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Safety Responsibility Law On Vehicles In Effect January 1

Recorder's Court In Recess Tuesday

Requirements for reporting accidents will be completely changed on the present system beginning January 1, when North Carolina's Safety Responsibility Law goes into effect. Motor Vehicles Commissioner Edward Scheidt announces that all persons involved in accidents will now be required to make two reports. As in the past, the method of reporting, the places where reports are to be filed, and the amount of property damage involved will also be substantially different.

To correct any confusion or misunderstanding, Commissioner Scheidt has issued the following step-by-step explanation of how the new reporting system will work on and after January 1:

"The first thing to understand is that a reportable accident under the new Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Law is one in which a person has been killed or even slightly injured, or the total apparent property damage is \$100 or more. There are a number of important things that call for brief explanation right here.

"The first is that the amount of property damage involved is increased from \$25, as at present, to \$100. The second is that the word 'total' means all property damage combined, not just the damage to one car or other property of one person. If one car, for instance, sustains \$35 damage and another \$90, in the eyes of the law the total damage is \$115 and the accident most certainly is reportable.

"Motorists should also be careful not to under-estimate the amount of property damage. Motor vehicle repairs are costly these days, and that should be taken into consideration. In addition, damaged clothing, damage to fences or buildings, broken eyeglasses and many other things must be included in the calculations.

"The next thing to remember is that the driver of every car involved in a reportable accident must file two reports, regardless of fault. Even if one driver assumes all blame and offers to take care of the damage through his insurance; or if a pedestrian who is slightly injured refuses medical examination and says forget the whole thing, go right ahead and file both reports. The law says this must be done—and, furthermore, people sometimes change their minds after thinking things over.

"Now a word about the two accident reports, and here we find several vital changes in the law. At present, motorists are required to report only once and it need not be written. Beginning January 1 they must make two reports, each to a different place, and one of them must be written and on an official form. The time for filing is also changed.

"Under the new law, the first report must be made immediately and by the quickest means of communication. Thus, this one does not have to be written. If the accident occurred in a municipality, the report must be made to the local police. If it occurred outside of a municipality, it must be made to the State Highway Patrol, the sheriff, or any other qualified rural police of the county in which it occurred.

"The second report must be filed within 24 hours with the State Department of Motor Vehicles. This one must be written and the new official form must be used. A supply of these forms has been deposited with all State Highway Patrol stations, all police departments and all sheriff's offices. Any motorist can obtain one of these forms at any time without cost. It would be helpful to get one now, study it, and keep it on hand in case of ill luck.

"This report calls for answers to many questions. They must be answered accurately and adequately. The information sought is for the protection of the person making the report quite as much as the rest of the people. Take the questions about insurance, for instance. If they aren't answered accurately and adequately, the Department will assume the car or driver was uninsured and will proceed against him under the security provisions of the new law. But, if he had insurance, he was exempt from the remaining provisions of the new law after having filed his report.

"Most certainly motorists who do not understand the new system will have difficulty if they learn about it for the first time in the midst of an accident. Those who do understand it, however, will find it both simple and protective. That is the reason this statement is being issued."

School Holidays Terminate Monday

Perquimans County Schools will resume regular classroom schedules on Monday morning, following a two week Christmas holiday. It was reported today by J. T. Biggers, County Superintendent of Schools.

