

MOTORISTS TO HELP MAKE ROADS SAFE

Pledges Are Taken by Over Twelve Thousand Motorists in All Parts of Country.

Major A. A. Stewart, of New York City, recently formed what is known as the Argus Association, composed of motorists all over the country who are willing to take the pledges of the association as to safe driving. These pledges are:

1. To be always ready for any emergency by keeping my eyes on the road and my thoughts on what I am doing.

2. To particularly watch out for curves, crossings, and bridges.

3. To always keep my car under perfect control.

4. To keep the brakes and steering gear in good working order.

5. Never to stop or slow down without signaling to the driver of the car behind.

6. Never to take a turn without care and warning to drivers of other cars.

7. Never to cut off another car unless I am positive that there is ample space.

8. Never to stop in a narrow place on the road if by so doing I inconvenience the drivers of other cars.

9. Never to start out from the curb without making sure that the road is clear.

10. To consider the safety and comfort of the other car's occupants as well as my own.

11. Never to try to save a minute or two of time if by so doing I am risking the life of a human being.

12. To obey all the rules of the road as laid down by law or common sense.

13. If I do not drive my own car, to require my chauffeur or members of my family to live up to these principles.

14. To be always careful, vigilant, courteous, and thoughtful—a gentleman of the highway.

More than 12,000 motorists are stated to have taken this pledge.

Growers of Certified Seed Must Observe Seven Rules If They Expect to Succeed

From time to time I am asked for instructions for the growing of certified seed potatoes. It would be impossible for me or any one else to give a set of instructions for the growing of seed potatoes, in this county, since there are so many factors involved such as soil, fertilization, tillage, etc. One soil might require an application of 600 pounds of fertilizer while another soil might require 1,200 pounds of fertilizer, or even a greater amount. However, there are a number of general rules that can be given and if they are properly carried out an increase in production per acre at a reduced cost per bushel will be the result.

The most important of these general rules are: (1) Selection of a suitable soil; (2) proper preparation of seed, bed; (3) selection of the best seed for planting; (4) treating seed with corrosive sublimate before planting; (5) providing plenty of plant food; (6) proper cultivation; (7) the use of proper sprays or dusts to protect the plant from diseases and insects.

The selection of a soil, which is suitable for potatoes, is a matter for each grower to determine for himself since there are no two farmers that have exactly the same type of soil. As a rule gravelly or sandy loam soils that are well drained and full of humus give best results.

The importance of having the seed bed in best condition is often neglected. If the soil is turned in the spring it should be well pulverized by harrowing and dragging from time to time, regardless of time and labor, and then be given plenty of time in which to thoroughly settle.

The best of seed should be selected and since certified seed have been grown under inspection strictly for seed they are naturally the preferred seed to use. This does not mean, however, that in order to grow certified seed one has to start with certified seed. It only means that one is far more certain of growing certified seed if he starts with certified seed.

It is required that the seed be treated with corrosive sublimate just before they are cut to be planted. The formula is given below:

Corsitive sublimate, 4 ounces.

Water, 30 gallons.

Immerse the seed in this solution and leave for a period of one-half hour. They should then be kept free from contact with any other diseased seed.

A number of experiments have proved the value of the cut pieces weighing from 1 to 2 ounces and the use of 12 to 15 bushels of seed to the acre.

For the average soil 1,200 pounds of fertilizer is recommended.—L. D. Thrash, Buncombe County Agent, in *Partners' Federation News*.

Carson Chapel News.

Windy March is still staying with us.

We were very sorry that it rained Sunday so we couldn't go to hear our pastor preach, as we all enjoy his sermons very much.

Miss Louise Wallace spent last night with home folks.

Mrs. Rass Lewis, of Lakemont, Ga., is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Wallace, of this place.

Misses Lassie and Bessie Emery are visiting their sister, Mrs. Minnie Cabe, at Clark's Chapel.

Miss Mary Gibson spent Tuesday with Miss Edna Hall.

Mrs. Burnell Waldrop spent Monday with her mother, Mrs. Geo. Wallace.

Mrs. J. P. Emery was visiting her son Jim one day this week.

Miss Kate Conley spent the week end at Otto, N. C., with Mrs. Louis D. Marchetti.

