

GLIMPSES OF THE PAST
By CAROLYN LLOYD

Just once a year it would be nice to be sixteen, or seventeen, or eighteen again and turn back the clock for a week—the week preceding the Junior-Senior Banquet. The night itself wouldn't be enough, for the anticipation of the event is half the fun. It is it were possible, I would choose to be either a Junior or one of the waitresses and entertainers chosen from the Sophomore Class, for it is always more exciting to be getting ready for the banquet than just sitting and waiting for the big night to arrive. During that week parents and teachers are easy to outtalk when it comes to getting the family car or easing off on homework. There's the excitement of putting up the decorations and seeing the theme come to life, and the thrill of planning the dress and wondering what kind of corsage would be just right.

When at last the big night comes, no society fashion show ever displayed more beautifully gowned models. The little girl who has been running around all day in blue jeans with her hair done up on bobby pins becomes as glamorous as Cinderella at the ball. Her coach and four may have been a pick-up truck, but she will not have to watch the clock for midnight, for the evening is hers. For this night, rules about hours have been suspended, and the world is hers.

At home, some mothers are collapsed after finally getting daughters dressed, finding the lost evening bag, pinning on the corsage, and generally riding the whirlwind. Some are in the banquet kitchen up to the elbows in chicken salad, but all are sharing the vicarious happiness. Fathers are pretending indifference while secretly feeling a glow of pride in the son or daughter who suddenly looks like a perfect stargazer. They may have pretended disgust at so much fuss and expense and made loud comments about what a tough time they had as boys; but, in truth, they, too, would like to be young just long enough to take their best girls to the banquet.

The boys themselves may have done a little complaining about the necessity of wearing ties and coats for a few hours but only because they thought the complaints established their masculine contempt for such fancy doings and let the girls know that a big sacrifice was being made for their sake. That done, they were free to admire themselves in white jacket and boutonniere.

It does seem, though, that the girls have an edge on the boys when it comes to formal affairs. Just when a dress becomes a "gown" is a fine distinction that escapes me; but this I do know—an evening gown has more magic powers than Houdini and all the other magicians. Only a girl could know, though she couldn't really explain, how a swirl of tulle or lace around her ankles can transform her into a princess. Suddenly she feels like Cleopatra, Madam DuBarry and all the other femme fatales rolled into one. Ten years later she may be a settled house wife who does well to get a new sport dress once a year, but there is the memory of that beautiful dress and her night of glory and she can look forward with pleasure to being one of the mothers in the kitchen when her daughter emerges as a butterfly.

HATTERAS PERSONALS

Home with their families for the Jamboree festivities were: Mr. and Mrs. John Midgett, Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Midgett, Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Burrus, Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Styron, Mrs. Flora Spencer; Mesdames Dan Meadows, Grace Peele, Pearl Lewis; Misses Mitzi Oden, Sarah Burrus, Gwenaie Burrus, Phyllis Austin, Augustus Austin.

Mrs. Jack Hamer of Norfolk spent the week end here with Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Peele.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hollis and Carla went to Norfolk Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Daniels and family spent the week end in Portsmouth.

Daniel Ballance of Elizabeth City visited here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lathan Austin and family of Charleston, S. C. are visiting here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Midgett and family of Norfolk were home last week.

Bill Buchanan of Norfolk spent the week end here with Mrs. Bill Buchanan.

Mr. and Mrs. Beverly O'Neal of Norfolk spent the week end here with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny O'Neal.

Gamiel Ballance of the Coast Guard is home after spending a year of duty in Alaska.

Joe Sewell motored to Norfolk Monday.

KITTY HAWK PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beacham and Mr. and Mrs. Will Perry motored to Flatty Creek Baptist Church over the week end. The regular monthly meetings at Primitive Baptist Church this week were held with Elder George Trevathian presiding.

Little Matilda Lizabeth Baum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Baum, will celebrate her first birthday at home on Friday, May 2nd.

Mrs. Lee Perry and mother, Mrs. Allen Hayman to Baltimore this week to visit Mrs. Perry's son, Bobby Sullivan, U.S.C.G. Mrs. Perry will drive Bobby's car back home while his ship is en route to Wilmington, N. C.

Mrs. Hettie Baum is home after a short illness in Elizabeth City hospital.

Mrs. Sallie M. White and son, Jim, are spending a week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Midgett.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Perry of Norfolk spent a few days at their Bay Side cottage here.

Worth Midgett, U.S.C.G., stationed on weather cutter out of New York, is home on leave.

