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More Traffic Rules Being Drafted.

Ordinances Are Being Drawn to Establish Right of Way on Certain Streets.

At a meeting of the town commissioners Thursday night more traffic ordinances were ordered drafted, these to deal particularly with stopping at various danger crossings on the principal streets and the establishing of right-of-way on certain streets.

It is understood that the ordinances will prohibit a driver of an automobile from proceeding across certain intersections without first having stopped. The matter of right-of-way is understood to mean that all cars going north or south on Elm and Chestnut streets have right-of-way over cars going east or west on streets from First to Nineteenth, and cars going east or west on Second and Fifth to have right-of-way over cars going north or south on any of the intersecting streets.

Before the order was made there was a long discussion by members of the board who themselves had witnessed some bad wrecks during the past few months at some of the intersections. No other business of importance was done, most of the time being taken up in a discussion of conditions in general.

Among Out-of-Town Visitors.

Dr. Gordon Ross Hennigar and small son, Master Gordon Ross Jr., of Halifax, Nova Scotia, arrived last night and are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Barker, parents of Mrs. Hennigar, who came some time ago on account of the illness of Mr. Barker, who is able to be out again. They will remain here until after Christmas. Dr. Hennigar, commenting upon the fine weather he has run into here, exhibited a clipping from a Halifax newspaper of December 5th telling about a lawn being mowed there on that date, when the face of the earth is usually covered with snow.

Another visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barker is Mr. E. B. Pittman of Jacksonville, Fla., who is on his first visit back to his native country in 25 years.

Bitten by a Mad Dog.

Mr. S. Weinstein was bitten on the hand Wednesday by a mad dog while a guest at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dunie, in Fairmont. He was in the act of opening the front door of the barn, which is near the house, when the dog sprang at him. The dog was killed the next morning by a farmer who lives near Fairmont, after several persons had narrowly escaped the fate of Mr. Weinstein and one dog had been bitten. The head was sent to the State laboratory in Raleigh and examination showed that the dog was rabid. Mr. Weinstein is taking the treatment discovered by the Frenchman Louis Pasteur in 1881. Dr. Holmes of Fairmont administering it.

Fiend Murders His Wife and Cuts Her Head Off.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 8.—E. Ray Tompkins, real estate dealer, of White Fish Bay, and former member of the Milwaukee Normal school faculty, is in the county jail, formally charged with the murder of his wife whose nude and headless body was found today near Dongas bay, 11 miles from Milwaukee.

Tompkins confessed that he strangled his wife until she became unconscious, placed her body in a bath tub and severed her head under a tap of running water, according to District Attorney George A. Shaughnessy.

Nine Persons Killed in Railroad Wreck.

New York, Dec. 9.—Nine persons were killed, one of them W. B. "Wild Bill" Donovan, manager of the New Haven, Conn., baseball club of the Eastern League, and at least five persons were injured seriously early today when the third section of the westbound Twentieth Century Limited of the New York Central crashed into the rear of the first section of a highway crossing east of Forsythe, N. Y., about sixty miles west of Buffalo, N. Y.

OUR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

- Ho! For a Jolly Christmas Tree
- For all the town and community,
- St. Nick will be there, your joy to share
- And all will sing right merrily.
- As twilight falls,
- On the Court House Square,
- And the candles burn with a merry flare
- Let every one greet the other there.
- Santa Claus invites all the town and country side to come and help make the Community Christmas Tree a real success in this its first year.
- Time—Christmas night—5:30 (p. m.) Place—Court House Square.
- Christmas Carols and Community Singing.

STEARNS PUTS OUT WORD THAT COOLIDGE IS CANDIDATE.

Johnson Only Other Avowed Candidate but Others May Cast Hats in to King.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Announcement of the candidacy of President Coolidge for the Republican nomination for President in 1924 was made tonight by Frank W. Stearns, of Boston, who is known as his closest personal and political friend.

The announcement was made by Mr. Stearns through a statement which was given out by James B. Reynolds, former secretary of the Republican National committee, who directed the campaign for Mr. Coolidge in 1920. Mr. Reynolds made public the statement without comment.

William M. Butler, Republican National committee man for Massachusetts, also a close personal and political friend of Mr. Coolidge, it was stated, will "act as the president's personal representative" in the campaign.

Issues Statement.

The statement follows: "In answer to a question, Frank W. Stearns stated that the friends of President Coolidge are organizing under the guidance of William M. Butler, the Massachusetts member of the National committee and a friend of Mr. Coolidge of many years standing, who will act as the president's personal representative. As he perfects the organization he will from time to time make known those in various parts of the country who will cooperate with him in the organization.

