

SAFETY PROGRAM — State Highway Patrolman W. B. Bost, left, and Mooresville Police Chief Lloyd B. Shumake, right, discuss the Mooresville Optimist Club's "Wanted: Alive" safety program with Bobby Liner, chairman of the civic club's boys work chairman. The local club is distributing some 3,000 handbills and 100 posters, calling the public's attention to the program. A child, of tender years, of growing height, usually unruly hair and trusting eyes, is Wanted: Alive, the handbills and posters point out. The child's distinguishing marks include an always ready smile and he often steps off sidewalks without looking, sometimes careless at intersections, or he may be riding a bicycle. Any motorist observing this child must grant it safe passage, and receive as a reward: One Life Saved.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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Toys Are Vital Business In Country's Economy

Have you ever thought about the importance of toys to your children? Growing up, pleasure out of giving toys to children and toys are an important business in our economy.

But probably most important of all, toys and play equipment help children to grow up. Miss Frances Jordan, family relations specialist for the Agricultural Extension Service at N. C. State, says that children grow physically when playing with toys.

When they push heavy blocks and pull loaded wagons, they are strengthening those big muscles in their arms, legs and back. Playing with manipulative toys like puzzles, peg boards and things like that help children to develop the finer smaller muscles. They are also learning how to reason, use judgment, and be creative.

How do you go about selecting proper play equipment or toys? Needs and interests change with age so you should try to select the type of toy the child needs.

However, Miss Jordan says there are additional things you should consider when choosing what goes into Santa Claus's bag. Safety is important when choosing toys. You will have to remember that what is safe for the oldest boy may be unsafe to have around a toddler in the house. For smaller children, try to avoid anything with sharp or rough edges, objects with small removable parts, flammable toys or poorly made objects.

Miss Jordan says you should try to get toys that the child can do something with — not a mechanical toy that he can only look at or a expensive doll that he can only look at on the shelf.

Why don't you consider some of the creative toys? They will help the children to develop their muscle coordination, work independently, develop various manipulative techniques and skills through sensory perception.

Creative materials can be inexpensive. Why not give them a box of college materials? Fill a box with plastic screen wire, macaroni and noodles, nature materials (pine needles, leaves, seeds), scraps of fabric, beads and buttons along with some paste and paper. Very inexpensive but it will probably turn out to be the favorite gift under the tree. Don't forget to save your Christmas wrappings and ribbons for play after the holidays.

While buying good sturdy equipment may be initially expensive, the cost in the long run will be small considering the equipment use by several children in the family.

Some gift suggestions for the various ages include: Under 18 months — squeaky animals and dolls, soft woolly animals, exercise crib toys, small blocks, push-pull animals, simple musical toys, squeeze toys, nursery mobiles, books.

1½ to 3 years — tricycles, trucks big enough to straddle, play table and chairs, dress-up clothes, puzzles with few pieces, clay, stuffed animals, play furniture, telephone.

6 to 9 years — more housekeeping toys, more doll accessories, doll house and furniture, paper doll sets, simple sewing and embroidery sets, more carpentry tools, electric

train sets, dominoes, gun and holster sets, good grooming sets, garden sets, baseball and football equipment.

9 to 12 years — handicraft sets of all kinds, model kits for boats, space toys, hobby kits, marionettes, science toys, jigsaw puzzles, card games, make-up and good grooming kits, character dolls.

Adventurer At 70 Sails Raft Alone Far Over Pacific

Tough old William Willis has proved his point — that a man doesn't have to retire to a rocking chair when he reaches the age of 70. He did it the hard way — by sailing a big raft 8,000 miles across the Pacific Ocean from Peru to Samoa.

Willis is 70 years old, but at the end of his journey he was fit and happy—and enjoying the trip so much that he planned to get back atop ocean currents and ride to Australia, 4,000 miles away.

His only companions on the raft are 2 house cats.

