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STOP, LOOK, AND LISTEN

Several people have asked us what we know about the "Stop, Look, and Listen" bill passed by the last General Assembly of North Carolina. The public generally does not seem to be informed as to just what the bill provides. Following is the exact copy of the bill as passed.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact: "Section 1. That no person operating any motor vehicle upon a public road shall cross, or attempt to cross, any railroad or interurban track intersecting the road at grade other than a crossing which there is a gate or a watchman (except an electric railway track in a city, town or village) without first bringing said motor vehicle to a full stop at a distance not exceeding fifty (50) feet from the nearest rail. That no failure to so stop, however, shall be considered contributory negligence per se in any action against the railroad or interurban company for injury to person or property; but the facts relating to such failure to stop may be considered with the other facts in the case in determining whether the plaintiff was guilty of contributory negligence.

Sec. 2. That every railroad or interurban company operating or leasing any track intersecting a public road at grade shall place a sign-board not less than ten feet from the ground, on the right side of the road, forty inches by fifty inches, one hundred feet from said crossing, which shall be painted with red lettering, to insure warning of the proximity of the crossing and notice to stop said motor vehicle, with the following: "C. L. Law Stop": Provided, this act shall not interfere with the regulations prescribed by towns and cities.

Sec. 3. That any violation of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not more than ten dollars, or imprisoned not more than ten days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Sec. 4. That this act shall be in force from and after the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

"In the General Assembly, read three times and ratified this the 6th day of March, 1923." This strikes us as being a fine piece of legislation, and one that will, if adhered to, greatly reduce the number of grade-crossing accidents, or many of which prove fatal. Let, if the law is not observed by the public, then it will prove of no value, like so many other good laws that are not enforced.

It will be noted that the law does not go into effect until the first day of July, this year, though some are under the impression that it went into effect upon its ratification.

SOME KEPT SECRET

The public does not hear of all the whippings administered by hooded mobs. Some who have received whippings at the hands of masked men have kept it a secret. Whether the severity results from fear, or some other cause, we do not know. We recently heard of one man going to a lawyer and asking for a warrant for the entire membership of the Ku Klux Klan. When asked why he wanted to indict the Klan, the man stated to the lawyer that he had been severely beaten by some of its members. The lawyer was allowed to view the bruised back of the man, and then advised him that it was a doctor he needed and not a warrant, according to the report.

MOTHERS ARE HONORED

"Mother's Day" was fittingly observed in Dunn Sunday. Special services, appropriate to the occasion, were rendered at the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches. All the services were well attended and mothers, both living and dead, were honored by the various organizations and by individuals as well. Red and white flowers, worn in honor of mother, were very much in evidence throughout the day.

A newspaper may place some of the people some of the time, but does it it can place all of the people all of the time. In fact, a newspaper worthy of the name doesn't try. What please can you other officials another.

Even a late spring would beat us spring at all.

It is well to remember that the ladder of success is seldom climbed in one day.

After all, this prison treatment talk may serve to keep somebody out of jail.

Something for automobile owners to worry about—soon he time to display new license numbers.

Wouldn't you rather have your fountain drinks served in the safer manner—the individual cup?

We'll have to admit that we don't know just what sort of week this week is, but what we need most is a "warm weather" week.

We take it that Governor Morrison's latest act is not approved by at least two North Carolina dailies—The Raleigh News and Observer and the Greensboro Daily News.

Reports from Washington would indicate that Dudding would like to name the investigating committee for the State prison system, which in our opinion, is asking too much.

And, now we understand why the row in Ku Klux headquarters. The title for which William J. Simmons, founder of the order, was fighting calls for a salary of \$1,000 the month. Worth fighting for, isn't it? Under the court order, Simmons will draw the \$1,000 per month for life, while in case of his death, his widow is to receive a like sum.

AN "OFF WEEK" AT THAT

While he intimated that it was an "off week" in his official activities, Deputy Sheriff C. E. Randall of Cumberland county, last week poured out 36 barrels of beer, arrested 9 speeders and 4 drunks, so he stated to a Dispatch reporter Saturday. The four men arrested on the charge of driving an auto while intoxicated were fined \$50 each and cost.

A QUESTION!

Does the milk your children drink come from tubercular free cows? If not, why not?

