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Traditional Road Name Signs To Remain In Place

Highway Department To Maintain Road Names On Rural Roads

Officials of the State Highway Department today repeated earlier statements that traditional road name signs on rural Secondary Roads will remain in place. Department officials said that in some areas, the public had thought that Secondary Road numbers were being assigned to replace familiar local road name signs.

This is not at all the case, according to Secondary Roads Officer John Swain. "We realize that many persons are accustomed to using the familiar road names and all of the signs displayed on paddle-type, wooden markers will remain as they have always been," said Swain. He added that the Highway Department will continue to maintain and replace these road name signs whenever they deteriorate through age or weather.

At its December 28 meeting in Raleigh, the Highway Commission went a step further in regard to Secondary Road directional signs. Whenever a community or communities are served by a Secondary Road and do not lie on the US or NC numbered system, large numbering signs will be installed, showing both the Secondary Road number and direction and mileage information to the communities.

Some 18 months ago, the Highway Commission installed license plate type, black and white signs, showing road numbers of all its 58,000 miles of Secondary facilities. This numbering system was installed to increase efficiency of record keeping and to direct traffic to the correct road.

These road numbers are now being placed on the regular county highway maps to aid both rural road residents and the State Highway Department in identifying road facilities in any county when requests are made or when correspondence is received relative to the roads.

"We think the road numbering policy is the most efficient method of keeping track of the many hundreds of individual roads in the state."

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Pepper Meeting Is Scheduled For Thursday, January 12

County Farmer Proves That Pepper Produces Well; Offers Added Income

A meeting of all farmers interested in producing bell pepper is scheduled for Thursday, January 12. This meeting will be held in the White Rock school at 7:00 p. m., James M. Stewart, assistant county agent, stated here this week.

Farmers who have an interest in growing another cash crop will be able to get a full explanation on pepper production at this meeting. Production practices, income per acre and contracts are the main topics planned for the Thursday night meeting.

Moody Dunbar Company at Limestone, Tenn., is a well established company. This company, last year, handled 1,500 acres of pepper for canning purposes. This year, the company plans to increase the number of acres to be handled by the cannery. Pepper will produce well in this county, as can be seen by the production of Gordon Shelton in the Carmon community. Shelton averaged over 7.7 tons per acre during the last two years. Red Bell Pepper has a guaranteed price of \$50.00 per ton.

Pepper offers the real advantage of additional income, particularly at a time when other farm income is low. This crop is not one which should conflict with other crops.

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A. E. Leake

LEAKE SEEMS IN LINE FOR DA APPOINTMENT

Marshall Lawyer Has Many Endorsements Throughout District

A. E. Leake, Marshall attorney, is being mentioned as a possible selection for the post of district attorney for the western district of U. S. Court. The post is now held by J. M. Baley, of Asheville, former Marshall attorney.

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WOMAN OF 80 CALLS DOCTOR FOR FIRST TIME

Mrs. Callie Stamey, an 80-year-old mother of 18 children, was treated Friday by a physician — for the first time in her life.

A doctor was called after Mrs. Stamey became ill at the farm home she shares near Hot Springs with her son, Carl. The physician said she had suffered a slight heart attack, brought on by overwork.

A daughter, Mrs. Darland T. Moore of Candler said her mother tended a large garden last summer, then canned more than 300 jars of vegetables.

REP. HUNT, JR. LIKELY SPEAKER

Democrats of the 1961 North Carolina House of Representatives Wednesday night laid plans for the coming legislative session at a caucus in the Capitol.

In a display of harmony, the group unanimously nominated Rep. Joseph M. Hunt Jr., of Greensboro as House speaker.

CORN IS USED AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR ROUGHAGE

Farmers who do not have enough roughage to adequately take their livestock through the winter should plan, now, to stretch their roughage supply by either using home grown, or purchased, corn as a supplement to the roughage. Corn is high in energy and by crushing the corn, cob and shuck, can cut down on the amount of roughage and thereby stretch it over a longer period of time. The shuck and cob serve as a part roughage. The grain serves as a source of energy which is needed during the cold winter months. Many farmers have found that they can secure better buys on corn than hay.

