

Many Motorists Forget To Renew Auto Licenses

Four Out of Five Apply After Permit Expired

Despite the fact the Motor Vehicles Department jogs their memory 30 days prior to expiration, a great many Tar Heel drivers apparently are forgetting to have their license renewed.

Reports from the state's driver licensing stations say four and five applicants a day show up with expired permits.

Assistant vehicles commissioner Joe W. Garrett urged motorists to inspect their driver licenses periodically and not allow it to lapse through forgetfulness.

The Motor Vehicles Department for several years has been addressing postal cards to drivers reminding them of a forthcoming date for re-examination. Such notices are mailed 30 days in advance of the expiration date. Another 30 days of grace is allowed after the original expiration date, Garrett said.

He reminded drivers they may schedule renewal tests at their own convenience. An appointment schedule is in operation at each of the state's 120 licensing stations. Appointments may be secured by telephone or letter.

Driver's licenses in North Carolina are renewable on the birthday of the applicant every fourth year. The expiration date is stamped on the license. The complete examination with the exception of the road test is given each applicant and the fee is \$2.00, Garrett added.



COT YA!—This cat-and-mouse play by Catcher Del Rice during a practice session at the Cards' spring training camp in St. Petersburg, Fla., isn't covered by anything in the rule book. Actually, it's a successful attempt to block a wild pitch, and the technique will come in handy when baseball season opens.

this provision may be seen from the fact that, as of the end of this fiscal year, June 30 next, it is estimated that funds unspent and funds authorized to be spent will amount to somewhere near \$90 billion.

Senator Byrd initiated a move to bring about a single appropriations bill as far back as 1947. He has succeeded twice in getting the Senate to enact the bill, but the House has never done so. Byrd is hopeful that in this Congress he can get both to pass it.

Anti-Trust Investigation: The House has authorized its Judiciary Committee to conduct a "full and complete" investigation of the anti-trust laws, including the Sherman, Clayton, and the Federal Trade Commission Acts.

Chairman Celler of the committee is working closely with one of the directors of the old temporary National Economic Committee which in the late thirties investigated about every aspect of business that was possible.

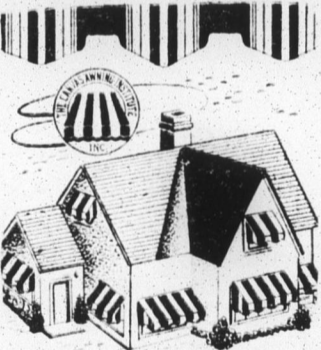
Capitol Conservatives are fearful that the current investigation is likely to spread broad and wide and cover many phases of business. The House Judiciary Committee has been given the power of subpoena.

South America: The recent good will visit of Vice President Nixon is believed in Capitol circles to be the first of a number of moves to establish much closer cooperation within the Western Hemisphere. The Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Benson, has just made a whirlwind visit to Central America and other high officials are expected to visit there within the year. A number of the Capitol believe that all this is prompted by the uncertainties existing in Europe and in the Far East.

Highly Entertaining

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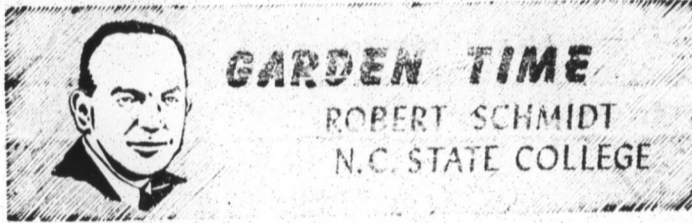
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Except in the mountain areas this is not the proper time to plant lawn grasses. The young seedlings do not get well started before hot weather is upon them and burn them out. Bermuda and Centipede grasses are exceptions to the rule, and are best planted in April or May. Other grasses such as bluegrass, fescues and ryegrass should be planted in the fall. However, we may as well face the fact that as long as new homes are being completed during late spring and early summer, we will also have new lawns planted during those difficult months.

A good lawn well kept is a beautiful thing and is an asset to any property. The hot weather months are the critical period in the maintenance of a lawn. It should be fertilized every five to six weeks throughout the growing season. If you haven't already done so, put

on an application of good garden fertilizer such as a 6-8-6 or 8-8-8 at the rate of 20 pounds per 1,000 feet. Water this in or apply it just before a rain. For the remainder of the season use about five pounds of nitrate of soda per 1,000 square feet at each application. This should be applied when the grass is dry and preferably just before a rain.

Watering is a very important operation. Soak the soil thoroughly at least once a week during dry weather rather than light sprinklings each day after these light sprinklings will do a lot of good. Frequent cutting is desirable but close cutting will do much harm to some of the better grasses such as bluegrass. Set the mower blades a little higher for these grasses. If you have a good stand of grass and keep it well fertilized and lim-

ed when necessary, weeds will not be a problem. If weeds become established, late spring is a good time to eliminate them with a spray of 2, 4-D. This spray will also kill wild onions. Use 2, 4-D with care because it will kill your shrubs and flowers as well as the weeds. Even the spray mist carried by the wind may cause a lot of damage to other plants. A sprayer that is used for 2, 4-D should not be used for other spray purposes.

