

ART COLLECTION — Although most of the Civil War's more famous battles were fought on land, quite a few naval engagements occurred. Among these was the sinking of the Union's "Cumberland" by the Confederate's ironclad "Merrimac" off Newport News, Va., in 1862. This original Currier & Ives print is in a collection of Civil War lithographs that will be on public display in Charlotte, September 10 to

24 at the Mint Museum of Art, 501 Hempstead Place. The free exhibit is being jointly sponsored by the Mint Museum, the Woman's Auxiliary, and the North Carolina Confederate Centennial Commission. The collection is owned by Nationwide Insurance, which is showing it in cooperation with the Civil War Centennial Commission.

Civil War Art, Paintings To Be Displayed

A large collection of valuable Currier and Ives prints — illustrating major events of the Civil War from the fall of Fort Sumter to the surrender at Appomattox — will be displayed in Charlotte.

The free exhibit is scheduled from September 10 to 24 in the Mint Museum of Art at 501 Hempstead Place. It will be sponsored jointly by the Museum, the Woman's Auxiliary, and the North Carolina Confederate Centennial Commission.

It will consist of 58 original full color prints, all from a collection owned by Nationwide Insurance of Columbus, Ohio. About 12,000 persons attended a showing of the prints earlier this year in Raleigh.

Currier and Ives scenes are familiar to most Americans through their extensive reproduction in Christmas and greeting cards, in decorative hangings, and elsewhere. The old firm, headed by lithographers Nathaniel Currier and James M. Ives, turned out more than 7,000 pictures of just about every subject during more than 50 years of operation. During the 19th century, nearly every American home had at least one of the prints. The prints have become collectors' items.

Currier and Ives artists traced the course of the Civil War with their pens. And because photography was in its infancy then, these prints have become valuable as graphic impressions of the glory, carnage, futility, and tragedy of the conflict.

As an additional feature, the extensive T. Price Gidson collection of Civil War memorabilia will

Better Breakfast Menus Listed

How are the breakfast eating habits in your family? You should start today during September Better Breakfast Month to provide your family with an adequate morning meal.

Believe it or not, many Tar Heels eat no breakfast. This affects their future health and well being. It is hard to get the nutrients you need during the day, for health and fitness, without eating breakfast.

For many people, and particularly for children, it is sound planning to have one-fourth to one-third of the day's food at breakfast and to include good sources of protein, such as eggs, lean meat, or milk. Contrary to popular opinion eating breakfast does not tend to cause overweight if foods are properly chosen.

An egg for breakfast helps provide part of the day's food

be on display with the Currier and Ives prints. The Gibson collection includes Confederate bonds, currency, newspapers, stamps, broadsides, army proclamations, ribbons, medals, guns, swords, and letters. Most important are Robert E. Lee's General Order No. 9 — the farewell message to his troops — and a separate paper bearing the signatures of all his staff officers.

The Gibson collection has been displayed recently in Charleston, S. C., and in Raleigh.

Hours of showing at the Mint Museum will be from 10 a. m. until 5 p. m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and from 3 till 5 p. m. Sundays. The museum is closed Mondays.

Vandalism To Highway Signs Costs Reach \$100,000 Annually

The sharp clang of a rock smashing into a metal sign — the zing of a well-aimed bullet that finds its mark — the wounding artist who has found that a 3 in 35 can be changed very simply to an 8. These are some of the problems facing traffic engineers and sign supervisors in what has been termed an annual \$100,000 disgrace in North Carolina, according to Highway Department officials.

R. A. Burch, State Engineer estimates that each year \$100,000 is spent to replace roadside signs which have suffered severe damage at the hands of some unthinking youngster or old person who regards highway markers as nothing more than an object for target practice.

If such useless waste could be eliminated the same amount of money would harden more than five miles of secondary roads each year, replace one or more outmoded secondary road bridges or construct about a quarter of a mile of new four-laning.

Annually the various sign departments estimate they replace about a quarter of a million highway signs, 20 percent of which have been damaged beyond repair by rocks, bullets or bottles or by bending, stealing, breaking or painting.

Outright theft of signs has also been a problem over the years ever since some high school or college student thought a highway sign would look better on the wall of his room than out on the road. Happily, according to Burch and others, this expression of adolescence seems to be on the wane but has by no means disappeared. Sometimes theft of signs can take on enormous proportions.

