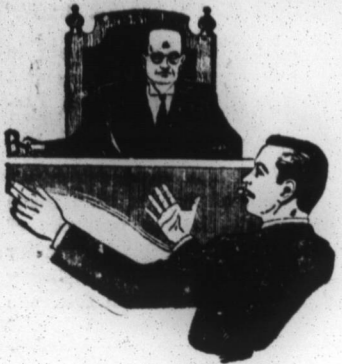


This is the Law



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(For the N. C. Bar Association)

Finders
Two small boys were employed to clean out an old henhouse on a farm occupied by William Roberts, but which had previously been owned and in the possession of numerous other persons. While so engaged they dug up an old rust-eaten can containing a number of musty and partially decayed tobacco bags filled with \$7,000 worth of gold coins.

The money was buried four inches beneath the debris and dirt in the henhouse. The ground around it was quite solid, as if it had not been disturbed recently. The building itself was old, and looked as if it had not been cleaned out for some time. The boys, at the request of Roberts, handed their discovery over to Roberts. May the boys in a legal proceeding recover the money from Roberts?

This was an actual case decided in Oregon some years ago. The Supreme Court of Oregon held that the boys, as finders, were entitled to keep the money as against all persons other than the rightful owner. The fact that the money was found on the premises of Roberts, or that the boys were employed by him at the time, in no way affected their rights to the same.

The facts of the particular case were sufficient to indicate that Roberts himself had not placed the money in the henhouse.

A painter was employed to redecorate several rooms in a hotel. In the course of his work, he found it necessary to lift up a rug on the floor. Under this rug he found \$700 in twenty-dollar bills. The money was entirely of large-size bills which had been called in by the government sixteen years earlier. The painter turned the money over to the manager of the hotel for the purpose of locating the owner. The owner has never been located. May the painter recover the money from the hotel?

The Supreme Court of Minnesota held in 1947 that the painter, as the finder, had the superior right to the money. He was permitted to recover the money from the hotel.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church had a "Carpet Rag Committee." They procured carpet rags sewed end to end and rolled into balls from whatever source they could, and then parceled them out to women to whom they paid an agreed amount per square yard for weaving the rags into rugs.

Two women of the committee delivered to Mary Thompson a cardboard box filled with balls of carpet rags. Mary found concealed in the center of one of these balls \$2,100 in bills of ten and twenty dollar denominations, which had been neatly rolled and tied and then wrapped inside the rags. If the owner of the money is never found,

is Mary entitled to keep the money? Yes. This was an actual case decided by the Supreme Court of Wisconsin in 1948.

There have been no North Carolina cases in any way similar to the above actual cases. If there should be, the North Carolina courts would undoubtedly be influenced by the judicial precedents that they have set.

The Driver's Clinic

A question and answer column on traffic safety, driving and automobiles conducted for this newspaper by the State Department of Motor Vehicles.

Question: Why is it dangerous to coast downhill in neutral?

Answer: In neutral, the braking power of the engine is lost, leaving the driver with only the brakes to check downhill momentum. On long down-grades it's possible to burn out linings by controlling the car with the brakes alone.

Question: Many short-haul trips require frequent oil changes. Why?

Answer: Short trips seldom allow the engine to reach its most favorable operating temperature. If the engine is not operated in the proper temperature range, oil dilution occurs necessitating frequent changes.

Question: What should you do if your hydraulic brakes suddenly go out?

Answer: Several things, depending on traffic, location and other hazards. Normally, one or more of these would help: Apply emergency brake, shift to lower gear, cut ignition, steer along the edge of the curb with the right wheels, steer onto the shoulder of the highway. Never disengage the clutch except when shifting to a lower gear.

Question: How can you easily measure the effectiveness of the brake system?

Answer: With the car standing still, push down on the brake pedal. If it can be depressed to within one inch of the floorboard, the brakes need attention. Then drive at slow speed, apply the brakes abruptly. If the car pulls sharply to one side, brakes are unbalanced. At higher speeds it could throw a car out of control.

Question: How can a newspaper be useful around a car?

Answer: Spread out, it can be used to protect clothing when inspecting underneath the car. It can be used to clean spark plugs and wires. It may be taped to the windshield and windows overnight to prevent frosting. It may be left underneath the car overnight to detect a suspected oil leak. It may be spread on the floor of a car during long cold drives to keep the feet warm. It's handy for cleaning windshields after rainy weather.

Question: How do you keep ice



HARVESTS TOP REWARD—Named Star Farmer of America, Joe Moore, 21, receives a congratulatory kiss from his fiancée, Ann Huffines. Moore was named "Star Farmer" by the Future Farmers of America, meeting in convention at Kansas City, Mo. He hails from Cranville, Tenn.

further damage to the crop was caused by the hurricanes during August and September.

