

## NEW SPEED LAWS BEING DRAWN UP THROUGHOUT N. C.

### Broughton Asks Action To Slash Number of Traffic Fatalities

Speed laws may soon be put into effect in this section, and "rigidly enforced," according to State Highway Commissioner P. B. Ferebee. The plan follows a meeting of the State Highway Commission with Gov. Broughton in Raleigh last week.

The speed laws were asked by the Governor in an effort to reduce the number of traffic deaths. Nearly 1,300 people were killed in traffic accidents in North Carolina last year.

Mr. Ferebee said the Commission was told that Traffic Engineer Adolphus Mitchell is now "clocking curves" to determine the highest speed at which they can be negotiated safely. Suggestions for speed limits on various curves and stretches throughout the State also have been sought from members of the Highway patrol.

The new laws will be formulated by using all these findings as a base.

"If you gentlemen will set up speed zones, which you have authority to do," Gov. Broughton told the Commissioners, "I'll undertake to see that they are enforced by the Highway Patrol."

The proposed new laws will be especially applicable to Cherokee and adjoining counties, in which dangerous curves abound often bordering almost sheer drops of hundreds of feet.

Heretofore speed has been left largely to the discretion of the driver, the general rule on the Highways being merely that the driver travel at a rate he considered "safe." The growing number of deaths is proof that these individual judgments are not to be depended upon.

The Commissioners were given the "go ahead signal" on road construction during the war—but with reservations. Suggestions that the Highway Department shut down for the duration were dismissed by the Governor as "sheer folly".

The Governor recommended an estimated expenditure based on a "liberal margin" of declining revenues. After the total has been marked down, and a substantial reserve has been determined," he said, "it is my opinion that the Highway Commission would be justified in going full steam ahead with its work."

He also suggested that the Commissioners consider the formation of a reserve fund for post-war work.

A total of \$3,000,000 has been allocated for road work, and will be distributed among the ten districts according to area, population, cars and trucks, and number of miles of highway. This will apply also to a \$1,000,000 surplus left from a 1941 appropriation for modernizing roads

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## Brush Burning Permits Now Made Available From Ten Sources

With the time at hand when the farmer begins clearing land for spring planting, County Fire Warden E. S. Burnett announces steps have been taken to make it easier to get permits for burning brush.

The law requires a permit to start a fire near forests or dwellings. Heretofore such permits could only be gotten at the County Court house. Under the new arrangement they can be gotten from the following:

Andrews, Dist. Ranger Nothstein; Murphy, Dist. Ranger Schopp or County Farm Agent's office, Culbertson, Warden Burnett; Peachtree, Low Lunsford;

Unaka, George Crawford; Suit, W. V. Allen; Peachtree, A. W. Padgett; Beaverdam, J. T. Dockery; Webutty, Mr. Brendle's Store.

## Ferebee Wooing Woe And Aching Muscles Trying to Save Tires

If you see a tall, dignified figure standing by the roadside near the Terrace Hotel, trying to thumb a ride back to Andrews, that probably will be one P. B. Ferebee.

He'll be begging a lift because his Cadillac and his Mercury will both be at his home, as the result of a worthy, but probably ill-fated attempt to save tires.

In short, the banker has bought a bicycle.

His plan is to pedal back and forth to the hotel where he takes his meals. He has not tried it yet. Perhaps he is waiting to get some nifty "plus fours" which is what the well dressed bicyclist should be wearing. Perhaps he lacks self confidence, for he admits trying somebody else's "wheel" a few days ago, and falling off. "The darned thing didn't steer the way a cat does," he explained.

The banker says he used to be a great cyclist when he was a kid. But his muscles were younger then. Also there is the fact that the highway from Andrews to the Terrace hotel is up-hill, all the way.

Fortunately for Mr. P. B. the town has two good drug stores; both well stocked with liniments.

He's going to need that liniment—and how!

## County-Wide Rally For Civilian Defense To Be Held Feb. 4

A county-wide rally will be held at the Court house in Murphy at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, Feb. 4 to organize civilian defense.

Volunteers are needed in a dozen different fields; particularly for fire fighting and first aid. At least 1,000 volunteer firemen are sought, and it is hoped, eventually to enlist 1,000 first aid workers. All of the latter will have to be trained.

A first aid expert will be sent to Murphy on February 9 and will remain two weeks training future instructors. All school teachers throughout the county will take the course, and will, in turn, instruct their pupils, and others. Not less than 100 other adults are needed, however; to carry instructions to every home in the County.

