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MARK CROSSINGS WITH STOP SIGNS

Practically Every Grade Crossing In State Has Warning Sign In Place

Practically every grade crossing on the State system of highways and all crossings on minor roads that lead from State highways across railroads, have been marked with signs that can be read a quarter of a mile away, informing the motorist that the law requires all traffic to stop before crossing the track. The law goes into effect next Saturday night at midnight.

The signs are painted in red letters against a white background three feet square, and are set ten feet above the road on the right. They are very much larger than the markers used to give warning of sharp curves, cross-roads and narrow bridges, and there will be little excuse for the motorist to contend that he did not see the sign.

Penalties of ten days in jail, or a fine of \$10 and costs, either or both of which may be imposed at the discretion of the judge, are provided in the statute passed by the last General Assembly requiring the motorist to come to a halt at a distance not exceeding fifty feet from the nearest rail. Jurisdiction lies only in the Superior Court.

Failure of the motorist to come to a full stop cannot be pleaded by the railroad as contributory negligence in actions arising out of accidents at grade crossings. It was around that point that the law had its greatest difficulty in passing the House, and the provision was finally written into the statute.—Raleigh News and Observer.

UNION COMMISSIONERS WILL FIGHT WEEVIL

Monroe, June 24.—In anticipation of boll weevil ravages in Union county this year, the board of county commissioners yesterday in joint session with County Farm Demonstrator Broom and a number of business men of Monroe decided to set at once a large quantity of calcium arsenate and molasses to be furnished supply merchants at actual cost, they in turn to furnish the materials at actual cost, either for cash or on time, to their customers to use in poisoning the weevil in its early stages.

HALF OF WORLD'S WORKERS ENGAGED IN AGRICULTURE

Fully one-half the workers of the world are now engaged in agriculture, according to figures published by the United States Department of Agriculture. Of all occupied men and boys in 23 leading countries, 51.4 per cent are engaged in agriculture, and of all occupied women and girls, 50.6 per cent follow agricultural pursuits, statistics show. The figures do not include the large agricultural populations of Russia, China, Serbia, Hungary, Argentina and Brazil.

The largest number of both male and female agricultural workers in the countries covered is in India, where 71,000,000 males and 34,000,000 females are so employed and comprise 72 per cent of the total number of workers. The United States is second, with 11,000,000 male and 2,000,000 female agricultural workers, or 29 per cent of all employed persons.

The figures were compiled to show that problems concerning agricultural workers affect a larger number of workers in almost every country than those engaged in manufacturing, mining, lumbering, or commerce, and in a few countries more than in all these industries combined.

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE NAMED TO CHOOSE SITE

Fayetteville, June 21.—A citizens' committee representing every township in the county will be named by the board of Cumberland county commissioners to select a suitable location for the erection of a new court house and jail, to ascertain the cost of construction and consider other details connected with the plan to replace the present court house and jail with new structures that will be a credit to the county.

Plenty Cotton Blossoms
Cotton blossoms were brought or sent to The Dispatch office yesterday by the following farmers, all of whom live in the Dunn district: Arthur McKay, J. E. Goddard, H. F. Warren, Emmett Edgerton, E. G. Warren and B. G. Lee. As was stated in Friday's Dispatch, a blossom was found on the farm of Rev. H. H. Goff at Falcon on June 21. Rev. C. T. Underwood, colored sent one in today.

JUDGE COLLINS SAYS HE WAS A "SUCKER"

Admits He Gave Ku Klux \$10, But He Says He Went No Farther Than That

Greensboro, June 21.—"A man hates to admit that he has been a sucker. I gave them \$10, but there was no connection with the Klan end of it," Judge D. H. Collins, of Greensboro's municipal court, said today in answer to the charges that have been made connecting him with the Ku Klux Klan.

"When the Ku Klux Klan organizer first came here I talked with him and saw nothing wrong with the principles of the organization as outlined," he said. "I suppose I should have stated that at first."

