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New Motor Vehicle Laws Enacted By 1947 Legislature

(The following gives briefly some of the new regulations regarding state highways):

The 1947 Legislature passed two acts dealing with state highways and the use of motor vehicles on the highways.

The first is known as the financial responsibility act and the second as the highway safety act.

The enactment of the two bills was brought about as the results of the recommendations of a commission appointed by the 1945 Legislature to study the highway laws of other states, with the view to selecting the best and most sensible in the other states.

The first law does not establish a system of compulsory insurance but does make stringent provisions in case of highway accidents.

After July 1, any person involved in a motor vehicle accident which causes either personal or property damage in excess of \$50, and who fails to satisfy the damages within 60 days will be liable to the following: 1. His driver's license will be suspended and will remain suspended until the damages are satisfied. 2. The registration plates on the vehicle are taken up. 3. After damages are paid and the vehicle owner applies for his driver's license to be restored, he must also furnish proof of future financial responsibility.

The highway safety act sets the speed limit, after July 1, at 55 MPH, and increases the State Highway Patrol from 200 to 400.

Penalties for drunken driving are increased as follows: First offense, minimum fine \$100 instead of \$50 and license revoked for 1 year; Second offense minimum fine of \$200 instead of \$100 and license revoked for 2 years; 3rd offense, minimum fine \$400 and license permanently revoked.

Speeding at 75 MPH is regarded in same light as drunken driving and the same penalties are imposed.

In addition, every car owner will be required to have his car inspected for mechanical defects, once in 1948 and semi-annually thereafter.

These inspections will be made by mobile inspection units which will be sent to each county.

Effective July 1, every driver must renew his license by taking a driver's test within a year, and thereafter every four years. The time set for these tests is before each person's birthday; for example, if his birthday is in January he must take the test sometime between July 1 and his birthday in January. This brief outline of the new regulations is given here to aid motor vehicle owners of the county to learn provisions of the acts and comply with them accordingly.

A. P. HENSLEY OF SWISS PASSES AWAY

Andrew Parson Hensley, 66, of Swiss, N. C., died Wednesday night at his home after a lengthy illness.

Surviving are the wife, Texannah Tomberlin Hensley; ten children, Mrs. Mamie L. Hill of Bristol, Penn., Vance Hensley of Burnsville, Mrs. M. L. Lewis of Albany, N. Y., Flay Hensley of Swiss, Mrs. Preston Phoenix of Swiss, A. W. Hensley of Atlanta, Ga., Lola Anne, Bill, Jennie and Geraldine Hensley all of Swiss; one brother, Rev. B. S. Hensley of Sylva; and three sisters, Mrs. W. M. Watts of Erwin, Tenn., Mrs. Troy Buckner of Burnsville, and Mrs. Bert Edwards of Bee Log.

Funeral arrangements under the direction of Holcombe Brothers, are incomplete.

CLEARMONT SCHOOL

The Junior class of Clearmont high school will present "The Young Imp" in the school auditorium Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

The cast of characters includes: Bula Bennett, Joyce Tilley, Mildred Evans, Ada Lee Bailey, Jetta Edwards, Dorothy Deyton, Roy Laughrun, Regina Lewis, Paul Bennett, Albert Hensley, and Truett Johnson.

Oceanside, Calif., April 21.—Marine Private Max D. Hutchins, 19, son of Mr. W. R. Hutchins, Pensacola, N. C., has begun training in a Marine combat radio operator's school, it was announced today at Camp Pendleton.

The Pensacola Leatherneck enlisted in the Marines in January, 1947, and received his basic training the Marine Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C.

TOWN ELECTION

The biennial election of town officers will be held on Tuesday, May 6, at which time a mayor and two commissioners will be named.

At a mass meeting held at the court house, the following ticket was named by acclamation: For mayor, Clyde M. Bailey; for commissioners: J. N. Barnett and J. W. Autrey.

Mt. Mitchell State Park, operated by the North Carolina Division of Forestry and Parks, includes Mt. Mitchell, highest peak east of the Mississippi River, and is situated in Yancey County. Here one can enjoy the scenic beauty of Western North Carolina.

SCHOOL COMMITTEES ARE NAMED

The following district committees for the county schools have been named: Burnsville District: Mrs. Pearl Huskins, Zeke Blankenship, Arthur Edge.

Bald Creek District: Sam Tipton, Charles Ferguson, Harvey Phoenix.

Micaville District: Ras Thomas, Grover Robinson, Johnny McCourry.

Bee Log District: Carter Edwards, Rex Miller, O. S. Williams.

Clearmont District: Carl T. Young, R. C. Deyton, E. F. Hunter.

South Toe District: R. L. Rector, Arthur Robinson, Luther Robinson.

