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THE OLD AGE ASSISTANCE PLAN

There are thousands of North Carolinians who will be eligible for aid under provisions of the Old Age Assistance Act passed by the 1937 General Assembly, and there are many more who will not be able to meet the requirements for various reasons.

The State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, anxious to make clear provisions of the Old Age Assistance plan, which becomes effective on July 1 of this year, has issued a statement tending to clarify the act.

One of the first requirements is that applicants for aid under the plan shall be citizens of the United States, either native-born or naturalized. Another essential is that applicants shall be 65 years of age or over, and shall not have sufficient income, or other resources, to provide a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health.

Many persons reaching the age of 65 have not been able, frequently through no fault of their own, to save sufficient money to care for themselves in the declining years of their lives; others, because of age or disabilities, are unable to earn a comfortable livelihood, while still others are not so situated that they can care for themselves.

Applicants for assistance under the Act are not supposed to be inmates of any public institution at the time the applications are filed. However, they may apply for aid which, if allowed, will not begin until they have ceased to be inmates of public institutions.

In order to prevent fraudulent applications for assistance under the Old Age plan, the law specifically prohibits the assignment or transfer of property during the two years prior to the filing of applications.

Another requirement which will be rigidly adhered to is that all applicants must have been residents of North Carolina for at least five of the nine years preceding the filing of the applications, and for one year immediately preceding the filing.

Amounts to be paid applicants will be determined upon individual conditions, and will not exceed \$30 per month, or \$360 a year. Of this amount, the counties will pay practically one-fourth, and the state one-fourth.

MOST ACCIDENTS IN RURAL SECTIONS

A majority of the nation's 36,575 fatalities in 1936 occurred in rural sections, the U. S. Department of Commerce tells us. The outstanding cause of these deaths was high speed. Coupled with this was inadequate lighting. Road surface conditions played only a minor part. In some sections liquor was a factor, but it is only fair to state that there is no evidence of drunken driving being materially on the increase.

What is happening is that cars are being driven at night in rural sections too fast for lighting conditions. The average car today is capable of making a speed of from 70 to 100 miles an hour, and speeds of from 60 to 80 miles an hour are not uncommon in rural night driving. These speeds are unsafe and are the causes of most rural night fatalities. Experiments by experts in many states have demonstrated definitely that night driving under the very best conditions at more than 50 miles an hour is unsafe. When going faster than this, drivers, equipped with the very best lights and brakes, cannot see objects on the straightaway in time to stop before striking the object. The stopping dis-

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MONEY
"IT REMINDS ME OF ALICE IN WONDERLAND."
TAXES
IN 1732 TARHEELS WERE ALLOWED TO PAY THEIR TAXES WITH RICE AND FEATHERS

DO YOU KNOW YOUR STATE?

WALTER CLARK-CHARLOTTE
"WELL BOYS IT WAS LIKE THIS"
CLARK WAS THE YOUNGEST LAWYER EVER TO APPEAR BEFORE THE U.S. SUPREME COURT

LIQUOR
"SIR, I HAB A COD 'ID BY HEAD"
DID YOU KNOW THAT IN 1799, JAMES GLASGOW, N.C.'S SEC. OF STATE, PLOTTED TO BURN UP THE STATE CAPITOL IN ORDER TO DESTROY THE RECORDS? THE PLOT WAS DISCOVERED AND FRUSTRATED BY ANDREW JACKSON!
ONE EARLY ACADEMY IN CALDWELL CO. USED TO REQUIRE THAT THE STUDENTS GET WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE FACULTY TO BUY LIQUOR

* THE EDITORS OF CARO-GRAPHICS INVITE YOU TO SEND IN INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY *

GRAINS OF SAND

Last week when the State Medical Society paid homage to one of its outstanding members, Dr. L. B. McBrayer, it started something. Or to go back farther than that, Dr. McBrayer himself started something years ago when he became interested in tuberculosis, and then waged such successful warfare against the dread disease. The testimonial dinner was a public announcement and a fine tribute to a man's great usefulness. The newspapers of the state understood the appreciation and applause that came from the doctor's fellow-practitioners and the professional world and have offered many a sincere bouquet in their editorials emphasizing the honor that is due. The marks of esteem from the press were not given lightly but came as an earnest expression of the people of North Carolina for the man who has salvaged so much of humanity and made such a strenuous effort to keep the normal human being well.

Dr. McBrayer's interests were not confined to tuberculosis. He reduced typhoid fever in one of the state's large cities. He organized the first medical milk commission in the south. As a writer and lecturer his contributions found their way into many medical journals. His address before the Medical Society some years ago on "The Doctor" made such an impression that it was quoted and printed in various publications over the United States. He was founder and editor of the Asheville Health Bulletin and the author of many pamphlets that have to do with the subject of greatest interest to him, tuberculosis and its prevention.

C. J. Simons doesn't have to be a Rotarian or a banker or a horse racing enthusiast or a lot of things to get in on all the conventions and big events that happen in the Sandhills. Because he perfected a loud-speaking device of his own "Jim" is in great demand. He made it possible for the Rotarians to hear Governor Hoey, Carl Goerch and Joseph P. Kennedy at their convention in the Carolina at Pinehurst this week.

Incidentally, Charlie Picquet reopened his Pinehurst theatre Monday afternoon for a special matinee for the Rotary crowd, and more than 400 enjoyed a good show. The local Kiwanis Club sponsored the affair, but it was really Charlie's party. He didn't charge anyone a nickel.