The announcement by Mr. Stearns is expected to serve, temporarily at least, in place of any direct personal statement from the President on the question. The declaration of the candidacy, however, has come as no surprise at this time, following as it does his declaration of policies in his annual message to Congress and coinciding with the annual meeting here this week of the Republican National committee and with what is regarded as virtually the selection of Cleveland, through the withdrawal by Chicago last night of its invitation, for the Republican National convention next year.

For some time friends of Mr. Coolidge had urged him to make his position known soon and it had been planned by some of them to have the President's candidacy indicated in a response to the recent unanimous endorsement given him by the South Dakota Republican proposal convention.

Whether Mr. Butler, who has been in Washington for several days conferring with the President, Mr. Stearns and others, will assure the duties of National campaign manager has not been indicated. In any event he is expected to have the active support in his work of C. Bascom Slemp, secretary to the President, of James B. Reynolds, a veteran in National politics and others.

LEGION BAZAAR AND CIRCUS WILL CLOSE TUESDAY NIGHT.

Bag of Gold Will be Given Away—Results Not Encouraging.

The American Legion bazaar and circus which opened here Tuesday night will close tomorrow night, at which time the bag of gold will be given away to the holder of the lucky number.

The attraction was booked by the local post of the American legion in an effort to make money for the Memorial fund, but on account of the discontinuance of the wheels of chance, the cold weather, the failure of the show people to heat the tent and change their program, it is considered a flat failure. The legion luckily did not guarantee anything financially and will not lose any money on the proposition, but had everything been done as was planned there would have been possibly several hundred dollars added to the fund.

The circus acts were fairly good, but grew very monotonous to those who went every night expecting to see a change in the program. A good number of season tickets were sold by the members of the legion and girls who were trying to sell the largest number in order to win a prize, but efforts were relaxed after the closing of the gambling devices and the repeated programs.

The purpose of the legion in bringing the attraction to Lumberton was a good one and it was hoped that a good bit of money would be made, and it is no fault of the legion that the circus was not presented as represented.

Box Supper at Regan School House.

There will be a box supper at Regan school house Friday night of this week, December 14th, at 7:30. The proceeds will be used toward furnishing the Methodist church.

Box Supper at Rozier.

There will be a box supper and other amusements at the Rozier school house Friday night, Dec. 14th, at 7:30. The public is invited.

Ten suicides were recorded in New York Friday. Five men ended their lives by inhaling gas, one by drowning, one by hanging, one by jumping from the 12th story of a Broadway building, and five by inhaling gas. Ill health and fear caused most of the tragedies.

Live Projects of Woman's Club

Plans are Being Perfected for Community Christmas Tree, Christmas Dinner for County Home, Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sale December 13 and Christmas Boxes for Nurses at Oteen.

The December meeting of the Woman's club was held at the club room on the first Monday with splendid attendance and a live interest manifested. After the usual business routine, several projects of vital interest at this time were discussed and reported, viz: The Community Christmas Tree, Tuberculosis Christmas Seal sale and Christmas boxes for the nurses at Oteen.

Plans are now well under way for the celebration of our first Community Christmas tree, which we hope to make so successful that it will become one of Lumberton's permanent institutions. Mrs. Johnnie McNeill made an earnest plea for generous buying of the Tuberculosis Christmas Seals when the sale shall be on Thursday, December 13. In connection with this work the Woman's club has invited each worker in the stamp sale to be its guest for a luncheon to be given to the club room at 12 o'clock on that day.

The suggestion of Christmas boxes for the nurses at Oteen met with very favorable and generous response on the part of all. Mrs. John Knox, chairman of the committee, will receive contributions for, or complete boxes from, all who are eager at this time to have a part in remembering the valiant services of our nurses and untiring ministry was one of the bright spots on a dark horizon. Let's take this opportunity to show them we haven't forgotten.

Mrs. Lou Townsend, chairman of the social service department, gave an exceptionally fine report of work accomplished by the following divisions: 1. The committees of the two hospitals of our town were reported on as having visited the patients frequently and distributed many flowers in their rooms.

2. The committee on the county home had visited and solicited the help of many in giving the patients there a good Thanksgiving dinner, while she plans to do the same thing at Christmas time.

3. The committee on the fall told of a splendid service given by the junior choir of the Methodist church for the prisoners and of touching indications of their heartfelt appreciation for the thoughtfulness.

4. The Shut-In committee plans to do more and better work, tho it has already accomplished much in the visiting of those unable to be out.

5. The committee on the distribution of magazines is doing a very helpful work and will make every effort to place this literature to the best advantage.

