

Changes In Highway Law Effective Today

Call For Regular Auto Inspection And New License

Regulations More Severe On Speedsters And The Drunken Drivers

A condensation of the highway safety act, passed this Spring by the North Carolina General Assembly, has been released by Carolina General Assembly, has been released by Carolina Motor Club President Coleman W. Roberts in an effort to aid the public "in comprehending the full and far-reaching effects of this highway safety legislation."

Including a number of long-time legislative objectives of the Motor Club, the new acts calls for regular inspection of motor vehicles, renewal every four years of drivers' licenses, and a 55-mile-per-hour limit on North Carolina highways.

The act, which went into effect on Tuesday of this week is here condensed:

The purpose of the act is explained by quoting from the act itself. "Each of the citizens of the State of North Carolina has the right and privilege of using the streets and highways of the state either as a pedestrian or motorist or both, without needless exposure to accident, injury, or death on occasion by the reckless or otherwise unlawful operation by others of vehicles over or upon said streets and highways."

To bring about a greater safety on the highways the Legislature has by this act made into law new regulations that it feels will accomplish the purpose of this act.

First, there is to be a regular inspection of motor vehicles made by inspection stations operated by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Unless these stations issue to each owner a certificate of approval the inspected car may be taken from the highways until such times that its defects have been corrected.

The inspection stations will be located as conveniently as possible for the motoring public.

During the year of 1948 each motor vehicle, trailer and semi-trailer registered in the State of North Carolina shall be inspected one time by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Starting January 1, 1949, and each year thereafter each vehicle must be inspected semi-annually. The owner is to pay for this inspection. The inspection fee for the first year is to be \$1, thereafter for each inspection the fee will be 75 cents.

Second, there has been provided for a renewal of driver's licenses every four years. The license is to be renewed only after an examination at the time of renewal and renewal of a driver's license may be refused if person applying is determined to be mentally or physically unfit to operate an automobile. The tests to determine the fitness of a person may include road tests, written or oral tests, tests of vision, as the department may require.

After renewal of the license, the operator's license will automatically expire on the birthday of the license in the fourth year following its issuance, and a new license will not be issued until the operator has again passed the test.

ROUND-UP

County and local officers virtually had a vacation last week-end, the records showing that only two persons were arrested and temporarily detained during the period. One of the two arrested and jailed was found unconscious on the highway and the other was called to answer for issuing a worthless check. One was white. The round-up was about the smallest, if not the smallest, on record so far this year.

HOLIDAY

A general holiday will be observed on July 4 (Friday) by business firms and offices, including the post office, banks, town and county offices. A few, including pressing clubs and the Enterprise office, will extend the holiday observance for the remainder of the week-end. Business, in general, will resume activities as usual on Saturday, the fifth.

Two Distilleries Destroyed Friday In Martin County

ABC Officers Roebuck and Peel Find More Sugar Beer In Raids

Molasses is gradually being discarded as an ingredient in the manufacture of illicit liquor in this county, ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck stating this week that the manufacturers are gradually changing over to the sweetening since it was removed from the rationing list a short time ago. However, the officer pointed out that the manufacturers are gradually working off their supply of molasses, that at one still, raided last Friday, half of the beer found was made with sugar and the other half had molasses for its base.

Raiding in the Bear Grass section that morning, the officers captured a 50-gallon capacity copper still and 150 gallons of sugar beer. The plant was fully equipped.

Returning to the same section that afternoon the officers found and wrecked a 50-gallon capacity oil drum used as a still. They poured out 150 gallons of sugar beer and 150 gallons of molasses beer, destroyed the six fermenters.

A few weeks ago the officers were raiding in that section and found a site where a manufacturer was setting up for business. They withdrew without wrecking the plant. The operator, apparently realizing the officers had visited the plant, deserted it and is believed to have gone into business in a new location. It is thought that one of the plants destroyed last Friday belonged to the man who had deserted the equipment a few weeks ago.

Jaycee President Gets Key To City

A precedent was set here last Friday afternoon when about a fourth of the members of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce formed a welcoming committee and greeted the state president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Ed Ellis of Charlotte, at the western city limits of the city.