Our local bank declared a holiday on May 10th, North Carolina's Memorial Day. The northern visitor occasionally asks why we celebrate 20 days ahead of the legal Memorial Day of May 30.

"If you know why North Carolina has its Memorial Day on the 10th of May you are an exception," so writes Anne Williams in an article in the Charlotte Observer. The offhand answer you frequently get to your question is that the South's earlier season for flowers has much to do with the day, but that isn't the reason. Throughout the South various dates were set aside for decorating the graves of the Confederate dead, some coming as early as April 26.

tance at 50 miles an hour is 243 feet and at 60 miles an hour, not an unusual speed in rural night driving, the stopping distance is 343 feet. Of course, the danger of driving at these high rates of speed where there are curves or hills in the road is greatly increased.

When Sherman was threading his way across the state from Cheraw by way of Fayetteville to Goldsboro, severe battles took place at Bentonville and Averysboro and the wounded were taken into Raleigh where emergency hospitals were set up. The dead, according to Miss Williams, were buried on the eastern side of the town and when the Federal forces took command of the city the bodies were ordered to be moved to another plot. After the transfer had taken place and while Raleigh was still under martial law, it decided to observe the anniversary of the death of Stonewall Jackson, who died on May 10th, as a memorial day for the Southern soldiers.

So when we close our bank out of reverence to the Confederate dead we also pay honor to the famous Confederate general, Stonewall Jackson, the idol of his troops, and the South.

Away back in 1907 Arthur Newcomb was a business man of Southern Pines, and a village resident. He

From the State Press

HONORING DR. McBRAYER

The people of the state who are in any wise personally or professionally acquainted with Dr. L. B. McBrayer will join in and applaud the spirit of his fellow-practitioners in tendering him a testimonial dinner in appreciation of his long and faithful services as secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Medical Society.

Mr. McBrayer has served his profession and the public in an effectual and memorable manner, having held numerous commissions of responsibility in both relations and always coming through with such duties in honorable and efficient fashion.

It was Dr. McBrayer who headed up the sentiment in North Carolina in the fight against tuberculosis which has so successfully been carried forward in this State for two decades.

And it is Dr. McBrayer who yet stands shoulder to shoulder with his distinguished son-in-law, Dr. Paul P. McCain, superintendent of the State Sanatorium, and who is the commander-in-chief of all the forces in North Carolina fighting to eradicate the white plague.

His fellow-doctors have given this veteran physician and public servant the honor which was his due and it will be generally hoped throughout the State that the ill-health which leads Dr. McBrayer to resign his major activities will be only of a transient nature. —Charlotte Observer.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

J. W. Horner to C. E. West, property in Carthage township.

J. L. Wright and others to J. W. Wright, property in Sheffield township.

Annie McDuffie and husband, Luola Muse and husband and Irene Hunt to Ethel P. Kelly, property in Hemp.

Ethel P. Kelly and others to Annie McDuffie and husband, property in Sheffields township.

POOL OPENING POSTPONED

Because of delay of equipment Carter's Swimming Pool in Carthage will not open the 15th as previously announced. A later date will be announced.

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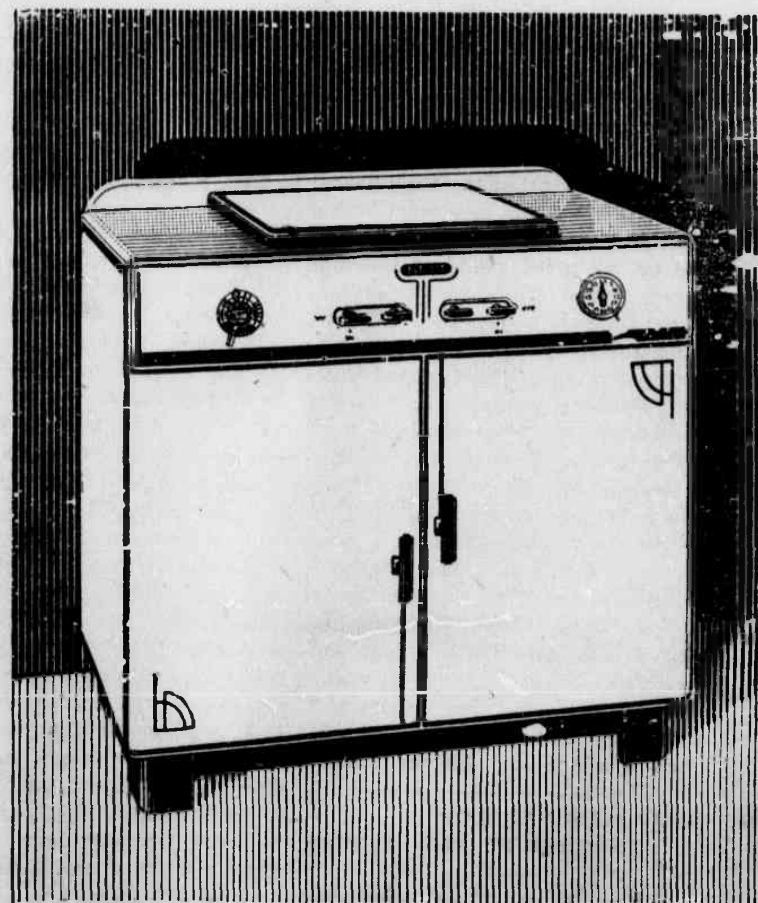
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