

# Safety Sabbath *This Is The Law* Set October 21

RALEIGH — Gov. Jim Holtzclaw has called upon North Carolina clergymen to support Traffic Safety Sabbath on October 21. In a letter to church leaders, the governor asked that emphasis on highway safety be included in worship services.

The annual observance began in North Carolina several years ago. The governor's letter included materials used by clergymen in other states for similar programs.

"I am sure that participation in this effort can be an effective force to cut down on the deaths and injuries on North Carolina highways," the governor said.

"Currently the death toll on our highways is lower than at this time last year, but this is only a momentary comfort. We need to continue our efforts in reducing not only fatalities, but accidents which cause crippling injuries."

In an executive proclamation, the governor noted the responsibility that clergymen have in dealing with the aftermath of highway collisions and urged the instruction of congregations in the importance of highway safety as a religious responsibility.

A luncheon at the Executive Mansion will be held today (Thursday) in conjunction with the observance.

"The reason that talk is cheap is that the supply is always greater than the demand."

By ROBERT E. LEE  
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**ANNUAL CROPS**  
This is the first of a fall series of articles which will appear each week throughout the next three months. They have been written for the non-lawyers as a public service of The Lawyers of North Carolina.

John Jones lives on a farm which he owns and cultivates. He sells the farm to Joe Smith. Does Smith become the owner of the growing crops on the land at the time of the sale?

Yes. The general rule is that a deed to land passes the growing crops thereon to the grantee of the deed in the absence of a reservation to the contrary. This is true even though the crops have already matured and are merely standing unsevered in the field at the time the deed is given. As between seller and buyer of land, the law considers the land and crops attached to it as being united.

The principle applies to cotton, corn, tobacco, grain, and all kinds of vegetables, fruits, and berries that have not been harvested and are still attached to the soil.

May there be an oral agreement that a sale of land does not include the annual crops attached to the land?

Yes. Although a conveyance of the land or a contract to convey land must be in writing, the law of North Carolina permits an oral reservation of the annual crops to the seller.

But there cannot be an oral agreement to except from the

provisions of a deed the fruit on trees and the berries or products of perennial plants. Perennial trees, bushes, shrubs, and vines pass with the title to the land and there cannot be an oral reservation to the seller of either them or their products. Perennial crops are those which are produced year after year from the same roots, trees or bushes without annual planting. Unsevered they are a part of the land to which they are attached, and contracts relating to them must be in writing.

## Alaskan Oil Pipeline Said to Make Sense

Final approval for the right-of-way to the Alaska pipeline would be an important step in overcoming the energy shortage, according to Frank N. Ikard, president of the American Petroleum Institute. He has predicted that, when the line is fully operational, "It will supply U. S. refineries with two million barrels of crude oil every day."

Stating that there are proved reserves of about 10 billion barrels of oil under the North Slope of Alaska, Mr. Ikard said, "It would make very little sense to leave them there and to spend more dollars for oil from foreign sources."

He said the builders have a responsibility to utilize every engineering technique to assure that there will be no significant damage to the ecology of Alaska.

*Employ the Handicapped*

## Edenton Native Earns Promotion

Wachovia Mortgage Company, home office Winston-Salem, has announced the promotion of Mrs. Josephine M. Brown of Winston-Salem as an assistant vice president.

Mrs. Brown is manager of the residential loan closing and delivery section in the company's home office.

A graduate of Brevard Junior College and Doughn's Business College of Greenville, S. C. she has been with Wachovia since January, 1964, when she joined the staff of the Raleigh office as a secretary.

A native of Edenton, she is the daughter of Mrs. S. C. Mills, 205 West Queen Street, and the late Mr. Mills.

## Energy Crisis Hearing Stated

RALEIGH — The N. C. Energy Crisis Study Commission will hold a public hearing next month for various interest groups and private citizens to express their views regarding the energy crisis, commission chairman John J. Tolson, II, announced last Wednesday.

The hearing will begin at 10 A.M. on October 10, in the auditorium of the Highway Building, Wilmington and New Bern Streets in Raleigh. Tolson will be in charge of the hearing.

Those wishing to attend or make statements at the hearing should notify the commission in writing at least 48 hours prior to the hearing. Notification should be sent to Mr. Fowler Martin, executive director, N. C. Energy Crisis Study

Commission, P. O. Drawer 26206, Raleigh, N. C., 27611. Martin said the commission would appreciate a copy of the remarks or statements to be presented at the hearing.

Tolson asked that statements and remarks be limited to five minutes with a maximum of ten minutes to any one speaker or special interest group. "Keeping this schedule should afford everyone an opportunity to participate," the chairman commented.

Every year, 8 to 10 4-H members are selected to participate in a Report-to-the-National program. An example of the finished product produced by 4-H, these young people travel to various parts of the country promoting 4-H ideals and the 4-H program.

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