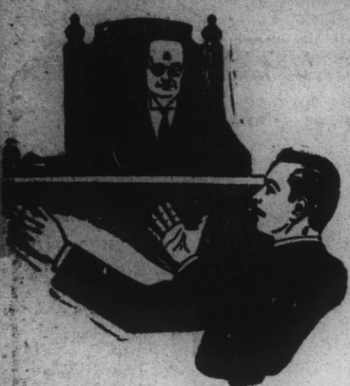


# This is the Law



By ROBERT E. LEE  
(For the N. C. Bar Association)

### Liability Of Hotels

What is the liability of a hotel for the property of a guest that is brought into a hotel?

This depends upon the law of the state in which the hotel is located. Today there are in almost all states statutes which have changed to some extent the strict common-law liability of innkeepers. There is no uniformity in the wording of these statutes.

At common law, which is the law in the absence of statutes, an innkeeper was an absolute insurer as to the safety of the property of a guest, except for (1) negligence of the guest, (2) act of God, and (3) public enemy.

By statute in North Carolina a hotel cannot be held liable for loss or damage of the property of a guest unless such results from the failure of the hotel to exercise ordinary care. Even in such a case, the hotel cannot be sued for an amount in excess of \$100.

A guest may, however, at any time prior to loss or damage notify the hotel in writing that his property exceeds \$100 in value, and must upon demand of the hotel furnish it with a list of the same, with the value thereof, in which case the hotel may be held liable for the loss or damage because of any negligence on its part for the full value of the same.

Proof of the loss of any such baggage, except in the case of damage or destruction by fire, is deemed prima facie evidence of the negligence of the hotel. It is the duty of a hotel in North Carolina, upon request of a guest to receive and safely keep money, jewelry, and valuables to an amount not exceeding \$500. A hotel is not liable for money or jewels not so deposited.

A hotel in North Carolina must post in every room and in its office a printed copy of the North Carolina statute relating to the liability of hotels and all of its regulations relating to the conduct of guests. If it does not do so, the hotel is liable as at common law. This means that if the property is stolen, or destroyed by fire, the guest can recover from the hotel its full present value notwithstanding the fact that the hotel was in no way at fault.

### FOOD SUPERSTITIONS PROVEN UNFOUNDED

Now you can read the truth about the Old Wives Tales, the myths, and the superstitions surrounding many foods and the way we eat them. In this enlightening article, the author reveals that drinking at meals is not fattening and that milk and pickles are not a harmful combination.

For all the details, be sure to read **FACTS AND FANCIES ABOUT WHAT YOU EAT** in the May 25th issue of the

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### Engagement Announced



Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bailey Hudson of Erwin, N. C., announce the engagement of their sister, Miss Lynda Irene Hudson, to Lawrence Joseph Crowder. Miss Hudson and Mr. Crowder have both been residents of Wilson, N. C., for more than twenty years. Miss Hudson is employed by the Branch Banking & Trust Company. Mr. Crowder is owner and operator of the North State Brokerage Company.

### DWELLING REMODELING

By C. W. OVERMAN, Chowan County Agent

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Ward of Gliden community are planning some remodeling and addition to their dwelling. At their request, the county agent looked over the plans which were very good.

Based on experience and training, a few changes were suggested. One of these was placing the pantry or storage room more conveniently to the kitchen. Another was placing the closet for storing of boots, raincoats, etc., most convenient to the line of traffic entering the house to the lavatory and thence to the kitchen. The lavatory was moved to make room for a semi-bath facilities. By these changes persons will enter the utility room, remove boots, raincoats, etc., step over to the lavatory for washing and then into the kitchen.

These changes will not cause any additional cost of construction and yet will add considerably to the convenience. The home

agent, Miss Maidred Morris, and I encourage people to call on us to look over their plans with them before they start remodeling. Generally, any suggestions of changes we offer will not add to the cost of construction and might even save on the cost of construction.