"I was like several other hundred citizens of Greensboro, and was taken in by this graft when it first appeared, but I do not consider that I have ever been a member of the organization."

"My one and only transaction consisted of passing over the \$10 and I knew nothing of the ritual or ceremony of the Klan."

He was given instructions to go to a merchant and have his robe made, but never went, he said.

Collins was challenged by B. B. Bouldin, of this city, prominent citizen, to deny that he had joined the Klan. Bouldin called for "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth."

PREDICT SECOND WEEK OF TORRID TEMPERATURE

Chicago, June 23.—The heat wave which has turned the central section of the country into a hot house since last Monday probably will go into its second week of torrid temperature, continuing what weather observers declared today was an unprecedented heat wave in point of duration.

The heat still is intense over the central, west-central and southern district, according to the weather bureau. There has been a slight moderation in the northwest. Readings exceeding 90 degrees were recorded over a wide area. The government thermometer at Decatur, Ill., registered 101 degrees.

No moderation is indicated for the middle and middle-western sections, but local thundershowers are probable in the northern and western lake region and the upper Mississippi valley. In the south and southwest fair weather will continue until Sunday night and probably longer.

THIRTEEN LUCKY NUMBER FOR NEGRO

Fayetteville, June 21.—Henry Dixon, 68-year-old negro of Rockfish township, doesn't see anything unlucky in the number 13. And he doesn't try to conceal the fact that he wears a number 13 shoe. For that fact cleared him of a charge of having liquor for the purpose of sale. The whiskey was seized by Deputy Sheriff Marshall McLean, who found it in two big glass jugs hidden in the woods about ten miles from Fayetteville. Dixon was arrested on a charge of harboring the liquor. But the chief evidence to connect the hootch and its owner consisted of tracks leading to the hiding place. The tracks were made by a 9or 10 size foot, and Henry's feet were placed in evidence by his lawyer. They proved to be a generous thirteen.

The aged negro thanked everybody in the court room when Recorder Charles W. Broadfoot pronounced him not guilty.

DR. AND MRS. CAMPBELL EN ROUTE TO EUROPE

The Dispatch has received the following letter from Dr. J. A. Campbell, of Buie's Creek, which will be of interest to its readers:

"New York, En route to Europe, June 21, 1923.

"I shall appreciate what you can do for us this summer. Expected to lay last brick on dormitory yesterday. Have fine water in deep well."

"Should any friends write us a word while away, letters mailed in U. S."

June 20-23, address Imperial hotel, Russell's Square, London, Eng. June 24 and 25, Hotel Lutetia, 43 Boulevard Raspail, Paris, France. June 26-28, Grand hotel, Brussels, Belgium.

June 29 and 30, Victoria hotel, Frankfurt, Germany.

July 1-14, Regina hotel, Stockholm, Sweden.

Swedish address not yet known. Sail 22nd of June on S. S. Montclair from Montreal. Return to New York August 13.

Blessings on you and our dear home folks.

CO-OPS ORGANIZE THE DUNN LOCAL

Organization Follows An Enthusiastic Meeting In Local Opera House

The Dunn local of the North Carolina Co-operative Cotton Marketing association was organized Friday afternoon, following a well-attended and enthusiastic meeting of members of the association living in the Dunn district. The following officers were elected: President, Marvin Wade; vice-president, G. L. Baggett; secretary, Geo. K. Grantham, Sr.; executive committee, A. H. Morgan, Johnston county; John Williams, Cumberland county; T. C. Gilbert, Sampson county; Lloyd Royals, Harnett county.

All members of the Co-operative Marketing association living in the territory surrounding Dunn who are not members of some other local are asked to become members of the Dunn local. All who wish to become a member of the local here should hand or mail their name and address to Mr. Grantham, the secretary. One of the purposes in organizing the local is to eliminate trouble arising from incorrect names and addresses of members of the association, which often causes delays in getting checks to the individual member.

