

## Nearly 10 Thousand Traffic Violations Last Month In N. C.

Raleigh — Traffic violations last month ranging from driving on the wrong side of the road to speeding resulted in 9,334 convictions of Tarheel motorists the Department of Motor Vehicles reported today.

In its regular monthly summary the Department listed 3,004 convictions for speeding, 1,679 for driving without an operator's permit, and 1,450 for reckless driving, all three customarily at the top of the summary.

Other convictions are included: 801 for failing to stop at a stop sign; 786 for faulty equipment; 338 for bad lights; 329 for improper passing; 145 for following too close; and 119 for failing to give a hand



### Organize Your Cleaning Closet

Every home should have a cleaning closet, or a section of a utility closet where all cleaning supplies and equipment may be assembled.

Miscellaneous violations including running red lights, improper turns, parking on highway without lights, failing to give right-of-way, passing school bus, falling to stop at intersection, and parking on highway unattended brought the total to 9,334. Out of state drivers found guilty came to 1,796 bringing the grand total to 11,132 persons convicted of moving violations on the highways during March.

### Makes cleaning far easier, more efficient.

Take out all extra clutter in order to have a safe and sturdy storage closet for mops, iron, ironing board, and all cleaning equipment.

Likewise, cleaning closets should supply disinfectants, furniture wax, wax, polishes, floor waxes, cleaning cloths, mop-heads, and scrubbing brushes, pans and pails.

### Oatmeal A Source Of Protein

According to the U. S. D. A., "almost one third of the total protein in the food eaten in the United States is furnished by cereal grains."

Of these cereals, oatmeal has been proved to offer the best and most economical source of body-building protein. A hot oatmeal breakfast still costs less than a penny a serving and provides an important share of the day's food requirements.

## Timber, Grazing Can Be Combined

Publication of a new technical bulletin on "Grazing and Fire Influences in Pond Pine Forests" is announced by the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station.

The bulletin presents findings obtained during a five-year study at Hofmann Forest in Jones County. The authors are W. O. Shepherd, Southeast Forest Experiment Station; E. U. Dillard, Bureau of Animal Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, and North Carolina Experiment Station; and H. L. Lucas, Institute of Statistics, North Carolina Experiment Station.

The authors report that although some conflicts exist, there are indications that cattle raising and timber production can be combined to the advantage of Coastal landowners, particularly in level areas where the danger of soil erosion is slight.

Plumage of the southeastern Coastal Plain have been grazed by cattle for three centuries, but foresters generally have condemned grazing because of the damage to young timber from the burning practices commonly associated with it in that region.

The investigators report, however, that "grazing may reduce fire hazards and thus offer some protection for the forest. Beef cattle supported by native forage also provide an annual source of income while young trees are growing to merchantable size."

"Thus," they declare, "it appears that timber owners may be well repaid for considering grazing values when planning timber harvests and other management practices such as prescribed burning." Single copies of "Grazing and Fire Influences in Pond Pine Forests," issued as Technical Bulletin No. 87 of the Experiment Station, may be obtained from the local county agent or by writing the Publications Department, N. C. State College, Raleigh.

are made, no positive answer can be given. Long thinks they are the work of a male lion after he has killed and eaten. His purpose (probably instinctive) is either to tell any female lion that with him she shall have good hunting; or else, like a dog wolf, he leaves his sign to tell any hungry lion how to find food by following the trail back to where the scraper-maker left most of his kill uneaten.

One hope of Long's was to learn how a lion kills his game; but he never had the luck to catch one at it. The lion has plenty of speed, but not much endurance because his small lungs make him short-winded. If chased after eating he takes quickly to a tree, not having learned how to empty his stomach for a long run, as a fox or wolf does. I have heard that a lion springs upon the back of a deer; then, holding on by a grip of his jaws, he reaches out a paw to grasp the head and twist it back, breaking the deer's neck and killing him instantly.

This may be the lion's method in some cases, but Long doubts it because of the dozen or more kills he examined, not one had a broken neck. Without exception, they showed deep gashes that slashed from the neck down and across one side. The deer had died from opened blood vessels, and probably without any feeling of pain because of the shock caused by the paralyzing blow of the lion's leap.

## Farmer Will Test Rowan Lespedeza

A demonstration with Rowan lespedeza will be conducted this year on the farm of Fletcher Phair, Negro farmer of Route 1, Autryville.