Jack Finn, U.S.C.G., Elizabeth City is home with his family.

Mrs. Viola R. Outlaw and children of Norfolk visited Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rogers.

Miss Tanya Dawn Tillett, graduate nurse of Duke University, Durham, after a visit home, has returned to her work.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Beasley, Churches Island, are spending some time with Mrs. S. B. Beasley at the beach.

Henry Baum and sister Mary have moved home after working in Norfolk.

Mrs. Will Tillett visited her husband, in the hospital at Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Midgett children, and G. B. Midgett motored to Wilson over the week end.

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MOTOR MAIDS



Easy On The Gas-- Ahead On Safety

By Jeanne Smith, Dodge Safety Consultant

TEENAGERS ARE DISCOVERING that careful driving really pays off!

Through competition in high school safety-economy runs, participants find that taking it easy on the gas puts them ahead in safety and also stretches the weekly allowance.



Miss Smith

Patterned after the national economy run, the high school driving tests gratify teenagers' desire for competition and teach them that high speeds, "jack rabbit" starts, sharp turns and sudden stops will sharply reduce gas mileage.

Officials who sponsor the junior runs believe that, although most teenagers possess mechanical ability and are skilful drivers, some lack the proper mental attitude for safe driving.

Through these high school contests, held throughout the country, they hope to persuade young motorists that safe driving is as socially acceptable as making the football team or the honor roll.

In the runs, usually limited to about 35 participants, ability to drive both safely and economically is measured over a 100-mile route. Each driver is accompanied by an adult observer who checks to see that all traffic and safety laws are obeyed. For each infraction, the driver is penalized one-tenth of a gallon of gasoline. Violations may easily cost the driver a victory.

The three drivers in each contest who use the smallest amount of gas are awarded trophies at the high school assembly.

At a competition in Evanston, Ill., safety leaders from all over the country watched 27 Evanston Township High School students compete.

The participants averaged 19 miles to the gallon, and one of the two girls entered in the Evanston contest emerged as winner, with an average of 20.65 miles a gallon.

Proof of the program's acceptability is plentiful. Police officials, educators and safety experts have praised the runs.

As one youthful contestant put it, "The safety-economy run taught me that it's sensible and thrifty to drive safely."

MOTOR MAIDS



Safety Quiz On Major Road Risks

By Jeanne Smith, Dodge Safety Consultant

HERE'S A QUIZ that demands a perfect score!

The questions concern how to handle emergencies on the highway.

Not knowing the answer to even one of these questions could result in a serious accident.

Each year thousands of motorists are involved in unnecessary accidents, according to the National Safety Council, because they didn't know how to solve driving emergencies.

So if you don't score 100 percent on this quiz, better learn the answers to those you missed. You will be thankful that you did!



Miss Smith

QUESTIONS

What would you do if the following situations occurred while driving at a fairly high rate of speed on the highway?

1. You hit a curve and fear you'll lose control of the car.
2. A tire blows out.
3. Your right front tire drops off the pavement.
4. Your headlights go out.
5. The hood flies up, shutting off your vision.

ANSWERS TO SAFETY QUIZ

1. Avoid jerking the wheel in the opposite direction or slamming on the brakes while your wheels are turned. If you must apply brakes, straighten your wheels an instant, brake briefly, then let up on the brakes and turn the steering wheel to keep on the road.

2. Unless there are other cars or objects directly in your path, don't touch the brakes. The best way to regain control is to grip the steering wheel tightly and let the engine slow you down. If it's a rear tire that blows, steer to keep it straight—but be careful not to oversteer.

3. Continue straight ahead and slow down gradually. Keep a light touch on the gas pedal to maintain control and let the car roll evenly until stopped.

4. Switch to your low beams, spot light, fog lights or parking lights. If you have no lights at all, hold the wheel steadily, slow down and stop. To avoid such emergencies, have your car's wiring system checked frequently.

5. Try to peer under the hood or lean out the window to see ahead until you can steer safely off the road.

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MANTEO GIRL IS WED TO ELIZABETH CITY MAN

A wedding of interest to many people in Dare County took place at seven o'clock in the evening on Thursday, April 17, when Miss Annie Laurie Kee of Manteo became the bride of Richard Dale Collier of Elizabeth City in City Road Methodist Church, Elizabeth City. Rev. Gilbert V. Crutchfield officiated.