The meeting Friday afternoon was held in the Metropolitan theatre, and was addressed by B. T. Leppard, field director for this district. Mr. Leppard told of the success with which the association met during the first year of its history, and also pointed out some of the mistakes made, which are to be corrected. The one great need of the association, he said, is more cotton. The way to get more cotton, he continued, is to get more members. He appealed to those who are already members to get busy and secure additional members among their neighbor farmers.

After Mr. Leppard had finished his address, a number of members of the association present expressed themselves as being highly pleased with what the organization had accomplished, and declared themselves ready to get out and assist in securing additional members.

Locals have already been organized in several localities in the Dunn district, and the association membership has recently been doubled in some sections, it is said.

SUNDAY'S CONCERT ALL TO THE GOOD

What was declared to have been one of the very best band concerts ever rendered here was given on Lucknow square Sunday afternoon by the Dunn Concert band. Several hundred people witnessed the concert, which was not only a credit to the members of the band, but to the town as well. The program rendered was what might be termed "short and snappy," with no long waits between selections.

Other concerts will be rendered on the "square" during the summer months and members of the band are to be commended for furnishing the public with high-class hand music like that rendered Sunday afternoon. Perhaps no town in the State of like population has more or better musical talent than Dunn. Citizens of Dunn don't have to leave home to hear one of the best concert bands in the country.

NEUSE RIVER SCENE OF A BAD FREIGHT WRECK

Twenty-one loaded freight cars of an A. C. L. north-bound freight train were derailed and piled upon the bridge which spans the Neuse river, near Smithfield, at 5:30 yesterday morning. All passenger trains were detoured by way of Goldsboro and Wilmington to Florence, S. C., and Dunn was without passenger and mail service for more than 24 hours.

While the wreck resulted in much damage, all members of the train crew escaped unhurt. The cause of the wreck has not been determined. The wreckage was cleared so that trains began passing over the bridge at an early hour this morning.

Fayetteville Eligible

Washington, June 23.—The Civil Service Commission today certified as eligible for appointment as postmaster at Fayetteville; N. C., Royall D. Jones, Chester G. Bell and John S. Downing.

Don't forget that your copy of Extension Circular 137, telling how to dust cotton for control of the boll weevil, is waiting for you to write to the Editor, Extension Service, Raleigh, and ask for it.

SHERIFF AFTER THOSE WHO "PAY" WITH CHECKS

Has In Possession Many Of The "Bogus" Checks Given

DUNN CITIZENS ARE WELL REPRESENTED

Checks Range From Few Dollars To \$700. Some Of Most Prominent Citizens Of County "Paid" Tax With N. G. Checks, Total \$4,000.

With a big pile of checks, some of them dated as far as 1921, in his collection, Sheriff J. H. Hill McArtan is this week handing them to the Dunn citizens who have "paid" their taxes with "bogus" checks, and received their receipts in return. There are several hundred of the checks, ranging in denomination from a few dollars on up to above \$700. Signed upon them "good as gold" are some of the most prominent men in Harnett county.

From the town, the chairman of the board of commissioners came to the checks of largest denomination, but the biggest town in the county is not responsible for the largest part of the \$4,000 in valueless checks—not by any means. From the four corners of the county and all through the middle the checks of paper which the bankers declare will not bear up under the "clearance" rules.

The situation which faces the sheriff is that those who gave these checks have been perfectly good receipts when released them from tax obligations to the county for the various years in which they were drawn. They will be seen that the only way to clear them is to pay the taxes in cash.

Whether this will "bring in the bacon" or not remains to be seen. It may prove so for the county. It has not proved so in individual cases heretofore.

