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## NEW AUTOMOBILE LAW

Vigorous enforcement of the law conferring police powers upon the Secretary of State in collecting automobile license fees will begin January 1, and within the next few months the department expects to add upwards of half million dollars to the State's revenues from uncollected license fees, according to a statement by Col. J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State.

Few additional inspectors will be added to the force, not more than a half dozen as a maximum, Colonel Grimes stated. These will begin their work in the larger cities of the State where the violations of the license laws have been most flagrant. It is estimated that 25,000 automobiles are operating in the State without proper license, or without license of any sort.

Copies of the new law will be mailed immediately to all local officials, and to all automobile dealers in the State, and to the register of deeds in each county, whose duty it now becomes to register the sale of each automobile made within the State. In addition to the provisions for the registration of automobiles with the register of deeds, the new law is presented in brief as follows:

### Digest of New Law

The Secretary of State is authorized to appoint one or more inspectors, who, when commissioned by the Governor, have full police powers anywhere in the State, in cases of violation of the automobile laws. Local officers are not relieved of the duty now imposed by law on them in enforcing the automobile law, but in addition to their present duties are required to co-operate with and furnish aid to the State inspectors.

In addition to the appointment of inspectors, the act fixes penalties for the following offenses, which were not definitely provided for in the automobile law:

Giving worthless checks in payment for licenses; giving fictitious or assumed names or postoffices in applications for registration, for the purpose of concealing identification; mutilating, painting over and covering numbers for the purpose of concealing identification or defrauding the State of license fees; using plates issued for vehicles of low horsepower on vehicles of higher horsepower; loaning plates to other persons, etc.

### No More Local Licenses

It is also provided that dealers' number plates shall only be used for purposes incident to the actual operation of an automobile dealers' business, and the Secretary of State is empowered to investigate the illegal use of dealers' plates, and to cancel and take possession of numbers found to be so used.

State, county and municipally owned cars are required, after July 1st, 1922, to be registered in the office of the Secretary of State, instead of being allowed the privilege of

## BIG NEW BUSINESS CONCERN

The New Year will start in Vass with a big new business concern which will be one of the largest commercial concerns in this section of the country. It will be a corporation with a capital stock of \$50,000, under the name of McKeithen and Company and will have for its stockholders, J. A. Keith, W. H. McNeill, A. D. McLaughlin and Neill M. McKeithen, with Mr. McKeithen acting as manager. The first move of the new company is the purchase of the Keith Store Company's stock and N. M. McKeithen's stock, which will be enlarged and filled with a large stock of new goods adapted to the trade of this section. Immediately the corporation will condense the building of a large warehouse on land they own in the rear of the Keith building, and the warehouse will be stocked with the reserve supply of goods to supplement that carried in the main building.

But that by no means represents the extent of the plans of the new corporation. While Mr. Keith is retiring from active commercial business in the disposal of his store to the corporation, he is by no means dropping out of the industrial life of Vass.

With the present building and the large addition that the new building will afford, this new mercantile establishment will have the biggest floor space of any store room in Moore county. The company is planning to carry on business on a scale that will fit in with the facilities that will be afforded. The intention is to serve not only this growing community but

a large part of the county, as well as that section of Harnett, Hoke and Lee that are so close by. A department store operated on modern principles will be conducted and every department will be as complete as the trade of a booming territory like the Sandhills requires now and in the future. Groceries, dry goods, clothing, hardware, farm supplies, machinery, equipment and everything that is sold in this section will be specialized in the new store.

It is the intention not only to create here in Vass a big store, but to add one more establishment to those already here to help advance the development of this part of the county. The directors of the new company are broad enough in their ambitions to figure on attracting to Vass a large amount of the general trade of the country for miles around. They expect to be in the same class of wholesale influences that already includes the cotton mill, the hotel and The Pilot printing office, all of which are factors in bringing business this way. The idea is to be more than a local concern, and to supplement the business of the other towns of the three counties by such facilities as will allow people to buy here in Vass those things they can not find at their own trading center.

The managers speak right confidently of the success of their projects, and from what they say they leave little doubt but what they are going to give Vass another lift into the prominence toward which it has been heading for the last two or three years.

## COMMUNITY WORK IN VASS

The Vass community club will begin an active program after the holidays are over, and it is the intention of the club to take up some substantial things for the new year which will aid materially in expanding the attractive side of the community's custom and method. The program will be announced later, but it is comprehensive and wholesome.

operating under markers issued by their owners. The registration fee for these vehicles is fixed at \$1.00 per year, and the Secretary of State is authorized to investigate the facts as to ownership of any vehicle offered for registration, to determine whether or not it is the actual property of the department, institution, county, city or town offering it for registration, and if not the actual property, the full registration fee will be collected before license is issued.

More than one resident of this garden spot of the world has learned that it's a good deal easier to buy things on the installment plan than it is to pay for them that way.

## THE NEW ROAD LOCATION

It is evident that the new location for the state road will take it across the railroad; evidently the underpass is most favored at the present time. Engineers have been over the line, and they have made surveys on both projects, the one crossing on an overhead bridge, and the other the underpass as was suggested in The Pilot in a recent issue. Frank Page was in Vass a few days ago with the locating engineer and went over the proposition briefly, but with a sufficient completeness to get the idea of what is best to do. The surveyors followed a line down on the west side of the railroad to below the cotton mill, and there at the deep fill staked an underpass, following on the other side of the track to the line they had run from the overhead crossing near the Keith store. This would bring the other line out at the same point at Lakeview. The figures will be mapped at the office in Raleigh, and estimates made of costs and of the desirability of the different lines, and further information will be forthcoming before a great while.

## NEW COMMUNITY WORKERS

E. V. Graves, wife and daughter, are at the Hotel Vass, where they have located for some time while they are engaged in helping Miss McQueen in community work in the county. They come from Virginia. It is the desire to extend this community work to reach as many as possible of the children of the various communities of the county, and also the grown-up folks where the work will allow. The character of the work has for its aim to bring the people closer together in their work, entertainments, and the children in their plays and training. The plans Miss McQueen is working out are rather comprehensive, and will be a part of the general state and county educational scheme.

## LAKEVIEW NEWS

The Seward Inn is in receipt of quite a number of inquiries from parties in the north desirous of spending the balance of the winter here.

The Rev. Mr. Taffe will preach next Sunday evening in the Lakeview church, services beginning at 7 o'clock.

The rush of tourists by the automobile route seems to have considerably slackened during the past week.

Mrs. Samuel Stutts is entertaining her brother and sister from the North.

Miss Bacon, postmistress here, handled a larger amount of postal matter of all kinds during the last few days than she ever did before in the same length of time.

## BUILD MORE SCHOOLS

As long as farmers consider the digging of potatoes, the topping of beets, the shucking of corn or the weeding of a garden of more value than school work or as a substitute for the exercise that comes with play, just so long are we going to have a class of citizens under-privileged and unable to appreciate the full value of service to the county in which they live. Of course boys and girls must not grow up in idleness, but we want the children of this generation to have better educations, better trained minds, than any generation that has gone before. This cannot be done until all of our rural communities put into effect a real health program, and do away wherever possible with the little, isolated schools. Let our counties be dotted with consolidated schools, offering not only better facilities for education but also a wider chance for human intercourse and the development of that play spirit so much needed by our fine rural communities.

Still another way to be happy is to learn not to care for things you know you can't have.

And if fathers knew as much as their sons think they know there'd be a lot of wisdom in this world.