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## Changes in State Motor Laws.

Speed limit is increased to 45 miles per hour on the highways; 20 miles in residential sections and 15 miles in business areas. Municipal authorities, by city ordinances, may increase but not decrease the State limits. The limit is reduced to 15 miles an hour on curve and in school zones during recess or ingress or egress of pupils.

Driving while intoxicated or under the influence of narcotics is punishable by imprisonment of from 30 days to one year or a fine of \$100 to \$1,000, or both. Subsequent convictions are punishable by imprisonment of not less than 90 days. In no case will payment of cost be accepted as punishment.

Driving recklessly, carelessly or heedlessly carries punishment of five to 90 days in jail or a fine of \$25 to \$500, or both. Penalties are doubled for subsequent convictions.

The railway stop law was repealed and vehicles must stop only at crossing designated by the State Highway Commission.

Maximum weight of vehicles and load must not exceed nine tons and width is limited to 93 inches. Highway department inspectors may order overloads unloaded at any point inspection is made. Trucks are not permitted to follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable prudent with regard for safety of others or with regard to speed. Lights of all vehicles must be tested under supervision of the highway department and a test certificate carried at all times. This must not show a glare above 42 inches at 75 feet.

Drivers are prohibited from coasting down grade by throwing gears into neutral.

Vehicles on the right are granted right of way and vehicles on left must yield when approaching or entering an intersection at approximately the same time. Vehicles entering public highways from private roads or drivers must yield right of way to approaching vehicles and drivers traveling at an unlawful rate of speed forfeit all right of way rights.

Authority to designate stops at entrances or intersections is granted the State Highway Commission.

Drivers involved in accidents are required to stop.

Signs, posters or stickers are prohibited on windshields, side wings, rear or side windows.

Use of red or green lights visible from directly in front of a vehicle are prohibited. The law does not apply to police or fire vehicles.

Standard hand signals must be given prior to starting, stopping or turning from a direct line, as follows: left turn, hand and arm pointing horizontal with forefinger pointing; right turn, hand and arm pointed upward; stop extending hand and arm downward. —News and Observer.

Such legislation looks foolish, most of it. The editor voted for none of the above, except that to punish drunken drivers and a law requiring car drivers to stop before entering a highway from another road. We tried to repeal the stop law, because few stop—and the title law, for that is to collect money to give more folks jobs. The Governor and the Highway Commission got most of the legislation they wanted, wise, or otherwise. —EDITOR.

Civil war is again starting in Mexico; in fact war is in progress nearly constantly in that country.

## TWENTY-TWO YEARS AGO.

The editor and family came to Raeford from Rockingham twenty-two years ago on the 15th of this month. We moved into the same house we now live in, but it has since been remodeled. We lived there four years the first time we were in it, and we returned to it on Aug 1st, 1918.

There has been many changes in the town since we first came to it. It was all of wood, except the then Bank of Raeford building now, Hoke Drug Co. place; but that too has been remodeled. It is about twice as large as it was then. You remember the sandy main street, the well in it? Do you, who were here remember how the place looked? We sit and think of the old town as it was then. Nearly half the present population has been born since then. Those most active in business now were children then.

The town made great progress and we are proud of it. Raeford is a good, pleasant place to live. We were very favorably impressed by the citizens of the town at first, and we think still more of them after all these years of intimate business relations and associations. May we still grow greater.

## Some Blockade Raiding.

Officers Andrews and McQuage with Deputy McNeill of Harnett county made a raid in Little River township last Wednesday, March 23rd, and captured five stills, five gallons of liquor, a truck and one man by the name of Will Goins. The stills were three home made copper boxes, one tin tub and one steamer. These were strewn along over about a six mile strip of country.

## Land Values in North Carolina Dropped \$3 an Acre

Land values in North Carolina, both improved and unimproved, has decreased in value some \$3 an acre during the past year, according to figures released by the United States Department of Revenue.

The average value of improved land in the State is now \$64 an acre as compared to \$67 for a year ago while the value of unimproved land has dropped from \$49 to \$46.