The bride wore a street length sheath dress of light blue lace with white accessories and carried a white satin prayer book topped with a purple-throated white orchid. Her matron of honor and only attendant, Mrs. Ray Piasecki of Elizabeth City, wore a street length dress of pale green silk with yellow accessories and a shoulder corsage of yellow and brown baby orchids.

Harry Wayne Collier served as his brother's best man.

Mrs. Collier is the daughter of Mrs. W. M. Joffitt of Manteo and Samuel Kee of Greenville, and a granddaughter of Mrs. W. G. Etheridge and the late Capt. Etheridge of Manteo. She is a graduate of Meredith College, Raleigh, and is a member of the Camden school faculty.

Mr. Collier, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Collier of Elizabeth City, attended Chowan College and Wake Forest College and plans to continue his studies for a career in law. At present he is associated in business with his father. He and Mrs. Collier are living in Elizabeth City.

Among those attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kee of Greenville; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Davis and Ralph Davis Jr., of Manteo.

Mrs. Chloe Florence Jarvis Hopper, wife of Russell M. Hopper of Lomita, Calif. died Sunday morning, April 20th. She was a resident of Kitty Hawk for many years, and had lived in California for over 20 years. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Wilson J. Haskett of Wood Bridge, Va., and Mrs. Thelma Raley of Imperial Beach, Calif.; a grand-son, Winkie Raley, and a great-grand-son, Larry Anderson, and several nieces and nephews. She was buried in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Carawan of Pantego visited Mrs. Mary Spencer and Miss Melissa Carawan.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Carawan, Mrs. James Hodges and Betsey visited Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Cox in Bath.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Davis, Mrs. John Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Barnhill Ballance, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Ballance of Norfolk were here Saturday for the funeral of Mrs. Cora Ballance.

R. G. Baum visited in Roper. Miss Cecilia Jennette of Peace College, Raleigh, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Jennette.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Sawyer visited in Washington.

Mrs. Jodie Williams was in Belhaven Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Spencer and Miss Mildred Spencer were in Washington Saturday.

Mrs. Annie Silverthorne of Scranton visited Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Credle.

Mrs. Luke Sawyer and Dewey Mrs. Paul O'Neal and J. P. were Washington visitors.

Miss Mary Swindell and Mrs. Una Jones of Washington visited the J. E. Spencers Sunday.

Miss Lona Bonner, Mrs. Claude Bonner, Mrs. Earl Harris, Mrs. C. J. Cahoon and Mrs. T. C. Tunnell were in Belhaven Saturday.

Mrs. Dewey Brown and Mrs. Homer McKinney of Reidsville were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Gaylord.

Rev. and Mrs. Rowell Lane and James Lane of Wake Forest visited

Mr. and Mrs. J. Harry Swindell. Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Jones of Ponzer visited Mr. and Mrs. James Gibbs.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Spruill Jr., Dickie and A. L. III of Columbia visited Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Cuthrell.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Cahoon and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cahoon visited Mrs. Abram Cahoon at the Fowle Hospital in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Berry are in Raleigh this week while Mr. Berry attends a meeting of the Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Bob O'Neal and Walter Gaskill of Manteo were Swan Quarter visitors Monday.

Mrs. Katie Ballance, Mrs. George Ben Williams, Rosemary Williams and Archie Baum were Washington visitors.

Miss Rosetta Spencer of Washington and Mrs. Jimmie Briley of Greenville visited Mr. and Mrs. Branch Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Murrow of Robersonville visited here on the week end.

DOWN TO EARTH

By CARLTON MORRIS

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OUR LAUGHTER HAS MANY AND VARIOUS FACES

LAUGHTER is one of the greatest outlets of emotion that is bestowed upon the human race. We laugh when the going is good and we smile when we are sad. There are thousands of faces for our laughter for we never stop smiling and laughing from morning till night, year in and year out.

WE LAUGH at our own antics and we laugh at our neighbors and the only thing that can still our laughter is to see ourselves as others see us. But we can never do that for like the blind men we see the elephant from many and various directions and never do two of us view the world through the same glasses.

OLD JOHN was a fit subject for our laughter for he was a lonely old man almost stone deaf. Sometimes he did odd jobs around town. He mowed the yards and raked the leaves and hoed the gardens and lived in a little shack where he could mutter and grumble and would bother no one. When he could get enough money together he walked five or six miles to a bootlegger and got a shot of raw corn likker. Then John felt as big as the biggest and how we did laugh at his antics when he had a shot or two under his old skin.

