

ROAD SIGN MEANINGS ARE IMPORTANT TO KNOW IN OBTAINING A DRIVER'S LICENSE

Editor's Note: This is the second article in the series "What You Must Know In Order To Obtain A Driver's License In North Carolina."

"Road signs," says Coleman W. Roberts, President of the Carolina Motor Club, "are far more important than many people realize. The shape and lettering of road signs has an individual meaning and often, especially at dusk and dawn, the shape of a sign can be recognized before the driver is able to read the message."

One of the tests which will probably be given to North Carolina drivers who are being reexamined during the next four years will be a road sign test. To help motorists refresh their knowledge of traffic signs, the Carolina Motor Club, using the Driver Manual of the Highway Safety Division of the Department of Motor Vehicles as a guide, presents the following pertinent road-sign information.

Road signs are divided into three general kinds and four individual sizes. The three types of signs are: Regulatory, Warning and Guide.

Regulatory signs, which are fully enforced by law, regulate traffic at certain points on the highway and serve, at all times, as useful information concerning traffic conditions in any locality.

There are two divisions of regulatory signs: The eight-sided yellow sign means STOP. This octagonal marker is placed at dangerous intersections, at blind corners or anywhere on a highway where fast traffic prevails. The octagonal sign does not mean slow down but—STOP. After obeying this marker, the driver should look both ways carefully and then proceed slowly.

The other regulatory signs give speed limits, local rules, right turns and are white, upright oblongs that usually have black letters. Signs with red letters usually tell you not to park at any time or at the times stated. Green lettered signs usually tell how long to park or how to park.

The second important type of signs are the Warning markers. Warning signs are extremely useful and call attention to dangers which may not be obvious. A warning sign should automatically put the driver on the alert, causing a reduction of speed and more cautious driving. Warning signs on strange roads at dusk are particularly helpful.

These signs are primarily of three kinds: the round railroad crossing sign, the slow sign and the caution sign. Round signs are a sure indication of railroad crossings. A large cross is painted on the round, yellow sign and the letters R.R. can usually be found. Also at the crossing there may be a blinker light, a crossbar on a post, a flash, a wig-wag signal or crossing gates. Watch for these individual protection measures after you spot the round warning sign.

Diamond shaped signs mean reduce speed for there is some obstacle ahead which requires careful driving.

Some of these have written messages while others have drawings to indicate what is ahead. For example, an "S" curve simply has a black "S" painted on the sign. When the road veers sharply, a pointing arrow may be found on one of these diamond-shaped yellow signs or the words "Winding Road" may be spelled out.

A square yellow sign is a caution sign and is also the signal for reduced speed and careful driving. Such a sign may be placed to indicate a road crossing, men working or a school zone.

The third type, the Guide Signs, have various shapes and these direction markers, in addition to naming present road, may indicate distance to nearby towns.

After reading the above sign information, you should be able to answer the following:

1. Name three types of signs.
2. What significance does the shape of a sign have?
3. What is the meaning of a square traffic control sign?
4. Name two places where square signs might be used.
5. What is the meaning of a round control sign?
6. Are round signs usually followed by individual protection devices?
7. What is the meaning of the diamond shaped traffic control sign?
8. Would a diamond shaped sign be found on a twisting road?
9. Does an eight-sided sign mean slow down or STOP?
10. Do guide signs have any definite shape or may they vary?

It must be remembered that sign shapes are vitally important to drivers. You should know instantly the meaning of octagonal signs, round signs, diamond-shaped signs and square signs.

The next article in this series of "What You Must Know In Order To Obtain A Driver's License In North Carolina" will be concerned with Road Rules and the last number in the series will be an explanation of safe-driving practices.