But one thing is sure. The office of the sheriff, which is the tax collecting agency in Harnett county, intends to be relieved in some way of the responsibility of carrying about \$4,000 in worthless checks as an asset when it is really a liability of a most unreliable sort. It is thought that most of the checks will be made good by persons who drew them, in order to prevent exposure to public criticism for having thus defrauded the county out of its just rights. It has not been stated at the sheriff's office whether interest will be demanded upon the checks which have "run" for a couple of years, but it is likely that this course will be pursued in the case of the larger ones.

The board of county commissioners early after their installation adopted a policy of economy in expenditures and strict protection of the county's sources of income, and ever since it has been their policy to keep a sharp watch over the treasury, which course has been commended by good citizenship throughout the county. It is believed that the board will heartily endorse the action of the sheriff in his attempt to realize upon the checks in his office that have been turned down by the banks upon which they were drawn.

Only a negligible part of the large collection of checks were given to the sheriff for other than tax receipts. A few of the smaller ones were handed in for other fees.

Monday, July 2nd, is the date set for the sheriff's sale of land for delinquent taxes. The list, which is now being published for the required thirty days in the two newspapers of the county, represent something like \$40,000. The sheriff is determined, however, not to become the holder of more worthless checks in payment of taxes on land advertised, and he is demanding that checks be certified as "good" before turning loose any more receipts.—Harnett County News.

ALLOW MR. NORWOOD ROOM AS EXEMPTION

Salisbury, June 23.—J. D. Norwood, president of the Mecklenburg Mills company and formerly president of the People's National bank, today was awarded an upper room in his handsome Fulton street residence as his homestead exemption by three commissioners acting under a sheriff's execution on a judgment for \$10,000 secured by Raleigh attorneys for out of the State creditors of Mr. Norwood.

SOLDIER DROWNED IN LITTLE RIVER

Missing From Camp Bragg Two Days Before Body Was Located

Fort Bragg, June 20.—The body of Private Allen B. Roach, attached to headquarters battery, fifth field artillery, who had been missing from his barracks for two days, was discovered late yesterday afternoon on the banks of Little River, about a half mile from the plant of the Lakeview Light and Power Co. He had been drowned.

Although there is no suspicion of foul play attached, a board of officers is making a thorough investigation. Up to this afternoon, the inquiry had not been completed, and no formal statement given out.

As far as could be ascertained this morning, Private Roach went out with a number of his comrades to pick dewberries near the river. He wandered away from them in the hunt for the berries. That was the last the soldiers saw of him alive.

When he failed to return to barracks, a general alarm was sent out and searching parties started a hunt for him. A few hundred yards from where the body was found, there is a house. The occupants say Roach had stopped there late Sunday afternoon and inquired the way back to the reservation. On the banks of the river were found his clothes.

The belief is expressed at camp that Roach had been drowned in an attempt to swim the river to rejoin his companions.

Private Roach was the son of J. Roach, of Greensboro. The body has been sent to Spray, N. C., for burial.

LIGHTNING STRIKES BARN, DOING MUCH DAMAGE

Statesville, June 23.—Lightning struck the barn of A. W. Stevenson, killing a horse, and doing much damage to the building.

The incident was that a son of Mr. Stevenson, who had his hand on the mane of one of the horses, was not affected by the stroke that caused the animal to fall suddenly at the young man's feet. W. R. Stevenson was knocked down and one foot was affected by the stroke. A. W. Stevenson, who was inside the barn, was not hurt. The barn was set on fire and was consumed with its contents.

NORTH CAROLINA HAS DIVERSIFIED FARMING

Raleigh, N. C., June 16.—North Carolina was presented agriculturally in enviable terms by Hon. A. W. McLean in the West during the spring at an important bankers' meeting. The middle western members did not like or believe the statements that North Carolina was so well diversified or had the high value of crops that was claimed. The Crop Reporting Service of the Department of Agriculture at Raleigh was asked to present the facts in the case.

Regarding diversification, it was found that Illinois and Iowa are more of one-crop States than is ours. In fact, our largest acreage is devoted to corn, which occupies 38 per cent of the cultivated area. Wheat has almost 10 per cent, hay over 12 per cent, oats 3 per cent, cotton 24 per cent and tobacco 8 per cent.

