

New Highway Signs Must Be Learned



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RALEIGH—Highway signs—those painted metal instructions that tell drivers what's ahead and what they can and cannot do—will undergo a radical change during the next three years in North Carolina, and in the other 49 states as well. Signs carrying printed words will give way to signs showing symbols, and the motorist is going to have to learn what those symbols mean if he is to drive intelligently and safely. It's all a part of an attempt by the Federal Government to standardize signs all over the

country, and to do so the Department of Transportation has adopted a modified version of the international road signs for use in the United States. This will be no small task in North Carolina, where an estimated one million signs will have to be replaced. But it isn't going to bankrupt the state treasury because there isn't going to be any mass movement to take down the old signs and put up the new. Rather the state will adopt a general policy of replacing a sign that wears out or is shot up by vandals

(seen any of these lately?) with one of the new symbols. Some of this has already started and more and more of the new signs will be seen in the weeks and months ahead. The state has until 1974 to complete the project. There is a definite safety factor in the project to change the signs, if the experts are correct. Motorists, they say, can react more quickly to a symbol they understand than they can to a sign that carries a printed message, saving maybe three or four car lengths at 55 miles per hour. Some of the new signs won't be any trouble to recognize. The old sign that says "School Crossing" will be replaced by a pentagonal sign with a picture of two children

crossing the highway. Only signs dealing with schools are pentagonal. Motorists will have to learn that a sign showing a red circle means "don't do that". For instance, a sign with an arrow curving to the right but with the red circle and slash imposed upon it means "No Right Turn". If it shows the slash, circle and a U-Turn sign, it means "No U-Turn". A sign that says "Deer Crossing" will be replaced by a symbol showing a bounding deer. A sign that says "Hill" will be replaced by a sign showing a truck going down a steep incline. And so on. The actual work of replacing the signs will be under the supervision of the

Traffic Engineering Department of the State Highway Commission, but many other state agencies will be involved. The Department of Motor Vehicles, for instance, which gives tests to driver's license applicants, will have to revise those tests to include the new symbols. And there will have to be a huge educational program on the part of the state, with the assistance of the news media, to see that the motoring public becomes familiar with the new driving guides. But when the job is accomplished, a driver will be able to travel the length and breadth of the nation and see the same highway symbols everywhere he goes.



Wildcat Club Reorganized

The Andrews football Booster Club, The Wildcats, is planning its activities for the coming season. Everyone is urged to be on hand for their first meeting July 20th, at the Vocational Building at Andrews High School for the announcement of plans

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The 1971-72 Budget Estimate for Cherokee County has been presented to the Board of County Commissioners and a copy of the same is on file for inspection in the office of the Clerk of the Board in the County Courthouse.

SUMMARY OF CHEROKEE COUNTY BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR 1971-72

EXPENDITURE	
General Fund	\$150,217.00
Special Purpose Fund	82,252.00
Special Operating Fund	40,505.00
Public Assistance Fund	747,304.00
Debt Service Fund	111,158.00
School Fund	222,850.00
Total	\$1,354,286.00
REVENUE	
Net Property Tax	\$513,050.00
State 1/2 Optional Sales Tax	75,000.00
State Intangibles Tax	25,000.00
State & Federal Aid	623,008.00
Clerk of Court	35,000.00
Register of Deeds	10,000.00
T. V. A.	46,000.00
All Other Revenue	27,228.00
Total	\$1,354,286.00

Based on \$36,592,883.00 tax valuation
1971-72 Tax Rate \$1.50

Ruth H. Sprung
County Accountant

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Rescue Squad, Fire Officers Picked In Clay

The Clay County Rescue Squad met Monday night to elect new officers for the coming year. They are: Captain Howard C. Martin, First Lt. Johnny Auberry, First Sgts. (tied) Paul Mease and Roel Smart, Secretary, C. D. Moses, Treasurer W. P. Bradley. Board of Trustees: Chairman, H. C. McDowell, Members, Bob Cunningham, Harold Martin, Max Anderson, James "Red" Bradshaw. Officers for Rural Fire Department are Fire Chief, Felix Lance, Assistant Fire Chief, Virgil Elliott and Secretary Ivane Elliott.

North Carolina, widely known as "The Good Roads State", has the largest state-administered highway system in the United States. There are almost 74,000 miles of state roads here, almost enough road mileage to circle the earth three times.

Deed Transfers

Roy and Carolyn Weber to Blake Realty Co. property in Murphy
Eugene and Stella Chapman to Harry and Mary Gribbles property in Shoal Creek
Irene and John Balam to Joseph and Marcia Avalon, property in Valleytown
George and Lena Duffey to Tommy and Charlotte Seagers, property in Murphy
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Richard and Margaret Grant to Glenn and Ann Tatum, property in Valleytown
Annie Mae McDonald to Vey and Charlie McDonald, property in Murphy
W.D. and Margie Creasonto Phillip and Denna Dooly, property in Valleytown
James Nelson et al to William B. Kasluk, property in Valleytown
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