

Let Safety Guide You Says State Vehicle Department Head

Raleigh—Don't let death take your holiday!

With that slogan as a keynote, Motor Vehicles Commissioner L. C. Rosser today asked all North Carolina motorists to exercise special care in their driving during the approaching holiday season.

The Christmas-New Year holiday season has proved to be the most hazardous single period of the year, Rosser said. Heavier travel and the festive spirit of the season increase the normal winter driving hazards, such as bad weather, slippery roads and more hours of darkness. During last December, 103 persons were killed on North Carolina streets and highways. Sixteen of these lost their lives during the Christmas holidays from the 23rd through the 25th of December. And on Christmas Day alone, 11 persons met their deaths on the highways.

Col. Rosser said that Christ-

mas is the season to be merry, but it is also the season to be wary. He warned that traffic would be unusually heavy during the entire Christmas season, and asked all motorists to cooperate fully in an effort to reduce highway accidents and fatalities. He especially urged that drivers refrain from drinking while they drive, for "liquor when mixed with driving can be one of our most potent killers."

Local Men Assigned To Patrol Duties

Among the new patrolmen assigned to duty during November were the following:

Troop A: W. A. Taylor, of New Bern, to Weldon, Carol Petteway of Jacksonville, to Halifax, A. L. Smith of Durham, to Conway, M. F. Powers of Roanoke Rapids, to Washington.

A. W. Andrews of Whitakers, to Moyock, J. N. Buck of Roanoke Rapids, to Edenton, J. W. Sykes of Enfield to Pink Hill, and C. C. Jones of Halifax, to Ft. Barnwell.

Nature Sows Flower Seed in Fall; Why Not You?

Whenever nature produces annual flowers in our gardens from self-sown seed, she demonstrates that annuals can be grown from seed sown in the fall.

The list of annuals which can self-sow may vary in different sections of the country, but it is probable that annual larkspur and cornflowers (centaurea cyanus) will be on the list almost anywhere. Larkspur, indeed, should be sown in the fall whenever possible.

Plants from fall sowing get started much earlier in the spring; and they flower almost as soon as indoor plants, besides being larger and more vigorous.

The list of subjects may safely include all annuals which usually self-sow in your neighborhood, and any other varieties which are hardy, and have small, hard seeds, with which you are willing to take a chance for the sake of earlier plants. Large, soft seeds, even of hardy varieties, may decay in the wet ground, but the hard seeds will be safe if protected from being washed out of the soil by rains, or injury in some other way.

A seed bed surrounded by a wooden curb is an excellent place to sow fall annuals. A cold frame will do as well; and many sow seeds in the open garden, where experience has shown drainage is good. If seeds are sown in rows, which can be marked, it is easy to check results and protect the seedlings when they appear.

Sow the seed thinly, mixing small seed with dry sand to help scatter it, and do not sow more densely than you would in the spring. Many gardeners cover the row with a shallow layer of sand after sowing. In a seed bed, or cold frame, after the ground has frozen a light mulch of leaves may be placed over the bed to keep the frost in. This mulch should be removed before the seeds sprout in the spring.

Annuals which are usually successful from fall sowing include:



Larkspur, poppies and hellebores all grow well from fall sown seed.

alysium, snapdragons, callia, calendula, calliopsis, candytuft, centauria cyanus, clarkia, cosmos, eschscholtzia, euphorbia, gypsophila, larkspur, lupin, nicotiana, petunia, annual phlox, annual poppies and sweet peas.

Conditions in the spring are usually fine for transplanting and plants may be moved from the seed bed to the border about the time one would be sowing seed in the spring. The fall sown plants are not soft like those grown indoors and receive little or no check from transplanting.

Peace College Becomes Accredited Jr. College

Peace College, Raleigh, North Carolina has been received into the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools as a Junior College, according to word received here today from Louisville, Kentucky, where the Southern Association held its annual meeting. Peace College is now a member of, or accredited by, every recognized educational agency possible.

The Preparatory Department of Peace has been on the accredited list of the Southern Association for a number of years. The announcement of the acceptance of its college department makes all academic departments of the school fully accredited by the association. This is the highest regional rating possible for colleges and secondary schools.