Willis is a native of New York City, where his wife had refused to give up hope although she had no word of her husband since last August, when a freighter sighted his raft.

The raft, named Age Unlimited, is 32 feet long. Willis travels mainly by drifting with the ocean currents and with the help of a small sail. The raft has a rudder for steering. Willis carries ample supplies of food and water and fishes along the way to get fresh meat.

He is no amateur. In 1954 he made a similar trip across the Pacific Ocean.

Giving A Million Tuckers Him Out

"I'm plumb tuckered out, but I think I have most of the ground covered," said Fred Smoke, 80, of Valparaiso, Ind., as he finished the task of giving away \$1,000,000.

Smoke, a retired farmer who made a fortune in the stock market, decided last year to give his fortune to the worthy.

His gifts since then included \$825,000 for an addition to a hospital and for a home for the elderly and \$245,000 for construction of new schools.

Smoke has recently been seriously ill.

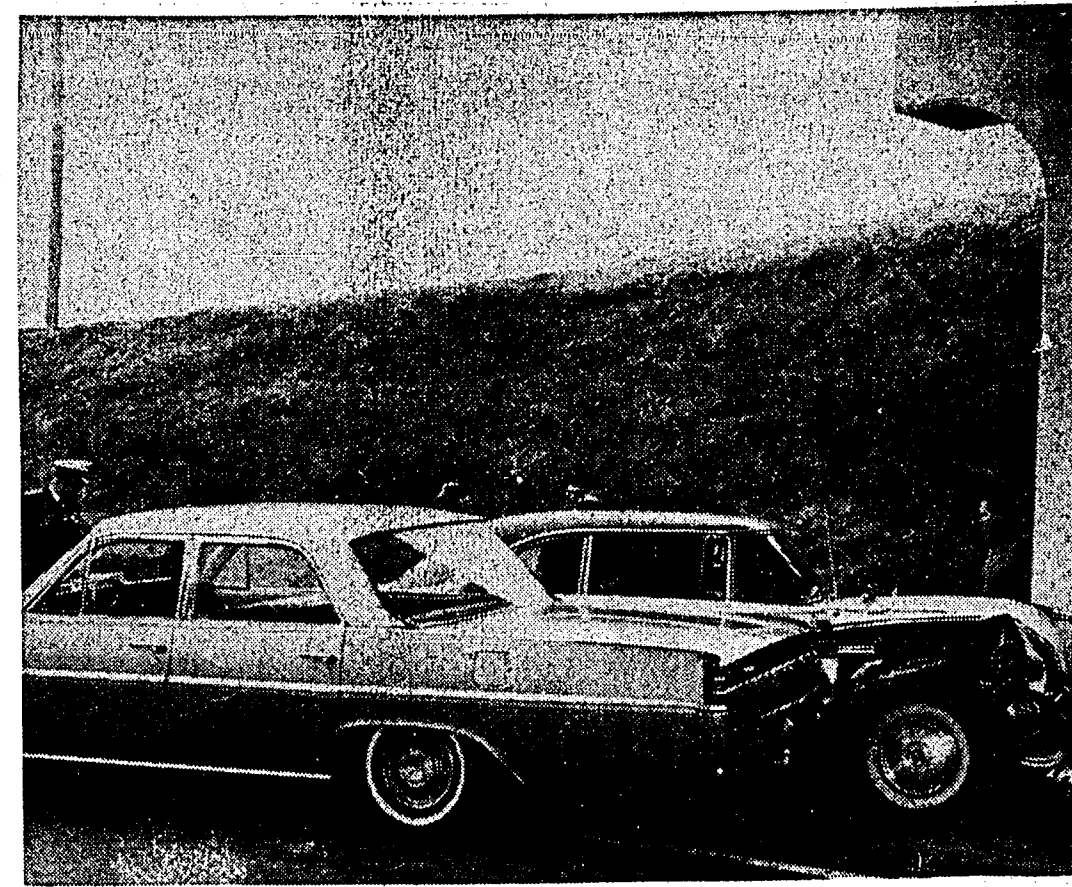
Boy Shot In Ear, But He Survives

A stray bullet from a hunter's rifle struck Roger Olson, 9, who lives near Two Harbors, Minn. The slug entered his right ear and emerged from his mouth. But it did not hit a bone or tooth, and the boy was not seriously injured.