Improved land in this section of the State, according to the government estimate, has dropped in value from \$56 to \$50 an acre while unimproved land is worth \$36 as compared to \$40 a year ago. —Raleigh Times

## Five Killed.

New York, March 24.—Deadly warfare between Chinese gangs in widely scattered sections of the United States flared up today, resulting in five deaths and five persons shot.

## Lumberton's Oldest Citizen 92 Years Old.

Mr. J. T. Bullard celebrated his 92 birthday Wednesday, March 23rd, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ellen Shooter, East 2nd street with whom he lives. Mayor E. M. Johnson's Bible class of men of the First Baptist Sunday school remembered the oldest member of the class by taking him gifts. —Robesonian.

LOT FOR SALE—Corner lot on highway to Aberdeen, less than a block from Main Streets. Size 125x208 feet. Mrs. J. W. McLaughlin.

## Sandy Grove Church

There will be preaching at Sandy Grove Presbyterian church Sunday, April 3rd, at 3:30 P. M. The public is invited.

## Mr. and Mrs. Buie Honor Mr. and Mrs. Covington at Wagram.

Mr. and Mrs. James Buie entertained at seven tables of bridge Thursday evening, March 11, at their home in Wagram, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Covington, who were married February 19. The living room was artistically decorated in green and white, the emblem of St. Patrick's day being effectively carried out. At the close of an interesting game it was found that Mrs. Mervelle Watson and Mr. Edmund Wooley held an unique gift, which was presented to Mrs. Covington. The hostess then presented prizes to Mrs. Covington, Mrs. T. M. Watson of Wilmington, and Miss Nancy Monroe, house guest. After this a green and white salad course, followed by coffee, was served by candle light. The hostess was assisted in serving by Mrs. W. G. Buie and Mrs. J. L. McKay. Later in the evening the guests were surprised with a bride's cake containing all the emblems of destiny. Green punch was served with the cake by Mrs. J. J. Pence. —Laurinburg Exchange.

## SPRING IS HERE.

Look at the the sun shining everywhere;

The grass is green and the sky is blue.

The tree tops hang with leaves to spare so fresh, so tender, beckoning you.

This is a sign that Spring is here.

Look at the birds flying here and there,

Each bringing a message of joy and light;

Telling you that spring is something rare,

To grasp it while 'tis yet in sight.

The tiny brook so cool and clear,

The nice warm breeze along the shore,

Squirrels jumping and playing without fear,

Makes one like spring all the more.

The nights in spring are some how changed,

The moon peeps down thru the trees,

Casting a shadow that seems arranged

Upon lovers who are sitting by the seas;

This is a sign that Spring is here.

—A. M. GATLIN.

## Notice of Civic Club Meeting.

The Civic club will meet in the Kiwanis Hall Tuesday afternoon, April 5th, at 3:30 P. M.

The March and April meeting will be combined with Mrs. John Walker and Mrs. W. E. Freeman as leaders. Subjects "Home Improvement Week" and "Town Sanitation."

Every member is urged to be present as it is the time for election of officers for both Civic and Woman's Club; also each member is asked to bring some flower plants or bulbs for exchange to this meeting.

Raeford Power & Mfg. Co. are bringing more power to town to drive more machinery. The new ice plant is about ready to go in to business and will when sufficient power is conveyed to town.

## LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. N. W. Raynor of Fayetteville, a traveling salesman, died last week.

Half of the Recorder's courts now have juries, and this adds to the expense.

Mr. E. B. McNeill spent Sunday with Mr. Lawrence McNeill in Thomasville.

The editor expects to eat English peas from his own garden before Easter.

Mr. E. T. Davis is able to be out a little after eight weeks confinement by illness.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bostian of Albemarle spent part of last week with Raeford relatives.

Misses Marie and Mary Poole came home from Lowell, where they teach for the past week end.

The farmers are putting out fertilizer, but we are told sales of this line are off a third this year.

Bluebonnet Hotel is getting good patronage, we are glad to learn. There are several guests each night.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Heins and little daughter of Sanford spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Blue.

There are now five meat markets in this town; where there was only one when we arrived in this town.