Not long ago field forces of the

Highway Department came on what seemed to be a whole truck load of highway signs in a remote, wooded area near White Lake. Carelessly thrown on the ground or tacked to nearby trees were roadside markers, not only from North and South Carolina as well. The culprit or culprits had a yen for travel and collected trophies from points as far away as a hundred miles and toted them back to this secluded "graveyard" where they might be enjoyed at leisure.

Missing signs pose the most serious problem for sign men because it is easy to overlook a spot where a sign should be and for this reason the marker may go unnoticed for days or even weeks. Such thefts also create hazards for drivers. The unsuspecting motorist may run up on a dangerous curve, bad grade or dangerous intersection with no forewarning. Accidents with resultant property damage, personal injury or even death have been caused by such lack of adequate warnings.

Most common damage to signs comes from rocks, pop bottles and bullets which dent or pierce the sign face. A pop bottle thrown from a fast moving car may have more than a 75 MPH impact against the face of a metal or wooden sign. Broken glass at the base or even on the roadway itself stands as mute evidence that a prankster has tested his aim and found it true at the expense of the North Carolina taxpayer. Chances are that his accuracy cost \$15.00 or more to say nothing of the labor of replacing the damaged marker.

North Carolina has long-standing laws to the effect that any person who willfully defaces,

damages or remove signs shall be guilty of a misdemeanor but apprehension of the guilty party is difficult and conviction even rarer.

Highway officials feel about the only way to minimize sign damage is through education and appeals to the common decency of individuals who get a kick out of damaging a roadside sign probably don't realize just how much damage they and their kind are doing.

While much of the vandalism of signs comes on remote secondary roads it is by no means limited to such facilities. It is commonplace on major primary and interstate roads as well. Not long ago a state highway official returned to Raleigh from an Asheville trip to report that he found sixteen damaged signs in a row along US 64.

On one 16 mile stretch on interstate roadway, sign crews replaced between 50 and 75 delimiters in one week. These are small glass reflectors mounted on metal posts at the edge of the shoulder and are especially helpful for nighttime driving.

Damage is not limited to the familiar "stop" and "yield" signs and the like. Vandals seem to take delight in working over the huge new interstate signs which really cost money.

The Highway Department spends about \$6.00 per square foot for the big white on green interstate informational signs and the letters are made of laminated plastic, highly susceptible to damage. Any hard blow against a letter will break the seal which holds it and replacement of the letter or letters is the only repair that is effective.

To the men responsible for maintenance of roadside signs it seems a horrible waste of money, manpower and time when vandals take aim and fire away at expensive State property, but the \$100,000 disgrace will continue until a method of getting throu-

gh to the vandals is found. If you've ever been tempted to take a pot shot at a roadside sign just for kicks try to keep in mind that it takes the state tax on 200 gallons of gas just to replace one stop sign at \$10.57, even more to put up a new "yield" sign at more than \$15.00

With schools soon starting across the state, children will be walking or riding by a great many road signs. Parents are urged to remind children that there are plenty of worthless targets just as good as a highway sign where they can test their accuracy.

That highway sign is too expensive and too important to the safety of North Carolina drivers to be damaged beyond repair simply at the whim of a thoughtless person. Leave it where it is doing the job it was meant to perform — directing people to where they're going and showing them the safest way to get there.

Cpl. William Goins With Second Marines

CAMP LEJEUNE, N. C. (FHT-NC) — Serving with the Second Service Battalion, Second Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, N. C., is Marine Lance Cpl. William A. Goins, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Goins of 602 Phenix st., Kings Mountain, N. C.

The battalion recently returned to Camp Lejeune from a five-week training exercise with the battalion landing team of the Eighth Marine expeditionary unit on the Island of Vieques, Puerto Rico.

