

New Auto Tag Is 1-10th As Large, But Twice as Hard to Buy This Year

Raleigh, Dec. 15.—Although Tar Heel auto owners will get only one tiny slip of precious metal for an auto tag—instead of the formidable two large tags of previous years—they will go to twice as much trouble and spend three times as much time in getting them. And they'll cost just as much.

Consequently, it is anticipated that tens of thousands of last-minute applicants may be careless as well as gasless January 1st, according to the N. C. motor vehicle department, which is rather frantically trying to warn motorists to start buying their tags now.

Must Have Old Card
In the first place, no 1943 tabs will be issued until the motorist has turned in his 1942 registration card. If the motorist has lost his 1942 card, there is only one way to get it replaced—via the motor vehicle office in Raleigh. Branch offices of the Carolina Motor Club, which is handling sales in about 60 cities, are forbidden to issue replacements for lost 1942 cards. This is the first year the autoist has had to turn in his last year's card, and officials estimate that some thousands of Tar Heels will suddenly discover that they do not have one. They recommend that motorists check now to see if they have such a card, and, if not, to make application for replacement immediately.

Their concern over this comes from the experience they had during the OPA gasoline registration. At that time, some 40,000 North Carolinians discovered they had lost their 1942 registration cards, and the Raleigh motor vehicle office was flooded for weeks with applications for replacements. At one time, around 1,000 letters and telegrams were being received each day.

Must List Occupation
In the second place, each applicant's occupation must be written on the second of the four cards of the new registration strip—also a new strip, to same time when the 1943 cards are received, applicants are asked to write their occupation right above the line "Alphabetical file" which appears on the bottom.

PREPARING YULE GOODIES UNDER RATIONING
A collection of old-time recipes that will make the youngsters ask for more, prepared with ingredients not affected by rationing. Don't miss this timely feature in the December 20th issue of **THE AMERICAN WEEKLY** the Big Magazine Distributed with **BALTIMORE SUNDAY AMERICAN** On Sale at All Newsstands

of the second card. This is a requirement of the war department this year.

With these things done already, the applicant presents himself to the nearest license sale branch. There, the clerk will fill into the blanks the old 1942 license plate number which, of course, the motorist retains for another year. The 1942 pocket card itself is left with the clerk.

The tab the applicant will receive will be affixed to the rear license plate, but the front license plate must also be retained. Do not, caution the motor vehicle officials, throw away either of your old plates—you will have the same old number that you had in 1942.

Migration Worry
Another worry arising in this year's license plate sale comes from the fact that thousands of motorists have moved into defense areas. Many of these people, Ward thinks, will not receive their new 1943 pocket registration cards. If any motorist has not received such a card by December 10th he should get busy and notify the motor vehicle department in Raleigh of the fact so that the misdirected card can be substituted and sent on to him at his new address.

"We anticipate that it will take three times as long to sell a tab this year as it took to sell two plates last year," Ward explained. "Therefore, unless motorists want to stand in line and even be without their plates for several days, every effort should be made to clear up any doubts at the start of the sale period. There will be no extension of time beyond December 31, 1942."

U. S. BOMBERS AGAIN BATTER JAP AIRDROME

Washington, Dec. 15.—American fliers turned loose a double-barreled bombing assault on the Jap airdrome on New Georgia island Monday in an intensified effort to knock it out before the enemy can use it to menace Guadalcanal and challenge U. S. aerial supremacy in the Southern Solomons.

A navy communique today reporting the continued attacks made it plain that the New Munda airport, 150 miles northwest of Guadalcanal, is now the No. 1 American objective. With one exception it has been pounded daily since last Wednesday. Yesterday it was hammered twice, in the morning and afternoon, by the most devastating planes in Maj. Gen. A. A. Vandegrift's aerial repertoire.

UNCHANGED
The general level of farm prices received by farmers for agricultural commodities remained unchanged during the month ending November 15 at 169 per cent of the 1909-1914 average.

SMAWLEY HEADS LOCAL CAGERS

Unusual Happens in That a Player is Full-Time Coach of Basketball Team

For the first time in the long and colorful history of North Carolina basketball, a player is serving as a full-time coach of a college team. Belus Smawley, brilliant center and pivot star of Appalachian College, has been appointed as cage mentor.

Smawley has been a member of the Appalachian varsity for the past three seasons. During that period he has made the all-North State conference team for the past two seasons, being the unanimous choice his sophomore year. During his college career, Smawley flipped in 793 points for an average of 12 points per game. Most of these points were scored from an especially accurate hook-shot from the pivot position and an overhead push-shot while at the peak of a twisting jump. He is a senior in physical education at the local institution and will report for the navy's V-7 program training upon his graduation this spring.

Smawley has a group of 15 men on his 1942-43 varsity squad. He is blessed by the return of four lettermen and eight reserves. The other three on the squad are freshmen.

In his captain and senior guard, Zeke Isaacs, Smawley possesses one of the best ball handlers and defensive men in the North State Jimmy Miller, a junior, has stepped into the shoes of his brother, Danny, Warren Hawkins, a lanky 190-pounder, will be the other pivot along with Smawley. Willard Kaylor, sophomore and former school boy scoring ace of Marion, is at the other forward slot.

For reserves Smawley has a competent stock of experienced men. Those with one or more years experience in the fast North State conference are: J. C. Roten, Lloyd Isaacs, Wayne Shoaf, Jimmy DeHart, Eugene Knott. Some of the flaming freshies are Sam Moir, Doran Walters, Randy Brown, Tom Beach and Francis Essie.

The Appalachian Mountaineers, always a strong contender and usually champions of the North State, will definitely be the outstanding team in the coming season. They will engage four out-of-state opponents on their schedule of 20 games. More games are being sought, and several are tentatively arranged with some of North Carolina's stronger schools.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE
North Carolina, Watauga County; in the Superior Court

Lizzie Main vs. John A. Main.
The defendant, John A. Main, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the superior court of Watauga county, North Carolina, for the purpose of securing an absolute divorce on the grounds of two years separation, and the said defendant, John A. Main, will take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the clerk of the superior court of Watauga county, in the courthouse in Boone, North Carolina, within 20 days from the 12th day of January, 1942, and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff filed in this action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for he relief demanded in said complaint, which is that an absolute divorce be granted to the plaintiff.

This 12th day of December, 1942.
A. E. SOUTH,
Clerk Superior Court, Watauga County. 12-17-42-h

NOTICE
North Carolina, Watauga County; in the Superior Court

James McNeil and wife, Verlee McNeil, and Grady McNeil and wife, Minnie McNeil, vs. Annie Belle Logan and Lucy Mae Logan, Minors, and D. W. Logan.

The defendants will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the superior court of Watauga county, North Carolina, for partition of real estate, and being the lands of Bynum McNeil, deceased, in Watauga county, in which the defendants have an interest, and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the clerk of the superior court of said county in the courthouse in Boone, North Carolina, within twenty days from the 8th day of January, 1943, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiffs will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 8th day of December, 1942.
A. E. SOUTH,
Clerk Superior Court for Watauga County. 12-10-42-h

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