TRAGIC DEATH

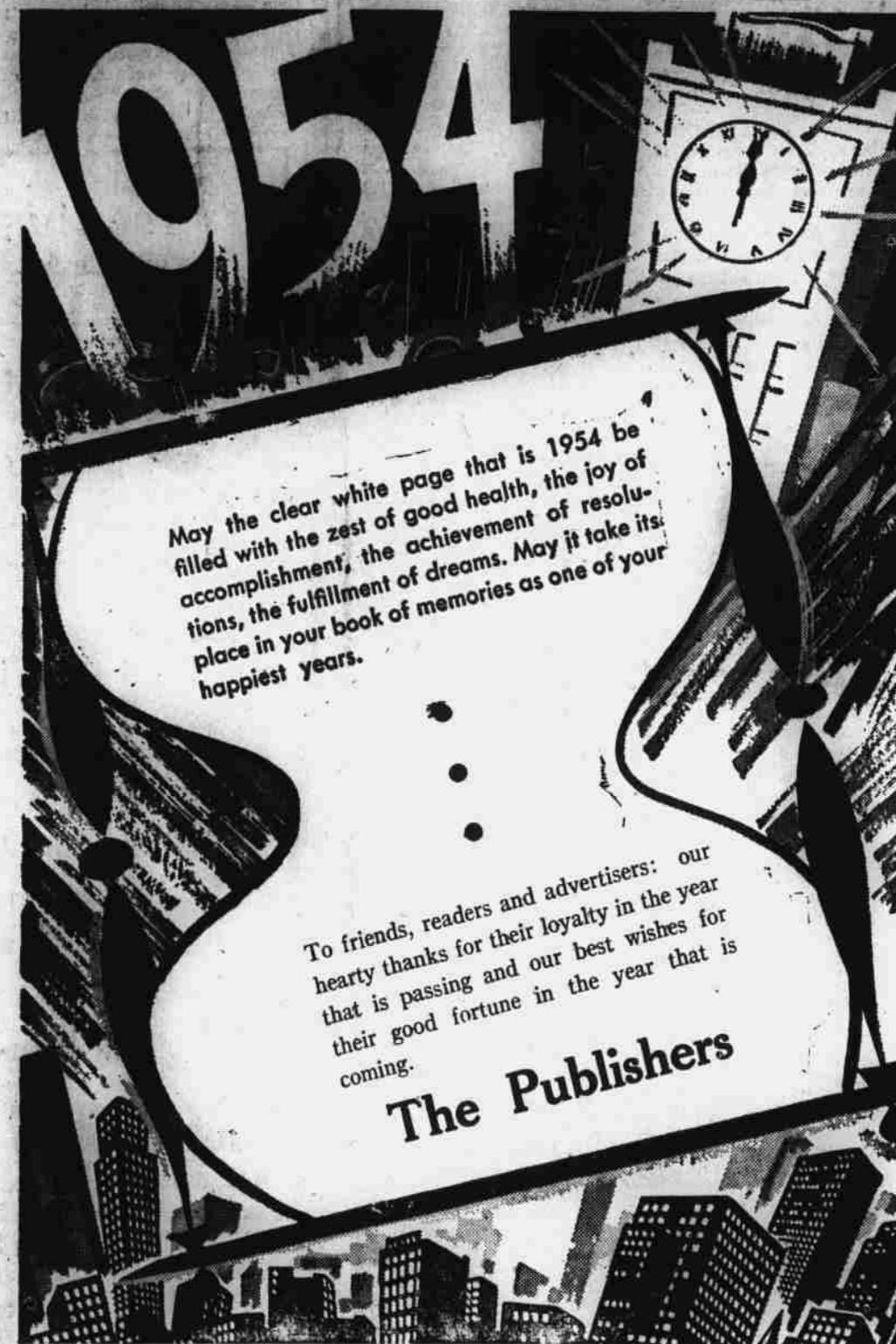
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kanoy, Sr., of Biscoe, who were spending the Christmas holidays with their son and daughter-in-law here, were called home early Saturday morning by the tragic death of a brother of Mr. Kanoy, Sr. Marvin Kanoy, 65, was one of two persons who met death in a burning house at Troy, Christmas night.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stokes, Jr., on Saturday, December 26, at the Chowan Hospital, Edenton, a son, Henry Clay Stokes III.

ATTENDING SUGAR BOWL

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clay Stokes and Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Johnson left Monday morning for New Orleans where they will attend the Sugar Bowl football game.



Series Of Meetings Planned To Discuss Farming Program

The application of recent Agricultural Research results here would mean a vast improvement in the incomes of individual farmers and would bring contribution to the economy of the whole county, according to a report made today by J. Emmett Winslow, Highway Chairman for this Division.

Approval of the site, and allocation of funds for the project, was made last summer by the State Highway Commission, and the site was purchased from Perquimans County.

Due to unavoidable delays, construction of the building has been postponed until now, but Commissioner Winslow believes the project will be started and completed within a short time.

Plans for the building call for a structure 200 feet long and 60 feet wide, with concrete floors and brick veneer walls. It will be laid out for a 45 foot by 50-foot office and stock room, a 45 foot by 45-foot machine shop, and a 45 foot by 15-foot laboratory, toilet and machinery and heating space. The rest of the building will be used as a repair shop.

Highway bridge department crews or local contractors will erect the walls and main section of the building. Bids for steel roof and roof trusses have been placed, and a Raleigh firm will install the roof and insulation. Total cost of the building is expected to be in excess of \$100,000.

Construction Work On Highway Repair Shop To Get Underway Here Next Week

Indian Cagers To Resume Play Jan. 5

The girls' and boys' basketball teams of Perquimans High School will resume their schedule of games on Tuesday night, January 5, when the teams will play Griggs High School on the local court.