The Red Cross expert will conduct classes every day, both in the afternoon and evening. The course will cover 30 hours.

Request for organization of a civilian defense was made by the Federal authorities several weeks ago. Andrews called a meeting promptly, and passed a set of resolutions. Thanks to the efforts of Capt. Frank

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## RULES ARE FIXED FOR REGISTERING OF MEN UP TO 45

### Regular Polling Places In County Precincts Will be Used Feb. 16

Rules for the draft registration of all men in Cherokee County between the ages of 20 and 44, inclusive have been approved by Washington.

Registration will begin at 7 o'clock P. M. on the morning of Feb. 16, and will continue until 9:30 that night. It will be completed in one day.

Every male who reached his 20th birthday before midnight on Dec. 31, 1941, and every man who had NOT reached his 45th birthday by that time and date will be required to register. It does not matter whether he is married or single, whether he has no children, or a large family of dependents. They will be given a chance to claim exemption later.

If your 20th or your 45th birthday has come since New Year's day, you need not register. If you registered last year, you need not do so again.

Exemption claims will be passed on by the County Draft Board, and every claim will be thoroughly investigated. Dissatisfied registrants will have the right to appeal.

A number of youths throughout the county have volunteered, and thus had their names taken off the list of draft eligibles, but have never reported to be sent to camp. It will be necessary for all these to register again, and Capt. Wayne Walker, Draft Board Secretary has written letters to each of them, notifying them.

Through the cooperation of Lloyd Hendrix, County Superintendent of Schools, and Winslow McIver, chairman of the County Board of Elections, the registrations are expected to be accomplished speedily and smoothly. Mr. McIver has promised the services of registrars, and Mr. Hendrix has promised the aid of as many teachers as are needed to serve as clerks. All will serve without pay.

Registrations will be held in the usual county precincts where residents have been going to vote. In most cases, school houses are used.

Teachers and registrars will meet in the County Court house on Saturday, Feb. 14, and receive detailed instructions as to their duties, from Secretary Walker.

### TERRACING

Terracing demands in Granville County are so heavy at the present time that a dozen terracing units could not fill all requests, reports Assistant Farm Agent W. B. Jones.

## Four Counties Asked To Use Central Time In Advancing Clocks

### 13 is Lucky Number As Rationing Board Gives Tire Permits

Thirteen usually is considered an unlucky number; but it proved anything but that for thirteen residents of Cherokee County. For exactly that number have been awarded the right to buy nice new automobile tires.

The record, to date has just been made public by the County Tire Rationing Board. It shows that most of those who got the coveted permits are mail carriers, and the others are hauling timber needed in defense work or acid, or cord wood. The list of the 13 lucky ones follows:

Gay Hawkins, Suit, lumber hauling: 2 tires, one tube.

George C. Maunsey, Murphy, mail carrier: one tire.

Ralph Adams, Murphy, mail carrier: 1 tire, 1 tube.

L. M. Shields, wood hauling: 3 tires, 3 tubes.

Donald W. Byrd, Andrews, hauling acid wood: 1 tire, 1 tube.

C. W. Dockery, Andrews, hauling cord wood: 1 tire, 1 tube.

F. C. Cruse, Andrews, obsolete, 1 tire, 1 tube.

R. W. Barton, Andrews, obsolete, 1 tire, 1 tube.

Vernal Hughes, Murphy, obsolete, 2 tires, 2 tubes.

E. W. Bates, Unaka, mail carrier: 1 tire, 1 tube.

T. B. Puett, Murphy, mail carrier: 2 tires.

J. H. Harriss, Copperhill, Tenn., rock hauling: 1 tube.

Theodore Cook, Grandview, wood hauling: 1 tire, 1 tube.

## S. S. Conclave Planned At Mt. Liberty Church

The West Liberty Associational Sunday School Conference will meet with the Mt. Liberty Baptist Church, Sunday, Feb. 1st at 2:00 Central Time.

Special music will be provided by the Mt. Liberty Church. Rev. Fred Stiles will conduct devotional. Mr. R. L. Keenum will bring an inspirational talk from the S. S. lesson; the Rev. Clarence Voyles will discuss "A Financial Program for the Country Church."

## Plan Would Save More Power, and Prevent Confusion, is Claim

The Boards of Commissioners of four mountain counties—Cherokee, Graham, Clay and Swain—will consider a plan, when they meet Monday, whereby this section may move up the clocks one hour on Feb. 9, without forcing residents to get up in the dark, and thus use more electricity than ever.