After the party receives their suggestions for more convenience, they are at liberty to go ahead and build in any way they see fit. Through the years I have observed many remodeled homes or rooms on which Extension agents were not requested to look over the plans. Some of these people, after remodeling, have found several mistakes they made and and some of them rather serious. These mistakes might have been avoided had they obtained assistance from Extension workers or other agricultural workers in planning.

### Crotalaria For Soil Bank Land

Crotalaria is one of the best soil improvement crops, to grow on mixed, light and sandy soils, according to County Agent C. W. Overman. The crotalaria adds nitrogen and organic matter to the soil and livestock will not eat it.

The Giant Straiata variety matures late and will not go to seed in this area. This is the variety being recommended by agricultural workers in this area. The seeding rate is eight to ten pounds drill or 20 to 25 pounds per acre broadcast. Seed may be sown

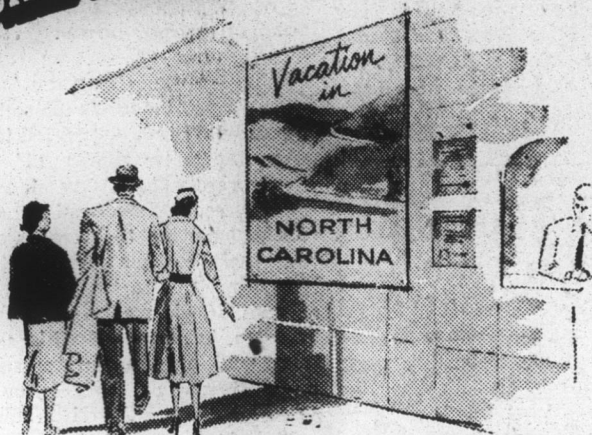
anytime from now until July 1, the earlier it is seeded the more growth it will make. The crop is easily disced into the soil and is an excellent nitrogen gatherer.

Mr. Overman says that seed supplies of Giant Straiata are becoming scarce. He and James Griffin, the Soil Conservationist, urge the farmers to purchase their seed as soon as possible and get the seed sown so that the crop will control or suppress weeds and other undesirable growth.

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### 104 Given Old Age Assistance In April

During April 104 persons in Chowan County received \$3,516 in way of old age assistance. Eighteen cases of aid to dependent children received \$1,072, while 31 cases of aid to permanently and totally disabled received \$1,242

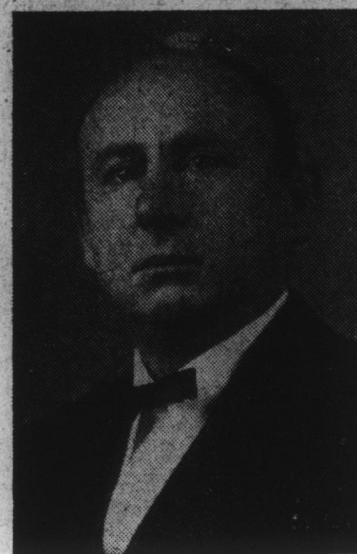
and 12 blind aid cases received \$462.

There were seven emergency assistance cases for which the expense was \$55.31. Other financial assistance included eight cases hospitalized in the county for which the county's share was \$1,001 and two cases hospitalized outside the county, \$37.20.

Service cases included two money, adult parolees under supervision, one family adjustment, five medical and health care cases, service to 33 individual children, two non-support of children cases, seven to adoptive homes and four out-of-town inquiries.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO



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1. Passes upon the legal aspect of Special Proceedings, Petitions and other actions coming before the Court. He must approve the settlement of every estate and adoption, and conduct hearings concerning the sanity of individuals. Every action involving the person or property of minor and incompetent wards of the Court is passed upon by this officer.

2. Must make frequent judicial and administrative decisions based upon the written law.

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3. Is, ex officio, Judge of the Juvenile Court. It is no secret that problems involving our children are increasing.

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We believe that the long experience of JOHN F. WHITE as a Judge of Recorder's Court, lawyer, legislator, father and grandfather combine to make him eminently qualified for the very important office of Clerk of the Superior Court of Chowan County, and we sincerely recommend that every Democratic voter of Chowan County support his candidacy in the Democratic Primary on May 31, 1958.

