

Voluntary Inspection Of Automobiles Will Be Started In State

Free Program Being Arranged With Designated Garages

Governor Umstead, Motor Vehicles Commission Ed Scheidt, hundreds of business firms and organizations and thousands of private citizens are supporting a movement to "safety check" the automobiles and trucks which travel the streets and highways of North Carolina. The program, which includes the use of State-approved windshield stickers for those vehicles which are in safe condition, gets under way this Spring.

The movement is being directed by the Carolina Safety League of which T. A. Williams, Greensboro automobile dealer, is chairman. "This program is strictly voluntary," Williams said. "And the inspections won't cost a penny and won't entail any obligation on the owners of the cars. We believe that motorists will welcome an opportunity to have their cars safety checked if they are not subjected to a lot of red tape and delay."

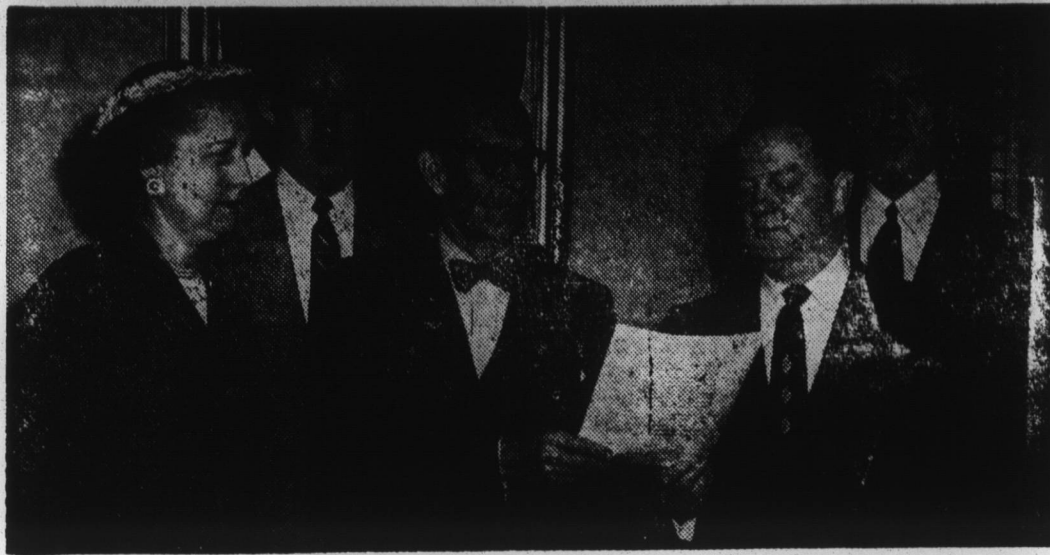
The actual inspections will begin in April or May depending upon delivery of the hundreds of thousands of green, white and black stickers which have been ordered. Cars and trucks will be inspected as to brakes, steering, lights, horns, tires, windshields and windshield wipers—according to rules set down in an officially approved manual. Vehicles which are found safe, or which are made safe following discovery of mechanical defects, will be given a signed and dated sticker stating that they have been checked and "approved."

The North Carolina Legislature passed a mandatory mechanical inspection law in 1947 and the State set up "inspection lanes" throughout the 100 counties. But the administration of the law proved so unpopular that the next Legislature immediately repealed it. The plan of the Carolina Safety League calls for free, voluntary inspection at any one of hundreds of garages designated as inspection stations.

FREE BOOK FOR TEEN-AGERS

Designed especially to appeal to the teen-aged driver, the State Department of Motor Vehicles has available for free distribution a 48-page book called "Def't Driving." Included in the volume are many suggestions and tips on cars, highways, traffic rules and regulations. Certain chapters will be of special benefit to young drivers about to apply for their first license. Copies may be secured free and post paid by addressing a card to Public Relations, N. C. Dept. of Motor Vehicles, Raleigh.

GOVERNOR UMSTEAD ENDORSES AUTO INSPECTION



Governor William Umstead has given his "official and personal endorsement" to a plan for the voluntary safety inspection of automobiles promulgated by the Carolina Safety League. The free inspections are to begin this Spring. Above Governor Umstead hands his signed endorsement to Thomas A. Williams of Greensboro, chairman of the League. On the left of the picture are Mrs. Bessie Ballentine of Raleigh and McAlister Carson, Jr., of Charlotte, secretary-treasurer and vice chairman of the League, respectively. On the right of the picture is State Motor Vehicle Commissioner Ed Scheidt, a League director, who calls the movement "one of the finest things that has happened since I took office."



GARDEN TIME
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If you haven't already done so, it is time to sow tomato, pepper, and eggplant seed in hotbeds, coldframes, or flats in the kitchen window.

Although it is much easier to buy plants for the garden, we like to grow our own tomato plants. Then we know what we are getting. The seed sowing date will depend on how soon the weather will permit setting in the field. It usually takes from five to eight weeks to produce tomato plants large enough to set, depending on the temperature of the plant bed.

Pepper and eggplant are a little slower in developing. By figuring back from the last probable frost date we can determine when to sow the seed. By sowing the seed thinly, it may not be necessary to transplant, but usually transplanting to two inches apart about a week after the plants came up will give much stronger and stockier plants. There is no advantage in growing plants to blooming size before setting in the field. The younger plants will stand the shock of transplanting better than the older ones.

Food Production Keeps Pace With Population

Although population in the United States has increased 29 million since 1940, food production has more than kept pace, according to H. D. Godfrey, state ASP administrative officer.