Chowan High FFA Entertained By FHA

On Wednesday, March 16, the Future Homemakers of America of Chowan High School were hostesses to a party in the library for the Future Farmers of America. Last year the FHA members were guests at a dinner roast given by the FFA.

Frances Chappell, same chairman, conducted some very enjoyable games, especially the musical hat race. Twelve hats were placed on the floor in front of thirteen boys, who skipped around the hats until the music stopped, when each boy grabbed for a hat. The one who was not fortunate enough to get a hat, had to drop out, taking a hat with him, and so on until only one hat was left, which was worn by Bobby Chappell.

A red and white motif was used throughout the room to carry out the FHA colors. The table was beautifully decorated with a white tablecloth, candles and early spring flowers of red and white.

Punch was poured by Mrs. Rogers, home economics teacher, with Sara Margaret Asbell, Mary Sue Elliott and Rose Marie Hollowell assisting in serving open faced sandwiches, mints, cheese straws, cookies and fruit punch, which was enjoyed by all.

E. S. White, agriculture teacher, and the FFA boys expressed great appreciation to the FHA for a most enjoyable evening.

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Prospective Planting Indicated at 180,000 Acres

Prospective 1955 plantings of peanuts alone for all purposes is indicated at 180,000 acres according to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service. Such a crop would be the same as was planted in 1954 but 92,000 acres below the 10-year (1914-53) average acreage of 272,000 acres. These intentions include peanuts for picking and threshing; for hogging off and for other purposes.

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By Walter Chamblin, Jr.

Washington — Apparently the first major effort by the big union bosses under a consolidated CIO-FL is to repeal the section of the Taft-Hartley Act which contains the authority for state right-to-work laws.

The effort to accomplish this will show up in Congress between now and the start of the 1956 Presidential campaign.

Meanwhile, the big union bosses are concentrating at the state level on the 18 states which have such Constitutional provisions or statutes.

AFL President George Meany denounces the right-to-work legislation as "aimed at the very heart of the labor movement." He contends that these right-to-work laws weaken labor unions and, for that reason, are aimed at the heart.

The real reason that Mr. Meany and other big union bosses do not like such laws is that they remove employees from the dictatorial control which can be exercised under a closed shop. Instead of striking at the heart of the labor movement, as Mr. Meany contends, such laws actually preserve the heart of the American way of life... which is that a person shall have the freedom of choice as to where he wishes to work and the conditions under which he works. This is denied by the closed shop.

Tidelands Oil Revenues: The cries of "give-away" raised against Congressional passage two years ago of the Tidelands Oil Bill, to grant the states title to offshore oil reserves, now have a hollow sound. The facts today show that the whole transaction will be profitable to all concerned... especially the Federal government. The Federal government will profit to the extent of \$6 billion and the states by \$1 billion over the years. But even more important, state sovereignty has been preserved and strengthened.

Of all Interior Department receipts for fiscal 1956, \$147 million of the \$413 million total, or more than one-third, will come from oil receipts. The geological survey estimates that 87 per cent of the oil rests in Federal hands rather than in territory of the states. Furthermore, the Federal government gets one-sixth of oil produced as against the customary one-eighth.

Single Appropriation Bill: Senator Byrd, (D-Va.) and 45 other senators have introduced a bill to require Congress to consider all appropriations in one bill instead of in 13 separate bills as is now the practice. The Byrd group believes that this will better enable members of Congress and the public to see the whole spending picture more clearly.

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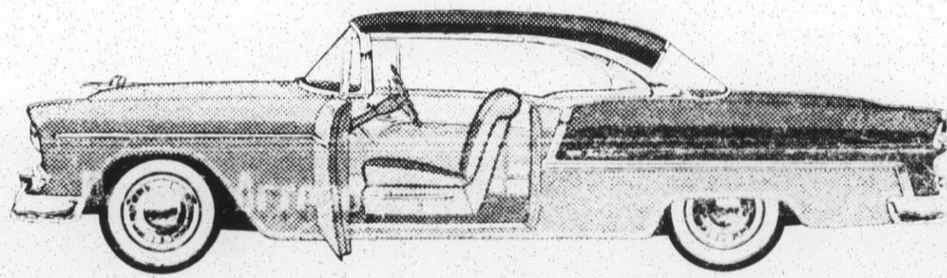
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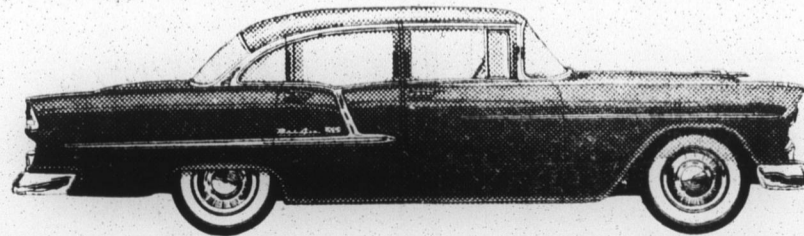
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