A large "key to the city" was presented to the visitor by Mayor Robert H. Cowen. They key, about two feet long, bore the inscription, "Welcome — to Ellis — Williamston Jaycees" and was painted white, and was decorated with a large bow of ribbon. Jaycee photographer Lawrence Lindsey made pictures of the ceremony.

Following the official greeting, the state president, accompanied by Mayor Cowen and club president, Ernest Mears, and chauffeured by Jaycee Blue Manning was escorted through the Main Street business section, along with the rest of the committee, to the home of Jaycee and Mrs. John Miller, Jr., where a refreshment hour was held. According to old timers here, is the first time that an out-of-town visitor has been welcomed into Williamston in such a manner, and probably marks the first time that a key to the city has been presented. Anyway, it was the first official presentation of a key to the city by the new mayor.

New Bookmobile For Rural Library Service



Pictured above is the new bookmobile recently placed in service in Martin, Beaufort and Hyde Counties by the rural library service. The new machine with its special body is able to carry more books and a better service is offered the bookmobile patrons in the rural areas of the three counties. The bookmobile made its first run in this county just short time ago and will return shortly on the regular summer schedule.

Former Resident Of County Died Friday Morning

Funeral Held Sunday For Ernest L. Glover In Scotland Neck

Ernest Linwood Glover, a former resident of this county for a number of years, died in a Rocky Mount hospital last Friday morning following a long period of declining health. His condition had been serious for about ten days.

Mr. Glover, 71 years old, moved to Martin County a number of years ago from Bertie and located on a farm near Oak City. He was a diligent worker, and despite his advanced years he labored long and hard during the war years to furnish food for a needy world, having already given one son to his country during the early part of the war. About two years ago he retired from the farm and located in Scotland Neck to enjoy his remaining years.

Mr. Glover was a member of the Skewarkey Lodge here for a number of years, and through it he made many friends and acquaintances who enjoyed his company.

Funeral services were conducted in Scotland Neck Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Rev. M.

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Father Of Local Resident Passes

Lee V. Spruill, father of Mrs. A. J. Manning, Jr., of Williamston, died at his home in Edenton last Friday morning at 7:45 o'clock of a cerebral hemorrhage suffered a week previously. He was 58 years old.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in the Quinn Funeral Chapel in Edenton by Rev. E. L. Wells and interment was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Surviving besides his daughter here are his widow, the former Miss Minnie Belch; three sons, Vernon L. Spruill of Kinston, Roy H. Spruill and Howard Spruill of Edenton, a daughter, Mrs. Clyde Adams of Edenton; three brothers, J. G. Spruill, C. U. Spruill and F. R. Spruill, all of Edenton; one sister, Mrs. Charlie Lane of Edenton, and nine grandchildren.

Make No Changes In Police Force

Entering upon his new duties as Williamston's chief of police with authority to hire and fire, W. T. Simpson, former corporal on the North Carolina Highway Patrol, said this morning that he was making no immediate changes in the police force. Definite plans for operating the department are now being formulated, it was explained.

Officer John Roebuck, the oldest member of the force, is leaving the department to accept another position. No effective date for his resignation has been determined, one report stating that it would be left entirely with the officer.

Merge Town Offices Of Treasurer-Clerk

PRESIDENT



K. D. Worrell, local town commissioner and an active member of the Lions Club since its organization here, was installed as president of the organization last Thursday evening. He succeeds H. P. Mobley under whose presidency the club made much progress during the past year.

Brother Of Local Resident Passes

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Raleigh for H. A. Adams, brother of Mrs. Carlyle Langley, who died at his home in Myrtle Beach at 7:30 Thursday night. Burial was in Montlawm Memorial Cemetery, Raleigh, by Rev. E. J. Agsten, Presbyterian minister.

Mr. Adams had been in declining health for a year and his condition had been serious for the past four months. He was 63 years old.

Surviving are one son, Capt. Carlton R. Adams of the U. S. Navy; four sisters, Mrs. Carlyle Langley of Williamston, Mrs. Ruth Roose, Mrs. Edmon Lovvorn and Mrs. S. T. Marbury, all of Shelbyville, Tenn.; two brothers, J. C. Adams of Daytona Beach, Fla., and George W. Adams of Shelbyville; two grandsons, and one uncle.