W. I. Parnell is ill of pneumonia in St. Joseph's hospital, Asheville.

NOTICE

The county committee of the Yancey County A. C. A. is expecting to receive 47 per cent Superphosphate to be used for carrying out 1947 ACP Practices through the program. This material will be used according to the regulations previously established by the State AAA Committee.

Farmers participating on this program will be notified as soon as shipments are made in the county.

LAST RITES HELD FOR COLUMBUS P. HENSLEY

Funeral services for Columbus P. Hensley, 72, who died at his home near Burnsville Wednesday morning, will be held at Low Gap Free Will Baptist church today (Thursday) at 2 p. m. Burial will follow in the family cemetery. The Rev. Mr. Blevins and the Rev. Will Baker will officiate.

He is survived by the widow; one son, Walter, of Vixen; four sisters, and eight brothers.

Holcombe Brothers funeral home of Burnsville is in charge of arrangements.

Vacancies exist in the Regular Army for enlistment of white applicants for direct assignment to the United States Disciplinary Barracks, Camp Gordon, Georgia, according to a new directive received today by 1st Lt. Thomas H. Suydam.

BURNSVILLE CHURCH SERVICES

Presbyterian
Service in the Burnsville church, Sunday at 11 o'clock. Dr. Harris will speak on the subject, "If you have Faith You Can Do It".

Afternoon service at Low Gap at 3 p. m. Miss Peggy Jean Huskins will sing. Everyone is invited.

Methodist
The Woman's Society of Christian Service meets on Thursday, May 1 at 3 p. m., at the home of Mrs. W. W. Hennessee. Joint hostess, Mrs. George Anglin; program leader, Mrs. D. R. Fouts.

The Youth Fellowship will leave the church Thursday, May 1, at 6 p. m. for a weiner roast at Carolina Hemlock.

The Wesleyan Service Guild will meet Friday, May 2 at 8:00 p. m., at the home of Mrs. Vernie Wilson. Joint hostess, Mrs. Vincent Westall; program leader, Mrs. L. G. Deyton.

Sunday School begins next Sunday at 10:00 a. m., with Mr. Goodman's class in charge of opening worship. Worship at 11:00 a. m. with a sermon by the pastor on "Christ Is Head of the Church." This will be the first in a short series of sermons on "Why the Church?" The pastor will also preach at West Burnsville church at 7:30 p. m.

Schools Plan Commencement

The five high schools of the county are now planning the closing events of the school term.

Bee Log High School
Monroe McIntosh, principal of Bee Log high school has announced programs to be held in the school auditorium.

The Junior class play, a Romantic Comedy—Drama, "All Thru The Night", by Lynn Rutland is tentatively scheduled May 9, at 8:00 o'clock. The play is under the direction of Mrs. Cecil J. Beeson, a member of the high school faculty.

The Baccalaureate sermon will be delivered Sunday afternoon, May 11, at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium by the Rev. Ernest Wilson, pastor of Micaville Presbyterian church.

Honorable E. F. Watson, Spruce Pine attorney, will deliver the commencement address Thursday night, May 15, at 8 o'clock in the

high school auditorium.

Twelve Seniors will receive their diplomas at the exercises. They are: Reece Cooper, Ethel Edwards, Viola Higgins, Breece Higgins, Horace Hensley, J. C. Hensley, Gus Haun, Faye Johnson, Monnie Mae Johnson, Edward Peterson, Howard Williams, Cash Williams.

Burnsville High School
At the Burnsville high school, the Junior-Senior banquet will be held on Friday evening, May 2.

The county Reading and Declamation Contest will be held on Wednesday evening, May 7, and the Piano recital for elementary students on Friday evening May 9.

Baccalaureate services will be held at the Baptist church on Sunday evening, May 11. Rev. C. Moody Smith will deliver the sermon.

The Junior class play, "The Young Imp", will be (Continued on page 4)

DIRECTORS OF FARM COOPERATIVE MEET

A called meeting of the Yancey County Farmers Cooperative was held Saturday, April 25th, with D. C. Bailey, president, presiding.

H. L. Meacham, manager of the Allied Farmers Co-op, of which Yancey county farmers coop is a member, explained the purpose of the coop and how farmers may receive aid.

Due to the acute shortage of nitrogen, phosphate and potash, plans were made to make as much available to Yancey county farmers as possible. Phosphate formerly used on TVA Demonstration Farms will now be available through agreement with the AAA or PMA. A limited amount of nitrogen and potash will be available in the near future.

D. C. Bailey is president of the Coop; W. O. Briggs, Secretary-Treasurer; W. Z. Robertson, Director, R. C. Deyton, Director, Mack B. Ray, Director and W. M. Anglin, vice president.

