

Motor Vehicle Act Goes Into Effect October 1st

Automobile Theft Insurance Rates Will Be Reduced Ten Per Cent. In State As Result of New Enactment.

What is considered by many officials and officers of the state and also by thousands of automobile owners as one of the most important laws passed by the last General Assembly—the motor vehicle title registration act—goes into effect October 1.

In view of this law, automobile theft insurance officials already have announced that they will reduce their rates 10 per cent, and, according to Secretary of State W. N. Everett, in whose hands rests the enforcement of the law, they have assured that further automobile theft insurance rate reductions will be made in accordance with the effectiveness of the new act.

Registration of all automobiles and other vehicles, including trucks and motorcycles, by their manufacturers and engine numbers, is required by the new law, which makes it unlawful for a person to operate a car on or after October 1 unless registration has been made or applied for.

An automobile must be registered like a piece of real property the owner must have a title to it, said Mr. Everett, in summarizing the law briefly.

Provisions of the new law requiring automobile titles in a much simpler manner to the transferring of titles to realty holdings. Special provisions are made for automobile dealers, new and second hand.

It was said at the time the act was presented in bill form to the legislature that out of more than 200,000 motor vehicles in North Carolina over 7,000 were stolen and that the majority of the operators of these automobiles were ignorant of the fact, they not knowing at the time of purchase that they were buying stolen property. The majority of these automobiles bear no manufacturer or engine numbers, it was said.

This is a problem, says the Secretary of State, for which a solution must be found in the very near future. There is no way to find the rightful owners of these thousands of automobiles and yet their titles cannot be given their present operators, he said. Mr. Everett said he thought he probably would arrange to give temporary certificates of registration in such instances. However, he did not commit himself to this plan.

Registration blanks soon will be mailed automobile owners accompanied by copies of the new act. The registration blanks will be filled out and mailed to the secretary of state with the original license fee required. The money derived from the fees will be deposited in a special fund, part of which may be used in establishing a corps of deputies authorized with police powers to enforce the new law and other traffic regulations.

These are important steps toward the automobile title registration act. The date of transfer, the transfer fee upon conviction shall be not more than five dollars and not more than fifty cents.

unless the applicant therefore shall at the same time make application for an official certificate of title of such motor vehicle, or shall present satisfactory evidence that such a certificate covering such motor vehicle has been previously issued to the applicant. Said application shall be made upon a blank form to be furnished by the Secretary of State and shall contain a full description of the motor vehicle which said description shall contain the manufacturer's number, the motor number and any distinguishing marks, together with a statement of the applicant's title and of any liens or other incumbrances upon said motor vehicle and such other information as the Secretary of State may require.

Sec. 3. New certificates required after sale of or transfer. In the event of the sale or other transfer in this state after October first, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, of the ownership of a motor vehicle for which a certificate of title had been issued as aforesaid the holder of such certificate shall endorse on the back of same as assignment thereof, with warranty of title, in form printed thereon, with a statement of all liens and encumbrances on said motor vehicle and deliver the same to the purchaser or transferee at the time of sale or transfer.

The purchaser or transferee shall within ten days thereafter present such certificate, assignee as aforesaid to the Secretary of State, accompanied by a fee of fifty cents, whereupon a new certificate of title shall be issued to the assignee.

Sec. 4. Certificates of title required to operate motor vehicles. The owner or person without the consent of the owner first being obtained, who shall operate a motor vehicle in this state, under a registration number of this after October first, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, without first having made application for a certificate of title as herein provided, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty dollars nor more than one thousand dollars; and from and after October first, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, any person who sells a motor vehicle without complying with the requirements of section 3 hereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined or imprisoned in the discretion of the court.

Sec. 5. Old certificates to be returned to the Secretary of State. Upon transfer of ownership of any motor vehicle, registered under this act, the person in whose name such motor vehicle or motorcycle is registered shall forthwith deliver, or forward by registered mail, the receipt of registration to the Secretary of State.

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Tobacco Market Opens Tuesday With Good Prices

Above 45 Thousand Pounds Bought Tuesday, Heavy Crop Cause of Late Opening Season.