So far as the values are concerned, if limited to the crops alone, North Carolina had last year, an average of over \$48.00 per acre, whereas Illinois had \$20, Iowa \$21, Minnesota \$16, and Nebraska \$14.00. Considering both crop and live-stock values per improved acre of farm land, North Carolina had practically \$61.00, Illinois \$33.50, Iowa \$41.00, Nebraska \$26.50, and Minnesota \$28.00.

In view of the criticism that has been made of the one-crop and one-party South, these figures should be of considerable interest and gratification. It is true that in some sections, we devote too much acreage to tobacco and cotton, which results in such communities having the food and feeds they should raise on an economic farming basis.

As a matter of fact, we have no particular room for crowding, because the high cost of our production, due to hand labor and commercial fertilizers, offsets the apparent profits per acre over the middle western farmers. The big problem in the South is one of an economic nature, to which our farm labor should be more carefully distributed throughout the year, and more live-stock should be used to convert essential crops as raw products into meats and fertilizers as finished products. Our soil will never become really fertile until

SIXTY-SEVEN GROWERS SUE TOBACCO CO-OPS

Wholesale Retaliation Follows Injunction Against Pitt County Growers

Legal battles of the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association in 1923 seem destined to revolve around Pitt county. The association has already started its 1923 legal campaign against Pitt county growers, and 67 members of the association yesterday retaliated with suits which seek to have the contracts brought into court and surrendered as invalid.

Since the association's contract was upheld by the Supreme court last fall and about 250 suits started in Wake county against members, there have been several scattering suits against the association, all having as their purpose trial in the county of the grower rather than before a Wake county jury.

However, the 67 suits in one bunch from one county partakes of the nature of wholesale rebellion. All of the growers are represented by Skinner and Wheeler, F. C. Harding and K. G. James and Son.

Temporary restraining order against F. A. Elks, the largest grower in Pitt county, and R. M. Elks, a kinsman, have been made returnable before Judge Cramer at Raleigh on Friday of this week.—Raleigh News and Observer.

FELIX WRIGHT FACES TWO CAPITAL CHARGES

Raleigh, June 23.—Felix Wright, a white man, of Wake Forest, 26 years old, faces capital charges in two North Carolina counties.

Wright, who has been in Wake county jail since June 11, was carried Thursday to Middlesex and given a preliminary hearing on a charge of attacking a woman on March 19. He was bound over to the Nash county court without privilege of bond, but he will not be surrendered by the Wake authorities, according to Solicitor W. F. Elks.

burglary in the first degree and an attempt to attack the wife of a mill operative at Wake Forest on March 23, four days after the alleged offense near Middlesex.

WORLD-FAMED CLOCK TO KEEP TOWN POSTED

The last word in correct time-keeping is found in a clock recently installed in the store of J. W. Jordan, local jeweler and watchmaker. The clock stands eight feet high and cost eight hundred perfectly good American dollars. The clock was manufactured in Liverpool, England, by James Condill.

The demand for this particular make of clock is so great that while Mr. Jordan placed his order in 1915, it could not be filled until 1923, eight years later. The dial of the clock contains three hands—hour, minute and second—and gives the time right down to the second. Every movement of the clock is set in a sapphire jewel. Those who want the correct time, all the time, can keep it by consulting this perfectly honest and reliable time-keeper.

The new clock is attracting considerable attention, and why shouldn't it?

SLAYER OF FATHER CLEARED BY A JURY

Greensboro, June 21.—Clay Brown, young white man of Jamestown, near here, who killed his father, Pink Brown, when the latter was trying to choke Clara Brown, Clay's sister, Pink's daughter, at their home on June 11, is free, the Guilford grand jury returning a not true bill upon the investigation of the case. The young man himself made no statement since being placed in the county jail, but did say upon his arrest that he shot his father to save the life of his sister, who was rebuking her father for alleged misconduct with women.

this course is followed.

