

Free Wheeling . . .

By BILL CROWELL

SLEEPY HEADS . . . Authorities are well acquainted with the vicious dangers of alcohol and speed, but they are unsure about drowsiness as a contributor to highway accidents.

To be sure it's a certainty that sleepy heads who fight a losing battle against fatigue, yet who keep on driving jeopardize their own necks and the safety of everyone else on the road.

But are they "reckless drivers" in the eyes of the law? A New Jersey court says yes. In a recent case there the defendant was convicted of reckless driving charges after falling asleep at the wheel. He had argued unsuccessfully that merely going to sleep was not reckless driving because there was no proof of wilful intent.

But the court had the last word when it ruled: "Sleep does not come without warning. Before sleep there is drowsiness and before drowsiness there is usually great fatigue or at least a desire to sleep. Therefore, when a driver falls asleep while driving it is a legitimate inference that he was negligent."

SUDDAN THWAT . . . Driving in a fog is dangerous—especially if it's mental!
DRIVING RULES? . . . Here are some notes, selected at random, from a Japanese driver's manual:

1. At the rise of the hand of the policeman, stop rapidly. Do not pass him or otherwise disrespect him.

When a passenger of the foot hove into sight, tootle the horn trumpet at him melodiously at first. If he still obstacles your passage, tootle with vigor and express by word of mouth the warning "Hi! Hi!"

3. Beware of the wandering horse that he shall not take flight as you pass him. Do not explosion the exhaust pipe on

him. Go soothingly by or stop by the roadside until he pass away.

4. Give big space to the festive dog that make sport in the roadway. Avoid entanglement of dog with your wheel spokes.

5. Go soothingly on the grease-mud for there lurk the skid demon.

6. Press the brakes of the foot as you roll around corners to save the collapse and tie-up.

HOT TIP . . . If your hard working car battery is struggling to deliver current through a frosting of corrosion around the terminals, here's a quick way to get rid of it. Add a quart of water and brush the solution around the terminals, the battery case and hangers, and the ground strap. This dissolves accumulated grease and neutralizes harmful acid deposits. Then dry the parts thoroughly, tighten all connections, and as a final touch coat the terminals with a film of vaseline or light grease.

FLASHBACK . . . In the year 1896: the French word "automobile" first began to appear in the newspapers . . . 1900 New York acquired a motor driven ambulance . . . 1902 T. H. Shelvin was arrested and fined in Minneapolis for speeding over 10 mph . . . 1906 front bumper appeared on some cars, but not as standard equipment . . . 1916 hand operated windshield wipers, stop lights and rear view mirror appeared as standard equipment on a few cars . . . 1922 balloon tires introduced . . . 1922 gasoline gauges appeared on the instrument panels of a few models . . . 1923 four wheel brakes adopted by a few manufacturers . . . 1924 two filament bulbs appeared, permitting hi and lo headlight beams . . . 1926 hot water heaters introduced . . . 1929 car radios, foot controlled dimmer switch and dual taillights appeared.

Area Still Has Labor Surplus

RALEIGH — Durham and Asheville again are classified as areas of substantial labor surplus in a federal report received today by Henry E. Kendall, chairman of the Employment Security Commission.

The Bureau of Employment Security of the U. S. Department of Labor also notified Chairman Kendall that Charlotte, Winston-Salem, and the Greensboro-High Point area still have a "moderate" labor surplus.

In today's report, these areas retained the same classification, given them in September. Classification is made for the major labor market areas every two months.

When an area is ruled as having substantial labor surplus, it is in line for certain federal benefits in plant construction and production contracts. Plants in these towns may receive priority when governmental contracts are awarded, and speeded-up tax write-offs are allowed in costs of construction of new plants or expansion of facilities.

Under previous classifications, the following smaller labor market areas are eligible for these benefits: Kingston, Rocky Mount, Fayetteville, Mt. Airy, Shelby, Kings Mountain, and Waynesville.

NORTH CAROLINA CLEVELAND COUNTY NOTICE

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of J. S. McSwain, Deceased, late of Cleveland County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to undersigned on or before the 4th day of December 1957, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 4th day of December, 1956.
Margaret L. McSwain
Executrix.
12-6-27

Negro News

By Mrs. Annie Gordon
107 Carpenter Street
Phone 816-J

Funeral for Mrs. Minnie Ervin Orr, 58, resident of West Park street, will be held Thursday at 3 o'clock p. m. at Ebenezer church with interment to follow in the church cemetery.

Rev. W. M. Murray will conduct the rite. The body will remain at Gill and Brown Funeral Home until the hour of the services. Mrs. Orr, native of York, S. C. died December 3rd at Kings Mountain hospital. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Minnie Barnett, of Kings Mountain, two sisters, Mrs. Annie Jamson, of Spartanburg, S. C., Mrs. Bell Adams, of Gastonia, and a brother, Earnest Ervin, of Clover, S. C.

