

### Strict Observance Of Yellow Lines Would Reduce Accidents 50 Percent

RALEIGH—Strict observance of the yellow "barrier lines" that potential danger spots on North Carolina highways would reduce traffic accidents 50 percent.

That opinion is given by Robert A. Burch, traffic engineer for the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission. The Commission adopted the yellow line at the urging of Burch last October, and during the summer months it first came into extensive use on North Carolina highways.

Cold weather puts a halt to center-line painting. Low temperature slows drying of the paint, and it is harder to handle in the sprayers.

Reporting on this year's work, Burch said 12,000 miles of white center-line had been painted before cold weather made the work taper off this month. This took 135,000 gallons of paint. About 3,000 miles of yellow barrier lines were painted.

"Our biggest problem", commented Burch, "is to get the cooperation of the traveling public while paint is being applied". His paint crews place rubber cones

or yellow-painted sections of old automobile tires along the newly-painted traffic lines in an effort to protect the wet paint before it dries, but some motorists insist on weaving back and forth across the lines and that makes for a very messy job.

Please, asks Burch, don't cross the center-lines until the paint dries.

The traffic engineer also has another concern. He wants the highway traveler to realize that the yellow line in his lane means for him not to pass the man in front, because, at such locations sight distance is 600 feet or less. The yellow line is a warning of potential danger.

A driver may pass the vehicle up front when the yellow line is not in his lane and there is no opposing traffic. But absence of the yellow line does not always mean it is safe for the driver to pass.

"Reasonable precaution still must be taken to determine the distance of any oncoming vehicle", Burch warns.

Most states now use the yellow

barrier line.

This year, North Carolina motorists got for the first time the extra service of a usable line at night. The Commission this year used reflectorized "light-tinting" materials in painting the white and yellow lines. This material increases the safety of the highway, especially during periods of inclement weather such as fogs and low visibility from other causes.

All of the material used in center-line painting this year was of the reflectorized type, with the exception of a small amount used in the Fourth Division on some bond roads. It costs about 20 cents more per gallon than plain paint, but it lasts considerably longer and thus the cost is less per day of useful life.

Further saving in cost has been effected by use of a skip line. The white paint is placed in 40-foot cycles, with 15 feet of painted line and 25 feet of skip. This means a saving of 62 1/2 percent in paint material.

Another accomplishment this year was the procurement of five new paint machines of an improved type which more efficiently applies the paint to the pavement. Each of the 10 highway divisions now is equipped with a machine capable of applying paint to the pavement with modern techniques using air-pressure and spray-gun equipment. Some of the machines were bought from commercial manufacturers and some were made in highway shops.

It is the Commission's policy to place a center-line on all paved roads which carry a daily average of 300 or more vehicles. Some exceptions have been made to this rule, but in general it has been followed.

Counting the 12,000 miles of center-lines painted this year and a considerable amount of usable line painted last year and not yet requiring a re-paint job, most of North Carolina's paved roads now have a usable center line.

Next spring the work will start again. And please don't cross the lines while the paint is wet.

### Vaccine Promises More Mink Coats

PEARL RIVER, N. Y.—A promise of more mink coats for the women at a lesser cost was seen today when Lederle Laboratories announced a new vaccine to prevent distemper in mink, a disease which annually kills thousands of these valuable fur-bearing animals.

This country's mink crop is estimated at 3,500,000 annually, some of which are valued as high as \$3,000. An outbreak of distemper among a herd of these delicate animals could cost a rancher tens of thousands of dollars, and remove many beautiful pelts which otherwise would reach the market.

Mink distemper is caused by a virus. The disease was recognized in dogs in 1901, but was discovered in mink only in 1932. The death rate among infected mink is about 60 percent in older animals, and close to 100 percent in young weaned mink. Survivors of distemper usually yield pelts of inferior quality.

A Lederle spokesman said the new vaccine is the first to provide "solid immunity" lasting at least one year, with a single injection. Mink are ready for the fur market at about eight months of age.

Previous methods of combating mink distemper required a series of injections, and gave immunity for only a short period. The new vaccine is made from a strain of distemper which was modified by passage through fertile hen's eggs. It produces immunity in 10 to 14 days.

In controlled field trials, mink protected with this new vaccine withstood hundreds of challenge doses of highly virulent distemper virus with no ill effects. Two year challenge tests are now under way.

### Christmas Welcomes Open Yule Schedule

RALEIGH—Two welcomes to Christmas which attract thousands of visitors lead off a varied schedule of things to do in North Carolina in December.

At Winston-Salem, the traditional Moravian Candle Tea will be held December 5-8 at the Brothers House, Moravian communal dwelling of colonial days. Hostesses in Old Salem costume will invite visitors to see the making by hand of beeswax candles like those used in Moravian Christmas Eve love feasts, serve sugar cake and coffee, and also with the Christmas putz, depicting various miniature scenes, including the Nativity.

On December 8, Wilmington will greet the season by lighting the world's largest living Christmas tree, an ancient live oak which has served as a community tree since 1929. Six tons of Spanish moss and 5,000 multicolored lights adorn the tree, which stands 90 feet tall and has a diametric spread of 110 feet. The lights will remain on through New Year's night.

An innovation in Christmas parades—parades which will eliminate any touch of commercialism—will be presented at Henderson and Shelby. The Henderson parade is scheduled for December 7.

The annual celebration on the Outer Banks marking the anniversary of man's first successful heavier-than-air flight will be held December 17 at the Wright Memorial on Kill Devil Hill. Major Alexander P. de Seversky noted pilot and aviation writer will head a group of distinguished visitors attending exercises at the spot where the first flight took place in 1903.

Football, although being elbowed off the stage by basketball, will put on its final shows, including the Pythian Bowl game at Salisbury December 8 between two college teams representing North Carolina and Virginia; the Shriners' All-Star game at Charlotte Saturday, December 1, between picked high school seniors of North and South Carolina; and Winston-Salem's Piedmont Bowl December 7.

Pinehurst, America's winter golf capital, will stage the Southern Seniors' Golf Association championship December 7-9 and the fourth annual Donald Ross Junior tournament December 27. The 15th annual informal horse show will be held December 30.

The Dixie Basketball Classic, which grew overnight into one of the nation's top early-season tournaments, will be run off at the William Neal Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh December 27-29. In the field will be North Carolina State, Duke, Wake Forest, and North Carolina—as hosts, and Cornell, Columbia, Southern California, and Navy as visitors.

Hunting seasons will be at their peak during the month, and thousands of gunners will be out across the state for deer, bear, geese, quail, and other favored game.

Orderly purchases of at least part of the 1952 needs of fungicides, insecticides, and herbicides used by farmers now, together with careful storage until time to use, can help prevent the danger of short supplies which might come with increased competition for scarce chemicals and metals later.

# TOY TOWN OPENS

It's the TREAT OF THE YEAR for little girls and boys (and, we suspect, for Mom and Dad, too!) This year's Toy Town is crammed to the corners with toys for "make believe" . . . toys that teach, toys that

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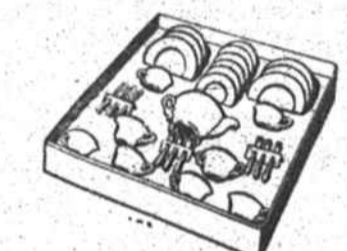
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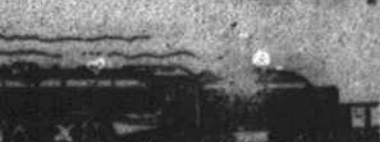
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