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Next Mrs. E. R. Hardin gave a very fine report from the Twelfth District meeting held at Fayetteville Nov. 7. Perhaps it may be of interest to many to know the 12th District embraces six counties, therefore bringing together in its meetings representatives of many clubs in the various towns and communities therein. The report of club work done by all was full of enthusiasm and inspiration.

The Lumberton club will be hostess to this meeting next year, and we hope for a large representation from every club.

Don't forget the next meeting—Monday, January 7, 1924.

DANVILLE MAN KILLS HIS WIFE AND WOUNDS BROTHER-IN-LAW

Reidsville, Dec. 9.—Austin Carter, 50, Danville insurance man, tonight shot and killed his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Moore Carter, 35, at the home of his father-in-law in this city, then turned the gun on his brother-in-law, John Price, 25, who was fatally injured, and then shot Mrs. John Price, 30, in the right leg. He tried to shoot his mother-in-law, but the bullets in his revolver were exhausted by that time.

Carter, who came to this city this afternoon, made his escape after the shooting, in a roadster, and had not been captured at midnight. Poses are making every effort to locate him.

Carter's wife and her five little children left him in Danville a few days ago, and came here to live with her father, L. L. Moore. This is said to have been the second time that they had separated.

Jealousy is said to have been entirely without just foundation, of his brother-in-law is ascribed as the cause of his shooting.

Carter, according to the police, declared that Price, his brother-in-law, had broken up his home. Members of the Moore family denied that said statement had been made, but said Carter was crazed with drink.

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Remember that we can have your name put on them at small cost. See our line.

FREEMAN PRINTING COMPANY, Lumberton, N. C.

REV. T. McM. GRANT AT CHESTNUT STREET CHURCH.

New Pastor Presided to a Large Congregation at Each Service Yesterday—Pounding Friday Evening.

Rev. T. McM. Grant preached his first sermons as pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church yesterday, a large congregation being present at the service both morning and evening.

Before beginning his sermon at the morning service Mr. Grant spoke understandingly of the deep regret and sadness this congregation has experienced in parting with its former pastor, Dr. R. C. Beaman. "I would think something was wrong with you if it had been otherwise," he said, "for I have never known a finer man nor a sweeter spirit." Since early childhood he has known Dr. Beaman, Mr. Grant said, and "he has had a great influence on my life."

Mr. Grant declared that he is interested in all that interests the town, and plead for a chance to serve in every way in which he can help. The theme of his sermon yesterday morning was the evolution of a soul through struggle. "There is hope as long as a man can fight," he said, "but when he surrenders he invites the marauders. Victory comes through the power of Jesus." Quoting Bishop Denny he said, "Don't say 'I have a soul'; say 'I am a soul.' God is calling us to some task, he said in conclusion, and it is our job to see it through."

Two-Mile Religion.

"And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain," Matt. 5:41, was Mr. Grant's text at the evening service. He urged the importance of launching out into larger fields of service, seeking how much one can do and not limiting one's efforts by what some one else does.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant and their infant daughter arrived Friday evening and will make their home on East Fifth street, between Chestnut and Walnut, until needed repairs are made on the parsonage or a new parsonage is built. They were given a generous pounding soon after their arrival by members of the church, who gathered for that purpose at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira B. Townsend, just across the street from the house which has been rented for them temporarily.

WALTER PAGE HONORED BY NORTH CAROLINA

Portrait of Eminent Citizen Presented to State.

Raleigh, Dec. 7.—North Carolina made its low of appreciation for the life and work of Walter Hines Page, "eminent and typical son," at tonight's closing session of the state literary and historical society.

A portrait of him, a copy of the portrait by Lazzio that hangs in the American embassy in London, was received by the state; and his life of service was eulogized by Dr. Frederick M. Hanes of Winston-Salem, and Governor Morrison and by Dr. Albert Shaw, editor of The Review of Reviews, who knew him in his broad life as a world figure.

Page went away from North Carolina unpopular, perhaps, because he sought to awaken the state from its slothfulness and slack, Dr. Hanes reminded in making the speech of presentation.

Page was brought back to his native state to rest beneath its sod after a life of service to the world, and had he lived millions of Americans would have desired him for President, Governor Morrison declared in receiving the portrait.

And Page in all his great works in the field of literary and educational effort was forever striving for the advancement of his southland and his native state, Dr. Shaw, his colleague and friend for many years, assured the audience that tonight gathered to honor him.—Brock Barkley in Charlotte-Observer.

SPEEDING CAR CRUSHES CHILD

Lad Thrown Fifty Feet By Car That Never Slacked Pace: Pursued For No.