The Farmville Tobacco Market opened Tuesday morning with a good price prevailing—about an average of 23 cents, which is from 4 to 6 cents higher than on last year's opening date. In all between 45 and 50 thousand pounds were sold in the two warehouses here on that day. The farmers of this section were unable to fully prepare themselves for the opening because of the heavy crop.

Between four and five thousand farmers were in town Tuesday creating a good increase in business throughout the day. A cordial welcome was extended by Farmville business men. A spirit of optimism prevailed, speaking plainly the satisfaction of the farmers with the prices.

Every indication points to a big season this year, with record breaking prices and the biggest crop in years. Better Farmville will reach her goal of 2,000,000 pounds seems prevalent.

Surrounding towns also reported good starts for the year. Greenville sold about 200,000 lbs. Wilson 400,000 lbs and Kinston estimated 300,000.

The prices kept up, although there was a slump in the number of pounds sold on Wednesday and Thursday.

President's Secretary



Former Congressman C. Bacon Stone of Virginia, new secretary to President Coolidge. His appointment came as a surprise to political leaders and is said to indicate "a new direction" for the 1924 campaign.

Pitt Trial Results in Big Victory For Co-op Assn.

Jury Returns Verdict That Contract of Plaintiff Pittman Was Not Secured Through Fraud. Notice of Appeal to Supreme Court Given by Pittman Counsel.

Greenville, Aug. 25.—The Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association today won a sweeping victory when a Pitt county jury declared that Henry G. Pittman, of Paulkland, was not induced to sign his contract by fraud, Judge J. Lord Horton thereupon signed a judgment holding that Pittman is bound by his contract and the plaintiff gave notice of appeal to the Supreme Court where the case will come up next February.

There are 110 similar suits pending in this county and in 108 of them the association has already secured restraining orders from Judge T. H. Calvert forbidding the plaintiffs from delivering their 1923 crop outside of the association. However, no application for such an order was made in the case of Pittman and his partner, S. M. Crisp and Judge Horton tonight signed orders permitting both men to give bond to protect the association for damages in the event of ultimate victory and to tell their 1923 crop outside of the association. Pittman's bond pending his appeal was fixed at \$1500 while Crisp, who has a larger crop, was required to give a bond of \$2,600 pending trial of his case.

It is thought here that the moral effect of this week's trial will be disconcerting upon the other members who have suits, but Judge Horton stated at the hearing tonight that he was convinced by a talk with jurors that the jury did not release the legal effect of their verdict and intimated that he would set the whole verdict aside and order a new trial unless the bond was agreed to. No injunction having been sought by the association. Attorneys for the association, which up to that time had been opposed by Laurence L. Levy, of San Francisco.

The jury surprised by its verdict as to fraud, but an even greater surprise was sprung in the answer to the other, the triers of fact holding that under the evidence the plaintiff had proved that the association did not secure the necessary sign up of 50 per cent of the 1920 crop.

The jury's verdict looked like a dogfall, but Judge Horton set aside the verdict as to the sign-up issue and made the victory for the Co-ops complete. Judge Horton denied the motion of James H. Pott to set aside the verdict as against the greater weight of evidence and then immediately granted a motion to set aside the verdict as a matter of law, holding that the verdict in the other case made Pittman a member of the association and bound him to the station of the contract which provided for the decision of the organization's committee should be final and conclusive as to the sign-up.

Throughout the entire week of the protracted trial the set of the case was a surprise to public opinion more than a lawsuit. The case is the first of some 100 suits in which the association is involved in North Carolina to go before a jury and the trial is of vast importance to the ass-

ciation and to the interests which are fighting it for that reason alone.

The place and time of the trial have served to heighten interest. The plaintiff succeeded in getting the case to trial in Pitt county where it probably more dissatisfaction among members of the association than anywhere else in the states of Virginia, North and South Carolina, where the association operates, and the trial was set for this week with the auction warehouse market opening here next week with claims of the highest highest (Continued Page 2)

School to Begin Its 1923-24 Session Next Week

Farmville Young Folks Take Up Studies Thursday Sept. 6th

With a splendid staff of teachers headed by Supt. George R. Wheeler, who has so efficiently led it through several years of successful work, the Farmville High school and Grammar school will begin its 1923-24 session next Thursday, September 6th. The school building is being put in shape and the teachers and the Farmville youth is somewhat reluctantly and yet with expectancy preparing to get down to studies once more.