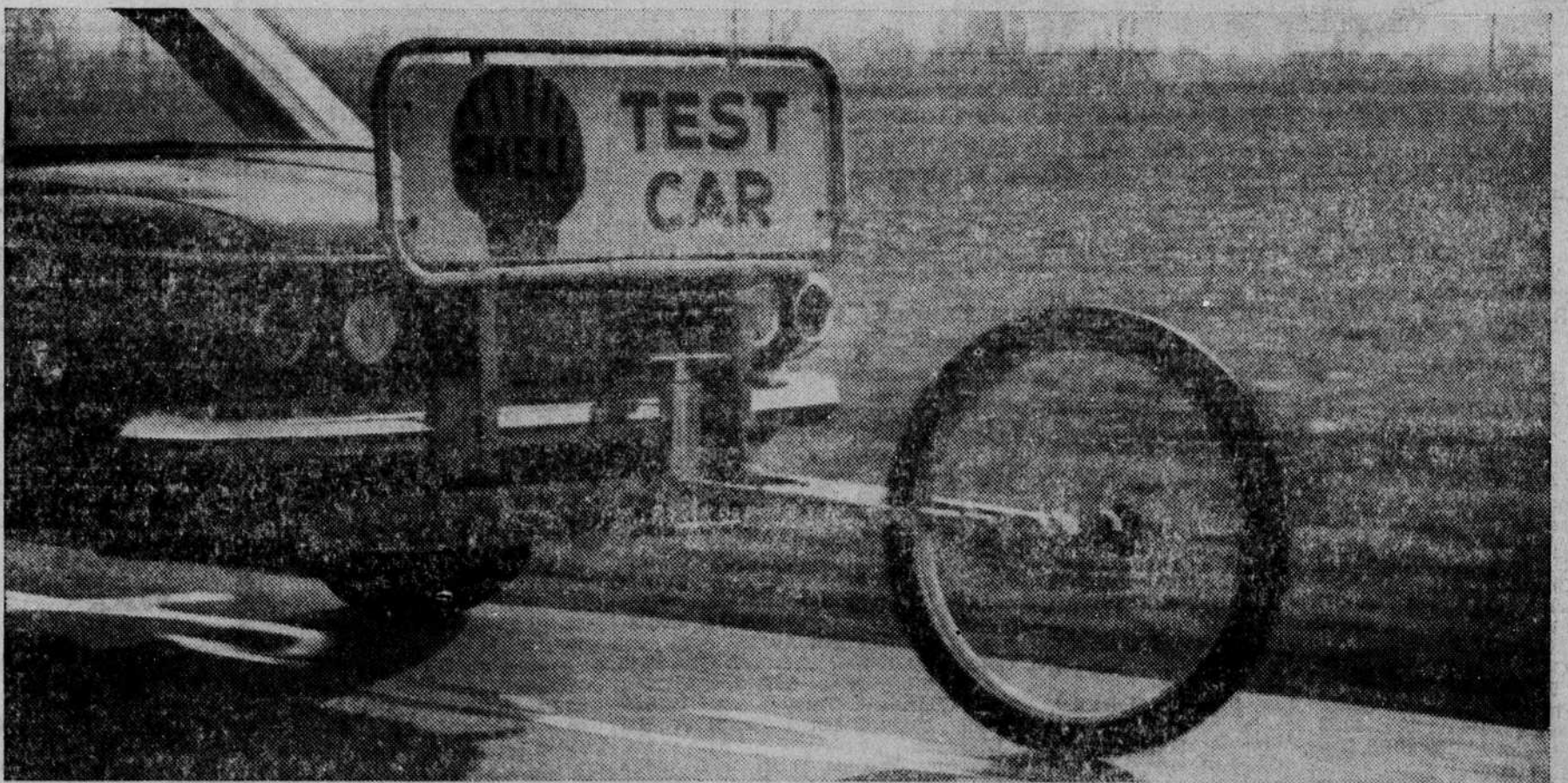
The marines received training in the latest infantry tactics using helicopters to help maintain the division's force-readiness role.

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3. Drive "ahead of your car." Watch for slowing traffic and red lights as far ahead as you can see. Then coast up to the stopping cars, instead of braking heavily when you get there.

4. Don't let fuel costs creep up at the stop light. If your car "creeps" when idling with the automatic transmission engaged, have your idle speed adjusted. If you drive a stick shift, remember that pumping the accelerator won't change the light. It only uses up gasoline.

5. Don't indulge in jack rabbit starts. Racing starts are fine on race tracks — but the drivers of those cars are lucky to get 6 miles per gallon.

NOTE: Air resistance at high car speed is the biggest single drain on power. It increases approximately as the cube of the vehicle speed. Even fox tails on aerials may cost you gasoline.

6. Check your tire pressure regularly. Under-inflated tires increase friction and cut mileage.

NOTE: Tire pressures build up during a long run. Don't let air out to bring the pressure down — it makes the tires run even hotter. Check cool tires only.

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