Raleigh News and Observer. Caught under the wheels of an automobile moving at 40 miles an hour past the home of his grandfather on the Central Highway 12 miles east of the city, little James Bunch, 5-year-old son of J. T. Bunch, was thrown fifty feet along the pavement, receiving injuries from which he may die. The automobile did not check its speed.

Another and heavier car traveling a little distance behind the one that struck the lad immediately gave chase and after pursuing the fleeing Ford for two miles got the license number as 13-242. The records of the Motor Bureau here give S. A. Jackson of Salemburg, Sampson county, as the owner of the car.

INDIAN BARBER SHOP

Just a word to the Indians of Robeson County, to let you know that we are opening an Indian Barber Shop and wish to secure your patronage. You will find us in front of Mr. Frank Gough's wholesale store on 3rd street. W. R. McNeill, Prop. Lumberton, N. C.

RENNERT NEWS ITEMS

Death of Mr. R. Ernest McGoogan a Great Shock and Loss to His Community—Fiddlers Convention.

By E. C. Perry. Rennert, Dec. 8.—Monday, December 3rd, at 5 a. m., the death angel visited our community and claimed as his victim R. Ernest McGoogan. Deceased had been in declining health for several months. Though his condition was known to be serious, yet his death came as a great shock, as no one realized the end was so near.

Deceased was 24 years of age and is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McGoogan, two brothers, W. H. and D. Oscar McGoogan. Interment was made at Philadelphia church at 11 a. m. Wednesday, Rev. E. C. Murray of St. Pauls conducting the service. The grave was completely covered with beautiful floral designs which displayed the high esteem in which deceased was held by all who knew him.

Mr. McGoogan was a member of the Presbyterian church of St. Pauls, a member of the Christian Endeavor of Shannon and the B. Y. P. U. at Rennert Baptist church. He displayed all the qualities of a consecrated Christian gentleman. He was an excellent church worker, never hesitating to do any good work that might pass his way, regardless of whether it was his church or not. Deceased was also a graduate of N. C. State college, having graduated in agriculture there some two years ago. During his months of suffering he never complained, cheerfully and willingly submitting to his affliction. In his death the community has suffered a great loss from which it will be hard to recover.

A fiddlers' convention was held at Rennert school on the night of Dec. 5th and proved to be a great success. Everyone present seemed to thoroughly enjoy it. The convention was conducted for the benefit of the school by Mr. C. J. Ammons of Lumber Bridge.

Those taking part and contesting for the prizes were Messrs. John and Murphy Stephens of McMillan, Bon Cashwell of Rex, Will McPherson of Buies and Messrs. A. P. Hall, D. L. McIntyre and A. K. Brock of Rennert. Mr. John Stephens of McMillan was declared by the judges to be the best "fiddler" and was awarded first prize. Mr. McPherson of Buies was declared second and received second prize. Mr. Bon Cashwell of Rex was adjudged the best banjo picker with Mr. A. P. Hall of Rennert second. In a contest between Messrs. W. D. Wellington and L. T. Walters for the champion dancer, Mr. Wellington was declared the best and received first prize. The judges were Mr. T. C. Lewis, Rex, Mr. D. F. Webster, Rennert, and Mr. H. F. Walters of Buies.

—Dr. D. J. Blocker spent a few hours here Saturday at the home of his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. G. Wishart, enroute to his home in Rome, Ga., from Richmond, Va., where he attended a meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. He was accompanied home by his small son, D. J. Jr., who remained here with Mr. and Mrs. Wishart while Dr. Blocker was in Richmond.

—The condition of Mr. M. B. Robbins, who has been confined to his room on account of illness since Friday, is reported as better today.

—Mr. O. H. Bracy has resigned his position with R. D. Caldwell & Son, effective January 1st, and he and Mrs. Bracy will move to Nashville, N. C., where he has accepted a position with the Nash department store as vice president and general manager. Mr. Bracy has been employed by the Caldwell firm for the past 19 years and has made many friends both for himself and the firm. He will be succeeded by Mr. W. L. Parham, who has been connected with the firm for the past 12 years.

—Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Johnson returned this morning from Havana, Cuba, where they attended the annual meeting of surgeons of the Seaboard Air Line railway. They were accompanied by Miss Tempie Bass of Henderson, who stopped over here on her way to Wilmington, where she teaches.

—Mr. Joe Melligan is a patient at the Baker sanatorium, suffering with a fractured skull, the result of an accident which occurred in the mill of the Butters Lumber company of Boardman Thursday. Details of the accident have not been learned. The injured man is still in a semi-conscious condition.