Thieves Generous But Get Arrested

Two robbers held up Harold Cad. dell, of St. Louis, and took less than a dollar. They then took time to give him money to pay his bus fare home.

As they began to leave, Caddell saw a policeman and called for help. The 2 were charged with robbery.



N. C. HIGHWAY 150 WRECK SCENE — Two cars crashed almost head-on near here Friday morning when one of the drivers reportedly pulled out from behind a truck into the path of the other car after mistaking the turn signals of the truck as a signal that the way was clear for him to pass the truck. Billy David Avery, 23, of Iron Station, route 1, driver of the westbound 1955 Ford which pulled out from behind the truck, suffered a contusion of the face and a laceration of the chin. He was treated and later released from the Lowrance Hospital. Mrs. Kemp Sherrill of Mooresville, route 2, operator of the eastbound Pontiac, escaped injury. The accident occurred on N. C. Highway 150, where it intersects with U. S. By-Pass 21. Both vehicles were damaged extensively, according to the investigating officer, State Highway Patrolman W. C. Bost.



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Teachers and researchers do this work. To enable them to fulfill so responsible a role effectively, the college president usually accords a special privilege not given to any other group in our society. It is called academic freedom.

This freedom permits the teacher, so long as his honest thinking dictates it and he stays within his field, to take issue with views held by the majority of our citizenry, to contest views of his closest colleagues even if they outrank him, or to oppose views of his boss — the college president himself.

The theory behind this unique liberty granted to teachers is that it is a safeguard for society. Some one is needed to test and evaluate what we think and do as individuals or as a group.

For instance, is milk really as healthful as they say? A University of Minnesota professor says no, and has studies to substantiate the statement. What about cigarettes? Certain college researchers report evidence indicating that smoking may be a cause of lung cancer.

Academic freedom, therefore, is a special set of guarantees to teachers "designed to encourage and insure their boldness, their forthrightness, their objectivity, and (if necessary) their criticism of us who maintain them."

Milk companies and cigarette firms may not like what the college researchers are doing, but they recognize and support their right to free inquiry and expression.

Responsibility for directing and coordinating the many activities of college and university teachers representing various fields of knowledge is a gargantuan one for the college president.

He respects and defends his faculty's "academic freedom," but at the same time he must give their numerous efforts some kind of unity and purpose.

The task requires the ultimate in leadership qualities. It requires teaching and varied academic knowledge. It requires administrative, financial, fund raising, and house-keeping knowledge. It requires limitless energy. It requires extreme patience. It requires an articulate, friendly personality. It requires courage and integrity.

No wonder the term of office for a college president averages only four years, give or take a few months.

But there's no question that the college presidents of our nation represent the finest of American men and women.

These gifted executives usually perform their responsibilities through persuasion, logic, and teamwork rather than "by command." And most presidents practice gradualism, described by one dean as the "art of doing easily tomorrow what could be done today only over a dead body."

The presidents head institutions of varying sizes and purposes. Dr. Gustave R. Rosenberg is interim executive officer of the largest institution of higher education in the U. S., the City University of New York, which has 104,000 students. City University is looking for a chancellor now.

Dr. Nathan M. Pusey guides the most prestigious — Harvard University.

Dr. William Friday is president of the first state university in America to open its doors to students (1790) — the University of North Carolina.

Dr. W. H. Pierson heads an institution with a single purpose — teacher education. It is Appalachian State Teachers College with over 3,000 students.

