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SAFETY PROGRAM COMES TO LIFE

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TWE state has, by and large, been content

for Governor Scott to have his way in
restaffing State offices with his 'way supporters. There have been a few eyebrows
littled here and there at the various new
appointments were announced, and there
is the growing suspicion that the man who
set out to smash "The Machine" is building
for himself a new and even stronger machine which, in the absence of outstanding
opports the State has seen since the old
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But the Governor came through with one appointment this week that is hard for anyone to stomach — even the Raleiph Neus & Observer, staunch supporter of Go Forward and the Charlie McCarthy of the

Forward and the Charile McCarthy of the chief executive.

The Governor appointed C. R. Tolar sa commander of the State Highway Patrol and director of the Highway Safety Division, Mr. Tolar is a man of varied experience, having dabbled in a large number of enterprises in the past few years. He apparently met Scott after the first primary, warmed up to him, drove him around the state during the run-off, and as long ago as last November thought he had the State Highway Patrol job sewed up.

He was arrested for speeding then by two Scotland Neck officers who signed an affidavit last week saying Tolar had tried to get them to squeich the charge. Tolar, they said, told them he was to be the new Highway Patrol commander. They weren't impressed. The case was head and settled in Hailfax Recorder's Court Jan. 4 when Tolar paid \$\$3.50 in court costs.

Says The Nens & Observer.

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drove the car in which Governor Scott campaigned last year. Jee in Governor, for This is unfortunate for Governor, for This is unfortunate to Governor, for This is unfortunate to Governor, for the state of the great job which needs to be done in convincing people that is we-loading driving does not pay in that is we-loading driving does not pay in the convenience of the law while expecting to be Patrol commander. It will not help the Governor in a campaign for roads upon which safely is one of the most important factors.

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It didn't help things a bit that the Governor, on the same day, appointed as assistant director of the Safety Division one Jeff B. Wilson, Young Democratic Club campaign director for last Fall's general election campaign and Ho us aç calendar clerk for the 1940 General Assembly. Mr. Wilson is a chubby, affable fellow, whose chief skill seems to be his ability to amuse legislators. Once, during the recent session, he dressed up as a plump lady, ilpastick and all, and was escorted down to the Speaker's dias by that humorous gentleman from Bertie, "Cousin" Way Is and Spruill, while the House roared. Again, at a legislative songlest, he ladd them in the alses with an imitation of an highly inebrated pedestrian who was affilted with an upset stomach.

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The State safety program took a bad enough licking from the General Assembly when the auto inspection law was repealed. It is not going to be helped back on its feet by the appointment of a speed law violator as safety director, and a legislative court Jesier as assistant safety director.

GEN. CLAY LEAVES BERLIN

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It is not an easy thing to be responsible
to the entire world in your job, to know
that should you make a mistake the world
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understandable that Gen. Lucius Clay hasabled dur in the past months to be relied dur in the past months to be reare United States Military Governor in
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And The pressure during the months of
the blockade became great and travelers
returning from Europe told Administration
officials that Clay's health was bad, that
he might "crack up" if he were net relieved.

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President Truman has relieved the General John J. McCloy, president of the Internal Bank for Reconstruction and Development, will replace him on May 15.

Some have, been wondering why the President has finally agreed to accept Gen-Clay's resignation. True, the Jessup-Malik talks on the blockade were in progress when Clay's transfer was announced, but there had been so decision, the galutation was still touchy. And if anyone thought the announced plans for formation of a West-bank of the Company o

It has been suggested that Clay and the civilian agencies charged with the government of Berlin were often out of step, that the General had not been able to adapt himself to civilian diplomatic procedures. It has been said that he operated in a high-handed military manner.

night-nanded milliary manner. There has also been talk that the General falled to co-operate in the breaking-up of the German trusts. Chartable observers in Berlin say Clay was misled by those who stood to gain from keeping the cartels intact.

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The truth of General Clay's mistakes in Berlin may never be known; it-may be that he made no major mistakes.

Nevertheless, as General Clay leaves Berlin, the city is in a relatively peaceful state; as an East-West trouble spot it has assumed secondary importance. For the part General Clay played in maintaining peace during a trying period, this nation will be grateful; it will, view such imperfections as he may have in the light of his heavy , burden of responsibility.

HIGHWAYS IN BAD SHAPE

THE warning voiced by Director Mac-Donald of the U. S. Public Roads Ad-ministration, elsewhere on this page, do sys-tem because the 1949 General Assembly litted the maximum weight for trucks from 56,000 to 60,000 pounds.