—There will be a special meeting of the American Legion auxiliary in the legion hall tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. Important work.

Messrs. L. E. Gilbert and W. P. Trawick of R. 1, Parkton, were among the visitors in town Friday.

Mr. Roger Pittman of Barnesville was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

CHRISTMAS SEALS SALE DECEMBER 13.

Sale of Tuberculosis Christmas Seals will be put on in Lumberton Thursday of this week. Mrs. Johnnie McNeill, local chairman, urges generous buying of the seals. The Woman's club will entertain each worker in this sale at luncheon at the club room at noon Thursday.

Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Harrington. Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 31 cents the pound.

Items of Local News

—License has been issued for the marriage of Miss Dora Hall and Mr. Owen R. Butler.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Miss Rosa Ella Smith and Mr. Walter L. Trogdan.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kornegay, Thursday morning, at their home on Eighth street, a 9-pound girl.—Frances Ruth.

—A modern steam laundry has been added to the equipment at the Baker sanatorium, the first laundry being done Saturday.

—Mrs. A. H. Prevatt returned Friday from Fayetteville, where she had been undergoing special treatment at the Cumberland General hospital. Her condition is greatly improved.

—Mr. H. M. McAllister spent yesterday in McCall, S. C., where Mrs. McAllister has been for the past ten days with her mother, Mrs. Frances Ramsey, who continues critically ill.

—Mr. E. C. Wade of Allenton killed recently a porker that weighed 423 pounds and was only 1-2 months old. You'll say it was a fine one. Mr. Wade was a Lumberton visitor Friday.

—Rev. T. McM. Grant, pastor, and Mr. A. E. White, district steward, of Chestnut Street Methodist church, are attending in Hamlet today a meeting of district stewards and lay leaders of the Rockingham district.

—The sidewalks on Elm street were crowded Saturday with Christmas shoppers and one could see by occasional glances into the stores that buying was almost furious. There are only 12 more shop-at-home days before Christmas.

—The condition of Mr. George West who has been a patient at James Wake Memorial hospital at Wilmington for some time, is improving, according to word received Saturday by Mr. West's father, Mr. H. R. West of Allenton, who was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. Mrs. West is with her son.

—Carl, 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Riddle of St. Paul R. 4, underwent a slight operation this morning at the Thompson hospital for enlarged tonsils and infected adenoids. He was accompanied to Lumberton by his father.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Floyd and Mrs. E. Fisher of Fairmont were visitors here yesterday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Floyd. Mr. A. E. Floyd, who is judge of the recorder's court in Fairmont, is convalescing after an illness of several weeks.

—Mr. J. A. Jnette of Four Oaks arrived Thursday and has begun work as traveling salesman for Mr. H. M. Beasley, wholesale grocer. Mrs. Jnette and two children have been here for some time and they are making their home with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Beasley, on East Fifth street.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Lee and son, Master Maurice, left last night for Goldsboro, where they will attend the funeral today of Mr. Lee's grandmother, Mrs. B. C. Fields, who died Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Jones. Deceased was 83 years of age.

—Dr. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, and Messrs. T. L. Johnson, L. R. Varner, S. McIntyre and E. J. Britt delegates from the church, expect to leave this afternoon or early tomorrow for Gastonia to attend the State Baptist convention, which convenes in its 93rd annual session there Tuesday afternoon.

—The play "Old Maids' Club," which was given at the Barker-Ten Mile school house Friday night, was a complete success, according to Prof. D. B. Oliver, principal of the school, who was among the visitors in town Saturday. The proceeds, \$26.90, have been used for equipping the auditorium with lights.

—Mr. Walter Ertter has purchased the Scott studio from Mr. Fred Scott and will conduct the business, discontinuing the Shelby studio which he has been operating in the Bullard & Freeman building on Chestnut street. Mr. Scott will represent the Res-Sik Hosiery Mills of Indianapolis, making his headquarters here.

—A fresh coat of paint has been applied to the walls of the White building on Elm street, occupied by Efrid's department store, which improves the appearance of the building a great deal. There are still about 8 buildings on Elm street that need a bath and a coat of paint. Who's next?

—Among those from here attending the oyster roast given by members of the Newbury Realty & Auction Co. near Wilmington yesterday were Messrs. J. J. Lamolev, Ira Bullard, Nash Kinlaw, C. M. Barker, J. L. Stephens, D. D. French, D. L. Whitely and D. M. Barker. Mayor E. M. Johnson went to Wilmington Saturday night to attend the roast but returned yesterday morning on account of slight illness.

FULLER'S FILLING STATION