First District Medical Society Meets Aug. 20

The First District Medical Society will hold a meeting Wednesday

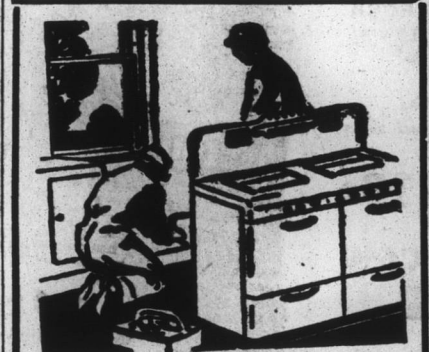
night, August 20, at 8 o'clock at Nags Head. The meeting will be held at "The Carolinian", at which Dr. James Thomson of Norfolk will be the principal speaker. Dr. R. H. Vaughan is president of the society and Dr. Martin Wisely, secretary-treasurer.

SCOUTIN' AROUND

(Continued from Page Three) Sergeant. Sergeant Hugh Ashley saw seven years of service.

Honorable mention should go to Barbara Leary, Linda Leary, Mrs. Leon Leary, Marsha Speight, Miss Essie Coffield, Mrs. Peter Carlton, Jimmie Harrison, Sid Campen, Jr., Jackie Wallace, Norma Ashley and Jimmie Ross for the splendid progress they have shown in learning to swim. If they keep on it won't be long before they will be qualified to receive Red Cross certificates.

The "Learn to Swim" campaign is being conducted continuously during the summer to allow children and grown folks an opportunity to learn water safety. This activity should be considered important enough by all mothers and fathers, that nothing should stand in the way of receiving this important instruction given by Red Cross instructors, in cooperation with the Town of Edenton and the Edenton Chowan Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association. Mayor Leroy H. Haskett and the Town Council members express a great deal of concern in this matter and are doing everything in their power to make the pool and other services available for this important service to the people of Edenton, Chowan County and the surrounding area. The E. and W. Board of Edenton deserves a great deal of credit in its splendid servicing of the mechanical



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facilities. (Perhaps you can't make all the classes—even one class of instruction might be the means of teaching you something that you won't forget—that might save your life sometime.)

Coach Tex Lindsey has been doing a good job as Recreation Director for the Town of Edenton. He and his staff have rendered most valuable assistance in making the swimming classes possible. Groups are becoming conscious of the facilities of the "largest recreation center in

the Albemarle", which is the former Naval Air Base. One large Church group is having an outdoor picnic this month, and will use the spacious grounds around the pool for their snack. They will enjoy themselves at sun bathing, horseshoes, tennis and swimming in the pool. In the evening they could either continue swimming, or enjoy the eating facilities of town and then take in a movie. (All clubs, groups, organizations, Boy Scouts, Cubs, Girl Scouts, Church Groups, 4-H Clubs, are invited to make use of the facilities at the Base.)

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APPROVED BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS JULY 7, 1947

Fund	Appropriated For Requirements	Anticipated From Sources Other Than Ad Valorem Taxation	Amount Levied	Rate
Bonds	\$43,544.18		\$43,544.18	\$.4
General County	61,343.00	\$43,543.00*	17,800.00	.2
Schools:				
Edenton	\$25,728.03			
County	13,678.00			
	39,406.03	13,100.00**	26,306.03	.3
Social Security:				
Old Age Assistance	\$28,800.00			
Aid to Dependent Children	8,400.00			
Administration	5,204.00			
	\$42,404.00			
Less State-Federal Aid	32,500.00			
	9,904.00		9,904.00	.1
County-Wide Tax Rate Per \$100.00 Valuation Based on a Valuation of \$8,900,000.00				\$1.1

REVENUE DERIVED FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN AD VALOREM TAXATION:

- *General County: \$43,543.00 from ABC Store Earnings
- **For Schools:
- Cash Balance County Schools ----- \$ 3,000.00
- Cash Balance City Schools ----- 1,500.00
- Estimated Fines, Penalties and Forfeitures ----- 6,000.00
- Estimated Poll Taxes ----- 1,500.00
- Estimated Dog Taxes ----- 500.00
- Estimated Intangible Taxes ----- 600.00
- \$13,100.00**

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