

Agent Stresses Driveway Safety

"Trees, bushes, and tall crops at driveway entrances are a serious traffic hazard on farms," says County Agent Ben Jenkins, of the State College Extension Service. "Too often these objects make it impossible for drivers traveling on the highway to see farm vehicles about to enter the road."

To reduce chances for accidents, Mr. Jenkins suggests that farmers use the following method recommended by the National Safety Council in removing obstructions:

First park your car in the driveway with the bumper 10 feet from the nearest edge of the pavement or traveled portion of the road. Pace off a distance of 700 feet (290 paces) along the highway to the left and place a marker at the edge of the pavement on the same side as the driveway entrance.

Using the same procedure, set another marker 700 feet down the road in the opposite direction and on the opposite side of the highway. If a heavy, slow-starting truck will be using the driveway, the markers should be set 830 feet away since it will take longer for the truck to get out on the highway and get up the road speed.

After markers have been set, go back to your car and sit in the driver's seat. If you can see the markers, the sight distances are proper as long as traffic going by the farm does not exceed 60 miles per hour. If the markers cannot be seen, weeds and other obstructions must be cleared in order to make the drive way safe.

When entering the highway, make a full stop, look both ways, and turn into the proper lane. When leaving the highway, signal your intention well in advance, give plenty of distance, slow down gradually, and stay in the proper lane.

NOTICE OF SALE

By order of the Kings Mountain School Board at their regular meeting on June 20, 1949, the undersigned will sell for cash at public auction on the premises on Saturday, July 23, 1949, at 10:00 o'clock a. m., or within legal hours, the following property:

The eight room, two story frame dwelling house located the rear of the West End School Building in the Town of Kings Mountain, N. C., and known as the J. R. Cline house.

The purchaser will be required to move said building on or before August 15, 1949.

This the 21st day of June, 1949.
B. S. Neill, Vice-Chairman.
B. N. Barnes, Secretary
June 24—July 15

JC Committees For Year Named

Committees for the 1949-50 year of Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce, as announced by President Grady Howard, are:

Internal Affairs

House and Attendance — Paul Walker, Dean Payne.
Membership — Bill Fulton, Sam Collins, D. M. Peeler.

Music — B. S. Peeler, Jr., D. D. Saunders.
Program: Wilson Griffin, Chrales Alexander, Bill Logan, Joe Hedden, Charles Thomasson, Maynard Snow.
Publicity — Martin Harmon, Bill Jonas.

Scrapbook and Awards — Joe Hedden, Clavon Kelly, Wilson Griffin.
Social — R. D. Spearman, J. T. McGinnis, Jr.

Sports and Recreation — Everette Carlton, Charles Carpenter.
Finance — J. C. McKinney, Bill Jonas.

External Affairs

Civic Improvement — Martin Harmon.
Public Affairs and Americanism — F. R. McCurdy, D. F. Hord, James Houser, Bill Page.

Aviation — J. C. Bridges, D. M. Peeler, J. T. McGinnis, Jr.
Christmas Activities — H. D. McDaniel, Ben Ballard, Frederick Weaver.

Extensions, Inter-Club Relations, and Conventions — W. K. Mauney, Jr., Wilson Griffin, J. B. Falls, Ned McGill.

Fire Prevention — John Cheshire, Vernon Crosby, D. D. Saunders, James McSwain.

Projects — New McGill, W. K. Mauney, Jr., R. D. Spearman.
Public Health — D. F. Hord, James McSwain, Jim Anthony.

Safety — Charles English, James Houser, Fred Dixon.

Youth Welfare — Bill Page, Menzell Phifer, Bill Moss, Garrison Goforth.

Agriculture — Garrison Goforth, Menzell Phifer, Ed Early.
Director to Kings Mountain Band Association — W. K. Manney, Jr.

Other officers of the organization include Faison Barnes and Marriott Phifer, vice-presidents; Furman Wilson, secretary; Dean Payne, treasurer; Ben Ballard, sergeant-at-arms; Bill Fulton, state director; and John L. McGill, senior advisor.

Directors include J. B. Falls, Paul Walker, D. F. Hord, Jr., Bill Page, Wilson Griffin, Charles Alexander and Bill Fulton.

By Way Of Mention
Lois Beattie

Mrs. H. B. Jones spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Andy McCarter of Bethany.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Riley had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Towery of the Oak Grove community.

Mr. A. E. Cline and his sister, Miss Bertha Cline had as their guests Sunday afternoon Mrs. E. D. Jennings and children of Charlotte.

Miss Blanche Smith of Gastonia spent the past weekend with her sister, Mrs. Troy Wright.

Mrs. H. B. Jones had as her guests recently her niece, Mrs. Jerry Frye of Durham and Miss Iris Frye of Gastonia.

Mrs. Wright Harmon was a recent guest of Mrs. Novella Phillips of Gastonia.

Farmers received about 9.8 billion dollars from marketings during the first five months of 1949. This is 5 percent less than receipts during the same period last year. Largest declines from marketings of meat animals and dairy products, chiefly because of lower prices.

Farm-Mortgage Debt Increases

The national farm-mortgage debt on January 1 was more than five billion dollars, or nearly a quarter of a billion dollars higher than a year earlier, according to C. Bruce Ratchford, in charge of farm management for the State College Extension Service.

Quoting information just released by the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Ratchford said the increase in the farm-mortgage debt during 1948 was more than double the increase shown during 1947.

Although a rise was shown for the country as a whole, five states — Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Illinois — continued to show a decline. The 1948 increase in North Carolina was 1.3 percent, and the increase for this State since January 1, 1946, has been 25.3 per cent.

Ratchford said farmers apparently have found uses for their income other than debt retirement. They have continued to replace worn-out equipment and make necessary re-

Negro Farmer Makes Progress In Poultry

C. W. Slade, route 2, Robersonville, is leading the way in poultry production among Negro farmers in Martin County, according to R. M. Edwards, Negro county agent for the State College Extension Service.

Slade is now constructing a modern poultry house. It will be 20 by 40 feet in size and divided into two sections designed to take care of 200 laying hens. The house will be of

pairs and improvements at costs which are still relatively high, he added.

frame construction with concrete floor and movable roosting racks. The Martin farmer started 250 sexed and 100 straight-run New Hampshire chicks on March 3. They are developing nicely and are grazing on oats and lespedeza roots with Ladino clover and orchard grass.

Slade has a contract to sell eggs to a Robersonville hatchery and will be the first Negro farmer in the county to go that far in poultry production.

Burley tobacco production in the State last year totaled 17,304,000 pounds, second only to the 1945 crop.

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