These contests will mark the opening round in the Albemarle Rural Conference, and Coach Ike Perry expects plenty of competition from the Currituck teams.

On January 8 the teams from Perquimans will play at Manteo and on January 12 the Indians and Squaws will meet the teams from Moyock at the local gym.

County Tax Listers Start Job This Week; Taxpayers Must List

Tax lists for Perquimans County will start this week the task of listing county property for 1954 taxation, it was announced today by Julian C. Powell, County Tax Supervisor.

County tax lists for the various townships are Julian Long, Bethel; Percy Rogerson, Hertford; Mrs. Ernest Long, Parkville; Mrs. T. C. Perry, Belvidere, and J. A. Sutton, New Hope.

The tax lists will carry out the duties of their office under instructions issued them by the Board of County Commissioners in a special meeting held here on December 14.

The tax lister's job will run through the month of January and all property owners must list their property prior to January 31, otherwise there is a penalty of one dollar for the late listing.

Schedules for tax lists will be published next week and property owners are urged to list early in order to avoid the usual last minute rush.

There are few changes in the listing regulations and the tax rate for the property listed next month will be set by the Board at its meeting in July.

In addition to taking the property lists, the workers will also take a farm census. Farmers are urged to prepare lists in advance and to assist list takers in the taking of the census.

SUFFERS BROKEN ARM

Mrs. T. L. Jessup had the misfortune to suffer a broken arm in a fall at her home on Christmas Day.

Polio Foundation Schedules Program To Test Vaccine

A nationwide study to determine the effectiveness of a polio vaccine in preventing paralytic polio will get underway in one or more southern states during the week of February 8, 1954. This was announced today by Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

In a gradually expanding program, more than two hundred counties throughout the United States will be involved before the mass vaccination project ends by June 1, 1954. During that period, 500,000 to 1,000,000 school children of the second grade will have taken part in one of the largest studies of its kind ever undertaken. Participation will be on a voluntary basis with the consent of the child's parents or legal guardians. Final results of the evaluation study are not expected until some time in 1955.

In general, school children of the second grade will be vaccinated during a non-epidemic period and then observed during a subsequent polio epidemic to evaluate the protective effects of the vaccine. The basic factor for determining the protective effects of the vaccine will be a comparison of the incidence of paralytic polio in the vaccinated group with that of children in the first and third school grades.

In announcing the vaccine study, Mr. O'Connor emphasized that the uniqueness of the project was not merely its size. "For the past sixteen years," he said, "millions of Americans have actively supported scientists in the laboratory helping them create this new potential weapon against polio. And now they will continue that cooperation and help prove whether we have really reached our goal—the conquest of polio."

In the counties selected for the study, local physicians will administer the vaccine under the supervision of the county health officer. Members of the National Foundation's 3,100 chapters will participate as volunteers in providing the many non-professional services required in the mass vaccinations. Other community and civic groups also will play a leading role in easing the task of vaccinating a half million or more children in hundreds of communities throughout the nation.

The two hundred or more counties to be included in the vaccine validity study are being selected mainly on the basis of a previous polio history that will provide a statistically significant result.

Busy Year Recorded In Conservation Work In County

Forty-one conservation plans were prepared with Perquimans County farmers during the year ending December 31, 1953. This makes a total of 571 conservation plans prepared since the Soil Conservation Office was opened here in February, 1944. The idea of soil conservation has come to mean proper land use, protecting the land from all forms of soil depletion, conserving moisture for crop use, proper drainage, building up soil fertility, and increasing yields and farm income all at the same time. As a first step in preparing a Basic Conservation Plan a map is prepared for each farm to show the different types of soils, and the owner is given information on the best method of treatment.

During 1953, Perquimans County farmers cooperating with the Albemarle Soil Conservation District received 170 acres of new permanent pasture, seeded approximately 1,000 acres of cover crops, and improved the drainage on 1,850 acres of cropland.

Farmers cooperating with the District set out 3,500 multiflora rose plants and 11,000 bicolor plants. These plants were furnished by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission through the Albemarle Soil Conservation District.

Two hundred soil samples were taken covering approximately 1,000 acres of crop and pasture land during 1953. These samples were sent to the Soil Testing Division, N. C. Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C. The samples were analyzed and recommendations made as to the lime and fertilizer requirements for specific crops.

BINGO PARTY

A bingo party will be given at the home of Mrs. Archie T. Lane Thursday night, January 7, by the ladies of the Business and Professional Women's Club.

Prizes will be given and refreshments served. Tickets will be sold by the club members.