Additional Summer Classes Are Planned Here

Plans were announced several weeks ago for a summer course for teachers which will be held in Burnsville this summer.

Also tentative announcement was made of an accelerated course, primarily for veterans.

In addition, plans are now fairly complete for a fine arts course, sponsored by Woman's College of the University and the Veterans Administration. The six week's term now seems assured.

In the classes for teachers, the subjects now planned include Reading Guidance, character education, public school music and elementary art for teachers. Credit will be given for all except the last course.

The accelerated course sponsored by the county office of education, will offer carpentry, commercial course, metal work and masonry. Any veteran can enroll, regardless of what

grade he attended (up to college level).

Summer Theatre
The Summer Theatre, and probably other related courses, will be sponsored by Woman's College, and directed by Dr. W. L. Taylor of Woman's College and W. T. Chichester.

The classes in art which will be taught here by Edward S. Shorter have been approved by the Veterans Administration so that veterans may enroll.

The project here is the only fine arts course planned in the state for this summer by Woman's College or Veterans Administration.

All veterans who are interested are urged to come in at once, bring their discharge papers and have the form 1950 completed.

Veterans Subsistence Checks Are Delayed

Winston-Salem. — Veterans going to school or taking job training under the G. I. Bill in North Carolina are being urged by the regional Veterans Administration office not to make inquiry about the delay in mailing of subsistence allowance checks for April.

Quoting the Washington announcement which revealed that money for readjustment and subsistence benefits has been exhausted, the office said that "the delay is expected to be of short duration since additional funds for this purpose are carried in the efficiency appropriation bill currently before Congress".

When money is made available to VA, payments will be resumed automatically and as quickly as possible, VA stated. Approximately 57,000 North Carolina veterans are affected although more than 4,000 disabled vets, training under Public Law 16, will get their April checks. Funds for that category of trainees were available in April under a separate appropriation, VA said.

YANCEY THEATRE

"SONG OF THE SOUTH"
Wed., Thursday Friday
APRIL 30, May 1 - 2

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

J. Frank Huskins Is Speaker

Approximately 30 members and invited guests attended the Men's Club meeting which was held at the high school building on Monday evening.

C. P. Randolph, president, was in charge and heard committee reports and discussion of several items of business.

The speaker of the evening was J. Frank Huskins who gave a report of the work of the 1947 Legislature.

Mr. Huskins spoke at length on the number of changes made in the motor vehicle laws, and the new regulations passed by the Legislature.

GARDEN CLUB

The Burnsville Garden Club held the regular monthly meeting on last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Dover R. Fouts.

Mrs. Fred Proffitt was program leader, and the program included an interesting garden quiz.

Calendars for the year were presented by the club president, Mrs. V. J. Good man.

Invited guests were Mrs. C. Moody Smith, Mrs. M. C. Honeycutt and Mrs. Julia McIntosh.

District Health Officer Completes Examination of School Children

Dr. B. B. McGuire, District Health Officer, announces the completion of the disease preventive measures, inspections and physical examinations of school children for this health district for the school year which is now drawing to a close. He reports as follows:

We feel that this work is probably the most important work which this Department performs. We deal with people at the age when they are most receptive to health education. The services we perform and the health teaching we engage in impresses them immensely, and we feel that it will remain with them throughout life.

The Health Officer's recommendations concerning corrections of physical defects are each year being taken more seriously by the parents. This statement is proven by the fact that upon subsequent examinations more and more children have had the corrections made.

In this Health District our nurses have made 7,923 inspections of school children. These inspections are for itch, lice, visual defects, orthopedic defects weight, height, Schick test for susceptibility to Diphtheria, and smallpox scars. Classroom talks concerning diet, health habits and personal hygiene are given. Children in all grades and in high school who were

not protected from smallpox were given the vaccine again.

We have this year screened the eyes of grade and high school students where the teachers thought defects existed. A number of high school students have been found to have very serious visual defects, and most of these were examined in eye clinics in each county during April. We had two days of these clinics in each county.

2301 children were given a physical examination by the Health Officer. Of these 2044 were referred to their physician and or dentist for the correction of physical defects. Defective tonsils led the list of defects which Dr. McGuire feels should be corrected. Dental defects are a close second followed by head lice, visual defects, orthopedic defects, heart disease and scabies (itch). While we still find head lice, it is encouraging that the number of cases is decreasing. Cases of scabies (itch) are definitely on the decline.

The following children were found to have no defects, and we extend to them and their parents our heartiest congratulations:

Alice Joe Wilson, age 9, third grade, Bald Creek school, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilson, Bald Creek, N. C.

Jimnie Laughrun, age 9, (Continued on page four)