ON OCCASION he would get all of his money in a lump and then he would really get loaded or perhaps some of the boys would give him a dram or two, then he would blunder down the street headed for his little home where he could be alone to enjoy the blank sleep of alcohol. When we folks around town saw old John staggering homeward on rubbery legs, we would laugh and laugh.

"THERE GOES old John," we would laugh, "and he's really loaded."

ONCE IN a while old John would walk out in front of a car or truck but we were all careful to avoid running him down. Not a one of us would harm him for anything in the world. No sir, we just laughed and laughed.

THE OTHER day old John borrowed a bicycle and rode five or six miles to a bootlegger. He made

out pretty good too considering he is not accustomed to riding a bike. He made out pretty good on the way there but on the way back he didn't do so good. Either the bike dumped him or a car came along with a driver that didn't know old John was pretty near stone deaf and hit him. No one is sure just what happened, but he was dumped on the pavement and hurt right bad.

PRETTY SOON the word got out around town that old John had been dumped from a bicycle and everyone laughed and laughed. Some laughed until they almost cried about old John falling from that bicycle.

THEY TOOK him to the hospital and he began to act real bad. He got out his old pocket knife and tried to fight off everyone. Some said he must have got a load of fighting likker while others thought he was just mean. Some thought he had some broken ribs and maybe a concussion from his fall from the bicycle. But it was right funny, him trying to fight off the doctors and nurses who were trying to help him.

AFTER a while he got so bad they sent him to Dix Hill to see if the folks at the asylum could do anything with him.

EVERYONE AROUND town felt sorry for old John for his likker and chewing tobacco and pocket knife were taken away from him and that was just about all he had left. Everyone knows that the folks at Dix Hill will not allow corn likker in that place even if a man had the money to buy it and old John has no money.

THINGS ARE kind of quiet since they sent old John away and there isn't too much to laugh about, what with a lot of bad weather hindering crop planting and talk of a depression just around the corner, but sometimes we speak about old John and laugh and laugh.

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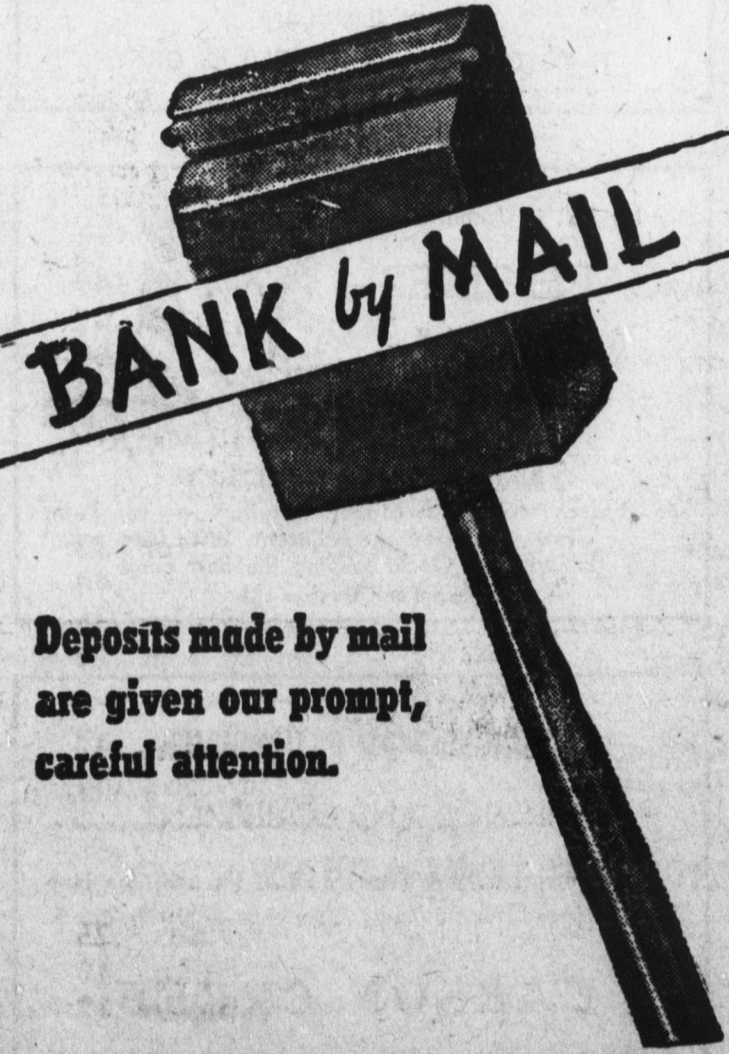


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