

Here Are Requirements To Pass N. C. Auto Test

The North Carolina mechanical inspection program, under which all motor vehicles owned by North Carolina motorists will be inspected for mechanical defects, will get under way during the month of January, according to a recent announcement by L. C. Roser, commissioner of the department of motor vehicles.

At present it is not known at what exact date checking stations will be set up in this area, but 40 mobile stations will be set up in January to cover the state as rapidly as possible.

With this in mind, Coleman W. Roberts, president of the Carolina Motor Club, advised motorists to begin examining their vehicles now and make repairs needed to pass the vehicle inspection law, which goes into effect January 1, 1948.

All vehicle owners are urged to take their cars or trucks to an inspection station as soon as one is operating in an area nearby. The inspection of each vehicle will take a short time—only about five or ten minutes. It is not necessary that the car owners appear at the checking station; the vehicle may be driven by any licensed operator.

Mr. Roberts stressed the fact that particular emphasis prob-

ably will be placed on the following items and that standards have been set as follows:

Licenses. Registration card and driver's license needed. Both must be current. License plates must be securely fastened, not obstructed or mutilated.

Horn. Must be clear and audible not less than 200 feet away. No harsh sound or whistle will be allowed.

Mirror. Rear view mirror must give unobstructed view of highway behind.

Windshield and Windshield wiper. Windshield must be safety glass and free of poster or stickers, except required by law. Driver's view must not be impaired by breaks or discoloration. At least one windshield wiper in good working order to provide clear vision for driver in inclement weather is required. Rear and side glass in the car must be kept clear of posters and stickers, unless required by law.

Steering Mechanism. Misalignment between right and left from wheels shall not exceed 30 feet per mile. On rear wheel alignment, side-slip must not exceed 30 feet per mile and rear axle shall be reasonably square with vehicle frame. There must be no looseness or excessive

movement in the steering assembly and no broken parts or any conditions that would cause difficult steering.

Exhaust System. A muffler in good working order is required and a leak proof exhaust system.

Tires. Must be free from exposed fabric or bulges which might weaken them.

Lights. Two headlights are needed of approved type and good working order; each capable of producing at least 3,750 apparent beam candlepower of driving beam. The tail light must be red and plainly visible for a distance of not less than 500 feet to the rear. Stop lights, if approved, must be red and plainly visible. Parking lights must be visible for a distance of not less than 500 feet. A device should be provided so that driving lights can be dimmed when passing.

Brakes. Braking effort must be not less than 54 per cent of vehicle weight for four wheel brakes and not less than 50 per cent of vehicle weight for two wheel brakes. Brake equalization on all wheels should be in proportion both for vehicle with four wheel brakes and those with two wheel brakes. The brake pedal should provide a pedal reserve of not less than one-third of the designed pedal travel and all motor vehicles must have a hand brake in good working order.

Turn Signals. If used, must be in good working order and plainly visible. Trucks constructed so that hand signals are not plainly visible must be equipped with approved turn signals.

Auxiliary Lights. Must be on front end and high intensity portion of beam shall not shine more than 75 feet ahead of vehicle. These lights are not required.

Clearance Lights and Reflectors. Must be used on excessive width motors and certain trailers or semi-trailers must be equipped with reflex-reflectors.

Switches and Wiring. Must comply with approved assembly requirement, be in good working order and wiring must be maintained in safe condition.

Since state inspectors do not make repairs, officials suggested that motorists will save themselves unnecessary inconvenience by having their vehicles put in tip-top mechanical shape before visiting the inspecting lane.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that approximately 43,107,000 bushels of United States grain and grain products exported in October 1947.



to wish you all
A Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS is a kindly and reverent season! It is the one time in the year to forgive and forget . . . when we can give vent to our innermost feelings of thanks and appreciation . . . when we can pause to ponder the past and plan for the future.

In America, we have every reason to be thankful. Our System of Free Enterprise is stronger than ever. It has truly been said that "In America the people own everything . . . including the Government. In the countries bent under the yoke of dictatorship, the Government owns everything, including the people." For all these things . . . for this land of plenty in which we live . . . for our food, clothing, and comfortable homes . . . for our democratic way of life which gives us freedom, liberty and the right to pursue happiness in our own way . . . we give our grateful thanks.