Messrs. Bob Henson, Floyd Thomas and Otto Brown spent the week end with home folks.

Mr. K. Moffitt was visiting his daughter, Mrs. John Wallace, last Monday.

Mrs. C. L. Camp and Miss Lula Greene spent Tuesday with Mrs. T. V. Frazier.

Miss Florence Stasfup spent Monday night with Miss Agnes Wallace.

Mrs. T. V. Frazier and Miss Pearl Frazier spent one evening last week with Miss Grace Gibson. "BIXBY."

Louisa Chapel News.

The farmers of this section are looking forward to a few sunny days now.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Rogers spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives on Mill Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Greene spent one night the past week with Mrs. C. L. Camp.

Miss Lula Greene moved one day last week into the house with her brother, Mr. Sam Greene.

Mr. Carey Patton has been reported on the sick list. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Miss Lula Greene and Mrs. C. L. Camp were visiting Mrs. Van Frazier of Carson Chapel Tuesday.

A large crowd attended the quarterly meeting here Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Van Frazier of Carson Chapel and her sister, Miss Pearl Frazier, were visiting in this section Monday.

The little infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ledford passed away to be with the angels, Monday night, March 24th. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to the bereaved ones. May God help them to live the life that they should live to meet their darling on the other shore.

Don't forget the Sunday School hour, 10 o'clock. Everybody come. DEMOCRAT.

Union Items.

We are having some pretty weather at this writing.

We are sorry to hear of Mr. R. B. Curtis' baby being sick with fever. We wish it a speedy recovery.

Mr. Carl Henson and his young bride were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Mell Ledford Sunday.

Mr. Miller Norris, of Otto, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Henson this week.

Mr. L. M. Henson has bought Mr. J. M. Farmer's store.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Henson were visiting Mr. Zeneray Ledford Sunday.

Mr. Bill Ledford and son, from Buck Creek, are visiting home folks here this week.

Mr. Vance Sanders has returned home from Buck Creek, where he has been working.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Frank Lewis.

The whooping cough has started up in this section. Hope it won't get as bad as the measles did.

Mr. John Farmer, of this section, has gone to Lakemont, Ga., to work a while.

Etna News.

Miss Ruby Morrison, of Winston-Salem, is visiting home folks here for a few days.

Mr. Henry Watkins, of Bryson City, was buried at the Oak Grove cemetery March 21st.

Our community was saddened by the death of Conley Morrison. The family has the sympathy of the entire community.

Mr. and Mrs. Will West, of West's Mill, were visiting at Oak Grove last Sunday.

Mr. Frank Browning has moved to Needmore. We are very sorry that he has left our community. His presence will be missed in our Sunday School.

Mr. Jasper Lakey has moved to the place formerly occupied by Mr. Frank Browning.

Mr. Jim Elmore, of Cowee, was visiting his sister, Mrs. Charlie Truitt, Friday.

Mrs. Cary Hall is very sick at this writing. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Miss Naomi Gibson, of Cowee, passed through our community last Wednesday on her way to Winston-Salem.

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HOW MUCH DO YOU PAY FOR GOOD ROADS?

A Close Study of the Relationship of Transportation and Taxes Will Prove Interesting.

A study of taxes as they pay for, or are paid by, transportation, and the interrelation of roads, tax, transport, and expenditure, has been made by Mr. John E. Walker, former tax adviser, U. S. Treasury.

According to this report, the counties of the United States administer 60 per cent and the States 40 per cent of all the highway funds spent. Of all highway expenditures, 60.5 per cent is spent for new or reconstruction and the balance of 39.5 per cent for maintenance, amortization, and interest. Of the general tax dollar, 5.6 per cent—slightly more than one-twentieth—is expended for highways.

A very interesting angle is brought out in the statistics which show that the total taxes levied on motor vehicles are now more than equivalent to the cost of highway maintenance.

In other words, after the road is built the users pay for its upkeep without cost to the State or county doing the building.

All transportation together, which includes all motor vehicles, both passenger and freight, all electric railways, all steam railways, and all boats of all kinds, pay 8.1 per cent of the Nation's total tax bill, which would indicate that a fair proportion of what is being spent on highways comes from highway users direct instead of from the general tax dollar contributed by everyone, yet every one benefits from highways.