According to H. A. Johnson, Cumberland Negro farm agent for the State College Extension Service, the Rowan variety will be seeded alongside Kobe lespedeza in the same field. The cultural practices for the two varieties will be the same.

A small area of each plot will be cut for hay and weighed separately to obtain comparisons on yield. Seed will be harvested from the Rowan variety in case it out-yields the Kobe.

A complete check will be made of the two varieties during the growing and harvesting period.

Phair says he is very much interested in the demonstration, since he is planning a gradual change in his system of farming. At present he is concentrating on row crops, with cotton being his main source of income and tobacco secondary. He intends to increase his hay and pasture production so a large number of animal units can be fed out on the farm.

## To Honor Counties For Pasture Work

Eight counties will be honored for outstanding progress in pasture development at programs to be held during the latter part of April.

The counties were selected by the State USDA Council, which sponsors an annual "Green Pastures" campaign in the State. Counties already honored include Haywood and Forsyth.

The program in each county will be held at the county seat. It will include brief discussions on pas-



## 'Challenge' Book Is Now Available

L. Y. Ballentine, State Commissioner of Agriculture and chairman of the North Carolina Board of Farm Organizations and Agencies, announced this week that copies of "North Carolina Accepts the Challenge" are now available for free distribution.

The booklet, 76 pages in length and illustrated with many charts and photographs, outlines the long-range State agricultural program sponsored by the board. Commissioner Ballentine said the Publications Department of North Carolina State College is acting as the distribution agency, and requests for copies should be addressed to that source.

The first section of "North Carolina Accepts the Challenge" gives the State's present position with respect to farm income, housing, population, crops and livestock, nutrition, medical care, schools, roads, telephones, and community life.

features and the raising of four-by-six-foot flags donated by the National Fertilizer Association. Each flag bears the words "Green Pastures Citation, 1951."

The schedule:

April 14, Davie; April 15, Cabarrus; April 16, Stanly; April 17, Wake; April 18, Currituck; April 22, Alamance; April 23, Lincoln; April 24, Graham.

S. H. Dobson, pasture specialist for State College Extension Service and chairman of the State USDA Council's rules and awards committee, said the Davie, Cabarrus, and Stanly programs would be attended by Dr. Russell Coleman, president of National Fertilizer Association; Dr. H. B. Merritt, president of American Potash Institute; and L. I. Jones, national coordinator of the grasslands farming program, U. S. Department of Agriculture, all of Washington, D. C. attending will be members of the USDA Council and the rules and awards committee.

the soil should be brought up to a pH of 6 for these crops.

How deep should seed be planted? That is determined by several factors, of which the most important are size of seed, type of soil, moisture in the soil, and temperature or time of the year. It is sometimes said that seed should be planted to a depth of four times the diameter of the seed. That might not always be an accurate measure, but it is along the right direction. For instance, beans are usually planted from 1 to 1 1/2 inches deep, while turnips are planted about 1-4 inch deep. In clay soils and in sandy soil, in dry soil seed should be planted deeper than in moist soils. Lastly, in the summer when the soil is cold.

In any case see that the soil is firm over the seed. The back of a rake is a good tool for this job. It firms the soil without packing the surface.

It then presents a two-pronged program designed to promote better farming and better family living conditions.

A final section suggests how the program can be put into effect. It emphasizes the need for cooperation among all agencies, more research, an agricultural program for every county, and a plan for every farm.

The Board of Farm Organizations and Agencies is made up of representatives from the State Department of Agriculture, Department of Conservation and Development, Farm Bureau Federation, Farmers Home Administration,

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## SPORTS AFIELD

Most of us think of the mountain lion as a western animal, and it comes as something of a surprise to learn that it still lives in the East too. There is a small variety in Florida, and a full-sized one in New Brunswick. More surprising is the fact that in the northeastern limit of their range the mountain lion—or panther or cougar or catamount—are more numerous than ever because of the increasing number of deer on which they largely depend for winter food.

Dr. William Long, noted naturalist, spent some time in the West just to study their habits. One of the most interesting items in his report concerns "scrapes." These are wedge-shaped piles of earth or pine spalls in which the lion leaves his sign, probably by spilling urine. Ben Lilly, famous western hunter, records that he saw a lion made a scrape with his hind feet. But Long says some scrapes are certainly made by the big front paws, as indicated by pug marks or widespread claws.

To the question of why scrapes

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