Rev. W. M. Murray and congregation of Zion Hill and Ebenezer Baptist churches will render services at Shady Grove Baptist church Sunday night at 7:30. The proceeds will be for Building Fund. Mr. and Mrs. James Hill, sponsors. Everyone is cordially invited.

There will be a Fish Fry Saturday night given by Louis Curry at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Barnes for the benefit of Building Fund. The public is invited.

Mrs. Minnie Orr died Monday at 3 o'clock in the Kings Mountain hospital. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

There will be a chitling supper Friday night at 416 Childers street given by Mrs. Edith Gill and Mrs. Odessa Moore. The public is cordially invited.

There will be a bingo party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Williams on N. Waterson St., on Friday night, Dec. 7, beginning at 7:30. You are invited to come out for an evening of fellowship and fun. Sandwiches and refreshments will be sold.

Compact News

166, Phone 1130-W
By Mrs. A. P. Adams, P. O. Box

The Compact school auditorium will be the scene of "A Parade of Brown Dolls" Friday Dec. 7 at 7:30 p. m. Thirty pre-school tots are expected to participate. The rhythm band under the direction of Mrs. Couser and Mrs. Grier will furnish music. The public is invited to come to see the crowning of the King or Queen of Brown Dolls. An interesting program of Christmas songs and dances will be presented. The prettiest girl and the ugliest boy in the Sophomore class will be crowned also. Admission will be 20 and 50 cents. Miss M. R. Adair is sponsor of this class project. Compact Girls To Take Part In Debutante Ball.

On Dec. 7, the Zeta Mu Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority will present thirty-five girls who will make their first public bow at a ball in the spacious and beautifully decorated Highland High School gymnasium, Gastonia, at which time will be crowned a queen and two princesses of the Debutantes who will be presented with gifts from the sorority. Participating in this group are four young ladies from Compact High School. They are Javotta Burris, Gerline Byrd, Geraldine Degree, and Barbara Perkins.

After the formal presentation of the debutantes, an evening of dancing will be enjoyed by the

Lithium Corporation Statement Lists Nine-Month Profit \$748,186

In the first nine months of 1956, Lithium Corporation of America doubled net sales over the like 1955 period and showed a net profit of \$748,186.

The profit figure was in contrast to a \$41,402 loss for the first nine months of 1955.

The information was contained in the quarterly report to stockholders mailed last week over the signature of President Herbert W. Rogers.

Lithium Corporation has home offices in Minneapolis, Minn., and operates a lithium extraction plant near here on Bessemer City Road.

Noting that earnings of the third quarter were slightly off from the first two, Mr. Rogers said the decline was due to the vacation shutdowns during July and to two boiler explosions at the Bessemer City plant.

Mr. Rogers continued: "Profit margins were distorted adversely beginning in May and continuing through the third quarter by certain events arising from the shift of production of a major item from the plant at St. Louis Park to the plant at Bessemer City. This adverse effect upon profit margins may not run its course much before the end of the fourth quarter, though, as predicted in the midyear letter to stockholders, certain important benefits of the shift are now being felt. A considerable improvement in over-all profit margins is expected to become apparent after January 1, 1957.

"Finally, I am very happy to be able to report that during the third quarter of the year, one of the most important developments in your company's history materialized. This development is in the field of high energy fuels, approximately 400 invited guests. The PTA of Compact High School will have its regular monthly meeting at the school on Thursday at 8:00 p. m. December 6. All patrons and friends are invited.

and Girls basketball teams will play Lincoln High School, Bessemer City at Washington High school gym, Waco on Tuesday night Dec. 11, at 7:30 p. m. All patrons and friends are invited to follow and support the team. These teams will also play Green Bethel High of Boiling Springs there on Friday, Dec. 14.

Church News
The woman's quarterly union will be held at the Mt. Olive Baptist church Sunday Dec. 9. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Dinner in the church basement at 1:30 o'clock.

Mrs. S. M. Brown is at home after spending ten days in Durham, with her daughter, Mrs. Willie Jackson.

ties to produce other important lithium products, and it appears safe to say at this time that, just as 1956 has shown gratifying progress in all departments over any previous year, so 1957 may be expected to continue and, in certain cases, to widen the advances."

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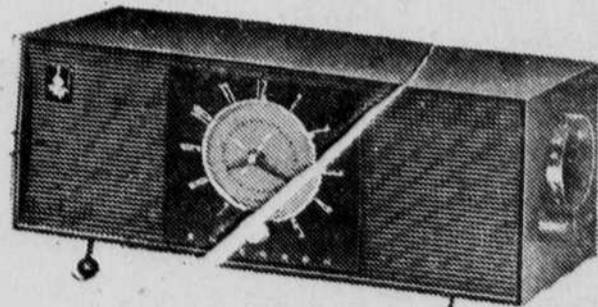
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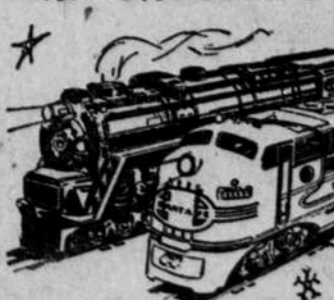
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