380,000 of them bringing some degree of permanent impairment, according to the National Safety Council.

Speaking Contest Finals in Raleigh

The State finals of the 1948 Soil Conservation Contest will be held in Raleigh, March 26 when the nine district winners will compete for \$550 in Savings Bonds being offered to the first, second, and third place winners, according to J. Frank Doggett, Extension Soil Conservationist at State College.

Mr. Doggett stated that the district contests will be held on March 19, which will be preceded by the county contests on March 12 and the school contests, March 5.

More than 5,000 contestants are expected to take part in the contest, Mr. Doggett said, adding that these contestants will come from virtually every county in the state. The contest is being sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers Association and is the first time that high school students from every county have been eligible to compete.

The first prize winner in the State contest will receive \$400 in U. S. Savings Bonds and an all expense trip to the 1948 annual meeting of the State Bankers Association. The Bankers Association is furnishing \$200 of the first prize. Warren S. Johnson of the Peoples Bank and Trust Company in Wilmington and president of the N. C. Bankers Association, and Gordon Hunter of the Peoples Bank in Roxboro and chairman of the agriculture committee of the Bankers Association, are each providing \$100.

The second place winner will receive a \$100 Savings Bond, and the third place winner a \$50 Bond, Mr. Doggett said.

The accident death toll in the U. S. last year was 100,000 lives, a 2 per cent increase over 1946, according to the National Safety Council. Home deaths led the list of causes, and the traffic death toll was the only one to show a reduction from 1946.

Electric heating pads and blankets can be used without danger if the instructions are followed to the letter, the National Safety Council says. Cautions such as "Do not wet" and "Do not use pins" should be strictly observed.

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Fifteen Cases Heard In Recorder's Court

Fifteen cases were tried in City Recorder's court held Monday, Feb. 9, at City Hall, Judge O. C. O'Farrell presiding.

Willie Ted Ledford, for violation of the motor vehicle laws, in that he did not have his state auto license plates displayed but had them in his vehicle, paid costs.

Afton P. Clark, of Kingsport, Tenn. paid a fine of \$10 and costs for speeding.

Robert Case, for attempted assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, paid costs; John Fowler, for drunk and disorderliness, paid \$10 and costs; and Earl Bailey, for as-

sault on a female, paid \$10 and costs.

Avai McCall paid \$5 and costs for public drunkenness and the following paid costs on similar charges: John Fowler, W. H. Moss (Buffalo); Gary Biddix; Yates A. Smith; Henry L. Wright; Samuel Walter Worthen; Walter Leigh; Skeet Barrett, and Louis Fraley (Bessemer City).

One out of three deaths from burns in the home is a child under five, National Safety Council statistics reveal. That puts it squarely up to parents to guard little ones from fire hazards, and to teach as early as possible the dangers of matches, lighters and bonfires.

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