On a per capita basis the present estimated population of 161 million eats

Where no fusarium wilt is present, good early varieties are Valiant and Urbana. Earliana, of course, is an old standby. For the main crop Rutgers and Marglobe are popular. Of the hybrids, Burpee's Big Boy has done very well for us.

If the garden soil is infected with fusarium wilt, it is advisable to use only such varieties as Homestead and Jefferson, which are highly resistant to fusarium wilt. These are not early varieties but will survive the wilt.

The best variety of pepper is probably California Wonder. It is a good grower and has heavy, meaty fruits.

Eggplant is not a common vegetable in North Carolina gardens but should be grown more. The Florida Highbush and Ft. Myers Market are good varieties. As soon as eggplants are set in the field, the plants should be covered with a DDT dust or spray to prevent flea beetles and potato beetles from destroying them.

Plantings of these three crops can be made at least two weeks earlier if the plants are covered with hotcaps or other plant protectors.

15 per cent more food than in the period just prior to 1940. It is significant, says Godfrey, that most of the increase in food production has come since the Agricultural Conservation Program started providing the means and encouragement for farmers to carry out soil and water conservation practices.

Godfrey hastens to add, however, that he doesn't mean to give the ACP all the credit. But the conservation practices carried out by the farmers cooperating in the program "have been a major factor."

Production figures show that except for potatoes there was no significant increase in the per acre yield of any major crop in all the 70 years before 1937, says Godfrey. Since then the per acre yield of all major crops has gone up.

Godfrey gives a great deal of credit for increased yields to the work of agricultural scientists. Improved varieties, better fertilization, more effective means of controlling disease, insects and weeds, and better soil management have gone a long way in providing the increases. Educational services have provided farmers with a strong background of information. The ACP, with its elected farmer committees in every county in the state and with its direct financial assistance has provided a means of getting quick action by farmers.

Looking at it from this standpoint, Godfrey says the ACP is a consumer program as well as a farm program. "The program gives assurance that an increasing population can continue to eat well."

Few Simple Rules For Handling Spots, Stains

Following are a few simple rules for handling most stains and spots, when the inevitable spills occur. It is always best to remove separate spots quickly before they have a chance to get "set" in the carpet, and become a serious cleaning problem. By following these rules you can keep your carpets in good condition:

1. Beverage stains. Use plain water, and a mild soap or detergent if necessary. Half a cup of white vinegar, diluted in a quart of water and given time to sink into the carpet will remove wine stains.
2. Ink spills. If it's washable ink, simply apply water and work over the ink spot with a damp, absorbent cloth and blotter. If the ink is the permanent type, it's safer to let a professional cleaner do the job.
3. Acids (fruit juices, and so forth).

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Mop up promptly. Wet the stain with water to dilute the acid. Blot thoroughly. Wet and blot again until stain is removed.

4. Oily substances. (Butter, mineral oil, creams). Non-inflammable dry cleaning fluids are best used here, rather than water solutions.

5. Milk spots. Use a detergent rather than soap to remove milk from carpeting.

Merit System Exams Will Be Held April 10

Merit System examinations for professional positions with the State Board of Public Welfare and the county welfare departments are scheduled to be held on April 10, 1954. The North Carolina Merit System Council has announced that these examinations will be given in Raleigh, Wilmington, New Bern, Hickory, Elizabeth City, Wilson, Durham, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Asheville and Fayetteville.

These examinations will be held throughout the State, if there are a sufficient number of applicants. Applications must be submitted on the official form. These may be ob-

tained from the Merit System Office, Mansion Park Building, Raleigh, N. C., or from any local health, welfare, or employment service office. Bulletins giving further information about the welfare positions and examinations may be obtained from the Merit System Office.

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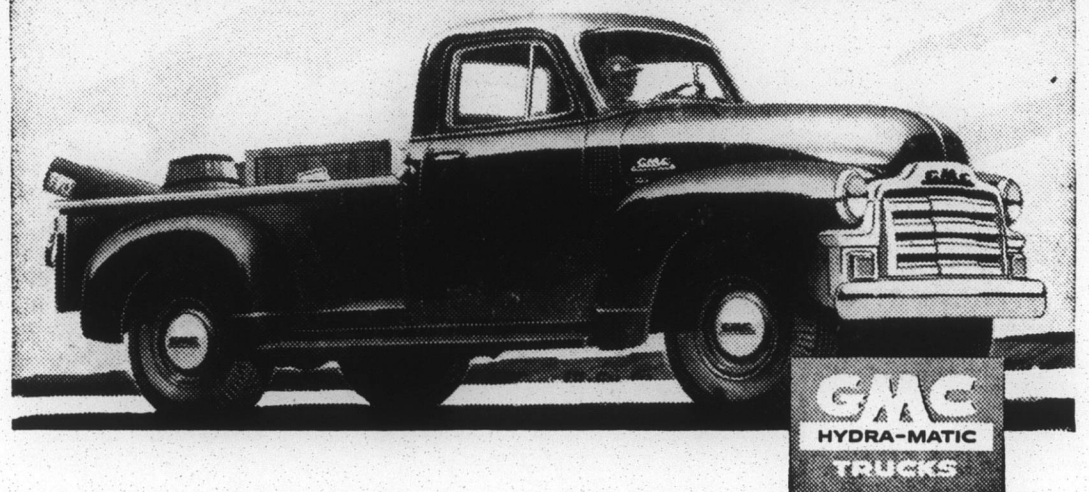
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