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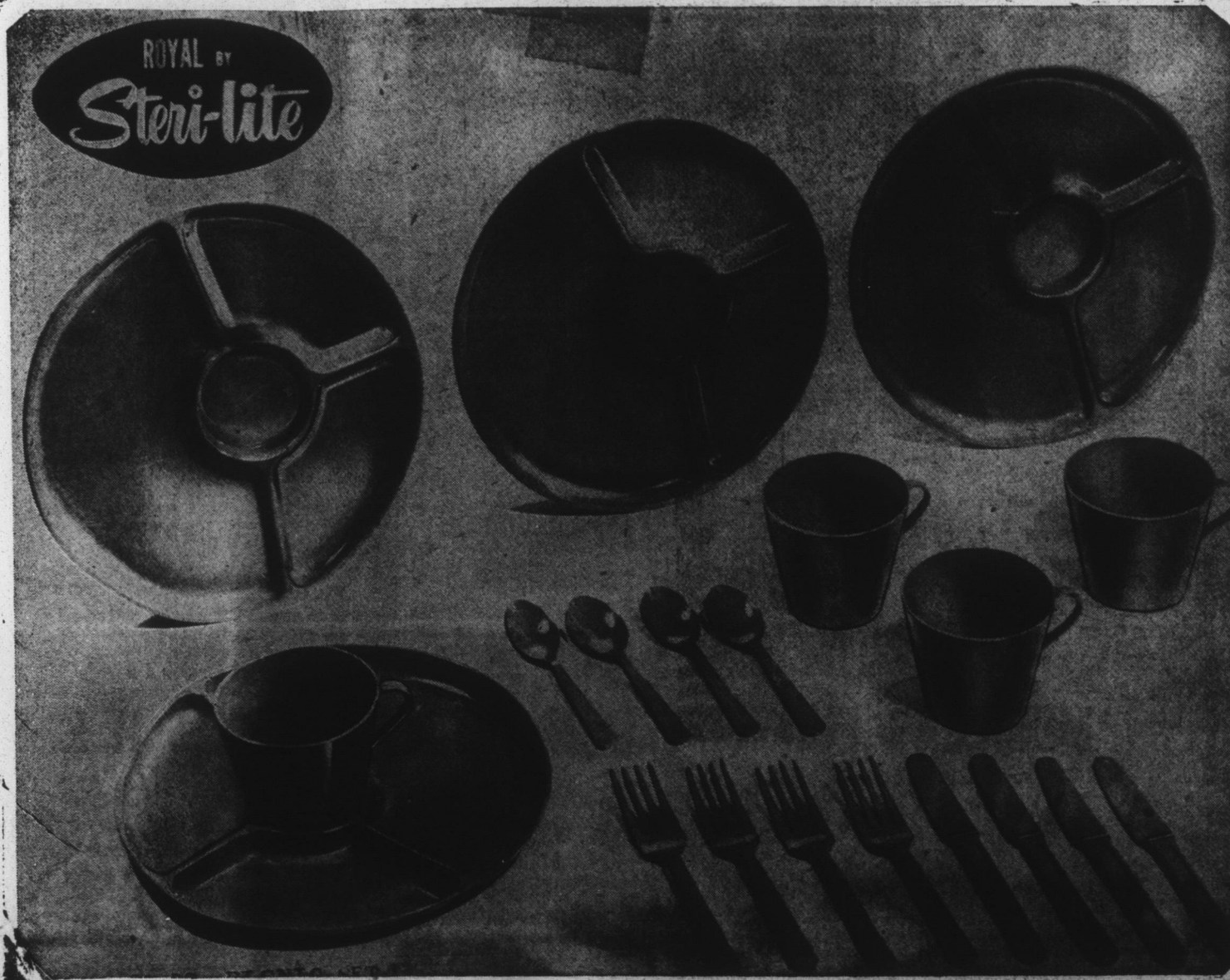
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