Peace College, a junior college for women, was founded in 1872 and is celebrating its Diamond Anniversary this year. The college has been under the direct control of the Presbyterian Church since 1907. It is a member of the American Association of Junior Colleges and is a charter member of the North Carolina College Conference.

Dr. William C. Pressly, president of Peace College, attended the meeting of the Southern Association as a member of the Central Committee Reviewing for Private and Secondary Schools for the Association.

Bulbs Need Plant Food to Grow Quality Flowers

An impression is widely held that the fall do not need plant food added to the soil. It is true that mature bulbs have food stored up on their own tissue which may be sufficient to produce a flower. But this is not the whole story.

Before the flower is produced a large number of roots are formed; and these roots seek in the soil plant food and water to supply the needs of the growing plant. If there is a deficiency of food, the growth of the plant will be seriously hampered. A flower may be produced, but it will not be the vigorous, perfect blossom of normal size which complete nutrition would insure.

Fully important as the production of a flower, is the development of well matured bulbs for the following year. To insure this, many gardeners give an additional feeding to tulip plantings after the bulbs have flowered.

The danger of using manures with bulbs is well understood. Any kind of fresh manure is dangerous, and only compost thoroughly decayed is safe to use. Bone meal is the traditional bulb fertilizer; but it becomes available so slowly as to do little good the first year. Commercial bulb growers use chemical plant food dug into the soil so that it is available to the bulb roots.

When the entire bed is dug out before planting the bulbs, 4 pounds of balanced plant food should be spread over the surface; the digging will mix it thoroughly with the soil. When bulbs are planted with a trowel, a teaspoonful of plant food may be mixed with the soil at the bottom of the hole before setting the bulb.

the premises located at 536 Franklin Street, in the City of Roanoke Rapids, Halifax County, North Carolina, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, but subject to the confirmation by the Court, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Those two certain lots or parcels of land lying situate in the City of Roanoke Rapids, Roanoke Rapids Township, Halifax County, North Carolina, fronting each 30 feet on the East side of Franklin Street and running back each the same width between parallel lines and at right angles to said Franklin Street 140 feet to an alley and being lots Nos. 3 and 4 in Block 5 as shown and designated on that certain map of record in the office of the Register of Deeds for Halifax County, in Map Book 3, at page 97; and being the identical property conveyed to Myrtle Louise Tyndall by deed of Garland E. Midyette et ux, dated August 27, 1943, recorded in Book 529, at page 451, Halifax Public Registry; reference to said map and deed being hereby made for greater certainty of description.

(The above described property is located at No. 536 East side of Franklin Street and consists of a five room frame dwelling, in good condition and with all modern conveniences.)

This the 2nd day of December, 1947,
W. BERNARD ALLSBROOK
Commissioner-1-1-ch.

NOTICE OF SALE

NORTH CAROLINA HALIFAX COUNTY

Under and by virtue of an or-

der of the Superior Court of Halifax County, made in a Civil Action therein pending entitled "Myrtle Louise Tyndall, plaintiff, vs- Lemuel Carr Tyndall, defendant," and signed by His Honor, J. Paul Frizzelle, Judge Presiding at the November Term, 1947, of said Court, the undersigned, who was by said order appointed Commissioner to sell the lands described in the Complaint, will on the 3rd day of January, 1948, at 10:00 a. m., on

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Local Student Takes Part In Dramatic Production at SCTC

Greenville, Dec. 4—Among the students taking part in the production of the religious drama "Family Portrait" by the Chi Pi Players of East Carolina Teachers College on the evenings of December 5 and 6 and the afternoons of December 8 and 9 was Alton Finch of Roanoke Rapids, who played the part of Judah. Finch is a junior at the college.

The first production of the year by the college dramatic club, "Family Portrait" was a beautiful and inspiring religious drama by Lenore Coffee and William Joyce Cowen, which served as an inspirational opening of the Christmas season on the campus. Two performances were given in the evening in the Austin auditorium, and special matinees for public school children were arranged.

The Chi Pi production was directed by Dr. Lucille H. Charles of the faculty and her student assistants, Hubert Bergeron of Spring Hope and Virgil S. Clark of Greenville. A cast of 36 members appeared on the stage. In addition, a technical and business staff of 45 students worked on the production.

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