So, in a joyous mood, to you and yours, all of us at Macon County Supply Company extend every good wish for a Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

Mere words cannot express our deep and sincere appreciation for the hearty cooperation which you have extended to us during the year just closing. We are thankful for true, loyal friends and will diligently seek to justify the friendship and confidence reposed in us.

MACON COUNTY SUPPLY CO.

NOTICE! LIST YOUR PROPERTY

Tax listers will be at the following places in the various townships on the dates given to list property for the year 1948. The Board of Commissioners ask all persons to cooperate to the fullest extent in helping the listers to get a correct list of all property. The law provides that a penalty shall be effected against any person failing to list his or her property (although this will not be applied to non-residents). All persons should make a strong effort to see the List Taker or have some person represent them and save the embarrassment of going before the Board asking for corrections when you have failed to list your property.

Franklin:

Charlie Sutton, upstairs in the jury room of the courthouse, all week days throughout January, 1948.

Cartoogechaye:

Bryan Setser, Oscar Lewis' home, January 3; Ledford's store, January 10; John Roane's home, January 16; Hopkins' store, January 17, 24; Billy Byrd's home, January 20; at home all other dates throughout January, 1948.

Ellijay:

P. N. Moses, Charlie Jones' residence, January 2; Higdonville school, January 3; Ben Gibson's store, January 5, 17; David Stanfield's store, January 6; Tom Bryson's store, January 8, 24; D. L. Norris' store, January 9; Mashburn Branch school, January 10. All other dates at home throughout January, 1948.

Sugarfork:

Mrs. Faye Mashburn, Buck Creek school, January 3; Walnut Creek school, January 10; Gold Mine school, January 17; O. C. Corbin's store, January 24; Willie Moses' store, January 31; all other dates at home throughout January, 1948.

Highlands:

Tom Potts, at Potts Brothers' store, all week days throughout January, 1948.

Flats:

Ray Dryman, Brown's store, January 3, 10; Scaly schoolhouse, January 17, 24; all other dates at home throughout January, 1948.

Smith Bridge:

Robert Stewart, Otto schoolhouse, January 9, 10, 23, 24; Buchanan's store, Tesenta, January 2; James Norris' store, January 16, 17; Rush's store, Riverside, January 30, 31; all other dates throughout January at home.

Mills Shoal:

Paul Ammons, Reid's store, January 2, 3; Beeco's store, January 9, 10; Mountain Grove School, January 17; Holly Springs school, January 23, 24; all other dates at home throughout January, 1948.

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Jim Shields, Dwight Waters' store, January 3; W. W. Cochran's store, January 10; Clint Grant's store, January 12; Beechertown schoolhouse, January 13; Fairview, January 14; Kyle school, January 17; Otter Creek school, January 24; Choga, January 15; at home, all other dates throughout January, 1948.

Burningtown:

Bill Parrish, Tellico post office, January 3; Stiles post office, January 10; Duvall's store, January 16, 17; O'Mohundro's store, January 24; at home all other dates throughout January, 1948.

Cowee:

John H. Dalton, E. O. Rickman's store, January 10; Buchanan's store (Iotla January 10; Buchanan's store (Iotla Bridge), January 16; Rose Creek old school, January 17; Edd McCoy's store, January 20, 21; T. M. Rickman's store, January 23; C. N. West's store, January 24.

All property owners are required to return to the List Taker all the real estate, personal property, etc., owned by each on the first of January.

All male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 years are required by law to list their polls during January.

All persons who own property and fail to list it and all who are liable for a poll tax and fail to give themselves in will be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, subject to a fine or imprisonment upon conviction.

FARM CENSUS NOTE

Each farm owner shall prepare a list of the acreage of each crop grown, including tenths of acres of truck. The list should show the total acres cultivated by the owner, also the acres cultivated by all tenants on each separately recognized farm, the acres in improved pasture, woodland, idle and other lands. He shall be prepared to report the number of hogs sold or slaughtered during past 12 months and tons of fertilizer to be used during this crop year. This information is kept confidential and has no relation to taxes. Its purpose is for agricultural education, economic analysis and safer guidance of county agents and farmers generally.

LAKE V. SHOPE, Tax Supervisor