There is an important moral side to the milk question which must not be ignored. We may have the right—a very doubtful right, to be exact—to neglect the dangers to which we, as adults capable of judging and acting for ourselves, are exposed; but we have absolutely no right to neglect the conditions that cause such danger to our children, and act quickly and unceasingly, until a safe milk for children, at least, is within reach of every mother, may be characterized as barbarous, if not criminal indifference. It is an offense against the innocent, unquestioning confidence which children repose in their adult friends.

WHY THE SLOWNESS?

The international situation shows but very little, if any, improvement, though it is now nearing five years since the close of the World War. Perhaps the only reason that France and Germany are not engaged in actual warfare today, is the fact that Germany has not sufficiently recovered from the results of the World War. No doubt the feeling between the two nations is more bitter today than it was when the armistice was signed. The Allies won the war, but failed to win the peace which it was hoped would follow.

There is a cause for the unsettled conditions that exist, and the cause, in our opinion, is none other than the failure of the United States to become a member of the League of Nations as formulated in the Paris Peace Conference. In other words, we believe the blame for the existing conditions rests upon the partisan politicians who saw to much of Woodrow Wilson in the Treaty. The desire to defeat the former President was so strong that some members of the United States Senate were willing to defeat world peace in order to defeat one man—Wilson.

Even now what President Harding has "come out" for the World Court, it will be several months before the United States will become a member, and probably several years. Reflecting upon the slowness of the President and Congress to take the wise course, we are reminded of what would have been the outcome of the World War had the American army been as slow when it went forth to battle. The fight for peace has not been in keeping with the fight for victory. Yet, who among us would deny that it is just as important?

FULLY CONFIDENT

Time was when we somehow entertained some doubt as to the truth of the reports that the textile manufacturing industry of the New England States was coming to the South. We knew all the while that the textile industry of the South was growing by leaps and bounds, but when we read of how the manufacturers of the New England States were to abandon the business there and build mills in the cotton-fields, we accepted it with a grain of salt. However, that doubt has been re-

removed entirely from our mind. The removal of the doubt was due to a recent conversation with a citizen of Boston, Mass. Learning that he was a citizen of the New England States, we made it a point to ask him if it were true that the textile manufacturers of his home section were going to move to the South. His answer was emphatic in the affirmative.

Realizing what this means to his section, we knew that if he felt that these reports were not founded upon the truth, then he would deny it. In fact, we rather expected that he would deny the truth of it, even if it were true. Yet, when he gave us his quick and positive answer, and even going so far as to state some of the reasons why it is good business judgment for these manufacturers to come South, it was then that we were convinced that the reports are based upon the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

We are now fully convinced that not only is the South the cotton-producing center of the world, but that ere long it will rank as the cotton manufacturing center of the world. And, why shouldn't it?

CONCERNING INSECTS

Raleigh, N. C., May 14.—By means of the insect survey which Franklin Sherman, Chief of the Division of Entomology, is now making in North Carolina, he reports that it may be possible later on to give advance notice of epidemic outbreaks of such pests as the Green Bug, Chinch Bug, Hessian Fly, Grasshopper, Cotton Leaf Worm, and others. Mr. Sherman is co-operating with the Federal Bureau of Entomology in compiling records of insect outbreaks throughout the State, and other items of information. These findings go in to Washington where they are compared with findings from all the other States and the information is then returned to the different States.

Mr. Sherman is now compiling the complaints of insect damage reported to his office from time to time during the past twenty years. He finds from the thousands of complaints received that certain pests are at their worst in definite regions and their injuries confined to certain parts of the year.

To help in this work, Mr. Sherman states that interested farmers and county farm agents could render a distinct service by reporting accurate observations to him, giving about the following information: When was the pest first seen for the season? When does it first become common on the plants that it attacks? Is it more destructive or less destructive than in past years?

All of this information, together with specimens of both the old and new insects, will help in making a complete insect survey of the State. A specimen and a record of all insects will give information about which there can be no doubt. He asks farmers and others to co-operate with him in this work.

TORNADO TAKES HEAVY TOLL OF HUMAN LIFE

Injured in Path Of Sixteen Killed And A Hundred Texas Storm. Coludado, Texas, May 14.—Sixteen killed and 100 injured were reported today as a result of the tornado which tore through Mitchell county, south and east of here early today. The injured are in the hospital. Churches and many private homes were destroyed. Some were hurt so seriously

death and injury in its wake through the county and passing farms. Due to the distance of communication, it was expected here it would be many days before the entire district could be heard from. Citizens of towns near the storm-torn areas are being supplied with the victims.