Sweet Potato Crop 4 1/2 Million Bushels

The 1955 sweet potato crop is estimated at 4,500,000 bushels, according to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service. The current production estimate is 12 per cent above 1954 although 21 per cent below the 10-year average.

November 1 prospects point to a yield per acre of 100 bushels compared with 93 last year and 107 for the 10-year 1944-53 average.

There is no such way to attain to greater measure of grace as for a man to live up to the little grace he has. —James G. Brooks.

Smallest Crop Of Pecans Since 1930

Reports from growers as of November 1 indicate the North Carolina pecan production at 800,000 pounds, the smallest crop since 1930, according to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service. The November 1 estimate is 20 per cent below the short crop of 1954 and is 66 per cent below the 10-year average production of 2,371,000 pounds.

Pecan trees were damaged by the severe freeze on March 25, and

N. C. Soybean Crop Down 12 Per Cent

Lowest Crop Reported Since 1945 Except In 1953

Reports from growers, as of November 1, indicate a soybean crop of 4,132,000 bushels, according to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service. This is 12.0 per cent below the 1954 crop of 4,720,000 bushels. If the November 1 estimate is realized, production is expected to be the lowest since 1949 except for 1953 when 4,076,000 bushels were produced.

The currently estimated yield per acre of 14.5 bushels compares with 16.0 last year and is the lowest since 1948.

Storms followed by excessive rainfall during the crucial production period did considerable damage to the crop in the Coastal Plains area. However, some fields of soybean are producing fair to good yields. Expected yields from the Piedmont section are considered good although the acreage for beans is very small when compared with the Coastal Plains area.

Hog Flu Causes Great Deal Loss In Weight

Hog raisers are in for serious trouble when flu invades the swine herd, the American Foundation for Animal Health warned farmers today.

"Fall pigs may be very susceptible to swine influenza because of the chilly, changeable weather at this time of year," the Foundation said. "Adequate housing, good bedding, and proper ventilation should be provided and other preventative steps taken to avoid losses."

Swine influenza is not a major swine killer, but it takes a tremendous economic toll because it causes poor feed efficiency, losses in weight, and lowered fertility.

The Foundation suggested that farmers practice the following precautions to keep swine flu from their herds during the winter months ahead:

1. Provide well-bedded, well-ventilated and draft-free quarters. Overcrowding and night piling should be avoided.
2. Watch for warning signs of influenza, such as listlessness, coughing, watery eyes, loss of appetite and difficult breathing.
3. Isolate newly-purchased pigs for at least two weeks before allowing them in the home herd.

4. In the event of symptoms, have the trouble diagnosed immediately so proper nursing and treatment can be started. Steps should also be taken to prevent complicating diseases from striking, the Foundation reported.

Wrong Notion

A blazing gun battle had broken up the political meeting in a mountain community notorious for feud-in' and fightin'.

"What started the shooting?" asked a visitor from the outside.

"Feller made a motion that was out of order," a graybeard told him.

"Well, it was outrageous and undemocratic to start trouble over that," the outlander fumed. "What was the motion?"

"Toward his hip pocket," the outsider drawled.

What we most need is the prayer of fervent desire for growth in grace, expressed in patience, meekness, love, and good deeds. —Mary Baker Eddy.



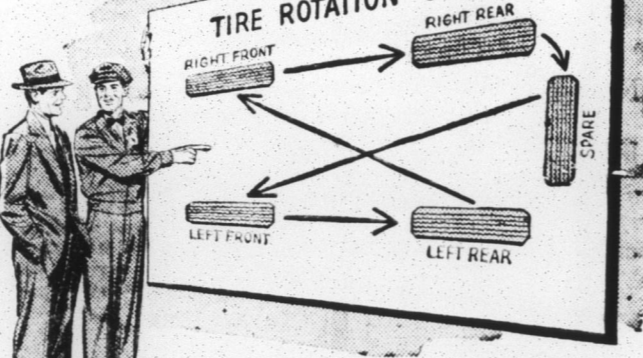
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NOTICE!

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The Tax Books for the year 1955 are now in my hands for the collection of taxes. We urge you to pay your taxes now and thus avoid the penalty which will begin on February 1.

A PENALTY OF 1% WILL BE ADDED ON 1955 TAXES NOT PAID BEFORE FEBRUARY 2. ANOTHER 1% WILL BE ADDED MARCH 2 AND AN ADDITIONAL 1/2 OF 1% WILL BE ADDED FOR EACH ADDITIONAL MONTH TAXES ARE UNPAID.

J. A. BUNCH
SHERIFF OF CHOWAN COUNTY



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