Prof. Wheeler has announced the teachers for the coming year. Following is a list of the faculty.

- 1st Grade, A—Miss Annie Perkins; 1st Grade, B—Mrs. L. P. Thomas; 2nd Grade, A—Miss Bossie Laughlin; 2nd Grade, B—Miss Virginia Case; 3rd Grade, A—Mrs. A. S. Bynum; 3rd Grade, B—Miss Fannie Mae Ingram; 4th Grade, A—Mrs. W. M. Conway; 4th Grade, B—Miss Upton; 5th Grade—Miss Edna Robinson; 6th Grade—Miss Rachel Jordan; 7th Grade—Miss Susie Copeland; High School: Miss Evelyn Russell, Miss Katherine Bourright, Miss Fannie Moyer, Mr. R. Peete, Home Economics, Miss Rae Dawson, Piano Miss Goldie Shiflet, Miss Mary Jerome's expression, Miss Lillian Fields.

Stream Lines For 1924 Lizzie; No Change in Price

Detroit, Aug. 29.—The Ford automobile takes its place among the automobile of "stream lines" with the 1924 model, to appear Sept. 1, it was announced. There will be no price changes.

A higher radiator on all types is the outstanding feature of the new design. The radiator is one and a half inches higher, allowing a stream line running the radiator to the back of the body. The abrupt jump from the hood to the body is greatly reduced by the higher radiator.

The cooling system is improved by the larger radiator. An iron at the bottom of the radiator, joining the two front fenders, gives a highly finished appearance to the front of the car.

Modifiable changes in design are made in the new model body cover, which has an entirely new body construction. The new coach has never before appeared, with its distinctive arrangement of moldings.

Now She Will Dance to Improve Her Tennis

Helen Wills, National Champion, Counted Cost and Paid It to Win Title.

New York, August 21.—Helen Wills, 17, of California, believes in the first rule of sport, which is "keep your eyes on the ball." She believes in the rule to the point of extreme sacrifice—and as a result she is today National Women's Tennis Champion, the youngest ever to wear a crown.

Miss Wills won the honor in defeating America's heretofore greatest woman tennis player, the veteran Norwegian woman, Molla Bjurstedt Mallory, who held the title for seven years. The title match played here Saturday was won by Miss Wills in straight sets, score 6-2, 6-1.

Now that Miss Wills is speeding to her western home, where next week she lays aside her tennis racket to take up studies as a freshman in the University of California, it is interesting to know of the singleness of purpose displayed by this young girl in her climb to the top.

Miss Wills, accompanied by her mother came to New York a month before the National Championship play was scheduled and started a careful preparation for the big tournament.

Then came the minor tournaments, dances, luncheons, etc. for visiting players.

Since Miss Wills' rise to the heights, it is recalled that she realized fully what the title would cost her in personal sacrifices and was willing to pay the price. She was never seen amongst those in attendance at any of the social affairs. She kept regular hours in dining, sleeping and exercise. Her complexion was chapped out and she lost nothing in the end.

As much as her young girlish nature must have craved the social relax and pleasures, she turned her back on all invitations and kept only in mind the one thing she wanted most—the championship. She won the championship—won on real ability—ability backed by physical condition which was wonderful for her age.

National Champion and Only



Helen Wills, 17-year-old California girl in the new National Women's Tennis Champion, defeating the veteran time champion, Mrs. Molla Bjurstedt Mallory, at New York last week in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1. Now the youthful star is returning home to take up studies leading to her university education.

play against the best woman tennis players this and the old world could produce, this 17-year-old girl flashed through her matches a victorious inspiration to physical fitness.

L. N. Jennings, referee of the championship match and a tennis authority, recommended to the public, Mrs. Wills, that the study of tennis in the country would help the new champion's footwork, as training to be a part of Miss Wills' education has not her returned to defend her title.