Before retiring on account of declining health, Mr. Adams owned and maintained studios in Durham, Asheville, Henderson, Wilson and Wilmington.

Lightning Fires Large Pack Barn

Started by a bolt of lightning, fire destroyed the large pack house on Farmer J. A. Everett's farm in Goose Nest Township last Saturday afternoon. Large quantities of corn and hay and a sizable number of tobacco sticks were burned. Reports reaching here stated that only a few other items of property were lost. No estimate as to the amount of the loss and if insurance was carried on the property could not be learned here immediately.

Jaycees Install New Officers At Meeting Friday

Wheeler Manning Succeeds Ernest Mears To The Club Presidency

The second annual ladies' and installation night banquet and dance of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce was held last Friday evening. The dinner was held at the Woman's Club hall, where approximately 125 Jaycees, wives and guests enjoyed a delicious chicken dinner that was prepared and served by the ladies' of the Macedonia Christian Church.

President Ernest S. Mears presided over the meeting, while Jaycee J. Paul Simpson served very capably as toastmaster. James Bullock led the singing and he also introduced the out-of-town guests. Invocation was offered by Exum L. Ward, Jr.

Representatives from the Jaycee organizations in Washington, Goldsboro, Robersonville, Bethel, Greenville, Rocky Mount, Wilson, Tarboro, and Charlotte attended the affair. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Kimball represented the local Kiwanis Club, Lion and Lioness K. D. Worrell and Lion and Lioness H. P. Mobley attended from the local Lions Club and the local Woman's Club was represented. All the guests were welcomed to the city by Mayor Robert H. Cowen while a special welcome to the ladies was extended by Jaycee Edgar J. Gurganus.

Jaycee Blue Manning was program chairman, and the program included vocal selections by Miss Frances Jarman and Mr. H. M. Peel, accompanied at the piano by Miss Mary Warren, Roscoe Clemmons, colored pianist, provided piano music during the evening. Each lady present was given a miniature corsage, and during the evening, gifts were presented to the holders of lucky numbers.

The installation of the new officers for the new fiscal year was performed by Buddy Redmond, eastern vice president of the N. C. Junior Chamber of Commerce of Goldsboro. The following Jaycees were inducted into office; president, Wheeler M. Manning; vice-president, Exum L. Ward, Jr.; secretary, Thad Harrison; treasurer, Oswald D. Stalls; sgt.-at-arms, John Miller, Jr.; directors, Paul Simpson, Wallace Tarkington, Dan Peele, Clarence Griffin, T. F. Davenport, Jack Edmondson, state director, Ernest Mears.

Jaycee Clarence Griffin introduced the speaker of the evening, Ed Ellis of Charlotte, president of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Ellis made an enjoyable but limited talk concerning the progress and scope of the Junior Chamber movement throughout the nation, pointing out that this is the only civic club exclusively for young men, between the ages of 21 and 35 inclusive. Mr. Ellis gave brief reports concerning the recent national convention that was held at Long Beach, California.

The club presented gifts to the state president and the eastern vice-president, and the outgoing local president, Ernest Mears, presented a gift to the local club.

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Sufficient Rain Falls In County

Following a long, dry spell, the elements reversed the order and emptied sufficient rain in this section during the past few days. Scattered showers had fallen previously and great reliefed the dry season, but the order really changed last Thursday when 2.22 inches of rain fell during a greater part of the afternoon.

Farmers declare that sufficient rain has fallen for the present, at least, and in some areas too much rain has fallen to insure good crops. The wet season is not yet serious, but small patches of tobacco on certain types of soil are said to have wilted slightly.

Declaring that his land was soaked for the first time this season by the rain early Sunday evening, one farmer near here said a short time later that he planned to reset some of his tobacco Monday.

Tobacconist Returns From European Trip

HEADS JAYCEES



Wheeler M. Manning was installed as president of the Williamston Junior Chamber of Commerce during a formal program. He succeeds Ernest Mears who has ably served the organization in that capacity during the past year.

Seriously Hurt In Cycle Accident

Jasper Eugene Browder, 20-year-old local boy, was critically hurt in a fall from his motorcycle at the Washington Street railroad crossing near the Williamston Lumber Company mill last evening at 6:10 o'clock. Suffering from a severe fracture on the right side of his head, he was removed to the local hospital for treatment.