Some research has been done on this problem. Here is the way to figure what ear corn is worth compared with hay: When corn costs \$20.00 a ton, you can get \$1.00 bushel for ear corn. Hay costs \$30.00 a ton you get up to \$1.50 per bushel of corn. The type of livestock to have to feed will be another factor in figuring when you use corn instead of hay.

It is not wise to feed unshelled ear corn all the time as roughage. For this reason farmers should get corn early and, then, use roughage for the rest of the season.

CARE FOR STOCK

County depend on work stock for their source of power. These animals receive very little attention during the winter months. When the spring opens up they are called on for heavy work, they must be in shape to do a days work. By giving the work stock some attention during the winter months, they will be more able to stand this heavy work load. Horses and mules need a balanced diet for this purpose. Their feed can be bulky, as their digestive systems will utilize more bulky feeds than other farm animals. Oats are one of the best feeds for work stock, especially young animals. Corn and a legume hay combination makes a good feed for work stock. They should receive regular salt in winter, as well as summer. If they are not allowed free choice to water, it should be provided regularly.

Tractors are taking the place of work stock on many farms in Madison County. However, on many other farms the work stock are still of great importance as a source of farm power.

REP. RAMSEY SEN. ROBERTS IN RALEIGH

Sponsors Selected Ball Wednesday Night

Liston B. Ramsey, representative to the general assembly from Madison County, and M. Roberts, State Senator from Raleigh this week will be attending the first of the inauguration of Ford as governor in Lincoln.

Representative Ramsey will be in Raleigh Tuesday night.

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Conservation District Men Plant 192 Million Trees

Farmers Cooperating with North Carolina's 43 Soil Conservation Districts and Others Receiving Assistance from U. S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service

Soil conservation district cooperators received other assistance in woodland improvement practices and reforestation from forest products industries operating in the State. Tree seedlings, marked for planting, are being distributed to district cooperators.

Two Madison County brothers, were freed on \$500 bond each last Thursday on charges of killing a doe out of season, possession of the doe and use of artificial light after dark in hunting.

The two, George Sawyer, 26, and Douglas Sawyer, 18, of Laurel, waived preliminary hearing before U. S. Commissioner Lawrence Stoker of Asheville, on the charge, which was filed December 15, after the brothers were stopped on a speeding charge by a State Highway Patrolman.

They were ordered to appear for the May criminal term of U. S. District Court in Asheville.

Marshall PTA To Meet Mon. In School Lunchroom

The Marshall Parent-Teachers Association will meet Monday, Jan. 9, at 3:30 p. m., in the school lunchroom. All teachers and parents are cordially invited to attend.

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In thinking of our natural resources we must consider agriculture first; for this is important to all of us. We are fortunate in having excellent people serving us in the county agent's office, that of F.H.A. ASC, soil conservation and other groups. Do we take advantage of what these experts have to offer? Do we, as business people, give full support to agriculture?

We commend the Madison County commissioners on their interest in securing new industry for our county. We commend the Lions Clubs and the other organizations on their past accomplishments. We earnestly hope that these groups—and others—will do even more in 1961.

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If farmers will give this information accurately and return the cards without delay to the ASC county office, it will eliminate many otherwise necessary farm visits. Last year, for example, in North Carolina the use of the post card eliminated many thousands of farm visits. Widespread cooperation on the part of wheat farmers this year could result in saving many thousands of dollars in performance costs.

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RITES SATURDAY

Service for Larry G. Malone, 10, Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Malone of Mars Hill RFD 2, Who Died Thursday, Dec. 29, 1960, Were Held at 2 P. M., Saturday in Paint Gap Baptist Church.

The Rev. Earl Blankenship and the Rev. Lyman Rich officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

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