Arend D. Lubbers at 31 is the youngest president of a degree-granting college and heads one of the smaller institutions — Iowa's Central College, which has 501 students.

In between are some 2,000 chief executives of institutions of higher learning, ranging from junior colleges up through the great multipurpose state universities and professional schools. These institutions will soon enroll 4,000,000 students, the cream of American young men and women. College presidents need our sympathetic understanding as they strive to increase public support while defending the right of their faculties to pursue truth, however unpopular it sometimes may be.

Party, Dance Set Saturday For Teenagers

The Mooresville Recreation Department will sponsor a Christmas party and dance for the Mooresville Teenage Club Saturday night, December 21, at the War Memorial.

Jacob Kutschenko, recreation department staff member who is in charge of arranging the holiday affair, said the Downtowns from Davidson will provide music for the dance, that will be held from 8 p. m. until 11 p. m.

The Teenage Club now has 101 members. All club members will be admitted to the festivities upon display of their membership cards.

Admission for youngsters who aren't club members will be 50 cents. The admission fee also enrolls a teenager into the club and pays his dues through December.

Carl Baber, recreation director, joined Kutschenko in urging all area young people to take advantage of this opportunity for Christmas fun and fellowship.

Law Of Bible Halts Thieves

Irritated at thieves who were stealing apples from his orchard, Claude Bache, of Churchhill, England, put up a sign saying: "Keep out. Trespassers will be prosecuted."

When the apples continued disappearing he took down the sign and replaced it with one that read: "Thou shalt not steal."

The thefts stopped.

Tossed Stones Flush Out Bear

While walking home with his brother Joe Curno, of Sugar Island, Mich., heard a noise in the bushes just off the main highway. He tossed some stones in the direction of the noise, and a large black bear emerged and attacked him.

Curno said his brother, Oliver, shouted, and dogs at a nearby house barked. The bear fled. Curno was treated at a hospital.



WHO YOU? — When you're six months old, you're more apt to be terrified than awed by Santa Claus. A mixed of fear, curiosity and perplexity shows on the face of young Scott McLean as he is held by Mr. Claus at one of the old man's countless audiences in the Mooresville area. Scott is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McLean of Statesville Road.



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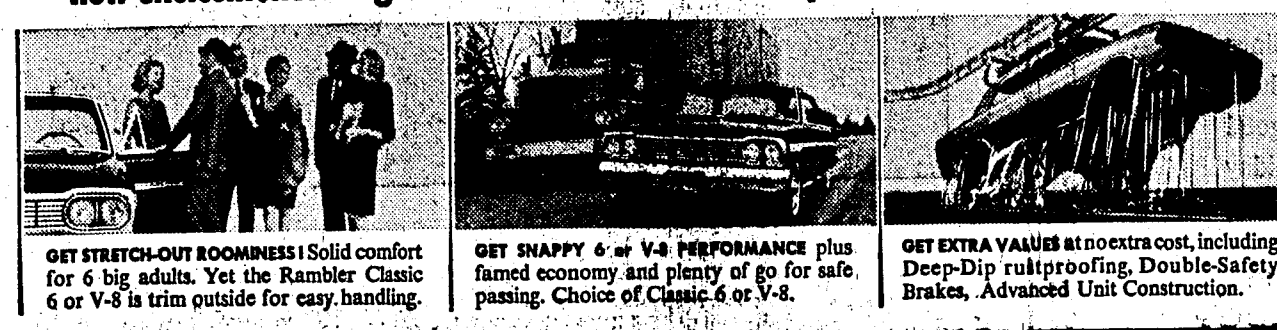
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OPTIMISTS MAKE A SALE — Mrs. Donald Westmoreland purchases a Christmas tree from Felton Burris, vice chairman of the Mooresville Optimist Club's Christmas tree sales committee, while Tree Sales Chairman Richard Lewis looks on. The local civic club is conducting its annual sale of trees this year from a lot on East Iredell avenue, directly across the street from Carolina Tire Company. Canadian Balsam firs and local cedars are being offered for sale, the proceeds going into the club treasury for use in its boys' work program. Some 100 trees have already been pre-sold, but there's plenty left.

