

Property Owners Urged Check Rule On Road Entrances

20-page Booklet Available Explaining Requirements

Highway Chairman A. H. Graham recently called on all property owners who plan to build service stations, drive-ins, motels and other commercial establishments adjoining State highways to first familiarize themselves with the Commission's regulations on driveway entrances to highways.

He said some misunderstanding had existed in the past and that some property owners were not aware of the Commission's entrance regulations. As a safety measure and to protect the motorist, the Commission adopted in 1951 minimum standards for entrances to highways. The Commission's 20-page booklet, "Minimum Standards for Entrances to Highways" is available upon request from Robert Burch, Traffic Engineer, State Highway Commission, Raleigh, and from any of the Commission's highway offices throughout the State. The booklet clearly states the Commission's requirements for entrances from service or commercial businesses to the highway. Inside the booklet are eleven easily-understood sketches dealing with the proper location of service stations or commercial establishments adjoining a main-line highway.

Graham explained that any property-owner desiring to construct a driveway or driveways connecting with any State highway must first secure and fill out an application for a driveway permit. These application forms can be secured from the State Highway Maintenance Supervisors who are located in each county, or from Resident Engineers, or from District or Division highway offices. An application for a driveway permit must be submitted to the District Engineer for his written approval.

The booklet, "Minimum Standards for Entrances to Highways" says: "Any driveway or approach constructed by a property-owner must be for the bona fide purpose of securing access to his property and not for the purpose of parking or servicing vehicles on the highway right of way."

Later, "The construction of parking areas on the highway right of way is specifically prohibited. Those places of business requiring parking space for their customers shall provide same

on their premises." And, "All entrances and exits shall be so located that vehicles approaching or using them will be able to obtain adequate sight distance in both directions along the highway in order to maneuver safely and without interfering with traffic."

At the same time, Graham said that the Commission's engineers throughout the State were being instructed to watch closely for indications of property-owners building commercial establishments too close to the State's highways. To inconvenience the builder as little as possible, the engineers are striving to contact and acquaint the property-owners with the Commission's specific driveway regulations.

Where gasoline pumps are located immediately adjacent to the highway's right of way line, it is not permissible for the owner to pave a service lane within the right of way and pump gas into cars which are parked in this area. This means that a service station owner must place his pump fully 12 feet back of the highway right of way line if he plans to service cars between his pumps and the highway; nor shall other establishments use the right of way for parking vehicles.

Should the property-owner insist on constructing his driveway so that cars will be serviced on the highway's right of way, Graham warned that the owner can be restrained from doing so by court order. The owner will be notified first that he will be restrained and that should he persist in constructing the drive before the restraining order is served, the Commission may then place posts or other obstructions on that part of the driveway which is used for servicing, loading or unloading vehicles on the highway right of way so that it cannot be used.

Graham emphasized that ornamental posts, advertising signs and wall for entrances may not be placed under any condition on the highway right of way.

On the construction or relocation of highway, an adjoining property-owner may erect temporary wire fences to permit his stock to graze provided the fences do not interfere with use of the right of way for highway purposes. To be on the safe side, these temporary fences should be erected not closer than five feet to the outside of construction lines.

Graham concluded: "If you plan to build a service station, a store, a restaurant, a motor court or a private home adjoining a State highway, first see your district engineer to get a driveway permit. Acquaint yourself with the Commission's established driveway regulations. It'll save you a lot of headaches to comply with these regulations from the start."

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Delta Kappa Gamma Meets At Nags Head

Pi Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society held an initiation ceremony in the private dining room of the Carolinian Hotel at Nags Head at 12 o'clock noon, on Saturday, October 3, at which time four new members from the Albemarle counties were initiated into the society and one new member joined by transfer.

The new members include Miss Minnie Hollowell of the Edenton Elementary School faculty, Miss Gladys Norris and Mrs. Gladys Chaffin, South Mills school faculty, and Mrs. Mary Lowry, Plymouth school faculty. The transfer coming to Pi Chapter from Epsilon Chapter was Miss Agnes Simons of Ahoskie.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society is a State and National Honor Fraternity in Education for women teachers. At the present time Pi Chapter has an active membership of 31 and two honor members, Dr. Inglis Fletcher of Edenton and Miss Catherine Albertson of Elizabeth City. The membership embraces a specified territory in the Albemarle counties of Northeastern North Carolina.

Following the initiation ceremony, which was conducted by the president, Miss Mary Lee Copeland, assisted by Miss Paulina Hassell and other members of Pi Chapter, a delightful fellowship buffet luncheon was served by the hotel management.

After the luncheon an interesting informative business session was held. Year books were distributed and the year's program was discussed.

A short and impressive memorial service for the late Bonnybel Evans, of Manteo, was led by the president, assisted by Mrs. Mary L. Browning.

Miss Eunice McGhee of East Carolina College, Greenville, was a guest at the meeting and luncheon. The second meeting of the year will be held December 5, at Hertford with members there being hostesses. The next meeting will be held in Elizabeth City in early February and the last meeting of the series will be held in Edenton in early April.

Record Suspensions Of Driving Licenses

1,199 In September Lose Right to Operate Automobile


The State Department of Motor Vehicles has released a preliminary report showing that 2,164 motorists had their legal driving privileges revoked during September.

It was the greatest number of license suspensions and revocations to be recorded in the department's history.

Last month there were 1,199 revocations and 965 suspensions recorded. Most revocations were secured on drunken driving convictions according to statisticians.

It was the first month in which revocations and suspensions have exceeded 2,000.

A majority of the suspensions were the results of the new anti-speeding law which went into effect July 1.



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The report was issued a week earlier than usual and does not include a breakdown of violations. Normally drunken driving, driving after license revoked, and two offenses of reckless driving lead the revocation list. And speeding and reckless driving usually account for a majority of the suspensions.

IN MEMORIAM

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