SOUTH RIVER COMMENCEMENT

The finals of the South River high school will take place on Thursday and Friday of this week, May 17 and 18. Following is the program: Thursday, May 17, 8 p. m.—Opera. A Mid Summer Night Eve Play. His Sisters Play. Friday, May 18, 10:30 a. m.—Recitation and Declaration exercises.

Address—Dr. W. T. Wicker. Dinner at school. Presentation of prizes. 7:30 p. m.—Presentation of flag and Bible by Junior Order. 8 p. m.—Play—No Trespassing.

The home town paper is more than paper and ink—it is a part of your community life.

WILL COST \$100,000 TO REPAIR BROKEN DAM

Hope Mills, May 13.—It is estimated that it will take \$100,000 to replace the dam of Mill No. 1 which broke last Sunday, letting loose a flood of water.

have potatoes to sell from the bank are letting them go at from fifty to seventy-five cents per bushel.

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THAT HOME YOU ARE GOING TO BUILD? WHY WAIT LONGER

The sooner you build. The longer you have to enjoy it. Let us help you make Dunn better, by building better homes.

PITTMAN AND HAIR

J. A. McLEOD AND R. F. McLEOD announce that they have formed a partnership for the practice of law under the firm name of McLEOD AND McLEOD with offices on second floor, Shell Building Dunn, North Carolina May 1st, 1923

Your Success The services of this bank can be made very helpful to your success. If you have no bank account here, open one today. The Commercial Bank

TAXICAB WRECKED IN WILDCAT JORDAN

Richard Talmadge Wrecks Cab In Making Thrilling Leap

A scene not called for in the script was enacted during the filming of Wildcat Jordan, the Talmadge feature Wednesday at the Colonial theatre. It was necessary for Talmadge to make a quick get-away from a second story window and onto a passing cab. In making the leap, Talmadge jumped from a balcony hanging from a flagpole, swung out into the street and letting go jumped to the top of a taxicab. The action was timed perfectly before completing the leap, but on taking the scene the driver of the cab was a second slow, and instead of landing on the front of the cab where the roof was made of sheet iron, Talmadge jumped onto the wooden framework, crashing through to the inside. Luckily he was not seriously injured. This is just one of the many thrills and stunts in "Wildcat Jordan."

Trade increases the wealth and glory of a country; but its real strength and stamina are to be looked for among the cultivators of the land.—Lord Chatham.

Legumes feed the soil, build fertility and maintain it. Every farm that brings in a profit at the end of every normal year grows one or more.

The unscreened home swarms with danger of disease.

NEW 125 We have just received a new line of Gingham and ratinee wash dresses—price from \$2.00 up \$10.00 OFF For this week only, we will give \$10.00 off in every spring coat suit. If you need one this is your opportunity.

The Fifth Ave. Shop DUNN, N. C.

A total of 1,484 rat tails were culled of a "Kill The Rat" campaign turned in by the children of 11 put on by County Agent N. K. Row schools in Chowan county as a result.

2 IN 1 Black Paste Shoe Polish Positively the only polish that will shine oily or damp shoes—No disagreeable odor QUALITY 15c QUANTITY Has the largest sale in America F. F. Dickey Company Inc. Buffalo, N. Y.

Royal Cords Rank First United States Tires are Good Tires ANNOUNCEMENT—There was a shortage of Royal Cord Clincher Tires last year. Production is doubled this year. Demand more than justifies this increased production. Whomever you have a chance to buy a Clincher Royal—buy it. Where to buy U.S. Tires J. W. THORNTON, Dunn, N. C. E. R. THOMAS DRUG CO. Duke, N. C.

Wearing Apparel that Verifies the Mode for Late Spring at— JOHNSON BROTHERS Spring has descended upon us, not only does the fashion calendar say so—but our varied showings of beautiful apparel truly pictures the brightness of the season. Colors that are brilliant, fabric in a wide array. Extensive selections—yet not expensive. DELIGHTFUL EXHIBITS OF WOMEN'S AND MISSES' DRESSES in fabrics that are soft and clinging. Patterns that portray the style ideas of today. The best quality at prices you cannot duplicate. You will find it a pleasurable task to select— SUITS, COATS AND CAPES We are showing a truly wonderful array of the Season's Best Styles. If You Want Quality and Service at a Reasonable Price See Us. JOHNSON BROTHERS