The plan is for the Commissioners to place the four counties on Central Standard time until Feb. 9, when the law requires "moving up" an hour. That way, advancing the clock would leave this section just as it is now.

The plan is said to be favored in Cherokee, Clay and Graham Counties, and it will be explained in detail to the Swain County Board before the members meet. They too, are expected to concur.

In support of the plan it is pointed out that geographically, this section actually is "central time". It also is central time according to the sun. For instance, although this section and Elizabeth City, N. C., both go by Eastern Standard Time, it is daylight in Elizabeth City a full 45 minutes before the sun rises here.

It also is pointed out that the T. V. A. operates under Central time; and with the thousands of workers reporting "on the job" by one standard, and living at home under another, will result in considerable inconvenience.

Such a time differential also would prove inconvenient for TVA business engagements. For instance, TVA officials might set business engagement for 5 o'clock, P. M. advanced Central time. Under advanced Eastern Standard time, this would be six o'clock when most people in this section are at supper.

"President Roosevelt ordered the clocks moved up to save electricity" said one advocated of the plan, "but if we advance our clocks under Eastern time, we will have to use more electricity than ever."

"By February ninth, using our present time, it will be just about daylight, by seven o'clock. If we advance Eastern time one hour, however," (Continued on back page)

## N. C. Flying Ambulance Bought for Britain is Given to U. S. Instead

The big ambulance airplane, "Old North State", which residents of this section helped to buy as a gift to the British will serve our own boys, instead. The giant plane, purchased with State-wide contributions, formally presented to the United States Navy last Wednesday.

News of the donation came in a letter from George Ross Pou, State treasurer for the fund to Mrs. J. N. Moody, chairman of the Murphy committee. The letter stated that plans to give the ambulance plane to America instead of Great Britain, were made at the suggestion of "large numbers of contributors, and with the sanction of the British-American Ambulance Corps."

The plane was formally presented to the Navy by Gov. Broughton. Mr. Pou wrote, in part:

"Officials of the Navy promptly accepted the gift and expressed deep appreciation to the people of North Carolina. The Navy is in urgent need of this particular type of equipment, and 'The Old North State' will likely be placed in immediate service."

The presentation was made at the Naval flying field at Anacostia, Md. just outside Washington, D. C.

## Congress Tries To "Pull A Fast One"

Sure, we'll give up tires—We'll give up automobiles, and luxuries and non-essentials and even sons—and brothers—and fathers—and husbands. A lot of the latter will give up their lives.

We, the people, will give up any and everything necessary to win this war.

But we want everybody to do the same—and that certainly applies to Congress.

We do not believe that our Senators and Representatives should talk "saving" to us, and practise something entirely different themselves.

Very few people will find any patriotism in a joker sneaked in a recent defense bill whereby the Senators voted themselves "executive assistants" at salaries of \$4,500 each.

The only "defense" part of that plan is that assistants may possibly be needed to defend the Senators from justifiably outraged constituents.

Neither is there any possible reason for another "joker" slipped in

a general appropriations bill, whereby the Senators and Representatives who give such rotten service that they are defeated for reelection, will receive pensions ranging as high as \$6,000 a year.

That plan passed both the House and Senate and is now in conference. It is sincerely to be hoped that if the conferees fail to kill it, President Roosevelt will veto the whole bill.

Silly arguments were advanced by some of our alleged statesmen as to why they should get pensions. One of them was that pensions would "relieve the minds" of the law-makers about the future, and thus enable them to give more unbiased service.

If the vote of a Senator or Representative is influenced by the way it will effect him, rather than its value to the nation at large, he ought never to have been elected in the first place. He is elected to serve the people not himself.

As a matter of fact the very passage of these pension and "executive assistant" plans show that a majority of these fellows are selfish dem-

agogues whose elections were bad mistakes.

Some of the very same Senators and Representatives who so quietly voted themselves \$4,500 assistants, and pensions, voted loudly against giving a bonus to the veterans of World War I. At that time they said Uncle Sam couldn't afford it. Also, some of them said, considering how generous the Government had been, the vets weren't entitled to it, any more.

We wouldn't trade one vet for six Congressmen who feel that way.

Congressmen are certainly not over-worked, and most of them are decidedly over-paid. They don't need "executive assistants":

"As to pensions, on the contrary, you can't keep them from doing it.

Instead of being given \$4,500 assistants, and \$6,000 pension—Lord knows for what!—every man in Congress who voted for those plans should be thrown out at the next election.

They are nothing but political profiteers.