The Legislature did provide a safeguard; tt authorized the State Highway Commis-sion to designate weight limits for each road in the state so that the heaviest ve-hicles would be required to travel on those roads capable of carrying them.

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It would seem the better part of wisdom for the new Highway Commission to get bury without delay on this project, and further Tob, the State Highway Patrol to acquire such equipment as needed to enforce adequately the weight limits. Else the Commission might get so bogged down in Governor Scott's rural road pffogram—provided it is approved by the people—that it might not get around to this important activity.

There has been a great deal of talk about the new secondary road program, and little about our primary roads, many of which are in worful state. We'still have in North Carolina 18 - foot 1 highways carrying as many as 6,000 vehicles a day, and it was estimated by the recent Highway Commission that it would require \$350 million to put our primary roads in modern condition. The state of the sta

mated at \$98 million for the considering the whole road program, it should be remembered that the primary roads produce 80 per cent of the State's gasoline tax reviewe (excluding municipalities), and that we may lose more than we gain if we let them deteriorate further under the heavy pounding of modern vehicles while we spend all our time and money on a secondary road system.

From The St. Louis Star-Times

BLOW TO 'FAIR TRADE'

THE Florida Supreme Court has voided that state's 10-year-old "fair trade" law. No longer can the manufacturer of trade-marked goods set minimum prices and force all retailers to adhere to them. The law, said the court, was against the public interest; it created a monopoly, stiffed competition and was an excessive stiffed competition and was an excessive stiffed competition and was an excessive court's view of the time of petitation. Yet in 45 of the 48 states law, similar to Florida's have been-mancled. In some of them they have stood up under court tests. The Florida ruling, in short, is contray to what had seemed a national trend toward price fitting by state law. Missouri happens to be one of the three states where "fair trade" has been resisted. The flight has been bitter at times, and the proponents of a "fair trade" law have had either states had such laws. Now the number is reduced to 44. The proponents' case

is weakened a bit by that. It is weakened more by the court's flat denunciation of the principle.

Minimum price laws, it has been demon strated repeatedly, mean a generally high-er level of prices than prevail under free competition. They penalize the consumer and they take away from the enterprising merchant the right to conduct his business

merchànt the right to conduc nis oussident in his own way.

The Missouri Legislature has been com-mendably stubborn in its refusal to enact a "fair trade" law. It should be strengthened in this stand by what the Florida court has said about such laws after a ten-year trial.

Times change. In the old days our Congressmen gave us all the garden seed we needed and we appreciated the favor so much that we gave him our voice. Now if the doesn't give us airports, steel plants, ateel plants, water projects, subsidies and pensions, we ask rum to stay at home. — Pittsburg (Texas) Taxeette;



National Highway Problem

Big Trucks And Roads

Overloaded trucks are destroying American Oblighways. That is the opinion of Thomas H. MacDonald (director of the Federal Public Roads Administration.

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"Truck operators" he said, have said that prevention of damage to bituminous pavements, and the pumping and breakage of concrete are technical matters; that ensineers must find and apply a freenest. This is true only to the extent the design limits. The chief destruction that the extent in the said limits. The chief destruction before a overlanding are been of the least limits.

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People's Platform

Joseph Alsop

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Marquis Childs

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Mother's Never Missed Until Too Late

(Ed. Note—With Mothers' Day tomorrow. Drew Pearson's column today takes the form of a letter to his daughter about his mother.)

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'I Remember Mother' (
THE thing I remember most about my Mother is the things THE thing I remember most about my Mother is the things. I wanted to do with her when she was alive—but didn't. You never realize what it is not to have a mother, until she is gone, and when the only thing that is left is a grave and memories. mories.

Memories can be so full and satisfying. But they can be filled with regret—regret for the things you never with your mother that she wanted you by do—the trips

she wanted you to take with her, the books she wanted you to read, the plays she wanted you to read, the plays she wanted you to see.

After Pather died in San Paracleco, I took her down to Ventura, Cehlf: where J had to speak. There is an artists' colour nearby and quite a nice hotel. It was a short trip, but love Mother loved it. I can still remember putting her took to be apply and the play of the play of the play of the play of the play in the play of th

Two Pioneer Women

I MAVE sometimes thought this! If she had to go. It was bester that she went before President Truman three a name at me which according to common usage reflected on her. It would have hurt the terribly.

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busy. I don't know how good a dentist he was, but I do know that he was a good Father because my Mother was only eight months old when her mother dies.

The Last Spring