It is also interesting to note that of the \$1,150,000,000 of "highway income" represented in the chart, 38.1 per cent is derived from bonds, 44.2 from taxation, 10.6 from motor fees, and 7.1 from Federal aid.

Scroll News.

Mr. Jasper McCall is planning to move his family into Mrs. Calvin Houston's house on Ledford Branch.

It is reported that Mr. Horace Fore and family may move into Mrs. Jane Jones' house on Ledford Branch.

Some time ago Mr. Sidney Dendy purchased the Luther McCall place.

Mr. Geo. Keener has purchased Mr. Sam Stanfield's place, which is about one mile up above the mill of Mr. Alex Gregory on Walnut Creek.

Messrs. Ed Cloer and John Buchanan, of Ellijay, made a business trip to our community Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. U. Moses and two sons, of Ellijay, were visiting Mr. Zack Peck Wednesday.

On Wednesday, March 19th, Mrs. Lee Peck passed away. She was nearly a century old. For some time she had been in very poor health. Her last days were spent in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Zack Peck.

The remains of the deceased were laid to rest in the Sugar Fork cemetery, where so many of her relatives are waiting "the last day." Warm sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones. Blessed are they who die in the Lord.

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North Skeenah Items.

Messrs. Moore, Drinan and Edwards were in this section last week, looking after their saw mill. As the weather was so bad they didn't saw any.

Mr. Lee Rogers, of Cartoogechaye, passed through here last Friday.

Mrs. J. C. Sanders was visiting her brother, Mr. J. T. Cabe, at Riverside, last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Edmond Sanders spent the weekend with home folks.

Mrs. Dona Carpenter spent last Thursday with her mother, Mrs. J. C. Sanders.

Misses Bertha and Mary Carpenter spent last Saturday night with their grandfather, Mr. D. N. Carpenter.

Mr. Freeman Hasting was visiting on Cartoogechaye last Sunday.

Mr. Robert Stamey, of South Skeenah, was in this section last Saturday.

Miss Esther Sanders spent last Sunday with Miss Arizona Hasting.

Mr. J. T. Cabe, of Riverside, was visiting Mr. J. C. Sanders last Sunday evening.

Mr. Rob Beck was visiting relatives here last Friday.

"PAPA'S DARLING."

North Skeenah News.

We are having some rainy weather at this writing.

Mr. W. R. Ledford and little son, of Buck Creek, were visiting Mr. Ledford's sister, Mrs. T. A. Sanders, last Sunday.

Messrs. Oscar Sanders and Ernest Griggs are running a restaurant near the Depot at Franklin.

Mr. Robert Beck and brother Lawrence, from Murphy, spent one night recently with their sister, Mrs. Oscar Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sanders were dinner guests of Mr. S. M. Dills last Monday.

Mr. Ernest Griggs is buying potatoes and eggs in this section.

Little Dorothy Sanders spent one night recently with her cousin, Mrs. Vernie Griggs. BROWN EYES.

Iota Bridge News.

As I see no news from around the Bridge guess every body thinks Bonnie is gone, but she is still here listening to the whistle at the Bridge that calls about twenty girls that are now at work.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Duvall now live in their neat little cottage at the east end of the Bridge.

Mrs. Laura Bennett has been spending some days with her niece, Mrs. J. R. Morrison.

Glad to see Miss Ruby Mason able to go to school again after a spell of pneumonia.

Mrs. J. B. Collins was in Franklin on business last week.

News has been received that Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mashburn have arrived at Armilla, Texas. They say it is the land of sunshine and wind.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Calloway have moved back home after spending six months at the mill.

Mrs. J. A. Parrish from Burningtown was visiting her aunt, Mrs. Bettie Shepherd last week.

Mrs. N. L. Barnard spent the day with her sister, Mrs. L. T. Sloan last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gribble have been very sick.

Mr. Robt. Bryson, who got his house burned some weeks ago is building a new one.

Mrs. Walter Gibson has been sick.

Little Albert Ramsey, Jr., is getting along nicely after an operation on his head.

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