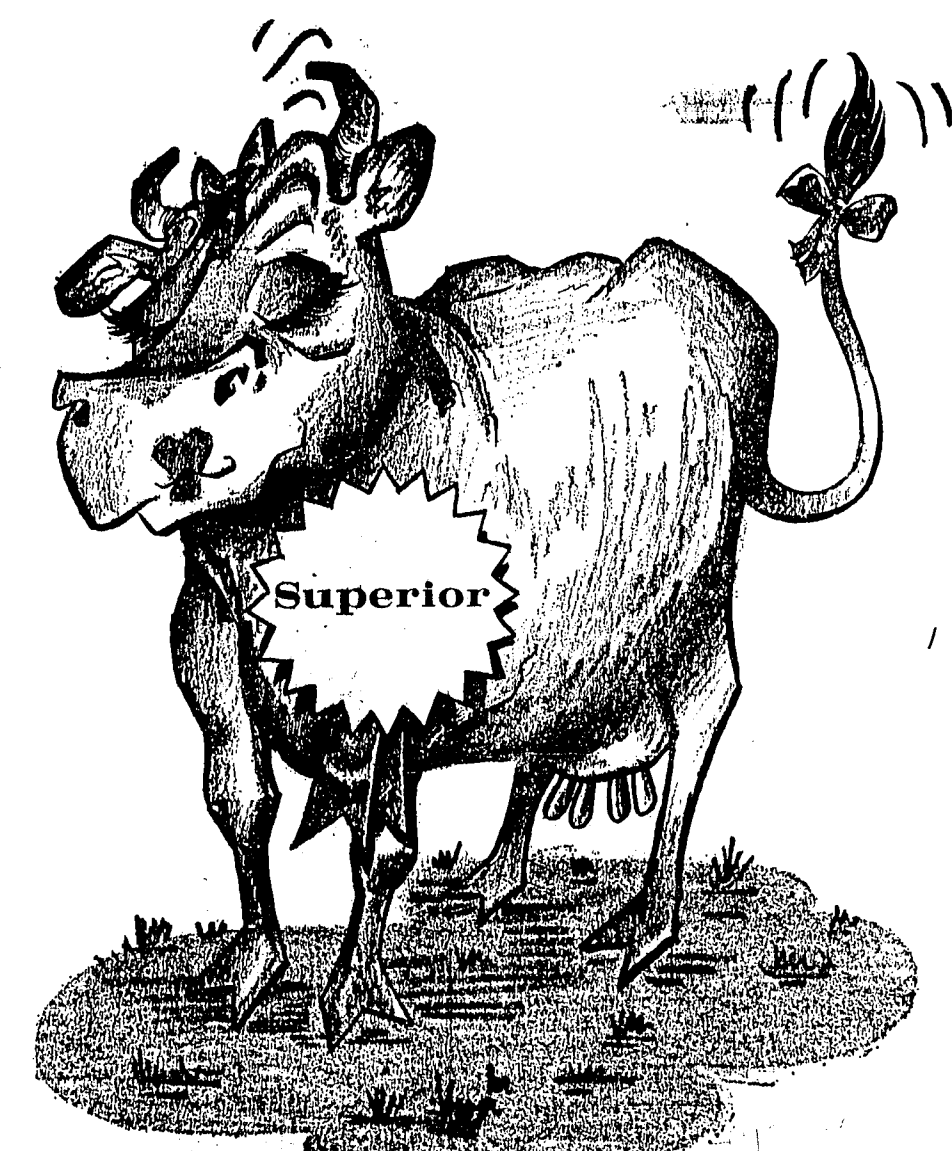


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