Thanks to our subscribers who respond to statements so readily last week. You just can't beat these.

There were two barbers in town, one of them Bob Smith, the other Jim Williamson in 1905—one black and the other wasn't.

Well, sidewalks have not improved much in twenty two years, but other things have improved so much we'll let that go.

Well, we have had strawberry blooms for more than a month, but just when we will get ripe berries is a question still unanswered.

The Recorder's court docket is becoming congested, and if cases are not tried, it will become more congested. Lawyers have ideas all their own.

Mr. Clyde E. Upchurch was sick with influenza last week. He had a bad cold only a short time before, but improved. He is doing well now.

Hupp Motor Corporation is increasing its capacity for an increased output to meet the expected demand for Hupp Eights and Sixes this spring and summer.

Mr. W. P. Baker of Lumberton, aged 59, died at the Baker sanatorium Tuesday, March 22, from cancer of the spleen, from which he had been suffering at the hospital for the past 6 weeks.

Northern people will winter in Raeford next year, since we now have good hotel facilities. Some have said they would come, because they like the looks of this town and its surroundings.

Yes, George Edgerton was mayor and Dent Andrews was policeman, and the doggonedest town convention this town ever held took place a few days after we arrived. They were mad a sight for a while.

Twenty-two years is a good portion of an average life, and we have been thinking over what all we have done since we came to Raeford. We have worked hard most of the time and are just as willing to work as ever. Let's go!

There is great danger for tobacco farmers getting into the same trouble this year cotton growers got into last year—make too much. Buyers kept the price up last season to get farmers weaned away from co-operative marketing. Ten chances to one the price of tobacco will slump in 1927, whether there is much or little of it grown.

A tenant house belonging to Mr. J. W. McLaughlin, and occupied by Joe McNair, colored, was destroyed by fire at 8:30 Sunday night. This house stood within a hundred feet of Hoke Oil Mill, one about as near to the co-op cotton warehouse, so the fire created anxiety. The house burned down in a few minutes, and but little of its contents was saved.

## Education Department Meets.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Education Club was held at the home of Mrs. Archie Stevens Tuesday afternoon. The Chairman, Mrs. T. B. Upchurch called the meeting to order. After roll call and reading of minutes Mrs. Upchurch turned the meeting over to the leader, Mrs. H. R. Cromartie.

Topic: "Novelists of the South." Mrs. Seate gave a very interesting program on "James Lane Allen." Mrs. S. A. Spauld gave a paper on "John Fox Junior." Mrs. Cromartie some clippings of Mrs. J. P. Caldwell's.

Every member was asked to wear a cotton dress to the next meeting. Also Mrs. Freeman asked that each member take flower plants or bulbs for exchange at the next civic meeting which will be April 5th.

The hostess, Mrs. Paul Dickson and Mrs. Archie Stevens served sandwiches, pound cake and coffee followed by home made candy.

## Miss Maggie McLeod.

On Monday, March 21st, the brothers and sisters and friends received the sad news of Maggie McLeod's death.

She was the youngest daughter of Norman C. and Mary Alice McLeod. In 1917 she was carried to the Caswell Training School at Kinston, where she remained until her death. She was twenty six years of age. Two brothers, Daniel J. and Herbert McLeod and three sisters, Mrs. Sarah C. McNeill, Mrs. Mary Peterson and Miss Pearl McLeod, feel acutely the loss of their loved one, but we can only direct them to the One Who doeth all things well as their Comforter. Her remains were interred in Raeford cemetery.

The friends, who so kindly rendered assistance and sympathy in the sorrow that comes to us in the death of our sister, we desire to express our sincere appreciation.

Brothers and Sisters

## Mrs. W. C. Gore Dead.

Mrs. W. C. Gore, mother of Judge Arthur D. Gore, was operated on for appendicitis last Thursday, and it was reported that she stood the operation well and was doing splendidly, and the town was shocked Tuesday morning when the news came from Highsmith hospital in Fayetteville, where she was a patient that she was dead. The funeral was conducted from the home in this city Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. J. E. Hoyle, and interment was made in Raeford cemetery.



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