

Farming And Home Making Are 'Big Business' Today

Home business centers are becoming more popular in rural homes these days, because rural men and women are realizing that farming and home making are "big business" and have to be run in a business-like way in order to gain the greatest efficiency and economy of time, money, and energy.

Home demonstration club women are doing their part by studying means of setting up home business centers in their home demonstration club meetings.

According to reports from Orange County's home agent, Miss Jessie Trowbridge, some of the men in the county are going to be surprised when they wake up Christmas morning. Instead of socks and ties, they're going to find filling cabinets under the tree.

Or, at least, that's what some of the home demonstration club members are saying. Miss Trowbridge says that when the women at club meetings last month were asked the question, "Where do you keep your bills, receipts, insurance policies, and other important papers?", the answers ranged from the "cake box" to "a lock box".

In the demonstration that followed, club members were shown how simple business centers could be set up in their homes, whether in the kitchen, family room, or other convenient places.

There are already some outstanding home business centers in Orange County. For example, the Wyatt Phelps family, Cedar Grove, has a built-in business center in their family room. A pull-out lamp is to be installed, and Mrs. Phelps plans to refinish an old chair to use at the center.

Mrs. Wiley Perry, Route 2, Mebane, has wanted a new kitchen in place of her long, narrow one for a long time. She now has a dining room-kitchen which leaves the old room from which to make an ideal home business center for Mr. Perry.

AGENT RECOGNIZED

J. L. West, local Allstate Insurance Company agent, has received special recognition for his aid in winning the company's "President's Birthday Contest for the Carolinas regional office and has received an invitation to attend a victory banquet in the spring as an honor guest of Allstate President Judson B. Branch.

The Eyes Are Going To Be On Tar Heels

By BILL CROWELL

RALEIGH—State officials, legislators, and liability insurance men from the Atlantic to the Pacific have their eyes on North Carolina this winter, according to letters and other information reaching the State Department of Motor Vehicles.

Their interest is this state's success, or failure, in the administration of its new "compulsory automobile liability insurance law," which becomes effective Jan. 1. They also want to know the North Carolina motorists' reaction when they buy their license plates in January and February.

"Though our law is quite similar to that which went into effect in New York this year," Commissioner Edward Scheidt said, "and though New York officials and the New York public seem pleased with results there, I believe that most of the states are more interested in what will happen in North Carolina than in what has happened, and is hap-

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be true, half the population of the United States lives within that distance of the Great Smokies.

More than 41 per cent of the travel in the park was by people from Tennessee and North Carolina, which of course is understandable.

Louisiana people supplied 1.45 per cent of the vehicles in the Great Smokies, which puts the state in 11th position in the nation, which indicates, I think, the esteem we lowlanders have for those glorious hills.

While there is a year-round flow of tourists to the Great Smokies, the studies indicate that 64 per cent of the visitors to the park come during the three vacation months. And the average passenger load per vehicle was 3.69. As a frequent visitor to the Smokies, I've noted that without benefit of statistics, barely a car climbs to Newfound Gap or rides the crest to Clingman's Dome with only a couple in it. Usually, there's at least one youngster along with the parents.

pening, in New York. Our problem is nearer the average than that of New York."

Mr. Scheidt explained that whereas approximately 90 per cent of the New York automobile owners carried liability insurance before their law became effective, only about 65 per cent of North Carolina car and truck owners have such policies. The national average is estimated at 75 per cent.

Moreover, North Carolina is the first rural state to enact the compulsory insurance law. In fact it is only the third state in the union to pass such legislation. The first was Massachusetts more than 30 years ago. But there the minimum required policy is a "bobtailed" version which afford much less protection than others. The New York law became effective the first of 1957 while the North Carolina law becomes effective in 1958.

"Many believe that it will be more difficult to explain this type of law in a rural or semi-rural state, such as North Carolina, than it has been in New York," Mr. Scheidt said. "Others contend that to make the jump, from 65 per cent insured to 100 per cent will be much more difficult than the jump from 90 to 100 per cent as in New York. Whether or not these opinions are correct, we are not yet ready to say. But there is no doubt that the spotlight will be on North Carolina when our law goes into effect on Jan. 1.

As he has said before, Mr. Scheidt insisted that the act is not actually a "compulsory automobile liability insurance law." By posting \$11,000 in cash or a \$15,000 bond, or by operating a fleet of more than 25 vehicles, the

owners can avoid the insurance requirements. But the same also is true in New York; and Mr. Scheidt admitted that to all intents and purposes North Carolina now has compulsory insurance.

That means that almost no individual owner of an automobile or truck can buy his 1958 license plate until he has liability insurance and presents a certificate of insurance along with the \$11 his plate will cost. It also means that around a half-million North Carolina car owners who never carried liability insurance before must buy it this year — or after Feb. 15 they must park their cars.

Local Marine Back In States From Maneuvers

Marine Pfc. Thomas W. Angel, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Y. Angel, of Franklin, returned to Camp Lejeune on Nov. 18 with the 6th Marine Regiment, after participating in fall NATO training maneuvers in the Mediterranean

for three months, according to the Fleet Home Town News Center. During the exercises, the Marines acted as a unit of the U. S. Sixth Fleet conducting amphibious landings on the Island of Crete and taking part in "Operation Deepwater" in Saros Bay, Turkey.

Health Center Closing Here For Full Week

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3. Name, age and address of each entry must be attached to the drawing.
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5. Grand prize winners selected from weekly winners.

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