The young man, a veteran of World War II, was riding into town when the train cleared the highway and traffic started moving on the highway. Apparently he applied brakes and lost control of the machine. One report stated that he fell under the motorcycle and that the machine skidded yards with him under it.

Elbert Rawls, witnessing the accident, picked the young man up and carried him to the hospital.

The young man partially regained consciousness early this morning and his condition was believed to be slightly improved.

Ohio Man Buried At Spring Green

George D. Martin, a native of Ohio who died at his home, 701 N. East Street, Raleigh, last Saturday was buried in the Spring Green Cemetery, in this county Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. He had been in declining health for some time at his home in Raleigh where he had lived for a number of years. Dr. Carl M. Townsend, Raleigh Baptist minister, conducted the funeral in Raleigh Monday morning and Skewarkey Masons officiated at the graveside services.

Mr. Martin was married to Mrs. Beatrice Roebuck Martin of this county some years ago and she survives with his mother, three brothers of Ohio and a sister of Raleigh.

A veteran of World War I, he was 49 years old.

Minor Highway Wreck Reported

Very little damage resulted and as far as it could be learned no one was injured when an old model Oldsmobile went out of control near Butler's bridge and plowed a furrow beside the road for several hundred yards. According to reports, James Wilson, serviceman, was driving the car and he was said to have deserted it at the scene of the wreck. Officers have not been able to find and question him.

Patrolman Titus Martin, investigating the wreck, said that the car was demolished, that possibly the damage would approximate \$125, the value of the car.

Considers Outlook Not Very Bright For Leaf Imports

Was First Local Civilian To Make Trip Across And Return By Air

While the economy of foreign nations is in the throes of uncertainty and is struggling for survival, the outlook for the exportation of eastern North Carolina tobacco is not altogether discouraging, according to W. Iverson Skinner, member of the W. I. Skinner Tobacco Company firm here, said yesterday following a business trip to England and several countries on the continent.

The first local civilian to make the trip across and return by air, Mr. Skinner returned home last Friday, declaring the trip was all right but admitting that he would travel by boat the next time business called him to that part of the world.

Reaching London after thirteen and one-half hours' flying time, Mr. Skinner soon gained a favorable impression of his British hosts. "Large signs, reading, 'We work or we want,' were posted nearly everywhere, and the Britishers are really working trying to save their economy," Mr. Skinner said.

"The British don't want loans. They are anxious to develop trade, stand on their own foundation and build up dollar exchange to maintain a place in world trade," Mr. Skinner continued, pointing out that the government is now forced to take drastic steps to build up dollar exchange. It has been pointed out that the original amount allotted in the loan to Great Britain for the purchase of tobacco has been further reduced by 25 percent, that the duty on tobacco has been upped from \$7 to \$11 per pound, and that consumption is slated to fall 25 to 30 percent. "The British are manufacturing cigarettes at the ratio of 92 percent from empire tobacco and 8 percent from American tobacco, but the people prefer the regular American brands," the tobaccoist went on to say.

"The British are a determined people, but apparently they have a big struggle on their hands. They lost a big block of assets when they were forced to move much of their heavy industry out of the country during the war. Now those countries don't want to give up the industries, making it that much harder for England to maintain a favorable exchange," he said.

Food and clothing are still rationed in England two years after the war. Most of the people are getting enough to eat, but that's just about all, according to Mr. Skinner.

Going into Holland to contact business associates in Amsterdam, Mr. Skinner said that conditions there were a bit similar to those in Britain. Food in the hotels and restaurants is better than that served in similar institutions in London, but the fare in individual homes is possibly no better than that in London. Amsterdam streets are crowded with American-made automobiles, and the modern city has the appearance of our own. That country is struggling to maintain a spot in world trade, but its future is not any too certain with the East Indies question still unsettled.

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BLOSSOM

The first cotton blossom found in the fields of the county this season was displayed last Saturday by Farmer Lester R. Meeks, RFD 1, Robersonville. Coming a little early, considering the season, the blossom was a pretty pink. Unofficial reports indicate that the acreage planted to the crop has been increased in the county this year.