A conspicuous contrast in our farms, as compared with our western neighbors, is that we have patches, whereas they have real shapely fields. The lack of organic matter in our soils and the improvement of pastures with turfs grasses, necessitates our using terraces, which frequently interfere with the best use of improved labor-saving machinery. With the emigration of farm labor from the country to the towns, especially the negroes from the South to the North, it is becoming increasingly necessary to alter our farming methods and crops so as to fit them for these changed conditions. Diversification and labor-saving methods are essential.

OFFICER SEIZES SAFE OF LIQUOR

When Owner Refuses To Open It, Deputy Takes It Along

New Bern, June 25.—Refusing to let a little obstacle like the walls of a 3,000-pound iron safe thwart the seizure of a quantity of whiskey he believed was stored in the livery stable of Neal Pool, a negro, Deputy Marshal J. R. Manning took the big box into his possession, trucked it downtown and now has it safely stored in a sample room at a local hotel.

Manning followed up a tip that the whiskey was to be delivered to Pool early last night. He made an effort to arrive in time to intercept it, but says when he entered the negro's office the delivery had been made and the safe locked on its previous contents. The officer expected trouble, but he did not dream that he would have to seize the whole outfit.

When told to open the safe Pool gave his alibi. He had taken the safe on a mortgage given by another negro on a horse; it had just been brought in, and he hadn't even learned the combination, he told the officer. No amount of argument could shake the liveryman's determination not to open it, so Manning threatened.

"Well, there's this much about it; you can either open it up and give me that liquor or I shall take the whole works," he told him. Pool continued obstinate, and refused to think of an officer carrying off the iron box. Finally he left, saying that he was going around the corner to "doctor a horse." The horse must have been in great distress, for thirty minutes later he had not returned.

Manning secured a motor truck, and deputizing several negroes to help him, loaded the safe and hauled it to the hotel. Evidence that the officer had not missed his point, so to speak.

Another Wall Street House Goes To Wall

Inactive Firm Of Elkins, Ward and Company Now In Bankruptcy

New York, June 24.—Another New York Stock Exchange brokerage house, but one that has been inactive for a considerable time, went into bankruptcy yesterday. The firm was that of Elkins, Ward & Company, against which three creditors filed a petition in United States District court.

Attorneys for the firm declared the bankruptcy was part of a plan of reorganization, and was not to be classed with some other brokerage houses that have failed because it had no securities belonging to it and had not traded in securities for two years.

DEATH CLAIMS LITTLE MISS MELVA ADAMS

Melva Marie, the 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Adams, died this morning at 7:55 o'clock at the home of her parents, East Pearsall street, of blood poison. Besides her parents, the deceased is survived by one sister, three brothers, Alex, Faison, Little Miss Mollie Elizabeth, and Henry Hoover and Spencer Adams. The funeral will be conducted tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon at 2 o'clock from the First Baptist church. Rev. E. N. Johnson, pastor of the church, will conduct the funeral service. Interment will be made in the family cemetery in Johnston county.

The deceased was taken ill with blood poison a week ago yesterday, and while everything possible was done for her relief from the deadly malady, very little hope was entertained for her recovery.

Melva was an unusually bright and sweet little Miss, and her untimely death brought sorrow to the hearts of all who knew her. She was a member of the First Baptist church and Sunday school and took much interest in both. While lying at the point of death last Sunday, she expressed a desire to attend her Sunday school class.

BAXTER SHEMWEEL BEGINS SENTENCE

Lexington, June 25.—Baxter Shemwell, notorious character, who was arrested in Salisbury yesterday, began serving his sentence on the county roads today for an assault on former Solicitor J. C. Bower and Major Wade H. Phillips. He was sent to county road camp No. 1 in Ready Creek township, 14 miles north of Lexington.